Encyclopaedia of Conspiracy Theory

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"Conspiracy theories only remain 'theories' when there is no court, no lawyer, no judge, no Congress with the courage to expose the evidence" (Mae Brussell).

"But when some confessed they owed their greatness and wealth to Sodomy, or incest;
others, to the prostituting of their own wives and daughters;
others, to the betraying of their country or their prince;
some, to poisoning;
more, to the perverting of justice, in order to destroy the innocent;
I hope I may be pardoned if these discoveries inclined me a little
to abate of that profound veneration which I am naturally apt
to pay to persons of high rank" (Swift, Gulliver's Travels).

FOREWORD - GOETHE ON CONSPIRACY: In 1774 the German polymath Johann Wolfgang von Goethe [Wikipedia biography] gave the following words to his eponymous hero, Werther: "Und ich habe, mein Lieber, wieder bei diesem kleinen Geschäft gefunden, daß Mißverständnisse und Trägtheit vielleicht mehr Irrungen in der Welt machen als List und Bosheit" ("The Sorrows of Young Werther", Book 1, 4th May 1771 [full text online (English)]; read Bosheit as "boze-height").

The passage translates as "And I have again observed, dear friend, in this trifling affair, that misunderstandings and neglect occasion more mischief in the world than even malice and wickedness" (Boylan translation, ca. 1856/e2016). However, after centuries of simplification, it is often seen nowadays as "Why look for conspiracy when stupidity can explain so much" (lots of examples out there).

We respect Goethe's observation for it is itself simply a variant on Occam's Razor [Wikipedia briefing] - the philosophical notion that the most parsimonious explanation is usually the best explanation - and have accordingly been careful in this encyclopaedia of conspiracy to include only events where there is justifiable suspicion that human List und Bosheit played at least some part.

How to Use this Glossary

(1) Histories have no beginning or end. They like to twist and turn, branch out and double back. So by all means read this glossary from start to end if you insist, but you'll enjoy it more if you keyword search it, or follow the various prepared threads, shown like this. We also sometimes use [q.v.] or "which see" to indicate that a brief divert to an associated entry might be profitable. The entries are in alphabetical order, except for addressing and similar numerics - not least the Dallas addresses and the "9/11..." entries - which are at the beginning, in numeric order.
(2) Unless otherwise stated, all ages, occupations and ranks, workplaces, places of residence, etc., are with effect 22nd November 1963, the day of the JFK assassination. Three-element Hispanic names are filed alphabetically using the middle name, the father's family name. The italicised adjective/adverb conveniently indicates that the assertion at hand is to some extent suspicious. In order to save space, we shall normally only give full citation details and click-throughs once per file, on first use. This means that repeats will appear in truncated form, such as "Sokolow says ..." or "(Sokolow again)", or similar phrasing. If you get lost, you may relocate the original by simply pattern searching backward within the file by author's name.

(3) This is a student resource designed to introduce JFK conspiracy theory to the younger audience, that they might hit the ground running and not sink in what is largely a sea of lies. Statements referenced in academic style may safely be interpreted as "scientific"; all other content is merely encyclopaedic - it collates what others have been saying, and those others might be wrong. Research opportunities are highlighted like this where particular issues are historically pivotal.

***** Sherlock Holmes’ First Law of Deduction *****
***** Eliminate the Impossible and See What Remains *****

(4) Sherlock Holmes once famously pointed out that if you are able to reject as impossible all but one competing explanation of an event, then the explanation which remains - no matter how improbable it may strike you - must be the truth (Conan Doyle, "The Sign of the Four", 1890 [full text online], p21). He would therefore have had great fun with the JFK Story, because ALL the competing explanations are in at least one crucial respect impossible ...

ASIDE - WHAT TO DO WHEN NOTHING MAKES SENSE: The highly respected Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas [homepage] identifies nine competing types of alternative assassination theory, which, given sub-variants within each type, makes for perhaps two-to-three dozen decent candidate alternatives in all. The problem, however, is that every one of these alternatives has come from a never-totally-objective source, and so must be treated as a deliberate attempt either (a) to muddy the waters, or (b) to make money at tragedy's expense. Sherlock Holmes would therefore not have allowed himself to be distracted by the repeatedly told story of the sale and eventual publication of the Zapruder Film [see own entry], treating it instead as a thriller writer's red herring. Rather, he would have wondered why there were so few spectators on Dealey Plaza's John Nealy Bryan Pergola [see own entry] in the first place, despite the fact that the entire Grassy Knoll [see own entry] was a perfect spectating point. He would have pursued why there were only a dozen well-scattered souls in this area when fifty yards away the crowds were lined up three-deep both sides of South Houston Street ...

ASIDE - THE BRONSON PHOTOGRAPH: One of the Bronson Photographs [see own entry] shows the Pergola very clearly a fraction of a second before the fatal shot - check it out. Note the wide open spaces. Then, from one of the Altgens Photographs [see own entry], compare South Houston a mere 50 yards away - check it out. Note also from Bronson the 4S/5 witness cluster [=four suspicious out of five] straddling the killing zone all too precisely. The four suspicious characters here - are (on the median) Babushka Lady (possibly the closest camera to the killing; neither she nor her film were ever traced, and she has been theorised as a close associate of Jack Ruby), (on the kerb) Umbrella Man (came forward only years later, and is the subject of some very sinister deep state theorising), (next to him on the kerb) Dark-Complied Man (complete with walkie-talkie; never traced but tentatively identified as a sniper's radio man), and (at the top of the grass) Charles Hester (who makes one brief witness statement and then drops entirely from the investigation). Only Hester's wife Beatrice is half convincing, as one of Abraham Zapruder's employees enjoying the spectacle. In short, nowhere in the crowds watching JFK's motorcade that day was there a greater concentration of suspicious characters, and nowhere was less investigation done (or, if done, made public). Good citizens, meanwhile, with far less to report, queued for hours to offer their help.

Holmes would also have wondered why Abraham Zapruder himself, and his mob-connected business partner, went AWOL from the scene for several hours after the shooting, before coming forward in late afternoon with the movie. More on this in due course.

So all in all, our substantive advice to would-be conspiracy detectives is to keep your eyes closely on the pea whenever officialdom is moving the shells; in the Kennedy case it is only the gangsters and the Cubans who have ever told the truth (Hager, 2017)! The best way to do this is - as a matter of
routine - to consider the inverse of every proposition immediately it is encountered: **if someone tells you way, think no way.** It really is that bad. And never forget that in the end Holmes would have got so close to those spinning the lies that he would have been exterminated with the same clinical precision as were Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby, Deputy Roger Craig, Lt-Commander William Pitzer, Mary Bledsoe, and Richard Nagell (to mention but a few) [see own entries]. Happy sleuthing!!

(5) Steer especially clear of internet broadcasting channels and the broader truther-debunker confrontations, for they are all in our judgement part of the problem, not of the solution - the louder the mouth or the darker the glasses, the more suspicious you should be. On the other hand there is much to learn from the established research chatrooms and bulletin boards, although this sort of material is often difficult to cite academically.

(6) Remember that lawyers, although they insist that witnesses swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth, are themselves paid to steer those same witnesses in the direction of a dollar's-worth truth. Worse - all intelligence agents [Allen Dulles was exceptionally clear on this (indeed, the only time he was ever clear was when he was telling you he would lie to you if he thought he had to)], all lodge-members, and the religiously devout are bound by higher oaths NOT to tell the truth in something as mundane as a court of law, even though they have sworn that they will!

(7) If you are one of those who likes reading the last page of a story first, then here are a couple of WHODUNIT go-tos ...

Who blew JFK's head off with a frangible round from the Grassy Knoll?  
**go directly to the entry for James Files**

Who killed DPD Patrolman J. D. Tippit?  
**go directly to the entry for Gary Marlow**

Who organised 9/11?  
**go directly to the entry for REDACTED**

If, on the other hand, you prefer a long pre-amble, then feel free to familiarise yourself with some of the noises you will be encountering. Just click and inspect ...

**Firecracker**

.38" Smith and Wesson revolver (incl. Jack Ruby re-enact)

Here are three rifles, two bolt-action and one semi-automatic ...

7.65mm Mauser  
6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano (incl. JFK re-enact)  
ZH-29 Czech semi-automatic

Here are two types of bullet strike, conventional and fragmenting ...

.223 non-frangible into gel  
.223 frangible (JFK headshot candidate)

And here is some of the bigger stuff ...

Thermite (lo-tech for welding or demolition)  
Nanothermite (super thermite, here as loose powder)  
Nanothermite (shaped for demolition) - CLASSIFIED!  
Plastic explosive (shaped for demolition)  
This is a U-2 spy plane  
(as mentioned in the entries for the Atsugi Naval Air Station and Gamal Abdel Nasser)
The Glossary Entries (A to Z)

107 Decatur Street, New Orleans: The location of Carlos Bringuier's shop, and therefore (a) the effective base for the New Orleans chapter of the DRE, and (b) one of the two sources, in late afternoon 22nd November 1963, of the pre-scripted This-is-your-Assassin briefing material which shaped the world's headlines on the morning of 23rd November.

112th Military Intelligence Group: For a detailed history see Larry Hancock's 2001 paper "Mysteries of the 112th Intelligence Corp" [full text online].

201 File: A 201 File was/is a U.S. military personnel record file, specifically the Master Personnel Folder [Wikipedia text and images].

214 West Neely Street: About a quarter of a mile SSW of 1026 North Beckley Avenue, this is the property in the upstairs apartment of which LHO, Marina Oswald, and baby June lived between 2nd March 1963 and (although paid up to 2nd May) 24th April 1963 (negligible neighbour-confirmation, however). It was from here, on at least one occasion (2nd April 1963), that Michael Paine collected them to take them to the Paine House for dinner. And it was in the backyard here that, on 31st March 1963, Marina Oswald took the three Backyard Photographs of LHO proudly displaying a Mannlicher-Carcano [UNLESS, OF COURSE, SAID PHOTOGRAPHS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY FAKED]. It is also where, after being cleaned and padlocked by owner Waldo George in May, and quickly re-inspected on the afternoon of 22nd November by same, that Special Agent (FBI) William Brookhart nevertheless managed to find a cheque counterfoil from American Bakeries to one James Jackson.

21st Century Fox: MSM conglomerate 21st Century Fox [Wikipedia briefing] was formed on 28th June 2013 by spinning off the North American assets of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. With 87-year-old Murdoch still at the helm as Executive Chairman, the corporation is presently [April 2018] one of the "Big Six" MSM players.

28 Bolsheviks, The: The "28 Bolsheviks" were a group of Russophile Chinese students based at Sun Yat-Sen Chinese University [Wikipedia briefing] in Bolshevik Moscow during the late 1920s and early 1930s. They were led for much of this time by Wang Ming [see own entry], and their style of Communism naturally followed that of their university's rector, Pavel Mif [see own entry], a member of the Comintern Central Committee at that time. After the Kuomintang-Communist schism in 1927 [see 1st October 1927], they attempted, but failed, to develop Chinese Communism along Comintern lines and were doomed to play little part in Chinese politics after the mid-1930s.

488th Military Intelligence Detachment: Established in Dallas in 1956 by Jack Crichton as a special duties detachment under the Army Reserve umbrella 488th MID [Spartacus Educational briefing] was effectively big oil's private army. Some 40-50% of the hundred or so members in 1963 had day jobs with the DPD; one of them - Deputy Chief of Police George Lumpkin - even drove the Motorcade's Pilot Car.

501 Elm Street, Dallas: See the entry for the Dal-Tex Building.


531 Lafayette Place, New Orleans: Guy Banister's office and headquarters. It was contiguous (it being a corner property) with Katz n' Jammer's Bar at 544 Camp Street.
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604 Elsbeth Street, Dallas: See the entry for Elsbeth Apartment.

1026 North Beckley Avenue, Dallas: A boarding house owned by Earlene Roberts, where LHO roomed from 14th October 1963 during his working week (while his wife Marina Oswald was staying with Ruth Paine at the Paine House). The address features boldly in the Tippit Murder Thread, and is nowadays on the JFK tourist circuit as a living museum [see brochure]. The house is a difficult two miles SSW of Dealey Plaza, across the Trinity River, and just short of a mile NNW of Patton and 10th, where Patrolman J. D. Tippit was murdered.

1101 Elm Street, Dallas, TX: See Rio Grande Building.

1312½ Commerce Street, Dallas: Demolished in the early 1970s this was the site of The Carousel Club nightclub, one of two such businesses owned by Jack Ruby. Acquired in 1961 it was, though he said it himself, "a fucking classy joint".

1502 North Zangs Boulevard, Dallas, TX: See Gloco Gas Station.

2515 W. 5th Street, Irving: See Paine House, The.

4907 Magazine Street, New Orleans: One of LHO’s rooming houses during his stay in NOLA in the summer of 1963. Appears as an LHO address on some of the famous Fair Play for Cuba Committee flyers, and therefore part of the LHO Patsification Thread.

9/11 First Responder Testimony: Here, from the many available online, are some of the most telling first responder eye-witness statements ...

(1) FIREFIGHTERS GRILLO AND JOHNSON: FDNY firefighters Jimmy ["This Ain't Done Yet"] Grillo [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] and Tyrone Johnson [ditto], both featured in a CBS interview a few minutes after being injured by a rarely discussed and still unexplained lobby level explosion in WTC1, the North Tower, shortly after the aircraft impact 93 floors higher up the building - YouTube it now ESSENTIAL VIEWING (5 mins). This footage was later edited into many subsequent documentaries.

OTHER EXAMPLES TO BE ADDED ...

FURTHER READING: For more on this line of evidence, see Benjamin J. Luft's (2011) "We're Not Leaving: 9/11 Responders Tell Their Stories" [Amazon TREMENDOUSLY MOVING].

9/11 Thermitic Demolition Theory: We refer here to the theory which emerged in the mid-noughties [see, for example, Timeline at 22nd September 2005] to the effect that the 9/11 Attacks had taken place against buildings already pre-rigged for demolition with state-of-the-art military demolition charges known as "Nano-Thermite". For more on this, see the entries for two of the 9/11 Truther scholars responsible for the laboratory experiments which have since confirmed the theory, Steven E. Jones and Niels Harrit.

TECHNICAL ASIDE - HARD SCIENCE vs LEGAL PROOF: There is literally zero doubt in scientific terms that many tonnes of Nano-Thermite were set off in the four-dimensional vicinity of the World Trade Center on 11th September 2001. However it could be argued that the chemical residues came from an as-yet-unknown coincidental source, as, perhaps, if miscreant residents of at least one of the buildings [the residues are in the dust which carpeted Lower Manhattan, but that dust came from the three towers combined, so there is no proof that all three towers produced it - Ed.] had been illegally storing Nano-Thermite. This is all legalistic squirming, of course, for the prima facie common sense explanation is that all three towers were deliberately brought down by the stuff, and
moreover that of the half-dozen superpowers possessing the technology only the United States itself would have had the required level of sustained security access.

Aaronsohn, Aaron: Romanian-born Palestinian crop scientist, Zionist activist, and British spy Aaron Aaronsohn [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as a convenient exemplar of a Great War semi-professional spy. Specifically, he used his field research fighting locusts, etc., as a cover for mapping Ottoman troop movements, fortifications, and oases. After the Ottomans came into the war in early 1915, he set up Nili [Wikipedia briefing], an espionage network of family and friends, reporting to William Ormsby-Gore [see own entry], at the Arab Bureau [=British intelligence, Middle East - Ed.] in Cairo, Then, when command structures changed following the arrival of General Allenby in June 1917, he was passed across to a new handler, Richard Meinertzhagen [see own entry]. The network was penetrated by the Turks in October 1917, Aaronson's sister Sarah to suicide and other members to execution. Aaronson himself was out of the country at the time, conducting a political tour of the United States at the request of Zionist leader Chaim Weizmann [see own entry]. He was due to put in an appearance at the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, only to be killed in a plane crash on his way to France 15th May 1919. For a lot more detail of the Aaronson story we recommend Bloom (2005 [online]). He also appears fleetingly in the entry herein for Norman Bentwich, which see. [THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE]

"Abel, Rudolf": See the entry for William August Fisher.

Abrams, Elliott: Of New York Jewish heritage, "American diplomat, CIA operative, economic Hit Man, lawyer, and political scientist" (Wikipedia, 30th January 2019) Elliott Abrams [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Special Advisor on international democracy to President George W. Bush between 2001 and 2009, (b) for having specialised in same as Director of the National Security Council (NSC) in much the same period, and (c) for having been appointed 25th January 2019 as United States Special Envoy to Venezuela. He was classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] under "Leo Strauss students and philosophical adherents", and described as a "key player in designing our new strategy for pre-emptive war".

Abrams, Gus: Bona fide innocent tramp Gus Abrams [no convenient biography] was one of the Three Tramps in the Mary la Fontaine documenting of the Three Tramps Thread.

Abrasion Collar: An abrasion collar is a circle (or near-circle) of bruising around a bullet entry wound, caused by the incoming bullet immediately prior to its penetrating the skin. Very importantly, the collar is radially only of equal extent when the bullet strikes perpendicularly to the skin. If the bullet comes in at an angle then the collar is wider on the side facing the shooter. In cases where it is not possible to dissect or probe through a wound to establish the direction of fire, the abrasion collar becomes one of only two available points of evidence (the other being the presence of a clearly associated exit wound). During JFK's autopsy the Secret Service explicitly forbade dissection or probing of the wounds. Taking the abrasion collar indicator in isolation Michael Kurtz points out in his 1982/1993 book "Crime of the Century" that JFK's back wound was - very perversely - on an ascending trajectory.

Abt, John: Without knowing it Chicago born civil libertarian lawyer John Abt [Spartacus Educational biography] entered the assassination story on 23rd November 1963 when LHO gave his name as the lawyer he would like to represent him. There had, however, been no previous contact of any sort between the two men. Abt's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Acheson, Dean Gooderham: WW2 non-combat veteran (Assistant Secretary of State) and Cold War player Dean Acheson [Wikipedia biography] had retired from public service in 1953 but was nevertheless frequently called upon for his advice by JFK during his Presidency. He is noteworthy in the present context for, in a May 1950 exchange with Senator Thomas Connally [q.v.], having helped establish
the U.S. Pacific Rim "chain of defence" through the Straits of Formosa [=Taiwan] and along the 38th Parallel between the two Koreas.

***** How about this for a coincidence!! *****

Acker, Raymond: Some histories record that a Dallas Southwestern Bell Telephone Company manager named Ray Acker [no convenient biography] provided DPD with a list of operator interrupted calls from Jack Ruby's listed number to the busy payphone at 1026 North Beckley Avenue, only to be thanked and told to keep the matter to himself. The following year, Acker would be mentioned *en passant* in the Warren Commission testimony of Irving gun shop owner Charles Greener [q.v.] as one of very few people in the area who was equipped to hand-load the rather uncommon "6.5 Italian". [Our verdict - you couldn't make it up. But there is a distinct possibility that someone did.]

ACPLR: See the entry for American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism (AMCOMLIB).

Adams, Don A.: 32-year-old Korean War veteran FBI Agent Don Adams [no convenient biography] began as a rookie on the FBI's investigations of the assassination. One of his first duties was to study the *Zapruder Film*, instantly judging that JFK's throat injury came from a frontal shot. He was then able to identify no less than 11 possible shots. Later in life he would become co-author with Harrison Livingstone of the 2012 book "From an Office Building with a High-Powered Rifle", in which the general case is made that the assassination was on balance of probabilities a conspiracy made successful by a security cock-up, and then followed by a long and painful cover-up conspiracy. More specifically he wished in retrospect that more had been done at the time to "crack" the Joseph Milteer case, for in his opinion, much of value would have emerged. [YouTube him now.]

Adams, Victoria Elizabeth: Employed in the Scott, Foresman Company area of TSBD4, Victoria Adams [no convenient biography] was watching the Presidential motorcade from a window when the shooting took place, in the company of fellow-workers Sandra Styles, Elsie Dorman, and Dorothy Garner. She reported hearing shots "from the right below". She then left the building along with Styles, via the back stairs, sighting only Bill Shelly and Billy Lovelady on the way. She then exited by the north (back) door and made her way leftwise round to the front of the building. Here she milled around for a short time, taking it all in, before re-entering the building by the front entrance. She would go on to feature in Barry Ernest's 2013 book "The Girl on the Stairs", the central thrust of which is that the Warren Commission systematically massaged many minor details in order to fit witnesses into the official narrative. Adams' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Subject of the video documentary "The Girl on the Stairs" [YouTube it now] and similar on-line follow ups to that book.

Adlai Stevenson Riot: On 24th October 1963 U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Adlai Stevenson, II [Wikipedia biography] attempted to speak at the Dallas Memorial Auditorium in defence of government policy toward hot topic issues such as communism and civil rights. Unfortunately ultra-right-winger General Edwin Walker [q.v.] had spoken at the same venue the previous evening, and had arranged for many of his followers to be in Stevenson's audience. Stevenson was introduced by local dignitary Stanley Marcus [q.v.], but was then immediately heckled by the ultras. The affair soon degenerated into a riot and Stevenson had to be whisked away by his bodyguards.

AE-ACRE: Active in the early 1950s, CIA Project AE-ACRE [browsers will find several CIA declassified documents, but no core briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for funding "agent training bases" in the United States, including the Domestic Operations Base (DOB) [see own entry] at Alexandria, VA.

Agency for International Development (AID): Founded in November 1961 by an executive order of JFK the Agency for International Development (AID) [Wikipedia briefing; Wurlitzer Rules apply] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the coordinating office of the federal government for distributing foreign aid and development assistance, and (b) for soon acquiring the reputation as a convenient cover
operation for field intelligence operatives. In this latter respect, James DiEugenio's (1992/2012) notes in his (1992/2012) "Destiny Betrayed: JFK, Cuba, and the Garrison Case" [Amazon] that Ruth Paine's father, William Avery Hyde [see own entry], had served for a time as AID's regional director for Latin America, and that her brother-in-law, John Hoke [see own entry] had also been involved in some way with them (Douglass, 2008).

"Aggressors For Peace Speech", The: While visiting the Boston Navy Yard on 25th August 1950, at the height of the broader debate over what U.N. objectives in Korea should be, Secretary for the Navy Francis P. Matthews [see own entry] put his personal cards on the table by arguing that "declaring that the U.S. should declare its intention 'to pay any price, even the price of instituting a war to compel co-operation for peace', adding that by becoming 'an initiator of a war of aggression, it would win for us a proud and popular title— we would become the first aggressors for peace'" (Wikipedia). This, needless to say, was the phrase which has echoed - usually in paraphrastic form as FUCKING FROM VIRGINITY - throughout Peacenikville ever since, to many a despairing head-shake.

RESEARCH ISSUE: Interestingly, when President Truman took half of Washington on the 18,000 mile round trip to the Wake Island Conference [q.v.] on 15th October 1950 to meet mere theatre commander General MacArthur, SECNAV Matthews did not accompany SECARM Frank Pace and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Omar Bradley. We should love to know why.

Aguilar, Gary L.: Assassination researcher Dr. Gary Aguilar [Spartacus Educational biography] was co-author with Josiah Thompson of the public domain paper "The Magic Bullet: Even More Magical Than We Knew?" [full text online], exposing the inadmissability of CE-399 - the famed Magic Bullet [q.v.] - as evidence of anything but an ruthless and far-reaching Establishment cover-up. Browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Aguilar, Manuel: Cuban exile (but very possibly a double agent) Manuel Aguilar [no convenient biography] pops up only infrequently in the histories, usually as a member of INTERPEN. Reportedly often photographed with Loran Hall.

Aguinaldo y Famy, Emilio: Philippine revolutionary leader President[1899-1901] Emilio Aguinaldo [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a nationalist insurgent against the Spanish Empire's colonial possession of the Philippines, in punishment for which he was exiled to Hong Kong in December 1897, (b) for having then been brought back to the Philippines in May 1898 by the United States, only to lead a rebellion against his rescuers once it became clear they were simply replacement colonial oppressors, (c) for having declared a provisional government a few days later [see 12th June 1898], and (d) for having waged (indeed, almost winning) the American-Philippine war, 1899-1902 [see 4th February 1899]. He died in 1964, aged 94 years.

Airey, Terence Sidney: See Timeline at 11th March 1945.

Aitken, [Sir]1917 William Maxwell [1st Baron Beaverbrook]1917; Canadian-born journalist turned financier-industrialist turned British press tycoon [Sir]1911 Max Aitken [Lord Beaverbrook]1917 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having relocated to Britain in 1910, becoming friends with fellow-Canadian and rising star Conservative politician Bonar Law and bridge partner for Winston Churchill, (b) for entering Parliament in 1910 as member for Ashton-under-Lyne, a seat he would hold until 1916, (c) for acquiring control of the Daily Express in November 1916, (d) for being made Minister of Information and Cabinet Minister in February 1918, (e) for expanding his stable of newspapers during the 1920s, openly using positive and negative editorial to influence party political policy, (f) for generally promoting Appeasement until the very late 1930s, (g) for serving as Minister of Aircraft Production between May 1940 and May 1941, greatly increasing output, and again as Minister of Supply until February 1942, (h) for resigning to concentrate on the Combined Raw Materials Board [Wikipedia briefing], a high level commodity coordination forum just agreed upon by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Churchill, and (i) for
accompanying/ representing Churchill on a number of high-level missions in those years, not least to Roosevelt (accompanying) and Joseph Stalin (representing).

Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade: This was/is the Palestinian-centric direct action paramilitary group [Wikipedia briefing] founded in 2000 as a loose adjunct to the legally constituted Fatah [q.v.] Palestinian nationalist political party.

Alba, Adrian Thomas: New Orleans businessman Adrian Alba [no convenient biography] ran the Crescent City Garage, 618 Magazine Street, in whose waiting room were the gun magazines which a customer named "Lee" spent a lot of time studying. Lee also asked lots of questions about guns, how to mail order them, and whether it was worth joining the National Rifle Association. Many of these magazines were removed by the authorities after the assassination, eventually finding the one from which the order slip for the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 had been torn (Hurt, 1985).


***** THE COLLEGE THAT SCARCELY EXISTED *****
[ALTHOUGH, EMBARRASSINGLY, ONCE REDACTED IT GOT EASIER TO SEE!]

Albert Schweitzer College: [Read firstly the entry for CIA Front Organisations (for without any doubt this was one.)] Founded in Churwalden [map], Switzerland, between 1950 and 1956 by unknown quantities Hans and Thérèse Casparis [see link at end], the Albert Schweitzer College [not much online, it having been "air-brushed" from history] IS noteworthy in the present context for having led two lives, one public and the other intensely secret. On the one hand, it had a presence for a few short years as a small Alpine Unitarian [Wikipedia briefing] seminary, offering liberal studies courses to two or three dozen students annually. On the other hand, it was thrust rudely into the histories when in 1960 it very nearly became Lee Harvey Oswald's alma mater ...

Readers unfamiliar with the story of Lee Harvey Oswald's defection to the Soviet Union should check out the Timeline entry for 16th October 1959 before proceeding. Note the time spent in Minsk.

CAMEO - LEE HARVEY OSWALD GETS BOOKISH (ALMOST): For much of 1960 Lee Harvey Oswald was not where people - not least his mother Marguerite Oswald [see own entry] - expected him to be, generating correspondence which surfaced during the Warren Commission investigations. Newman (op. cit. inf.) explains (all dates 1960) ...

"... during all of her dealings with the FBI, the Marine Corps, and the State Department, Marguerite had no idea what fate had befallen her son. The State Department finally sent a short letter to Marguerite [...] explaining] that her March 7 letter had been forwarded to the embassy in Moscow with a request that they 'endeavour to obtain a report concerning your son's present welfare and inform him of your continuing desire to help him'. [This] letter was mailed to Mrs. Oswald on March 30. To confound matters, Marguerite also received a strange letter about her son from, of all places, Switzerland. A Professor Hans Casparis had written Oswald on March 22, asking him to make an adjustment to his 'travel plans'. Professor Casparis was an administrator at the Albert Schweitzer College in Churwalden, Switzerland, and his letter indicated that Oswald was due to attend the college from April 19 through July 20" (pp139-140).

Oswald, meanwhile, had been living it up (after a fashion) behind the Iron Curtain in Minsk, having arrived there from his Moscow "defection" on 7th January 1960 and only getting back in touch with his mother in mid-February 1961.

The story - and the truth has been very professionally obliterated - seems to have its roots back in WW2 in the wheelings and dealings of the high-flying accountant and public finances economist Percival Flack Brundage ...
LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: By the winter of 1944/1945, it had become painfully clear that the Russians were going to be in Berlin before the Allies, thus gifting Eastern Europe to Communism. The United States was therefore already putting in place political, economic, propaganda, espionage, and outright black operations calculated to erode this likely Soviet advantage in territory. In other words, the U.S.-Bolshevik confrontation of the 1917-1923 Russian Civil War (see Timeline 7th November 1917, then as directed) was about to kick off again, and the Germans were key to American victory.

QUICKIE - BRUNDAGE AND THE SWISS CONNECTION: Evica (op. cit. inf.) devotes an entire essay to Percival Brundage [Wikipedia STUB]. He begins with a little formal biography ... "Percival was born on April 2, 1892, the son of [...] a Methodist cleric who became a Unitarian minister. Receiving his Harvard undergraduate degree ('cum laude') in 1914, Percival Brundage joined the New York accounting firm of Patterson & Ridgeway and rose from office boy to senior accountant in two years. [He] resigned in 1916 to take a wartime civilian position with the Material Accounting Section of the War Department's Quartermaster Depot Office in New York, a job combining extensive and confidential record keeping with major military procurement operations. Brundage held that crucial position through the Armistice of 1918. [...] From 1919 [...] through 1954, Brundage reportedly established an unequalled record in accounting, business, business law, and commerce. [...] When he was not a major public service official [etc.], Brundage was a senior partner at Price-Waterhouse [Wikipedia briefing]” (k2496).

Evica goes on to note that once America entered WW2, Brundage's "global concerns" were pretty much identical to those of the Dulles Brothers, thus ...

"In 1942, the U.S. War Relief Control Board [U.N. archive/briefing] began monitoring every relief agency, including the Unitarian Service Committee [Wikipedia briefing RECOMMENDED]. In November 1943, the U.S. government centralised all refugee fund-raising in the National War Fund [no convenient briefing]. [++] more financing arrangements ++[ ] Attending the NWF budget meetings and assisting in the Fund's financial affairs was the influential David Seiferheld [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], American Friends of German Freedom [no convenient briefing, but see Lamberti (2007 [full text online (requires JSTOR registration)])] officer [...] and covert OSS operative. Monitoring the USC/Refugees Relief Trustees linkage was Percival Flack Brundage, an American Unitarian Association [Wikipedia briefing] officer. On May 17, 1944, Brundage sent a memorandum to fellow board members of the Refugee Relief Trustees [which discussed] OSS-connected Unitarians and their involvement in government-sponsored refugee activity and intelligence gathering” (k2496).

Brundage was thus a highly politicised bean-counter in the Roosevelt administration, with strong connections to OSS and its struggle to defeat Nazism without overly weakening Germany as an ally against Communism. He was thus well placed to bring both sets of skills together when, ten years later, he was put in charge of Eisenhower's refugee aid program, thus (two clips) ...

"In 1956, the master accountant of America became the Director of the Bureau of the Budget [Wikipedia STUB], monitoring the debits and credits of the Eisenhower government, an office he held until 1958 [then advised] for two more years as the Bureau's key 'consultant'. [...] Flfor those six years was obviously comfortable with the fact that the Department of Defense and CIA 'black budget' operations were hidden in the accounts of the Pentagon and other departments and divisions of the U.S. government” (k4353).

BRUNDAGE'S WAS THUS THE FUNDING SYSTEM WHICH IN ALL LIKELIHOOD GAVE POCKET-MONEY SUPPORT TO THE "PROFESSORS" CASPARIS IN THEIR IDYLIC MOUNTAIN RETREAT, SO THAT U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENTS, BIBLE IN POCKET, COULD MOVE AROUND EUROPE IN APPARENT INNOCENCE.

Following the JFK assassination, Albert Schweitzer College was - unsurprisingly - subjected to "uniquely painstaking investigation". However, so little of what was uncovered has made it into the public record that it has to be concluded that the investigations must have got rather too close to some quite inconvenient truths ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Remember that Allen Dulles (i) had run an anti-Communist intelligence gathering network in Germany more or less without a break since 1917, (ii) had actually been Director of Central Intelligence 1953-1961, and (iii) presently had the apex predator's seat on the Warren Commission! He thus had the motive, means, and opportunity to cover up the Agency's - HIS OWN - activities! YOU REALLY COULDN'T MAKE IT UP!
Evica points to some of the more glaring loose ends ...

"The FBI, the Office of Naval Intelligence, the CIA, the Warren Commission, the House Select Committee on Assassinations, and the Assassination Records Review Board never asked a series of obvious questions: How did Oswald discover Schweitzer College? Where was Oswald’s initial letter of inquiry, posted from his Marine base in Santa Ana, California? Was he, in fact, directed to request a domestic address for the college? Why is neither a catalogue nor any other Schweitzer College curriculum information available in any of the JFK assassination records on the college? Where was, for example, the [brochure dated 1960] received through the U.S. mail by Lee’s mother, who at one time had it in her possession? And, finally, where were Oswald’s three character references, with at least one from a chaplain, pastor, or priest?" (k741).

Parker (op. cit. inf.) names a further three suspicious leads ...

"How Oswald found out about the obscure Albert Schweitzer College has long been regarded as something of a mystery. Not even the Swiss authorities could locate it easily in 1960 after being contacted by the FBI. This contact was the result of Marguerite, Lee's resolute mother, hounding the State Department, concerned when mail for Lee had been returned undelivered. Kerry Thornley [see own entry VERY SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER] may hold the key. Thornley told the Warren Commission that he had been attending the 'far left' First Unitarian Church in Los Angeles [ditto] around the time he was friendly with Oswald. The church was led by peace activist Stephen Fritchman [ditto]” (pp72-73).

Evica also reminds us of the work of an earlier researcher, one Paul L. Hoch [Baylor University archive] ...

'Hoch discussed the obvious need to explore both FBI and CIA knowledge of Oswald's relationship to the college. He pointed out that 'Oswald had ... been accepted by that school, despite the apparent absence of the proper references and background'. Hoch also questioned why no inter-agency communication between the FBI and the CIA concerning Oswald's non-appearance at Schweitzer College was [on file]. Hoch further identified the central issue, which until now has not been explored: 'The CIA, the FBI, and the ONI [Office of Naval Intelligence] should ... be asked if there was any intelligence interest in Schweitzer College, or any direct or indirect government support. That [support] might explain Oswald's peculiar contact with the College.' [...] Did the CIA or the Office of Naval Intelligence provide the paperwork and prompt Oswald to apply? If so, why?’ (k741-759, citing unpublished manuscript, 1975).

Yet when Evica went looking for archive copies of such promotional material in 2001, he drew a decided blank, thus ...

"On August 23, 2001, I visited the Unitarian/Universalist Association (UUA) headquarters at 25 Beacon Street, Boston. I fully expected to find published advertisements for Casparis' summer programs and later announcements on the development and final establishment of Schweitzer College. [...] What I found at the Boston UUA, or rather what I did not find, was astonishing. [...] I carefully checked each glossy page of the monthly Register from 1948 to 1959. In those ten years, neither Casparis’ summer programs nor Albert Schweitzer College received a single word of coverage. [...] Only in the June 1959 edition of the Register did a short announcement appear at the bottom of a page about 'summer study courses', but it gave no specific contact information, and left very little time to apply. In October 1961, the Register announced that, beginning on September 1, 1961, the college would have its first full-time director [...] made possible by the 'financial support' of unidentified American Unitarians. [...] I contacted still-existing liberal religious youth groups, who report absolutely no records of it. How were any American students ever recruited, let alone chosen? Perhaps [this] was quietly handled by Unitarian pastors like Stephen Fritchman [aforementioned]. [...] Despite Dr. Schweitzer's towering eminence [...], nearly all historical records of Albert Schweitzer College have been lost, or more likely eliminated” (k1712-1749).

The college did not survive its period in the forensic spotlight, going into liquidation in 1968, and Hans and Thérèse Casparis [see own entry INCLUDES ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE] simply faded into obscurity during the Dulles Commission cover-up. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see George Evica’s (2006/2011) "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon], Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK" [Amazon], Greg R. Parker's (2015) "Lee Harvey Oswald’s Cold War, Volume Two" [Amazon], and John M. Newman's
Alcaraz, Homobono Arno: See the entry for George Evica.

Aldrich, Nelson Wilmarth: Civil War veteran turned businessman-politician Senator[1881-1911] Nelson Aldrich [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the Senate's resident economic theorist [he had been a provincial merchant between 1862 and the mid-1870s prior to refocusing into politics - Ed.] during the 1890s (when his tariff policies helped cause the Panic/Slump of 1893 [check it out]) and 1900s (when he chaired the National Monetary Commission [check it out] and helped create the Federal Reserve System [check it out]).

Alexander, Ward: Ward Alexander was the false identity of low end JFK conspirator Rod Mac Kenzie during his half century of wise invisibility.

Alexander, William F.: Ex-FBI Agent Assistant District Attorney Bill Alexander [no convenient biography] entered the assassination narrative when he was driven to the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting by Lieutenant Calvin Owens and Captain Bill Westbrook. He was then at the rear door of the Texas Theater during LHO's arrest, and on the scene again for the search of LHO's room at 1026 North Beckley Avenue. Back at DPDHQ he assisted LHO's interrogations, and prepared the indictment against him that same evening. Reporter Jim Ewell would later remember him as "a squad car prosecutor" - always out where the action was.

Al-Fayed, Mohamed: [Born Mohamed Fayed] Ambitious and blessed with no little animal charisma, Alexandria-born street trader turned "delivery" man turned Egyptian Intelligence Service asset turned Saudi Intelligence Service asset turned doer-of-deals turned household name Mohamed Al-Fayed [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for surviving 1945-1952 as a small-scale street trader, (b) for getting a job in 1952 alongside one Tousson El-Barrawi [nothing known], who had him working alongside an even younger but just as dynamic future arms dealer named Adnan Kashoggi [see own entry] in the mid-1950s, (c) for becoming an asset of the Egyptian Intelligence Service [we cover this aspect of his life in the entry for Al-Nasir - Ed.], (d) for being introduced to Haitian President "Papa Doc" Duvalier in the early 1960s ...

CAMEO - AL-FAYED IN HAITI: Alert to the possibility of big money to be made in the war-torn Caribbean of the early 1960s, and posing as a Kuwaiti sheikh, Al-Fayed flew into Haiti 12th June 1964 in what would later be assessed as the "first major performance of Fayed the Tycoon" (Bow, p20). While there he seems to have crossed paths for a short while with international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt (who was very possibly checking him out for the Agency).

(e) for (some say with a vengeful Haitian hit squad on his tail) going on to acquire such high profile business ventures as the Ritz Hotel in Paris, Harrods in Knightsbridge, and Fulham Football Club, (f) for socialising sufficiently with the Prince and Princess of Wales from the late 1980s onward that, following that couple's separation, his son Dodi Fayed not only dated the Princess but also died at her side 31st August 1997 in the famous Alma Tunnel car crash [Wikipedia briefing].

Further Reading: For more on the Haitian deal, see Tom Bower's (1998) "Unauthorised Biography" of Al-Fayed [Amazon].

Alger, Philip Rounseville: Career U.S. Navy officer and head of the Department of Mechanics at the Naval College, 1891-1903, Philip Alger [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the navy's resident expert on explosives, and yet neither called to serve on, nor give evidence to, the Sampson Inquiry Board into the sinking of USS Maine [see 21st March 1898]. His own considered opinion on that sinking was that it was caused by an undetected bunker fire spreading to the adjacent Reserve 6" Magazine.
Alger, Russell Alexander: Civil War veteran of fully 66 engagements, industrialist-politician Russell Alger [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Secretary of War at the time of the Spanish-American War [q.v.]. As such he stopped the buck for the catalogue of technical hitches which afflicted the U.S. Army's operations against Cuba.

Aliyah Bet: [Hebrew = “Homecoming ‘B’”] See the entry for Menachem Begin.

***** INFLUENTIAL PROTO-ZIONIST *****

Alkalai, Judah: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching COMPULSORY SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] Ottoman-Bosnian (b. 1798, Sarajevo) preacher-scholar Judah Alkalai [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for concluding from his first-hand observations of the 1829/1848 Serbian Wars of Independence [see Timeline 14th September 1829 and 1st May 1848] that the Ottoman Empire had seen better days, and that there might be an opportunity for Diaspora Jews to move into any resulting vacuum in Ottoman Palestine, (b) for founding a number of short-lived action groups across Europe during the early 1850s, and generally acting as circuit preacher in promoting them ...

ASIDE: Some sources indicate an ancestral Society for the Settlement of Eretz Israel founded in London in 1850, but precise dates and places have so far eluded us. Anyone?

... (c) for setting out his ideas in the (still popular to this day) 1857 book "A Lot for the Lord" [Amazon (in Hebrew)], and (d) for affiliating with Chaim Lorje's [see own entry] Association for the Colonisation of Palestine [see own entry] during the 1860s, and even visiting Jerusalem himself in 1871. He died in 1878, aged 80. FURTHER READING: For the fuller politico-religious context, switch to the Companion Timeline at 13th July 1838 and follow the <Zionism Pre-WW1> threading.

"Allen, Donald M.": [CIA nom-de-guerre; true identity unknown] CIA senior officer "Donald M. Allen" [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as author of an internal CIA memorandum dated 9th September 1960 concerning Spas Raikin, the man who, at the request of the State Department, would later calmly collect LHO and Marina Oswald from the New Jersey quayside as they arrived back from the Soviet Union 13th June 1962. Intriguingly, the thrust of the memorandum is that in 1960 the CIA was far from certain that Raikin was not a sleeper agent for the communists!

CAMEO - THE DONALD ALLEN MEMORANDUM: [STUB ENTRY - we have placed a more detailed cameo in the entry for Spas Raikin.] To read the full original memorandum (now in the public domain) check out "Memorandum for the Record: Spas Todorov Raikin" [full text online - FASCINATING].

Allende, Salvador: Democratically elected Chilean President Salvador Allende [Wikipedia biography] was deposed on 11th September 1973 by a military coup fomented by the CIA. He conveniently committed "suicide" and was replaced by General Augusto Pinochet.

Allen, Duncan: [STUB ENTRY] British state propagandist Duncan Allen [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for having been named by political commentator Craig Murray (2018 [full text online - SHORT, FULL OF NAMES, AND HIGHLY INFORMATIVE] as one of the two dozen or so journalists, diplomats, and intelligence officers working under the cover of Britain's taxpayer-funded Institute of Statecraft and Governance (IfSG) [see own entry]. RECOMMENDED READING: There is also a great deal of value in McKeigue et al's (2018 [full text online]) briefing paper.

Allen, Morse: [Read firstly the entry for Projects Bluebird and Artichoke.] WW2 veteran (U.S. Navy Intelligence) turned post-war polygraph expert turned Cold War CIA Security Officer turned scientific research project manager Morse Allen [no convenient biography but an awful lot to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for pioneering field experience with polygraph systems in vetting refugees in Europe after WW2, (b) for serving as project manager on the 1950-1951 Project Bluebird and 1951-
1953 Project Artichoke research programs into the use of hypnotism and hypnogenic drugs as vehicles for enhanced interrogation procedures, and - should it prove feasible - the priming of Manchurians, (c) for being briefed 25th January 1952 by Joseph Pritchett [see own entry] of the Eastern European Division of the Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) as to a rather delicate situation which had arisen with a 29-year-old would-be Bulgarian immigrant named Dimitre Dimitrov, (d) for writing up this briefing in the Morse Allen Memorandum, (e) for a 29th January 1952 briefing from CIA Technical Services wizard Sidney Gottlieb on what had been found out so far about the use of LSD in the field, and (f) for successfully creating a real-life Manchurian 19th February 1954, thus ...

"Allen's 'victim' was a secretary whom he put into a deep trance and told to keep sleeping until he ordered otherwise. He then hypnotised a second secretary and told her that if she could not wake up her friend, 'her rage would be so great that she would not hesitate to kill'. Allen left a pistol nearby, which the secretary had no way of knowing was unloaded. Even though she had earlier expressed a fear of firearms of any kind, she picked up the gun and 'shot' her sleeping friend. After Allen brought the 'killer' out of her trance, she had apparent amnesia for the event" (Albarelli, 2013, K5040, quoting Marks, 1991).

The Dimitrov story now continues in his own entry.

Allen-Scott Article: See the entry for Paul Scott.

Allington, Daniel: British social scientist Daniel Allington [Academic homepage] is noteworthy in the present context for his research into "hatred, inequality, and exclusion", with an especial interest in the aetiology of antisemitism and extremism. At the time of going to press [= December 2019], his latest publication concerned the ideology of "the sectarian far left".

***** FRINGE FIGURE IN JFK ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY *****

Almeida Bosque, Juan: Cuban lawyer-politician turned top-table Castro revolutionary and guerrilla commander General Juan Almeida [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being in the thick of the unsuccessful guerrilla attack 26th July 1953 on Moncada Army Barracks, getting captured and exiled to Mexico for his pains, (b) for regrouping in Mexico as the July 26th Movement and for returning to Cuba 25th November 1956 aboard the M.Y. Granma, running straight into a government ambush from which only he and 17 others escaped, fleeing into the remote Sierra Maestra mountains to set up a hide-away, (c) for gradually rallying whole strata of Cuban society to the anti-Batista flag, (d) for being given command of the "Santiago Column" of the Revolutionary Army in 1958, leading it with no little skill over the months of fighting which followed, (e) for acquitting himself well in responding to the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and (f) for being pivotally involved from 8th June 1963 in Operation AMWORLD ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: It is not at all clear who was playing whom in this operation. (1) It could have been a straightforward smear campaign against Almeida, intended to weaken his position at the Revolution's top table. (2) Alternatively, there might have been genuine CIA overtures sounding Almeida out as a possible "palace coup" replacement for Castro should one of the White House's assassination attempts finally get lucky. The mere fact that Castro let Almeida live suggests that Castro's counter-intelligence people were stringing their opponents along, and that Almeida was a Castro loyalist playing a part.

Al-Nasir: See the entry for Adnan Khashoggi.

Alpha 66: Alpha 66 [Wikipedia briefing] was a 66-member anti-Castro commando force created and maintained by Antonio Veciana and others and responsible during March 1963 for a series of raids on Cuban and Soviet shipping and shore installations (specifically selected as politically sensitive targets by David Atlee Phillips). Other noteworthy members of the group were Eduardo Perez and Tony Cuesta. The group also maintained a small counterintelligence team in Mexico City and generally liaised closely with Army intelligence officers [which might well explain why Richard Nagell was reportedly "recruiting for them" in California at one time - Ed.], CIA house copy writer Virginia Prewett [see own entry] was used to guarantee positive press coverage (Summers, 2013e). Because of the international implications of
Soviet casualties JFK ordered a clampdown on Alpha 66 activities 30th March 1963, whereupon the group withdrew to cover and started to work toward a second full invasion. They were tempted out of cover 8th June 1963, losing a dozen or so members MIA in the unsuccessful Operation Tilt, after the CIA had fallen for a Cuban intelligence "dangle". One of the 66, Herminio Diaz Garcia will later be tentatively identified as one of the sniper teams on the Dealey Plaza hit (Hancock, 2010, p52).

**Altered States of Consciousness (ASC):** First popularised by psychologist Charles Tart ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Tart)) in his (1969) book "Altered States of Consciousness" ([Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/Altered-Consciousness-Charles-Tart/dp/0877730036)), the term Altered States of Consciousness (ASC) ([Wikipedia briefing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altered_states_of_consciousness)) is a catch-all descriptor for a host of conditions characterised by reversible aberrations of phenomenal awareness, be it anything from near-anaesthesia to the sort of sublime exhilaration associated with extreme exertion, music, drama, psychodrama, and so on. ASCs can be invoked deliberately by the consumption of hallucinogens or similar hypnagogic drugs or simply by engaging in suitable mood-changing behaviours such as repetitive drumming or chanting. This topic is now progressively developed in the entries for **Entheogens, Shamanism and Community Mysticism, Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching, and Hate Speech and Radicalising Preachers**, which see. **FURTHER READING:** For a 50-year update to Tart's classic work, see Marc Wittman and Philippa Hurds (2018) book "Altered States of Consciousness" ([Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/Altered-Consciousness-Charles-Tart/dp/0877730036)).

**Altgens, James William ["Ike"]:** AP photojournalist James Altgens ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Altgens)) was stood on the south verge of Elm Street level with the John Neely Bryan Pergola, so that any photographs he might take of the approaching limo #1 would automatically have the front of the TSBD in the background. The sixth of his exposures - evidence-coded as Altgens6 - was taken at Z255 ([view it now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j895LnnC罗)) and shows the two right-side secret service men on limo #2 looking back over their right shoulders, and JFK already holding his throat. Billy Lovelady is in the TSBD doorway, and perhaps Johnny Roselli and David Morales are spectating at the foot of the Dal-Tex Building fire escape. The photograph exists in many variants some, it is believed, tampered with. Altgens' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony ([read it now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j895LnnC罗)); Interview to camera, CBS 1967 ([YouTube it now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j895LnnC罗)).

**Alvarado, Gilberto:** Pro-Castro freedom fighter, Nicaraguan intelligence agent, and alleged CIA informer Gilberto Alvarado ([Spartacus Educational biography](https://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/usaNTSBD.htm)) walked into the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City at 1200hr 25th November 1963 and told officials he had some important information concerning LHO. The CIA Head of Station Winston Scott was involved, and on 26th November Alvarado was interrogated by David Atlee Phillips himself. Alvarado's since discredited story was that he had seen LHO in the Cuban Embassy on around 18th September, at which time "a red-haired Negro" had passed him a $1500 down-payment on an assassination. Given that the lone nut story was already being strictly enforced in Dallas and Washington, Larry Hancock suggests in his 2006/2010s book "Someone Would Have Talked" that Alvarado's story - and similar reports out of the woodwork at much the same time - represented a "second effort" attempt by the real plotters to resurrect the Castro link. Indeed it has been suggested that Phillips had set the whole thing up and was merely going through the motions.

**Alyea, Thomas:** WFAA-TV cameraman Tom Alyea ([no convenient biography](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j895LnnC罗)) had just got off the train from Fort Worth when the news of the shooting came through and managed the two blocks to Dealey Plaza in time to be one of the first reporters to reach the TSBD. He then entered the building alongside the first search teams, and filmed the progress of the search - including the recovery of the hidden Mannlicher-Carcano. Finding then that the building had been locked down he had to throw his film out of window to stay ahead of the competition - [YouTube his footage now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j895LnnC罗).

**Amazon Natural Drug Company (ANDCO):** See the entry for Garland Williams.

**Ambros, Otto:** Nerve agent chemist and Nazi war criminal Otto Ambros ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otto_Ambros)) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career with BASF, Ludwigshafen, 1924-1934, (b) for
transferring in 1934 to (BASF's holding conglomerate) IG. Farben's plant at Schkopau [map], (c) for taking a study year in the Far East in 1930 ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED / RESEARCH ISSUE: The head of Japan's pre-war Chemical and Biological Warfare program, Shiro Ishii, had undertaken study visits to America's Edgewood Arsenal [see own entry] and Britain's Porton Down [see own entry] in the late 1920s, prior to putting his learning to practical purpose against Chinese and American troops 1937-1945 with the infamous Unit 731 CBW death squad [see own entry - COMPULSORY READING]. It is therefore entirely possible that reciprocal arrangements existed between Japan and Germany.

(d) for subsequently heading the Schkopau plant's research into nerve agents, successfully synthesising Sarin [Wikipedia briefing] in 1938, (e) for being transferred in 1942 to head the IG Buna synthetic rubber works at Monowitz [Wikipedia briefing], an outstation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, (f) for being tried at Nuremberg in 1946, and for duly being sentenced to eight years imprisonment, (g) for being sprung early thanks to his highly marketable technical expertise, and for being headhunted to the United States as advisor both to the U.S. Chemical Corps at Camp Detrick and also to W. R. Grace and Company [see own entry].

AMCOMLIB: See under American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism (AMCOMLIB).

America First Committee (AFC): See the entry for C. D. Jackson.

American Bakeries Pay Stubs: These were the two small pay cheque counterfoils forming part of the official narrative's evidential trail. Both had originally been attached to American Bakeries pay cheques in favour of employee James Jackson. One was found in LHO's back trouser pocket, and the other was discovered by Special Agent (FBI) William Brookhart [q.v.] in the already twice-searched upper apartment at 214 West Nealy Street, Dallas, which LHO had rented after Jackson in Spring 1963.

American China Policy Association (ACPA): Founded 17th July 1946 by J. B. Powell [NYT Obituary; see also the mention in the Wiki for his son] and crusading missionary Helen M. Loomis [no convenient biography but many fragments to reward the determined browser], and chaired for a while by provincial newspaper publisher William Loeb III [Wikipedia biography A THOROUGHLY DISAGREEABLE CHAP], the American China Policy Association (ACPA) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a cover organisation for China Lobby black ops in support of the Nationalist Chinese during the closing years of the Chinese Civil War and the early years of the ensuing (and still, in 2023, highly active) Taiwan stand-off ...

For reasons which will become apparent, and in order to avoid duplication, we continue this history of the ACPA in the entry for <Alfred Kohlberg>.


American Church in Berlin: See the entry for Stewart W. Herman.

American Colony in Paris: Emerged in the early 19th Century and described in 1841 by U.S. Minister Plenipotentiary Robert M. McClane [see own entry] as a cluster of "art students or people of fortune", the American Colony in Paris [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having developed courtesy of the good relations between the United States and its French allies back in the War of Independence, (b) for operating - albeit informally - as an early hands across the ocean cultural exchange program, and (c) for gradually evolving in the decades prior to the U.S. entry into WW1 to become a convenient camouflage opportunity for covert American political, economic, and - from
April 1917 - military interference in Europe, the work of the American Field Service (AFS) [see own entry REVELATORY] being entirely illustrative of this.

American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism (AMCOMLIB): [Alternatively from time to time sub-branded as ... of the Peoples of Russia (ACCLPR)] [CIA codename PBAFFIRM] Founded by the CIA's Franklin A. Lindsay [see own entry AN INTERESTING CHARACTER] under Operation QACTIVE [see own entry IMPORTANT PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] the American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism (AMCOMLIB) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for coming on stream in January 1951 under the chairmanship of the White Russian Lower East Sider Eugene Lyons [see own entry REVELATORY] and with the services of William Y. Elliott [see own entry REVELATORY], who prowled around Harvard student groups searching out likely assets, J. Peter Grace [see own entry REVELATORY], and Allen Grover [see own entry] …

Readers unfamiliar with the World Commerce Corporation (WCC) and/or the Service d'Ordre as field assets for U.S. political black ops in post-war Europe should check out the separate entries before proceeding.

CAMEO - AMCOMLIB, THE EARLY DAYS: Herbst (op. cit. inf. [Volume I]) explains the rationale for, and the creation of, the organisation, as follows ...

"So, as the end of the 1940s drew to a close, in France and Italy there were two secret intelligence services, the WCC and the Service d'Ordre, operating outside government control, working with organised crime in both countries, laundering money through the Vatican Bank, all in the name of keeping Western Europe free of Communism. [...] Emboldened by successes in Italy and France, America's secret network continued the fight [against] Communism. In June 1949, Allen Dulles and Bill Donovan established the National Committee for a Free Europe [(NCFE)] [see own entry REVELATORY PARALLEL NARRATIVE] The board included such anti-Communist notables as General Dwight Eisenhower, Henry Luce [see own entry REVELATORY] and C. D. Jackson [ditto] from LIFE Magazine, the Mellon Bank, and Texas oilman George [C.] McGhee [see own entry AN EXTREMELY INTERESTING FELLOW]. It was a CIA front, and along with the American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism (AMCOMLIB) [see own entry], it funded anti-Communist European émigrés and financed significant propaganda efforts against the Soviets, much of which came from outside channels, including Nazi gold which Dulles had confiscated after the war“ (pp171-172).

Wilford (op. cit. inf.) provides some valuable additional perspective (a long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"There was little of the fanfare that had accompanied the establishment of the NCFE, and few of the new organisation's officers were household names. Rather than enlisting 'old boys' like Dulles and Wild Bill Donovan, Lindsay turned to low-profile academics and journalists with expert knowledge of Soviet affairs. AMCOMLIB's president was Eugene Lyons, a senior editor at Reader's Digest and author of The Red Decade [Amazon], an influential exposé of Communist front tactics in 1930s America. [...] Generally speaking, the new organisation departed from the example set by the NCFE in that AMCOMLIB adopted a more secretive [...] management structure. Its basic aims, however, were much the same as those of the older group: organising the émigrés into an effective political warfare force and equipping them with a radio station capable of reaching listeners behind the Iron Curtain [...]. [+++ factional frictions with the program discussed +++] In January 1951 [...], AMCOMLIB's European director, journalist and publicist Isaac Don Levine [see own entry REVELATORY] [tried] persuading the exiles to pull together [and in] August 1951, after 'considerable back-and-forth negotiations, and some emotion', the main Russian organisations (which, following some further factional splits, now numbered five) met at Stuttgart, and, prodded by Levine, managed to agree to a common policy [...]. [+++ further factionalism discussed +++] Meanwhile, in March 1953, AMCOMLIB's new radio station [specifically, the Radio Liberty discussed below - Ed.] began broadcasting to the Soviet Union ...“ (pp40-44).

... (b) for founding Radio Liberty [see the entries for Neil Mallon and Frederick H. Osborn, Sr. BOTH PREDICTABLY REVELATORY] in 1953 in order to beam Russian-language propaganda across the Iron Curtain out of West Germany, and (c) for its quarterly propaganda magazine Problems of the Peoples of the USSR [online archive], 1958-1966.

American Council of Christian Churches (ACCC): Founded in 1941 by "crusty anti-Communist[Balmer] Carl McIntire [see own entry], the American Council of Christian Churches (ACCC) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as a trailblazer for America's modern, highly politicised, Religious Right.
American Emergency Relief Committee: See the entry for Stewart W. Herman.

American Eugenics Society (AES): See the entry for Frederick Osborn.

American Federation of Labour (AFL): Mentioned in the entries for CIA Front Organisations and Samuel Gompers [see own entry].

American Field Service (AFS): Founded as a volunteer military hospital in 1914 by the American Colony in Paris [see own entry USEFUL PRIOR CONTEXT] the American Field Service (AFS) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for moving quickly following the outbreak of war in Europe in August 1914 to appoint ex-Secretary of State Robert Bacon [see own entry] as its Paris-based director, with the aim of providing the French Army with practical medical help in the form of a force of "volunteer drivers to serve informally with the British and Belgian Armies in the north" (their Wiki, 7th March 2023) ...

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: There is little doubt that the AFS administrative and field structures would therefore have been used - we guess without the knowledge of some of its officers - as a cover operation for intelligence service infiltration of the countries wherein it operated. For cognate operations during the Cold War thirty years later see the entry for CIA Front Organisations [ESSENTIAL CONTEXT].

... (b) for being more formally incorporated into the French Army in 1915 as the American Ambulance Field Service (AAFS) [same Wiki] ...

ANOTHER ELEPHANT - CONTRARY TO THE RULES OF WAR: Hard evidence is predictably difficult to come by, but it was reported that Red Cross ambulances in WW1 used to take ammunition "up the line" every time they were sent to bring out the wounded - see the entry for Jerome K. Jerome, volunteer ambulance driver, who confesses to doing exactly that. Similarly with W. Somerset Maugham [see own entry], who spent time as a Red Cross ambulance driver on the Western Front before transferring to Petrograd as a very senior intelligence operative. Humanitarian/state propagandist Hugh Walpole [Wikipedia biography] was another Red Cross volunteer with a covert brief. One of the AFS "drivers" [at best these people were driver-observers, at worst, intelligence officers in alias - Ed.], one Robert Folger Wescott Conquest [see own entry], pre-empted the United States' declaration of war by marrying a British girl in 1916.

,, and (c) following the United States' entry into the war in April 1917 for dropping the word Ambulance from its name because its drivers were now officially just part of the A.E.F.'s logistics train. FURTHER READING: See next the entry for master-propagandist George Robert Acworth Conquest [HIGHLY REVELATORY], first fruit of the aforementioned union.

American Friends of Albert Schweitzer College: See the entry for Albert Schweitzer College.

American Friends of the Bilderberg: See the entry for Bilderberg Group.

American Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (AFABN): [Read firstly the entry for Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN)] Founded in the late 1940s to complement and promote the work of the Europe-based ABN, the AFABN [no convenient biography but much of value in Lazar 2001 as referenced below] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being involved with/supported by General Charles Willoughby (Twyman, 1997/2010 K14453), (b) for thereby being front and centre amongst the protesters during President Khrushchev's visit to NYC in 1959, (c) for somehow becoming associated with the JFK Assassination's highly suspicious Guy Banister, via his office at 544 Camp Street, New Orleans, thus ...

"[The AFABN were] an émigré group in direct touch with the FBI and U.S. military intelligence. It also had contacts with anti-Communist activists in New Orleans, headquartered in the very building where, in months to come, Oswald's name was to be linked with CIA-backed anti-Castro activists" (Summers, 1980/1989, p187)
and (d) for employing Mr. Innocent Spas Raikin as its Secretary-General. **RECOMMENDED READING:** Check out Ernie Lazar's (2001) book "American Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations" [full text online].

**American Institute of Free Labor Development (AIFLD):** Founded in 1961 and "CIA-controlled" (Agee, 1975, p600), the AIFLD [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being funded by the U.S. government as a mechanism for ensuring that workers' rights organisations of target countries were as friendly toward U.S. businesses as possible ... 

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** Readers should note what the entry for CIA Front Organisations has to say about Workers' Organisations before proceeding.

**CAMEO - THE AIFLD IN ECUADOR AND URUGUAY:** In his (1975) book "Inside the Company" [Amazon] retired CIA officer Philip Agee explains how the AIFLD fronted the CIA's 1962 program "to accelerate expansion of labour-organising activities in Latin America in order to deny workers to labour unions dominated by the extreme left" (p243). Agee - based at the time in Ecuador and Uruguay describes this as "taking national leadership" away from a country's indigenous unions.

(b) for being headed, until his death in 1967, by trade union journalist and U.S. government consultant Serafino Romualdi [see own entry], (c) for playing a facilitatory part in the March 1964 CIA coup against Brazilian President Gouart, for daring to put his people first, thus ...

"Goulart had incurred the displeasure of Washington by pursuing such policies as appointing socialists to his cabinet, and the CIA was deeply implicated in the events that led to his unseating, through links to local right-wing groups and U.S. organisations such as the AIFLD" (Wilford, 2008, p191).

and (d) for finally being rebranded October 1995 as the American Center for International Labor Solidarity [see own entry]. A cognate organisation, the African-American Labor Center [Wikipedia briefing] was founded in 1964 and operated across the South Atlantic in Africa. **FURTHER READING:** For a thorough discussion see Philip Agee's (1975) book "Inside the Company: CIA Diary" [full text online; browse on <AIFLD>].

**American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC):** Founded in America in 1951 by Israel lobbyist Isaiah L. Kenen [see own entry], the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being mentioned in the 2017 Al-Jazeera documentary "The Lobby" [see own entry] as having invited itself also into the U.K., and (b) for inviting two of the speakers who had inflicted most hurt upon Jeremy Corbyn's campaign in Britain's December 2019 General Election to do likewise against Democratic Party Senator Bernie Sanders in the 2020 Presidential primaries. The event went ahead 3rd March 2020 - see Timeline that date.

**American Jewish Committee (AJC):** [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching.] Founded in late 1906 by NYC banker Jacob ["The Jewish Avenger"] Schiff [see own entry COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE], archaeologist Cyrus Adler [Wikipedia biography], and lawyer Louis Marshall [see own entry COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE], the American Jewish Committee (AJC) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for flourishing 1909-1921 as a campaigning group for a more visible - Marshall's own term was "intense" - form of Jewish-American patriotism ...

**CAMEO #1 - THE AJC vs. BOLSHEVISM:** As noted in his separate entry, Schiff waged a personal and undeclared war against Tsarist Russia from about 1905 through to 1917, largely by blocking the Tsar's access to Western loan markets (or, more precisely, to that proportion thereof in which fellow Jews had some influence over who got loans and who did not). We assume, moreover, that as the richest member of the management committee his would have been the senior voice in the AJC. Against that context, Powers (1995) explains that after the 1917 Russian Revolution the AJC's anti-Communist campaigning was given greater urgency by a desire within the Jewish community to neutralise the at-that-time-common perception that Bolshevism was a largely Jewish movement. It was, the AJC counter-argument went, only a few radicalised Jewish activists who - having been mischievously stirred up by agents of the Kaiser's intelligence services - had fomented the
revolution in Eastern Europe: American Jews, by contrast were far cuddlier, and far less threat to the American way of life (op. cit., pp46-47).

... and (b) for having to do the same again during the McCarthy Era Witch Hunts of the early 1950s "[Wikipedia briefing], when being Jewish in WASP Street, U.S.A. had once more been scapegoated ..."

CAMEO #2 - THE AJC vs. STALIN AND MAO: Sociologically speaking, a "WASP" is a White Anglo-Saxon Protestant, and thereby (in that era) the gold standard in American patriotism. McCarthyism duly hounded high-profile Jews out of jobs, and even ran a few out of the country. For cameo examples check out the stories of actor Sam Wanamaker [Wikipedia briefing] and scientist Albert Einstein.

FURTHER READING: For a more recent discussion of Jewish victims of the Witch Hunts, see the (2009) piece by Jewish Chronicle columnist Michael Freedland entitled "Hunting Communists? They Were Really After Jews" [full text online].

"Far and away the principal financial contributor to the AJLAC is Mr. Bernard Baruch" (Piper, p163)

American Jewish League Against Communism (AJLAC): [Read firstly the entries for China Lobby financier Alfred Kohlberg and Cold War propagandist Isaac Don Levine BOTH ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT] Founded in NYC on 15th March 1948 by prominent American Jews such as Benjamin Schultz [no convenient biography], Kohlberg, Levine, and Roy Cohn [see own entry NOT AT ALL A NICE PERSON], and funded by Bernard Baruch [see own entry], the AJLAC [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as a campaigning and fund-raising group for aligning the nation's Jews against the (supposed) perils of Communism. It seems to have been most active in the McCarthy Years, being particularly fond of scare- or smear-tactic psy ops against those it feared most (Piper, op. cit. inf.). FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Michael C. Piper's (2006) "The Judas Goats: The Shocking Story of the Infiltration and Subversion of the American Nationalist Movement" [Amazon (£££) or full text online].

American Red Cross (ARC): The American Red Cross (ARC) [Wikipedia briefing] is the Washington-based American branch of the overarching Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) [Wikipedia briefing]. It was founded in 1881 to provide charitably funded humanitarian aid in war and disaster zones, and is noteworthy in the present context for having lent its name to the American Red Cross Mission to Petrograd in 1917 [see next entry].

***** THESE FOLK HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

American Red Cross Mission, 1917: [Read firstly the entry for American Red Cross (ARC), simpliciter.] The American Red Cross Mission [U.S. Department of State Historian's index] was the Wilson Administration's probably well-meaning attempt to insert a commercial lobbying and information gathering team into revolutionary Petrograd in the summer of 1917. The commission was the brainchild of banker Henry P. Davison [see own entry WELL WORTH A LOOK], Chairman of the ARC's time-of-emergency War Council in the weeks following America's entry into the war [see Timeline 6th April 1917] ...

CAMEO - THE ARC WAR COUNCIL: Other members of the ARC War Council were (all fellow bankers, lawyers, or industrialists unless stated otherwise) Grayson Murphy [Wikipedia biography], John D. Ryan [Wikipedia biography], Charles D Norton [see own entry], Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr. [Wikipedia biography], Eliot Wadsworth [Library of Congress biography], William H. Taft (ex-POTUS and current Chairman of the ARC), Martin Egan [no convenient biography], George B. Case [no convenient biography], Joseph Hartwell [no convenient biography], and spin doctor Ivy Ledbetter Lee [UNDER CONSTRUCTION but much to reward the determined browser in the meantime]. Davison documented the organisational side of things in the (1917) booklet "The Call to our Red Cross" [Amazon]. In the 22 months it was in operation, the War Council raised $400 million in donations (Lamont, 1933).

Those selected for the expedition itself were all freshly commissioned (or in some cases re-commissioned) into the U.S. Army upon the authority of the Secretary of War (Polk, op. cit. inf.). The expedition was headed by Colonel Frank G. Billings [see own entry]. It set sail from Vancouver 5th
July 1917, destination Vladivostok, and then crossed Siberia by train, arriving in Petrograd 7th August 1917. To begin with, it dealt (quite properly) with Kerensky's Provisional Government. Here is some more background detail...

'The nominal chief of the mission was Dr. Frank Billings [... under whom] were four other doctors, a food chemist, a chemist, and a hygienist. [Most of these] left Russia after barely a month, Billings reportedly 'completely disgusted' by what others in the mission were up to. The rest of the members were all connected to business and finance, and the most important of these was William Boyce Thompson [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING]. [...] Before leaving the States, Thompson received a private briefing from President Wilson [and] came away believing he had a mandate 'to undertake any work necessary or advisable in the effort to prevent the disintegration of the Russian forces.' He saw himself as more important than the American ambassador, [David R.] Francis [Wikipedia biography], who he completely ignored and undercut” (Spence, 2017, k4109).

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: The ARC and the British Red Cross [see own entry] were major cover-story agencies at this time for Western intelligence services - see, for example, Liggett (1932) and the entry for Paul Raigorodsky. See also Senate Foreign Relations Committee, evidence of William C. Bullitt, 1919. The German Red Cross were likewise used as cover for Anton Dilger's [check him out] biological warfare operations in the United States (Koenig, 2006).

A second ARC mission, this one headed by right-wing politician-lawyer Colonel Henry W. Anderson [see own entry], was sent to the provisional Romanian capital Jassy/Iasi at around the same time and with the same duties, and is noteworthy to the extent that Anderson (perhaps innocently) played a part in the "Rostov Affair" [see Timeline 22nd December 1917, then as directed FASCINATING WHATEVER THE TRUTH]. FURTHER READING: We recommend without reservation William Hard's (1920/2012) "Raymond Robins' Own Story" [Amazon]. Some of the issues are introduced in the entry for Raymond Robins, which see. After that, there is a lot of microscopically documented background in Jennifer Polk's (2012 [full text online]) dissertation entitled "Constructive Efforts: The American Red Cross and YMCA in Revolutionary and Civil War Russia, 1917-1924".

American Security Council (ASC): Founded in 1955 by millionaire Patrick J. Frawley [see own entry] the American Security Council (ASC) [Spartacus Educational briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as one of the United States' most influential privately funded assassination bureaux and foreign policy lobbying groups. Past members have included John K. Singlaub, Henry Kissinger, Lyman Lemnitzer, and W. Averell Harriman.

American Seminars: See the entry for Sherwood Eddy.

American Ultras: See the entry for the National Education Program (NEP).

American Unitarian Association (AUA): Founded in 1825 as a break-away sect within the broader Congregationalist tradition, the AUA [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context merely for the largely undetected subversion of elements of certain of its congregations by U.S. intelligence services. Although there are a number of individual stories to get through, the entry for George Evica provides an indexing entry, so we suggest starting there. FURTHER READING: For more on the industrial scale use of religious missions as covers for intelligence operations, see Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon]. For more specifically on the Quakers in this respect see the entry for the Mexico City Adventure.

American University of Beirut (AUB): See the entry for Stephen Penrose.

American Volunteer Group ("The Flying Tigers"): [Read firstly the entry for Claire Chennault.] This was the combat mercenary group formed by Chennault in 1941 to support Chiang Kai-Shek's [see own entry] ROCAF in its struggle against the Communist Party of China (CPC) in the Chinese Civil War [see 12th March 1925ff] as well as its simultaneous involvement against the western flank of the 1941-1942
Japanese advance toward Malaya and Australia. We have been unable to quantify the division of effort between anti-communist and anti-Japanese operations.

**Amery, Leopold Charles Maurice Stennett:** British journalist turned politician [Leo Amery](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leo_Amery) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been war correspondent for *The Times* during the Second Boer War, (b) for entering parliament in 1911 as member for Birmingham South, which seat he would hold until 1945, (c) for serving as an Intelligence Officer in the Balkans during WW1 (thanks to his ability to speak Hungarian), (d) for serving as a member of the War Cabinet, in which capacity he was peripherally involved in drawing up the 1917 *Balfour Declaration* [see own entry], (e) for serving as Lord Milner's parliamentary secretary during the 1919 *Versailles Peace Conference* [see own entry], with particular responsibility for the division of the Ottoman Middle East into modern Iraq, Syria, Palestine, and Lebanon, (f) for serving as First Lord of the Admiralty between 1922 and 1924, (g) for taking an anti-appeasement position against Germany in the mid-1930s, and for advocating the higher defence spending which would be needed, (h) for serving as Secretary of State for India and Burma during WW2, and (i) for then retiring to write it all up.

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In the end, however, it seems that Cubela tired of the cat-and-mouse stuff and both he and his President survived [indeed, Cubela, as at December 2021, seems to be still alive - Ed.]. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail see Don Bohning's (2006) "The Castro Obsession: U.S. Covert Operations Against Cuba 1959-1965" [Amazon REVELATORY].

1 Political top-teamers are frequently - as here - described as being disaffected with their leaders. This may occasionally be because they are genuinely critical of the direction that leader happens to be taking them in. Just as frequently, however, the accused person is factually loyal but has fallen foul of an enemy's smearing campaign designed to introduce doubts and discord into the top team in question. With AMLASH, the available data do not prove beyond reasonable doubt that he was "wavering" at all, and it would be unwise to discard the smear theory out of hand.

**AMSPELL:** CIA codename for *Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil* (DRE), which see.

**Amtorg:** [See Timeline 27th May 1924.](https://example.com)

**AMWORLD:** See the entry for [Operation AMWORLD](https://example.com).

**Anders' Army:** See the entry for Menachem Begin.

**Anderson, Clark D.:** See the entry for [June Cobb](https://example.com).

**Anderson, Henry Watkins:** [Read firstly the entry for *American Red Cross Mission, 1917.*](https://example.com) American politician-lawyer Henry W. Anderson [Wikipedia biography](https://example.com) is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the head of the lesser of the two American Red Cross Missions to Russia, 1917-1918, that is to say, the one to Romania, and (b) for (perhaps innocently, perhaps not) playing a part in the "Rostov Affair" [see Timeline 22nd December 1917, then as directed FASCINATING WHATEVER THE TRUTH].

**Anderson, Orvil Orson:** WW2 veteran (U.S.A.A.F.) and in 1950 Commandant of the Air War College at Maxwell A.F.B., Montgomery, AL, General Orvil Anderson [Wikipedia biography](https://example.com) delivered the infamous "Saving Civilisation" Speech [q.v.] on 1st September 1950. He was quickly put out to grass. But that is hardly the point!

**Anderson, Robert B.:** See the entry for [Robert A. Lovett](https://example.com).

**Andrew, Abram Piatt, Jnr.:** Harvard academic Abram Andrew [Wikipedia biography](https://example.com) is noteworthy in the present context for having been a member of the National Monetary Commission [see own entry](https://example.com) between 1908 and 1912, by virtue of which experience he was invited to accompany Nelson Aldrich [see own entry](https://example.com) to the 1910 Jekyll Island Conference [check it out](https://example.com), where plans for the Federal Reserve System [check it out](https://example.com) were hammered out.

***** THE SOURCE OF THE EDWIN WALKER FALSE FLAG STORY *****


"For a brief time in 1963 he had been in the employ of H. L. Hunt, until the oilman demanded that Angers pack for Washington and go to work on his Lifeline radio project. Angers refused, and walked out of the office. Then, several weeks after the assassination, Angers says he got a surprise phone call from Hunt. 'He said, 'Brad, I'm sending a guy over to you. I want you to put him to work.' It was like an ultimatum'. Angers agreed to do so. When I spoke to Angers on a tip in the spring of 1992, he refused to identify publicly the person whom Hunt asked him to hire. But it quickly became obvious to me [that it was Larrie Schmidt]. [...] 'Before the assassination, this guy's brother [Robert Schmidt] had gotten close to General Walker. Eventually he'd become his chauffeur. It was part of their infiltrating Walker's organisation, and it went back to a power struggle in Germany, when this fellow had been in the Army there and started forming his own little group. Apparently
this fellow couldn't stand Walker. Neither could his brother. Somehow that spring of '63, [Robert Schmidt] had made friends with [LHO], who was also trying to get close to Walker. But [Larrie Schmidt] had never met Oswald, I don't think, until his brother introduced them that night in April. The three of them got drunk together. They got in a car and the brother said, 'Somebody ought to shoot that no-good son of a bitch Walker'. And [Larrie] said, 'I've got news for you, I got him kicked out of the goddamed Army in Germany'. Then Oswald said, 'I've got a rifle, let's go hit the son of a bitch.' ... 

**ASIDE:** This part of the story creaks terribly, and we suggest it be regarded as deliberate misinformation. After all, why follow a General whose political views you share all the way from Germany, unless you are (1) with him all the way, or (2) have him under investigation as a security risk? Or perhaps, even, LHO was spying on the lot of them ... 

... 'The three of them drove down St. John's Avenue ... where] Oswald pumped off a shot. It hit the wall instead. Then they jumped in the car and took off. Angers' story has never before been made public' (pp206-207; the p207 quote in the entry for Robert Schmidt continues from here, and records General Walker's recollection of these events - IMPORTANT).

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** Forensics have it that the attack on Walker was carried out with a 30-06 rifle. Oswald's more famous rifle was the 6.5mm **Mannlicher-Carcano.** Note also that General Walker was fined in 1976 for homosexual offences, so there is more than one way to interpret the phrase "gotten close to" above. Russell (1992, p204) uses the words "cozying up to" to describe the same relationship. **Indeed Angers' entire narrative is single-sourced and contested, and should be regarded with caution.**

A quarter of a century later, shortly before his death, Angers was interviewed in 2016 for Gayle Nix Jackson's (2017) book "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon]

"I contacted Mr. Angers in 2016 and spoke with him on two separate occasions [...] Boisterous and confident, Angers was a popular man in Dallas [having before the latter's death in 1980] helped [DPD Police Chief Jesse Curry] publish his [(1969)] book Jesse Curry Reveals his Personal JFK Assassination File. Angers also served in World War II in the Signal Corps as well as being trained in Psy Ops and Cryptography" (Jackson, 2017, p149).

***** "A MAN'S GOT TO DO WHAT A MAN'S GOT TO DO" (trad. [sources]) *****

**Angle, Roland:** [Go firstly to the entry for Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth and work your way through the STUDENT EXERCISE - HOW TO DEMOLISH A SHOW TOWER ESSENTIAL PRIOR SKILL.] American structural engineer Roland Angle [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for risking professional martyrdom [or worse: JFK witnesses were terminated by the dozen, remember, either literally or by targeted whispering campaign - Ed.] by standing alongside the University of Alaska at Fairbanks's veteran civil engineer J. Leroy Hulsey [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] during his recent figurative "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral", simply because it was the right thing to do.

The "gunfight" on this occasion was the release of Dylan Avery's (2020) documentary entitled "Seven" [Amazon ESSENTIAL VIEWING], an account of a four-year-long research programme in Hulsey's department into the collapse of WTC7, the conclusion of which - meticulously documented in the Hulsey Report [full text online] - was that there had been a simultaneous failure (Hulsey uses the term "global failure") of every core column in the building (24 of them) on fully eight out of the building's 47 floors. This precision of time and place could - of course - not just happen, meaning (a) that the 9/11 Attacks had been an inside job, and (b) that if the 9/11 Inquiry said otherwise it was deliberately covering something up.
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Others who nobly stood at great personal risk alongside "Doc" Hulsey that fateful day were Ed "Three Rivers" Asner, "Randolph" Scott Grainger, and "Kid" Kamal Obeid [see own entries, one and all].

Angleton, James Jesus: The CIA's Chief of Counterintelligence from 1954 to 1975 James Angleton [Wikipedia hagiography; 2013 YouTube documentary - RECOMMENDED] was brought up in Milan, Italy, where his father managed the local NCR tabulating machinery franchise. He then attended Malvern College in England before returning to the U.S. to study at Yale. During WW2 he was an OSS counterintelligence agent in London before being put in charge of Britain's Ultra operations in Italy in late 1944 (during which time he was not averse to calling on Mafia connections against a common enemy, nor, some say, of passing intelligence to the Nazis). In May 1949 he was made Chief of the CIA's Office of Special Operations, being then promoted by Allen Dulles in 1954 to Chief of Counterintelligence. Angleton testified before the Church Committee in 1975. In his 2006/2013e book "Someone Would Have Talked" Larry Hancock draws attention to the fact that Angleton knew of the November 1963 Attwood Mission [q.v.] by bugging Lisa Howard [q.v.], and saw it as part of JFK's ongoing efforts to peripheralise the CIA.

"Angleton Ops": So effective were James Angleton's type of operation - daring, to-the-point, and ruthlessly pursued - that they became known within the trade as "Angleton Ops".

Anglo-French Financial Commission: See the entry for Rufus Isaacs.

Anglo-Saxon Federation of America: See the entry for Christian Identity.

Anikeeff, Nicholas Michael: [1912-2016] Senior CIA officer (Soviet Russia Division) Mike Anikeeff [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a close friend of international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschmidt "back in the 1930s" (Newman, 2008, p278) ...

ASIDE: De Mohrenschmidt, it will be recalled, did not emigrate to the United States until 1938, prior to which he had reportedly been involved with the Polish intelligence service.

(b) for playing a part, so it seems, in the early years of Reinhard Gehlen's [see own entry - COMPULSORY READING] intelligence network in Soviet-occupied Poland, and (c) for maintaining contact with de Mohrenschmidt through until at least the latter's assignment in Haiti in mid-1963.

Anslinger, Harry Jacob: See the entry for Garland Williams.

Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN): Founded on a war emergency basis 22nd November 1943 in war-ravaged Zhytomyr, Ukraine [map], by anti-Communist cadres from 15 Eastern European countries and former Soviet republics, the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for not being formally constituted until 1946 when funding allowed a headquarters to be set up in post-war Munich, (b) for having Ukrainian Nazi Yaroslav Stetsko [see own entry] as its first President, (c) for being promoted in the United States after the war by the American Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (AFABN) [see own entry], (d) for cooperating with the
World Anti-Communist League (WACL) [see own entry] and the European Freedom Council (EFC) [see own entry], and (e) for winding itself up in 1996. FURTHER READING: Check out this FOIA Research piece.

Antichrist, The: See the entry for Millenarianism.

Arab-Israeli War, 1948: This is the war which established the modern state of Israel [Wikipedia briefing]. It began on 30th November 1947 as a three-way civil war between Palestinians of Jewish and Arab descent and the British administration, but the Arabs were having so little success that by the beginning of May 1948 the neighbouring states of Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, and Syria were mobilising to come to their aid at their respective borders. David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the State of Israel on 14th May (whereupon the Palestinians of Jewish descent became Israelis), and the Arab columns crossed the border the following day. Fighting continued until 10th March 1949, with repeated Arab defeats.

Arab Spring Offensive: The Arab Spring [Wikipedia briefing] was the name given initially to the 18th December 2010 regime change insurrection in Tunisia, but then extended as the unrest spread contagiously to country after country on a copycat basis. The domino line follows a militarily precise long right hook (i.e., anticlockwise when viewed on the map, rather like the Schlieffen Plan of 1914) from Tunisia to Libya (2011, Civil War), Egypt (2011, Egyptian Crisis), Syria (2011, Civil War), Turkey (failed coup, 2016), Iran. The cumulative events are historically noteworthy for the role played by modern social media in spreading discontent at hitherto impossible speeds. The conspiracy community regularly cites Neocon [q.v.] inspiration and CIA involvement in the insurrections and specifies the destruction of common Arab purpose as the strategic aim.

Árbenz Guzmán, Jacobo: Guatemalan soldier-politician President[1951-1954] Jacobo Árbenz [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of the leaders of the 1944 Guatemalan Revolution [see 1st July 1944] which deposed President Ubico [see own entry], (b) for then backing President Arévalo [see own entry] between 1945 and 1950, (c) for then being democratically elected in Guatemala's 1950 presidential elections (72% of the vote), and (d) for then being far from democratically ousted (by the oligarchs of the U.S. Deep State of that decade) in the 1954 Guatemala Coup [see 18th June 1954]. His "crime" was to have governed Guatemala for three years in a manner which smacked a little too much of communistic leanings. More specifically, he used his 1952 Agrarian Reform Law [see 17th June 1952] to give the United Fruit Company (UFCO) [see own entry] less of a free ride than they had grown used to [by many accounts they ran their plantations no better than the slave-plantations they had taken over - Ed.]. UFCO countered with a sponsored public relations offensive in the mainstream media, organised by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and DCIA Allen Dulles (both major UFCO shareholders). Having thus prepared the way, they then forced Árbenz to resign 27th June 1954, and organised their own man, Carlos Castillo Armas [see own entry], to replace him.

Arce, Danny Garcia: Before the shooting Dallas-born TSBD order picker Danny Arce [no convenient biography] was standing on Elm Street outside the front door of the building and allowed "a real old man" to use the TSBD lavatories. "He had on an old brown suit and a western type hat". He then saw the man leave the building "and drive off in an old black Buick". It may or may not be relevant that Arce had only been working at TSBD for two months, having previously worked in the kitchens at "this Rubenstein place on Hall [Street]".

ASIDE: Hall Street is two miles east of Dealey Plaza. Researchers have recently largely excluded the possibility that the Sidney Rubenstein and (son) Stanley Rubenstein of Rubenstein and Son Produce Inc, 1111 Hall Street [looks like a parking lot on my Google Streetview - Ed.] have anything to do with Jack Ruby. We note that some sources give the Rubenstein address as 1111 Hall, while others mention Pearl Street. The descendent company - now just a wholesaler - is Rubenstein Seafood Sales Inc - see the website. It lists at 6210 Campbell Road. We also note that a (then) 73-year-old Richard Pavlick in a 1950 black Buick had tried to car-bomb JFK back in 1960, but was (unconfirmed) in a mental institution at the time of the assassination. Recent attempts to conflate Arce with an anti-Castro Cuban named Amado Cantillo seem to have drawn a blank.
Nobody has yet been able to find any substantive association between Danny Arce and the much older INTERPEN operative Remigio Arce. It may or may not therefore also be relevant that Danny Arce has been recently identified as an INTERPEN field operative in his own right - YouTube him in Dealey Plaza now - which, if true, would make you wonder who the "real old man" really was and what he brought in to the TSBD under his coat [MORE CURTAIN RODS, PERHAPS?/!

Arce's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Arce, Remigio ["Cuku"]: Remigio Arce [no convenient biography] pops up only infrequently in the histories, usually as a member of INTERPEN, and sometimes as having identified Herminio Diaz Garcia as a Dealey Plaza shooter. Nobody has yet been able to find any substantive association between Remigio Arce and TSBD employee Danny Arce.

Archacha Smith, Sergio: [Because Hispanic rules apply to this three part name, we have taken the family name Arcacha as the indexing name and Smith - the mother's name - as supplemental. Some authors prefer the hyphenated surname Archaca-Smith, and others refer to him as just Arcacha.] Cuban diplomat in the late Batista years turned anti-Castro agitator Sergio Arcacha Smith [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for seeking refuge after the Castro Revolution in Venezuela, then Miami, and then New Orleans, and for there, on 21st December 1960, establishing a chapter of the Democratic Liberation Front (FRD) ...

ASIDE: The Shinley Archive names a number of collaborators in the FRD venture, including a young Francisco Uriarte [nothing known] and more senior officers from the Miami headquarters, namely Manuel E. Quesada and Manuel A de Varana.

(b) for thereby being an automatic choice when on 9th October 1961 the United States cobbled together the FRD and other similar Cuban exile organisations under the umbrella of the Cuban Revolutionary Council (CRC) [see own entry], (c) for opening a CRC branch office at Room 6, 544 Camp Street, across the corridor from Guy Banister's detective agency in the Newman Building[531 Lafayette/544 Camp], (d) for working with Banister to promote a short-lived fund-raising vehicle named Friends of Democratic Cuba [see own entry], (e) for reportedly maintaining a direct line to Attorney General RFK, who, he says, "was always there for us" (Russo, 1998, K3295), (f) for working closely with David Ferrie on semi-legal arms procurement operations, (g) for making the headlines 4th January 1961, by exposing a likely invasion of Cuba three months before the actual Bay of Pigs Invasion; and for repeating the boast 10th April 1961 when it was then less than a week away ...

ASIDE - CUBAN LOOSE TALK: Russo passes on a former CIA officer's quip to the effect that "to a Cuban a secret is something you tell only one hundred people" (K3340). Loose talk was everywhere, in other words, and so too were Castro's spies!

(h) for being an accessory before as well as after the fact to the 22nd August 1961 munitions "liberation" from the Houma-LA premises of oil exploration giant Schlumberger Corporation [see Timeline that date], (i) for being expelled from the FRD 20th January 1962 for allegedly benefiting inappropriately from campaign donations, being replaced by Luis Ravel, (j) for relocating following the Covington Bust and related government clampdowns, firstly to Miami, thence to Tampa, thence to Dallas, and (k) for being asked to testify as to the relationship between the exile community and indigenous right-wingers by Jim Garrison in 1967, but successfully avoiding extradition from Texas. Arcacha would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so inner sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination, but for our part we have him more as an accessory to a different, albeit overlapping, crime, namely the attempted murder of Castro.

***** THESE ARE GOOD GUYS, WE THINK *****
Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911): Founded formally on 13th November 2007 by architect-engineer Richard Gage [see own entry COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE] to act as an independent research fellowship and righter of historic wrongs. Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for ensuring that the American people heard the evidence that WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 (which came down without even being hit by an airplane) were destroyed by deliberate controlled demolition by persons unknown. Here is an entirely typical indication of their line of argument ...

YouTube The AE911 Core Proposals (2012 Version) (For a 2021 update, see Gage's personal entry)

THE VERDICT - WTC7: Arguably AE911’s greatest single contribution to the war between the sciences of truth and mass deception came in 2015 when the organisation funded research by the University of Alaska at Fairbanks's veteran civil engineer J. Leroy Hulsey [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] which resulted in the 2019DRAFT/2020FINAL Hulsey Report and Dylan Avery’s (2020) follow-up documentary entitled "Seven" [Amazon ESSENTIAL VIEWING]. Hulsey's calculations and simulations indicated that the reason WTC7 came down so neatly into its own basement dumpsters was that there had been a simultaneous failure (Hulsey uses the term "global failure") of every core column in the building (24 of them) on fully eight out of the building’s 47 floors. We are more than happy to accept this conclusion as definitive and look forward to some form of official action to identify and punish the true culprits.

THE VERDICT - WTC1/2: There has been no comparably decisive research into the collapse of the show towers, and FWIW the present author has yet to decide whether the "window puffs" seen in the video evidence are causes or effects. The slo-mo video evidence - regularly red-ringed and freeze-framed for all to see - fails to convince us that these "explosive ejections" result from pre-planted demolition squibs going off, primarily because there are too few of them and they are not sufficiently regularly spaced to match known controlled demolitions. On the other hand, we find Niels Harrit’s beyond any shadow of a doubt someone in Lower Manhattan that day let off several tons of state-of-the-art shaped Nano-Thermite [Wikipedia briefing] military demolition charges. It remains, therefore, to bring the inconclusive video and the wholly convincing chemistry together into an explanatory scenario which explains both the window ejections and Harrit's chemical residues at the same time. Readers wishing to puzzle along with us should complete the Student Exercise below ...

STUDENT EXERCISE - HOW TO DEMOLISH A SHOW TOWER:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU START: WTC1 and 2 consisted of a rectangular heavy steel core framework, topped by a square overhanging "hat truss" (altogether a large mushroom, therefore), and surrounded by a lighter girder-and-glass external skin extruded downward from the perimeter of the hat truss. The lift shafting is situated within the heavy steel core.

Here is an occupant’s casual column plan for the 91st floor, WTC1

And here (first graphic) is a technical blueprint of same

And here is another, with column numbering (Figure 3, upper)

And here is a side view showing the lift shafting (Figure 5.2)

At every floor, horizontal trusses both locked the inner core to the outer skin and supported concrete floor beams. Workspaces were then constructed to customer specification out of gypsum board and other non-load-bearing materials.

TASK 1: Study the floor plans closely. On 11th September 2001 the airplane struck floors 93-99, and so the 91st floor sketch should be reasonably accurate. Find the eight heavy columns on each of the long sides of the rectangular core, and check them off against those on the blueprint. Note then the four intermediate rows of
eight (occasionally less) lighter columns, making a nearly complete six-by-eight array in total. Note also that the four corner columns alone carry an estimated 30% of the total building load!!

**TASK 2:** Now read the first hand accounts of art students escaping with their lives from the 91st floor just after the impact a couple of floors above their heads (New York Times, 26th May 2002 [full text online (paywalled)])

**TASK 3:** WTC1 had 110 floors. Your task is to “de-core” a number of contiguous floors, thus creating a “pile driver” out of the building remaining above you. Assuming that you are going to attack eight floors - as seems to have been the case with WTC7 - WHICH EIGHT FLOORS WOULD YOU CHOOSE? (*HINT:* If you start too high there will be too little weight in the pile-driver to cut through the intact floors below you, and if you start too low you will not be dismembering the pile driver itself.)

**TASK 4:** Assuming (1) that each of the four corner columns needs a 20 kilogram Nano-Thermite demolition charge to melt it out, (2) that the remaining twelve heavy columns need 10 kilogram charges each, and (3) that each light column needs a 5 kilogram charge, calculate the weight of explosive per floor. Then add 20 further 10 kilogram charges to attack the horizontal strapping between the columns. WHAT IS THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF EXPLOSIVE YOU NEED TO SMUGGLE IN PAST SECURITY?

1 This is the graphic entitled <Gelitin, the B-Thing, the 91st Floor of WTC1> in Mark Dotzler's [Professional website] (undated) piece entitled "Thoughts on the WTC Artists" [full text online RECOMMENDED READING]. There is additional background on the artists concerned in our entries for "B-Thing" and Gelatin/Gelitin, if interested.

**Arévalo, Juan José:** Guatemalan philosophy professor turned "spiritual socialist" President[1945-1951] Juan Arévalo [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the first remotely progressive president in Guatemala's history, (b) for surviving 25 coup attempts during his six years in power, and (c) for surviving a further 20 years thereafter.


**Arnold, Carolyn Nearn:** TSBD secretary Carolyn Arnold [no convenient biography] went into the TSBD2 lunchroom "about a quarter of an hour" before the shooting and saw LHO having lunch, but was never called to testify formally to this. However she was subsequently interviewed in 1978 by Anthony Summers and her very confident recollection did not match the officially approved scenario. Specifically, at around 1215hr - the very time that a number of other witnesses were seeing movements at the TSBD6 windows - she placed LHO elsewhere. Arnold's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. [Our verdict - we agree with Summers that this is a strong witness.]

**Arnold, Gordon:** About to return from leave to Fort Wainwright, AL, 22-year-old Gordon Arnold [Wikipedia biography] was told by a man with CIA Id not to spectate from the triple overpass, and so moved down in front of the picket fence.

**ASIDE:** One of Rod Mac Kenzie's false Id Cards at work, perhaps??

Arnold was then filming the motorcade at about the same moment that Badgeman (Roscoe White or Charles Rogers) took his shot. His camera was then confiscated by a hatless uniformed officer with a drawn gun. Arnold died in 1997. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to camera, 1988 [YouTube it now - RECOMMENDED].

**Artíme Buesa, Manuel Francesco:** Psychiatrist and lapsed Cuban Revolutionary Dr. Manuel Artíme [Wikipedia biography] had been captured on 2nd May 1961 during the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion, not being released until on 24th December 1962. Five days after that he shared the saluting platform with JFK
at the latter's homage to the **Brigade 2506** veterans. With CIA support he then helped organise and train new cadres of anti-Castro exiles in preparation, they hoped, for a second invasion.

**Arvad, Inga Marie:** [Until 1931, *Inga Marie Arvad Petersen*] Danish journalist and some time beauty queen and film starlet **Inga Arvad** [Wikipedia biography] had schmoozed her way (a) into being a guest at Hermann Goering's wedding on 10th April 1935, and (b) into conducting two career-shaping interviews with Adolf Hitler ("You immediately like him"). She did not like "Chews" (Kessler, 1996, e3870). She emigrated to the U.S. in 1940, where in November 1941 she entered into a love affair with the son of a U.S. diplomat. This shameless social posturing led to her being closely monitored by the FBI - wiretaps and all - as a suspected Nazi spy. Now guess the name of the diplomat's son ...

"**Ashman, Charles**": See the entry for Elena Garro de Paz.

**Asian People's Anti-Communist League (APACL):** See the entry for World Anti-Communist League (WACL).

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**Asquith Resignation Coup:** We are referring here to the sequence of events described in Chapter 26 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book *"Prolonging the Agony"* [see own entry], whereby the case is made that the ousting of Asquith's coalition administration in December 1916 was more a Secret Elite coup than a simple party political scalp for **Bonar Law**'s Conservative Party opposition. **Lloyd George**, they note, had long been groomed as Asquith's replacement by **Lord Milner**, and had been assisted throughout 1916 by Milner's acolytes in and close to the Cabinet.

**Association for the Colonisation of Palestine:** [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching COMPULSORY SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] Founded as the **Kolonisationsverein für Palästina**
in 1860 in Frankfurt-am-Main by proto-Zionist circuit preacher Chaim Lorje [see own entry], the Association for the Colonisation of Palestine [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context as a vehicle for Zionist migration out of Tsarist Russia and into Ottoman Palestine. **FURTHER READING:** For the fuller politico-religious context, switch to the *Companion Timeline* at 13th July 1838 and follow the <Zionism Pre-WW1> threading.

===== THE ASTORS ARE LISTED BY YEAR =====
===== OF BIRTH, NOT ALPHABETICALLY =====

**Astor, John Jacob I**: German-American merchant and self-made billionaire [in today's money] John J. Astor I [Wikipedia biography] (1763-1848) is noteworthy in the present context (a) as an example of a rags-to-riches immigrant who by hard work and frugal living helped forge the American Dream, and (b) for the Astor dynasty which sprang from his loins.

**Astor, William Backhouse**: American merchant and father-made billionaire [in today's money] William B. Astor [Wikipedia biography] (1792-1875) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the son of the founder of the Astor dynasty John Jacob Astor I, and (b) for proving no less a single-minded businessman than his father - Kaplan (2007) calls him "a comparably relentless accumulator" (p11). His older brother John Jacob Astor II (1791-1869) was not mentally capable of managing the family fortune.

**Astor, John Jacob III**: American dynastic businessman John J. Astor III [Wikipedia biography] (1822-1890) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the grandson of the founder of the Astor dynasty John Jacob Astor I via William Backhouse Astor (and thus older brother of William Backhouse Astor II), (b) for being the first to eschew "relentless accumulation" and start to enjoy his fortune; he worked hard, "but never after dinner" (Kaplan, 2007, p28), and (c) for fathering William Waldorf Astor [1st Viscount Astor] in1848.

**Astor, William Backhouse II**: American dynastic businessman William Backhouse Astor II [Wikipedia biography] (1829-1892) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the second son of William Backhouse Astor I (and thus younger brother of John Jacob Astor III), and (b) for making "pleasure his religion" (Kaplan, 2007, p29).

**Astor, William Waldorf [Baron Astor]**1916 [1st Viscount Astor]1917: American socialite and dynastic businessman turned British ditto William Waldorf Astor [Lord Astor]1916 [Wikipedia biography] (1848-1919) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for fathering Waldorf Astor [2nd Viscount Astor] in 1879, (b) for moving to Britain in 1891, buying the *Pall Mall Gazette* in 1892 and having little difficulty "working his way into the circle of the pleasure-loving Prince of Wales" (Kaplan, 2007, p115), (c) for buying Cliveden House [see own entry] in 1893, (d) for taking British nationality in 1899, (e) for gifting Cliveden to his son on the occasion of his 1906 marriage to divorcée Nancy Langhorne Shaw [see the entry for Nancy Astor], (f) for buying control of *The Observer* from Lord Northcliffe in 1911, and (g) for becoming ennobled in 1916, concerning which Kaplan notes wryly as follows ...

"The driving force in William's final years remained the determination to win a place in the British peerage. He made no secret of his ambition, even at the cost of inviting ridicule. [...] In the spirit that drove his quest he had more in common with his former countrymen than he would have liked to acknowledge: instead of comporting themselves like citizens of a democracy that had shaken off aristocratic distinctions, Americans were notorious for becoming virtually unhinged with borrowed glory when they found themselves shaking hands with a duke" (*Op. cit.*, p170).

For his part, Astor told his son "I have never gone in pursuit of this honour" (*Idem.*, p172). He severed contact with his children in 1916, and died a gout-ridden and embittered old man in 1919.

Astor, [Colonel]John Jacob IV: American dynastic businessman and veteran of the Spanish-American War [Colonel]John Jacob Astor IV (1864-1912) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a cousin of William Waldorf Astor I [1st Viscount Astor], and (b) for being the Astor who died (showing due courage) with the Titanic.

***** THREE DINNER PARTIES AND A LOT OF FUNERALS *****

Astor, Nancy: [Née Langhorne; first marriage as Nancy Langhorne Shaw] American-born British socialite Nancy, Lady Astor (1879-1964) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for marrying multi-millionaire Waldorf Astor [see own entry] in 1906, setting up the marital home at the rather magnificent Cliveden House (a wedding present from the groom's father, and nowadays a spa-hotel), (b) for there cultivating a reputation as society hostess (including to a certain Archduke Ferdinand and his wife in June 1914, a fortnight before they returned home en route for Sarajevo), (c) for resolving immediately war began to make Cliveden House available as a war hospital ...

ASIDE - CLIVEDEN HOUSE AT WAR: The War Office declined the offer, and so Cliveden was offered instead to the Canadian Army. New buildings were hastily erected in the gardens of the house, and the Duchess of Connaught's Canadian Red Cross Hospital was open for business the following July - check it out.

(d) for hosting another historically significant dinner party 13th March 1917, this one attended by Chaim Weizmann, Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour, and Prime Minister Lloyd George to discuss the Sykes-Picot Formula [see the entry for Sir Mark Sykes] and the imminent Balfour Declaration, (e) for being in 1919 only the second woman to be elected to Parliament, and the first actually to take her seat ...

ASIDE: The seat in question - Plymouth Central - had previously been held by her husband, who, having just inherited his father's Viscountcy, now had to vacate it and move up into the House of Lords. Nancy was thus already a favourite of the voters there, and would hold the seat until retiring in 1945.

(f) for responding henceforth to her own political agenda rather than her husband's, that is to say, by seeing to it that her entertaining became more personally relevant [she even got the King to dine at the same table as Socialists - Ed.], (g) for thereby being in at the birth of that circle of guests soon to be dubbed the "Cliveden Set" [see own entry], a power bloc of ageing Milner Group high priests whose unifying belief was that the rapidly strengthening Nazi Party in Germany was not a threat to Britain's interests ...

ASIDE - NANCY ASTOR AND APPEASEMENT: On 24th October 1937 Lady Astor hosted a lunch attended, inter alia, by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, Ambassador to Berlin Sir Neville Henderson, Editor of The Times Geoffrey Dawson, Lord Brand, and Lord Lothian. This get-together represented the high-water mark of Britain's high society's love affair with the Nazis. "There was a consensus," one historian has written, "[...] that Hitler could be handled, talked down, reasoned with" (Livingstone, 2015, p466). Within days, however, an article by the journalist Claud Cockburn [see own entry] had blown the whistle on this sort of Appeasement talk, and it was suddenly no longer fashionable to be described as a member of what he characterised as the "Cliveden Set".

Astor, Waldorf [2nd Viscount Astor]John Jacob IV: American-born socialite turned British aristocrat-politician Waldorf Astor [Lord Astor] (1879-1952) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the first son of William Waldorf Astor [1st Viscount Astor] (and thus older brother of John Jacob Astor V [1st Baron Astor]1926), (b) for marrying divorcee Nancy Langhorne Shaw in 1906, setting up the marital home at the rather magnificent Cliveden House (a wedding present from his father, and nowadays an hotel, (c) for entering Parliament in 1910 as member for Plymouth, (d) for being introduced into the Milner Group in about 1914 by Philip Kerr (later Lord Lothian), becoming one of the two main financial supporters of that group (the other being Abe Bailey [see own entry]), (e) for taking control of his father's two newspapers in 1915, selling the Pall Mall Gazette but retaining The Observer, (f) for reportedly being part of Lloyd George's Monday Night Cabal [see the entry for Milner's Ginger Group], in the ousting of Prime Minister Asquith during the second half of 1916, (g) for being rewarded with a seat in Lloyd George's Secretariat [see own entry] in January 1917, although in the event he "lingered unhappily in Downing
Street" (Turner, 1980, p173), (h) for moving up to the House of Lords when he inherited his father's title in 1919, (i) for generously supporting Chatham House [see own entry] after 1920, and (j) for generally acting with Lord Lothian and Lord Brand to keep the Milner Group going as Lord Milner gradually dropped from the picture (he died 1925 aged 71 years).

Astor, John Jacob V [1st Baron Astor]1956: American-born British socialite turned WW1 hero turned politician turned newspaper proprietor John Jacob Astor V [Lord Astor]1956 [Wikipedia biography] (1886-1971) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the fourth son of William Waldorf Astor [1st Viscount Astor] (and thus younger brother of Waldorf Astor [2nd Viscount Astor]) (b) for serving with distinction with the Household Cavalry siege train during WW1, losing his right leg to counter-battery fire in 1918, (c) for entering Parliament in 1922 as member for Dover, a seat he would retain until 1945, and (d) for buying The Times newspaper in 1922 following the death of Lord Northcliffe, thereby providing the Cliveden Set with a direct line to British public opinion in the 1920s and 1930s.


ATF: See the entry for Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

Atkins, Commander Thomas M., USN: Official White House cinematographer Tom Atkins [no convenient biography] was one of the several press corps old hands consigned to Car #6 in the Dallas Presidential motorcade. He managed to take some footage in Dealey Plaza and then proceeded via a short stop at the Trade Mart to Parkland Hospital, where he filmed, amongst other things, the parked-up limo #1. He then flew back to Washington in the press plane and took further footage of the arrival of the body at the White House. Atkins' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT TAKEN]; 19-minute documentary "The Last Two Days" [YouTube it now].

"The mothership of the Neocon persuasion"(Molodyko, 2019, op.cit. inf.)

Atlantic Council: [Read firstly the entry for Neocon.] Founded in WashingtonDC in 1961, the Atlantic Council [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for pushing U.S. foreign policy in those countries on the receiving end of it [much like the fifth columns of old - Ed.]. Funders include the American billionaire Adrienne Arsht [Wikipedia biography], the Ukrainian-based Burisma Holdings [Wikipedia briefing], and the Foreign and Colonial Office (FCO), the diplomatic arm of Britain's special operations capability. A 9th October 2019 piece for Mediapart by Nicholas Molodyko entitled "The Atlantic Council is a den of vipers" [full text online - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED] offers a valuable fresh air alternative to the official hagiographies.

Atlantic Charter: First mooted in the St. James's Palace Declaration [see own entry] of 12th June 1941, the Atlantic Charter [Wikipedia briefing] is the formal document which emerged from the summit meeting of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill in Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, 9th-12th August 1941 ...

Check out the summit Timeline entry here (includes contemporary newsreel)

There were eight principal clauses of the charter, as follows ...  
1. No territorial gains were to be sought by the United States or the United Kingdom.  
2. Territorial adjustments must be in accord with the wishes of the peoples concerned.  
3. All people had a right to self-determination.
4. Trade barriers were to be lowered.
5. There was to be global economic co-operation and advancement of social welfare.
6. The participants would work for a world free of want and fear.
7. The participants would work for freedom of the seas.
8. There was to be disarmament of aggressor nations and a common disarmament after the war.

**ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM:** Note that the thrust of Articles #2 and #3 is the "self-determination" of "the peoples concerned". In the event, the Atlantic Charter may well have been the instrument by which the British, French, and Dutch were manoeuvred out of their prized imperial possessions thus opening up those lands to a new and subtler form of colonialism, not totally dissimilar to Atlanticism [Wikipedia briefing]. This issue is well introduced in the Wiki, as follows…

"The problems came not from Germany and Japan, but the allies that had empires and so resisted self-determination [...]. Initially, Roosevelt and Churchill appeared to have agreed that the third point of the charter would not apply to Africa and Asia. [...] With a war that could be won only with the help of those allies, Roosevelt's solution was to put some pressure on Britain but to postpone the issue of self-determination of the colonies until after the war. The acknowledgement that all people had a right to self-determination gave hope to independence leaders in British colonies. Historian Caroline Elkins said, 'The independence genie was out of her bottle, and it was the Atlantic Charter that had set her free.' “ (Accessed 14th May 2023).

What the Wiki then fails to expand upon is (1) the United States' use of her extensive military intelligence network [it was not organised into the CIA for another six years - Ed.] to stir up notions of self-determination wherever her whim fell, and then (2) stepping in with financial imperialism of her own as soon as (if not sooner than) the old flags of empire had been struck.

The charter is therefore noteworthy in the present context both at face value as an entirely laudable attempt by Western warmakers to set out their strategic vision for a better world, but also (upon deeper analysis) as an example of the gulf between words and deeds in diplomacy, for few if any of the articles have been comprehensively delivered. **FURTHER READING:** For a fuller contextualisation see Michael Kluger and Richard Evans' (2022)'"Roosevelt and Churchill: The Atlantic Charter" [Amazon].

Atlanticism: See the entry for Bilderberg Group.

**Atsugi Naval Air Station.** American military base in the Kanagawa Prefecture of Japan [Wikipedia briefing, maps, etc.]. It is the largest U.S.N. airbase in the Pacific Theatre, and is noteworthy in the present context for having supported the CIA-led U-2 photoreconnaissance effort from 1957. LHO served at Atsugi as a radar operator between September 1957 and November 1958. Other persons of interest to the present narrative who also served/passed through the station were Gerry Hemming and E. Howard Hunt.

**Attwood Mission:** This was the JFK peace initiative to Fidel Castro undertaken between September and November 1963 using diplomat William Attwood as go-between. The initiative began at the United Nations on 19th September when the Guinean Ambassador to Cuba sought out Attwood between sessions and mentioned that Castro wished some sort of accommodation with the U.S. and would be willing to take part in talks about talks. The CIA, however, had significantly different plans for Castro, and so to keep things out of normal diplomatic channels Attwood chose the ABC correspondent Lisa Howard - already known to Castro - to make the next contact, with Cuba's U.N. delegate Carlos Lechuga in Manhattan. Tragically, as an ex-lover of the Cuban President, Howard was also well and truly on the CIA's radar, and her apartment was promptly bugged. A follow-up contact was in Havana and used French journalist Jean Daniel as intermediary, but by then the cat was out of the bag, and in his 2006/2010e book "Somebody Would Have Talked" Larry Hancock suggests that James Jesus Angleton, David Morales, and David Atlee Phillips all soon knew of this threat to the CIA's self-appointed role in deciding U.S. foreign policy. The upshot was that...
something as laudable as a peace initiative gave both the CIA (eager to avoid being marginalised) and Castro (uncertain of JFK’s bona fides) good cause to discontinue Atwood’s mission by force.

**Atwood, William Hollingsworth:** WW2 veteran, journalist, speech-writer, and diplomat William Atwood [Wikipedia biography] had just been appointed JFK’s special envoy to Fidel Castro at the time of the assassination. See now the entry for the Atwood Mission.

**Atwell Security:** This was the Tel-Aviv based security company which was ejected from the WTC security contract in 1987 - see the entry for Avraham Shalom.

**** HAVE DOGMA, WILL TRAVEL 1 ****

**Auchincloss, Gordon:** American lawyer-turned-diplomat Gordon Auchincloss [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being headhunted by his father-in-law Colonel House [see own entry] as a safe pair of hands to help organise House's Planning Group [see Timeline 1st September 1917] ...

**ASIDE:** Auchincloss was part of the descended extended family of 19th Century industrialist Oliver Burr Jennings [Wikipedia biography], one of the founding stockholders in John D. Rockefeller’s [see the entry for Rockefeller Family] Standard Oil Company (10% of the equity, no less, plus a directorship). The Auchincloss name appears when Jennings’ daughter Emma Brewster Jennings [no convenient biography but several genealogy entries] married Hugh Dudley Auchincloss, Sr. [ditto] (whose son, Hugh Dudley Auchincloss, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] will later “give away” Jacqueline Bouvier - his step-daughter - in her 1953 marriage to JFK). Gordon Auchincloss was born 1886 into the Edgar Stirling Auchincloss [no convenient biography but several genealogy entries] branch of the family.

... (b) for similar early involvement in the American secretariat which organised the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 13th December 1918, and then as directed], although there was clearly some behind-the-scenes wrangling going on ...

**CAMEO- THE HOTEL CRILLON AFFAIR:** Both Auchincloss and law practise partner David Hunter Miller [Wikipedia biography] were recruited in November 1918 to see to the arrangements for the American delegation to Paris. Here is one commentary concerning what happened next ...

"House, having pushed through the Armistice, moved to begin preparations for a peace settlement. He set up headquarters for the Commission to Negotiate Peace [Wikipedia briefing] at the Hotel Crillon [Wikipedia briefing SMART], transferred [Walter] Lippmann [see own entry; also see Timeline 25th October 1918, and as then directed] and Willard Straight [see own entry] to the commission staff, and prepared to add his son-in-law, Gordon Auchincloss, as secretary-general and Frank Cobb [Wikipedia biography] as chief of the press bureau. But Wilson had other plans. Not wanting to share the glory of his triumph, not fully trusting House or anyone else to bring about the just peace he so desired, Wilson decided to head the peace delegation himself, using Lansing as a deputy. The secretary of state, eager to bring his department back into the negotiations, named his own men to the American delegation, appointing Joseph Grew [Wikipedia biography] to head the staff and George Creel [see own entry] to direct the press bureau. The little band in Paris was shocked when they heard the news. House, instead of running the show, would be only an advisor” (Steel, 1980, p150).

... (c) for being one of those who took a relatively sympathetic stance regarding the treatment of German-speaking minorities in newly independent states such as Czechoslovakia and Poland, for fear that they would otherwise be a cause of instability in the future [which is, of course, precisely what transpired - Ed.], (d) for becoming intimately involved in negotiations both with and about the Russians in early 1919, but for then (allegedly maliciously) leaking news of the Bullitt Proposal [see the entry for William C. Bullitt for context, and then Timeline 25th March 1919] to British deep state journalist Henry Wickham Steed [Wikipedia biography], who promptly brought the power of Lord Northcliffe’s [see Timeline 24th July 1918] propaganda Streikraft down against it (Andelman, 2008, pp187-188 [we detail this lapse of impartiality in the abovementioned Timeline entry for 25th March 1919]), (f) for then turning his dubious skillset to the problem of skimming [Wikipedia briefing] Russian humanitarian aid, being party, along with the said David Miller, in bending the Nansen Proposal [see Timeline 3rd April 1919] to Herbert Hoover’s [see Timeline 1st January 1919] and Allen Dulles' [see Timeline 11th January 1919] eventual satisfaction [note carefully their respectively different requirements of the aid system - Ed.], (g) for losing his place on
the team when Woodrow Wilson side-lined Colonel House in mid-1919, and (h) for featuring large in Bullitt's testimony to Congress shortly thereafter [see Timeline 12th September 1919]. He died in 1943, aged 56.

**Austin, Ian:** British politician and sometime Labour Party Member of Parliament Ian Austin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a member [subscription date unknown - Ed.] of Labour Friends of Israel (LFI) [see own entry], the pro-Zionist faction within the fatally-split-over-Zionism Labour Party ...

**SITREP [AS AT 13TH MARCH 2020]:** Following the Labour Party's defeat in the 2019 General Election, Party Leader Jeremy Corbyn initiated a party-internal leadership election, continuing as caretaker Leader of H. M. Opposition (LOTO) until formally relieved. All four candidates to replace him are "Blairites", that is to say, the neoliberal ideologues who - to save you looking it up - came to power in 1997 thanks to the support of Zionist funding sources, and then rubber-stamped Britain's participation in the 2003 Iraq War, thereby relieving the Iraqi threat to Israel's Eastern Front. The Labour Party will therefore cease to speak for the working people of Britain on the day Corbyn finally stands down [early April 2020, unless the Coronavirus emergency intervenes - Ed.].

(b) for remorselessly heckling Corbyn (sometimes literally, sometimes figuratively) 2015-2019 over the latter's (and socialism's in general) sympathy with the plight of the people of Palestine, (c) for finally (and loudly) flouncing the Party Whip 22nd February 2019, to sit instead as an independent, (d) for not standing in the 2019 General Election, and (e) for then being wheeled out of retirement to repeat his heckling IN SOMEBODY ELSE'S COUNTRY against Bernie Sanders as part of AIPAC's intervention in the U.S. 2020 presidential primaries [see Timeline 3rd March 2020].

1 Other academic judgements are possible.

**Aydelotte, Carol:** California-based right-wing "den mother" Carol Aydelotte [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for being the sole interviewee in the 16th February 1968 Turner Memorandum and one of only four interviewees in the 19th March 1968 Boxley Memorandum, those being two of the most important documents - albeit possibly vexatious in the Garrison Investigation's case against Edgar Eugene Bradley.

**CAMEO - AYDELOTTE IN THE TURNER MEMORANDUM:** Here, as a taster, is one of the things Aydelotte had to tell us about Bradley ...

"Mrs. Aydelotte knew Bradley very well. She said that she had run into him through right-wing activity, she herself having been a member of the John Birch Society approximately 1961 or 1962; that her acquaintance with Bradley covered the span of the assassination, and that he was constantly harping on the fact that someone should kill Kennedy" (Turner Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p1).

Her comments on the following people may be found in their respective entries: Edgar Eugene Bradley, Wesley Brice, Loran Eugene Hall, Dennis Mower, and Clinton Wheat.

**CAMEO - AYDELOTTE IN THE BOXLEY MEMORANDUM:** Here is another allegation, this time from the Boxley Memorandum ...

"Mrs. Aydelotte [sic] stated that Bradley, upon her telling him that her husband Arthur possessed a .375 Magnum rifle, attempted to recruit her to persuade her husband to use the weapon for an assassination attempt upon President John F. Kennedy" (Boxley Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p1).

Again her comments on the following people may be found in their respective entries: Edgar Eugene Bradley, Wesley Brice, Dennis Mower, and Wilhelm True.

Here is how [redacted source] further contextualises her in a 1999 FOIA'd FBI dossier on the Southern California Freedom Councils - read it here ...

"On October 1, 1964, [redacted] furnished the following information: Carol Aydelotte and her husband, Art Aydelotte, [address given] pose as 'top patriots' and are 'high up' in the John Birch Society; however, he [= the informant] feels they are a divisive influence in the Society and, in his opinion, are dangerous individuals because of their attitude and their possession of firearms in their home. [...] During his visit to the Aydelotte residence, [redacted] observed two pictures of Robert Welch of the John Birch Society and one portrait of Adolf Hitler
on the wall of their den. [...] He said that although the Aydelottes pose as members of the 'extreme right', [redacted] feels [...] that by discrediting legitimate authority they are accomplishing communist ends” (pp30-31 of online text).

**FURTHER READING:** Aydelotte's role in Jim Garrison's case against Bradley, and less directly in the Deep State's targeted professional and personal humiliation of witness Roger Craig, is explained in Chapter 16 of *Joan Mellen*’s (2005) book "*A Farewell to Justice*" [Amazon] (albeit her final judgement on the matter differs from ours).

**Ayres, Lieutenant (U.S.M.C.) Alexander G.:** As recorded in the *La Fontaines*’ 1996 book "*Oswald Talked*," Lieutenant A. G. Ayers [no convenient biography] was the officer who signed LHO's DD Form 1173, the Buff ID Card found in his wallet at the time of his arrest. Browse the [Oswald's Wallet Thread](https://ow cdsnd.com/.Thread) to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Ayers, Bradley Earl:** Careerist U.S. Army officer Bradley Ayers [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context for (a) for being selected in early 1963 for a "sensitive undercover assignment" with the CIA against Fidel Castro, (b) for being briefed as to requirements by General Victor Krulak [see own entry], a personal friend of JFK and an advisor to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, (c) for duly settling in at JM/WAVE, Miami, and working with Johnny Roselli and groups like *Alpha 66*, (d) for planning a sabotage raid against Cuba's main oil refinery in September 1963, only for the operation to be cancelled in favour of the less physically destructive *AMWORLD* operation, and (e) for going public 30 years later with the names of nine then-still-surviving people who had "intimate operational knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the assassination", namely [all have their own entries] Gordon Campbell, Thomas Clines, Grayston Lynch, David Morales, Rip Robertson, Felix Rodriguez, Edward Roderick, Tony Sforza, and Ted Shackley.

**Aynesworth, Hugh Grant:** West Virginian high flying journalist Hugh Aynesworth [Wikipedia hagiography] was in the offices of the *Dallas Morning News* at around 1130hr on 22nd December 1963 (even seeing Jack Ruby there placing his weekly advertisement). He was then *Ultra-conveniently* (for a reporter, that is) at Elm and Houston - within 100 yards of perhaps half a dozen assorted assassins - when the shooting took place (although *awkwardly* not - it has recently been judged - visible in any of the photographic or cinematic evidence). He then gathered reports from bystanders outside TSBD, while at the same time eavesdropping a DPD motorcycle radio. He thus heard of the murder of Patrolman J. D. Tippit at the same time as the DPD patrols did themselves, allowing him to get a WFAA-TV vehicle to the site of that incident just as further news came in that a suspect for this latter shooting had been sighted in the *Texas Theater*. A second mad dash saw him *hyper-conveniently* in at the arrest of LHO a few minutes later. Aynesworth is also central to the *Blood or Cola Thread*, having himself visited the top of the *John Neely Bryan Pergola* steps along with Jerry Coley around midday on Monday 25th November, only to find that the area had been scrubbed clean of the blood Coley had seen on 22nd.

**ASIDE:** Aynesworth has since consistently dismissed the liquid as "it was soda pop", but since nothing at all was there on 25th November he must either have seen the real stain prior to the cleaning, or seen the Hood photograph after its confiscation, or be simply passing on the hearsay of others as direct testimony.

Aynesworth has recently appeared in a 2013 retrospective with fellow witness Buell Frazier [YouTube it now]. On a visit to Cuba six weeks before the shooting (10th October) he was asked to do a favour of some sort for the CIA, but nothing came of it and he received no payment. Aynesworth's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; HSCA [NOT CALLED]; Much to browse online.

**Ayres, Joseph:** Chief Steward on Air Force One Joseph Ayres [no convenient biography] might have been able to throw light on the *Medical Cover Up Thread*, but died in a *convenient* hunting accident in August
1977. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

"It was Azque's consular office in Mexico City that Oswald had visited" (Shenon)

Azcue Lopez, Eusebio: [Seen sometimes in un-Anglicised form as Azque] Cubano diplomat Eusebio Azcue [no convenient biography but much of value in digitised U.S. government archives] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the Cuban Consul in Mexico City at the time of <Lee Harvey Oswald or an Oswald Imposter>’s attempt to get a transit visa through Havana to the Soviet Union, (b) for being involved in the shouting match 27th September 1963 when the applicant - whoever in truth it was - was informed that Cuban transit visas were only issued upon sight of a valid visa for the destination state [thus ensuring that the transit state would not be left holding the baby should said destination state refuse admission - Ed.], (c) for possibly being at the infamous "twist party" 29th or 30th September 1963 ...

Readers unfamiliar with the Mexico City <"twist party"> should see the entry for the <Mexico City Adventure> in general, and the entries for <Silvia Duran> and <Elena Garro de Paz> in particular, before proceeding. BUT BE WARNED - ALL THREE ENTRIES ARE HIGHLY CONVOLUTED

... (d) for possibly being the subject of a CIA disinformation op delivered by the aforementioned Elena Garro de Paz, who accused him - a senior Cuban diplomat - of wanting JFK dead ...

CAMEO - WHAT GARRO DE PAZ SAID AZCUE SAID: This allegation first appears in the published JFK document trail in the form of copy correspondence dated 10th May 1964 - check it out (p13). Shenon (op. cit. inf.) explains ...

"Garro, a fierce anti-Communist, loathed the Cuban diplomat. Before Kennedy's assassination, she said, she had heard Azque speak openly of his hope that someone would kill the American president, given the threat that Kennedy posed to the survival of the Castro government. [...] Garro recalled a party at which she and other guests overheard a 'heated discussion' in which Azque supported the view that 'the only solution was to kill him' - President Kennedy" (p6).

The problem with this is that Garro was a known favourite of the U.S. Embassy, and must therefore be regarded as an overly pliant witness who could easily have been exaggerating, misquoting, or even inventing the conversation she claimed to have overheard. Moreover, right-wingers in the U.S. security establishment - not least Air Force General Curtis LeMay - were saying much the same, and for almost the same reason!! RESEARCH ISSUE: As a research issue it would be nice to have access to a more complete set of the documentation for the period prior to the May 1964 document, in order to provide a more convincing chain of evidence.

... and (e) for confirming all the above to the HSCA in 1978-1979, and being duly mentioned in the Lopez Report [see own entry for full text link], testifying at that time that Dallas's Oswald was NOT the same man who attended his consulate 15 years earlier ...

CAMEO - WAS IT EVEN OSWALD WHO ATTENDED THE CONSULATE?: The doubts arose when Azcue as asked to compare (1) the photograph on Maybe Oswald's Mexico City visa application with (2) that on Certainly Oswald's earlier passport application, and (3) his personal recollection of the 27th September shouting match. Azcue's full testimony is available for inspection here, from which we have clipped and colour highlighted the following ...

***** FACED WITH MAYBE OSWALD'S VISA APPLICATION PHOTOGRAPH *****

"Mr. CORNWELL. Do those pictures of that individual appear to you to be the same individual who visited the consulate in Mexico City on the occasions you have previously described to us?

Senor AZCUE. [...] Fifteen years had gone by so it is very difficult for me to be in a position to guarantee it in a categorical form. But my belief is that this gentleman was not, is not, the person or the individual who went to the consulate.

Mr. CORNWELL. Directing your attention to the period of time immediately after the assassination, the day of the assassination or the day after the assassination, did you during that period of time have an occasion to see pictures of the alleged assassin in the newspapers or to observe on television the man identified at that time as Lee Harvey Oswald?
Senor AZCUE. Yes, sir, [but] not immediately thereafter. [... I]t was in mid-December approximately- I saw at that time the film in which Ruby appears assassinating the Oswald who was there, and I was not able to identify him and only 2 months had gone by since I had seen the Oswald who appeared at the consulate. And I had a clear mental picture because we had had an unpleasant discussion and he had not been very pleasant to me and I did not recognize when I first saw him. I did not recognize Oswald. The man who went to the consulate was a man over 30 years of age and very thin, very thin faced. And the individual I saw in the movie was a young man, considerably younger, and a fuller face.

Mr. CORNWELL. What color hair did the individual have to the best of your memory who visited the consulate?

Senor AZCUE. He was blond, dark blond.

Mr. CORNWELL. Did the individual you saw in the movie, the person who was killed by Jack Ruby, resemble more closely the individual in these photographs to your memory than the individual who visited the consulate?

Senor AZCUE. I believe so.

***** FACED WITH REAL OSWALD'S PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH *****

[...]

Mr. CORNWELL. Did the individual who visited the consulate look like that individual?

Senor AZCUE. No.

Mr. CORNWELL. What differences were there?

Senor AZCUE. Many differences. The individual who visited the consulate is one whose physiognomy or whose face I recall very clearly. He had a hard face. He had very straight eyebrows, cold, hard, and straight eyes. His cheeks were thin. His nose was very straight and pointed. This gentleman looks like he is somewhat heavier, more filled, his eyes are at an angle with the outside of his eye, at an angle with his face. I would have never identified him or recognized him. I believe I can recall with fairly good accuracy the individual in such a way that I could recognize him now in a group of 100, that is better than a photograph of him because obviously during a period of 15 years he might change. I think I could recognize him, and this is not him.

This is extremely convincing evidence for a cold case reviewer, and we discuss its implications in greater detail in the Mexico City Adventure entry.

FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Philip Shenon's (2013) "A Cruel and Shocking Act" [Amazon] and Peter Dale Scott's (2013) "Oswald, Mexico, and Deep Politics: Revelations from CIA Records on the Assassination of JFK" [Amazon].

1 At time of writing [= January 2023] online sources gave 3480 hits for <Eusebio Azcue> and only 448 hits for <Eusebio Azque>. Both spellings are used in commercial histories and official documents.

2 Garro de Paz is actually on record as being unsure whether the threat to kill was at the party attended by Oswald, or a different one from around the same time.

Azque Lopez, Eusebio: See the entry for Azcue Lopez, Eusebio.

Azulai, Abraham: Moroccan-born (b. Fez, 1570) Palestine-based esoterist and Kabbalist theorist Abraham Azulai [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for settling in Hebron [map] in the Holy Land in 1599, and for there developing a reputation as a go-to scholar on obscure points of belief. He died in 1643, aged 73.

Baal Shem Tov: Dealt with herein as Israel ben Eliezer.

***** FOUNDER OF HASIDIC JUDAISM *****

Babushka Lady: Known only from other photographs and films the still-unidentified [January 2018] eyewitness known semi-officially as the Babushka Lady [Wikipedia briefing] was filming the event from the median lawn of Dealey Plaza just south of Elm Street, level with the John Neely Bryan Pergola.
After the shooting she seems to have calmly finished her film, before disappearing unhurriedly into the crowd. One Beverly Oliver claimed she was the person in question, and that her film had been confiscated by law officers on the day, but this story has not been fully corroborated. We shall therefore leave both person and - far more importantly - her film on the Unsolved Riddles Thread.

BACC: See the entry for the World Commerce Corporation (WCC).

Backyard Photographs: These things ...

The Backyard Photographs are some of the most hotly debated pieces of evidence in the entire assassination story. According to the official narrative they were taken in the backyard of 214 West Nealy Street, Dallas, on 31st March 1963, confessedly by Marina Oswald using her husband's Imperial Reflex camera, and two prints (CE-133-A and CE-133-B) and one negative (CE-749) were discovered in the garage at the Paine House on 23rd November by Officers Gus Rose and Richard Stovall. Alternative theories began perhaps an hour later at DPDHQ when LHO was shown the photographs, only to reply that they were his head superimposed onto somebody else's body. The debate has swung back and forth between the two extremes of opinion ever since, supported by a test-tubes-at-20-paces battle of photoforensic experts. YouTube here for some of the doubts. In 1978, the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences gave three of their experts the task of briefing the HSCA as to the validity of the exhibits [full text online]. The report testified, amongst many other things, as follows ...

(1) Fine markings on CE-749 matched those on fresh negatives exposed in LHO's camera, and CE-749 produced CE-133-B when printed.

(2) None of the scratchmarks were abruptly discontinuous as they would be if photocomposited.

(3) No evidence of head substitution was seen.

Then, in 1975 a third slightly variant positive came to light, CE-133-C, previously in the possession of Geneva White [by then Dees]. Again, on 1st April 1977 a signed copy of CE-133-A was found after his suicide in the effects of George de Mohrenschildt. And finally, in 1992, a photographic matte came out of the woodwork, prepared on or about 29th November 1963 by DPD crime scene photographer Bobby Brown, in which any properly posed figure might be inserted into a positive of the rest of CE-133-C; an artifice found in every major fairground and theme-park on earth. The black clothing was ever found amongst LHO's personal possessions (Roe, 2016).

Bacon, Robert: American politician-diplomat Robert Bacon [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a relatively privileged upbringing in the years following the American Civil War, (b) for graduating from Harvard University in the Class of 1880, being friends with the future President Theodore Roosevelt, (c) for then joining J. P. Morgan and Company [see own entry], where, between 1895 and 1903, he administered their heavy industrial investments, (d) for being headhunted 1905-1909 as Assistant Secretary of State to Elihu Root [Wikipedia biography], (e) following the election of President Taft in 1909 for being sent as U.S. Ambassador to France, serving there until 1912, (f) for therefore being the a perfect choice (assisted bravely by his wife) to take over the work of the (not always squeaky clean) American Field Service (AFS) [see own entry SUPERORDINATE NARRATIVE] when WW1 broke out in Europe, and (g) for returning to the United States in April 1919, "unable to leave
his bed most of the time" due perhaps to overwork. He died a month later, aged 58. **FURTHER READING:** For the fuller context see Robert B. Scott's (1923/e2014) "Robert Bacon: His Life and Letters" [Amazon (Kindle)].

**Badgeman:** A uniformed shooter revealed on the western end of the John Neely Bryan Pergola during the 1980s in the Mary Moorman #5 photograph by optical enlargement and more recently by digital enhancement by researchers such as Gary Mack and Jack White [Wikipedia entry], and since tentatively identified as either Roscoe White or Charles Rogers depending on whose theory you follow.

**Bailey, [Sir]1911 Abraham [1st Baronet]1919:** South African diamond miner and politician Sir Abe Bailey [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been "one of the chief plotters in the Jameson Raid [see 29th December 1895]" (Quigley, 1949, p46), (b) for having been "one of the chief, if not the chief, financial supporters of the Milner Group in the period up to 1925" (Quigley, 1949, p46) ...

ASIDE: He is reported as having funded both the Round Table Movement [see own entry] and Chatham House [see own entry].

(c) for being a business associate of Herbert Hoover, another member of the Anglo-American Secret Elite (Quigley, 1949), (d) for having supported the Union of South Africa from its establishment in 1920 [see 31st May 1910], (e) for losing his seat in the Union Parliament in 1924 and thereafter dividing his time between South Africa and the highly secretive world of Milner's London operation. By the 1930s he was recognised as one of the world's richest men.

***** THE JFK CONSPIRACIES SUDDENLY MAKE SENSE *****

**Baker, Judyth Anne Vary:** Indiana-born laboratory scientist Judyth Vary Baker [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a high school biomedical sciences prodigy who was rewarded just after her 18th birthday with a short internship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, BuffaloNY, followed in February 1962 by a scholarship to the University of Florida, (b) for then being headhunted 15th April 1963 by government medical research contractor Alton Ochsner [cue "Jaws" music], Director of the New Orleans Ochsner Clinic, who offered her a "summer internship" at his clinic, working (on what would later turn out to be one of the United States' many biological warfare projects) with one of his senior researchers, Mary Sherman, (c) for persuading her fiancé Robert Alston Baker, III, [see own entry] to follow on as soon as he can make the necessary arrangements, (d) for duly arriving in New Orleans 20th April, finding temporary accommodation at the YWCA and taking a waitressing job at the Royal Castle Diner on Airline Drive [map], (e) for a happenstance encounter 26th April with LHO in the queue at the local post office, quickly striking up a friendship ...

ASIDE: LHO had arrived by bus from Fort Worth in the early hours of 25th April, and during that day had popped in to visit firstly his Aunt, Lillian Murrett, and then later his friend David Ferrie, whom he knew from way back [see Timeline 27th July 1955].

(f) for hanging out with LHO 27th April, organising new accommodation at Webber's Boarding House, and for later being introduced to Ferrie, who - surprise, surprise - turned out to be already working for Dr. Sherman himself ...

ASIDE: Unsurprisingly, many commentators have observed that the happenstance encounter at the post office might not have been happenstance at all. They suspect instead that LHO was already under cover, and had an intelligence agenda - to check out Ochsner's newbie! Baker herself confesses to becoming suspicious on 9th May 1963 (Baker, 2010, K5305).

(g) for spending Sunday 28th April with LHO (including their first kiss), and for later attending a get-together at Ferrie's 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway apartment [map], there being introduced to Jack
Martin, David Lewis, and Dr. Sherman (although she was too involved with other guests on this occasion to do much more than shake hands) ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Jack Martin, it will be recalled, will in due course be the man who got Jim Garrison interested in the JFK assassination by informing him of the association between LHO and Ferrie at events such as this one. He was played by actor Jack Lemmon in Oliver Stone's (1991) movie "JFK" [Amazon].

(h) for being introduced to Guy Banister 29th April, who confirmed to her that all the people she had been meeting with so far were in truth working ultimately for the American government, even though they had to feign disloyalty from time to time, depending on who else happened to be listening, (i) for breakfasting with LHO 30th April and for then accompanying him on a bus ride into town, (j) for meeting up with fiancé Bobby Baker 2nd May 1963 in Mobile AL, and there getting married ...

ASIDE: They stayed their wedding night at the Webber place. The next day her husband needed to leave for a three-week work away, and so there was no immediate formal honeymoon.

(k) for being turfed out of the Webber place at 0100hr 4th May 1963 following a police raid [Webber was running it as a bawdy house, it seems - Ed.], thereby being forced to relocate to more genteel rooms at 1032 Marengo Street [map]; also for learning from LHO that same day that he would shortly have to stop play-acting right-wing activist and become instead visibly pro-Castro, thus ...

ESSENTIAL PREPARATION: Readers not yet familiar with the FBI's 1956 COINTELPRO initiative for proactively detecting left-wing sympathisers by creating seemingly left-wing entrapment organisations should check out the entry for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) before proceeding.

"Lee explained that he needed to be able to enter Cuba; therefore later in the summer he needed to appear to be pro-Castro. Banister was running him as an anti-Castro/anti-Communist conservative. How would he change his image 180 degrees? [...] He and Banister were making plans to lure pro-Castroites to places where their names could be recorded and photos made: they planned to hand out pro-Castro pamphlets in highly public places, making sure photos would be taken by the TV media, which would be pre-warmed. 'If I can create a pro-Castro "incident" with TV cameras there,' Lee said, 'I'll make a good impression'" (Baker, 2010, K4135).

(l) for being briefed by Ferrie 5th May as to the animal handling requirements of the Sherman Project, thus ...

***** THIS IS IMPORTANT *****

"Before long, Lee arrived and escorted me to David Ferrie's apartment [...] to go over the 'Project', as he called it. Dave explained that the makeshift lab in his apartment was actually part of a sophisticated network of laboratories strung across uptown New Orleans, each with different equipment and performing a different function, but all united by a common goal: to develop a cancer weapon and kill Fidel Castro. [...] The virus we were most concerned with was SV40, the infamous carcinogenic virus that had contaminated the polio vaccines of the 1950s. [...] What mattered was whether [a particular strain] produced cancer quickly. For our project, these cancer-causing viruses had been transferred to mice because they were more economical than [larger animals. The research] loop included a large colony of thousands of mice kept in a house near Dave Ferrie's apartment [address and map below - Ed.]. I called it 'the Mouse House'.

ASIDE - THE "MOUSE HOUSE": Sherman's "Mouse House" was at 3225 Louisiana Avenue Parkway [map], some 100 yards south of Ferrie's apartment at 3330 same.

People connected to the Project handled the daily care and feeding of the mice [...]. Several times each week, fifty or so live mice would be selected based upon the apparent size of their tumours [...]. Once in Dave's kitchen, we would kill the mice with ether and harvest their tumours [by] cutting their bodies open and excising the largest tumours. [...] The largest of the harvested tumours - the most aggressive cancers - had a destiny. [...] Bits of the 'best' tumours were selected for individual treatment: each specimen was macerated, strained, mixed with [tissue culture medium, and then] placed in Dave's table centrifuge and spun. Most cancer cells went to the bottom. The liquid on top was [collected]. These were the beginnings of tissue cultures, to be grown elsewhere. The test tubes were then placed in a rack in the back, insulated box. The rest of the tumours [...] were poured into Dave's [kitchen blender]. The result was a 'soup' you'd never want for dinner. Filtering the 'soup' created a 'cell-free' filtrate [...]. The liquid, full of cancer-causing viruses, was placed into a cooler with ice.
The tissue cultures and the cell-free filtrate were now ready for the next lab. We called this 'The Product' (Baker, 2010, K4198-4232).

**STORY CONTINUES:** To learn what happens next, see the entries for Mary Sherman and the Ochsner Bioweapon.

(m) for being at Ferrie's apartment during the afternoon of 6th May 1963, when he was visited by a group of four men, namely "Sparky Rubenstein" (a.k.a. Jack Ruby), Cuban exile Sergio Arcacha Smith, CIA researcher-propagandist William Gaudet [see own entry], and a "heavyset Latino"; for dining with them as a six-some that evening ...

**LEST IT GO UNNOTICED:** In other words in less than a fortnight Baker had met most of the villains who would - three decades later - be featured in Oliver Stone's (1991) movie "JFK"! She was, in short, already in it up to her pretty neck.

(n) for meeting up with Ochsner 8th May 1963, being briefed as to his expectations of her, and told to seek a cover job alongside LHO at the William Reilly Coffee Company; for later bumping into Kerry Thornley, (o) for being interviewed at Reily's 10th May 1963 ...

**ASIDE:** It will later emerge that their jobs were arranged and approved in advance by William Monaghan [see own entry], retired FBI Special Agent and presently Vice-President in charge of Security at Reily's. They both started work 17th May 1963, she as one of Monaghan's secretaries, he as odd-job-man.

(p) for finally getting a proper induction meeting 11th May 1963 with Dr. Sherman, who explained in technical detail how she was expected to contribute to her Project, (q) for spending the rest of the summer of '63 close to LHO, raising cancer-infected mice and submitting recovered cancer tissues to the main lab; that and falling in love with him into the bargain ...

**CAMEO - MARINA COMES AND GOES:** On 24th April 1963, with her husband just departed for New Orleans by bus, Marina Oswald had moved in with Ruth Paine in Irving. Just under three weeks later, on or about 13th May 1963, Paine ferried Marina and her daughter to New Orleans by car (a one-way journey of more than 500 miles). Before setting off on the return leg 14th May 1963 she put Marina in touch with fellow support worker Ruth Kloepfer [see own entry]. She then came back to collect Marina 20th September 1963, staying over for three days before returning to Irving.

**CAMEO - LHO AS PRO-CASTRO ACTIVIST:** Between 16th June 1963 and 21st August 1963 LHO was being trained up for the delivery of the Ochsner Bioweapon material into Cuba, and therefore had to cultivate the necessary pro-Castro persona by distributing leaflets on behalf of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). For the fuller story see Timeline on and between these dates.

**CAMEO - MURINE VIRUS 1111FN:** [This cameo condensed from Baker (2014, pp224-226, 245,)] Baker (2014) recalls processing a particularly large batch of mice 12th July 1963 followed by the final batch 17th July 1963. She also mentions that Sherman was by now using larger animals such as marmosets, which had to be barrier handled because the latest strains of the virus were not just quickly lethal, but also potentially capable of interspecies contagion (p226). She also recalls that in the last days of July she saw a vial labelled "Murine 1111FN" in the refrigerator at the Mouse House, believing to be ready for deep-freezing as long-term stock.

**CAMEO - THE JACKSON "VOLUNTEER" AND THE CLINTON TRIP:** [This cameo condensed from Baker (2010, Chapter 22) and Baker (2014, Chapter 13)] By the beginning of August 1963 the latest Ochsner-Sherman "Product" was judged lethal enough for operational testing. Ochsner therefore (1) started to decommission the Mouse House, and (2) arranged for a suitably disposable human volunteer. This act of - bluntly - cold-blooded murder took place under cover of the long-standing research collaboration between the universities and hospitals in New Orleans and prisons and mental hospitals elsewhere in Louisiana. Inmates of these institutions were routinely paid for their time, and not all of them suffered permanent injury.

**ASIDE:** For a personal memoir of just such an adventure see the entry for Rose Cheramie. Other eyewitness accounts are given in Baker (2014, pp273-275).

On 29th August 1963 a convict-volunteer was bussed across from the State Penitentiary at Angola to the East Louisiana State Mental Hospital at JacksonLA [map] for treatment. The bus was met seven miles further east at ClintonLA [map] by David Ferrie, Clay Shaw, LHO, and an orderly from the hospital. While they were waiting, Ferrie's party was observed by a number of blacks queuing up outside the local courthouse to register to vote. The volunteer - a convicted murderer "with terminal cancer already" - was then conveyed to the research lab...
at Jackson, where Ferrie administered the injection. LHO closely observed the process because he would have to pass on the details to the eventual assassin in due course.

(r) for being informed by David Ferrie the following day that the volunteer had in fact been healthy, and for being so appalled by the blatant immorality of testing deadly concoctions on subjects unable to give informed consent that she immediately formally protested to Ochsner by letter, (s) for being summarily dismissed from the Project, and told to prepare instead for a position at PenChem’s laboratories at GainesvilleFL, (t) for returning to Jackson with LHO 31st August to carry out some additional blood tests, before relocating to Florida 5th September, leaving LHO to await news of the prisoner's fate ...

**CAMEO - LHO’S MEXICO CITY TRIP:** The volunteer died 23rd September 1963, meaning that the bioweapon was effective, and the Mexico City handover could go ahead. Between 24th September 1963 and 2nd October 1963 LHO was in transit to, residing in, or returning from Mexico City. Baker has consistently asserted that his true mission was to deliver a refrigerated bioweapon culture to a Cuban courier who would smuggle it back into Cuba for use against Fidel Castro. His cover mission was to be seen trying to get a transit visa from the Cuban Embassy so that he might return via Havana to the Soviet Union. For the fuller story see the Timeline 24th September 1963, and follow the sub-thread provided there.

(t) for starting at PenChem 9th October 1963, (u) for enjoying one final fateful 90-minute telephone conversation with LHO 20th November, in the course of which he explained that the assassination attempt was still going ahead and that he was now a member of the “abort team” doing its best to prevent it, (v) in the same conversation for explicitly naming the traitor as his CIA handler, David Atlee Phillips, (w) for then having to watch the whole tragic opus acted out on TV and radio over the weekend 22nd-24th November 1963, (x) for somehow avoiding the spate of "accidents" and "suicides" which disposed of most of the conspirators already mentioned, and for keeping her story very much to herself until 1999 ...

**ASIDE:** Baker explains (Me and Lee, 2010, K2992) that before the Church Committee in 1975 nobody would have believed her anyway, whereas after it "they" would certainly have silenced her along with the many others.

and (y) [STOP PRESS] for posting 10th October 2019 the very convincing story of civil service lawyer Mike Horan’s 2014 witnessed statement that LHO had indeed been a government agent, as the majority of us have taken as the fifth Jeffersonian self-evident truth all along. **FURTHER READING:** Baker's first book, "Me and Lee" [Amazon - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR NEWBIES WANTING A FLYING START], came out in 2010. She has appeared also on numerous YouTube interviews and presentations - YouTube an example. Her most recent books are "Ferrie" (2014) [Amazon], a no-holds-barred biography of David Ferrie, and (with Ed Schwartz) "Kennedy and Oswald: The Big Picture" (2017) [Amazon]. At the time of writing [October 2019] she soldiers on, more or less single-handedly, in her pursuit not only of the truth of the Assassination, but also of a society which actually values such truths. A second edition of "Me and Lee" is expected in 2020.

***** Two Bobby Bakers follow - do not mix them up *****

**Baker, Robert Alston, III:** [Background not known - Ed.] Bobby Baker [no convenient biography] was the Florida University student who married Judith Vary, thereafter Judith Vary Baker, 2nd May 1963 in Mobile, AL, and who then rather conveniently worked away two or three weeks at a time while his new wife fell for, and then conducted a double extramarital affair with LHO.

**Baker, Robert Gene:** Washington aide Bobby Baker [Wikipedia biography] had been closely associated with LBJ since the latter's election to the Senate in 1948, and had common business interests with him until 1960. Baker resigned as Secretary to the House Majority Leader on 7th October 1963, during an investigation for bribery, and he was eventually sentenced to 18 months in prison for tax evasion.
Baker, Russell Warren: Investigative journalist Russ Baker [Wikipedia biography] joined our story with his 2008 book "Family of Secrets", the first work to make a detailed case that George H. W. Bush had been an active CIA officer at the time of the JFK assassination and the Watergate Conspiracy. For this impudence he has been largely disowned by the mainstream media, although his WHY-WHAT social media presence is still holding out under fire [check it out].

Balaban, Barney: White Russian-born American movie executive Barney Balaban [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having made an early fortune in the movie industry in Chicago, later joining Paramount Pictures [see own entry]. He died in 1971, aged 83.

Bales, James David: American Restorationist preacher James D. Bales [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as administrator-faculty on George S. Benson's [see own entry SUPERORDINATE NARRATIVE] National Educational Program (NEP) [ditto] from its foundation in the late 1930s to his retirement some 40 years later, (b) for controversially preaching against desegregation during the 1950s, (c) for co-authoring countless hard right political tracts, drawing - whenever it suited that day's editorial line - on scripture, and (d) for making adventurous use of radio and TV as methods of distribution ...

CAMERO - BALLES AND PHILBRICK: Bales worked the Rightist propaganda circuit for much of the Cold War, selling his "controversialist" ravings. One of those he recruited was the man who inspired Lee Harvey Oswald to a life as an under cover agent, namely circuit Red-baiter Herbert A. Philbrick [see own entry A HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL CELEBRITY CRAZY], who not only presented a textbook visual short entitled "What is Communism?" [IMDB entry]...

YouTube it here (14 mins)

COMPULSORY VIEWING

... but also provided the Preface to Bales' 1962 book "Communism: Its Faith and Fallacies" [Amazon].

Bales died in 1995, aged 79. FURTHER READING: Advanced students are recommended to the James D Bales Project Archive at the University of Arkansas.

Balfour Declaration: See Arthur Balfour [own entry and 2nd February 1917].

***** CAUTION *****

POSSIBLE DEEP STATE CONSPIRATOR JULY 1914

Balfour, Arthur James [1st Earl of Balfour]1922: British politician, reported sado-masochist, confessed believer in the paranormal, and described by Winston Churchill as "wicked and moral", Arthur Balfour [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having fast-tracked as a young M.P. 1874-1886 thanks to the patronage of his uncle, Lord Salisbury [see own entry], (b) for becoming Chief Secretary for Ireland in 1887, for opposing Irish Home Rule [see 8th June 1886], and for strengthening the Irish Unionists [see 2nd December 1904], (c) for serving as Prime Minister 1902-1905, during which time he created the Committee of Imperial Defence [Wikipedia briefing] and strongly supported moves to improve relations with France [see 8th April 1904], (d) for remaining Leader of the Conservative Party after their defeat in the 1905 General Election and until 1911, (e) for becoming Foreign Secretary 1916-1919 in Lloyd George's administration, during which time he pushed for American entry into the war, issued the Balfour Declaration [see 2nd February 1917], and oversaw the Versailles Peace Conference [see 18th January 1919]. Balfour features large in Docherty and MacGregor's (2012) Secret Elite Conspiracy [see the entry for Cecil Rhodes], where he is described as having been one of those "seduced" by Britain's Zionist lobby over the preceding two decades.

Ballin, Albert: German shipping magnate Albert Ballin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having inherited the Hamburg-America Line (HAPAG) [see 22nd January 1891] in 1874, and (b) for turning it into the world's largest shipping company by cornering the market for European emigrants to the Americas.
***** READ THIS ENTRY VERY CAREFULLY *****

***** ACCESSORY, OPERATION VALKYRIE, 1944 *****

►►►►► Yes, this Operation Valkyrie!! ◄◄◄◄◄

Bancroft, Mary: American socialite turned Great Gamer Mary Bancroft [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a frequent associate 1926-1933 of Ruth Forbes Paine [see own entry (as Ruth Forbes Young)] (mother in 1928 of the Conspiratorium’s favourite helicopter engineer Michael Paine [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT]), and thus in due course also mother-in-law in 1957 to the Conspiratorium’s favourite Russian tutor Ruth Hyde Paine [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT], (b) for a brief but intense affair ca. 1931 with one of the brains of colour cinematography, Leopold Mannes ...

QUICKIE - LEOPOLD MANNES: Based at their works in RochesterNY, Leopold Damrosch Mannes [Wikipedia biography] was the Eastman-Kodak Company’s photocolloid chemist who would bring the Kodachrome colour film system to market in 1935. The Eastman works would later feature in the JFK story under its then codename, Hawkeye [see own entry].

... (c) for relocating to Zurich, Switzerland, in 1934, becoming a student of the psychoanalyst Carl Jung ...

CAMEO - BANCROFT AND JUNG: Few histories explicitly confirm that this became a sexual affair (and therapists, of all people, are particularly aware of the risks of Transference [Wikipedia briefing] during psychoanalysis, so it might well not have done). Brinkley (op. cit. inf.) says it did go all the way, but Grose (1994) leaves it to our judgement, thus ...

"Mary was […] a former debutante from Boston, reared on Beacon Hill by her step-grandfather C. W. Barron [Wikipedia biography], publisher of The Wall Street Journal. A hearty product of the roaring twenties, Mary had been married twice and collected numerous lovers. She was a handsome woman of the world, purposeful and profoundly intelligent. [...] She] spent her days writing a novel, then entered upon serious study of the bold and challenging Swiss psychologist Carl Gustav Jung, eventually becoming what show business friends would call a 'groupie' of the great man” (Grose, 1994, p163).

... (d) for marrying Swiss accountant Jean Rufenacht [no convenient biography] in 1935, (e) for getting a contract with the U.S. Embassy in Bern in 1942 as a news translator-analyst, soon meeting and falling in love with America’s resident European spymaster Allen Dulles ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: This is the same Allen Dulles who in 1917 had a famous half encounter with Lenin, en route to St. Petersburg, there to dethrone a Tsar, overthrow a dynasty, take Russia out of WW1, and win the Red vs. White Russian Civil War [see the Companion Timeline at 1st January 1918]; who in WW2 more or less single-handedly ran U.S. strategic intelligence operations in Europe (his student John L. Magruder [see own entry] ran the parallel Far Eastern station); who liaised closely with the 1944 Operation Valkyrie bomb plotters against Adolf Hitler (more on which below); who during the 1950s masterminded CIA coups across the entire planet, only to risk a coup too many against Fidel Castro’s Cuban Revolution 1960-1961, getting himself sacked for exceeding his brief by JFK; who was thus ex-boss of all CIA operatives present in Dealey Plaza in 1963; and who then wangled himself a seat on the Warren Commission 1963-1964 to cover it all up. The present author has been in disapproving awe of the man since 1968 when he first learned about the coups, and nowadays rates him one of the top five most influential architects of the Twentieth Century. Note also that the nature of Bancroft’s job meant that within weeks she had become in all practical terms Bern’s resident expert on Nazi propaganda, especially the bit about it having “nothing to do with presenting facts accurately”, and everything to do with appealing "to the emotions of the German people” (Grose, 1994, p165).

... (f) for being assigned by Dulles to the case of potential Nazi defector Hans Gisevius [see own entry] in 1943, to help see if he could be trusted, and for duly racking up another conquest ...

"One night in May 1943 Mary Bancroft found Allen preoccupied after their dinner, lost in thoughts that were obviously not of the lovemaking to come. [...] He told her what he wanted her to do. A certain German officer
would call upon her; she was not to ask his real name. He would offer her a ponderous book-length manuscript about Nazi criminalities and ask her help in translating it for publication after the war. This, Allen explained, would be just the excuse for a relationship. 'I want you to report to me everything he says to you - everything. With you working on his book, he may be off his guard and say things to you that contradict the story he is telling me. That's what I want to find out,' [...] Mary inevitably found a new sex object in Gisevius, this 'giant of a man, fair-haired, blue-eyed, with a healthy tan [etc.], and the dour Gisevius turned on the charm for the adoring editor who was going to make his tedious book into a powerful message" (Grose, 1994, pp182-183).

... (g) for then being kept out of the loop while Dulles and Gisevius crafted the unsuccessful Operation Valkyrie bomb attack [Wikipedia briefing], (h) for arranging for (lover) Gisevius to have therapy sessions with (lover) Jung ...

**ASIDE:** Jung was by now himself part of Dulles's network as OSS "Agent 488". We may therefore presume that Dulles was triangulating everything Bancroft, Gisevius, and Jung told him, looking for tell-tale discrepancies.

... (i) for returning to her American-in-Zurich journalistic career after the war, divorcing Rufenacht in 1947, (j) for specialising for a while in matters Yugoslavian [no details available yet - Ed.], (k) for returning to the United States in 1953, settling in NYC and becoming "an avid Democrat", (l) for assisting the campaign team for W. Averill Harriman's successful 1954 run for the NY Governorship, (m) ditto for Adlai Stevenson's unsuccessful run for the presidency in 1956, (l) for working for the Kennedy brothers' campaign teams 1958-1967, feeding back snippets of gossip to her latest beau, the Time-Life media baron Henry R. Luce [see own entry] (and, very possibly, to old flame Dulles as well) ...

**CAMERO - BANCROFT AND LUCE:** The Luce relationship seems to date back to the early 1950s. Brinkley judges it as "never a sexual relationship" (k8184), consisting merely of erudite meetings of minds. "He's afraid to go to bed with me," she is reported as saying.

... and (n) for setting it all down in her autobiography (op. cit. inf.). She died in 1997, aged 93. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail, see the many mentions in Peter Grose's (1994) "Gentleman Spy: The Life of Allen Dulles" [Amazon] (see especially pp162-167)]. We also like her own (1983) "Autobiography of a Spy" [Amazon] [fee]. For more on the Luce relationship, see Alan Brinkley's (2010) "The Publisher: Henry Luce and His American Century" [Amazon]. Bancroft's personal papers are curated at Harvard University's Schlesinger Library [check them out]. For the main Gisevius narrative see his own entry.

Banfield, Bill: NPIC [=National Photographic Interpretation Center] employee. Features in the entry for Dino Brugioni. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Banister, William Guy: One-time FBI agent, retired Assistant Superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department, and "first-class prick" (Mac Kenzie (and Hooke), Chap 2) Guy Banister [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving in the FBI between 1934 and 1955, during which time he did a lot of work against the American Communist Party (ACP), and ended up SAIC in Chicago, (b) for serving as Assistant Superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) 1955-1957, during which time he fought Civil Rights and Communist activism by running networks of informers in the student bodies at Tulane University and Louisiana State University, (c) for retiring in 1957 to become a private investigator, (d) for taking offices in the Newman Building[531 Lafayette/544 Camp], (e) for becoming one of the leading lights in New Orleans' right-wing activist community, with links to Perminindex, Clay Shaw, David Ferrie, Carlos Marcello and Sergio Areacha Smith, (f) for being one of Robert DePugh's Minutemen and a member of Ed Butler's American Institute for Freedom, (g) for getting involved with New Orleans' Cuban exile population in the months following Castro's revolution [see Timeline 1st January 1960], (h) for running arms to the exile paramilitary up to at least the Bay of Pigs Invasion [see Timeline 15th April 1961]. Liaising with - amongst others - gunrunner and mob bagman Jack Ruby and contract pilot David Ferrie, (i) for reportedly travelling to Washington to see Attorney General RFK in the run-up to the 22nd August
1961 "theft-with-keys" from the HoumaLA [map] premises of oil exploration giant Schlumberger Corporation, and for being given a Letter of Marque authorising repossession without fear of prosecution of contraband itself illegally owned (Russo, 1998, K3544), (j) executing the Houma Heist [see own entry] accordingly, (k) for reportedly using associate Maurice Gatlin [see own entry] to courier $200,000 to the French right-wing terrorist organisation, the OAS [see own entry], (l) for acting for Ferrie in the latter's various disciplinary and criminal hearings [see Timeline 6th February 1962], (m) for working with Ferrie again assisting Carlos Marcello's lawyers fight his immigration dispute, (n) for being one of the three villains named in Eugene Dinkin's [see own entry] 2nd November 1963 intercepted telegram (the other two being William Harvey [see own entry] and Jean Souêtre [see own entry]), (o) for the since-well-publicised pistol-whipping of employee Jack Martin [see own entry], and (p) for keeping a stock of blank FPCC leaflets at this office, where his widow would find them after his death. Banister would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so inner sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination.

"Kapital Über Alles" (LeBor, 1997/2020, chapter title)

Bank for International Settlements (BIS): Founded 17th May 1930 [see Timeline that date] in Basel, Switzerland, to help squeeze a few more drops of reparation money out of an increasingly defiant Germany, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a central point for receiving loan interest (in gold) on the 1930 Reparations Refinancing Loan [see Timeline 3rd January 1930] and distributing it through to the end of WW2 amongst the several Allied banking houses involved ...

CAMEO - VERSAILLES, GERMAN REPARATIONS, AND EUROPEAN BANKING IN THE 'THIRTIES: Here are some fragments of a much larger jigsaw puzzle which readers should have no difficulty assembling into a decent overall picture ...

"From 1921 onward, the Milner Group [see own entry] and the British government (if the two policies are distinguishable) did all they could to lighten the reparations burden on Germany and to prevent France from using force to collect reparations. [+++ participating Milner Group members listed +++] On the two great plans to settle the reparations problem, the Dawes Plan of 1924 [see Timeline 16th August 1924 ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] and the Young Plan of 1929 [ditto 31st August 1929 DITTO], the chief influence was that of J. P. Morgan and Company [see own entry] [+++ more names named +++]" (Quigley, 1949/2013, p241).

"The Young Agreement abolished Allied controls over German banks and railroads and provided for a reduced, but extremely long, reparations schedule through 1988. In the future, payments would be channelled through a Bank for International Settlements in Basel, with the ubiquitous [Carl] Melchior [see own entry AN INTERESTING FELLOW] named to its administrative board" (Chernow, 1993, p510).

"The powers of financial capitalism had another far-reaching aim, nothing less than 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. This system was to be controlled in a feudalist fashion by the central banks of the world acting in concert, by secret agreements arrived at in frequent private meetings and conferences. The apex of the system was to be the Bank for International Settlements in Basle, Switzerland, a private bank owned and controlled by the world's central banks which were themselves private corporations. Each central bank, in the hands of men like Montagu Norman [see own entry] at the Bank of England, Benjamin Strong [Wikipedia biography] of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, Charles Rist [Wikipedia biography] of the Bank of France, and Hjalmar Schacht [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY] of the Reichsbank, sought to dominate its government by its ability to control Treasury loans" (Quigley, 1966, p339).

"Correspondent banks, such as Schröder, handled their transactions through the Bank [for] International Settlements in Switzerland, whose president - the U.S. citizen, [Thomas Harrington] McKittrick [Wikipedia biography] - was personally represented by Allen Dulles both before and after World War II. It should be noted that the BIS was also the preferred conduit for much of the Nazi's loot, as well as for Dulles' investors in German stock: [...] the looted gold that was channelled to the BIS, via Berlin, was first gathered by the Nazis and the gas chamber Sonderkommandos. While the BIS's president, McKittrick, denied its gold was looted, one man who knew its true provenance was his colleague Emil Puhl [Wikipedia biography], vice-president of the Reichsbank [who] had been personally chosen by Hitler as one of the BIS's German directors" (Aarons and Loftus, 1991/2017, p374).
"[U.S. special envoy James McDonald [see own entry] arrived at Basle about ten o'clock. Went first to the hotel, then over to the [...] Bank for International Settlements [...] where] met Schacht. He asked me if I had had my interview with Hitler, was it satisfactory?" (Diaries, Breitman, et al. (Eds.), 2007, entry 9th April 1933).

"The world's central banks, including the Federal Reserve, created BIS in 1930. BIS was inspired by Hjalmar Horace Greely Schacht, who later became the Nazi Minister of Economics and president of the Reichsbank. [...] One of the owners of BIS was the Morgan-affiliated First National Bank of New York. The Morgans had extensive connections with BIS, which was founded to provide the Allies with reparations from WWI as part of the Young Plan. [+++ more directors named +++] By the outbreak of war, BIS was under Hitler's control. BIS directors included Thomas McKittrick [aforementioned], an associate of the Morgans [...] other names listed]. [...] The first BIS president was Gates McGarrah [see own entry], formerly of Chase National Bank. During the first two years Hitler was in power, McGarrah was instrumental in financing the Nazis through BIS. In 1940, McKittrick met at the Reichsbank both Kurt von Schroeder and the Gestapo to discuss how to continue doing business if war broke out. On Feb. 5, 1942, [...] the Reichsbank and the German and Italian governments approved orders that allowed McKittrick to remain in charge of BIS. [...] In response, McKittrick gratefully arranged a loan of several million Swiss francs to the Nazi puppet governments of Poland and Hungary" (Yeadoon and Hawkins, 1999-2008, k5762-5781).

"The use of slave labour by Ford and General Motors, and the seizure of Jewish accounts by the Paris branch of Chase Bank, are typical of the crimes corporate America committed during the war" (ibid., k5762).

"The BIS described itself as neutral, but throughout the war [= WW2], under McKittrick's direction, it actively aided the 'Third Reich'" (LeBor, 1997/2020, p354).

"... both Allen Dulles and his brother John Foster Dulles [see own entry REVELATORY] were deeply entangled in the web of financial connections that linked Nazi Germany with the United States. [+++ details of their Nazi directorships +++] From the Schroeder Bank to the Bank for International Settlements, from the OSS office in Bern to the Schroeder Bank, from I.G. Farben to the OSS, this malevolent old boys' network stretched across wartime Europe" (LeBor, op. cit., pp162-163).

Cautious to the last, as war approached, the BIS began the precautionary extraction of its gold reserves to Britain 1938-1939 [see Timeline 1st June 1938].

... (b) for then supporting the United States in its Cold War against Soviet Russia and Communist China ever since ...

Readers unfamiliar with the safe haven provided by the United States to many surviving "good" Nazis after WW2 should check out the entry for <Operation PAPERCLIP> before proceeding.

CAMEO - THE BIS IN THE POST-PAPERCLIP WORLD: The rich variety of the works cited above is down to the popularity of the Nazi Gold historical motif in the 1980s and 1990s. Much less has been written about right-wing banking in directing world affairs since then. We therefore draw solely upon Adam LeBor's (2013) "Tower of Basel: The Shadowy History of the Secret Bank That Runs the World" [Amazon EXPLAINS SO VERY MUCH] to bring us up to date. Here are some indicative pieces of this more recent jigsaw puzzle, one each from every decade from WW2 through to the 2010s. We fear, however, that the box top picture needed to make full sense of the pieces will not reveal itself until next year [= 2023] ...

"[After the war] the BIS returned to business as usual. In December 1946 [...] Maurice Frère [Wikipedia biography], the governor of the National Bank of Belgium and BIS board member, travelled to Washington, DC, to lobby US policymakers to free the BIS's blocked assets [...]. The turning point came in May 1948 when the BIS agreed to return 3.74 metric tons of looted gold to Belgium and the Netherlands. In exchange, the Allied Tripartite Commission, which dealt with Nazi plunder, agreed to drop all future claims against the bank” (p132).

"Emil Puhl [aforementioned], the former vice president of the Reichsbank and BIS board member, also had travel plans. In 1954 Puhl applied for a U.S. visa, despite his conviction for war crimes [...] offering] the Chase National Bank, the employers of his old friend McKittrick, as his reference. [...] It is not publicly known if Puhl travelled to the United States, and if he did, with whom he met" (p176).

"There were times, especially during crises, that the mutual trust engendered over the lunches and dinners in Basel proved crucial in stabilising the global financial system. November 23, 1963, was such a day. The assassination of President John F. Kennedy triggered panic selling on the stock market. [+++ technical details of the resulting currency swaps +++] The stock market recovered. When the markets opened on Monday, the dollar remained stable” (pp189-190).
"The rapidly globalising economy [...] made that confidentiality and trust between the central bankers and the BIS even more crucial. [...] This worked so well that by 1976 the central bankers of the Eastern Bloc countries even had their own biannual governors' meetings at Basel, hosted by the BIS" (p201).

"Behind the scenes, one of [the Delors Commission's] most influential members was Alexandre Lamfalussy [Wikipedia biography], the Hungarian-born BIS general manager. [...] Lamfalussy joined the BIS in 1976 as economic adviser [...] and in 1985 he was appointed general manager. [...] details of the horse trading [...] The Delors Committee presented its report on EMU [Wikipedia briefing] in April 1989. Central banks' reserves would be off limits to governments" (pp211-212).

"In 1992 twelve European countries signed the Maastricht Treaty [Wikipedia briefing], which brought the European Union into existence" (p219).

"The ongoing experience of European union seemed only to dampen its citizens' enthusiasm. In 2005 France and the Netherlands both voted no in referenda on the new European constitution" (p245).

"When Mark Carney [Wikipedia biography], the governor of the Bank of Canada, was appointed governor of the Bank of England in November 2012, he received the kind of media coverage usually reserved for royalty and soccer players. [...] Carney is a well-known figure at the BIS. He is a member of the board, representing the Bank of Canada [and] has served as chair of the BIS committee on the Global Financial System" (pp248-249).

... (c) for appointing neoliberal banker Agustín ["The Most Powerful Man in the World"] Carstens [see own entry] as general manager in 2017, and for thereby becoming part of the much-feared Great Reset [see Timeline 3rd June 2020, then as threaded COMPULSORY READING], and (d) for very recently raising its own concerns about the instability of the derivatives market [see Timeline 5th December 2022, BE VERY AFRAID].

FURTHER READING: Links are provided to all the source-works cited above. LeBor (2013) is a particularly fertile source for post-WW2 goings on.

Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI): [Not to be confused with International Credit Bank of Geneva] The Luxembourg registered bank BCCI [Wikipedia briefing] was forced into liquidation in 1991 and placed under investigation for money laundering, the funding of covert operations (including terrorism), and fraud. Links with the CIA have also been mentioned in a number of mainstream academic histories of the collapse. Here, for example, is how Peter Dale Scott's [q.v.] 2015 book "Dallas '63" explained how the U.S. deep state circumvented moves to curtail its operations in the mid-1970s ...

"... a number of the CIA's allied intelligence services, in France, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Morocco, had allied in the so-called Safari Club to serve as an alternative source of funding and financing of covert operations. In this they used the resources and networks of the drug-laundering Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI). CIA assets like Adnan Kashoggi and David Rappaport, assisted by officially retired CIA personnel like Miles Copeland [q.v.] and Jerry Townsend, were part of this global BCCI network" (§6205). [This extract continues without break in the entry for Safari Club.]

Bank of North America: Approved by Congress on 26th May 1781 to a specification by Superintendent of Finance Robert Morris [see own entry], and with pump-priming funding from the French, the Bank of North America [Wikipedia briefing] was the United States' first post-Revolutionary bank. Its first President was Morris' long-term business partner Thomas Willing [see own entry].

Banned Books: Books have been controlled ever since Warlord X discovered that a good way to belittle Warlords Y and Z was to deface their statues, grind their icons into the dust, and (literally or figuratively) urinate in their temples. The Catholic Church maintained the Index Librorum Prohibitorum until as recently as 1966, the Nazis banned as "degenerate" anything remotely avant garde, the Soviets anything bourgeois, the Maoists anything imperialist, and ISIS anything western. Ideas, in other words, are universally recognised as offensive weapons. Note, however, that in his 2014e Series Introduction to Open Road Media's Forbidden Bookshelf, Professor of Media Studies Mark Crispin Miller [Wikipedia biography] stresses that an administration can ban books covertly every bit as easily as overtly: they simply get their friends in the publishing business to damn targeted works with anything between faint praise and deathly silence.
Bannerman, Robert L.: CIA officer since 1947 and experienced Cold War warrior Robert Bannerman [no convenient biography] was presently the CIA's Director of Security.

"The classical ignorant face of the 2019 U.K. elections" (Dorset Eye, 22nd November 2019)

Barber, Rob ['"The Bullet'': Competition motorcyclist turned IT consultant Rob ['"The Bullet' Barber] [Homepage] is noteworthy in the present context as the audience participant in the BBC Question Time political discussion program 21st November 2019 who challenged Labour Party panellist Richard Burgon on income tax thresholds in such a practised fashion that leftists in the Twittersphere immediately suspected him of being a planted and pre-briefed right-wing shill. After a couple of hours of research it turned out that he was exactly that, and by the following day the Dorset Eye had a summative piece out about the incident - read it here. However, it is (as will be explained below) almost impossible to determine without a full public inquiry whether Barber was being deliberately deceptive or was simply himself a victim of the media circus, and we wish him well.

Barclay, Michael James: Dallas lawyer Mike Barclay [no convenient biography] was at the corner of Main Street and Houston when the motorcade passed by, and personally heard the shooting from the direction of the TSBD. Later that weekend, after LHO had himself been shot, and with Jack Ruby in custody, he had a chance meeting with Ruby's flatshare George Senator, whom he reassured that he should expect no public reprisals against the shared residence.

Baring, Joseph: See the entry for Porton Down.

Baring, Evelyn [1st Earl of Cromer]1901: British diplomat and colonial administrator Evelyn Baring [Lord Cromer]1901 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 12 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French move against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. Lord Cromer, they note, was brought in to oversee the subsequent whitewash, being Chairman of the Dardanelles Commission [see own entry] from its creation in July 1916 to his death in January 1917 (when he was replaced by Sir William Pickford [see own entry]).

Baring Family (Bankers and "Merchants of War" [check it out]) at a Glance: The Baring family dynasty began when 20-year-old German wool merchant Johann Baring [Wikipedia biography] settled in Britain in 1717 and married into a large dowry. His first and third sons John Baring [Wikipedia biography] and Francis Baring [Wikipedia biography] set up in business in 1762 as John and Francis Baring and Company (although John seems to have been mostly a silent partner). Then came a merger with Hope and Company [Wikipedia briefing], a Scottish-run bank in Amsterdam with family connections in the Americas. During the 1790s, Francis Baring recruited his five sons, one after the other as they came of useful age, as associates-in-training. The second son, Alexander Baring [1st Baron Ashburton]1835 [Wikipedia biography] was sent firstly to Amsterdam in 1792 to work with Hope and Company as "principal assistant in Mr. Hope's counting house". That same year Francis Baring became Chairman of the East India Company. In January 1795 the Hope Company, complete with Alexander Baring, fled Amsterdam cause de guerre and re-settled in London. That September, Alexander was sent across to Boston on his first adult assignment, and in the ensuing eight years made himself the liaison man of choice for British-American capital loans, and married William Bingham's [see own entry] daughter Ann Louisa Bingham into the bargain. The merged Barings and Hope Bank, and Alexander Baring in particular, then made a name for themselves by financing Napoleon Bonaparte's 1803 Louisiana Sale [Wikipedia briefing] for (reportedly) what would today be in the order of $600 billion (much of which Napoleon then expended in fighting Britain). In 1804, Barings and Hope became Baring Brothers and Company, with Alexander as senior partner. The
company continued to trade in like vein, sometimes losing deals to rival N. M. Rothschild and Sons [check them out], and sometimes collaborating with them. In 1835 Alexander Baring, for services to the British Establishment, becomes Baron Ashburton and a member of the British Establishment.

**ASIDE:** Taking the grand view, Tearle (2017) makes much of this ennobling. Not only is it the first time a mere merchant (rather than a warlord-landowner) has become British aristocracy, but the later Lords and Ladies Ashburton will go on to diffuse British high society, including, via the Spencer line, the present [October 2018] heir to the throne.

Then in 1856 young Edward ["Ned"] Baring [1st Baron Revelstoke] became a partner, and international high finance started to take on its modern swashbuckling spirit. One of Master Edward's favourite investments was the bankrolling of railway construction via the corporate bond market, which he did for the Canadian Pacific and Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe railways, amongst others. He was rewarded by being made a director of the Bank of England in 1879, a peer in 1885, and chairman of Lloyd's of London in 1887. However his brokering of South American debt in the late 1880s was nigh on disastrous and the entire bank nearly failed in the Panic of 1890 [check it out]. After 1890 Lord Ned retired in comfortable disgrace and the company was piloted toward WW1 and its reputation restored by John Baring [2nd Baron Revelstoke]. The new Lord Revelstoke became a director of the Bank of England in 1898, in which capacity he accompanied Lord Milner on the 1917 Milner Mission to Russia [see own entry]. His uncle Evelyn Baring [Lord Cromer] was a diplomat not a banker, and has accordingly been given a separate entry. In 1995, of course, Barings went down for good when a derivatives trader named Nick Leeson [Wikipedia biography] exposed the money market for the unregulated casino that it was [YouTube it now]. They took the dreams of a lot of innocent people with them.

Barker, Bernard Leon: Havana born Cuban-American, WW2 (USAF) veteran, one-time member of Fulgencio Batista's secret police, sometime FBI undercover agent, sometime CIA operative, and participant in the Bay of Pigs Invasion. Bernard Barker [Wikipedia biography] is now widely suspected as having been on the assassination team representing Team Santos Trafficante, as a fake SS agent at the top of the Grassy Knoll, whose job it was to turn away genuine law officers while the actual shooters made their get-away [as happened, for example, to Mo Mabra]. His story only started to emerge after he was convicted 1st January 1975 for taking part in the 1972 Watergate Affair.

Barnes, Julius Howland: [STUB ENTRY] American shipping magnate and grain exporter Julius H. Barnes [University of Minnesota biography and archive] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for placing his grain fleet and expertise at the disposal of WW1 food relief tsar Herbert Hoover [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] in 1917, and (b) for thereby getting head-hunted by President Wilson in 1919 to head the follow-up U.S. Grain Corporation [U.S. National Archives briefing] in its operations into White Russia during the Russian Civil War. Here is Burner (op. cit. inf.) with some of the detail (it is May 1917, and the U.S. government is manoeuvring to stabilise food prices) ...

"While the government did not directly impose the fixed price, Hoover had adequate means of enforcing it. [...] He pooled the buying of wheat for the Allies and the military. And he was Chairman of the United States Food Administration Grain Corporation, a government-owned firm that President Wilson set up for bringing order into the movement of wheat. [...] The grain chief Julian Barnes [...] used a government fund of $150 million, and additional borrowings, to buy and hold grain until it was needed domestically or by the Allies" (pp105-106).

**FURTHER READING:** For more detail of the man and his mission see Frank M. Surface's (1928) "The Grain Trade" [full text online courtesy of the Hathi Trust and the University of Michigan]. For more of Hoover's ubiquitous presence in the relief operations see David Burner's (1979) "Herbert Hoover: A Public Life" [Amazon DEEPLY REVELATORY].

Barnes, Tracy: Following the King Memorandum to the National Security Council and the consequent authorisation of Operation 40, WW2 veteran OSS agent and long-time CIA luminary...
Tracy Barnes [Spartacus Educational biography] was made Chief of the CIA’s Cuban Task Force. On 18th June 1960 he reportedly met with E. Howard Hunt, David Atlee Phillips, and others to plan specific anti-Castro operations, not least the Bay of Pigs Invasion. Oilmen George H. W. Bush and Jack Crichton would provide funding.

EXTENDED, MAY 2019: Judyth Vary Baker and Edward Schwartz's recent book "Kennedy & Oswald" [Amazon] explains that by mid-1963 Barnes was working out of the Domestic Operations Base (DOB) [see own entry] at Alexandria VA. They cite testimony by one time DOB operative Donald Deneselya [see own entry] to the effect that Barnes’ duties included assassinations authorised at Directorate level (specifically, by Richard Helms and/or Allen Dulles). William "Rip" Robertson seems to have been “involved” at point of delivery.

Barnes, Sergeant W. E.: Having been despatched to the J. D. Tippit Officer-Down call in Oak Cliff. Sergeant W. E. Barnes was the DPD officer who then processed the murder scene, finding the discarded jacket in the nearby parking lot. He then attended the arrest site at the Texas Theater.

Barrett, Robert M.: FBI agent Bob Barrett [no convenient biography] was the FBI’s first responder at the J. D. Tippit crime scene, and witnessed LHO’s wallet - having been picked up by Officer Kenneth Croy moments earlier - being checked out by Captain Bill Westbrook [q.v.] - YouTube his recollections now. Barrett's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED], Browse the Oswald's Wallet Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Barrington-Ward, Robert McGowan: British journalist and distinguished WW1 veteran Robert Barrington-Ward [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Assistant Editor of The Times between 1927 and 1941 and then Editor of same between 1941 and 1948.

Barth, Karl: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] Swiss Calvinist parish priest turned academic theologian turned (perhaps unwittingly) intelligence asset Karl Barth [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for studying under Adolf von Harnack [Wikipedia biography] at the University of Berlin in the early 1900s, becoming pastor of the village of Safenwil [map], Switzerland, 1911-1921, (b) for making an early name for himself as a theologian with works such as his 1919 (revised 1922) “Der Römerbrief” [Amazon (in English)], (c) for remaining a conventional academic through until the rise of the Nazis in the early 1930s, being particularly influential in the activities of the Bekennende Kirche (BK) [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE], (d) for being the lead author of the 1934 Barmen Declaration [covered in the parallel narrative], personally mailing a copy thereof to Hitler, (e) for accordingly going onto the Nazi blacklist, losing his University of Bonn position and seeking refuge instead back in Switzerland at the University of Basel, and (f) for there retreating into his theologising, not least in the six million words of his five-volume magnum opus, "Church Dogmatics" [Amazon]. He died in 1968, aged 82.

Baruch, Bernard Mannes: American stockbroker, commodity speculator, and financier Bernard Baruch [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being retained by President Wilson in 1916 as defence industry advisor ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: When bankers “own” senior politicians in this way, it is a form of Insider Trading [Wikipedia briefing]. The practice is therefore widespread in Establishment circles, with neither the bankers nor the politicians much motivated to prevent it.

... (b) for continuing after the Armistice as a member of the American delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 18th January 1919], and (c) for repeating the advisorships with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Truman in the 1940s. He died in 1965, aged 94.

2017-2019 as Downing Street Chief of Staff. As such he stands accused in the late 2019 social media [but untested in any forum] of having "sat on" a technical report into the deficiencies of high-rise cladding which caused London's 2017 Grenfell Tower Disaster - see typical public domain allegation.

**Batista, Fulgencio**: Cuban politician Fulgencio Batista [Wikipedia biography] was U.S.-backed President of Cuba until - after a decade in bed with American mobsters such as Meyer Lansky and Lucky Luciano - that backing was switched to the not-yet-Communist Castro Revolution, as a result of which Batista was deposed 1st January 1959.

**Bauer, Max Hermann**: WW1 veteran Max Bauer [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having commanded the German siege artillery in the 1914 invasion of Belgium [see 5th August 1914], and (b) for having headed up the 1927-1938 German Military Mission [see 7th November 1927] to Chiang Kai-Shek. Somewhat ironically, Bauer, one of whose areas of WW1 expertise was chemical warfare, died unexpectedly 6th May 1929, possibly/probably of a deliberately inflicted smallpox infection.

**Bazant, Zdenek Pavel**: See the Timeline entries for (his 9/11 hypothesis) 1st October 2008 and (its refutation) 14th January 2009.

**Beal, Fred Erwin**: American trade union activist turned vehemently anti-Communist propagandist Fred Beal [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for first making the headlines in 1929 when convicted of being an accessory to the strike-related death of a police chief in GastoniaNC ...

**QUICKIE - BEAL AND THE GASTONIA AFFAIR:** The strike in question was the April-September 1929 Loray Mill Strike [Wikipedia briefing]. The death in question was that of Chief Orville F. Aderholt [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] in one of the many confrontations between striking workers and hired thug union-busters, just as in Seattle ten years earlier - see Timeline 2nd AND 4th February 1919.

... (b) for then being part of the American technical support teams sent into the Soviet Union in the early 1930s to help get the American-designed-and-tooled Kharkiv Tractor Factory [see Timeline 1st October 1931] up and running, (c) for then coming home and - with no little encouragement from establishment narrative makers - doing his best to trash Stalinism ...

**CAMEO - BEAL'S HATCHET JOB**: Beal's personal Communism had little in common with Stalin's and in 1933, upon his return to the United States, he was used by hostile Washington propagandists to whip up hatred against his erstwhile hosts - see his Wiki for examples and references. His 1933 book "Foreign Workers in a Soviet Tractor Plant" [Amazon] is typical of the genre. His writings are accordingly a significant research corpus for modern historians of Russia's world historic transition from Tsarist Empire to far from perfect Stalinist Experiment, by way of revolution and civil war.


**Beckford, William, Jr.**: British celebrity bisexual and all-round roué William Beckford, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early life of dissolve over-indulgence thanks to his family's sugar plantation fortune, (b) for terms as Member of Parliament 1784-1795 and 1806-1820, (c) for his 1786 Gothic novel "Vathek" [Amazon], and (d) for dissipating his inheritance by a mixture of headstrong investments in real estate and the fine arts.

**Beer, George Louis**: American historian and politico-economic theorist George Beer [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the first non-Briton to join the Round Table Movement [see own entry] in 1910, acting thereafter as the New York correspondent of the Round Table
Journal and generally speaking out in favour of an early American entry into WW1, (b) for suggesting 1st January 1918 that any future League of Nations should operate a mandate system by which the administration of war-gained territories should be farmed out to individual nations, (c) for thereby being invited into the American delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, advising on colonial questions, (d) for duly being installed by the Milner Group as head of the Mandate Department when it was formed in 1919, and (e) for helping to found Chatham House and (its American sister) the Council on Foreign Relations [see own entry] prior to his career being prematurely cut short by illness 15th March 1920.

Beers, Ira Jefferson ["Jack"], Jr.: Dallas Morning News photographer Jack Beers [no convenient biography] was in his lab developing footage taken earlier in the day at Love Field. About 20 minutes after the shooting his editor sent him to the TSBD where he filmed both external and internal scenes (including on TSBD6). On 23rd November he covered City Hall, and on 24th he was in the basement at the time of the Jack Ruby shooting. Beers died 1975 of a heart attack, aged 51 years. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

***** WHITE RUSSIAN SHOWS HOW TO GET BREXIT DONE *****

Begin, Menachem Volfovich: [Born Mieczyslaw Biegun] White Russian (Tsarist Belarus) Zionist paramilitary turned politician Menachem Begin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the Betar Militia [see own entry] at age 16, (b) for studying law at the University of Warsaw, graduating in 1935, (c) for coming under the influence of Betar leader Ze'ev Zhabotinsky [see own entry], rising rapidly in his command hierarchy to become head of Polish Betar in 1937, (d) for thereby being perfectly placed to throw his weight behind the famous Zhabotinsky Proposal [see Timeline 8th September 1936], as Polish Jewry became increasingly suspicious of Nazi aims in Poland's direction, (e) in September 1939, as Poland was crushed between a Nazi advance from the west and a Soviet advance from the east, for choosing marginally the lesser of the two evils and fleeing eastward into captivity in one of Stalin's gulags, (f) for being released after Operation Barbarossa in mid-1941 [Wikipedia briefing] and then permitted to join the Free Polish Forces ["Anders' Army"] [Wikipedia briefing] in the now-common fight against Hitler, (g) for being posted to Palestine in May 1942, where arrangements were made to transfer him in December that year to help expand the Zionist paramilitary group Irgun [Wikipedia briefing] [non-Jewish Poles, on the other hand, seem to have been redirected to the Free Polish brigades on the Italian/D-Day Fronts - Ed.], (h) for becoming head of the Irgun in October 1943, leading it in early 1944 in its armed rebellion against the British administration [see Timeline 1st February 1944], and directing its programme of infrastructure bombings and targeted assassinations ... 

CAMEO - THE PALESTINIAN "GLASS HOUSE": In targeting his terrorism, Begin later revealed that he had one eye on the international audience, so that the resulting publicity constrained Britain's freedom to respond. The strategic objective was, of course, to make the Mandated territory ungovernable as it stood, and that strategy continued to be pursued through until independence in 1948 in such contrived events as the 1947 SS Exodus Incident [ditto 11th July 1947].

... (i) after WW2, for coordinating the Irgun with the Haganah [see own entry] and other activist groups to create the Jewish Resistance Movement [Wikipedia briefing] as a joint independence movement which could successfully combine the non-political aspirations of all Jews everywhere with the religious and political zealotry of Palestine's White Russian migrants [see the entries for Abraham Kook, the Mizrachi, the Bnei Akiva Youth Movement, and the Revisionist Zionist Movement ALL CONTAIN COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE], (j) for famously ordering the King David Hotel Bombing in 1946 [ditto 22nd July 1946], having to go into deep hiding with a £10,000 Westminster bounty on his head, (k) for deliberately driving a political wedge between the United States and Britain during the negotiations leading up to the 1947 U.N. Partition Plan for Palestine [ditto 29th November 1947], (l) for taking an active part in the ensuing 1947-1948 Palestine War [ditto 30th November 1947], (m) for helping to organise the 1948 Aliyah Bet Migration [Wikipedia briefing], (n) for distancing the Irgun from the official Israeli military during the 1948-1949 Arab-Israeli War [ditto 15th May 1948 - this is the same war as (l) save that the Zionists have just now become the State of Israel], as, for example, during the 1948 SS Altalena Incident [ditto 20th June 1948], (o) for turning to politics in August 1948 as founder-head
of the Herut Party [Wikipedia briefing], and campaigning as such in the United States in November despite being described by some high-profile non-Russian Jews as a "terrorist", (p) for remaining on the political fringe through until the 1967 Arab-Israeli War [Wikipedia briefing], whereafter he became a minister in the Levi Eshkol Administration [Wikipedia briefing], (q) for working with Ariel Sharon [Wikipedia biography] in 1973 to consolidate the Israeli political right in a new party, the Likud Party [Wikipedia briefing], and (r) for serving as Likud premier 1977-1983. He died in 1992, aged 78. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail, see Chapters 8 through 12 of Colin Shindler’s (2015) "The Rise of the Israeli Right: From Odessa to Hebron" [Amazon RECOMMENDED READING].

Behn, Gerald A.: Although Jerry Behn [no convenient biography] Was SAIC [=Special Agent in Charge] of the SS White House Detail, whose job it was to ride the President’s coat tails at all times, he was being deputised for on 22nd November 1963 by Roy Kellerman.

Beit, Alfred: German-born, Amsterdam-trained, South African-flourished, and Britain-retired Alfred Beit [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for knowing a good retail diamond when he saw one (thanks to his Amsterdam experience), for (b) recognising good diamond workings when he saw them, (c) for forming a business alliance with Cecil Rhodes in the mid-1880s, and (d) for then introducing Rhodes to Nathaniel Rothschild [see own entry] in July 1887, who duly offered him a £1 million loan with which to buy out competitors in the Kimberley diamond fields (which is why Quigley (1949) later assessed him as having had "most to do with making the Rhodes fortune” (p46) - Ed.), (e) for being one of the original Rhodes Trustees [see own entry] in 1902, and (f) for bequeathing £1.2 million to the Beit Railway Trust [Homepage] to bring about improvements to the transportation system in Africa, including a Cape-to-Cairo Railway.

**Bekennende Kirche (BK):** [Usually translated into English as “Confessing Church”] Founded in May 1934 by a relatively liberal faction of German Protestants led by Martin Niemöller, Karl Barth, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer [see own entries IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE], the Bekennende Kirche [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the more genuinely Christian of the two main schools of German Protestantism at the time (the other being the German Christian Movement, or Deutsche Kristen (DK) [Wikipedia briefing; sometimes Deutsche Christen]) ...

***** THIS NEXT BIT IS OF WORLD-HISTORIC IMPORTANCE *****

**CAMEO - GOTT MIT IHNEN:** To understand the BK-DK schism in German Protestantism in 1934, we must firstly go back to the foundation in April 1933 of the German Evangelical Church. the Deutsche Evangelische Kirche (DEK) [Wikipedia briefing RECOMMENDED]. Here is how the Wiki tells the story ...

"Many Protestants voted for the Nazis in the elections of summer and autumn 1932 and March 1933. This differed noticeably from Catholic populated areas, where the results of votes cast in favour of the Nazis were lower than the national average, even after the Machtergreifung (“seizure of power”) of Hitler. The [Protestant] churches did not reject National Socialism on principle. The idea of a strong authority and a close bond between throne and altar, of the kind that existed in the empire between 1871 and 1918, was in keeping with Protestant tradition. A limited number of Protestants [...] objected to the Nazis on moral and theological principles; they could not reconcile the Nazi state's claim to total control over the person with the ultimate sovereignty that, in Christian orthodoxy, must belong only to God” (accessed 9th January 2022).

By 1933, the DK was already over a decade old, and had attracted a "group of fanatic Nazi Protestants" (ibid.). The DEK was an April 1933 upgrade of the DK, complete with a new, Nazi-friendly, constitution. For its part, the BK was the German liberals' attempt not to become a Nazi plaything. In May 1934 the leading protesting Protestants met in the Barmen district of Wuppertal, determined to block attempts by the in-the-ascendant DEK to make the country's churches instruments of state policy and propaganda. The resulting Barmen Declaration [Wikipedia briefing] was signed 31st May and "exalted the lordship of Christ over all things, including the state" (Sutton, op. cit. inf., p39). The DK, on the other hand, having lost its intellectual left, therefore became nothing but a protofascist Reichsreligion, thus (for “German Christians” read “DK” throughout) ...

"For German Christians, race was the fundamental principle of human life, and they interpreted and effected that notion in religious terms. German Christianity emphasized the distinction between the visible and invisible church. For the German Christians, the church on earth was not the fellowship of the holy spirit described in the New Testament but a contrast to it, a vehicle for the expression of race
and ethnicity". The German Christians were sympathetic to the Nazi regime's goal of "co-ordinating" the individual Protestant churches into a single and uniform Reich church, consistent with the Volk ethos and the *Führerprinzip*"  (from the Wiki).

All the ingredients for a full-blown religious war were thus in place in Germany at a time when - on the other side of the Atlantic - minds immeasurably superior to theirs regarded their land with envious eyes; and slowly, and surely, drew their plans against them.  [due credit to H. G. Wells and Jeff Wayne].

***** ENTER THE DULLES BROTHERS *****

Which brings us to the point of this entry, which is that the *BK* went on to become part of spymaster Allen Dulles' Operation PASTOR [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], an operation which survived into the Cold War as part of an enormous pan-European anti-Communist spy network, and which included at one time Switzerland's Albert Schweitzer College (ASC) [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], as featured in the Lee Harvey Oswald story in 1960! Evica (op. cit. inf.) explains how this all came about ...  

"In 1938, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] had offered John Foster Dulles the direction of a 'task force' that would evaluate 'missionary activities throughout the world'. [...] As early as 1883, the Rockefellers had 'used missionaries to gather intelligence about [Native American] insurgencies in the West or to discourage them'. The growth of the Rockefellers' wealth was exactly matched by the family's collaboration with Christian fundamentalist missionary action. By 1957 [they] had decided to support the Fundamentalist revivalism of Billy Graham" (k3313).

During the late-1930s, the *BK* became ever weaker and the Nazis ever stronger, suffering carefully targeted arrests and a constant propaganda offensive. In 1935, the Reichsminister für die kirchlichen Angelegenheiten [= Reichsminister for church affairs], Hanns Kerri [Wikipedia biography], set up a conciliation committee chaired by church elder statesman Wilhelm Zoellner [Wikipedia briefing] to try to defuse the situation, but the *BK* increasingly fell foul of the Nazis' militarism and antisemitism. More arrests followed in 1936 and attempts at conciliation effectively ceased in 1937 with Zoellner's death. The Nazis then made their position abundantly clear by arresting several hundred pastors and confiscating the church's funds. Kerri's 13th February 1937 statement on the matter leaves little to the imagination ...

"Positive Christianity is National Socialism ... [and] National Socialism is the doing of God's will.... Dr. Zoellner ... has tried to tell me that Christianity consists in faith in Christ as the Son of God. That makes me laugh ... Christianity is not dependent upon the Apostle's Creed .... [but] is represented by the Party .... the German people are now called ... by the Führer to a real Christianity .... The Führer is the herald of a new revelation" (from the Wiki).

During WW2, the only safe members of the *BK* hierarchy were those who had fled the country at the time of the clampdown. The several millions of rank-and-file followers - good people, but totally outnumbered - largely kept their counsel while civilisation collapsed around them. They were thus perfectly placed to be exploited as soon as America decided it needed a German equivalent of the French Resistance (see the Operation PASTOR entry for links to the fuller story). Moreover, they were even easier to recruit once it became apparent in 1944 that the Nazis were about to be replaced by the rapidly advancing Red Army. In 1945, what was left of the church led the moves which led to the formulation of the Schuldbekenntnis [Wikipedia briefing], the 19th October 1945 Declaration of Guilt.  

Belin, David W.: Washington born lawyer David Belin [Wikipedia biography] was Assistant Counsel for the Warren Commission, and conducted many of the questionings referenced in the present resource. He subscribed so strongly to the official lone-nut narrative that his family reportedly read conspiracy works to him during his terminal coma in January 1999 as a test of his consciousness level. He defended the official view in a very informative 10th September 1981 televised head-to-head with G. Robert Blakey - YouTube it now.

***** INFLUENTIAL PROTO-ZIONIST *****

Belkind, Israel: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching COMPULSORY SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] White Russian (b. 1861, Lahoyks [map], Tsarist Belarus) proto-Zionist activist Israel Belkind [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as founder 21st January 1882 [see Timeline that date] of the proto-Zionist migration assistance agency known as the Bilu Society [see own entry], (b) for leading the 14-strong party of Bilu-im pioneers who arrived in the Holy Land 6th July 1882 to strengthen the Rishon-Le-Zion Settlement [see own entry], (c) for encouraging the 1st December 1884 follow-on party who founded the similar settlement at Gedera, (d) for developing himself over the ensuing decades, firstly as teacher then as society elder and circuit Zionist, and (e) for recording his experiences in the 1918 book "The First Steps of the Jewish Settlement in Palestine" [unavailable Amazon or online]. He died in 1929, aged 68. FURTHER READING: For more on Zionist settlements in Ottoman Palestine before and during the First Aliyah, switch to the Companion Timeline at 13th July 1838 and follow the <Zionism Pre-WW1> threading.

Bell, Audrey D.: Nurse Audrey Bell [no convenient biography] was a senior nurse attending firstly JFK and subsequently John Connally during their emergency treatment at Parkland Hospital. She is noteworthy in the present context for the part she played in the chain of custody arguments over the Magic Bullet - YouTube her now, and then browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Bell, Gertrude Margaret Lowthian: British travel writer turned "Queen of the Desert" archaeologist cum intelligence officer Gertrude Bell [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) (as the daughter of an industrialist Baronet and the niece of the Ambassador to Persia in Tehran) for getting to travel Persia and the Middle East 1892-1904, (b) for then developing an interest in the archaeological sites of Syria and Mesopotamia 1907-1913 ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Travel writers, historians, journalists, scientists on foreign placement, field archaeologists, and (above all) religious missionaries were - and probably still are - all routinely asked by their respective intelligence services to "keep an eye out, old chap" for matters of international sensitivity. See, for examples, the entries for (in floration order): Benjamin Franklin [see Timeline 1772], August Schluga von Rastenfeld [see Timeline 1866], Arthur John Evans [see own entry and see Timeline 7th June 1871], W. Somerset Maugham [see own entry], Arthur Ransome [see own entry], Joseph Needham [see Companion Resource], John Betjeman [rumoured to have reported on Ireland in WW2], John M. Birch [see own entry], and Albert Alexander Osborne [see own entry]. See also the generic CIA Front Organisations [own entry] and its recommended readings. For more on the industrial scale use of religious missions as covers for intelligence operations, see Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon].

... (c) for thereby getting herself headhunted in November 1915 by Britain's Cairo-based Arab Bureau as an intelligence officer, (d) for being posted to Basra March 1916 following its capture [see Timeline 8th March 1916] to help plan the subsequent advance up the Tigris to Baghdad, working some of the time with masterspy St. John ["Jack"] Philby [Kim Philby's father - see both their entries], (e) for being reassigned upriver to Baghdad after its capture [see Timeline 8th March 1917], where she started to define a post-Ottoman Mesopotamia - the lands which will in due course become Iraq. (f) for liaising at this time with T. E. Lawrence ["of Arabia"] [see Timeline 30th September 1918] over the tribal personalities who might make suitably pro-British rulers of that >>>>>>oil-rich<<<< region, and for strongly supporting Prince Faisal bin Hussein [see Timeline 3rd January 1919] for that role ...
... (g) for accompanying Lawrence as part of the British delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 19th January 1919], (h) for working 1919-1920 to support the resulting British Mandates in Palestine and Iraq, producing technical reports such as "Self-Determination in Mesopotamia" [full text not found online, but much secondary discussion], (i) for taking over the liaison duty at the court of Prince Faisal in October 1920, thereby earning for herself the sobriquet "Uncrowned Queen of Iraq", (j) for helping argue Faisal's case at the 1921 Cairo Conference [see Timeline 12th March 1921], following which he duly became King Faisal I of Iraq, and (k) for continuing in her liaison role until 1925 whereupon ill health required her to return to Britain. She died the following year, aged 57.

Bell, Mark: Dealey Plaza spectator Mark Bell [no convenient biography] took home movie footage of the motorcade from the west sidewalk of Houston just after the turn off Main. The film began with a tracking shot along Houston, complete with a sweep of the onlookers on the east sidewalk outside the Criminal Courts and County Records Building. There was then a break at the moment of the shooting (out of sight on Elm) while Bell made his way round the southern end of the water feature onto the grassed median. The film then showed with the limos accelerating away under the triple Underpass, before panning back to show the quite impressive crowd converging on the Grassy Knoll. YouTube it all now - GREAT STUFF [the final quarter of this clip is taken from several floors up and includes an uncropped frontal shot of the TSBD, showing which windows were open - we have not yet established the new camera location for this, nor the time shift involved].

Bell, Ulric: See the entry for C. D. Jackson.

Bellavin, Vasily Ivanovich ["Tikhon of Moscow"]: White Russian (b. Estonia, 1865) Russian Orthodox cleric "Tikhon of Moscow" [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming Bishop of Lublin [map] on 19th October 1897, (b) for being reconsecrated as Bishop of Alaska a year later, ministering not just to the pockets of ethnic Russians who had remained in that region following its sale to the U.S.A. back in 1867, but also to those who had moved off to seek their fortunes in the big cities of America further south ...

CAMEO - TIKHON AND THE AMERICAN ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONS: Reflecting this far-flung demographic, Tikhon's full title from 1900 was Bishop of the Aleutian Islands and North America, and he proceeded to establish a major congregation at St. Nicholas Cathedral, NYC [Wikipedia briefing], opening for business in 1902.

... (c) for being promoted Archbishop in 1905 and re-basing to the East Coast at NYC, (d) for building up St. Tikhon's Monastery [Wikipedia briefing] at South Canaan, Pennsylvania, (e) for returning to Russia in 1907 as Bishop of Yaroslavl [map], (f) for relocating in 1913 as Bishop of Vilna/Vilnius [map] in soon-to-be-White-Russian Lithuania, (g) for relocating in August 1917 as Metropolitan [Wikipedia briefing] of Moscow, being quickly promoted Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, (h) for spending the next few years at odds one way or another with the (largely atheistic) Bolshevik authorities, although happy to add his weight to Bolshevik appeals to Western aid agencies during the 1921 Russian famine (Spence, 2017; Patenaude, op. cit. inf.), and (i) for being arrested in early 1922, charged with encouraging his flock into passive resistance to the Reds and suspected of conspiring with American relief supremo William N. Haskell [Wikipedia biography], only being released more than a year later after swearing loyalty to Moscow ...

CAMEO - TIKHON AND THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION: Tikhon was lucky not to have been marched in front of a firing squad, for he is nowadays reported to have been involved with British masterspy George Rosenblum/Sidney ["Ace of Spies"] Reilly [see own entry EVEN MORE REVELATORY] to bring down the Revolution by fomenting anti-Bolshevik sentiment among the White Russians in the Baltic
We have told the story of this now-famous plot elsewhere [see Timeline 30th January 1918, then as directed], but here is the specific allegation for good measure ...

"[Lockhart] likely had already a connection with the Russian Church, through the Patriarch Tikhon, its senior figure, 'an ardent absolute monarchist' and convinced counter-revolutionary. [...] If the 'Ace of Spies' wanted money to channel to the Church for counter-revolutionary purposes, Lockhart would find it. He did: £200,000 (about 12 million roubles). Tikhon may have been 'under the closest observation', but Reilly and [another] packed the banknotes into suitcases and delivered them to him anyway. [...] The Patriarch Tikhon [then] arranged for public prayers and sermons supporting the coup" (Schneer, op. cit. inf., pp106 & 191 concatenated).

Bellavin died in 1925, aged 60. FURTHER READING: For more on the 1921 Russian famine see Bertrand M. Patenaude's (2003) "The Big Show in Bololand" [Amazon]. For more on the Lockhart Plot see Jonathan Schneer's (2020) "The Lockhart Plot" [Amazon].

Belloc, Hilaire: Anglo-French author-poet and politician Hilaire Belloc [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a high-flying Oxford undergraduate in 1895, becoming president of the Oxford Union that Spring, (b) for having been during that time a close friend of future master-propagandist John Buchan, (c) for entering parliament as member for Salford South in 1906, a seat he would hold until 1910, (d) for having been "among Cliveden's most frequent visitors, and for a time a close friend of Nancy's [see the entries for Nancy Astor and the Cliveden Set]" (Rose, 2000, p39) ...

ASIDE: Rose describes Belloc as follows ...

"A zealous Catholic, moved by a deep vein of hysterical anti-Semitism, he allowed his bigotry conspicuous, and continuous, display" (op. cit., p39).

and (e) for being one of the many great minds recruited in September 1914 to contribute positive writings to Charles Masterman's War Propaganda Bureau [see own entry]. [THREAD = CALLERS OF INNOCENTS TO WAR]

Belmont, August: German-born banker-diplomat-politician August Belmont [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a Rothschild man (Frankfurt chapter) [check them out], and (b) for having helped position the modern Democratic Party in the centre-right of American politics in the 1860s. He began his working life in the late 1820s as an errand boy for the Frankfurt-Main branch of the burgeoning Rothschild banking empire, working his way up to peripatetic confidential clerk - one of the famed Rothschild couriers. In 1837, aged only 24 years, he relocated to New York City to represent Rothschild interests there, and founded August Belmont and Company. After 20 years in a number of diplomatic posts and having regularly supported Democratic Party campaigns he was made Chairman of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) in 1860, and stayed in that post until 1872.

Benavides, Domingo: 26-year-old Dallas motor mechanic Domingo Benavides [Spartacus Educational biography] was walking the zig-zag back alleys between his place of employment at Patton and Jefferson, and a motor factors at 10th and Marsalis to buy spare parts for the job he was on. He was on 10th Avenue heading west when he saw Patrolman J. D. Tippit's patrol car ahead of him. <He then provides a close-hand account of Tippit's shooting as per his Warren Commission testimony below, which see>. The shooter then made off southward along Patton, reloading his gun as he went and throwing down the spent shells [indicating that it was a revolver not an automatic - Ed.]. Benavides and another passer-by then used the patrol car's radio to alert DPD, after which he went and successfully recovered two spent shells into an empty cigarette packet, noting that they were chromed. Over the coming weeks Benavides was to receive a number of threatening phone calls, but in the event it was his brother Eddy Benavides who got killed. Domingo Benavides' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now - RECOMMENDED]; Interview to camera, CBS documentary [YouTube it now].
Benavides, Edward H.: 27-year-old Eddy Benavides [no convenient biography] was brother to Tippit witness Domingo Benavides. He was killed by standing a bar fight in February 1965. Eddy Benavides accordingly has no evidential profile.

"Bender, Frank": [CIA OPERATIONAL ALIAS] See the entry for Gerry Droller.

Ben Eliezer, Israel: [Very often Baal Shem Tov; whence, acronymically, the Besht; translates as "Master of the Good Name"] [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching COMPULSORY SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] White Russian (b. ca. 1698, nr. Kemeniec [map], then Kingdom of Poland) proto-Zionist mystic-activist Israel ben Eliezer ["Baal Shem Tov"] [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for charismatic circuit preaching in Eastern Europe from 1716 onward, with rapidly growing impact as he acquired knowledge and skill at the Kabbalah [see own entry], (b) for proclaiming miracles and religious visions, and for becoming thereby the Holy Man of Choice [our term - Ed.] for those susceptible to such mystical showmanship, (c) in the period 1730-1760 for assembling the package of Kabbalistic beliefs, practices, and visual and behavioural distinctiveness which still characterise Hasidism [see own entry and YouTube tutorial], and (d) for recruiting and training sufficient disciples to ensure that the movement was strong enough to survive the trials and tribulations history had in store for it. He died in 1760, aged about 62.

Ben-Gurion, David: Poland-born WW1 veteran (both sides) and long-term (1900-1948) Zionist lobbyist and party leader David Ben-Gurion [Wikipedia biography] became the first Prime Minister of the newly declared State of Israel on 17th May 1948.

Ben-Horin, Eliahu: [Occasionally as Zelig Bidner] White Russian (Tsarist Ukraine) Zionist activist-polemicist Eliahu Ben-Horin [online biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for winning his Zionist spurs as a gun-runner during the 1920s to the White Russian bridgehead settlements in Mandated Palestine, (b) for joining Ze'ev Zhabotinsky's [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] Revisionist Zionist Movement [ditto] in the 1930s, soon graduating from gun-runner to people smuggler, running a later generation of White Russian fugitives out of the Soviet Union into Romania, and thence by ghost ship into Palestine [see, e.g., Timeline 22nd August 1939] (Wentling and Medoff, op. cit. inf.), (c) for being a member of Zhabotinsky's 1940 recruiting/fund-raising tour of the United States, including (unsuccessful) talks with ex-President Herbert Hoover [see own entry HELPFUL CONTEXT] to try to get food aid through to now-occupied Poland, (d) for teaming up with Hillel Kook [see own entry CONTAINS COMPLEMENTARY DETAILS] in 1943 to help publicise what was only then beginning to emerge outside Germany about the Nazis' Wannsee Extermination Programme [Wikipedia briefing], (e) for working with Hoover again in late 1945 on (again unsuccessful) plans to resettle Palestinian Arabs in Iraq, so as to leave a Jewish majority in Palestine, and (f) for generally creating an upswelling of feeling among Republican senators in favour of a State of Israel. He died in 1966, aged 64. FURTHER READING: For more of the details see Chapters 5 and 7 of Sonja Wentling and Rafael Medoff's (2012) "Herbert Hoover and the Jews" [Amazon].

Benn, Hilary: British anti-Brexit Labour Party politician Hilary Benn [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for voting with Tony Blair in 2003 to approve the Iraq War, (b) for serving as Shadow Foreign Secretary under newly elected Leader of the Labour Party Jeremy Corbyn in autumn 2015, (c) for splitting with Corbyn 2nd December 2015 and voting, with many Shadow Cabinet colleagues to bomb Syria, thus in effect lighting the touch-paper on the nine-month campaign of internecine bickering which followed [see Timeline 24th September 2016], and (d) for being the sponsor of the 2019 Benn Act [Wikipedia briefing], which prevented the Boris Johnson Administration from delivering Brexit in October 2019.

Bennett, Glen A.: [Read firstly the entry for the Attwood Mission.] Special Agent (SS) Glen Bennett [no convenient biography] seems to have been assigned to the White House Detail to carry out "protective research/technical security" - the advance sweep for eavesdropping devices. He was seated rear-right
in limo #2, the SS follow-up car, at the moment of the shooting, and presents as more than averagely alert in the photographic record. He heard the first shot as a "firecracker", saw the second hit home "four inches down from the right shoulder", and then the third strike "right rear high" on the head. In his 2006/2010e book "Someone Would Have Talked" Larry Hancock suggests firstly that "[JFK] had apparently become concerned that he might be under technical/electronic surveillance of some sort" (p192), and then - although far harder to confirm - that it was the CIA themselves, perhaps trying to learn more about the Attwood Mission and keen to continue shaping international affairs, who were regarded as the likely culprits. Bennett’s evidential profile is as follows: Handwritten notes, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Report, 23rd November 1963 [read it now].

***** A PROPAGANDIST FEW HAVE HEARD OF *****

Bennett, Ned: CIA careerist Ned Bennett [little online other than as linked below] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as one of the officers who debriefed false?-defector Robert E. Webster [see own entry PROVIDES DUE CONTEXT] upon his return to the United States from the Soviet Union in May 1962 ...

**ASIDE:** Here is a confirming passage clipped from a longer quotation in the Webster entry ...

"... Webster was surrounded by intelligence officers both before and after his sojourn to the Soviet Union. One of them was Ned Bennett, who [...] was described at the time as a CIA officer specialising in "covert action and propaganda" " (Hill, op. cit. inf., pp1-3).

... and (b) for producing a 1st April 1967 CIA briefing on how to conduct propaganda dirty tricks entitled "Countering Criticism of the Warren Report" (WOVIEW, 1967 [full text online]).

**ASIDE - EPSTEIN TO THE RESCUE:** WOVIEW [Mary Ferrell Foundation entry] was the CIA’s codename for its Covert Action unit. The unit was headed at the time by Cord Meyer [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL], and the briefing was prompted by government "concern" that "a public opinion poll recently indicated that 46% of the American public did not think that Oswald acted alone" (p1). The work contains about a dozen recommendations [depending how you bundle them - Ed.], perhaps the most subtle of which being the one which suggests "singling out" "Epstein’s Theory" as a convenient arena for discussion. The Agency is here referring specifically to Edward Jay Epstein’s (1966) book "Inquest" [Amazon], which had recently asserted that on technical grounds there might well have been two gunmen. The WOVIEW briefing then suggests that this work be discussed from the standpoint of a January 1967 Spectator piece [full text included as an attachment to the main briefing WORTH A LOOK] which focused - or, more precisely, over-focused - on ballistic and other technicalities. The subtlety of this defence comes from the facts (1) that Bennett had himself been the anonymous author of the Spectator piece, and (2) that Epstein was a relatively tame critic anyway. In short, hostile questioners were to be diverted into an intellectual killing ground where the lie of the land was known only to the defenders.

**FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail see Gary Hill’s (2019) "The Other Oswald: A Wilderness of Mirrors" [Amazon RECOMMENDED] and the full 53 pages of the "Countering Criticism" press officers' briefing paper.


Benson, George Stuart: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching IMPORTANT SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE] American Restorationist preacher ...

Readers unfamiliar with <Restorationism> as the common denominator in many/most varieties of Protestantism will find an introductory briefing on that topic in the entry for <Harding College> COMPULSORY READING.

Readers unfamiliar with the use of religious and/or philanthropic organisations as "fronts" for the infiltration of intelligence operatives into hostile lands should check out the entry for <CIA Front Organisations> before proceeding.

... George S. Benson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for becoming president of Harding College [see own entry IMPORTANT PRIOR CONTEXT] in 1936, and there, ably assisted by executive
vice-president Glenn A. ["Bud"] Green [see own entry], inaugurating the proselytising National Education Program (NEP) [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE]. This, by way of confirmation, from his Wiki 29th May 2023 ...

"Benson served for many years as the president of Harding College, and oversaw a large propaganda network through his National Education Program, which sponsored short cartoons, "Freedom Forums" (gatherings of business people to promote the American Way and lecture tours for Benson."

FURTHER READING: For the full run-down on Benson and his project in the context of U.S. foreign policy see Irwin Suall's (1962) "The American Ultras: The Extreme Right and the Military-Industrial Complex" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED].

Bentley, Paul: DPD detective Paul Bentley [no convenient biography] was Code 3'd to the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting. He then moved on to the Texas Theater, where, following time in the balcony, he was right alongside Maurice McDonald in the final tussle for LHO's pistol (during which he sprained his ankle).

****** YouTube Paul Bentley, back at the station, describing the arrest ******

Having safely negotiated LHO through the crowds outside the cinema, Bentley then sat left-alongside the suspect in the rear of the patrol car on the return to DPDHQ, with Charles Walker right-alongside. Officers Bob Carroll (driving), Gerald Hill, and Kenneth Lyons were left-to-right in the front seat. During the drive, watched by detective Gerald Hill from the front seat, he removed Oswald's Wallet [q.v.] from LHO's hip pocket.

****** YouTube Paul Bentley, on WFAA-TV the following day ******

(note early mention of wallet contents)

Only very recently (2014) will it emerge that in at least one FBI agent's opinion the Hill-Bentley wallet story was "hogwash". Bentley's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. Browse the Oswald's Wallet Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

****** THE WW1 BLOCKADE AMATEURISH AT BEST ******

Beresford, Charles William de la Poer, 1st Baron Beresford: British aristocrat, naval commander, and politician Lord Charles Beresford [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Junior Naval Lord between 1886 and 1888 and then Commander of the Channel Fleet on and off between 1903 and 1909, and (b) for being mentioned in Chapter 5 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Lord Beresford, they note, had raised the iniquities of the blockade in a House of Lords drains-up debate 22nd February 1916. We have checked the debate transcript (link below) and here is the nub of Beresford's complaint [the entire debate is fascinating if you have the time - Ed.] ...

"LORD BERESFORD My Lords, Lord Sydenham has made a most interesting speech and brought to the notice of your Lordships the vast amount of commodities which are entering Germany and enabling her to carry on the war. If your Lordships will allow me I will venture to make some suggestions as to how to prevent those commodities getting into Germany to the extent that they are doing at the present time. The one absorbing thought in the public mind is how we are to win this war. The Government wish to win the war just as everybody else in the country does, but there are some doubts as to whether the Government are going the right way to achieve that end. It is with regard to this that I shall venture to make some criticisms, not at all to embarrass or to harass the Government, but to do my level best to help them to do what everybody wants—namely, to win the war. I am firmly convinced that if we had had an effective blockade and had made-enemy goods absolute contraband at first, the war would now have been over—that is to say, had we asserted our legal maritime rights by International Law and effectually used the Fleet. Now we have only a "sort of blockade" carried out by Proclamations, Orders in Council, Agreements, and Committees, and it is not clear who controls that blockade.
Is it controlled by the Foreign Office, the Board of Trade, or the Contraband Committee? It would be very interesting to know who is in control (Hansard, 21, CC72-128).

Berger, William Thomas: See the entry for China Inland Mission (CIM).

Bergere, Leon F.: Shipping magnate Leon Bergere [no convenient biography] was a contact in Jack Ruby's address book.

Bergson Group: See the entry for Hillel Kook.

****** The Perils of Neutrality ******

Bernadotte, Count Folke: Swedish diplomat Count Folke Bernadotte [Wikipedia biography] was the U.N. peace-keeping mediator in Israel during the Arab-Israeli War of 1948 [q.v.]. He was assassinated on 17th September 1948 [see Timeline that date] in Jerusalem by militant Zionists for - in short - being too neutral.

****** "THE FATHER OF SPIN" ******

****** MASTER OF EMOTIONALISED PERSUASION ******

Bernays, Edward: Austrian-born American publicist turned Propagandameister Edward Bernays [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been nephew of the neuropsychologist Sigmund Freud [check him out], (b) for pre-WW1 work as a press agent and promoter of rapidly growing reputation ...

ASIDE: One of the reasons Bernays is now regularly acclaimed as the class-defining public relations man is that he made particularly good use of such emotive gimmicks as sad orphans and other charity causes (nowadays a $multi-billion leech-extraction industry, both on-line and off-line), and high-impact imagery.

(c) for his "psychological warfare" [his term - Ed.] work between 1917 and 1918 with the U.S. Bureau of Latin-American Affairs generally "selling" the war to the unconvinced, (d) for his post-war work with the Committee on Public Information (CPI) [see own entry] Spinning the United States' coverage of the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see 18th January 1919], (e) for his work between 1919 and his retirement in 1963 more or less single-handedly perfecting the art of aggressive advertising - anything from bars of soap to presidential candidates, (f) for having turned his commercial skills into a fully-fledged psychological science with his 1923 book "Crystallising Public Opinion" and its 1928 follow-up "Propaganda", (g) for thereby indirectly tutoring the Nazi Propaganda Minister, Josef Goebbels, (h) for contracting with the CIA to edit news releases during the 1954 Guatemala Coup [see 18th June 1954], and (i) for a perhaps only tangential contact with New Orleans' International Trade Mart's Clay Shaw at that time (Carpenter, 2014).

Bertram, Clay: Sometime alias of Clay Shaw.

Betar Militia: See the entry for Ze'ev Zhabotinsky.

Bethesda: [a.k.a. Bethesda Hospital; in full (1963) National Naval Medical Center; in full (2018) Walter Reed National Military Medical Center] In the present context, "Bethesda" is the colloquial name for what is nowadays [January 2018] the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center [Wikipedia briefing]. It is where, between its arrival on 22nd November 1963 and its interment on 25th, JFK's body was subject to medical examination and mortuary preparation. Browse the Medical Cover Up Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Bethune, Philip Higley: [Read firstly the entry for Charles Willoughby.] Long-standing U.S. Army staff officer, WW2 veteran (Tenth Army, esp. Okinawa surrender), Korean War (Eighth Army G-2 intelligence officer), and Cold War intelligence officer in Mexico, General Philip Bethune [West Point AOG obituary] had been head-hunted to the Board of the Dallas Council on World Affairs (DCWA) in
1961, and - drawing upon his wide network of contacts as speakers - was presently embarked upon a program of intellectually stimulating (and of course politically highly correct) luncheon-lecture events. These would continue every couple of months for the duration of his 1961-1968 tenure. Here are some specific events to indicate topic areas and audience ...

On 7th January 1962 he personally gave a talk on “Mexico in the Cold War” to the Shearith Israel Young Adult League (Texas Jewish Post, 4th January 1962, p6).

On 8th November 1962 Chief of Intelligence at the State Department Roger Hilsman gave a talk on relations between China and the Soviet Union (University of North Texas Libraries online).

On 20th November 1963 the Austrian Ambassador to the U.S. Winfried Plätzter gave a talk on the need for European countries to pay more toward their own defence (ibid.).

On 20th October 1964 "an old army buddy", U.S. Ambassador to South Vietnam Henry Cabot Lodge, gave a talk on Vietnam and the then-recent Chinese nuclear test (ibid.).

Bewick, Moreing and Company (BMC): London-based but with provincial and foreign offices Bewick, Moreing and Company [Grace's Guide briefing] traded from the 1890s as "consulting mining engineers and managers of mines". The founding partner, Thomas John Bewick died in 1898, and the most active partners then became C. Al geroon Moreing [see own entry], T. Burrell Bewick, the founder's son, and one Edward Hooper (their managing agent in Western Australia). This partnership was dissolved 18th October 1901 (London Gazette, 25th October 1901, p6941), and then re-incorporated with Moreing, Herbert Hoover [see own entry], Anthony S. Rowe [no convenient biography], and Thomas Wellsted as partners.

ASIDE: According to Liggett (1932) Hooper resigned because he regarded Rowe as a crook. If indeed he did, then he would be proved right - see 20th January 1902.

Hoover worked hard for the partnership on a series of projects, but his constant profitable networking led to so many tangential directorships that in 1908 he could afford to go it alone.

BICOM: See the entries for Ruth Smeeth and Chaim Zabludowicz.

Billings, Frank G.: University of Chicago physician Frank G. Billings [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for being put in nominal charge of the 21-strong mixed bag of scientists, medical specialists, presidential envoys with secret instructions, and - frankly - businessmen looking for a quick buck, who made up the 1917 American Red Cross Mission [see own entry] to Petrograd. Along with most of the other medics on the team, Billings returned home "after barely a month", reportedly "completely disgusted" with what the non-medics in the mission had been getting up to (Spence, 2017, k4118).

Billings, Richard N.: Long time LIFE Magazine staffer, CIA operative in 1963 during Operation Tilt, and on the House Select Committee on Assassinations as Editorial Director, Dick Billings [Spartacus Educational biography] was on the LIFE team in Dallas which negotiated the purchase of the Zapruder Film. After his HSCA experience he was co-author with G. Robert Blakey of the 1981 book "Fatal Hour", thereby helping to establish the part played by organised crime in the assassination conspiracy [there is, of course, still five years to go before the Iran-Contra Affair [Wikipedia briefing] demonstrated that the CIA were themselves part of organised crime - Ed.]. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Bilu Society: [Read firstly the entry for First Aliyah.] Founded 21st January 1882 [see Timeline that date] by proto-Zionist activist Israel Belkind [see own entry], and with a name derived acronymically from the Hebrew exhortation "House of Jacob, onward!" (Isaiah, 2:5), the Bilu Society [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a vehicle for First Aliyah Zionist migration out of Tsarist Russia and into Ottoman Palestine, (b) for obtaining funding from members across Russia to land its first group of 14 Bilu-im migrants - Belkind and others from Kharkov in the Ukraine - in Palestine 6th July 1882, and
Bingham, William: Philadelphia-born merchant, diplomat, banker, international deal-maker, and politician Senator[1795–1801] William Bingham [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been a long-term associate/brother-in-law of loan-arranger supreme Francis Baring [see own entry] in the run up to the American War of Independence. The Secret Committee of the Second Continental Congress (2CC) put Messrs. Willing, Morris and Company in charge of commissioning supplies for the planned uprising, and on 3rd June 1776 they established 24-year-old Bingham on the handiest French possession, namely Martinique [Google Earth]. From here he sold on outbound shipments of American civil merchandise, and used the income to place orders for inbound shipments of munitions for the Continental Army. Ten thousand "good musquets" were top of his initial shopping list. He also ran a network of intelligence agents and directed a small squadron of privateers against the British. During 1777 his privateers captured some 200 British ships and $10 million of cargo, which he brokered to third parties in Martinique in exchange for further war materiel. If cargoes could not be delivered direct to the East Coast they were offloaded into smaller swifter blockade runners in Martinique, and then smuggled past the Royal Navy pickets. In the meantime, the 2CC had sent Benjamin Franklin [check him out] to Paris to smooth the flow of French monies into the Martinique operation from that end. Bingham returned to Philadelphia on 30th April 1780, a very rich man (albeit a large proportion of his riches was in Congressional IOUs). He was disturbed to find morale as low as the Congressional coffers, and arranged for Philadelphia's rich and powerful to club together to found the Bank of Pennsylvania [Wikipedia briefing], with a pledged capital of $300,000. The new bank opened for business 17th July 1780, and war supplies started flowing again. After the war Bingham acquired a liking for real estate speculation and bet on how best to approach the nation's "financing and debts". In 1792 he bought provisional rights to two county-sized tracts of land in Maine, hoping to sell these on in packets. In 1795 Barings and Hope Bank [see own entry] installed Francis Baring's second son, Alexander Baring [see own entry], as their agent in Boston. Alexander Baring and Bingham conducted a brief survey of the Maine lands in 1796, and a mutually profitable financing deal was duly arranged. The deal was further sweetened by Alexander Baring marrying Bingham's daughter Ann Louisa 23rd October 1798; and by them naming their first son William Bingham Baring the following year. The stage was now set for one of the greatest financial deals of all time.

BACKGROUND - "LOUISIANA" IN THE 18TH CENTURY: In the 18th Century "Louisiana" was note the modern State, but rather a territory, and at 800,000 square miles a large one at that, consisting in fact of roughly the middle third of the entire modern continental United States ...

**** see "Louisiana" on the map ****

Largely undeveloped the territory was French until 1762, when it was exchanged with Spain for possessions in Italy. Napoleon Bonaparte then approached the Spanish in 1800 and negotiated its return, to be effective 30th November 1803.

William Bingham arrived in France in 1802 just as Napoleon was realising that he had over-extended his physical empire as well as his financial one. He had land campaigns to fight much closer to home and would be happy to pass the land on to the young United States in order to stop the British getting it. Alexander Baring arrived as financial agent of the United States Government and the deal was duly done for a sale price of $15 million, or roughly 3 cents per acre (for details of the separate bonds raised, their coupons, and their redemption dates see Tearle, 2017, p175). Barings and Hope took the lion's share of the bonds, paid Napoleon the proceeds in mixed treasure, and Bingham and team took
the "deeds" back to Congress (presently camping out in a half-completed Capitol complex in Washington). The researcher David Tearle minutely chronicles Bingham's highly picareseque career in "Merchants of War", his 2017 history of "revolutionary bankers" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED READING (but be ready to complete the index yourself)].

"... a person who knew it all, and very immature"
"... always an angry young man"

Birch, John Morrison: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching.] American witchfinder-student turned Baptist missionary turned undercover OSS operative turned posthumous far-right centrefold John M. Birch [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for attending the Georgia Baptists' house-affiliated Mercer University (specialist provider of armed forces chaplains since the Civil War) 1938-1939, where he combined his " unbending personality" with a refusal to admit wrongdoing (Schoenwald, 2001, p67), (b) for moving up to "America's first megachurch" (that is to say, J. Frank Norris' [see own entry] Fundamental Baptist Bible Institute [Wikipedia briefing], Fort Worth TX) 1939-1940, where the self-appointed mission was to save civilisation from not seeing the world as they did, (c) for being selected by said institute for a missionary fellowship to China, where there were tithes to be had ...

***** NOTE THAT THE U.S. IS NOT YET AT WAR WITH JAPAN *****
HOWEVER ...
***** CHINA IS FIGHTING THE 1931-1945 WAR AGAINST JAPAN *****
AND IS ALSO SPLIT BY ...
***** THE 1927-ONGOING CIVIL WAR BETWEEN NATIONALIST AND COMMUNIST *****

... (d) for making his way to Japanese-occupied Shanghai in July 1940, preaching there for three months before moving on to nearby Hangzhou/Hangchow [Wikipedia briefing and map] ...

"Birch set up his first mission in the fall of 1940 in Hangzhou, one of China's largest and most impressive cities. He preached, worked with local communities, and supported existing Christian missionaries. [But when] the Japanese launched a new offensive in the area in the fall of 1941, the missionary had no choice but to abandon the work. [...] Church leaders shared the stories of missionaries like Birch with supporters back home [...]. Norris dramatised Birch's Hangzhou saga for his tens of thousands of followers, and he hyperbolically called the missionary's successful flight another 'act of the apostles'. [...] Norris printed Birch's 'thrilling' account of his escape in The Fundamentalist, read it over his radio broadcasts, and made sure that it circulated throughout his network" (Sutton, 2019, p82; note the running commentary nature of the church newsletter).

Readers unfamiliar with the exploits of Claire Chennault and the Flying Tigers of his American Volunteer Group (AVG) should brief themselves from the separate entries before proceeding.


CAMEO - HANGZHOU IN THOSE YEARS: The city and treaty port of Hangzhou is 110 miles to the south-west of Shanghai, at the point where the Qiantang River begins to open out into its estuary. It is also the south terminal of the railway south to Canton province and Hong Kong. The city and the surrounding Zhejiang province had been occupied by the Japanese in the opening weeks of the 1937 invasion, whereafter it served to secure the southern flank of a heavier Japanese thrust westward out of Shanghai along the Yangtze River toward Nanjing/Nanking [Wikipedia briefing and map] in support of forces moving southward out of Manchuria. Beijing had already fallen to said northern offensive, and Nanjing had taken over as seat of "Free Chinese" government. Chiang Kai-Shek's small Nazi-trained Nationalist Army defended that city strongly for two months with technical support from the embryonic American Military Mission to China (AMM or telegraphic AMMISCA) [see own entry].

CAMEO - THE CENTRAL AVIATION SCHOOL AND THE PROVINCIAL AIRSTRIPS: Some of Hangzhou's strategic value came from its having been home to the Nationalists' Central Air Training School [variously Academy, etc.], just out of town at Jianqiao/Chien Chiao [variously Schien Chiao, etc.; Wikipedia briefing and map]. Dating back into the 1920s, Jianqiao had been developed as a base for U.S. advisors during the 1932-1935 Jouett Mission. Indeed the first American aviator-advisor casualty of the Sino-Japanese War had been one Robert Short, killed 22nd February 1932 in an against-the-odds dogfight against fighters from HIJMS Kaga [Wikipedia shipography] almost a full decade before that same carrier took part in the attack on Pearl Harbour (van Patten, 1999). Salesmen went in alongside the instructors, hustling for contracts, and one of the best of
these was a certain James Doolittle [Wikipedia biography], representing the Curtiss Aeroplane Company. More on him shortly. The establishment was promptly abandoned to the Japanese in summer 1937, in favour of more remote bases at Nanchang [Wikipedia briefing and map], Hankou/Hankow [ditto], and Kunming [ditto].

***** REMEMBER - THE U.S. IS NOT YET AT WAR WITH JAPAN *****
***** (BUT IT HAS ALREADY TAKEN SIDES) *****

CAMEO - THE FLYING TIGERS: Here is a newsreel showing the Chinese Nationalists in full German get up - YouTube it now [ignore the soundtrack - not original]. Future Flying Tiger Claire Chennault was organising Chinese air defences in Nanjing a full month before the Japanese invasion - see Timeline 3rd June 1937. The Timeline for 19th September 1931 [use same link] illustrates how the Japanese liked to advance along railways where possible. As a result, China's most effective defence lay in how few railways it had. This Wikipedia map shows how the Japanese reliance on railways, rivers, and major ports determined which parts of China they managed to subdue, and therefore where the (3000-mile long!) patrol line ran (few patrols went out more than a few miles from a supply artery or secure base). Chennault's Chinese cadets fought out of airstrips behind this rather fluid front line, and from his command centre in Kunming [Wikipedia briefing and map] he maintained an observer corps of intelligence officers and local spotters whose job it was to report approaching Japanese aircraft and recover friendly aircrew if shot down.

Just like the Free French Resistance would soon be doing for Allied bombing raids against Germany!

At the end of September 1937 the Japanese finally took Nanjing and famously put that city to the torch [see Rape of Nanjing in Timeline 23rd September 1937]. Chiang withdrew his "Free Chinese" capital a second time, further inland to Chongqing/Chungking [Wikipedia briefing and map], from where he endeavoured to keep China in the war (and his family's business interests ticking over). He was supported internationally with supplies and munitions from the British in Hong Kong (far to the south-east), the Soviet Union (very far to the north), and the Americans in Burma (to the far south-west). As a result, by late 1939 Chiang was strong enough to mount local offensives "culminating in Japanese tactical withdrawals" (Ness, 2016, p58), each Chinese victory provoking a slash and burn Japanese punitive expedition. The attacks continued through 1940, and it was this constant harrying which prompted the 1941 Japanese offensive already mentioned. By Spring 1938 all the early trainees and machines had been expended, leaving only a Soviet volunteer air wing operating from fields north-west of Nanjing. Later that year, however, American mercenaries started to drift into theatre, gathering to Chennault as the nucleus of the AVG. Chennault also recruited American missionaries as part of his resistance network. However the AVG was not routinely referred to as Flying Tigers until after Pearl Harbour [see 20th December 1941], once their propaganda value had been realised. For the full history of Chennault's air forces over the years, enter the Timeline at 3rd June 1937 and work through the 35 entries for <Chennault's Various Air Forces>.

... (e) for moving his mission back to Shangrao [Wikipedia briefing and map] in September 1941, each of his adventures being duly replayed in The Fundamentalist at first opportunity …

***** PEARL HARBOUR ATTACKS / FALL OF HONG KONG *****

... (f) for offering his services 13th April 1942 to the American Embassy at Chungking, specifically as an enlisted chaplain in the U.S. Army [the full text of his letter is given in Lautz, Chapter 5, if interested – Ed.], (g) for being instrumental six days later in scooping former demonstration pilot Colonel Doolittle [see above] and his crews out from under the noses of the Japanese patrols …

CAMEO – A CONVENIENT COINCIDENCE: On 18th April 1942 a force of sixteen B-25 Mitchell bombers was launched from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet [Wikipedia shipography] in the historically famous Doolittle Raid [Wikipedia briefing]. Destined for Tokyo, it would be America's first air attack on the Japanese homeland, and thus a major boost to American morale. The planes did not return to the Hornet after the mission, however. Some went north and crash-landed in Soviet territory around Vladivostok, whilst others turned west-south-west and overflew Shanghai, aiming either to land at a Nationalist Chinese air base south of Hangzhou or at least to bail out over friendly territory. None of the southern group made it as far as they would have liked, with half a dozen aircraft coming down instead some 50 miles west of Hangzhou, in the foothills of Zhejiang's Tianshushan Mountains [Wikipedia briefing and map], in countryside buzzing with some now-very angry Japanese. Lieutenant-Colonel Doolittle's plane was one of this southern group and - as just another downed flyer - was scooped up by Chennault's Free Chinese Resistance and smuggled south to "Yandongguan" [no good match on the Internet, but may well be modern Jian de [map]], where Birch - who "happened to be visiting small churches" in that area - got them sent on (presumably by air) to the OSS base at Kunming (Lautz, 2016).

ASIDE: The Doolittle rescue has since been featured in many movies [IMDB listing]. However, those movies never give proper credit to the Free Chinese civilians risking their lives running the escape routes (again, think French Resistance and Allied airmen; but with rice!!).
... (h) for being duly enlisted into the U.S. Army as Captain-chaplain to Chennault's AVG, with additional duties as intelligence officer (Byrd, 1987) [Chennault and he developed a close father-son bond, explains Byrd - Ed.]; (i) for continuing said duties through until 1945 (with The Fundamentalist continuing to present him as hard-working preacher), being awarded the Legion of Merit in 1944 for "exceptional conduct and outstanding achievements" (ibid.) …

***** JAPANESE SURRENDER – NOW IT'S NATIONALISTS VS. COMMUNISTS *****

... (j) having survived the Japanese for four years, for falling foul of the new enemy – Mao Zedong's Communist PLA - a few days after the Hiroshima-Nagasaki attacks …

**CAMEO - BIRCH'S DEATH:** The Communist Party of China (CPC) had emerged in the late 1920s as a reaction against Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist movement. The Nationalists then turned it into a blood feud with the "Shanghai Massacre" of 12th April 1927 [see Timeline 12th March 1925 and follow the first 23 entries for «The Chinese Civil War»]. As WW2 progressed, the CPC vied with the Nationalists, gradually winning popular support thanks to its strong moral stand against corruption and foreign interference, so that by the time of the Japanese surrender its People's Liberation Army (PLA) was far larger and better disciplined than its Nationalist rivals. It was thus a tense moment when, on 25th August 1945, an OSS team led by Birch came face-to-face with the advancing PLA. Here is Lautz with the details (a ten-page narrative, heavily abridged) ...

"Instead of sending Birch home after Tokyo's surrender, the OSS gave him one last assignment [...] Captain Oliver Caldwell, the son of Methodist missionaries in Fuzhou and a graduate of Oberlin College, greeted Birch when he arrived at the airstrip in Xi'an where he had come to prepare for his last trip for the OSS. [...] They drove to the OSS base outside the city, a compound rented from American Seventh-day Adventists. [...] After a few days in Xi'an, he boarded a plane and flew east into the evening darkness' to Drill Field airstrip in the Anhui pocket 3,300 feet up in the mountains. 'None of us ever saw John again,' wrote Caldwell. Birch was ordered to lead an OSS team north and east to the city of Xuzhou [Wikipedia briefing and map], where one of the tasks was to collect enemy documents before they could be destroyed. They were to make a full report on the conditions of roads and railroads [... and] check on all airfields. Xuzhou was strategically situated at the junction of railways running north to south and east to west [... and the site of] one of the decisive Communist victories of the Chinese civil war. [...] Birch set out from the town of Linquan on the morning of August 20 with a party of three Americans and several Chinese [including] a twenty-eight-year-old Nationalist Army intelligence officer from Qingdao who had been Birch's adjutant since March. [They were armed only with] pistols. [...] On the morning of August 24, the party [set off by train] toward Xuzhou on the Lunghai railway. [Just past Dangshan] there was a break in the tracks and they could go no further. [A Japanese repair crew] allowed the Birch party to use a railway handcar to transport their baggage to the next station [where] they spent the night in the barracks of local Japanese troops who were guarding a large supply train. A Japanese officer warned them that Communist troops were operating further to the east. The next morning, they requisitioned another handcar [heading east until] about three hundred soldiers [... surrounded them] further along the tracks. Birch and Dong (= the adjutant-interpreter) went ahead to speak with their commanding officer [who allowed them to proceed] to Huangkou, the next railway station to the east [with Dong leading] the others to explain why the OSS team was in the area. [...] The Communists in Huangkou, who recently had been fighting Japanese and Chinese puppet troops in the area, were not in a good mood. [...] A Red Army major decided that Dong could return to his team, accompanied by a soldier. 'If anything happens,' the soldier was instructed, 'kill this man first and then kill the Americans'. When Birch and his companions arrived on the outskirts of Huangkou, they found themselves confronted by troops with rifles. [...] After a verbal confrontation[,] Birch refused to turn over his sidearm, and several soldiers escorted him and Dong into the town to meet the Communist commander. [...] there is another verbal confrontation, with Dong offering to get Birch to hand over his pistol [...] But as Dong reached for Birch's weapon, the officer pointed at him and [firing broke out, severely wounding Dong and killing Birch]. The funeral took place [back in Xuzhou] on Sunday morning, September 2, 1945. which coincidentally was the same day the Japanese officially surrendered to the Allied forces on the deck of the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo harbour" (Lautz, 2016, pp144-153).

The official investigations of the incident have never been fully released, and the official statements admit to being unable to make all facts public, even to Birch's grieving parents. Here is what Birch's OSS base commander at Kunming, Major Gustav Krause [CIA online museum entry - who reported directly to Far Eastern Command's theatre G-2 (and future head of OSS) John L. McGruder [see own entry] - had to say (conspiracy hunters will quickly be able to spot careful phrasing and omission) ...

"After the war the young captain led a mission to ascertain how far south in China the Communists had penetrated. He stumbled onto a Communist force and argued violently with the Chinese officer who tried to disarm him; he was seized, tied, and shot. The Communists bayoneted him repeatedly and then
threw his body on a garbage heap. When asked about the incident, Krause said: 'My instructions were to act with diplomacy. Birch made the Communist lieutenant lose face before his own men. Militarily, John Birch brought about his own death.' Army records released in 1972 confirmed Krause's version of the sad demise of Captain Birch" (George and Wilcox, 1996, p188).

... (k) for his case finally being brought to the attention of Congress in 1950 in speeches by hawkish "Senator from Formosa" William F. Knowland [Wikipedia biography], who - with the United States now at war with China in Korea - pointed out that Birch had been "the first casualty of World War Three" five years earlier, only nobody had had the balls to do anything about it, and (l) in much the same political vein, for being resurrected (in name at least) in 1958 when ultra-conservative Robert W. Welch [see own entry] founded the John Birch Society (JBS), whose story we tell separately. We give the last word on the Birch the man to Lautz ...

"With the founding of the John Birch Society, [Birch's] memory became irrevocably intertwined with right-wing American politics. The anxieties of the Cold War masked and distorted the young man rather than revealing him. [...] Instead of being honoured for the dedication of his faith and service to his country, the real John Birch became a mirage, much like the American dream for China, shimmering in the distance, always just beyond reach" (p257).

FURTHER READING: Birch is one of four hybrid spies-cum-preachers covered in detail in Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon RECOMMENDED]. For an insight into the personality development of Birch the teenage zealot see the early chapters of Terry Lautz's (2016) "John Birch: A Life" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]. For students of military history wanting more on the 1941 Japanese offensive insofar as it impinged upon American missionaries and military advisors alike (sometimes one and the same person, it seems) see both Jack Samson's (2011) "The Flying Tiger" [Amazon] and Leland Ness' (2016) "Kangzhan" [Amazon]; for the air war specifically, see Hakan Gustavsson's (2016) "Sino-Japanese Air War, 1937-1945" [Amazon] and Martha Byrd's (1987) "Chennault" [Amazon]. For the remorseless corruption of the Chiang clan see Sterling Seagrave's (1986) "The Soong Dynasty" [Amazon] (the point being that the Secretaries General of the Chinese Air Ministry were (1937-1938) "Madame Chiang", Soong Mei-Ling [Wikipedia biography], from a very influential Shanghai Methodist family and educated in MacaoGA, and (1938-1945) her brother (and Finance Minister) T. V. Soong [Wikipedia biography]). And lastly (but far from least), for the part played by the John Birch Society in whipping up anti-Kennedy hysteria in Dallas prior to the 1963 assassination see both Mae Brussell's (2014) "The Essential Mae Brussell" [Amazon], and the separate entries herein for Joseph P. Grinnan, Loran Hall, Lester L. Logue, Larrie Schmidt, Dan Smoot, Officer J. D. Tippit, General Edwin Walker, Bernard Weissman, and General Charles Willoughby.

***** NEVER LET A GOOD MARTYR GO TO WASTE *****

John Birch Society (JBS): Founded 9th December 1958 in Indianapolis by Robert W. Welch [see own entry] and Revilo Oliver [ditto], the John Birch Society (JBS) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the class-defining example of a conservative advocacy group supporting anti-communism and limited government [think California F-Scale at maximum score, and then some - Ed.], (b) for being named after U.S. Army/OSS military intelligence officer John M. Birch [see indent below] (killed during a peacetime operation in China 25th August 1945), whom the founders regarded as the first American casualty of the 1945-ongoing Cold War in the Far East ...

BIRCH, A QUICKIE BIO: Using his Baptist missionary status as cover, Birch had been an OSS field operative "behind enemy lines" during WW2. However, the Japanese had surrendered 15th August 1945, and so the OSS suddenly found itself a player in the Chinese Civil War. As long-term supporters of Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalists, the Americans were therefore seriously concerned with rapid advances by the Chinese Communists into territory previously held by the Japanese, and sent a small team led by Birch into that power vacuum to assess Communist strength. It is therefore difficult to decide whether Birch was killed "in action" in the normal sense of the phrase, for he had been inserted into "bandit" country - into somebody else's war. Indeed he had himself used the very term "bandit" - the traditional Nationalist insult for their civil war...
opponents - during the confrontation with a Communist patrol which cost him his life. For the full story see his own entry.

... (c) for being pronounced "un-American" by J. Edgar Hoover in 1959, and closely monitored by the FBI as a result, (d) for being frequently mentioned in the JFK assassination literature as one of the cluster of right-wing organisations whose members - aflame with righteousness - might have taken it upon themselves to organise (or at least materially assist) the Dealey Plaza shooting, and (e) for still going strong in Magaland [see Modern Homepage], campaigning to "awaken sleeping patriots" and take the United States out of the United Nations for it being, in short, un-American [uhh??... Ed.], FURTHER READING: Birch is one of four hybrid spies-cum-preachers covered in detail in Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon RECOMMENDED]. For more on Birch the man see Terry Lautz's (2016) "John Birch: A Life" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]. And for the part played by the John Birch Society in whipping up anti-Kennedy hysteria in Dallas prior to the 1963 assassination see both Mae Brussell's (2014) "The Essential Mae Brussell" [Amazon], and the separate entries herein for Joseph P. Grinnan, Loran Hall, Lester L. Logue, Larrie Schmidt, Dan Smoot. >>>> Officer J. D. Tippit <<<<<, General Edwin Walker, Bernard Weissman, and General Charles Willoughby.

Birt, John [Baron Birt]2000: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism".} Careerist MSM executive John [Baron]2000 Birt [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role was as Director-General of the BBC 1992-2000.

Bissell, Richard Mervin, Jr.: Senior CIA spymaster since 1954 and veteran of the U-2 program Richard Bissell [Wikipedia biography] was appointed CIA Director of Plans in 1958 by Allen Dulles. According to Douglas Horne's 2013 book "JFK's War With The National Security Establishment" the Bay of Pigs Invasion was thus essentially Bissell's project. After its catastrophic failure JFK explained that because he could not be fired Bissell was going to be and he duly left to become a defence consultant.

Black Eagle Trust: See the entry for Robert A. Lovett.

Black Hundreds: The Black Hundreds [Wikipedia briefing] were a vicious Tsarist rent-a-mob around the time of the 1905 Russian Revolution. Like the Klan, like Pinkerton's 2500-strong strikebreaking army, only not so good-natured, they were fictionally "adopted" into the United States by novelist Jack London in his (1908) "The Iron Heel" [see 24th August 1908], thus (for "Iron Heel" read now "Deep State") ...

"The Black Hundreds are being organized in the United States,' he said. 'This is the beginning. There will be more of it. The Iron Heel is getting bold.' [...] We were to see much of the Black Hundreds as the days went by. Week by week more of the socialist papers were barred from the mails, and in a number of instances the Black Hundreds destroyed the socialist presses. Of course, the newspapers of the land lived up to the reactionary policy of the ruling class, and the destroyed socialist press was misrepresented and vilified, while the Black Hundreds were represented as true patriots and savours of society. So convincing was all this misrepresentation that even sincere ministers in the pulpit praised the Black Hundreds while regretting the necessity of violence" (Chapter 10).

Black Op Radio: Online broadcasting station fronted by Len Osanic as "the voice of political conspiracy research". The website maintains an archive of past broadcasts, and has posted several good JFK titles to YouTube, not least a 2011 interview with Blood or Cola Thread man Jerry Coley [YouTube it now - RECOMMENDED].
Black Panther Party/Black Panthers: See the entry for Fred Hampton, wherein both context and specific links are given.

BlackRock, Inc.: See the entry for Larry Fink.

Blackwood, Basil: Book illustrator and "adventurer of the first order" (Quigley, 1949, p59) Basil Blackwood [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been employed in the South African Judge Advocate's Department between 1900 and 1901, and for becoming thereby a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for following this with junior diplomatic posts between 1901 and 1910 and then a civil service position back in Britain between 1910 and 1914, (c) for being commissioned into the cavalry (aged then 43) and being seriously wounded at the Battle of Mons [see 22nd August 1914 and thread], and (d) for then returning to service in the Grenadier Guards in 1916, losing his life at Boesinghe 4th July 1917.

Blahut, Regis: CIA employee Regis Blahut [no convenient biography] was dismissed the Agency in 1978 for tampering with images and items from the high security medical evidence vault containing the evidence from JFK's autopsy.

Blaine, James Gillespie: Journalist turned politician, and prophet of Expansionism, James Blaine [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Secretary of State under Presidents Garfield/Arthur in assassination year 1881 [check it out], and then again under Benjamin Harrison between 1889 and 1892, for it is in this decade that the Republican Party started to see political capital (as well as financial) in pushing foreign expansion. [THREAD = THE SHAPING OF THE MODERN WORLD]

***** ACTION AGAINST "THE SWARMS FROM THE SLUMS" *****

Blakeney, Robert Byron Drury: Royal Engineer (colonial service 1891-1902) turned railway administrator (Egypt 1902-1923) R. B. D. Blakeney [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming, after returning to Britain, president of the British Fascisti [see own entry] in 1924; also editor of their house newsletter The Fascist Week [University of Birmingham briefing], (b) for spearheading half a decade of bitter anti-Communist protest, both verbal and physical, in sustained operations against "the swarms from the slums", (c) for actively campaigning against the 1926 General Strike [Wikipedia briefing], aligning himself and part of the membership with Sir Arthur Hardinge's [see own entry] mysterious Organisation for the Maintenance of Supplies (OMS) [see own entry], and (d) for service with the Home Guard during WW2. He died in 1952, aged 79.


Bledsoe, Mary E.: One time LHO's rooming landlady and with significant right-wing associations Mary Bledsoe [no convenient biography] was on a bus travelling west along Elm Street when a person she knew "was Lee Oswald because he lived in my home from October 7, 1963 to October 14, 1963" got on, looking like "a maniac" and with a "distorted" face. Because of the congestion ahead in Dealey Plaza progress was very slow, and "after three or four blocks" LHO got off again. They did not speak, and the Warren Commission did not pursue why. Indeed, it has been suggested that her testimony was just too heavily supported by written notes and too tightly stage-managed by her lawyer Melody Douthitt. Rather spookily, Mrs. Bledsoe's husband J. E. Bledsoe had been a friend of George Dealey, developer of Dealey Plaza in 1940. Bledsoe's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now - RECOMMENDED FOR THE FINE DETAIL OF BOTH ENCOUNTER PERIODS - NOTE THE LENGTH AND THE UNNECESSARY (PRE-SCRIPTED??) TRIVIA]. [See next Porter Bledsoe.]
Bledsoe, Porter: Son of key Warren Commission witness Mary Bledsoe and perhaps with past Civil Air Patrol associations Porter Bledsoe [no convenient biography but some Internet chatter] began to appear in conspiracy literature after being mentioned in Penn Jones' 1969 obituary for his mother. The poorly supported suspicion has since been that he was the conduit through which the FBI pre-scripted his mother's highly convenient testimony.


**** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****
"Mr. Hypocrisy" (vid. cit. inf.)

Blinken, Antony: [Commonly "The Blinkster"] American lawyer turned Deep State gopher turned Deep State favourite turned Secretary of State Antony ["The Blinkster"] Blinken [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being still a young lawyer in 1991 when his step-father, lawyer Samuel Pisar [Wikipedia biography] was the last man to see Mossad masterspy Robert Maxwell alive (DECLARATION OF INTEREST) By the actions recorded in his Wiki, this pos stole the present author's mother's pension [Commonly "The Blinkster"] Blinken [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being still a young lawyer in 1991 when his step-father, lawyer Samuel Pisar [Wikipedia biography] was the last man to see Mossad masterspy Robert Maxwell alive (DECLARATION OF INTEREST) By the actions recorded in his Wiki, this pos stole the present author's mother's pension - Ed.), (b) for then being well enough connected within the joint-citizenship fraternity in Washington to get a job with the National Security Council (NSC) 1994-2001, (c) for moving on as staff director 2002-2008 to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC), advising then Senator Joe Biden on the Iraq War, (d) for working in 2008 on Biden's presidential campaign, (e) for becoming advisor on foreign policy 2009-2013, specialising in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iran, (f) for being made Deputy Secretary of State 2015-2017 in the late Obama Administration, (g) during his time on the side-lines during the Trump Administration, for working on a commercial basis with WestExec Advisors [Wikipedia briefing], servicing the U.S.-Israeli military-industrial complex and law enforcement industries [a sector which includes crowd control and surveillance technology - Ed.], (h) for advising Biden's successful presidential campaign in 2020, (i) for thereby being crowned Secretary of State in January 2021, and (j) for thereafter generally clod-hopping around the world in an attempt - the evidence suggests - to force through a shopping list of dramatically over-ambitious, intern-conceived proxy aggressions against China and the Russian Federation in haste before the U.S. economy crashes. His follies include [this list is three or four items longer than that already recorded in his Wiki - Ed.] ...

BLINKEN'S ARRANGED RIOTS, UNREST, AND PROXY WARS: (In alphabetical order) Afghanistan; Belarus; Ethiopia; Haiti; Hong Kong; Kazakhstan; Myanmar; Nigeria; Sudan; Ukraine; Venezuela; Xinjiang Province, China

At time of writing (= April 2023), social media are giving top coverage to allegations that Blinken had been involved back in 2020 in pulling the necessary strings to have the intelligence community successfully interfere in deposing President Trump. This interference came in the form of an ostensibly spontaneous letter from 51 experienced intelligence officers - later dubbed by the WSJ as "the 51 spies of 2020" [full text online (paywalled)] - to the New York Post blaming then ongoing furore about the Hunter Biden's Laptop Scandal [Wikipedia briefing] on "Russian Disinformation". The letter was believed, Trump got smeared, and Biden made the White House. However, a truer truth [or at least a more believable lie - Ed.] emerged in April 2023 when ex-CIA director Mike Morell [Wikipedia biography] revealed NOT ONLY that the 51 spies had made it all up BUT ALSO THAT they had done so at Blinken's request. We have summarised this story in the companion Timeline at 23rd April 2023, but readers in a hurry need only see this YouTube piece by Garland Nixon entitled "Did Biden Appoint a Raving Maniac"...  

YouTube the Full Piece Here (19 mins. pre-positioned at 390s)

PRE-POSITIONED BUT THOUGHT PROVOKING THROUGHOUT

FURTHER READING: Nothing yet available - Blinken is presently up to his neck in a live war and the books are still being written.

BLOODSTONE: See under Operation BLOODSTONE.
**Bloomberg, Michael Rubens:** American financial services mogul turned politician [Mike Bloomberg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Bloomberg) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for founding the Bloomberg branded empire in the early 1980s, famously focusing on the sort of market analytics still to be seen on his eponymous [Bloomberg Channel](https://www.bloomberg.com/bc), (b) for serving as Mayor of NYC 2002-2013, and (c) for joining the race for the Democratic Party nomination (for the November 2020 Presidential Elections) in November 2019.

**Bloomfield, Louis Mortimer:** Canadian-born lawyer, SOE operative for the British, FBI Division Five operative for the Americans, and - in what remained of his time - legitimate businessman [Louis Bloomfield](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis_Bloomfield) was a contact in Jack Ruby's address book. He is noteworthy in the present context for being a major shareholder in the CIA front company [Permindex](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Permindex). He would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America” as one of the dozen or so inner sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination.

***** PROTESTER AGAINST CONSPIRACY, WW1 *****

**Blount, Bertram:** British industrial chemist [Bertram Blount](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bertram_Blount) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been an early 20th Century consulting expert in such topics as cement manufacture, electric furnaces, and the testing of high-tensile steel, and (b) for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of [Jim Macgregor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Macgregor) and [Gerry Docherty](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerry_Docherty)'s 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony". In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Blount, they remind us, campaigned loudly during the war for cotton to be reclassified as war contraband. Of course cotton as harvested is nothing but a seed-protecting fibrous boll, and even when combed, degreased, twisted into yarn, and finished as underwear it is entirely innocent. When machined as webbing, however, it starts to acquire a distinct military value as strapping and machine gun belting. And when soaked in Nitric Acid its cellulose fibres become nitrocellulose, and nitrocellulose is the main ingredient of the explosive gun cotton and a 37% ingredient of the smokeless propellant cordite. Cotton - both as webbing and propellant - gives machine guns much of their murderous edge. It is therefore surprising that for the first 18 months of WW1 cotton was NOT regarded as blockade contraband. This permitted imports of cotton into neutral Holland and Scandinavia to increase from 60,000 bales in 1913 to 1.3 million bales in 1915, more than a 20-fold increase, all of the increase being destined for Germany and their war effort, at great profit to the American plantation owners and the middlemen - often British - who were involved. Cotton was hot property in wartime, in other words, and was not brought properly under blockade control until 1917.

**Blumenthal, Max:** See the entry for [Grayzone, The](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grayzone).  

**BMC:** See the entry for [Bewick, Moreing and Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bewick,_Moreing_and_Company).

**Bnei Akiva Youth Movement:** Founded in 1929 by the White Russian (Civil War Lithuanian) religio-political pressure group, the [Mizrachi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mizrachi) (see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT), the [Bnei Akiva Youth Movement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bnei_Akiva) is noteworthy in the present context for providing the Mizrachi’s priest-politician elders with combat-aged footsoldiers for paramilitary operations through until the present day [note the rebrandings of the paternal organisation in 1956 and 2008 - Ed.], and for cultivating its 21st Century brand as per its website - [check it out](https://www.bneia.com/).  

***** A VERY INTERESTING MAN *****

**Boggs, Hale:** Lawyer, politician, and WW2 veteran [Hale Boggs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hale_Boggs) between 1947 and his disappearance in a wilds-of-Alaska air crash in 1972, (b) for forming a long-standing politician-businessman relationship with [Clay Shaw](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clay_Shaw) over at the [International Trade Mart](https://www.itm.org/) (Carpenter, 2014), (c) for helping local medical celebrity [Alton Ochsner](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alton_Ochsner)
obtain generous Hill-Burton Act funding [Wikipedia briefing] in 1957 to develop his Ochsner Foundation Hospital ...

**ASIDE:** According to Haslam (2007/2014), the CIA worked out how to misuse the Hill-Burton scheme as a way of obtaining federal funding for unauthorised military medical research - compare the entry for Admiral Stansfield Turner. The Ochsner Hospital then had the dubious honour (in 1970) of being the first beneficiary of taxpayers' money to have to be taken to court for failing to meet its attendant community service obligation.

(d) for getting the same Alton Ochsner put in charge of JFK's May 1962 visit to New Orleans (Baker, 2010), (e) for warning JFK 20th November 1963 not to go to Dallas because it was a "honey's nest" (Summers, 1980/2013, p3), (f) for being singled out (only hours after the JFK shooting) by INCA's Ed Butler [see own entry] as a way of ensuring that LHO's "I am a Marxist" WDSU audio tape [see Timeline 21st August 1963] did not go unnoticed in high places, (g) for being appointed 29th November 1963 to the Warren Commission, (h) for then gradually distancing himself from the conclusions of said Commission ...

**ASIDE:** J. Edgar Hoover, Boggs is reported to have said, "lied his eyes out" during the Warren investigation. More specifically, Boggs will in due course let slip that during a closed session of the hearings 22nd January 1964 "Oswald's FBI number and FBI wages had been examined" (Mellon, 2005, p2).

(i) for eventually discreetly encouraging the Jim Garrison Investigation [see Timeline 17th February 1967] (Ibid.), (j) for successfully evading being deliberately run off the road 23rd July 1970 (Walczak, 2012 [full text online]) [see Timeline that day], (k) for beginning to criticise the entire military-industrial complex, as with the following extract from a speech before Congress 22nd April 1971 ...

"Over the post-war years, we have granted to the elite and secret police within our system vast new powers over the lives and liberties of the people. At the request of the trusted and respected heads of those forces, and their appeal to the necessities of national security, we have exempted those grants of power from due accounting and strict surveillance."

... (l) for going missing, presumed killed (in some eyes, murdered) in the 1972 NTSB AAC-73-01 Aircrash [see Timeline 16th October 1972; NTSB Report], and (m) for reportedly [not personally confirmed - Ed.] featuring in Robert Ludlum's (1979) novel "The Matarese Circle" [Amazon].

**Boland Amendment:** See the entry for 21st December 1982.

**Bolden, Abraham W.:** Secret Service agent Abraham Bolden [Wikipedia biography] was appointed to JFK's Protection Division in 1961, but was not on front line duty in Dallas. He was charged in 1964 with accepting a bribe, convicted, and dismissed the Secret Service. While serving his sentence he got in touch with assassination researcher Mark Lane and told him of a plot to assassinate the President on a visit to Chicago planned for 2nd November 1963. The visit had duly been cancelled under a covering pretext at the last moment. The possibility has since quite strongly emerged that the source of the assassination plot warning in the first place had been LHO wearing his FBI informer's hat. For the fuller telling of this story see James Douglass 2008 book "JFK and the Unspeakable".

**EXTENDED, MAY 2019:** Judyth Vary Baker and Edward Schwartz's recent book "Kennedy & Oswald" [Amazon] further informs us that Bolden's 1964 conviction was deliberately set up as punishment for whistleblowing, thus ...

"President Kennedy personally selected [Bolden] as the first black Secret Service Agent to be assigned to the Kennedy Detail […] but Bolden, who took his assignment proudly as a sacred duty, soon became disillusioned. He eventually registered complaints of racial discrimination and the fact that the agents on the Kennedy Detail, which has to travel a lot, were 'womanising' and drinking too much. […] These complaints got him fired from the Detail. He was shuffled off to the Chicago Office, where he '… first blew the whistle in October 1963' on the Detail's 'poor security' […] For his trouble, Bolden was arrested, went through two trials, and in 1964 'was convicted on trumped up charges […] and spent six years in jail'. We have compelling evidence that Bolden
was framed [...] but to this day, Bolden has not received a Presidential Pardon” (Baker and Schwartz, 2017, pp42-43).

The clear implication, of course, is that the frame-up was instigated not by an embarrassed Secret Service, but rather by people defending the establishment line that LHO was a rogue leftist; for they could not afford to have the public wondering why an assassin in November might have been warning of an assassination a month beforehand!!

**Bollyn, Christopher:** Investigative journalist [Christopher Bollyn](website) became noteworthy in the present context on 25th August 2010 when he published his first full article on the [9/11 False Flag Attacks](q.v.). Since then he has published further exposés about 9/11 and other False Flags [q.v.], while at the same time doing his best to evade the threats to life which traditionally attend such bold journalism. [YouTube a typical piece here.]

***** PALESTINE SIGNED OVER TO THE POLITICIANS *****

**Bols, [Sir]1918 Louis Jean:** Careerist British soldier turned colonial administrator [Sir]1918 Louis Bols [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context during the 1917-1918 Middle East Campaign [see 26th March 1917], (b) for serving as Chief Administrator of the Ottoman territories thereby captured [Wikipedia briefing], and (c) for then handing over "one Palestine, complete" to High Commissioner designate [Herbert Samuel's](see own entry) replacement civilian administration [see 30th June 1920].

**Bolton, John Robert:** [Read firstly the entry for Religious Right.] American lawyer-politician John Bolton [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been appointed National Security Advisor (NSA) in April 2018. As a Trump loyalist he played an important part in early 2019 in promoting the Guaidó/CIA Coup [see 10th January 2019, et seq.] in Venezuela. He is a member of the [ALT] Troika of Tyranny [see own entry], and supports the Religious Right political lobbyists, the Gatestone Institute. With the benefit of hindsight, he is particularly noteworthy for sacking Rear-Admiral R. Timothy Ziemer and dismantling the National Security Council's biodefence preparedness team [see Timeline 10th May 2018 and the COVID-19 Pandemic curves for March 2020].

**Bonhoeffer, Dietrich:** German Lutheran evangelist [Dietrich Bonhoeffer](Wikipedia biography) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for studying 1930-1931 at NYC's [Union Theological Seminary](Wikipedia briefing), being influenced by the words of the "Socialist Christian" [Reinhold Niebuhr](see own entry IMPORTANT AS PARALLEL NARRATIVE) and developing a social sympathy for big city underclass and a spiritual sympathy with the idea of ecumenism, (b) for returning to Germany in 1931 to take up a lectureship in theology at the University of Berlin, (c) for becoming youth secretary that same year of the German chapter of the strongly ecumenical [World Alliance for Promoting International Fellowship](no convenient briefing and judging from what little there is online one is very much overdue], (d) for being formally ordained 15th November 1931 ...

***** THE NAZIS COME TO POWER 30TH JANUARY 1933 *****

... (e) for boldly going on German radio 1st February 1933, two days after Hitler had been made Chancellor, warning the nation against cult-like adoration of Nazism ...

**CAMEO - BONHOEFFER vs. THE "VERFÜHRUNG":** In this radio broadcast Bonhoeffer made pointed use of the linguistic contrast between the German words *Führer* [= leader] and *Verführer* [= seducer/misleader]. Ominously, his broadcast was cut short before he was able to finish it!

... (f) for then boldly being one of the first to berate the Nazis for their persecution of the Jews ...

***** THIS IS THE INTERESTING BIT *****

... (g) for therefore becoming one of the most senior German Protestants to be suckered into [Allen Dulles'] Operation PASTOR [see own entry TRULY REVELATORY] during 1943 as the OSS quite cynically
cultivated that particular demographic as assets against both the Nazis and the Soviets, (h) for thereby becoming an accessory on the fringes of the Dulles-Gisevius black op which culminated in the failed 1944 Valkyrie Bomb Plot [see the entry for Hans Gisevius then as directed ESSENTIAL PARALLEL NARRATIVE]...

ASIDE: Gisevius gets two dozen page-mentions in Grose's (op. cit. inf.) biography of Allen Dulles, whilst Bonhoeffer, somewhat unfairly, gets not a single one. Twenty years later, Dulles' more famous "Patsy" - Lee Harvey Oswald - gets a dozen.


Bookhout, James Willingham: FBI Special Agent Jim Bookhout [no convenient biography, but several 2009 online obituaries] had not been on duty on 22nd November 1963, but proceeded to DPDHQ when he heard of the shooting, arriving there before both Will Fritz and the newly-arrested LHO. He then witnessed LHO's arrival, but was not invited into Fritz's initial interrogation of him. He then called his boss, Dallas FBI Chief, Gordon Shanklin, who told him that he and fellow Agent James Hosty were to sit in as soon as possible. This was arranged at 1515hr, no more than "five to ten" minutes after the interrogation had begun. Bookhout contributed questions now and then, and took notes (although by the date of his Warren Commission testimony he had destroyed them). In all he was second only to Fritz in time spent interrogating LHO. When the interrogation continued on 23rd November the observers included two Secret Service men. Bookhout's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Boone, Eugene: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Eugene Boone [Abilene Reporter-News obituary, 2017] was the law officer who, having spent some minutes searching the Railway Area, entered the TSBD found the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 behind some boxes on the west side of TSBD6. Boone's evidential profile is as follows: Sheriff's Office Notes #1, 22nd September 1963 [?]; Sheriff's Office Notes #2, 22nd September 1963 [?]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Dramatised Mock Trial testimony, 1992 [YouTube it now]; Interview to camera, 2014 [YouTube it now].

Boone, Ron: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Ron Boone [no convenient biography] was in the general gathering of deputies outside the Sheriff's Office as the motorcade went by. When the shooting started he headed across Elm Street, and up the Grassy Knoll to the Railway Area, where several people had been pointing. Boone's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Booth, [General (of the Salvation Army)]1865 William: Archetypical British do-gooder [General]1865 William Booth [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been identified by Quigley (1949) as one of the high-level Circle of Initiates in Cecil Rhodes' 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], that is to say, Britain's late-19th-Century deep state. According to Quigley (1949), he was selected in absentia at that Society's February 1891 inauguration, but was too involved with his social missionary work to take the offer up.

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**Booz Allen Hamilton Inc.:** Established in 1914 as the archetypical management consultancy, "government services" contractor *Booz Allen* [Wikipedia briefing] has gone on to become the high security clearance consultancy of choice for the U.S. government. Indeed, in his 2015 book "Dallas '63" Peter Dale Scott [q.v.] estimated that some 70% of the intelligence budget was outsourced to Booz Allen. Since 2015 the firm has been closely associated with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in developing new protections against cyber attacks.

**Borden, William Whiting:** See the entry for *China Inland Mission (CIM).*

**Bosch, Orlando:** 37-year-old physician turned CIA field operative *Orlando Bosch* [Wikipedia biography] . He would later be convincingly identified as a member of the CIA's Operation 40 team and 73-death airliner terrorist, and has recently been tentatively identified by researcher *Larry Rivera* as the Hispanic radio man *Dark Compl ected Man* - sat on the kerb of Elm Street a mere 10 feet from the JFK kill zone - *YouTube him? in Dealey Plaza now.*

**** YOU REALLY COULDN’T MAKE IT UP ****

(You really haven't got to!!)

**Boster, Davis Eugene:** American career diplomat *Gene Boster* [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for war service 1942-1946 in the U.S. Navy, (b) for transferring into the diplomatic service after the war, being posted to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow 1947-1953, (c) for being selected as staff assistant to Secretary of State *John Foster Dulles* 1953-1959, (d) for transferring to the Moscow desk at the State Department 1959-1962, where by January 1961 - having handled occasional correspondence with a distressed New Orleans mother named *Marguerite Oswald* [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE] - he had grown "familiar with the case" of her missing son *Lee Harvey Oswald* ...

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members expressed doubts, she said, [...] 'Yes, sir, I think my son was an agent, I certainly do' " (k1386).

And of course in the intervening 60-plus years, many others (including the present author) have reached the same conclusion. It is also worth noting (1) that if he had been an agent his ultimate boss would have been DCI Allen Dulles, and (2) that Dulles was one of the Commission members!

... (e) for being transferred to the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City in 1962, thus becoming available to intervene during Oswald's 1963 Mexico City Adventure [see own entry ONE OF THE KEYS TO UNLOCKING THE ASSASSINATION MYSTERY], (f) for being on the U.S. Helsinki Accords [Wikipedia briefing] negotiating team 1973-1974, (g) for being appointed U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh 1974-1976, then to Guatemala 1976-1979, (h) for retiring the Foreign Service to become a broadcaster for Washington's Radio Liberty [see own entry] propaganda service 1979-1984, and (i) for finally featuring in 2013 in the Albarelli work quoted above. Boster died in 2005, aged 84. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail see Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2013) "A Secret Order" [Amazon]. To see the Warren Commission transcript of Marguerite Oswald's full testimony, courtesy of Google Books, **click here.**

**Boswell, Commander (U.S.N.) J. Thornton, MD:** Military pathologist Commander Thornton Boswell [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of the three military medics who contributed to the JFK autopsy at the Bethesda Hospital between 2000hr on 23rd September 1963 and <time unrecorded> on <date unrecorded>. Browse the Medical Cover Up Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story. Boswell's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony [read it now].

**Boudet, Jean-Jacques-Henri:** See the entry for the Rennes-Le-Chateau Mysteries.

****** SADLY SEVERAL LOOSE ENDS FOR THIS GUY ******

**Bouhe, George Alexandrovich:** [Suggest read as Boo-Hay; the word seems to be of French Imperial origin.] Russian-American (b. St. Petersburg, 1904; service with ARA 1923; emig. 1924; naturalised 1939) "personal accountant" George Bouhe [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context ...

**EDITORIAL ASIDE:** The core narrative for this entry is taken from Bouhe's 1964 testimony to the Warren Commission, Volume VIII - **check it out.**

... (a) for getting work as office boy with the Petrograd office of Herbert Hoover's American Relief Administration (ARA) [see own entry and Timeline 1st September 1914 through 3rd May 1917 as threaded USEFUL PRIOR CONTEXT] 1923-1924, (b) upon the discontinuation of that relief effort in 1924, for then being encouraged to emigrate to America, settling in NYC, (c) for then earning a living 1926-1937 as a bank clerk with what eventually became Chase Manhattan Bank ...

**ASIDE:** Mention is made below of one Stewart Ralston Dyckman [Obituary], who seems to have met Bouhe when himself also a Chase employee.

... (d) for getting American citizenship in 1939 and relocating to Dallas (possibly at the suggestion of his friend Stewart Dyckman) ...

**ASIDE:** It is a matter of archival record that Bouhe's 1939 Application for Citizenship was sponsored by the aforementioned Dyckman and one Alexander Daniloff [nothing known]. Bouhe was later pallbearer at Dyckman's mother's funeral in 1952.

... (e) for we know not what 1939-1945 ...

**SPECULATION:** Times of war bring massive demand for security-vetted foreign language skills. The U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Service Language School (MISLS) [Wikipedia briefing; map] was established in San Francisco 1941-1942, relocated to Camp Savage [map] 1942-1944, and relocated again to the Fort
"The [US] Army Specialized (formerly ‘Specialist’) Training Program (ASTP) established approximately 500 intensive speaking courses in over 30 languages in fifty-five United States universities between April 1943 and April 1944, when the program was suddenly abandoned, owing to combat personnel needs. (Velleman 2008: 385)

Russian, German, and Japanese were the demand languages at the time, so it would make sense for Dallas's Southern Methodist University to have been one of those supporting universities, with Bouhe one of their contractors. We note also that when language services were re-established as the Defense Language Institute [Wikipedia briefing] at the height of the Cold War in 1954, the service had moved again, this time to Monterey CA [map], the place where LHO may well have gone for his USMC Russian course in the summer of 1958 [see separate speculation at Timeline 20th June 1958].

... (f) for we know not what 1945-1948, (g) for joining the Dallas Harvard Club [Website] in 1948 (Dyckman is listed as their president for 1949) ...

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION: At this point in his testimony Bouhe volunteers that during the 1940s there were only three Russian-speaking people in Dallas, but that "in 1950, approximately, a great avalanche of displaced persons" arrived from Europe, perhaps 30-50, mixed "Estonians, Lithanians, Poles, Caucasians, Georgians, Armenians, and such" (VIII, p358)

... (h) for becoming oilman Lewis W. MacNaughton's [Wikipedia biography] "personal accountant" in around 1954, (i) for heading the fund-raising effort to build a Russian Orthodox Church in Fort Worth at around this time, (j) for ending up a close neighbour (shared pool) of Jack Ruby, (k) for first being introduced to Lee and Marina Oswald 25th August 1962 [see Timeline that date], giving Marina Oswald the occasional English lesson September-October 1962, (l) for later testifying that some time during November 1962 he witnessed Marina Oswald sporting a black eye and heard her blame it on Lee having punched her, (m) for being invited to the dinner party 28th December 1962 at the home of fellow employee Declan P. Ford [Warren Commission biography] which saw George de Mohrenschilddt arrive later in the evening with the Oswalds in tow, and (n) for featuring in the Warren Commission investigations, giving his statement to Counsel Wesley Liebeler in person 23rd March 1964.

CAMEO - BOUHE AND THE OSWALDS IN RUSSIA: One of Liebeler's lines of questioning had to do with the ease with which the newly married Oswalds got visas to exit the Soviet Union. Bouhe's observation (pp369-370) was that some of the Dallas White Russians believed this could only have happened if he had been turned, and was returning as a Soviet agent.

Bouhe died in 1980, aged 76, and we presume that his will included an endowment for the "George A. Bouhe Research Fellowship" at SMU, which went to a 1970 graduate of - wait for it - the Monterey Defense Language Institute, one Daniel T. Orlovsky [SMU homepage].

Boulangism/Boulangisme: See the entry for the Rennes-Le-Chateau Mysteries.

Bowers, Cyril Yarling: [Read firstly the entry for "Dr. Bowers"]; Physician Cyril Bowers [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for qualifying as M.D. at the University of Oregon Medical School just after WW2, (b) for serving in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Navy Reserve between 1950 and 1952, (c) for obtaining a research fellowship at New Orleans' Tulane Medical School in 1953, becoming an active researcher both there and, by mid-decade, at the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation, where he co-authored half a dozen papers with Albert Segaloff [see own entry]. A PubMed analysis of Bowers' publications indicates a specialisation in thyroid gland and hypothalamic function, and he received repeated grants and professional awards in these areas. There is a strong case to be made that he is the loosely specified "Dr Bowers" mentioned in Judyth Vary Baker's 2014 book "Ferrie" as having on 10th July 1963 passed on a message to her from Alton Ochsner.
Bowers, John Zimmerman: [Read firstly the entry for “Dr. Bowers”.] Physician John Z. Bowers [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for qualifying as M.D. in 1936, (b) for serving in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps during WW2, (c) for undergoing post-graduate training in pathology before taking a position with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) between 1947 and 1950, witnessing nuclear weapons testing in the Pacific and studying Japanese survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, (d) for leveraging his unique experience with acute radiation syndrome and thyroid disorders from radioactive iodine by returning to the United States in 1950 to direct the University of Maryland’s Radioactive Isotope Lab, (e) for obtaining a number of visiting research fellowships during the 1950s, dividing his time between Berkeley, Johns Hopkins, Utah, Wisconsin, and New Orleans’ Tulane Medical School, (f) for rounding off a highly productive career by joining the Rockefeller Foundation in 1964 and the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation in 1965. Despite his track record in x-irradiation studies in mice and monkeys [see his PubMed profile], he is NOT the loosely specified ”Dr Bowers” mentioned in Judyth Vary Baker’s 2014 book ”Ferrie” as having been an Ochsner Foundation researcher in 1963.

Bowers, Lee Edward: 38-year-old Union Terminal Company railyard controller Lee Bowers [Wikipedia biography] was in the railyard’s North Tower at the time of the shooting. At 1155hr he noted ”a dirty [later specified as ”red sandy”] 1959 Oldsmobile Station Wagon” enter the parking area, cruise around, and then leave again. Twenty minutes later ”a 1957 Ford, Black, 2 door” entered and left. Its driver seemed to be speaking on a radio of some sort. Five minutes later still a ”1961 Chevrolet, Impala, 4 door”, dirty up to its windows and with the same out of state plates as the Oldsmobile, did the same.

ASIDE: Sample and Collom (1995) remark that the Oldsmobile might have been the vehicle Ruth Martinez had used to collect Loy Factor from his home in Oklahoma two days previously, its dirt streaking being compatible with the rough dirt tracks in that vicinity.

There were also two men standing ”within 10 or 15 feet of each other” against the picket fence, and two policemen and a number of railway workers on the tracks over the underpass. At the moment of the shooting he noted a ”commotion”, a ”flash of light or smoke or something”, ”something out of the ordinary, a sort of milling around, [...] which attracted my eye for some reason, which I could not identify” in the area of the picket fence. Bowers then proceeded to play a largely unrecognised part in the police sweep of the railyard, by deliberately red-lighting at least one outbound freight so that it might be searched, and generally liaising closely with DPD despatchers. Bowers died 9th August 1966 from injuries sustained when his car either left or was forced off the road. Later second-hand evidence from (friend) Walter Rischel and (researcher) Al Navis will insist that Bowers, fearing for his life, withheld the pivotally important testimony (a) that the two figures had both fired rifles, and (b) that both wore DPD uniforms. Bowers evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, undated [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera, Mark Lane, 31st March 1966 [YouTube it now].

***** PROTESTER AGAINST CONSPIRACY, WW1 *****

Bowles, George Frederic Stuart: British lawyer-M.P. George Bowles [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty’s [see own entry] 2017 book ”Prolonging the Agony” [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy’s blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Bowles, they remind us, complained after the war that his recommendations as Admiralty lawyer that intercepted maritime cargoes be confiscated were routinely countermanded by the Admiralty. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

Bowley, Temple Ford: Oak Cliff resident Temple Bowley [no convenient biography] was a witness to the shooting of Patrolman J. D. Tippit at 10th and Patton, and used the patrol car radio to alert DPDHQ. Bowley’s evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit 2nd December 1963 [read it now].
Boxing Day Memo: See the entry for Sir Maurice Hankey.

Bracken, Brendan Rendall [1st Viscount Bracken]1952: Born in then-British Ireland, businessman-politician Brendan Bracken [Lord Bracken]1952 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career as financial journalist and publisher ...

ASIDE: Readers are reminded that financial journalists need to be continuously on their guard against being fed false information and generally being "used" by villains to influence the markets for criminal purposes. [THREAD = INSIDER TRADING AND STOCK-MARKET FRAUD]

(b) for becoming wealthy enough to enter Parliament in 1929 as member for Paddington North, a seat he would hold until 1945, (c) for being a supporter of Winston Churchill during his 1929-1939 "wilderness years" out of political office, (d) for setting up the 1938 emergency funding from Sir Henry Strakosch [see own entry] which allowed Churchill not to have to sell his Chequers home, (e) for lobbying for Churchill rather than Lord Halifax to replace Neville Chamberlain in May 1940, (f) for being appointed Churchill's parliamentary private secretary by way of reward, and (g) for being promoted to Minister of Information in 1941, a post he would hold until 1945, thereby controlling the narrative set by the Political Warfare Executive [see own entry].

Brainwar: This is the term proposed by New Orleans political propagandist Ed Butler [see own entry] in his 1960 paper "The Forgotten War" to describe cold wars and peacetime confrontations. Content-wise, brainwar is little different to the lies told in wartime - see, for example, the entry for Edward Bernays. Structurally, however, it is shaped by peacetime shortage of funding, and typically involves a number of local non-profit initiatives (rather than one large central one), relying on donations from like-minded sympathisers. For specific examples of brainwarfare initiatives see the Ed Butler entry.

***** DO NOT CONFUSE THE NEXT TWO ENTRIES *****

Brading, Eugene Hale ["Jim"]: [a.k.a James Lee and Jim Braden] California-based mobster Jim Brading [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being placed by Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination in the County Records Office, acting as spotter for CIA-man George H. W. Bush's shooter Chuck Nicoletti, and (b) for having definitely been arrested in that very location for "acting suspiciously", but soon released after explaining he was looking for a public telephone ...

ASIDE: Brading is one of the six potential conspirators photographically placed in Dealey Plaza by Eaglesham and Schallhorn (2000 [full text online - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]). We find their photographic evidence pretty compelling, but please check for yourself.

Brading would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so outer sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination. Brading is also suspected of having played a part in the RFK assassination in 1968. Brading's evidential profile is as follows: Deposition, 22nd November 1963 explaining his arrest [read it now].

***** Candidate JFK Conspiracy CIA Squad Leader *****
[Recruited and led Religious Right footsoldiers; possible executioner]

“One slippery customer”[Body, 2015, online]

Bradley, Edgar Eugene: WW2 and early Cold War veteran (dare we hazard OSS?) turned Los Angeles-based right-wing operative Gene Bradley [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for getting early exposure to the world of black ops ...

"[Wesley Brice] said that Bradley had been in South America during World War II and was in intelligence work there in Hawaii and in Guam during and immediately after the war. After Guam Bradley supposedly went to Brazil. During this time he held a rank equivalent to Lieutenant, Brice said, and his duties according to Bradley consisted of investigating plane wrecks” (Boxley Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p4).
(b) for becoming "the California representative, at a salary of about $500 a month, of a right-wing preacher, the Reverend Carl McIntire" (Mellen, 2013), and for allegedly being involved in militant right operations against such liberal initiatives as the civil rights movements and left of centre politicians, (c) as such, for developing an armed and active direct action cell in and around the Van Nuys/North Hollywood area of Los Angeles [map], in full flourish in the early 1960s [and perhaps with several terminations to his personal credit - Ed.], (d) for allegedly offering one Dennis Mower $10,000 to take a shot at then-Senator JFK at the 11th-15th July 1960 Democratic Convention ...

**ASIDE - BIRTH OF THE JFK STORM DRAIN THEORY:** Bradley is occasionally reported as having looked into the use of storm drains nearby the convention venue as snipers' nests, which tactic, of course, is often suggested for Dealey Plaza also, where Bradley was present also! Students need, however, to factor in the distinct possibility that some of what we think we know about Bradley derives from a government disinformation exercise; in short, that it is part of a carefully constructed Bradley "Legend".

... (e) for being placed by one Garrison Investigation witness - court clerk Max Gonzales [nothing known] - at Lakefront Airport, New Orleans, in "June or July of 1963" in the company of David Ferrie (Noyes, 2010), (f) for being placed by some theorists in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963, (g) for then being singled out by Jim Garrison (whose sources reported that Bradley was "constantly harping on the fact that someone should kill Kennedy"), and for being charged 20th December 1967 with "criminal conspiracy to commit murder", **thereby becoming one of only two people ever to be charged in respect of the JFK assassination** (the other being Clay Shaw) ...

**ASIDE:** In the event, Garrison's attempt to extradite Bradley from California was blocked 8th November 1968 by Governor Ronald Reagan, so only the Shaw case went to trial. Brussell (2014) summarises these events thus ...

"Before the [1960 presidential] election, a group within the Christian Right plotted to kill [JFK] in Van Nuys, California, while he was still a candidate. This group was a meld of anti-Castro Cubans, Minutemen, and homegrown Nazis. Some were sought by Jim Garrison following the arrest of Clay Shaw [...]. The Christian Defense League (CDL), the most influential of these groups, was led by the Reverend William Potter Gale [... who had been] recruiting veterans for his racial 'identity' group, financed by a wealthy Los Angeles man" (Brussell, 2014, p32).

... (h) for being identified with some initial certainty by Deputy Sheriff Roger Craig 22nd December 1967 as the "secret service officer" who had blanked his initial report of a getaway vehicle and suspect at the foot of the Grassy Knoll ...

**ASIDE:** Craig saw the news of Bradley's arraignment two days beforehand on the television, and recognised him at once. For the details, see Craig's own entry.

... (i) for possibly/probably being rescued from justice by some highly effective government-sponsored obstruction ...

**CAMEO #1 - THE THORNHILL LETTER:** Part of Jim Garrison's filing system during his investigation was a "crank file" containing dubious pending leads from members of the public. One of these was an April 1967 letter from Thomas Thornhill [nothing known], alleging that Bradley was part of a California-based fascist cabal, and naming (Thornhill's lover) Carol Aydelotte [READ HER ENTRY BEFORE GOING ANY FURTHER] as the keeper of one of that cabal's safe houses. The Thornhill Letter was extracted from the crank file and reclassified as viable by William Turner [see own entry], one of Garrison's volunteer investigators, who then paired up on the legwork with Garrison's resident CIA man William Wood/"Bill Boxley" [see own entry]. Thanks to interviews with Aydelotte, Thornhill, Mower, and Brice, Bradley duly became the central person of interest in both the 16th February 1968 Turner Memorandum (Aydelotte's input, three pages' worth) and the 19th March 1968 Boxley Memorandum (input from Aydelotte, Thornhill, Mower, and Brice, roughly one page each) ...

**CAMEO #2 - BRADLEY IN THE TURNER MEMORANDUM:** Here are some tasters of what the (possibly vexatious) Carol Aydelotte had to say about Bradley in the Turner Memorandum ...
"Mrs. Aydelotte said the Rev. Wesley Brice [...] would have personal knowledge of a telephone call placed by [Bradley] from Dallas shortly after the assassination. Brice reportedly was in the Bradley residence in North Hollywood at that time and would know of comments made by Mrs. Bradley to the effect that 'Oh that was Gene. Guess where he is. He's in Dallas'" (Turner Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p1).

CAMEO #3 - BRADLEY IN THE BOXLEY MEMORANDUM: And here are some tasters of what the (possibly vexatious) Aydelotte and the three other witnesses named above had to say about Bradley in the Boxley Memorandum ...

"Mrs. Aydelotte [sic] stated that Bradley, upon her telling him that her husband Arthur possessed a .375 Magnum rifle, attempted to recruit her to persuade her husband to use the weapon for an assassination attempt upon President John F. Kennedy. [...] She said that Bradley seemed preoccupied with the subject of assassination and on occasion had shown her husband, Arthur Aydelotte, various assassination devices, including poisons, ground glass, and booby traps, in a garage at his residence [...] . Thornhill generally substantiated Mrs. Aydelotte's commentaries about Bradley. [...] Thornhill says that he heard Bradley boast of a heart attack drug with which he (Bradley) is familiar. [... MUCH OF INTEREST IN THE ORIGINAL AT THIS POINT] Mower confirmed that Bradley had attempted to recruit him to assassinate President Kennedy [...]. [Brice] said that Bradley told him he was in Dallas on the day of the assassination" (Boxley Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p4).

CAMEO #4 - TO PROSECUTE OR NOT?: The welter of hearsay evidence from witnesses with possible axes to grind left little chance of success in court against expensive lawyers with privileged inside information. Many on Garrison's team therefore advised him not to go for an extradition, but he persisted with an unconvincing case ...

(j) as a result, for being refused after extradition from California to Texas 1st November 1968, (k) for being mentioned in 1970 (as "E. E. Bradley") in the accurate-in-parts Torbitt Document, as being part of the "second layer of participants" in the assassination - check it out, (l) for being formally exonerated 30th March 1974 in a candid written apology from Garrison, and (m) for finally meeting Garrison in person in 1991, being described by the latter as "a fine American",

RESEARCH ISSUE: Stated briefly, Bradley was EITHER (1) a baddie, whose guilt was successfully covered up by a CIA-managed campaign of evidence tampering (see item (n) in the entry for DCI Richard Helms), OR (2) a goodie all along, the victim (2.1) of malicious allegations by the coterie of villains listed above, and (2.2) of Garrison having possibly conflated him with gangster Eugene Hale Brading (Twyman, 1997). Note carefully how Deputy Craig's position in the Garrison version of the narrative changes as the months went by, becoming baddie himself as Bradley became goodie.

OUR VERDICT: For the reasons set out at the end of the entry for Roger Craig (in whom this author still trusts), we go - on balance of probabilities - for Option (1) above. It follows that we therefore also regard Garrison's quite fulsome apology to Bradley as entirely forced.

Bradshaw, Lilian: See the entry for June Cobb.

Brand, Ed.: Dallas insurance salesman Ed. Brand [no convenient biography], who had offices across from LHO's rooming house at 1026 North Beckley Avenue, reported after the assassination that LHO had placed by [Bradley] from Dallas shortly after the assassination. He had seen a driving licence in the name "O. H. Lee", and been told to expect a cash sale in the not too distant future.

Brand, Robert Henry [1st Baron Brand]1946: Well-born British civil servant turned banker-diplomat Bob Brand [Lord Brand]1946 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked in the South African civil service during the 1900s and for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for promoting the idea of a South African union between 1906 and 1908, being duly rewarded by ... (c) for joining bankers Lazard Brothers [Grace's Guide briefing] in 1909; also for being made a director of Lloyds Bank and The Times, (d) for returning to Britain in 1910 to help found the Round Table Movement [see own entry], (e) for being drawn into Lady Nancy Astor's social circle in 1912, being introduced to her sister Phyllis Née Langhorne, (f) for helping to set up the Imperial Munitions Board of Canada [see own entry] in 1915, (g) for deputy-heading the 1917-1918 British Mission to Washington [see own entry], and for marrying the aforementioned Phyllis
Langhorne while he was out there, (h) for being part of the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry], as advisor on financial matters to Lord Cecil [see own entry] [he was generally a moderate on the issue of German reparations on the grounds that they would prove historically disastrous; 15 years later, the Cliveden Set got a bad name for being "appeasers" for saying much the same thing - Ed.], (i) for helping to found Chatham House in 1920, (j) for helping the Milner Group acquire The Times in 1922, (k) for buying Eydon Hall, Northamptonshire, in 1929, (l) for being based in Berlin for much of the 1930s wearing his Lazard Brothers hat, "as part of an international effort to save the German banking system" (Livingstone, 2015, p461), (m) for being part of the 1941-1944 British Food Mission to Washington [see own entry], as well as of the follow-on 1944-1946 Treasury Mission to Washington [see own entry], and (n) for heading the Milner Group between 1940 and his death in 1963 (Quigley, 1949). [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

***** THE SPY WHO PREACHED HATRED FOR COIN *****

Brasol, Boris Leo: White Russian/American (b. Poltave, Tsarist Ukraine, 1885; emig. 1916 U.S.A.) lawyer-criminologist turned political activist Boris Brasol [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for war service 1914-1916 in the Tsarist Russian Army, being sent on detached duty in 1916 to the United States as part of a "purchasing" mission, (b) for still being there at the time of the Russian Revolution [see Timeline 7th November 1917], and for deciding that it would be safer to stay put, (c) for reportedly forging anti-Bolshevik links with U.S. Army Intelligence, (d) for going on to establish U.S.-White Russian pressure groups to have the Tsarist dynasty restored, writing and lobbying accordingly, (e) for drifting also into the American Antisemitism of the late 1910s and early 1920s ...

***** ESSENTIAL CONTEXT *****

Readers unfamiliar with the work of <Louis Marshall> on the deliberate "Americanisation" of American Jewry 1917-1923, or with the story of the <"Protocols of the Elders of Zion">, should very carefully check out those entries before proceeding.

***** ANTISEMITISM ALERT *****

CAMEO - BRASOL IN THE DEARBORN INDEPENDENT: Regarding Bolshevism as a filthy Jewish plot, Brasol (along with many other conservative White Russians) took the side of antisemite car manufacturer Henry Ford ...

"In 1920, Ford arranged for his Dearborn Independent, first published in 1918, to become a platform for his hatred of the Jews. Week after week the newspaper set out to expose some horrors of Jewish misbehaviour. The first anti-Semitic issue on May 22 carried the headline THE INTERNATIONAL JEW: THE WORLD'S PROBLEM. The leading article opened with the words: "There is a race, a part of humanity, which has never been received as a welcome part [etc.]. A frequent contributor was a fanatical White Russian, Boris Brasol, who boasted in one piece: 'I have done the Jews more injury than would have been done to them by ten pogroms'. Brasol was successively an agent of the Czar and of the U.S. Army Intelligence; later he became a Nazi spy". (Higham, 2007, p155).

... (f) for publishing three anti-Bolshevik polemics 1921-1922 [Amazon], (g) for returning to academic criminology as an employee of the U.S. Department of Justice 1923-1935, writing, for example, the (1927 but still available) "Elements of Crime" [Amazon], and (h) for founding the Pushkin Society in America [Website] in 1935, acting as its president through until his death, aged 77, in 1963.

Brehm, Charles ["Chuck"]: D-Day and Korean War veteran Chuck Brehm [Wikipedia biography] was spectating with his five-year-old son from the median lawn of Dealey Plaza just south of Elm Street, level with the John Neely Bryan Pergola, and close to Babushka Lady. He saw the effects of the headshot and then fell to the ground to protect his son from any firefight, should one break out. Brehm's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to camera, 1993 [YouTube it now].

Bremer, Lewis Paul, III: A foreign service diplomat since 1966 and counterterrorism advisor since 1986 Paul Bremer [Wikipedia biography] was appointed in 1999 to head the House's National Commission on Terrorism [q.v.], presenting that commission's recommendations on 8th June 2000. He was then
appointed CEO of Marsh Crisis Consulting, one of the Marsh and McLennan Companies [q.v.] spread across 15 floors in both the north and south WTC towers. He was therefore well qualified to be called into the WRC-TV news studio at 1246hr on 11th September 2001 to comment on that morning's WTC attacks - YouTube that interview now, showing remarkable composure given that Marsh and McLennan's forensic accountancy suite on WTC1/93-100 had just been wiped out by a direct hit from "American Airlines Flight 11" [q.v.].

ASIDE: Marsh and McLennan lost 295 staff on 9/11, that is to say, roughly one in ten of the total body count. For details we recommend Thomas (2004 [full text online]).

Bremer's confident opinion to camera was that the very complexity of the WTC attacks meant that only three or four groups/countries could possibly have organised them, and that Iran and Iraq had to be top of the "candidates" list. Twenty months later (Iraq having drawn the short straw for the beating) he was rewarded by being appointed head of the provisional government there, despite knowing neither the country nor the Middle East, and speaking no Arabic (Rosen, 2007 [full text online]). Such measures as he introduced have been harshly appraised by critics, and he was sacked in 2004.

Brennan, Howard Leslie: 45-year-old steam fitter Howard Brennan [Wikipedia biography] was spectating during his lunch break at Houston and Elm, and his account of activity on TSBD6 will lead to his being described by Michael Kurtz in his 1982/1993 book "Crime of the Century" as the "most important" of the eyewitnesses (p27). Most notably he reported having a full facial view of the shooter in the Sniper's Nest, and contributed much of the description of the suspect subsequently BOLA'd. However not all researchers have been as impressed as Kurtz over the years, so avoid over-reliance. Brennan died in 1983, and his memoirs appeared posthumously in 1987 under the title "Eyewitness to History". Brennan's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Affidavit, 7th May 1964 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2].

Brennan, James J.: American "financial expert" James J. Brennan [no convenient background biography, but see Leeker (2015 [full text online] courtesy of the University of Texas at Dallas) for the core story and a photograph] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for background and movements unknown prior to ... (b) for being called upon in October 1949, as a locally available "financial expert" in Hong Hong, to help Claire Chennault [see own entry] and Whiting Willauer [ditto] obtain bridging finance to cover the re-basing of Civil Air Transport (CAT) [ditto] on Taiwan after it/they had been driven out of China by Mao's advance to the sea, (c) for becoming thereby a stockholder in the replacement company, Civil Air Transport, Incorporated (CATI) [ditto], (d) for then receiving a share of $700,000 paid to the stockholders when the CIA acquired CATI as its house air fleet in June 1950, and (e) for being centrally involved in the negotiations 1950-1952 to free a further 71 planes belonging to the Nationalist CNAC and CTAC airlines which had been impounded in Hong Kong by the British. FURTHER READING: Apart from Leeker (2015) above, there is a lot of supporting detail in William M. Leary's (2002) 'Perilous Missions: Civil Air Transport and CIA Covert Operations in Asia' [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]. See also the entry for Thomas G. Corcoran for more on the Washington backstory.

***** TOP TEAM CONSPIRATOR, SOCIETY OF THE ELECT, 1891 *****

Brett, Reginald Baliol [2nd Viscount Esher]1899: British aristocrat-politician-diplomat Reginald Brett [Lord Esher]1899 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for attending a meeting 15th February 1891 at Lord Rothschild's mansion - Tring Park House [Wikipedia briefing] - along with Cecil Rhodes, Arthur Balfour (later to be the signing author of the famous Balfour Declaration), Sir William Harcourt [Wikipedia biography], Albert Grey [see own entry], and Alfred Lyttleton [see own entry], at which they gave the nod - in Brett's own words - to Rhodes' "vast ideas" and "imperial notions" (Brett, 1938, p150 [full text online]), (b) for then being one of the three men (not counting Rhodes himself) who at further meetings that Spring founded Rhodes' famous secret society, specifically as the three second-tier cabalists of the pyramidally organised Society of the Elect [see own entry] (the other two being William T. Stead and Lord Milner) ...
ASIDE: Balfour and Grey became members of the next conspiratorial tier down, namely the "Circle of Initiates". Rothschild and the others seem to have remained on the sidelines, or died before the substantive business of the Society really got under way.

(c) for accordingly being later described as "one of the most influential and one of the least known men in British politics" (Quigley, 1949, p41), thanks in large part to his contacts with Buckingham Palace ...

ASIDE: "Esher was probably the most important advisor on political matters to Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, and King George V. This position arose originally from his personal friendship with Victoria, established in the period 1885-1887, and was solidified later when [...] he was in charge of [...] all the royal residences. [...] In this way Esher reached a point where he was the chief unofficial representative of the King" (Quigley, 1949, p42).

(d) for serving on the Committee of Imperial Defence [see own entry] between 1905 and 1930, (e) for acting as a high class intelligence operative during WW1 (his son Maurice Brett is reputed to have built up the MI6 operation in Paris), and (f) for promoting the career of Maurice Hankey for a decade after WW1.


Brewer, Johnny Calvin: Dallas shop assistant Johnny Brewer [no convenient biography] was at work in Hardy's Shoe Store, 213 West Jefferson (just down the block from the Texas Theater), when he saw a man - presumably LHO - behaving suspiciously outside. He followed the man to the Texas Theater and watched him go in. He and the cinema staff then rang the sighting in and waited until the police showed up to make the eventual arrest. Brewer's evidentiary profile is as follows: Affidavit 6th December 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera, 196? [YouTube it now]. Browse the Texas Theater Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Brice, Wesley: Californian right-wing preacher Wesley Brice [Internet hagiography] is noteworthy in the present context for giving evidence to the Clay Shaw Trial to the effect that Edgar Eugene Bradley had confidentially confirmed to him that he had been in Dallas 22nd November 1963 (Mellon, 2005). In fact, Brice was one of the four interviewees in the 19th March 1968 Boxley Memorandum, one of the most important documents in the collapse of the Garrison Investigation's case against Bradley ...

CAMEO - BRICE IN THE BOXLEY MEMORANDUM: Here is what Brice and his wife had to say, according to the Boxley Memorandum (in law, of course, it was nothing but hearsay) ...

"On December 20, 1967, I met with Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Brice at their home, 6451 Gaynor in Van Nuys, California. Bradley told him he had to 'take a swing through the South'. He said that Bradley had been to a meeting with Dr. Carl McIntire in Collingwood, New Jersey, prior to going on the southern swing. He said that Bradley told him he was in Dallas on the day of the assassination" (Boxley Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p1; there are two further extracts from the Brices' statements in Bradley's own entry).

Bridges, Henry Styles: Right-wing politician Henry Bridges [Wikipedia biography] was Senator from New Hampshire between 1937 and 1961. He is noteworthy in the present context for taking the Director of the CIA Henry Hillenkoetter to task for allowing the North Korean "surprise attack" on 25th June 1950

Brigade 2506: Recruited mainly from the anti-Castro Cuban exile community in the Miami area Assault Brigade 2506 [Wikipedia briefing] was in effect the CIA's private army for the Bay of Pigs Invasion. It lost heavily on the invasion beaches, and among its survivors were many who held JFK responsible for the loss of friends and homeland. JFK did his best to settle the resentment by addressing the survivors in the Orange Bowl Stadium, Miami, on 29th December 1962, and by promising that their battle flag
would one day be returned to a "free Havana" [YouTube the audio now]; he clearly failed to convince everyone present.

**Brinegar, John:** Dallas gun-dealer [Johnny Brinegar](no convenient biography) was one of only two arms dealers in the Dallas-Irvin area which stocked the rather obscure 6.5mm ammunition (the other being [John Masen](no convenient biography)). He was mentioned by [Dick Russell](no convenient biography) in his 2008 book "On the Trail of the JFK Assassins", as having sold about ten boxes of 6.5mm [Mannlicher-Carcano](no convenient biography) ammunition to Masen in early 1963.

**Bringuier, Carlos Jose:** 29-year-old Cuban lawyer [Carlos Briguier](Wikipedia biography) fled Cuba after the [Castro Revolution](no convenient biography) and opened a clothing store named *Casa Roca* at 107 Decatur Street. He soon became the New Orleans organiser for the [DRE](no convenient biography). On 5th August 1963 LHO visited *Casa Roca* to offer Bringuier help in his fight against Castro; only to appear further along the street handing out pro-Castro leaflets on behalf of the FPCC on 9th August. On 21st August he took part in a radio debate with LHO chaired by CIA associate [Bill Stuckey](no convenient biography). Along with [Jose Lanuza](no convenient biography) in Miami, Bringuier helped disseminate LHO's PRO-Castro credentials to the mainstream media in the late afternoon of 22nd November 1963, hitting the national headlines the following morning. This places him firmly on the [LHO Patsification Thread](no convenient biography).

**British-American-Canadian Corporation (BACC):** See the entry for the [World Commerce Corporation (WCC)](no convenient biography).

"Three old ladies and a couple of office boys" (Oswald Mosley)

**British Fascisti [British Fascists]**[1924]; [Read firstly the entry for Nesta Webster.] Founded in 1923 by right-wing activist [Rotha Lintorn-Orman](see own entry), and with [Leopold Canning, Lord Garvagh](Wikipedia biography) SHORT BUT WELL WORTH A LOOK as inaugural president, the [British Fascisti](Wikipedia briefing) are noteworthy in the present context (a) for providing a populist recruiting focus for hard-right sentiment in Britain in the mid/late-1920s, (b) for attracting a coterie of like-minded Britain-firsters, including the railwayman-philosopher [R. B. D. Blakeney](see own entry) (who took over as president at the time of the change of name in 1924); also for working closely with Britain's (and Unionist Ireland's) very secretive special intelligence community through both their retained propagandist [Nesta Webster](see own entry) and their arch-operative General [Sir Ormonde Winter](see own entry), (c) for spearheading half a decade of bitter anti-Communist protest, both verbal and physical, in sustained operations against "the swarms from the slums", (d) for actively campaigning alongside [Sir Arthur Hardinge](see own entry) of the [1926 General Strike](Wikipedia briefing), (e) for becoming more vocally antisemitic in the early 1930s in order to keep up with the newly formed [British Union of Fascists (BUF)](see own entry), and (f) for finally formally being taken over by them in 1934.

**British Israelism Movement:** See the entry for [Christian Identity](no convenient biography).

**British Polling Council:** Established in 2004 the [British Polling Council](Website) is noteworthy in the present context as the industry coordinating body for Britain's opinion pollsters. Its present president is [Sir John Curtice](see own entry).

**British Red Cross:** The [British Red Cross](Wikipedia briefing) is the London-based British branch of the overarching Geneva-based [International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)](Wikipedia briefing). It was founded in 1870 to provide charitably funded humanitarian aid to wounded soldiers and displaced civilians during the [Franco-Prussian War](no convenient biography), and is noteworthy in the present context (a) for doing likewise in every British conflict ever since (nicely summarised in the Wiki for <Red Cross Parcels>, if interested), and (b) for being surreptitiously taken advantage of by the military and intelligence services from time to time ...
**CAMEO - CONTRARY TO THE RULES OF WAR:** Hard evidence is predictably difficult to come by but it was reported that Red Cross ambulances in WW1 used to take ammunition "up the line" every time they were sent to collect the wounded - see the entry for Jerome K. Jerome, volunteer ambulance driver, who confesses to doing exactly that. Similarly with W. Somerset Maugham [see own entry], who spent time as a Red Cross ambulance driver on the Western Front before transferring to Petrograd as a very senior intelligence operative. Humanitarian/state propagandist Hugh Walpole [Wikipedia biography] was another Red Cross volunteer with a covert brief.

In fact, the WW1 volunteers had to be vetted by (lately Chairman of the organisation, but brought out of retirement to administer a small War Office team) [Sir]1901-1902 [Lord]1902 Frederick Treves [see own entry]. The organisation also gets a mention in William C. Bullitt's (1919/2019) 1919 testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, later published as "The Bullitt Mission to Russia" [Amazon], as follows ...

"The British Government had a man in [Petrograd]. He was travelling as a Red Cross representative, but in reality he was there for the Foreign Office, a Maj. A. R. Parker [here's a hot candidate], I believe” (p45).

**British Security Coordination (BSC):** See the entries for C. D. Jackson and Sir William Stephenson.

**British Union of Fascists (BUF):** Founded 1st October 1932 by [Sir]1928 (as baronet) Oswald Mosley [see own entry], and visually memorable thanks to their distinctive black shirts, the British Union of Fascists [The "Blackshirts"] [BUF] [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the quintessentially British attempt at Nazism. It was in fact Mosley's second attempt at securing an electoral mandate for British right wing extremism, having experimented unsuccessfully with the New Party [see own entry] the previous year [see Timeline 1st March 1931]. The movement received much praise in Harold Harmsworth/Lord Rothermere's [Wikipedia biography] The Daily Mail, and the Blackshirts reached their peak membership (perhaps just shy of 50,000) in early 1934. By then, however, its street-confrontational methods were growing too extremist for middle class tastes. At the Olympia Rally in summer 1934 [see Timeline 7th June 1934] there were well-publicised violent clashes between Blackshirt footsoldiers and leftist activists on a mission to disrupt, and The Daily Mail - now effectively controlled by Rothermere's son, Esmond Cecil Harmsworth [Lord Rothermere] [Wikipedia biography] - starts to backpedal on its support. By the time of the Earl's Court Rally in summer 1939 [see Timeline 16th July 1939], the Nazis had become a likely enemy rather than an alluring political paradigm. Surprisingly, there was no mass exodus of members until war was actually declared 3rd September, and even then "a steady stream of new members joined" to make up for losses (Pugh, op. cit. inf., p289). In the end, however, the security risks were recognised and on 23rd May 1940 Mosley was arrested and interned and the BUF declared a proscribed organisation. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the details see Martin Pugh's (2005) "Hurrah for the Blackshirts" [Amazon].

**Brogie, Warren:** See the entries for Robert Buick and June Cobb.

**Bronfman, Samuel:** Having emigrated from Bessarabia to Canada as a child to escape the Tzartist Russian anti-Jewish pogroms, Samuel Bronfman [Wikipedia biography] settled in Montreal and gradually built up Distillers Corporation Limited, owners of the Seagrams whiskey brand. John Hughes-Wilson perhaps uncharitably described Bronfman in his 2013 book "JFK - An American Coup" as an "ex-Mafia bootlegger" and Zionist, and asserted strong but secretive links to Permindex.

**Bronson, Charles:** 45-year-old Dallas engineer Charles Bronson [no convenient biography] took 8mm footage at around 1223hr on Houston Street, of a by-stander suffering a seizure. This footage occasionally includes the upper stories of the TSBD [YouTube it now] and might well be showing a number of unclear figures on the 6th Floor. Bronson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

**Brookhart, William G.** Special Agent (FBI) William G. Brookhart [no convenient biography] would, on 24th November, conduct the search of the apartment LHO had rented earlier in the year at 214 West Neely
Brookhart's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED],

**, James Jackson**

(Thomas E. Jackson) [Wikipedia biography] was a tenant at 600 North Street [q.v.] locating one of the two American Bakeries Pay Stubs in the name of former tenant James Jackson. They are evidentially important because, taken together, these pay stubs [TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN PLANTED] incontrovertibly link LHO to the premises where the Backyard Photographs [TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN FAKE] had been found. On 8th January 1964 Brokhart interviewed Jackson, who could only surmise that he had lost it during his tenancy there. Brookhart's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

**Browder, Earl Russell:** American workers' rights activist turned America's top Communist Earl Browder [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being inspired as a young man 1907-1912 by the Socialist Party of America (SPA) [Wikipedia briefing], (b) for then combining a job as clerk with continuing Leftist activism, eventually being imprisoned 1917-1919 for conscientious objection to service in WW1, (c) upon his release in late 1918 for helping to found The Workers' World [full text archive], (d) for a further period of imprisonment 1919-1920, (e) for responding to the Communist International (COMINTERN)'s [Wikipedia briefing] call for an international network of Communist trade unions, and then duly representing Kansas miners at the July 1921 convention in Moscow, (f) for continuing to work as union activist through the 1920s, (g) for a stint in China 1928-1929, taking time out in 1929 to attend a Communist convention over the border in Vladivostok, (h) for returning home in October 1929 to take up one of the three top positions in the Communist Party USA (CPUSA) [Wikipedia briefing], responsible, specifically, for delivering the party's Agitation and Propaganda (AGITPROP) [Wikipedia briefing] activities in the United States...

***** 1929, THE WALL STREET CRASH TAKES PLACE *****

... (i) with the coming of the Great Depression for thereby acquiring ex officio responsibility for one of the greatest psychological offensives of all time [sadly failed - Ed.], namely that of "generating party literature intended to transform the unemployment crisis into a mass movement for revolutionary change" (his Wiki, 11th June 2023), (j) for promotion in 1931 to single-head the CPUSA ...

***** 1933, HITLER COMES TO POWER IN GERMANY *****

... (k) (with German Communists now being murdered in the streets or carted off to concentration camps) for temporarily backing the United States' increasingly Interventionist stance, (l) for then flipping to denounce WW2 as an "imperialist war", promptly getting himself hauled before the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) [Wikipedia briefing] and imprisoned for passport offences 1941-1942, (m) for being personally pardoned by FDR shortly after Pearl Harbour, because the United States and the Soviet Union were now formally allies, (n) for setting out his position in numerous books and pamphlets [listed in his Wiki, if interested], (o) for being stripped of his position in June 1945 following purist objections to his wartime "class collaboration" [his particular brand of Capitalist-friendly Communism actually became known as "Browderism" - Ed.], and (p) for continuing to produce political tracts through to his death in 1973, aged 82, FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see James G. Ryan's (1997) "Earl Browder: Failure of American Communism" [Amazon].

Brown Brothers, Harriman, and Company: See the entry for Bush/Walker Family.

Brown, Charles Oliver: See the entry for Reinhold Niebuhr.

Brown, Earle Vincent: DPD Officer Earle Brown [no convenient biography] was securing the railway tracks area on top of the Triple Overpass, that is to say, he had no vantage over the three roadway tunnels or the two flanking pedestrian walkthroughs which passed under said overpass. He was positioned, with his patrol partner James Lomax close at hand, and Joe Murphy a little further off, as follows (from his Warren Commission testimony) [Aerial back-up needed?]...

"Mr. BALL. On November , 1964, were you assigned to a certain post on duty? Mr. BROWN. Yes, sir. Mr. BALL. Where? Mr. BROWN. That would be the railroad overpass over Stemmons Expressway service road. Mr. BALL. Is that the one that leads of Elm? Mr. BROWN. You mean that crosses Elm? Mr. BALL. That crosses Elm, yes; the overpass across Elm. Mr. BROWN. No, sir. Mr. BALL. What does it cross? Mr. BROWN.

... (fr...
It's over Stemmons Expressway; in other words, they make that turn of Elm and go up. Mr. BALL. You know where Elm, the corner of Elm and Houston is? Mr. BROWN. Yes, sir. Mr. BALL. Then there is a road, the highway continues on to the west, a little south, is that what you call the Stemmons Expressway? Mr. BROWN. There's one there, too, but that overpass is actually a road. Where I was was the railroad overpass. Mr. BALL. The railroad overpass itself? Mr. BROWN. Yes, sir. Mr. BALL. How far were you from the place where the continuation of Elm goes under the overpass? Mr. BROWN. Oh, approximately 100 yards. Mr. BALL. Let me see if we can get something in the record that will be your position. Were you appointed to this particular spot? Mr. BROWN. Yes, sir. Mr. BALL. Was there another patrolman on the overpass also? Mr. BROWN. Yes, sir; James Lomax. Mr. BALL. Now, this is the place where the railroad yards run over the highway? Mr. BROWN. Yes. Mr. BALL. And you are on the Stemmons Freeway end of it? Mr. BROWN. That's right; In other words, Stemmons Freeway and the service road both go under the overpass.

... Mr. BROWN. From where I was standing they would be about half way between - no, they would be up more toward that other overpass, what they call the triple underpass. Mr. BALL. The triple underpass? Mr. BROWN. Yea. Mr. BALL. You were about 100 yards from the triple underpass? Mr. BROWN. Approximately; yes. Mr. BALL. Was there anybody standing on the triple underpass? Mr. BROWN. On the triple underpass? Mr. BALL. Yes. Mr. BROWN. Yes, sir; they had at least two officers. Mr. BALL. Anybody but police officers? Mr. BROWN. Not that I know of. I didn't recall anyone.

... Mr. BALL. Mr. Brown, I have had a map made here which I would like to have you inspect here. The railroad overpass is shown - that runs in a north and south direction? Mr. BROWN. Yes. Mr. BALL. And Stemmons Freeway overpass is shown - that runs north and south, doesn't it? Mr. BROWN. Right. Mr. BALL. Were you on either one of those overpasses? Mr. BROWN. Either one of those two there? Mr. BALL. Yes. Mr. BROWN. No, sir. Mr. BALL. Where were you? Mr. BROWN. On this overpass here - this TP Railroad overpass. Mr. BALL. The overpass that runs in an east and west direction? [THERE IS NO EAST-WEST OVERPASS, SO WE PRESUME AN EAST-WEST SIGNAL GANTRY ACROSS SOME NORTH-SOUTH TRACKS] Mr. BROWN. Right - yes, sir. Mr. BALL. Now, will you take this pen and draw on there your position on the overpass? Mr. BROWN. Well, you see, on this overpass, of course, there are the tracks and then there is a railing and then there is a catwalk on each side and we walked the catwalk, and we would come around on each end and we would walk the tracks and come around there. Mr. BALL. Where were you when you saw the President's car turn on Houston and Elm Street? Mr. BROWN. I was on the catwalk."

Now that that is established, we note that Brown personally saw smoke from the Grassy Knoll and smelled gunpowder a few moments later. That particular piece of testimony has been hotly debated ever since ...  

**ASIDE:** The wind at 1230hr 22nd November 1963 was from the WSW, and brisk enough (officially 15 to 20mph) to flare out spectators' coats on the median south of Elm. How then, did Brown smell smoke from downwind?

**DOUBLE ASIDE:** Because wind can often be locally antidromic in the vicinity of man-made obstacles due to the eddy effect, we have to allow that the fumes from a Picket Fence [or South Knoll! shooter might have come to Brown in a circular fashion. TSBD6, on the other hand, was more than twice as far away, and much higher in the wind, and may therefore - we feel - be safely discounted. We must also allow that fumes from an accidental George Hickey [q.v.] shot from on board limo #2 would have been released upwind of Brown once that vehicle had passed under the overpass!

One of the reasons that Brown's story remains controversial is that the Warren Commission - either willfully or out of sheer incompetence [as in the extract above] - failed to ask either of his two fellow officers about either the smoke or the smell. They also did not pursue eight of the nine railway men present and told the ninth - Skinny Holland - what he saw rather than asking him (McLaren, 2013)! Officer Murphy, by contrast, gives a much clearer statement and is worth a quick divert.

When formally questioned Brown asserted that apart from two policemen there was nobody on the overpass. **This is demonstrably inaccurate because a dozen or so figures can clearly been seen at the overpass parapet in many movies and still photographs.** We guess that these are - mainly
or exclusively - **Skinny Holland**'s crew of railwaymen. Brown's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Brown, Irving:** WW2 veteran (U.S. Army intelligence) **Irving Brown** [Wikipedia biography] was used as a "one-man OSS" field coordinator [see the entry for Arthur Goldberg] in operations to destabilise the Nazi slave labour force in Occupied Europe during WW2. He was then kept on station throughout the Cold War as part of a CIA strategy to prevent Europe's trade unions (not least those in France, Italy, Greece, and Finland) straying too far to the left.

**Brown, Madeleine Duncan:** LBJ's mistress between 1948 and 1969 **Madeleine Brown** [Wikipedia biography] entered the spotlight of publicity in 1988 when she began releasing provocative interviews. Perhaps her most significant allegation was that a meeting of senior conspirators had taken place on the evening of 21st November 1963 at the home of Clint Murchison, Sr. Amongst those who had attended were, she said, J. Edgar Hoover, Richard M. Nixon, H. L. Hunt, George Brown, and John J. McCloy. Brown's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Assertions in "The Men on the Sixth Floor" (1995); 80-minute interview to camera, Robert Gaylon Ross, Sr. [YouTube it now].

**Brown, Robert G.:** DPD Crime Search Division detective **Bobby Brown** [no convenient biography] had in April 1963 been one of the investigating officers in the attempted murder of General Edwin Walker [q.v.] on 10th April 1963, being responsible for the photographs taken of the scene. These darkroom skills would subsequently earn Brown an interview with researcher Alex Cox in 1993, during which it emerged that he had on or about 29th November 1963 created a photofakery "matte" [Wikipedia technical briefing] of one of perhaps the single most visually memorable public consciousness pieces of evidence in the entire case, namely the famous **Backyard Photographs** [q.v.]. This, in turn, got him several pages' discussion in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked", who were far from impressed by the explanation Brown offered. Brown's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

**Brown, Robert K.:** Vietnam War veteran (U.S. Army Green Berets) turned journalist **Robert K. Brown** [Wikipedia biography] was the founder in 1975 of **Soldier of Fortune** magazine [Wikipedia briefing], featuring tales of counter-insurgency and mercenary operations, and targeting a corresponding readership. He was then the co-author with Miguel Acoca [no convenient biography] of a February 1976 article entitled "**The Bayo-Pawley Affair**", an exposé of **Operation Tilt**, the June 1963 commando raid into Cuba designed to obtain evidence that the Soviets had retained a covert missile presence on the island in the wake of the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. In her (2014) book "**The Essential Mae Brussell**" [Amazon], forensic historian Mae Brussell has Brown as a known "contact" of William Potter Gale [see own entry] and his **Christian Defense League (CDL)**.

**Brown, Walt:** Assassination researcher **Walt Brown** [Spartacus Educational biography] is a leading second generation JFK researcher, whose books include "The People vs Lee Harvey Oswald" (1992) and the cleverly titled "**The Warren Omission**" (1996). He recently promoted his work in a 2015 radio interview with Len Osanic [YouTube it now].

**Browne, John [Baron Browne of Madingley]**2001: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism":] British business tycoon **Lord Browne of Madingley** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "**BBC's 'Churnalism'**" - read it now - as having spear-headed the transformation of the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. He was selected in June 2010 by British Prime Minister David Cameron to fill the newly created post of <Lead Non-Executive Director>.
Brownrigg, Douglas Egremont Robert [4th Baronet]1918: British naval officer [Sir]1918 Douglas Brownrigg [Dreadnought Project biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been taken out of retirement in 1914 to act as Chief Censor of Naval Wireless Telegraphy for the duration of WW1. He (or at least his clerks) therefore knew the movements of shipping worldwide, friendly, enemy, and neutral.

Bruce, James [8th Earl of Elgin]1841: [Read firstly the entry for (his father) Thomas Bruce [7th Earl of Elgin].] Scottish nobleman, politician, and diplomat James Bruce [8th Earl of Elgin]1841 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an Eton-Oxford education as a contemporary and friend of future Prime Minister William Gladstone, (b) for being required to spend several years "on the family estate" to help pay off the debts incurred by his father in acquiring the Elgin Marbles for the nation (Bourinot, op. cit. inf.), (c) for serving as Governor of Jamaica 1842-1846, (d) for being reassigned to Canada as Governor-General 1847-1854, (e) for being made High Commissioner and Plenipotentiary in China and the Far East 1857-1860, thus being in the diplomatic hot seat during the Second Opium War [Wikipedia briefing] and brokering both the 1858 Treaty of Tientsin [Wikipedia briefing] and the 1860 Convention of Peking [see Timeline 24th October 1860], and (f) for being made Viceroy of India in 1862, dying in post in 1863, aged 52. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Sir John Bourinot's (1903/e2021) "Lord Elgin" [Amazon].

Bruce-Lovett Committee: See the entry for Robert A. Lovett.

***** THE SCOT WHO HELPED ALLY BRITAIN AND PRUSSIA *****

Bruce, Thomas [7th Earl of Elgin]1771: Scottish nobleman, soldier, politician, and diplomat Thomas Bruce [7th Earl of Elgin]1771 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a conventional career as junior officer (purchased commission) in the Scots Guards (1785-1789), the 65th Regiment of Foot (1789-1793), and other units, achieving the rank of Lieutenant General in 1814, (b) for life as a diplomat 1791-1814, (c) for serving as Ambassador at Berlin, in Brandenburg Prussia (1794-1799 [less a period, reportedly of sick leave, in 1798]), supporting the latter's expansion eastward at Poland's expense, (c) for serving as Ambassador at Constantinople 1799-1803, cultivating Ottoman support in the war against France, (d) for being responsible toward the end of this period of service for the removal of a large part of the decorative stonework - the famous "Elgin Marbles" [Wikipedia briefing] - from the Akropolis in Athens, and (e) for then being enmired for several years, at great personal cost, in controversy over the legality and ethicality of said deal. He died in 1841, aged 75.

RESEARCH ISSUE: The impact (if any) of his diplomacy on the rise of Prussia has yet to be thoroughly explored.

FURTHER READING: For more on the rather profitable deal struck with Prussia (it will be Prussia, remember, who will swing the Battle of Waterloo Britain's way) see Philip G. Dwyer's (1992) "Prussia and the Second Armed Neutrality, 1800-1801" [full text online]. See also the follow-on entry for (his son) James Bruce [8th Earl of Elgin].

Brugioni, Dino Antonio: WW2 veteran (U.S.A.F.) and long-standing expert in U-2 and conventional photoreconnaissance interpretation at "Lundahl's Palace" (the CIA's NPIC Lab in Washington, DC), Dino Brugioni [Wikipedia biography] would later contribute to the mainstream literature on photofakery in his 1999 book "Photofakery: The History and Techniques of Photographic Deception and Manipulation". This work includes a 10-page discussion of the validity of the Oswald-with-Rifle photographs, the final judgement on which is that "the three photos of him were true and not tampered with" (p91). He was then interviewed in 2009 by researcher Peter Janney concerning his department's involvement with the Zapruder film on the weekend of 23rd-24th November 1963. He was called mid-afternoon on Saturday 23rd by his boss Art Lundahl, and asked to get a team into the lab in short order because SS couriers were bringing a rush job in. He duly rounded up Bill
Banfield and Ralph Pearce, and the three men went in to work. At about 2200hr they were delivered an 8mm "slit" positive of the Zapruder film [presumably one of the four "true" copies known to have been developed at the Kodak Lab in Dallas].

**TECHNICAL ASIDE:** The then popular "Super 8" range of home movie cameras actually contained a 25-foot spool of 16mm film, only one 8mm track of which was exposed at a time. The spool was then turned over at end, and the return 8mm track exposed. The development process was thus (a) to fix a 16mm negative, (b) to produce a 16mm positive, (c) to split the 16mm into two 8mm longitudinal halves, and (d) to splice those two halves together end-to-end giving a 50-foot spool of 8mm film for projection.

Unfortunately NPIC had no 8mm projector and so Banfield had to ring round Washington's photographic shops until he found one. The team were therefore unable to start work in earnest until around midnight. They viewed the film together, being duly shocked by the contents. The SS agents then helped them select which frames to blow up and the team spent the next three or four hours producing enough unmounted prints to send the SS men away, and then continuing with producing two identical Briefing Boards. These last were collected at around dawn by Lundahl, who then had a different team produce a further set of boards from a different master later that day - see the entry for Homer McMahon for the continuation of this story. Brugioni would not learn of the second set of boards and the different master reel until interviewed in 2009...

**ASIDE:** It is reasonable to conclude from all this that the later master had been tinkered with at Hawkeye. And of course it is one of this later set of boards which today graces the National Archives, for Brugioni has neither seen nor heard of either of his sets of boards since handing them over.

Sadly, nobody seems to have asked Brugioni in 2009 whether the system's ability to fool even its closest and most trusted servants was going to change his 1999 views as to the genuineness of the Oswald stills. Brugioni's evidential profile is as follows: Interview to camera, Peter Janney, 2009 [YouTube it now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38mins in) - ESSENTIAL VIEWING. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Brundage, Percival Flack:** See the entry for Albert Schweitzer College.

**Brussell, Mae:** Beverly Hills housewife [Mae Brussell](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mae_Brussell) entered the assassination histories thanks to her near-obsessive collection of newspaper clippings from the period 1963-1971, by the end of which she knew more about the geopolitical milieu of Dallas politics than the intelligence services themselves (who invariably work in assignment-defined compartments). Her knowledge, and the stories it supported, earned her a KLRB-Radio talk show in 1971, in which profession she would remain until, like Jack Ruby, she succumbed to a *conveniently* aggressive cancer in 1988. The most lurid stories have recently been assembled in Alex Constantine's 2014 book "Investigations of Fascism in America".

**Bruton, Admiral Henry Chester:** WW2 submariner, Korean War battleship captain, and Director of Naval Communications until his retirement in 1960 [Henry C. Bruton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_C_._Bruton) was vice-president of Collins Radio's Dallas factory. Browse the Collins Radio Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Brychak, Bruce Patrick:** Bit part player in the JFK saga [Bruce Brychak](https://www.brucebrychak.com) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been best friends with #1 Candidate JFK assassin [head shot, with a frangible bullet from the Grassy Knoll - Ed.] James Files, and (b) for having in 2007 helped to break the story that Gary Marlow - then only recently deceased - had been the true killer of DPD patrolman J. D. Tippit. He speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry](http://www.amazon.com/dp/B007T61X1E) (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].
Buchan, John [1st Baron Tweedsmuir] 1935: Lawyer turned author turned propagandist turned diplomat John Buchan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a high-flying Oxford undergraduate between 1895 and 1898, speaking at the Oxford Union in February 1898 on "The Russian Menace", and becoming president thereof that November ...

ASIDE: Quigley (1949) lists Buchan's close acquaintances as follows [each has its own, often interesting, entry]: Hilaire Belloc, F. E. Smith [later Lord Birkenhead], John Simon [later Lord Simon], Leo Amery, Thomas A. Nelson, Arthur Salter [later Lord Salter], Auberon Herbert [later Lord Lucas], Edward Wood [later Lord Halifax], and (son of the future Prime Minister) Raymond Asquith.

(b) for his 1900 anti-Russian novel "The Half-Hearted" [Wikipedia synopsis], (c) for qualifying as a lawyer in 1901, (d) for serving as private secretary to Lord Milner in South Africa between 1901 and 1903, and for thereby coming "to know well" (Rose, 2000, p.83) the members of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry] (although, Rose judges, "never counted among their number" [ibid]), (e) for spending the remainder of that decade developing ever deeper contacts with the British political intelligence fraternity, culminating in (f) for taking a vacation touring the Aegean by yacht in 1910 ...

ASIDE: Then as now, when there is an academic in a region at a time of tectonic political unrest [check out the Balkans in 1910], readers must suspect that s/he had been asked to combine her/his legitimate research activities with some political note taking - a.k.a. spying - on the side. It does not always work out as well as it did for Buchan.

(g) for breakfasting with Sir Edward Grey a few days before war broke out, (h) for being recruited by The Times in early 1915 to become one of the five correspondents attached to the British Army on the Western Front, (i) later that year for publishing the novel "The Thirty-Nine Steps" [Wikipedia synopsis], the tale of a wicked German spy ring, (j) for coming thereby to the attention of GHQ, who put him to work on their publicity releases, (k) for publishing the 1916 novel "Greenmantle" [Wikipedia synopsis], a tale of German geopolitical intrigue against British India, (l) for being thereby commissioned 26th June 1916 as Lieutenant in the Intelligence Corps, (m) for thereby being selected as one of Lloyd George's 1917 New Broom Initiatives [see own entry] to become Director of Information, being put to work in February 1917 organising a carefully targeted propaganda campaign against the Ottomans (Fromkin, 1989) ...

ASIDE: Britain's wartime propaganda machine began life as a "jumble" of civil service departments complementing the War Office's foreign and domestic press release service, M.I.7(b), thus ....

"Before [Lloyd George's] accession, propaganda was organised by the Foreign Office, and domestic propaganda (once the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee's [see own entry] role ended with the introduction of conscription) was carried out only by unofficial organisations - like the Central Committee for National Patriotic Organisations (CCNPO - supposedly confined to propaganda in the empire) [three further exemplars are then listed] whose principal merit, in the opinion of official foreign propagandists like Charles Masterman [see own entry], was in distributing their literature, thus enabling them to keep a low profile. Masterman, a writer and Liberal MP heavily involved with publicising the government's national insurance scheme since 1911, had been instructed by [Asquith] to develop propaganda for Dominion and neutral audiences in 1914. He thus established the War Propaganda Bureau [see own entry] at Wellington House [and] a conference in September 1914 [see 2nd September 1914] secured the assistance of many prominent literary figures [...] Despite its foreign propaganda remit, Wellington House also generated some material for home consumption, in part disseminated through bodies like the CCNPO" (Monger, 2012, pp24-25).

(n) for joining Maurice Baring [see own entry] in The Russia Company [see own entry] in March 1917 and for generally liaising closely with pro-war White Russians throughout the 1917 Russian Revolution, (o) for helping to set up the Publicity Department of the new National War Aims Committee (NWAC) [see own entry] in August 1917, (p) for moving in early 1919 to manage publications relating to the League of Nations [see own entry], (q) for then settling back to write a further 16 novels between 1919 and 1934, and (r) for being made Governor General of Canada in 1935, a post he would hold until his death in 1940. [Read next the entry for Buchan, John; Anti-Semitism of] [THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE] [THREAD = CALLERS OF INNOCENTS TO WAR]
Buchan, John: Anti-Semitism of: There are a number of phrases in Buchan's novels which at first glance might easily be taken as evidence of anti-Semitism on his part. Here are three of those most frequently extracted ...

"The whole gang of Jew speculators and vulgarians who would corrupt a great country" (The Half-Hearted, Chapter 4; discussed by Lownie, 2013, p57).

"All the places with names like spells - Bokhara, Samarkand - run by seedy little gangs of communist Jews" (The Three Hostages, Chapter 1; discussed by Lownie, 2013, p230).

"The Jew is everywhere, but you have to go far down the backstairs to find him. [...]And] if you're on the biggest kind of job and are bound to get to the real boss, ten to one you are brought up against a little white-faced Jew in a bath-chair with an eye like a rattlesnake" (The Thirty-Nine Steps, Chapter 1; discussed by Lownie, 2013, p247).

Nevertheless, the biographer Andrew Lownie notes that Buchan is merely characterising fictional anti-Semites for dramatic purposes, and concludes: "It is difficult to find any evidence of anti-Semitism in Buchan's own personal views [...] Indeed,] his activities in the House of Commons show him to have been a committed Zionist" (Lownie, 2013, p230). [THREAD = ANTI-SEMITISM]


***** MAJOR CONSPIRATOR, WWI *****

Buchanan, Sir George William: British diplomat Sir George Buchanan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Ambassador to Russia between 1910 and 1918, and (b) for being mentioned in Chapter 8 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French move against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. It was Buchanan, they note, who had since the beginning of the war been monitoring Russia's ability and will to remain in the field against Germany, and it was he who helped promote the notion of a new Anglo-French front in the Dardanelles as a suitable incentive. Buchanan also stands accused in Russian sources of secretly taking sides amongst the power factions in St. Petersburg, to the extent that if the Czar were ever to lose "his stomach for war" (op. cit., p450) Buchanan knew the people most able to replace him. Buchanan gives the usual sanitised account of his experiences as Ambassador in his three-volume 1923 memoir entitled "My Mission to Russia" (Buchanan, 1923 [full text online]).

Buck, Pearl Sydenstricker: American-born author and (Confucian)1 sinophile Pearl S. Buck [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been resident in Nanking during the 1927 troubles, and (b) for winning the 1938 Nobel Prize for Literature with her Chinese novels, most notably "The House of Earth" trilogy, 1931-1935. However, Bertrand Roehner's (2014 [full text online]) dissertation entitled "Relations between U.S. Forces and the Population of China" cautions that these works seem deliberately to play down the extent of United States involvement in the region.

1ASIDE - "CONFUCIAN" Vs. MODERN CHINA: The term "Confucian" refers literally to the China of the 500BCE philosopher Confucius [Wikipedia biography], that is to say, to the two and a half millennia of imperial China which died out at the turn of the 20th Century with the "Last Emperor", Pu Yi [see 29th December 1911]. Confucian China is the China of Mandarins and peasants, of silks and parchment art, of flute and lute, of ancestor worship, of triads and tongs and temples, of isolationism and dislike of foreign devils. But to be "Confucian" in the 1920s was simply to hark back in blind hope to better times, and therefore - rightly or wrongly - Confucianism was deliberately vilified by the Chinese Communists. Confucianism was all well and good, the CPC pointed out, but it was the cause of most of the Chinese people's woes, not the cure. Hence the word nowadays usually, as here, has the pejorative meaning of <counter-revolutionary>, and in describing Pearl S. Buck as a Confucian sinophile is to imply that she was pro-Chiang Kai-Shek and anti-Mao Zedong. Sadly the American psyche has taken Confucian China - which for many meant nothing more than
the brothels just outside the anchorages - far too much to heart (much more on this shortly - in the meantime, lest you think we're making it all up, enjoy this YouTube trailer - and yes, it is James Cagney).

**RESEARCH ISSUE - WESTERN CINEMA AND THE CONFUCIAN IDEAL:** Just as the Coca Cola Company's advertising posters from the early 1930s [check them out] define the modern iconography of Christmas, so too has the Western understanding of China been coloured by wishful thinking, mawkish sentimentality, political bias, and no little racial stereotyping. No matter whether we are thinking of Confucian China (pre-1900), Early Civil War China (1900-1931), Late Civil War China (1932-1948), or Communist China (1948 to date), we know only comic book idealisations of that nation and its people.

**ASIDE:** Readers are reminded that the Chinese Civil War effectively began with the Boxer Rebellion [see 2nd November 1899]. It then brought about the fragmentation of the 2100-year-old Chinese Empire into warring regional factions (the core empire lasted until 1912), and a gradual political polarisation between left and right beginning in the 1920s [see 12th March 1925]. Readers are further reminded that the Red-versus-White Russian Civil War had been fought to-and-fro across Siberia between 1919 and 1922, and that despite substantial Western and Japanese military interference Stalin's Communists were left controlling all of Russia east of the Urals [Wikipedia briefing (esp. Section 3.5)]. By the mid-1920s, Western politicians, with some justification, therefore feared a hostile Stalinist expansion southward out of Siberia into China.

In an attempt to stabilise China against Stalinist influence, the United States recognised warlord-supreme Chiang Kai-Shek and his "Nationalist" Kuomintang (KMT/GMD) administration [see own entries] as the official Chinese government in late 1927 [see 1st October 1927] (albeit much of the ensuing financial assistance was immediately spent equipping the Kuomintang Army with German equipment rather than American [see 15th November 1927]). Given a new strength of purpose by this support for their enemies, the Chinese Communists grew strong enough to mount an experiment with soviet-style government beginning in 1931 [see link below]. To complicate matters even further, early 1932 saw the increasingly expansionist Japanese (who had been a Western ally in the aforementioned Siberian intervention) begin to act, thereby creating a three-way shooting war between (1) the Japanese invaders, (2) the U.S.-backed Chinese Nationalists, and (3) the Chinese Communists. This situation continued until the defeat of Japan in 1945 and the Communist victory over the Nationalists in 1949 [see 1st October 1949]. Chiang Kai-Shek (until his death in 1975) and his successors have ever since carried on their anti-Communist hostility from a condition of exile on the island of Taiwan, and have survived thanks only to the protective screen provided by the U.S. Seventh Fleet [State Department briefing; see also the entry for William Pawley].

**ASIDE:** The recent USS Fitzgerald Incident [Wikipedia briefing] and the USS John S. McCain Incident [Wikipedia briefing] are part of the broader ongoing battle for control of/access to the South China Sea [Wikipedia briefing]. [THREAD = THE NEVER-ENDED CHINESE CIVIL WAR, 1900-ONGOING]

**Buckley, William Frank, Jr.:** Oil-moned WW2 veteran, CIA veteran (Mexico), and Skull and Bones member William F. Buckley, Jr. [Spartacus Educational biography] had founded the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) [q.v.] right-wing propaganda group on 11th September 1960, and was, at the time of the assassination, an established author/right wing politician. Following lack of election success personally, his interests shifted in 1966 to hosting the TV current affairs discussion program *Firing Line* [Wikipedia briefing]. Running for some 30 years in an era which saw the Ramsay Clark Panel (1968), the Rockefeller Commission (1975), and the House Select Committee on Assassinations (1979), these shows could not help but touch occasionally (and that is all it was) upon the JFK assassination, wheeling out the official line in the persons of Allen Dulles in 1967, David Belin in 1975, and Cord Meyer in 1981. Only twice did alternative voices get a decent airing, the first occasion being when retiarius Mark Lane faced the CIA lion (1st December 1966) - YouTube it now [POSITIVELY GLADIATORIAL - ESSENTIAL VIEWING], and the second being when House Select Committee on Assassinations Chief Counsel Robert Blakey gave an update on the proceedings (10th September 1981) - YouTube it now. For the full series list, click here.

***** CAUTION: MUCH IN THIS NEXT ENTRY *****
***** HAS YET TO BE CROSS-VALIDATED, SO IT'S *****
***** EITHER VERY TRUE OR VERY FALSE *****

**Bucknell, David ["Bucky Beaver"]:** [a.k.a. Dave Bennett] Marine David Bucknell [no convenient biography] was a Marine Air Control Squadron 9 (MACS-9) messmate of LHO upon his return from Atsugi (as was a third Marine named Kerry Thornley). When interviewed by Mark Lane in 1978 he told
the tale of the Queen Bee Incident [see separate entry]. When interviewed by Jim Keith in 1997 he told the tale of "Mister B" [again see separate entry], explaining that he had been too frightened for his life to mention this earlier.

Bugliosi, Vincent T., Jr.: Renowned trial lawyer Vincent Bugliosi [Wikipedia biography] took the part of the prosecutor in the 1992 Dramatised Mock Trial - see him at work here, for example.

***** EL CICLÓN DEL NORTE *****

"Lee Harvey Oswald never fired a shot"

Buick, Robert Clayton: American professional bullfighter turned CIA roving correspondent turned JFK conspiracy witness (before the fact) turned late-life Kennedy historian Robert Buick [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early life as a steelworker, bell captain, cruise ship steward, and soldier of fortune, (b) for learning his craft as bullfighter in the late 1950s in the provincial arenas of Yucatan, Mexico, (c) for moving up in the early 1960s to the bigger crowds in Mexico City, soon becoming a clubland playboy and minor celebrity [at one time he claimed to own the only Cadillac Convertible south of the border - Ed.], (d) for thereby being recruited in mid-1963 as a source of local gossip by the CIA, concernedly monitoring anti-American feeling in Hispanic America, (e) for basing his surveillance operation at Mexico City's Hotel Luma [no convenient briefing], 16 Calle Orizaba, and on 28th September 1963 for there meeting Lee Harvey Oswald on the second day of his Mexico City Adventure [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], thus (note the three important aliases and the clear indication of operations against Castro prior to Oswald's arrival in the city) ...

"[Oswald] informed me that 'They' were going to assassinate President John Kennedy. He used the name of Alek Hidell. At that moment, I truly believed that he was sincere in his statement because of a certain activity I had witnessed throughout those previous three months of surveillance at the Hotel Luma. All of which was reported (by me) to Eduardo (E. Howard Hunt [see own entry]), Mr. Bishop (David Atlee Phillips [see own entry]), and Jack Hamilton (Frank Sturgis [see own entry]). All of whom were connected with the [CIA] and my United States government contacts in Mexico City, associated with the Hotel Luma surveillance project" (Buick, op. cit. inf., k198-221; more on this meeting in (j) below).

Readers unfamiliar with <Richard Case Nagell> should check out the separate entry on that man before proceeding

... (f) for heading back north in 1965 to become a bank robber, finally getting arrested 29th March 1966 in Pecos TX and being made to share a holding cell with fellow CIA asset Richard Case Nagell (whom he recognised as someone he had previously clocked at the Hotel Luma), (g) for being convicted in 1967 of a series of bank robberies [22 of them!] and sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment [but out on parole after only 5 years] ...

Readers unfamiliar with <Johnny Roselli> should check out the separate entry on that man before proceeding

... (h) while in McNeil Island Correction Center, Washington, for making friends with incarcerated mobster Johnny Roselli, gradually pooling their respective understandings of the assassination, for example ...

"Lee Harvey Oswald was the perfect 'patsy', as Johnny Roselli informed me in the spring of 1971. Roselli stated [:] 'We could not have cloned a more perfect patsy, we've been using patsies in Sicily for over a hundred years, and the rifle was purposely left behind to be directly connected and traced back to Oswald’" (k453).

... (i) for being paroled later in 1971, eventually settling down in the real estate business in LA, (j) for being re-discovered and interviewed in 1991 by author Dick Russell while researching his (1992) book "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [Amazon] ...

CAMEO - BUICK AND NAGELL LOOSE ENDS: Russell devotes half of Chapter Sixteen to what he calls "the Hotel Luma Connection". Here are his main points (from said interview with Buick) ...
"It all started for him, Buick continued, when he began frequenting the Hotel Luma in Mexico City. Buick had stayed there a couple of times in 1962. [...] [+++ the CIA enlist his services as a stake out asset +++] One of the first people Buick reported back on was the Luma's bartender, Franz Waehauf [no convenient biography; little online - needs digging]. 'He was way below his station, pal,' Buick recalls, 'I often wondered what the hell he was doing as a cocktail waiter. Because he seemed to have an awful lot of authority. He was very tight with the manager, Warren Broglie [no convenient biography; little online - also needs digging]. [They were] always in these very intense conversations. Waehauf [was] very Germanic, very Aryan type.' That same summer of 1963, Buick also observed a tall well-dressed American with erect military bearing at the bar [...] whom, he] would later realise, was Richard Nage]. There was another American whom Buick said he saw in the Luma as well. 'This young guy in his early twenties [+++ some social chit-chat +++] Then it went into some political things. And it began to seep in that this guy's philosophical views were erratic. Out in left field somewhere. He was an extremist type [using the name] Alex something'. [...] Alex Hidell? I asked. 'Yeah, that's it!' [...] So Buick watched 'Alex Hidell' from a distance, watched as he huddled in conversations with bartender Waehauf and sometimes hotel manager Broglie. [...] 'They would talk to some Cubans, too.' [...] Buick claimed he did overhear snatches of conversations in the Luma bar concerning an assassination attempt against President Kennedy. [+++ duly reported to his handlers +++] 'Only in retrospect did it all come together for me" (pp245-247).

... (k) for striking up correspondence with the still incarcerated JFK Grassy Knoll shooter James Files [see own entry PIVOTAL], eventually (inspired no doubt by the commercial success of Files' memoirs) publishing a number of books 1993-2012, including his (2010) "Taking Out the Garbage" [Amazon], and (l) for promoting therein a five-shot theory of the Kennedy hit, as follows ...

"Three shots were fired by Mac Wallace in the sixth-floor sniper's nest of the Depository Building. [...] One shot was fired by Chuck Nicoletti [see own entry] from the second-floor utility room in the Dal-Tex Building, and a thousandth of a second later, Jimmy Sutton [see own entry (as James Files)] fired [...] from the Grassy Knoll, killing the president instantly" (k233-251).

Bullene, Egbert F.: See the entry for Charles Cabell.

***** NOT SURE WHAT TO MAKE OF THIS GUY *****

Bullitt, William Christian, Jr.: American diplomat William C. Bullitt, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a mid-seniority member of the State Department's posse at the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 18th January 1919], serving as Chief of the Division of Current Intelligence Summaries, (b) for thereby having to liaise closely with presidential advisor Colonel House [see own entry] and one of Britain's deep state Éminences, Philip Kerr [Later Lord Lothian] [ditto] (Lloyd George's confidential secretary), during top-table negotiations on the Russian Intervention [see Timeline 16th January 1919 then as directed], (c) for thereby being selected by Secretary of State Robert Lansing [see own entry] to conduct some sort of fact-finding mission to America's principal European intelligence and special ops hub at the U.S. Embassy in Berne, Switzerland [see Timeline 1st February 1919] ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: The Berne embassy entered the narrative in April 1917 when Allen Dulles [see own entry] declined to open the place up for a quick chat with Lenin because it was a Sunday and he had a hot date [see Timeline 8th April 1917]. Dulles will eventually become head of station there up to and including WW2, and John L. Magruder [see own entry] will do a year there in 1925 before taking over an equivalent China station.

... (d) for being further selected to conduct face-to-face negotiations with Bolshevik leaders in Moscow [see Timeline 18th February 1919], returning with a draft American-Bolshevik Accord (which in the event will be discarded by said top table the following month [see (f) below]), (e) for reporting back to both the American delegation and - at a Secret Elite business breakfast shortly Afterwards - to Lloyd George and Kerr, this time with Sir Maurice Hankey [see own entry IMPORTANT BACKGROUND] and General Jan Smuts [ditto] also in attendance ...
"Mr. Lloyd George, however, said that he did not know what he could do with British public opinion. He had a copy of The Daily Mail in his hand, and he said: ’As long as the British press is doing this kind of thing how can you expect me to be sensible about Russia?’ The Daily Mail was roaring and screaming about the whole Russian situation. [...] He] then urged me to make public my report. He said it was absolutely necessary to have publicity given to the actual conditions in Russia, which he recognised were as presented’ (Bullitt, op. cit. inf., p62).

It is also a cautionary plus ça change that the Mail continues to railroad British politicians with the same sort of poisonous drivel to this very day [one example, but several daily to choose from].

... (f) for resigning in anger in May, when it became clear that the Russian Intervention was not just continuing, but was - militarily - doomed to fail [see Timeline 15th May 1919] ...

Aside - The Resignation: What happened was that during April an offensive by Admiral Kolchak out of Siberia [see Timeline 11th April 1919] made any talk of strengthening the Bolsheviks with deals a bad idea. The Accord was duly rejected. Then - the deed done - Kolchak's offensive was thrown back in disarray, the Bolsheviks stayed in power, and the sweet moment had passed.

... (g) for being quizzed later in 1919 by the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee as to what had all wrong with the Russian Intervention [see Timeline 12th September 1919 ESSENTIAL READING: the Committee notes the Berne excursion, but does not inquire as to the nature of Bullitt's business there], (h) for warning Colonel House about the feasibility of maintaining the Archangelsk Front [ditto 30th September], (i) for having his Foreign Affairs testimony and many of the supporting documents published that same year as "The Bullitt Mission to Russia" [full Project Gutenberg text online COMPULSORY DETAILED STUDY], (j) for covering the Turkish War of Independence [Wikipedia briefing] from Istanbul 1923-1926, (k) for moving on to a position with Paramount Pictures commissioning storylines, (l) for co-authoring an academic paper 1930-1932 with the great Sigmund Freud himself - then in his mid-seventies - concerning the psychodynamic make-up of President Wilson; it was far from flattering ...

Cameo - Freud and Bullitt's "Thomas Woodrow Wilson - A Psychological Study": Written 1930-1932 as an historical collaboration of historical eye-witness testimony and deep psychological theory, this study will not be published until 1967 It is NOT to be found in the Standard Edition of Freud's works, but is discussed in detail online and readily available in print [Amazon INTERESTING]. The general thrust of the paper can be seen in the following clip from a recent third party analysis ...

"Bullitt and Freud refer to Wilson’s “moral collapse” at Versailles. He had 'met the leaders of the Allies not with the weapons of masculinity but with the weapons of femininity: appeals, supplications, concessions, submissions'. His agreement to the transformation of the Fourteen Points into the Treaty was, they claimed, a 'flight from reality’. And 'because of the reaction formation against his passivity to his father it was impossible for him, by compromising with Lodge (who led opposition to the Treaty and the League), to obtain the ratification of the treaty which his passivity to his father demanded” (Roazen, 2005 [full text online AVOID UNLESS A FREUD FAN]).

... (m) for being appointed Ambassador to the Soviet Union 1933-1936 - YouTube his arrival ...

Cameo - The Spring Ball: We love the story of the 24th April 1935 Ambassadorial "Spring Ball of the Full Moon", complete with a Russian bear drunk on champagne - see the Wikipedia bio.

... (n) for relocating to Paris in 1936 as Ambassador to France, (o) for falling out big time with President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1940, choosing to stay in Nazi-occupied Paris for some months, (p) for anti-Communist writings during the early Cold War, reserving an especially hard line for the Chinese in the early 1950s. He died in 1967, aged 76. OUR VERDICT: The Bullitt story makes just as much - if not more - sense if he was an intelligence operative in sheep's clothing all the way from Berne to the Cold War, including his hanging around in Paris in 1940 whence all but he had fled.
Bundy, McGeorge: WW2 veteran (U.S. Army Intelligence) McGeorge Bundy [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as National Security Advisor (NSA) between 20th January 1961 (the day JFK was inaugurated) and 28th February 1966, thereby being regularly at the American top table during the vicious Cold War confrontations of the early 1960s ...

CAMEO - BUNDY AND THE BAY OF PIGS, APRIL 1961: In the run-up to the Bay of Pigs Invasion Castro's air force had available to it 10 operational Lockheed T-33 Shooting Stars [Wikipedia briefing]. Seven of these were destroyed on the ground at Havana by a B-26 raid 15th April 1961. A U-2 overflight found the other three at Santiago. L. Fletcher Prouty continues the story ...

"The concept behind the Bay of Pigs tactical plan was similar to that of the 1956 British-French clandestine attack on Nasser's air force in Egypt, which destroyed his entire combat air force first [...]. This similar plan for the Cuban brigade was sabotaged from the inside, however, after JFK had approved it that Sunday afternoon of April 16. Zapata, the beach on the Bay of Pigs, had been selected on purpose because there was an airstrip there suitable for B-26 operations against Castro's ground forces. It was isolated and could be reached only via causeways or the narrow beach itself. The brigade could take over the airstrip after securing the beachhead, and B-26s flown by Cuban pilots operating from that strip could have overwhelmed any Castro force approaching via the causeways. But this excellent tactical plan was predicated upon the total destruction of Castro's entire force of combat-capable aircraft. Thus, a second attack was scheduled to knock out Castro's three remaining aircraft at dawn on Monday before the brigade hit the beach, and alerted Castro's air defences. [...] Kennedy understood that key element of the strategy when he made the decision, on Sunday, to proceed with the Monday, April 17, landing, specifically approving the dawn air strike by four B-26 bombers from Nicaragua to wipe out those last three jets. [...] But between the time of Kennedy's approval at 1.45 P.M. Sunday and the time for the release of the B-026s from the Hidden Valley base at Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, the vital dawn air strike [...] was called of by [Bundy] in a telephone call to General [Charles] Cabell. [...] As a result of that top-level cancellation, those three T-33 jets [...] shot down sixteen brigade B-26s, sank the supply ships offshore, and raked the beach with heavy gunfire. They alone were responsible for Castro's victory over the brigade" (Prouty, 1992, pp129-131)

CAMEO - BUNDY AND THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, OCTOBER 1962: Bundy was likewise at the heart of the rather sweaty discussions on how best to avoid nuclear war during the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. This from 16th October 1962 ...

"Sometime around 9 A.M., McGeorge Bundy appeared at the door [...] It was illustrative of Kennedy's management style that though he knew Bundy had requested to see him about an 'urgent matter', he had made no effort to inquire what it was. [...] Bundy gave him the news: the Joint Photo Interpretation Unit (directed by the CIA) had concluded, after hours of analysis of aerial reconnaissance photographs, that the Russians were building offensive nuclear missile sites in Cuba. [...] At 11.45 that morning, [RFK] and several other senior defence and foreign policy officials selected by the president received a full briefing, complete with blown-up photographs and charts. [...] Anticipating just such a contingency for almost six weeks, American U-2 spy planes had photographically scoured Cuba for evidence of missiles" (Mahoney, 1999, pp199-200).

Bundy was then part of the team who weighed whether to go for a blockade or an air strike. He would later recall having been in favour of the latter, only to be overruled by RFK (JFK being out of town) because, Bay of Pigs aside, "a sneak attack was not in our traditions" (op.cit., p206).

(b) for helping to draw up JFK's peace initiative statement 10th June 1963 [Wikipedia briefing], (c) for continuing in post as NSA under the Johnson administration, and for speaking generally in favour of escalating the Vietnam War, and (d) for being associated (somewhat mysteriously) in 1970 with Dutch "investigative journalist" Willem Oltmans (Adamson, 1996, K158).

Buol, Conrad: See the entry for Hans Casparis.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF): The ATF [Wikipedia briefing] had been established in 1886 as the enforcement arm of the Department of the Treasury, and is part of the assassination story because it was part of an on-going crack-down on gun-runners like Jack Ruby. Browse the ATF Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

present context (a) for being the brainchild of superspook Mariano Faget [no convenient biography and easily confusable when browsing with others of same name] during his time as head of Batista's Office of Investigation of Enemy Activities, and (b) for mounting a reign of terror directed against anti-Batista leftists [in essence, Cuba's poor - Ed.].

Bureau of the Budget: See the entry for Albert Schweitzer College.

Burgess, Guy Francis de Moncy: British diplomat but Cambridge-raised Soviet spy Guy Burgess [Wikipedia biography] began feeding secrets to the Russian intelligence service in 1935. He joined the Foreign Office in 1944 as confidential secretary, thus gaining insight into British foreign policy. He was sent to the British Embassy in Washington, DC, in 1950, and defected at the same time as Donald MacLean in 1951.

Burke, Admiral Arleigh Albert, USN: WW2 and Korean War veteran Admiral Arleigh Burke [Wikipedia biography] was Chief of Naval Operations at the time of the Bay of Pigs Invasion. He reportedly had a fierce confrontation with JFK on 18th April 1961 over whether the carrier USS Essex should be allowed to launch aircraft to support the failing beachhead, but was overruled. He subsequently supported the use of nuclear weapons in the defence of Laos.

Burkley, Rear-Admiral George Gregory: Admiral George Burkley [no convenient biography] was JFK’s personal physician, and subsequently signed off the Death Certificate, stating the cause of death as "Gunshot wound, skull".


***** CANDIDATE JFK CONSPIRATOR (POLITICIANS, AIDES, LAWYERS) *****

[LBJ fixer explicitly fingered as a "hot item" by L. Fletcher Prouty and as Texas Deep State by Richard Bartholomew]

Burris, Howard Lay: Well-connected American military careerist Colonel Howard Burris [Mary Ferrell Database entry] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for war service 1942-1945 with the Army Air Corp, rising rapidly to command level in 9th Air Force, (b) for post-war service in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force through to 1953, then as Air Attaché at Geneva 1953-1957, (c) for becoming Senator Lyndon B. Johnson’s "military and international affairs advisor", (d) for remaining in post when LBJ became Vice President in January 1961, subsequently accompanying him on his 1961 tour of Vietnam, and there seemingly conspiring with hawks in the intelligence services to expand U.S. involvement in Vietnam ...

CAMEO - BURRIS AND THE VIETNAM LOBBY: Stone (op. cit. inf.) explains ...

"As Johnson's military advisor, Burris accompanied Johnson to Vietnam in 1961, where the two convinced Prime Minister Ngo Dinh Diem [best introduced in the entry for Edward ['Seen in Dealey Plaza'] Lansdale] to petition JFK for the training of sixteen thousand more U.S. troops, a request that the president denied. The decision to request more troops was not made in a vacuum - it was a result of Johnson's evolved relations with the intelligence community that had shunned Kennedy. According to Burris himself, 'Johnson had back-channel sources at the CIA, which kept him apprised of such matters'. Burris was an integral link in this 'back-channel' " (p269).

***** KENNEDY PUT TO THE TEST BY THE HAWKS *****

... (e) for featuring again (as LBJ's stand-in) at the 20th July 1961 meeting of the National Security Council at which President Kennedy was briefed to expect one day shortly to have to authorise a nuclear first strike against the Soviet Union ...

CAMEO - THE BURRIS MEMORANDUM: Burris' notes to his boss - now federally archived and reproduced in part below - are now commonly referred to in the literature as the Burris Memorandum [see own entry APOCALYPTIC]...
Here is Twyman (op. cit. inf.) with the bare bones of this horror movie script ...

"A prime example of the deep conflict between John Kennedy and the military involved a study of a massive pre-emptive strike in which every missile and bomb in the U.S. arsenal would be unloaded against the Soviet Union and China. This study was presented to Kennedy by the Joint Chiefs [...] in a National Security Council meeting on July 20, 1961. A recently released document from the National Archives describes a meeting in which General Lyman Lemnitzer [see own entry] (chairman of the Joint Chiefs), the director of the CIA [= Allen Dulles], and others presented plans for a launch of intercontinental ballistic missiles [...] 'on anything Red'. [...] It was presented as an 'all or nothing' launch. [+++ detail +++] The meeting was described in notes written for Vice President Lyndon Johnson by his military aide, Colonel Howard Burris (Johnson did not attend the meeting):

TOP SECRET - EYES ONLY
Notes on National Security Council Meeting
July 20, 1961

General [Thomas F.] Hickey [Hickey's Wiki], Chairman of the NET Evaluation Subcommittee [no convenient briefing, but much background in this from the Office of the Historian] presented the annual report of his group. General Lemnitzer stated that the assumption of this year's study was a surprise attack in late 1963, preceded by a period of heightened tensions. [+++ the President's questions +++] Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. [Wikipedia biography], later wrote, 'Kennedy got up and walked out in the middle of the meeting and that was the end of it. We never had another one.' McGeorge Bundy [see own entry] wrote that as Kennedy walked to the Oval Office from the Cabinet Room with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, he said, 'And we call ourselves the human race' " (k13085-

Of course, as a contingency planning team, Hickey's boys were only doing their job.

... (f) for contact in April 1963 - detail unknown - with Lee Harvey Oswald's deep state minder George de Mohrenschildt [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL] ...

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by international man of mystery and CIA asset <George de Mohrenschildt> in the Kennedy assassination have missed something important and are probably best advised to start again at the top.

CAMEO - BURRIS AND DE MOHRENSCHILDT: Here is Stone again ...

"In April 1963, following his grooming of Oswald, de Mohrenschildt travelled to Washington, where he convened with CIA officials and sought a meeting with Vice President Johnson. A letter written to de Mohrenschildt on April 18 from Lyndon Johnson's office [suggests that he should] 'see Colonel Howard Burris, Air Force aide to the vice president [...]'. Why was de Mohrenschildt seeking council with Vice President Johnson? Besides de Mohrenschildt's connections to the CIA and Texas Oil, he also had connections to other Johnson associates. Following his mysterious death [on 29th March 1977], the unlisted phone number of Colonel Burris was found in de Mohrenschildt's address book" (pp268-269).

Newman (op. cit. inf.) goes into far greater detail on the Burris-Mohrenschildt relationship, if interested.

... (g) for reportedly warning LBJ in summer 1963 that JFK was drawing up a short-list of alternative vice-presidential running mates for his re-election campaign (Russo, op. cit. inf.), (h) for being described by his Mary Ferrell Database entry as active in "import-export" [a common espionage cover, as any James Bond reader will appreciate - Ed.] and also as involved (as handler) in the early days of the defection of Yuri Nosenko [see own entry A COMPLEX TALE], and (i) for giving interviews in 1991 for Newman's op. cit., and in 1994 and 1998 for Russo's. Burris died in 2009, aged 80. FURTHER READING: For more of the contextualising detail see Gus Russo's (1998) "Live by the Sword" [Amazon], and Noel Twyman's (1997/2010) "Bloody Treason" [Amazon]. For more specifically on the LBJ angle see Roger Stone's (2013) "The Man Who Killed Kennedy: The Case Against LBJ" [Amazon]. For a veritable feast of facts see John M. Newman's (1992/2016) "JFK and Vietnam: Deception, Intrigue, and the Struggle for Power" [Amazon].

Burris Memorandum, The: On 20th July 1961 LBJ's military aide Colonel Howard Burris [see own entry] summarised the proceedings of the meeting of the National Security Council at which prominent ultra-right-wingers such as General Lyman Lemnitzer and Allen Dulles argued for the legitimacy,
FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "First strike" had long been the recommendation of General Curtis LeMay. What JFK did next cost him his life, but saved the world. Indeed the 20th July 1961 is an historically pivotal moment in a truly apocalyptic sense, because no POTUS since that date has so much as lifted a finger to put the military-industrial complex in its place. They merely caper and prance and read their scripts. It has even been suggested that LeMay was behind the "You Yellow S.O.B." symbolism of Dealey Plaza's "Umbrella Man" Louie Witt; and the question then arises, of course, as to who instructed Witt to be where he was when he was, so that his umbrella would be one of the last things JFK would ever see.

Burroughs, Warren ['Butch']: Cinema manager Warren Burroughs [Spartacus Educational biography] was on duty at the Texas Theater when at around 1315hr he served popcorn from his sales counter to a person he later identified as LHO (who had gone into the downstairs auditorium as much as 15 minutes earlier [and who therefore could not have shot J. D. Tippit a mile away at 1314hr - Ed.]). A short time later, John Brewer [therefore just after 1330hr] came in from the shoe shop down the block and informed him that the last person [whom we shall tag as LHO Look-Alike - Ed.] ...

Pivotal Occurrence: The scenario which has been suggested to explain Burrough's testimony is that the person reported by Brewer was play-acting suspicious and deliberately and ostentatiously heading to the Texas Theater as part of a pre-scripted patsification plot against LHO. It is then usually suggested that the intention was for the real LHO to be shot in the heat of the moment once the police turned up.

... who had entered the cinema had been behaving very suspiciously, and that the police ought to be told. Burroughs checked with pay kiosk clerk Julia Postal, who - possibly distracted by passing sirens - had not actually seen anyone go in without paying; but if they had not passed Burroughs either that meant they must have gone upstairs to the balcony. Not wishing to risk a confrontation, Postal directed Burroughs and Brewer to watch the front and back exits while she rang the police [just before 1345hr]. DPD dispatchers then log the all units call at 1345hr, and the cars start to arrive to front and rear of the premises a couple of minutes later. [For an account of the moments of the arrest, see the entry for Maurice McDonald.] After the arrest and removal of LHO from the lower auditorium, Burroughs then witnessed a second arrest, this time of the LHO Look Alike from the balcony, who was duly bundled out of the back of the theatre; and there, according to Bernard Haire, driven off in a police car. Burroughs' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it here], YouTube it all now. Browse the Balcony Arrest Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story (or if in a hurry go directly to the entry for T. F. White).

Burton, [Sir]1931 Montague Maurice: [born Meshe David Osinsky] Lithuanian-born British-nationalised gents outfitter [Sir]1931 Montague Burton [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having successfully made the transition from street peddler in 1901 to running a 400-outlet public company 30 years later, (b) for supplying large numbers of British military uniforms in both wars.

Bush/Walker Family (Texas Oil) at a Glance: The Bush/Walker Texas Oil family dynasty began when in 1901 Bush patriarch Samuel Prescott Bush [Wikipedia biography] became General Manager of the Buckeye Steel Castings Company, and began to rub shoulders with the Rockefellers [check them out] who owned the company and the Harrimans [check them out] who ran the railways which bought its product. By the time he retired in 1927 he had become "one of the top industrialists of his generation". His oldest son [Senator]1953-1963 Prescott Sheldon Bush [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] not only made good use of his own family fortune but in 1920 married Dorothy Walker, daughter of banker George Herbert Walker, Snr. [Wikipedia biography]. In 1931 he became a partner in his father-in-law's Brown Brothers, Harriman, and Company [check them out] and lived the life of a businessman until entering politics after WW2, becoming Senator in 1953. Prescott Bush's son [President]1989-1993 George

Bush, George Herbert Walker ["Poppy"]: [Read firstly the entry for Bush/Walker Family.] WW2 veteran (U.S. Navy pilot) turned oilman-politician [President]41st, 1989-1993, Rep.) George H. W. Bush [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his involvement in Texas oil in the early 1950s, (b) for his alleged subsequent career as CIA asset-later-operative-later Director in the late 1950s and early 1960s, including - according to many conspiracy theories - being in/near Dealey Plaza at the time of the JFK assassination, and (c) for his known service as Director of the CIA in the mid-1970s. After the war he relocated to Texas and joined Dresser Industries [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING], part of the Harriman Empire [check them out]. In 1953 he branched out on his own with Zapata Petroleum Corporation [Wikipedia briefing]. According to Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)'s 2016 book "The Men That Don't Fit In", Bush was on the 2nd Floor of the Dal-Tex Building at the time of the assassination, directing shooter Chuck Nicoletti and spotter Jim Brading. He is also routinely placed outside the TSBD after the shooting, although the photographic evidence is not definitive [watch this and decide for yourself]. Bush was subsequently elected to Congress on 3rd January 1967, became Vice President to Ronald Reagan on 20th January 1981, and elected President in his own right on 20th January 1989. He died in 2018, aged 94.


Bush, Prescott Sheldon: American banker Prescott Bush [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being comfortably born (steel money) in 1895, (b) for studying at Yale 1913-1917, graduating as an enthusiastic Bonesman, (c) for WW1 service 1917-1919 (A.E.F., artillery then Army Intelligence), (d) for marrying into the Walker/Harriman banking empire [Wikipedia biography] in 1921, (e) for becoming a partner in Brown Brothers, Harriman [see own entry] in 1931, as well as for being one of the seven founding directors of the New York subsidiary of the 1924 Union Banking Corporation [Wikipedia briefing VERY MURKY], a company which seems to have been set up to manage the international affairs of German industrialist Fritz Thyssen [Wikipedia biography], (f) for thereby becoming part of the secretive web of American financiers who more or less directly enabled - and personally profited from - WW2 and its attendant Holocaust ...

CAMEO - PRESCOTT BUSH AND THE NAZIS: Through his contacts in Brown Brothers, Harriman and with the Dulles Brothers, Prescott Bush discovered in the early 1930s that German industrialists and financiers were cultivating the Nazi Party as preferable to the country's leftist alternatives. Indeed, much of the funding for German re-armament during the 1930s came through Wall Street, thus ...

"[Schröder's] home in Cologne had been the location in January 1933, of a vital meeting organised to establish Nazism. [His] guests included: Hitler in person; Franz von Papen, ex-Chancellor; Rudolf Hess, top Nazi commander; Heinrich Himmler, head of the SS; Wilhelm Keppler, coordinator of funds given by German industrialists who supported Nazism. In this meeting, Hitler planned Farben's production of synthetic oil and rubber" (Metta, 2021, k3177-3207)

"What closes the circle is that Prescott Bush had very strong contact points with Kurt von Schröder [see own entry REVELATORY]. For example, Kurt von Schröder was both vice-president and administrator of the Hamburg-America line, a company which had covertly supplied weapons to Adolf Hitler. [...] That said, another bond between Prescott Bush and Kurt von Schröder involves Fritz Thyssen, the Nazi industrialist and Adolf Hitler's financier. In fact, the German Thyssen's foundries were co-administered by Kurt von Schröder together with Johann Groeninger [no convenient biography], Prescott Bush's partner in a bank directed by Prescott Bush himself, the Union Banking Corporation of New York. [...] Prescott Bush continued to work for the UBC even after the U.S. entered the war [...] and there were very profound connections between Fritz Thyssen and another bank, the Brown Brothers, Harriman & Company. One of Brown Brothers, Harriman's founding partners was none other than Prescott Bush" (Metta, 2021, k161).
Robert Lovett [see own entry] and Prescott Bush were both Bonesmen employed by Brown Brothers, Harriman. In fact, many of the top directors and partners of [that company] were Bonesmen. It was one of the main firms on Wall Street to have extensive dealings with the Nazis. The deals with the Nazis were so extensive at Brown Brothers, Harriman that Prescott Bush had 23 firms seized from him for trading with the enemy. Five firms were seized from Bush in 1942, another 18 firms shortly after the war. [...] Before the firms were seized, Prescott Bush hired the Dulles Brothers to conceal the Nazi ownership in these firms. This deliberate act closed any windows of deniability; it was treason by both Bush and the Dulles brothers” (Yeadon and Hawkins, 1999-2008, k318).

More directly incriminating is the assertion that the Dulles brothers were also at the aforementioned meeting in Cologne, waving their cheque books under the nose of Adolf Hitler in person, thus ...

"The meeting took place in utmost secrecy on Jan. 4, 1933 with two Americans present: John Foster Dulles and Allen Dulles. The Dulles brothers were there representing their client Kuhn, Loeb & Co. [see own entry USEFUL BACKGROUND], which had extended large, short-term credits to Germany and needed assurance of repayment from Hitler before committing to support him. Goebbels recorded the success of the meeting in his diary on Jan 5, 1933: '[...] our finances have suddenly improved’” (op. cit., k952).

... (g) after the war for trying his luck in politics, being elected Senator from Connecticut in 1952, a position he would hold until 1963, and (i) for reportedly being tipped by outgoing President Eisenhower as a suitable nominee for the 1960 presidential elections. He died in 1972, aged 77.

FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see John Buchanan's YouTube piece [GLORIOUSLY FRANK] explaining with refreshing clarity how he broke the Nazi story in 2004.

Business Group for Latin America: See the entries for Latin-American Information Center (LAIC) and Enno Hobbing.

Butkevich, Bogdan: Ukrainian right wing journalist-agitator Bogdan Butkevich [no convenient biography but lots of readily accessible mentions on social media] Is noteworthy in the present context for featuring in a 17th August 2022 Tweet [read it here] which drew attention to a 31st July 2014 TV Interview, in which he comes as close as you can legally get to preaching a new Holocaust, specifically against the Moscow-leaning population of (then-)Ukrainian Donbass [see Timetable 15th November 1998 for a map of the sharp genetic divide between the Ashkenazi Jewish heritage in West Ukraine (residue of the old Pale of Settlement) and the Slavic heritage in Donbass] …

YouTube the 2014 Piece Here

(In Spanish, but the "solución final" requires little translation)

Here (in translation not verified by this author) is some of what he said ...

"Donbass is not just a depressed region. There is a wild number of unnecessary people. I am absolutely conscious about this. There are approximately 4 million inhabitants in the Donetsk region. And at least 1.5 million extra. We do not need to understand Donbass. We need to understand the Ukrainian national interest. And the Donbass should be used as a resource. Regarding the Donbass. I don’t know a recipe for how to do it quickly. However, The most important thing to do: there are people who just need to be killed” (from third party comment in Murray (2022 [full text online HIGHLY REVELATORY; accessed 18th August 2022]).

This, of course, is precisely the sort of agitprop by indigenous agents-provocateurs which intelligence services like to cultivate in order to destabilise an enemy - compare, for example, the Nazis’ Lord Haw Haw [Wikipedia biography] in WW2. Thus emboldened, the years 2014-2022 did indeed see sustained Ukrainian shelling of Donetsk ...

ASIDE: It was this shelling which on 21st February 2022 provoked Russian Federation president Vladimir Putin to recognise the independence of the Donbass republics and, three days later, to initiate the 2022 Special Denazification Operation [Wikipedia briefing]. RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a
"Controlling Behaviour" [Counseling Directory briefing] and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.

**Butler, Clayton:** Ambulance driver Clayton Butler [no convenient biography] was one of the two crew of the Dudley M. Hughes Funeral Home ambulance (the other being Eddie Kinsley) used to recover the body of J. D. Tippit from the 10th Street scene of his murder.

**Butler, Edward Scannell:** Graduate of the Army Management School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia [Wikipedia briefing], turned New Orleans-based propaganda theorist Ed Butler [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for publishing a 1st June 1960 paper entitled "The Forgotten War" [Public Relations Journal], in which he discussed how best to pursue "brainwar" against Fidel Castro, (b) for approaching Clay Shaw at the International Trade Mart on or about 5th January 1961 for help in launching the Free Voice of Latin America [not much out there], a short-lived attempt to get local businessmen to fund a Latin American clone of Radio Free Europe (Shinley, 1998), (c) for therefore being a prime candidate for the job when Alton Ochsner was looking for an Executive Director for the Clint Murchison-funded anti-Communist Information Council of the Americas (INCA) [see own entry], (d) for cultivating close intelligence relationships with industrialist Patrick J. Frawley [see own entry], DDCCI Charles Cabell, and CIA coupster-extraordinary Edward Lansdale, (e) for reportedly setting up (again with Ochsner) "yet another New Orleans far right group" (Davy, 1999, p1808), the American Institute for Freedom [no convenient briefing], thus ...

"In the minutes of a September 5, 1961 meeting of the American Institute for Freedom Project [...] is Ochsner's name on the list of members in attendance. Next to [it] is that of former FBI agent, militant anti-Communist [...] Guy Banister" (Ibid.).

(f) for therefore being a natural choice when New Orleans radio show host Bill Stuckey [see own entry] was looking for panellists for a head-to-head radio debate with (apparently) pro-Castro pamphleteer LHO ...

ASIDE: The interview was aired 21st August 1963, and allowed Butler to put direct questions such as "Are you a Marxist?" - YouTube it Now [second of two items @ 36 mins in].

(g) for therefore being one of the first to be interviewed in the wake of the Assassination, presenting a profile of LHO to Senator James Eastland's Senate Internal Security Subcommittee as early as 24th November, describing him and those who inspired him thus ....

"a rational and wholly indoctrinated procommunist individual who ... exhibited a tremendous capacity to repeat by rote communist propaganda [...] the fact that many of the materials that Oswald had available to him were originally sponsored by official Communist sources, placed the blame for Oswald's actions on the authors or the disseminators of that material" (FBI notes from 24th November 1963, quoted in Scott, 2013, p72).

(h) for transferring all of his and Ochsner's papers to safe storage in California, to prevent their being available to the Garrison Investigation, (i) for actively mounting a propaganda offensive against both Jim Garrison and investigator Mark Lane [whom he described as a "professional propagandist of the lunatic left" - Ed.] personally, and (j) for crowing about it all in his 1968 memoir "Revolution is my Profession" [Amazon]. Butler's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission - NOT CALLED.

**Butler, Eric D.:** Australian WW2 veteran (Pacific) turned ultra-right journalist and activist Eric Butler [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for reportedly being "a longtime associate of [Fred Schwarz] and his Christian Anti-Communist Crusade" (Bevilaqua, 2013), (b) for publishing the (1946) book "The International Jew" [unlisted on Amazon], reportedly an early Holocaust denial work, (c) for founding the ultra-right South Australian League of Rights [specimen publication incl. corporate objectives], heading its campaigns until his retirement in 1992, (d) for acting as the Far East correspondent for the American John Birch Society, (e) for visiting the United States and Canada in
early 1964 on a lecture tour with Reverend Gerald Smith (ibid.), (f) for being mentioned in John Bevilacqua's (2013) book "JFK: The Final Solution" [Amazon], wherein he is suggested as being one of the two over-talkative accessories to the JFK assassination described in the entry for the Winnipeg Incident - see Timeline 13th February 1964 [for our part, we remain unconvinced - Ed.], and (g) for defending forensic historian David Irving in print against charges of Holocaust denial in 1995 (op. cit.), and for hosting his lecture tour of Australia in 1999.

***** Possible accessory to the Jack Ruby shooting *****

Butler, George E.: DPD Criminal Intelligence Lieutenant George Butler [Spartacus Educational biography] had first met Jack Ruby back in 1947 as part of his specialist anti-mob duties. Ironically, he was then in charge on Sunday 24th November of security for the LHO transfer from DPDHQ to the County Jail.

CONSPIRACY ALERT: In this latter respect researcher Anthony Summers (2013e) suspects that Butler had conspired with Ruby and two other basement cops, Patrick Dean and William Harrison, to get him into the basement! Harrison, Dean, and Butler were long-term frequenters of the Carousel Club. For our own part we are less than convinced.

Butler's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

"A HIGH CLASS MUSCLE MAN FOR BIG BUSINESS"

Butler, Smedley Darlington: Veteran of the Spanish-American War [see 25th April 1898], the Philippine-American War [see 4th February 1899], the Boxer Rebellion [see 14th June 1900], several of the Banana Wars interventions [see 13th February 1903ff], Veracruz (1914), Haiti (1915), WW1, the cleaning up of organised crime in Philadelphia (1924-1926), and the 1927 China Intervention [see 11th April 1927], Major General (U.S.M.C.) Smedley Butler [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been at the time of his death in 1940 the most decorated marine in the history of the Marine Corps, (b) having been involved at a senior command level with operations of the U.S. Navy's Asiatic Squadron during the 1927 troubles, and (c) for building up the Quantico USMC base facility at the end of the 1930s.

***** RETIRED, EXTREMELY DANGEROUS *****

Butler is also noteworthy for having - like Mark Twain - undergone a one-eighty degree Damascene Conversion some time around 1930, and thereafter supporting the peace movement. In one November 1935 article, for example, he lists the real beneficiaries of the USMC's expansionary deployments during his 33 years with them, and, amongst more important things, berates Al Capone for his lack of vision, thus [we particularly like the Al Capone joke - Ed.] …

"I spent 33 years and four months in active military service and during that period I spent most of my time as a high class muscle man for Big Business, for Wall Street and the bankers. In short, I was a racketeer; a gangster for capitalism. I helped make Mexico and especially Tampico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefit of Wall Street. I helped purify Nicaragua for the International Banking House of Brown Brothers in 1902–1912. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for the American sugar interests in 1916. I helped make Honduras right for the American fruit companies in 1903. In China in 1927 I helped see to it that Standard Oil went on its way unmolested. Looking back on it, I might have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate his racket in three districts. I operated on three continents" (Butler, November 1935).

Less well-decorated pinkoes have been pushed out of high windows for less.

Byrd, David Harold ("Dry Hole"): David Harold Byrd [Wikipedia biography] was the Texas oilman who, amongst other things, co-founded the Civil Air Patrol on 1st December 1941, bought the Texas
School Book Depository in 1939, and in 1961 helped set up the conglomerate aerospace firm Ling-Temco-Vought.

Cabell, Charles Pearce: WW2 air staff turned Cold War black operator General (U.S.A.F.) Charles Cabell (Wikipedia biography) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the brother of Dallas businessman-politician Earle Cabell (see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE) (he who in 1963, as mayor of Dallas, authorised the motorcade to deviate - many say unnecessarily - into the dangerously slow left turn outside the TSBD), (b) for graduating from West Point in 1925, serving in the artillery until 1931, (c) for transferring in 1931 to the Air Corps, serving in Panama 1931-1934, (d) for being reposted to Randolph AFB (Wikipedia briefing), 1934-1938, then to Maxwell AFB (Wikipedia briefing) 1938-1939, and then again to Staff College at Fort Leavenworth (Wikipedia briefing) 1939-1940, (e) for being assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB's Photographic Intelligence Unit (Wikipedia briefing), specialising in PHOTINT, (f) for joining the office of the Chief of the Air Corps in April 1941, charged with maximising the value of same, (g) for taking Staff College courses in summer 1943 before being assigned to command the 45th Combat Bombardment Wing (Wikipedia briefing), flying B-17s against targets in Europe, (h) for moving on in April 1944 to direct the U.S. air war in the Mediterranean (we are minded of the Orson Welles character in the movie Catch-22 - Ed.), (i) after the war for being assigned 1945-1947 to the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations, (j) in May 1948 for being made director of Air Force Intelligence, thereby immediately inheriting the fallout from the 1947 Roswell Incident (see own entry IT CERTAINLY WASN'T ALIENS), (k) for implementing Project SIGN (Wikipedia briefing SHORT AND HELPFUL), Project GRUDGE (Wikipedia briefing SHORT AND HELPFUL), and - shortly afterward - the more comprehensive and better remembered Project BLUE BOOK (see own entry EVERYONE'S FAVOURITE CONSPIRACY INQUIRY), to manage the whole UFO scare...
"'Dulles [writes] Cabell will talk with Bullene (Gen.)'"

Cabell is General Charles Pearce Cabell, the CIA's deputy director, a four-star Air Force general from Dallas, Texas, who had been head of Air Force Intelligence. Dulles himself had selected the less-than-curious and imaginative Cabell for that position. Now, Dulles thinks Cabell would be the best choice to deal with Army Chemical Corps commander Major General Egbert F. Bullene [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], the man responsible for overseeing work at Camp Detrick" (p127).

At this juncture Albarelli is exploring CIA involvement in the poorly faked suicide of Fort Detrick biowarfare expert gone off-message Frank Olson [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT]. We pick up on the meeting just after the arrival of Lyman Kirkpatrick and Cabell ...

"Cabell joins the meeting and Dulles tells the two men that he had drawn up a list of tasks he thinks are important in the Olson case. Kirkpatrick spends a little less than an hour with Dulles and Cabell, but apart from an eight-word notation in his desk calendar - 'Meeting with DCI and DDCI on Olson case' - there is no other record of the meeting, nor any known reports about what was discussed" (p134).

**CAMEO - CABELL AND RIVERA:** Cabell went on to liaise in and around 1956 with biological warfare expert Jose A. Rivera [see own entry A MUCH OVERLOOKED CHARACTER], although again not much is known about the precise topic(s) of discussion. Here is all that Albarelli (2013, op. cit. inf.) has to tell us ...

"Rivera and his wife often socialised with Charles Cabell [prior detail repeated] who regularly visited Texas where his brother Earle Cabell [ditto] served as mayor of Dallas from May 1961 to February 1964" (k2779).

**CAMEO - CABELL AND NEW ORLEANS:** Cabell corresponded with Clay Shaw in August 1960 concerning a foreign policy talk eventually delivered to local New Orleans rightists in May 1961 (Carpenter, op. cit. inf.). He also communicated in early 1961 with retained INCA-propagandist Ed Butler [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT], coordinating a media propaganda offensive against Cuba in the weeks prior to the Bay of Pigs Invasion. Here is Albarelli (2021, op. cit. inf.) on this ...

"In 1961, with significant funding from Californian industrialist Patrick J. Frawley [see own entry] and Dallas oilman Clint Murchison [dato], [...] and with financial support from his friends at International Trade Mart, Lloyd Cobb [see own entry] and Director Clay Shaw, twenty-seven-year-old Ed Butler founded the Information Council of the Americas (INCA). His publications under that banner were relied upon by the CIA in a blitz of propaganda just prior to the invasion at the Bay of Pigs, which could explain his association with Deputy Director Charles Cabell" (p208).

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have been unable to trace any academic scrutiny of INCA publications for the use of French Resistance-style coded messages - and there would most certainly have been many. So we need to know (1) did INCA's pages perhaps include those mysteriously worded small ads and agony column announcements used by spies to pass coded information, and (if so) (2) how did the copy get to New Orleans from CIA HQ? A nice Ph.D. for someone, perhaps. Interested readers will find a mini-tutorial on the small ads method included in the 1911 Sherlock Holmes adventure entitled "The Adventure of the Red Circle" [full text online] (search for the phrase "Surely the most valuable hunting ground that ever was given to a student of the unusual").

**CAMEO - CABELL AND THE BAY OF PIGS:** It was Cabell who rang JFK during April 1961’s Bay of Pigs disaster to request permission - denied - to mount supporting air strikes. Advanced students will find these hours covered in great detail in Cabell (op. cit. inf.), if interested.

***** SACKED BY KENNEDY *****

... and (n) in company with boss Dulles, for being forced to resign 31st January 1962 in the wake of the Bay of Pigs disaster, regularly featuring, therefore, in "vengeful CIA directors dunnit" theories of the assassination. He died in 1971, aged 67. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail see Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.s (2009) "A Terrible Mistake" [Amazon], (2013) "A Secret Order" [Amazon], and (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK" [Amazon]. For the link to Clay Shaw see Donald H. Carpenter's (2014) "Man of a Million Fragments" [Amazon]. For his son's formal biography see Charles P. Cabell, Jr.'s (1997) "A Man of Intelligence" [Amazon (rare)].

Cabbalah/Cabbalism/etc.: Dealt with herein as Kabbalah/Kabbalism/etc.

***** CANDIDATE JFK CONSPIRATOR, CIA FALSE FLAG (FAILED) *****

[CIA privileged access; Texas far right; signed off on motorcade route]

[access to Dallas command bunker; authorised Oswald's fatal jail transfer]
Readers unfamiliar with <Operation AMWORLD> as the CIA’s attempt to false flag Fidel Castro for an attempt on JFK’s life using Cuban exile snipers should see the separate entry before proceeding.

**Cabell, Earle:** Dallas businessman, politician, and occasional CIA asset Earle Cabell [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the younger brother of Kennedy-hating U.S.A.F. Lieutenant-General Charles Cabell, (b) for being a member of the hard right Texas Crusade for Freedom [for the background here see the entry for Frederick H. Osbor, Sr. EXPLAINS SO VERY MUCH] …

**ASIDE:** Other members of the Texas Crusade included (all have their own entry): (Mr. Civil Air Patrol) D. Harold Byrd, Ted Dealey, Everett DeGolyer, Lewis MacNaughton, and Paul Raigorodsky.

... (c) for having a line of communication through to similar rightist organisations in New Orleans through [see the Jesse Core entry] daughter of Dallas newspaperman William Ruggles and the wife?/mistress? of Clay Shaw’s publicist Jesse Core [see own entry] (Carpenter, op. cit. inf.), (d) for having leveraged his family fortune [one of the fore-runners of the 7-Eleven convenience store franchise - Ed.] to become Mayor of Dallas in May 1961 (thereby guaranteeing himself an ex officio SHTF bed in Dallas's Emergency Command Bunker [take virtual tour] should it ever be needed), still being in post at the time of the assassination [he and his wife (see next entry) would be there on the day, in the fourth open-top in the motorcade - Ed.], (e) for awarding crackpot Dallas rightist General Edwin Walker [see own entry REVELATORY] freedom of the city on 13th December 1961 ...

[YouTube the Award Ceremony](1 min.)

... also sometime in 1961 for introducing a screening of a loony right documentary entitled "Communist Encirclement" [no convenient briefing; no IMDB entry] produced by George S. Benson’s [see own entry SOME FASCINATING INTERLINKS] National Education Program [ditto] and scripted by Glenn A. Green [ditto] ...

[YouTube it here (Part 1)](13 mins.)

[YouTube it here (Part 2)](12 mins.)

**STRONGLY RECOMMENDED VIEWING**

(they don't get much loonier, but it's a minor propagandistic masterpiece for all that)

... (f) for being unavoidably involved as mayor in the planning for the 22nd November 1963 presidential visit, and, more specifically, for personally overseeing the entirely unnecessary Main-Houston-Elm dogleg in the motorcade route (by virtue of which he will frequently feature in conspiracy theories of the assassination) ...

**CAMEO - EARLE CABELL, CONSPIRATOR:** Dallas got the dates for the Kennedy visit on 4th November 1963, and the Secret Service’s Roy H. Kellerman [see own entry] delivered an outline timetable four days later. To start with, the venue for the 1 pm reception and presidential speech, and therefore the approach route also, had yet to be decided. Cabell is believed by many assassination theorists to have insisted that the reception should be at the Dallas Trade Mart [Wikipedia briefing], and - untruthfully - that Elm Street was accordingly the most logical route across Dealey Plaza. Here is Chauncey Holt’s [see own entry YOU’LL LIKE HIM] telling of that story (for best context we begin a few pages before the first mention of Earle Cabell; Holt was a CIA-recognised master forger, and if - as many allege - False ID Cards [see indexing entry ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDING] were used in Dealey Plaza then it would have been Holt who got the contract; "Richard Wilson" is an obscure character, whom we handle in the QUICKIE below) ...

"From April to October 1963, there was a flurry of activity, as far as the requests for special weaponry and unusual types of IDs were concerned. [...] The focus seemed to be on Secret Service credentials, which change more than any other type [...] Finally, we were told that several sets of Secret Service credentials would be needed for a project in the fall of 1963. We would be advised of the exact day and provided with copies of genuine ID cards as a guide. [...] We had surmised, correctly, that this planned project involved Kennedy's changing attitude toward Fidel Castro and the resentment this change in posture engendered on the part of the Cubans and certain elements of the CIA. **Kennedy was being regarded as a traitor by both of these groups** [...] We never, however, for a moment considered that it actually involved the assassination of Kennedy. [+++ much circumstantial detail +++] We were told early in 1963 by Richard Wilson” ...
"Someone made the fatal decision that the motorcade would make a slow serpentine loop along Elm Street, which took the president's car directly in front of the Texas School Book Depository Building. From our point of view, this violation of Secret Service security procedures had no effect, whatsoever, on our plans to create an incident detrimental to the pro-Castro Cubans. We were told that this circuitous route past Dealey Plaza, named for the father of one of Kennedy's most implacable Dallas foes, was chosen because the direct route would take the president past a rundown section of Dallas [...]. If this decision had not been made, the motorcade would have passed Dealey Plaza at breakneck speed. I believe that this decision, which was critical to the assassination, was made at the insistence of Mayor Cabell. None of the buildings along the motorcade route was examined, because it was felt that the conspirators' intelligence would be more accurate in this city, filled with right-wingers, and that the input to those selecting the route would be more influential. The planning was left, more or less, in the hands of John Connolly and Kenneth O'Donnell, who was special assistant to the president. [...] The Mayor of Dallas was advised on November 4th that the president's visit would take place on November 21st or 22nd. This information was passed on to the conspirators almost at once and plans began revolving around those dates. On November 8th, a schedule of events was presented to Mayor Cabell by Roy H. Kellerman [...]. [...] The Mayor and local law enforcement officials argued for the Trade Mart [...]. After the Trade Mart had been selected as the site for Kennedy's speech, several meetings were held between Cabell and his staff, Police Chief Jesse E. Curry [see own entry], Assistant Chief Charles Batchelor [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], and Deputy Chief N. T. Fisher [see own entry] to discuss possible routes. At about the time the decision was made to cancel the motorcade in Miami, the route was chosen [...]."

***** CABELL SENDS KENNEDY INTO THE KILLING ZONE *****

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... (g) for being interviewed shortly after the shooting, describing it as the "act of a maniac" ...
Cabell, Elizabeth Holder: Traditionally referred to by the histories as "Mrs. Earle Cabell" and not by her given name Elizabeth Cabell [no convenient biography] was in the "third or fourth" (depending whether you count the pilot car) car of the Presidential motorcade. This car was turning left onto Elm at the time of the shooting, giving her direct sight of the windows of TSBD6, at which point she noted a rifle at "the first" of these. Her evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Cahill, Thomas A.: University of California at Davis air-pollution expert Thomas Cahill [University homepage] became noteworthy in the present context when in October 2001 he led a team which conducted an assessment of how safe it was for the WTC site clearance workforce to be breathing the plume of blue smoke still issuing from the basement pits of Ground Zero. This work was subsequently published in the 2004 paper "Analysis of Aerosols from the World Trade Center Collapse Site, New York, October 2 to October 30, 2001" [full text online]. Having categorised the air in the vicinity at the time as dangerously toxic, a $750m worker compensation package was eventually forthcoming.


**** JFK Middle-Management Secondary Conspirator ****
[Knew (but did not select) the target; helped it all happen; took payment; there on the day; not a shooter]

Cain, Richard Scully: [A.k.a. Richard Scalzetti] U.S. Army veteran (electronic surveillance; possibly military intelligence) turned "notoriously corrupt" Chicago police officer", CIA informant, and close associate of mob boss Sam Giancana, Richard Cain [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a still-to-be-properly-explored early life in military intelligence ...

CAVEAT: Scott (2015, K1155) has recently located FBI archive files indicating that Cain was a Military Intelligence Officer, rather than just a field agent with a bit of wiretapping expertise. Since other sources have him as only serving between July 1947 and June 1950 (aged 16 through 19) this requires some sort of undeclared arrangement through well into the 1950s in order to achieve said seniority. However Kaiser (2008, p65) warns that there is some confusion concerning Cain's year of birth, which might be 1924 or 1931. Our caveat therefore only applies if it was 1931.

(b) for falling in with ex-OSS operative John Buenz [no convenient biography] in the early 1950s, and being given undercover work in President Batista's Cuba, reportedly including arranging phone taps, (c) for joining the Chicago Police Department in May 1956, initially as a patrolman but later as a detective, thanks, it is believed, to some string-pulling by family friend Giancana, who needed a friendly "insider" on the force, (d) for resigning same in early 1960 under a cloud of suspicion of malpractice, and for becoming instead a CIA contractor and arranging phone taps for embittered (and wealthy) Cuban ex-President Carlos Prio, (e) around this time for associating with right-wing activist Jack Mabley [see own entry], president of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC) [see own entry] (Scott, 2015, K3298), (f) for reportedly being involved in an October 1960 [abandoned December - Ed.] poison pill attempt (botulism toxin) on the life of Fidel Castro ...

ASIDE: Cain's is one of the 634 attempts on Castro's life itemised in Fabian Escalante's (2006) book "Executive Action" [Amazon], wherein the events of October 1960 are recorded somewhat differently, as follows [all highlighted names have their own entries] ...

"Colonel Sheffield Edwards, chief of the CIA Office of Security, coordinated with Mafia capo John Roselli to send to Havana professional killer Richard Cain [...]. In the Cuban capital Cain contacted counterrevolutionaries Eufemio Fernández and Herminio Diaz, former henchmen of the Mafia capo Santos Trafficante, who were to support him in the operation. The plan was to shoot him from a moving car. After an exhaustive study of possible locations at which to execute the action, they cancelled it on account of the security measures provided for the revolutionary leader" (p205).
... (g) for moving on to Mexico City in summer 1961, helping the (U.S.-friendly) intelligence services there to upgrade their electronic surveillance systems (not least those directed at the Cuban and Soviet Embassies) (Scott, 2013, p117), (h) for returning to Chicago in September 1962 to become Chief Investigator for the Cook County Sheriff's Office with a staff of 40 reporting to him (Waldron, 2005/2006, p279) ...

**ASIDE:** Twyman (1997/2010, K7562) remarks that Patrolman J. D. Tippit had also once served here. We have to date [see October 2019] seen no confirmation of this.

... (i) for rejoining the CIA in August 1963 and thereby somehow becoming involved at the Chicago end of **Operation AMWORLD**, (j) for somehow ending up in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963, reportedly stationed in the **DAL TEX Building** (Dealey Plaza, north-east angle) (Mac Kenzie and Hooke, 2016, K1358), (k) for perhaps using his privileged position at Cook County Sheriff's Office not just to plant false information about **LHO** as part of the post-Assassination cover-up, but also to arrange the framing of whistle-blowing Secret Service man **Abraham W. Bolden** (Waldron, 2005/2006, p280), (l) for finally coming under suspicion as a "bent cop", being dismissed the Sheriff's Office in December 1964, (m) for being arrested by the FBI in December 1967, (n) for being convicted 1968 for burglary, and for spending the next three years in prison (Kaiser, 2008, p403), (o) for being judged by the CIA in 1969 as "deeply involved in the President Kennedy assassination case" (Waldron, 2005/2006, p272), and (p) for being professionally whacked on 20th December 1973. **OUR VERDICT:** We are happy to go along initially with Waldron's (p279) suggestion that Cain had penetrated the secrecy surrounding AMWORLD on behalf of Giancana and Trafficante, thus allowing the Mafia [and potentially parties as yet unknown - Ed.] to piggyback their own assassins onto the broader CIA operation against Castro. This, however, does not explain the presence of so many top-echelon CIA people in Dealey Plaza [Castro, it will be recalled, was in Havana, not Dallas - Ed.]! So we are still sympathetic to the notion that AMWORLD was constructed around a CIA-staged propaganda value **False Flag** attack against its own President, using non-lethal pyrotechnics, intending to blame it on Castro and thereby engender a second invasion of Cuba. Those who penetrated this government project simply slipped in a couple of additional shooters and used full-on ammunition.

**Calderón Guardia, Rafael Ángel:** Costa Rican physician-politician **President[1940-1944]** Rafael Calderón [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having successfully balanced the commercial interests of coffee plantation owners against a relatively progressive program of legislation (e.g., minimum wage), (b) for taking Costa Rica into WW2 on the Allied side, even though this alienated the country's many ethnic German families, (c) for having handed over amicably to **Teodoro Picado** [see own entry] in the 1944 elections, and then (d) for having unsuccessfully run for a second term against **Otilio Ulate** [see own entry] in the bad-tempered 1948 elections, and for having then been exiled during the ensuing 18 months of civil war [see 2nd February 1948]. He died in 1970.

**Califano, Joseph Anthony, Jr:** New York born lawyer **Joseph Califano** [Wikipedia biography] had been made Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, **Cyrus Vance**, in July 1962, in which role he had deputised at meetings of the **Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee on Cuban Affairs (ICCCA)**. His notes from these meetings would emerge in 1997 as the "Califano Papers", and clearly indicate that U.S. policy toward the Castro Regime after the failure of the Bay of Pigs Invasion was to rely on diplomatic, economic, and psychological attacks, using the Cuban exiles where possible, while at the same time recognising that a "contingency" might yet serve as the pretext for a second invasion attempt.

**California Rangers:** Founded in 1960 by white supremacist tub-thumper Colonel/Reverend **William Potter Gale**, the California Rangers [no convenient briefing but see this History Commons resource] are noteworthy in the present context as one of a number of 'patriot' guerrilla bands formed in the United States at the height of the Cold War. The group was bankrolled by like-minded Californian businessmen such as **Holmes Tuttle** [Wikipedia biography], **Earl R. Scheib** [no convenient biography], and **Henry Salvatori** [Wikipedia biography].
biography), and was quickly copied by Robert DePugh's Minutemen. It was side-lined in 1964 in favour of the better marketed Christian Defense League (CDL). FURTHER READING: There is a lot of detail in the FBI's file on William Potter Gale - check it out. There are also some useful facts in a 1965 report from the California legislature entitled "Paramilitary organisations in California" - check it out.

Callaway, Ted: Dallas used car salesman Ted Callaway [no convenient biography] was standing outside his car lot in Oak Cliff at around 1315hr when he heard five shots from the direction of 10th Street one block north. He then saw a man with a pistol run on past him down Patton, and then turn right (westward) onto Jefferson. Heading for the site of the shooting he saw Patrolman J. D. Tippit lying dead and used the patrol car radio to report the incident to DPD control. He then stopped a passing cab and tried unsuccessfully to catch the fugitive. Later that day he identified LHO at a DPDHQ line-up. Callaway's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera, CBS, 1964 [YouTube it now].

CalPERS: See Timeline 26th July 2022.

CALPO: See the entry for Noel Field.

Cambridge Seven: This is a long-dead news editor's name for the party of seven British evangelists who were recruited in 1884 by touring American revivalist Dwight L. Moody [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] for a major spreading of the word in China, commencing in 1885. The seven members of the party (reportedly six clerics and a military intelligence officer) were (in alphabetical order): Montagu Proctor-Beauchamp [Wikipedia biography], William Wharton Cassels [Wikipedia biography], Dixon Hoste [Wikipedia biography], Arthur T. and Cecil H. Polhill-Turner [Wikipedia biography], Stanley P. Smith [Wikipedia biography], and Charles Thomas Studd [Wikipedia biography].

STUDENT EXERCISE: We shall leave it to readers to decide for themselves from the available bios which of the seven was the spy.

The Cambridge Seven mission was conducted under the umbrella of the China Inland Mission (CIM) [see own entry USEFUL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], and it arrived in Shanghai 18th March 1885. See the Wikis for the individual progress reports.

Camp DetrickMD: Established in 1931 as an airfield but then gradually expanded to host the U.S. Army Biological Warfare Laboratories (USBWL) [Wikipedia briefing], Camp DetrickMD [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the centre of the United States' CBW(Biological) warfare effort since (official date) 1943 ...

ASIDE - BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION: America had already been the innocent victim of two of history's earliest deliberate biological warfare attacks, the first by the British using smallpox against the Pontiac Indians in 1763, and the second by the Germans using anthrax and glanders against neutral American livestock exporters in 1916, thus ...

CAMEO - THE AMHERST BIO-ATTACK, 1763: See the entry for 29th June 1763.

CAMEO - THE DILGER BIO-ATTACK, 1916: Now classified as "biological sabotage" rather than as a full bio-attack, this was an attempt by Germany to sabotage the trans-Atlantic trade in horses and cattle to the French and British Armies. At the direction of German sabotage chief Rudolph Nadolny [Wikipedia biography], the bugs were cultured by German-American agent Anton Casimir Dilger [Wikipedia biography] on his farm in Chevy Chase, and administered in sugar cubes or feedstuff to animals destined for Europe. No outbreaks seem to have been forthcoming, however, so it was not an auspicious start.

ASIDE/RECOMMENDED READING: Prior to 1943 the Pentagon's chief concern was with chemical attack, and this research effort had been centred since 1917 at the Edgewood Arsenal [see own entry]. The
biological effort seems to have been spun off in the early-1930s following work in France under Auguste Trillat [see own entry] and in Japan under Shiro Ishii [see the entry for Unit 731]. Probably the best free introduction to the topic is Graham Templeton's (2017) documentary "The Red Line" - YouTube it now. Spiers (2010 [Amazon]) is richly detailed, but more expensive. Rosebury (1949 [Amazon]) is dated, but a classic by one of the first scientists to work at Detrick.

and (b) for generally following the same research priorities as the Japanese Army's CBW specialists mentioned above, namely firstly to isolate and study naturally occurring agents, secondly to defend against them, and thirdly to weaponise those with the greatest military promise (that is to say, deadly to them, but not to us). Since many natural agents have insects as disease vectors, this meant high volume insect breeding at Detrick. In his 1968 book "Chemical and Biological Weapons" Seymour M. Hersh notes as follows ...

"The use of insects to convey disease [...] was thoroughly studied by the Japanese before and during World War II; it also received heavy study at Camp Detrick. One reporter wrote that the Detrick insect inventory in 1959 included 'mosquitoes infected with yellow fever, malaria, and dengue; fleas infected with plague; ticks with tularemia, relapsing fever, and Colorado fever; houseflies with cholera, anthrax, and dysentery" (p86).

In the end, Detrick's research indicated that on balance the benefits of an insect attack did not outweigh the attendant practical difficulties. They also ruled out using bubonic plague because it would have been too difficult to restrict the effects to the enemy. They were, however, quite fond of "dry biologicals" such as weaponised anthrax and pneumonic plague ...

ASIDE: Researchers Theodor Rosebury and Elvin Kabat published their hitherto top secret airborne infection research in 1947.


Research continued through into the Cold War, indeed Detrick was the site where ill-fated Frank R. Olson [see own entry] had worked - YouTube his story here. They have also been implicated by Judyth Vary Baker [see own entry] as the control centre for the Ochsner Clinic's [see own entry] research in the early 1960s into weaponised cancer sera. Camp Detrick is presently [March 2019] the largest employer in Frederick County, Maryland - check out their website. The Post Exchange is at 1405 Porter Street. Don't have the soup.

Camp Peary: Established in 1942 to cope with WW2 demand, Camp Peary [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for training construction battalion personnel 1942-1944, (b) for being developed to handle German prisoners-of-war 1943-1946, (c) for being left empty through to 1951, when parts of it were brought back into commission by the Navy for purposes unknown, and by the CIA as their central guerrilla training base, and (d) in this latter context for being mentioned in the entry for the Bay of Pigs war room director, Jake Esterline, which see.

Camp X, Ontario: See the entry for Garland Williams.

Campaign Against Antisemitism (CAA): Founded in 2015 as "a volunteer-led charity dedicated to exposing and countering antisemitism through education and zero-tolerance enforcement of the law", the CAA [Wikipedia briefing; registered charity 1163790 latest accounts] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for initiating a number of legal actions against persons likely in their judgement to have violated Britain's laws on hate speech, (b) for showcasing the research into radicalisation of academic Daniel Allington [see own entry], (c) for organising the August 2019 petition entitled "Jeremy Corbyn is an antisemite and must go" [petrolling website; 58,447 members as at 5th December 2019], and (d) for being mentioned in Joe Glasman's [see own entry] December 2019 post-election video posted to FaceBook by Momentum Barnet - see Timeline 27th December 2019.
Campbell, Donald: Some time before 0900hr on 22nd November Dallas Morning News advertising salesman Don Campbell [no convenient biography] was drinking coffee with regular Friday advertiser Jack Ruby in the company cafeteria. They were then joined at around 0900hr by Campbell's colleague Jerry Coley and the three spent some minutes chatting. [For what happened next in the Blood or Cola Thread, see the Jerry Coley entry.]

Campbell, Gordon Sutherland: Long-standing CIA officer and "maritime advisor" Gordon Campbell [Spartacus Educational biography] worked for JM/WAVE until his death in September 1962. He would be one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the assassination was put together.

Campbell, Ochus Virgil: TSBD Vice-President Ochus Campbell [no convenient biography] was spectating from the front entrance steps of the TSBD. Campbell's evidential profile is as follows: Statement to FBI, 24th November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Campisi, Joseph: Dallas restaurateur Joe Campisi [no convenient biography] testified to knowing Jack Ruby and his sister Eva Grant since 1947. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; House Select Committee on Assassinations [read it now].

Canfield, Michael: Assassination researcher Michael Canfield [no convenient biography] was co-author with Alan Weberman of the 1975 book "Coup d'État in America" [revised 1992 and now in multiple volumes].

Cantillo, Amado: Cuban exile Amado Cantillo [no convenient biography] pops up only infrequently in the histories, usually as a Grayston Lynch specialist frogman with Brigade 2506.

Caribbean Legion: The Caribbean Legion [Wikipedia briefing] was the private guerrilla army created by José Figueres [see own entry] and others in 1945, and used to help Figueres depose Teodoro Picado [see own entry] in the 1948 Costa Rican Civil War. A young Fidel Castro [see own entry] was a member in its early years.

Carlin, Karen ["Little Lynn"] Bennett: Self-profiled in 1964 as "a stripper", Karen ["Little Lynn"] Carlin [Warren Commission biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for signing up with nightclub owner Jack Ruby in about September 1963 [at which time she would have been about two months pregnant - Ed.], (b) for being telephoned by a fellow worker shortly after the Dealey Plaza shooting to tell her that Ruby would not be opening the Carousel Club that evening, (c) for telephoning Ruby late evening Saturday 23rd November 1963, asking for a payment on account of wages owed ...

ASIDE - LITTLE LYNN AND THE WESTERN UNION MONEY TRANSFER: This is why Ruby famously wired her $25 from the Western Union office 20 minutes before making his way down into the basement of the adjacent DPDHQ to execute LHO - see Tom Meros retrace Ruby's steps.

(d) for being interviewed by the Secret Service on the evening of Sunday 24th November 1963, and by the FBI on 26th, by which time she was fearful for her life, and (e) for surviving in a witness protection program to die a natural death in 2010, taking her secrets with her (Shaw, in Marcades and Kirkpatrick, 2016, pp11-12). Carlin's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony - see link above; Interview to camera August 1964 - YouTube it now.

Carlson, Evans Fordyce: See the entry for Agnes Smedley.

Carlson, Ewald I.: See the entry for Winnipeg Airport Incident.

Carlson Report: See the entry for Winnipeg Airport Incident.
Carousel Club: See 1312½ Commerce Street.

Carroll, Robert K.: DPD detective Bob Carroll [no convenient biography] was on kerb duty on Main Street at the time of the shooting. He was then assigned to the TSBD at around 1300hr and helped search the basement. Along with Kenneth Lyons he then relocated in the direction of the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting, only to be diverted to the Texas Theater at the last moment. At the cinema he searched the balcony and then assisted LHO's arrest. Carroll's evidential profile is as follows: Report, 24th November 1963 [read it now (courtesy of the Portal to Texas History website)]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Carroll, Warren Hasty: CIA analyst turned right-wing copywriter turned author-historian Warren H. Carroll [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned 13th June 1963 in Larrie Schmidt's correspondence with USA headquarters in Germany as an early Dallas recruit to that organisation. At the time he was employed as copywriter for H. L. Hunt's Lifeline, and was described by Schmidt as a 32-year-old "former CIA man" whom Hunt had already "checked out" (Russell, 1992, p204). He also became Vice-Chairman of the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) [see own entry] (Warren Commission Report, Vol. XVIII; CE1044). Later in life he wrote the (1995) book "The Rise and Fall of the Communist Revolution" [Amazon].

***** Candidate JFK Conspiracy Accessory Before and After the Fact *****

[LBJ henchman-gopher before the assassination, then Presidential Aide after it]

Carter, Clifton Crawford: Veteran of OSS operations in Italy during WW2, peacetime political agent, and sometime U.S. Marshall Clifton ["Cliff"] Carter [Spartacus Educational biography] was an LBJ political aide during 1948 and from 1957. Several authors allege his involvement with p* Dealey Plaza shooter Mac Wallace [see own entry CHILLING] in the commissioned silencing in June 1961 of Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA) investigator Henry Marshall [see own entry], potentially as a favour for crooked business associate Billy Sol Estes [see own entry].

ASIDE: The AAA had been set up in 1936 to administer agricultural production quotas and distribute compensations and grants. It had its own investigation team against fraudulent claims. Estes appears to have been one of the Texan milkers of the system, and Marshall, closing for the figurative kill, became victim of a literal one instead. Various aspects of Estes' case will be before the courts until 1984.

Rod Mac Kenzie's (2016) analysis of the JFK Assassination places Carter in a forward command post on TSBD2, along with Carlos Marcello [see own entry] and fellow-Texan George Reese [untriangulated assertion], from where they maintained radio contact with Jack Grimm's [see own entry] hit team out on the Grassy Knoll.

OUR VERDICT: Marcello had a cast-iron alibi for the day itself, but would later confess to funding at least part of the operation that day. Carter was well placed to commission terminations and indeed had the OSS skillset for a command post. For our part, we are generally far from convinced by the LBJ-Dunnit theory, primarily because it was suspiciously well-promoted when it first hit the news in the late 1980s [check it out], merely muddying waters which had begun to clear. More certainly, it was Carter - suddenly finding himself a White House aide, of course - who managed assassination propaganda in the 48 hours following the assassination, with forceful "don't talk conspiracy" calls to District Attorney Henry Wade [see own entry], DPD Chief of Police Jesse Curry [see own entry], and Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr [see own entry] (Hancock, 2006/2010e). More ominously, some histories (e.g., Baker, 2010) claim that he helped deliberately breach security protocol at DPDHQ by insisting upon TV coverage of Lee Harvey Oswald's transfer to the County Jail, thus enabling Jack Ruby to get close enough to execute him - on live TV! - in the underground car park.

CAMEO - CARTER THE BAGMAN: In his (1989/2013) "Crossfire" [Amazon], veteran JFK researcher Jim Marrs notes that Carter often carried the cash ...
"According to published reports, Johnson also received large-scale pay-offs from Teamster president Jimmy Hoffa [see own entry]. A former senatorial aide, [Jack] Sullivan, testified that he witnessed the transfer of a suitcase full of money from a Teamster lobbyist through a Maryland senator to Johnson's chief aide, Cliff Carter" (p273; the senator was Daniel Brewster [Wikipedia biography]).

RESEARCH ISSUE: Readers are reminded that in the entry for Mexico City Adventure we are looking for the senior bagman who attended the 25th September 1963 "business breakfast" at New Orleans' International House, along with - amongst important others - Clay Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald. While there seem to be many to choose from, Carter - ex-OSS man - ticks many of the boxes.

Carr, Richard Randolph: WW2 veteran construction worker Richard Carr [Spartacus Educational biography] witnessed the shooting from the 7th Floor of the then-under-construction New Courthouse Building at the junction of Houston and Commerce. He had a direct view across Dealey Plaza to the TSBD facade, and specifically noted a figure at Window #3, TSBD6, whom he initially judged to be "a Secret Agent man or an FBI man", who made off after the shooting "on Commerce [Street]". Carr described this man as wearing "a hat, a felt hat, a light hat, he had on heavy-rimmed glasses, dark, the glasses were heavy-rimmed, and heavy ear pieces on his glasses"; and this is nowadays thought to be senior assassin Mac Wallace. Equally specifically Carr testified to three rifle shots coming from "behind this picket fence".

ASIDE: In court in 1969 NOLA DA Jim Garrison carefully established Carr's bona fides as a WW2 combat rifleman and experienced peacetime rifle shooter, and described him as about as expert in rifle fire as anyone could be and still be standing. The court duly accepted his judgement on rifle fire as expert testimony.

Carr also explicitly noted a "Rambler Station Wagon" with "a rack on the back" parked next to the TSBD, pointing north, whereupon (in his own words) ...

"... immediately after the shooting there was three men that emerged from behind the School Book Depository, there was a Latin, I can't say whether he was Spanish, Cuban, but he was real dark-completed, stepped out and opened the door, there was two men entered that station wagon, and the Latin drove it north on Houston. The car was in motion before the rear door was closed, "

Commerce Street runs parallel to, but south of Main Street. A fourth escapee - the man in the "heavy-rimmed glasses" - walked toward the witness for two blocks along Houston, and then turned left to proceed eastward along Commerce. Carr tailed him at a distance, and saw him get into another car a block further east. Carr was instructed in the early days by his FBI interrogators to keep quiet about all this, and survived despite repeated murder attempts to die of natural causes in 1996. Carr's evidential profile is as follows: FBI Statement, 4th January 1964 [NOT AVAILABLE, but alluded to by the House Select Committee on Assassinations in March 1979 - read that later source - RECOMMENDED]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Clay Shaw Trial testimony, 19th February 1969 [read it now - RECOMMENDED]. Note that along with other perfectly credible witnesses to multiple TSBD shooters - not least Carolyn Walther - Carr was, for whatever reason, not called by the Warren Commission.

Carr, Vincent Waggoner: Texan-born lawyer-politician and WW2 veteran Waggoner Carr [Wikipedia biography] was Texas Attorney General at the time of the shooting, and had breakfasted with the Presidential couple that morning in Fort Worth. He subsequently ensured that investigations within Texas properly dovetailed with those of the Warren Commission generally. His official papers are preserved as a major research archive at Texas Tech University, Lubbock - see the entry for Waggoner Carr Papers for details.

***** DRACULA IN THE BLOOD BANK, PERHAPS *****

Carstens, Agustín Guillermo ["'The Most Powerful Man in the World'" ]: Mexican central banker Agustín Carstens [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for undergraduate study in economics in Mexico, followed by postgraduate development at the University of Chicago 1983-1985, (b) for rapid advancement as a neoliberal-of-promise within the Bank of Mexico 1985-1999 ...
According to his Wiki 23rd July 2021, Carstens proclaims himself a follower of "neoliberal" economic principles, namely central bank autonomy, privatisation of production, reduced labour force rights, and the control of international capital movement. Unfortunately, these principles are all very bad things for everyone on the planet who is neither a neoliberal banker personally, nor one of their gophers. In the wrong hands, neoliberalism is a system of legalised megatheft, thus ...

(1) Central bank autonomy does not - as the theory requires - take politicians out of the decision-making loop; it merely removes them from the official transcripts.

(2) Privatisation of production is open to insider dealing at oligarch level [check out any modern oligarch and you will find that neoliberalism created him - Ed.].

(3) Reduced labour force rights invite wage slavery for most, to the benefit of few.

(4) Control of international capital movement has to date managed to corrupt all known forms of democracy. Even more alarmingly, it has allowed fiat currency bond certificates to replace bullion and real assets in a number of major Western economies, to be repaid (as National Debt) over the coming centuries to the central bankers themselves.

To date, neoliberalism has never been tried in "the right hands", and so we have no choice but to leave this comparison open-ended for now.

... (c) for joining the International Monetary Fund (IMF), rising to board level 2003-2006, (d) for being headhunted by the Mexican Treasury 2006-2010, (e) for serving as governor of the Bank of Mexico 2010-2017, (f) for being headhunted as general manager of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) [see own entry] 2017-present [= 22nd July 2021], and (g) in this latest role, for featuring regularly (as "the most powerful man in the world") in the financial press during the mid-2021 dollar debt and fiat inflation crisis. Carstens is presently engaged in the BIS's ongoing push for these principles to be applied worldwide via a cashless digital currency. Not all commentators welcome the proposal, thus ...

YouTube Opinion (Pro) (the man himself)

YouTube Opinion (Digital Currency) (the man himself)

YouTube Opinion (Bloomberg Briefing)

YouTube Opinion (Unimpressed)

Carter, Amon Giles, Sr.: Newspaperman Amon G. Carter, Sr. [Wikipedia biography] was the founder in 1906 of the Fort Worth Star, and for the next two years vied with the rival Fort Worth Telegram for circulation. He then bought out his rival, and in 1909 began publishing as the Fort Worth Star-Telegram [Wikipedia briefing]. During the ensuing 40 years he used his influence to build up Fort Worth's commercial self-confidence, including, relevant to the present context, new production plants for Lockheed-Martin and Bell Helicopters and a new Strategic Air Command base at Carswell. Indeed, in his 2015 book "Dallas '63", Peter Dale Scott describes Carter as "one of the most powerful civilian backers of the U.S. Air Force (§2272).

Cartwright, Gary: Sportswriter for the Dallas Morning News Gary Cartwright [no convenient biography] became an assassination researcher on the side, and is noteworthy in the present context for his 1990 paper entitled "I Was Mandarin" [full text online], in which DPD Patrolman Roscoe White's wife Geneva White alleged that she had overheard her husband plotting the assassination with Jack Ruby.

Casa de Los Amigos (Mexico City): See the entry for George Evica.

Casas Saez, Miguel: [a.k.a. Angel Dominguez Martinez] Suspected Cuban intelligence agent and saboteur Miguel Casas Saez [no convenient biography] is placed in Dallas in some histories. Moreover, in his 1985 book "Reasonable Doubt", Henry C. Hurt, Jr. tells how the 1730hr flight from Mexico
City to Havana on 22nd November 1963 was expressly delayed by five hours to allow Casas to catch it.

Casey, Norman L.: FBI agent Norman Casey [no convenient biography] was introduced in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked" as one of two FBI men sent to Memphis to interview John Elrod, which see (the other agent being Francis Cole). Their report was substantively ignored by the Warren Commission.

"We'll know our disinformation campaign is complete when absolutely everything the American people believe is false" (himself - albeit still denied)

Casey, William Joseph: WW2 veteran (OSS) turned lawyer-politician turned Reagan aide turned chief of spooks William Casey [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Director of the CIA between 1981 and 1987, that is to say, squarely in the time of the Congressionally forbidden pro-Contra intervention in Nicaragua, and the equally Congressionally forbidden Iranian Arms-for-Hostages Affair [see own entry].

***** VERY MUCH MORE TO THESE FOLK THAN MEETS THE EYE *****

Casparis, Hans (and Thérèse):

To avoid unnecessary duplication, much of the background to the Casparis story is presented in the companion entries for <Stewart W. Herman> and <Albert Schweitzer College (ASC)>. Therefore for maximum benefit please read all three entries as though they were one, but this one last.

Swiss priest-academician Hans Casparis [no convenient biography but see Niederstein (op. cit. inf.))] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for apparently leading an unremarkable life as a provincial religious studies teacher 1931-1947, (b) for spending eight months 1947-1948 as a student at the University of Chicago, (c) in about 1950 for conceiving the idea of an Alpine study retreat - eventually the above-mentioned Albert Schweitzer College (ASC) - where former enemies could philosophise at leisure and learn, by God's grace, to be friends again ...

SPECULATION AND RESEARCH ISSUES: Niederstein places Casparis in 1931 as a parish priest cum secondary school teacher "for religion, German, and Hebrew" in Chur [map], Switzerland. However, there is little material available concerning his war years. In 1950 he reportedly led a summer study program in nearby Klosters [map], specifically to bring together "former enemies". This is precisely the sort of operation described (in meticulous detail) in the entry for the OSS' spypastor Stewart W. Herman [aforementioned]. It seems that Casparis ran his ideas past Albert Schweitzer [see own entry] himself, because Niederstein is able to quote as follows from a 1952 letter from the great man, wishing the project well ...

"The idea of a college to create the foundations you have planned is, I think, an excellent one, and you Swiss are the right people to do such a thing. Moreover, the fact that it should be an institute of a free, religiously ethical spirit is perfect. [...] My heart is with you in this undertaking" (Albert Schweitzer, 1952, Hans Casparis, cited in Niederstein, p128, translated from the German by the present author).

Evica (op. cit. inf.) tells the Casparis story this way ...

"Beginning in 1950, Hans Casparis and his English wife Thérèse Casparis [née Callie; no convenient biography, but see Barber (op. cit. inf.)] held summer conferences in Klosters, Switzerland, anticipating the establishment of the college. Hans and Thérèse were reportedly 'the life and soul of the gatherings[...]' By 1955, the meetings developed into 'an international centre for the study of ethics, Christian morals, and contemporary social, religious, and political developments'. [...] But the college did not operate on a full-time basis until 1955 [...]. Though the founding 'Swiss liberals' were 'primarily ministers', they have not been identified except for Hans Casparis [...]. The new college 'intended to help young people attain spiritual independence by developing a critical mind combined with clear moral and religious convictions'. Beyond its liberal Protestant genesis, the college was declared to be 'entirely free from denominational ties' " (k1694).

Thinking speculatively, Casparis would have been recruited by Herman in around 1943, and slotted into the OSS's behind-enemy-lines evangelist network as a "cut-out". Later, having proven himself against the Gestapo, he would have been re-briefed (his time in Chicago, presumably) for work against the Soviets. Therefore, while
**** BUT THIS IS WHERE THE STORY REALLY HOTS UP *****

... (d) for exploding into the JFK assassination literature during the immediate FBI and later Warren Commission investigations, when it emerged that the college had written Lee Harvey Oswald offering him a place to study at ASC in April 1960 ...

WARREN COMMISSION EXHIBITS #228 and #230: In fact, Oswald's application to ASC was dated a full year earlier than the course start date, namely 19th March 1959. The Warren Commission reproduces Oswald's application to the college as Exhibit #228 - check it out. The letter of acceptance was signed by a college administrator and dated 28th March 1959. It is lodged as Commission Exhibit #230 - check it out. Note that the latter document is CC'd to one Robt. E. Schacht [see own entry ANOTHER INTERESTING PIECE OF THE JIGSAW].

... and (e) for an exchange of letters with (Oswald's mother) Marguerite Oswald [see own entry] during 1960, the first (addressed to Oswald) informing her son of a minor last-minute change to the course dates, and the later ones from and to her personally concerning his no-show for the course ...

WARREN COMMISSION EXHIBITS #229, #231, #232, #233: Casparis' letter was dated 22nd March 1960 and addressed to Lee Oswald, but forwarded in his absence from duty to his mother. It was signed by Casparis and appears in the Warren Commission Report as Exhibit #229 - check it out. Evica adds detail as follows (a long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"... on March 22, 1960, Hans Casparis, the founder, director, and ultimately President of Albert Schweitzer College, wrote to Lee, apparently assuming he was still on active duty, and supposedly changed the schedule. The letter was posted to Lee's Marine Corps address, forwarded several times, and finally arrived in Marguerite Oswald's mail on April 6, 1960 [...]. This letter gave Lee's mother some hope that her missing son would soon resurface. Hans Casparis' letter has long awaited careful evaluation. [+++ addressing details +++] According to Casparis, the college's first lecture would be held on April 19, 1960, rather than April 21st. [...] But this change did not match either the information Oswald apparently had available when he applied to the college or the official application form Oswald mailed […]. [+++ dates compared +++] Casparis' change for prospective student Lee Harvey Oswald constituted the third different spring trimester opening, but I found no record in the available Schweitzer College documents at Harvard Divinity School Library supporting this schedule modification. [...] But did it ever happen? Dennis Bartholomew, a diligent JFK researcher, succeeded in finding a former Schweitzer College student who had attended the spring semester in 1960 and confirmed Bartholomew's doubts, asserting that the delay never took place. [Nor could this student] recall seeing Lee Harvey Oswald's name on the student roster for that trimester" (k1150-1186).

Mrs Oswald replied on 6th April - see Exhibit #231. Casparis came back on 26th April - see Exhibit #232. And Mrs Oswald replied 6th June - see Exhibit 233.

The official story became even more empty and unconvincing when Evica discovered fifty years later that the Casparis couple had significantly overstated their academic credentials, thus ...

"The Harvard Divinity School Library documents give more detail about ASC and its faculty, but those same documents invite serious questions about Hans Casparis. A four-page informational brochure introduced the college's first full-year faculty: Professor Dr. Victor Maag [no convenient biography, but some online presence as a scholar in Asiatic history], Seminardirektor Dr. Conrad Buol [best available biography], Rev. Dr. Joachim Wolff [no convenient biography], Rev. Dr. Werner Niederer [no convenient biography], Prof. Dr. Martin Schmid [no convenient biography], David E. Clarke [presumptive obituary], Prof. Hans Casparis, and his wife Thérèse Casparis. Maag, Buol, Wolff, Niederer, Schmid, and Clarke all were resplendent with degrees [...] and Thérèse Casparis held a B.A. Hans Casparis alone had no specific degrees listed, though his remarkable record of studies and teaching was summarised. According to the ASC brochure, Casparis listed himself as 'Lecturer in German and Philosophy at Kantonschule, Chur'. In other sources he was identified simply as the equivalent of a high school teacher. Casparis claimed he was a Lecturer in Education at the School of European Studies in the University of Zurich, but the university informed me that Casparis never lectured there. [...] Casparis listed himself as a 'graduate of Basel, Zurich, and Chicago Universities' [...] but he held no official diplomas or degrees from any of the three. Records indicate Casparis did attend the University of Chicago in 1946-1947 [...] but he received no degrees. He apparently never went near either the University of Basel or the University of Zurich. All three universities,
of course, could be mistaken, but according to the official responses to all my inquiries, Hans Casparis never received a degree from any academic institution, either in Europe or the United States. [He lived in Chicago, the site of [...] anti-Communist psyops activity, from October 1, 1946, to June 13, 1947" (k1925).


Cassel, [Sir]1901 Ernest Joseph: German-born British-adopted banker Ernest Cassel [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been one of the investors in Banque d'Outremer, and therefore - had it come off - an unwitting beneficiary of the Kaiping Coal Field Fraud of 1898-1901 [see 20th March 1898ff]; also for moving in the same social influence circles as King Edward VII, Herbert Asquith, and Winston Churchill.

Castillo Armas, Carlos: Right-wing Guatemalan soldier-politician President[1954-1957] Carlos Castillo Armas [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a CIA contact in Guatemala from 1950 onward, (b) for having then figure-headed the Honduras-based CIA-managed 1954 Guatemalan Coup [see 18th June 1954] which brought him to power in place of the democratically elected Jacobo Árbenz [see own entry], and (c) for having exited international politics feet first on 26th July 1957.

***** PART OF THE WHAT DID FATHER MACHANN KNOW? MYSTERY *****

Castorr, L. Robert (and Mrs. Trudi): Veteran of the WW2 Burma Campaign turned Cold War Texan proto-fascist Colonel Robert Castorr [Washington Post obituary, 2005] and his wife Trudi Castorr [no convenient biography] are noteworthy in the present context (a) for his wartime career ...

CAMEO - HIM, THE EARLY YEARS: Here is a useful clip from a 2005 obituary ...

"L. Robert Castorr, 92, a retired executive with a number of business groups and a retired colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, died April 7 after a heart attack at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. Mr. Castorr, a resident of Bethesda, was born in Detroit and enlisted in the Army Reserve at age 18 in 1930. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps for a year, then after further military training and education moved to active duty in 1940. During World War II, he served in North Africa and in the Burma campaign as an infantry combat commander. After the war ended, he briefly served as chief of staff and spokesman for Gen. George C. Marshall at the Pentagon. He left active duty in 1947 but stayed in the reserves until 1973" (The Washington Post, 10th April 2005).

... and this from one of the reputable assassination chatrooms ...

"... fwiw, in 1945, he was the commanding officer in the Houston army recruitment office located then in the Haden Building" (The Education Forum, 22nd May 2006).

... (b) for him serving in the mid-1950s in the 90th Infantry Division (Army Reserve) [Department of Defense briefing] of the Texas National Guard, (c) for them both being associated in the very early 1960s with the Dallas chapter of the Cuban Catholic Relief Program [no convenient briefing] ...

QUICKIE - THEM, AND CUBAN CATHOLIC RELIEF: As far as we have been able to establish, the Cuban Catholic Relief Program was founded to minister to the religious and welfare needs of the Cubans fleeing to the United States 1958-1960, to escape the Cuban Revolution [Wikipedia briefing]. These exiles hated (and were hated by) the Castro regime, being demographically and politically conservative and including many displaced politicians and land-owners, racketeers and mobsters, fugitive war criminals, and so on. And because
a high proportion of them were Roman Catholics, it fell to the dioceses of the southern states to step forward to welcome them. These dioceses - with Dallas, Miami, and New Orleans leading the way - gathered Hispanics to their bosom and no-doubt entertained each other with anti-Castro anecdotes. They were then immediately infiltrated by the U.S. intelligence community as a handy recruiting ground and cover organisation for black ops against the common enemy, Fidel Castro. An exile named Joaquin Insua [no convenient biography] - an FBI informant himself - managed the admin in Dallas from an office in the Lakewood Shopping Centre [map]. It was all very much a blood feud, and one which was destined to continue to the present day - here they still are, in 2016...

YouTube latter day Exiles celebrating Castro’s death in 2016 (AP clip)

THIS IS WHY ASSASSINATION HISTORIES HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO IGNORE THE CUBAN EXILES.

... (d) for brokering gun-running deals around mid-1961 [this date inferred, since not stated in Warren Commission testimony - Ed.] with everyone’s favourite mobster, Jack Ruby ...

CAMEO - CASTOR AND THE DALLAS WEAPONS CONNECTION: This line of inquiry featured strongly in the frantic first few weeks of the Secret Service and FBI investigations after the assassination, albeit identities and circumstances had yet to emerge. The pivotal lead came from one of Jack Ruby’s Carousel Club hostesses, Nancy Perrin Hamilton (later Rich) [see own entry A STRANGE STORY], who reported three meetings between her late husband Robert Perrin [see own entry (dubious suicide August 1962)] and an unknown Colonel, at one of which her boss (i.e., Ruby) had unexpectedly turned up to sort the funding. The agent who led the search and who then collated the deluge of reports was Inspector Thomas J. Kelley [see own entry and his HSCA testimony] of the Secret Service. Here is a clip from by-then Mrs. Rich's Warren Commission testimony [read the full document here] ...
gun-running story appeared in 1967 in both Weisberg (op. cit. inf.) and the 1967-1968 Garrison Investigation ...

ASIDE: There are two dozen or so entries for <Castorr> in the online Weisberg Archive - see FURTHER READING for the general link. A 3rd March 1967 letter from the U.S. Archivist himself neatly summarises what was publicly available at the time - read it here.

... and (h) for then receiving little remark until appearing (23 hits) in Gayle Nix Jackson's (2016) book "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED SOURCE] ...

Readers unfamiliar with Ms. Jackson's assassination research may care to check out her separate entry before proceeding.

CAMEO - THE CASTORRS IN JACKSON: Jackson covers the Castorrs very briefly in Chapter Four and then more substantially in Chapter Seven of her book. In both places she is working her way through the aforementioned Weisberg papers tying up loose ends in the light of her own interviews with another of Castorrs's associates in Dallas, namely parish priest Father Walter J. Machann [see own entry A VERY INTERESTING FELLOW]. Both chapters are set against the context not just of the Cubans, but also of Dallas' right-winger General Edwin Walker and the possibly staged attempt on his life on 10th April 1963 (see Timeline that date). Here is a summative clip, with the central issues highlighted thus ... "On the day after the assassination, Police Chief Jesse Curry [see own entry] was asked about the possibility at a news conference whether the alleged assassin could have also shot at Oswald. The newspaper headline read 'Officials Recall Sniper Shooting at Walker Home' and began: 'Police Friday were not overlooking a possibility that President Kennedy's assassin may have been the mystery sniper who shot at [General Walker] last April'. How the reporter would have put these two incidents together is a matter of some debate. Supposedly, no one knew of Lee Harvey Oswald [officially] before November 22, 1963, so to attach him to the Walker shooting seemed far-fetched. But how truly far-fetched was it? Enter Robert Surrey [see own entry A DISTURBING CHARACTER] again. Could he have been the one to leak the assumed assassin's name [and] could he have gotten this information from his friend and infamous FBI agent James Hosty [see own entry COVER-UP PIVOTAL]? Penn Jones [see own entry] reported that [...] Hosty was Surrey's bridge partner. Hosty was the FBI agent in charge of 'keeping up' with Oswald [...]. Hosty was also the agent who covered subversive groups for the FBI, including General Walker's activities as well as those of the Anti-Castro Cubans. He was also a member of Father Machann's parish church. As if all these 'coincidences' weren't enough, General Walker was interviewed by a German newspaper the same day, November 23, and at that time pointed to Lee Harvey Oswald as a past suspect. How could this be if he had never heard [of], much less met, Oswald before the assassination? Or did he know Oswald? Colonel Castorr, Walker's longtime friend and Dallas resident, told Harold Weisberg he believed Walker knew of Oswald long before the JFK Assassination. Both David and William Surrey [see own entry] remember meeting Oswald in Walker's and their Dad's presence" (pp198-199).

As far as we can tell, Colonel Castorr died a Brigadier General in 2005, aged 92. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail start with Gayle Nix Jackson's (2016) "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED SOURCE] and then move on to the older material in the Hood Archive - click here - and also in Harold Weisberg's (1967) "Oswald in New Orleans" [full text online].

Castro, Fidel Alejandro: Cuban politician Fidel Castro [Wikipedia biography] deposed U. S. backed President Fulgencio Batista on 1st January 1959, ushering a period of confrontation which saw the Bay of Pigs Invasion and the Cuban Missile Crisis, and which, according to Gary Wean's 1987 book "There's a Fish in the Courthouse", culminated in the bungled CIA-false flag operation which allowed the assassination of JFK.

*****MUCH MORE TO THIS MAN THAN MEETS THE EYE?*****

Catchpool, Thomas Pettifor ["Corder"]: British Quaker-pacifist turned (some think) Quaker-spook Corder Catchpool [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for non-combatant war service 1914-1916 in the Friends Ambulance Unit (FAU) [Wikipedia briefing], (b) for being imprisoned for conscientious objection 1917-1919, (c) for relocating in late 1919 to Berlin with the Friends War Victims Relief Committee (FWVRC) [Quaker Society briefing], pledging to destroy "Prussianism" with peace and reason (the Quaker way) (Evica, op. cit. inf., k3093) ...
Readers unfamiliar with the punitive reparations payments inflicted upon Germany by the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference may care to check out the companion Timeline from 23rd January 1919 through 7th June 1929 before proceeding.

... (d) for nevertheless being significantly Germanophile when it came to the terms of the Versailles Peace Treaty [see Timeline 18th January 1919], which he regarded as being vindictively harsh, (e) for relocating to Britain in 1936, but remaining active in Quaker projects on the Continent until war broke out, (f) in the late 1930s for gaining a reputation in some eyes as pro-Nazi and for being "tolerated" by the Gestapo ...

Readers unfamiliar with British's pro-Nazi "appeasers" - a group now commonly known as the Clandestine Intelligence Agency, spymasters of the like of <George de Mohrenschildt>, <Philip Kerr (Lord Lothian)>, <Sir Oswald Mosley>, <Joseph P. Kennedy>, and <George de Mohrenschildt>. The propaganda side of appeasement was taken care of by the likes of <Geoffrey Dawson> in Britain and <C. D. Jackson> in the U.S., who quickly flipped public opinion from pro-Nazi to anti-Nazi when instructed.

Readers unfamiliar with the American funding of German industry during the mid- to late-1930s should see the entries for <Prescott Bush> [yes, those Bushes], <John J. McCloy>, and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) before proceeding.

Readers may then be interested to learn that Allen Dulles the spymaster was the same Allen Dulles who - as a partner in Sullivan and Cromwell, corporate attorneys - serviced the aforementioned bankers throughout this era!

CAMEO - HOW CATCHPOOL SURVIVED THE NAZIS: Catchpool's story is featured in Essay Four of Evica (op. cit. inf.), that is to say, the one concerned with Allen Dulles' sustained attempts between 1926 and 1964 to destabilise the Soviet Union. Here is what Evica has to tell us ...

Readers unfamiliar with Allen Dulles use of churches and clergy as a spy ring of convenience in the wars against Nazism and (fractionally later) Communism should browse the network of interlinked entries centred on OPERATION Pastor and Albert Schweitzer College before proceeding.

"In the early 1930s, Catchpool was part of the movement to enlist Quakers and others in support of the German people and their objections to the [Versailles reparations terms]. By 1932 Catchpool was one of many Quakers who supported general disarmament. After the Nazi takeover, Catchpool [was] accused by the Gestapo of being a Communist, conspiring with suspicious 'visiting foreigners', and of maintaining a file on mistreated anti-Nazis [and] advocating cooperation with Hitler's government to achieve peace and disarmament. [...] By 1935, Catchpool was viewed by no less than British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden as a pawn of Nazi propaganda. [...] Whatever the merits of Catchpool's work among the Germans, 'Gestapo reports on [the] Friends for 1935 abound with speculations on Quaker conspiracies' that were never fully explained. [...] Tolerated by the Gestapo, the Quakers worked through the middle and late 1930s at 'indiscriminate humanitarianism'. [...] In 1936, Catchpool and his wife returned to England where he] continued to belong to a select group of so-called British appeasers of Nazi Germany, including 'practising Christians' who held high office in England. 'All of them believed that the Nazi revolution was the product of the inequities of [Versailles] and were confident that by lending an ear to German grievances they were performing a major service for the cause of peace and justice. Members of the group travelled extensively [to and from Germany]. [...] Catchpool worked for several years to preserve the shreds of peace, opposing Britain's entry into the war, justifying German absorption of European territory, and hoping always to appeal to the so-called 'better elements' in Nazi Germany [...] all the while engaging in his favourite pastime: 'mountain climbing in Switzerland'. Might Catchpool have visited Bern on one of his many pleasure trips to the Swiss mountains? [...]" (k3099-3133).

EDITORIAL NOTE: To fully understand the allusion hidden in the reference to visiting Bern, readers will need to transfer momentarily to the entries for Herbert H. Field and Hans Gisevius.

... and (g) for activities poorly recorded once war broke out ...

Readers unfamiliar with the not insignificant part played by black operator Frank Wisner in fashioning our present international hell on earth should see that man's entry herein before proceeding COMPULSORY READING.
"Catchpool's public record in England was largely a blank throughout the war [resurfacing] only at the end of the conflict [doing] 'positive peacemaking' [in] the bulging 'displaced persons camps' [...]. Hans A. Schmitt [University of Virginia archive], one of Catchpool's chroniclers, confirmed the Quaker's early intelligence role: 'Shocked by the terrifying consequences of Hitler's investiture [...], Corder Catchpool instituted a network of agents who fed him eyewitness accounts of [Nazi] terrorist acts that he transmitted to Friends' House in London.' [... This] was also the home of many highly-placed Nazi apologists, friends of Catchpool and Frank Wisner [FLAGGED ABOVE], (who ran an extensive espionage operation in Germany using Nazis). Catchpool's curiously changing public stance toward Nazi Germany, his association with prominent British apologists for the German dictatorship, the suspicion that somehow he was a Communist, his frequent trips to Switzerland, and his post-war work with refugees (who were most attractive to both American and British intelligence (because they often had relatives and friends left "behind enemy lines" who would make good intelligence sources - Ed.) all suggest that Corder Catchpool might well have lived the life of a dedicated intelligence agent. On the other hand, he might just have been a complex and contradictory fellow" (k3151-3170).

Catchpool died in a mountaineering accident in 1952, aged 69. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail (including the Quakers' involvement in >>WW2<< intelligence operations) see firstly the entry for George Evica's (2006/2011) "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon](http://www.amazon.com). For a fuller biography see Hans A. Schmitt's (1997) "Quakers and the Nazis: Inner Light in Outer Darkness" [Amazon]. For more on the industrial scale use of religious missions as covers for intelligence operations, see Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon]. For more specifically on the Quakers in this respect see the entry for the Mexico City Adventure.

"Cause of World Unrest, The": See the entry for Nesta Webster.

CDO: See the entry for Collateralised Debt Obligations and Securitisation.

CE-299: See the entry for Magic Bullet.

Cecil, Lord Robert: See under Gascoyne-Cecil.

***** SO IS MONEY REALLY THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL? *****

"CBDs are a long-planned conspiracy"

Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs), Their Threat Exposed: [For the basic definitions see the preceding entry.] On 9th September 2022 the economist Richard Werner [Wikipedia Biography] gave a lecture at the Amsterdam International Science Summit [event blurb], entitled "Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs): How They Prepare You To Be Their Slave", thus ...

YouTube Richard Werner September 2022 lecture (98 mins, being 48 mins formal, plus q&a, plus interview)

ADVANCED BUT HIGHLY INFORMATIVE

The lecture explored what Werner called the "monetary core" of the broader Great Reset initiative [see Companion Timeline at 3rd June 2020, then as threaded]. His central thesis was that from the beginning there had been a subtle but fundamental flaw in Keynesian Economics [more on this below], namely, that the Keynesian vision of productivity-driven prosperity failed to take into account the psychology of human greed. As a result, while we nowadays have the desired productivity it has come at the price of turning those to whom that achievement rightly belongs into "working drones". Rich humans, it seems, tend to use their wealth in order to enslave the less fortunate fellow humans whose hard work creates that wealth …

**RESEARCH ISSUE - THE EVIL WITHIN US:** We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come
to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson. SIMILARLY, there is no definitive theory of human acquisitiveness – greed – although the Freudian notion of the Anally Retentive Personality [Wikipedia briefing] has a lot of kerrb appeal in that it describes people who are NOT JUST overly fixated upon that which is theirs BUT WHO ALSO project their personal covetousness onto others. Other insights are to be found in the fields of comparative and evolutionary psychology, where animal psychologists work from the premise that Humankind is just an advanced vertebrate. They argue, therefore, that human brains "Recapitulate Phylogeny" [Wikipedia briefing], that is to say, inherit brain structures and wiring from grandparent species in the evolutionary sequence. It therefore helps to study "greed" in so-called "lesser" species. One might reasonably note, for example, that the "runt" of a pig's litter (and many other species) will be displaced by the "greed" of its larger, stronger siblings, who will happily suckle while a brother or sister starves to death next to them [Wikipedia briefing] (indeed if food is short one season, it is far from uncommon for weakling offspring actually to become the next meal)!  

**YouTube cannibal tadpoles and other Cruella delights** *(4 mins)*

Nature, in short, works to the Devil Take The Hindmost principle, and at Nature's trough the rule is 'ME, ME, ME'.

WORKING HYPOTHESIS: While we await the definitive results, our working hypothesis is that the human invention of money and possessions simply brought out all the inhumanities which had long been lurking in the human genome.

FURTHER READING: For a quickie introduction to the various types of reflex and "instinct" see this companion resource, noting especially (1) Lloyd Morgan’s Canon, (2) the difference between taxes and kineses, (3) the work of the "ethologists" in cataloguing the components of instinctive behaviours, and (4) the work of the "neuroethologists" in locating the neuronal circuits responsible for those components. The science of "Manwatching" was popularised by the publication in 1967 of Desmond Morris' "The Naked Ape" [Amazon], but the issues reappear with tighter methodological focus in the science of "Animal Altruism" [Wikipedia briefing], as popularised in the mid-1990s by the University of Maryland’s Gerald S. Wilkinson [University homepage] – see Samir Okasha’s (2003) "Biological Altruism" [full text online (courtesy of the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)] for a thorough grounding in this area (Wilkinson’s work was featured in Chris Sykes’ (1995) documentary "Do Vampire Bats Have Friends?" [IMDB entry]). For a flavour of recent research in this fascinating study area, see Wang and Murnighan (2011) "Biological Altruism" [Google Scholar full text], Seuntiens and Zeelenberg (2015) [Google Scholar full text], Warneken and Tornasello (2009) [Google Scholar full text], and Bowles (2006 [Google Scholar full text]). Advanced students should then see Lee Dugatkin’s (2011) "The Altruism Equation" [Amazon].

1 The present author taught animal psychology at degree level 1991-2022, and takes as axiomatic the general principle of recapitulated phylogeny, at least to the extent that advanced species inherit physiology and neuroanatomy from way back - see for example J. Z. Young's pioneering work 1939-1971 on neurotransmission in marine invertebrates [Wikipedia briefing].

Before considering Werner’s argument in detail, note carefully the following key terms …

Central Bank: A Central Bank [Wikipedia briefing] is a privately owned bank commonly presented as a "state" or "reserve" or "national" bank, to whom the government in question has devolved powers of keeping a number of economic performance indicators – not least money supply, interest rates, and inflation - within politically approved boundaries. Regrettably, their very size prevents their effective audit. For further tutorial support start with the Wiki and then watch this MIT YouTube tutorial on the subject.

Digital Currency: A Digital Currency [Wikipedia briefing] is a Promissory Note [Investopedia briefing] solemnly engraved upon in the thin air of the Internet and stored safely aware in the Bank of Somewhere Far Away, Inc., and therefore entirely unenforceable if not honoured voluntarily. Further explanation from Professor Werner himself in the paragraphs below.

**THE LECTURE …**

Here are the key points in the Werner lecture. Timings are shown in **MMSS** format to allow rapid cross-referencing against the YouTube. The session chair trails with Professor Werner’s academic résumé 0000-0110 and recommends his professional website – click here - as a starting point for follow-up enquiry. We have switched to the narrative present tense throughout the notes sections. Where we have transcribed passages verbatim they are set in **blue bold, thus**.
SEGMENT #1 - INTRODUCTION 0110-0630

Werner opens by explaining 0110-0230 that the conference organisers have asked him to speak about the Great Reset [defined above], which he describes as "a technocrat take-over" with a "monetary core". There follows 0230-0630 a setpiece introduction to the work and influence of perhaps the best-known of all economists, John Maynard Keynes [see Timeline 23rd January 1919 and follow the Versailles Reparations threading]. Werner is concerned with Keynes' views on productivity as expounded in a 1928 lecture entitled "Economic Possibilities for Our Grandchildren" [full text online (1932 redrafting); courtesy of the Aspen Institute]. This theory predicts the following sequence of events …

\[
\text{productivity } \Rightarrow \text{ income } \Rightarrow \text{ growth } \Rightarrow \text{ prosperity } \Rightarrow \text{ leisure}
\]

"Prosperity came true. It has been generated. But we still have to work, so what’s gone wrong? [laughter]. What Keynes could not fathom, what he could not imagine, is that all this productivity, and all this income, and all this wealth, would be generated, and yet would be so unevenly distributed that a very, very, small group would claim it all and keep the rest as ‘working drones’ ."

STOP PRESS: Entirely coincidentally, on 16th September 2022 The Financial Times published a piece by John Burn-Murdoch – arguably Britain’s top statistician-journalist – entitled "Britain and the US Are Poor Societies With Some Very Rich People" [full text online]. The piece presented income distribution data from the U.S. and Britain on the one hand, and Norway, Slovenia, and Switzerland on the other, and pointed to glaring differences in the wealth gap between those nations’ richest and poorest citizens. Specifically, the data indicated that the two English-speaking countries were "uninterested in the lives of millions", and that their poor were in fact markedly poorer than the poor in conventionally poor countries. Or to put it another way, it is not poverty per se which causes human suffering, but inequality. We mention this finding because it is fully consistent with the point Werner is making above. Prosperity simply brings out the cannibal tadpole in folk.

SEGMENT #2 - INFLATION 0630-2050

With the Keynesian groundwork out of the way, Werner now turns to the phenomenon of inflation, graphically summarising its fluctuations over recent decades. The figures may be seen on Slide 0630, and show two decades of relatively controlled inflation in the 1950s and 1960s, followed by a decade of "Stagflation" [Wikipedia briefing] in the 1970s which conventionally wise economists assure us was due to oil price rises - "adverse supply shocks" - following the 1973 Yom Kippur War [Wikipedia briefing]. The conventional wisdom argues that because similar tensions still pervade the present Middle East there must be an underlying pattern. Werner doubts, however, whether inflation – be it in the 1970s or the 2020s – was/is truly down to war. But before we can make progress, he warns, we need "a crash course in how the economy really works" 0950-1230. In fact, Werner’s "crash course" in economics asks only one thing of us - that we think critically about the received wisdom that there is an inverse causal relationship between interest rates and "growth". This theory – which he refers to as "equilibrium economics" 1050 - holds that as interest rates fall growth is stimulated, and vice versa. This belief reflects the intuitive (but deeply subjective) position that if people have more money in their pockets they will be able to consume more. It does not, he assures us, explain things in any useful scientific sense.

All this being so, Werner continues, one should expect to see objective data supporting the conventional wisdom. **But in fact the literature shows a grand total of ZERO objective studies** 1200-1220. The world of high finance is not evidence-based at all. A couple of years ago, therefore, he and colleague Kank-Soek Lee [professional homepage], of the Luxembourg Central Bank, began an objective, scientific review of 19 countries’ economic performance, comparing interest rates with periods of economic growth and stagnation. The resulting peer-reviewed publications are Lee, K.-S. and Werner, R. A. (2018 [full text online (paywalled)]) and Lee, K.-S. and Werner, R. A. (2022 [full text online (paywalled)]). Both papers are methodologically exceptionally rigorous, and their joint conclusion
is startling: the relationship between interest rates and growth, if objectively determined, is ENTIRELY THE OPPOSITE OF THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM 1300-1340.

The argument then proceeds slide by slide, as follows ...

**Slide 1500 "Fact: Rates Follow the Cycle"

This slide contrasts the "official story" with the "empirical reality". It looks like this ...

**Official Story**: High interest leads to low growth / Low interest leads to high growth.

**Empirical Reality**: High growth leads to high interest / Low growth leads to low interest

Developing this line of argument, Werner continues ...

"[The empirical reality] is the opposite of what they tell you, in both dimensions. Interest rates are the result of economic growth and can’t be the cause, and therefore they also can’t be a tool of monetary policy. That raises a number of questions, I’d say, like what have these economists been talking about for 250 years. [...] What is driving economic growth and why do central banks keep up this charade?" 1500-1540

Werner returns to these questions, and others even more sinister, on and after Slide 3910 below.

**Slide 1922 "The Concept of Equilibrium"

This slide identifies eight assumptions constantly made by conventional economic theorists when discussing the official story, as follows ...

1. information is perfect and "symmetrically" available (everyone knows everything)
2. markets are complete
3. competition is perfect (there are no trusts, cartels, or monopolies to inflate profits, and profits therefore should tend towards zero)
4. price adjustments are instantaneous
5. transaction costs are zero
6. there are no time constraints (nobody is allowed to be busy)
7. profit is maximised by "rational" agents (you only care about money and utility maximisation, not the greater community)
8. nobody is influenced in any way by the actions of others

If all eight of these assumptions are met at any one time, then we get equilibrium.

**SEGMENT #3 - TOWARD A SCIENCE OF ECONOMICS 2050-3120**

Having raised the issue of whether economics is, or can ever hope to be, a science, Werner now devotes an entire 12-minute section to profiling how the Scientific Method [Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy briefing] works across the sciences in general, and how it most certainly does NOT presently work in economics. Here are the most important slides, and the gradually unfurling argument. There are some hefty philosophical issues coming up, but stick with it, because they are important ...

Readers unfamiliar with the distinction between inductive reasoning and deductive reasoning can either YouTube this tutorial (carefully selected) before proceeding, or else wing it and come back to here if you get stuck.

**Slide 2130 - "Methodology in Scientific Research"**
Talking to this slide, Werner compares the inductive and deductive methods of scientific inquiry. The inductive approach is "characterised by the inference of general laws from particular instances". The deductive approach may also be termed the "axiomatic" approach, because it deduces logically from basic propositions "which in turn are constructed from a few terms taken as primitive. These terms may be either arbitrarily defined or conceived according to a model in which some intuitive warrant for their truth is felt to exist". However the deductive approach is not, Werner stresses, very objectively scientific.

Readers unfamiliar with Karl Popper's emphasis on the need for scientific theory to be disprovable, and therefore of the heuristic value of being unable to falsify it, may either YouTube this tutorial (carefully selected but advanced) before proceeding, or else wing it and come back to here if you get stuck.

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**Slide 2230 "A Primer on Methodology in Scientific Research"**

Werner next discusses the role of facts in developing explanatory theories. In induction, facts are studied, analysed, and patterns sought. Hypotheses are then formulated and tested in closely controlled research situations. As a result, they are eventually either rejected, or else proceed to follow-up discussions carrying the elevated status of "failed to reject". That is the scientific approach, and that is the inductive method. Regrettably, until now it has not been the method followed by economists, who - as we are about to see - use the deductive method.

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**Slide 2223 "Methodology in Economics: The Deductive Method"**

Economics, for whatever reason, has traditionally preferred the deductive method of reasoning, and is therefore guilty of starting from untested assumptions. This slide reminds us of the eight assumptions already listed on Slide 1922, and then adds two further AXIOMATIC ASSUMPTIONS, that is to say, assumptions which are so obviously "true" that they are rarely even discussed. This is a crucial weakness, for the following reason ...

"An axiom is something we know to be true for sure, and that's convenient because then we never have to check whether it is true, and actually it's not true [LAUGHTER]."

Here are the two axiomatic assumptions ...

**Axiom #1** individuals are rational

**Axiom #2** individuals are selfish-autistic

This philosophical looseness, this lack of precise definition and rigorous procedure, has led mainstream economics into "a theoretical dreamworld in which markets are defined to be efficient and perfect" and where it follows - DANGEROUSLY AND WITHOUT OBJECTIVE JUSTIFICATION - that "any intervention must by definition be less than optimal".

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**Slide 2450 "Official Economics as Taught and Published"**

Unfortunately, at the centre of this deductive method dreamworld there lurks an all-corrupting problem, *that of seeing what you want to see*. If a nation's economic policymakers wish to deregulate and privatise a market, then it is easy for them to commission professors of deductive economics to do supporting research to prove them right to do so. Most research, in other words, is ultimately *to support preconceived agendas*. This is not just unscientific, but at the practical level it fails to provide the world's treasury mandarins with a sound model to guide their deliberations when setting their countries' economies. No economy in the world has yet flourished by those methods. It is, to be short, "Charlatanism".

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**Slide 2820 "[NO CAPTION]"**
There now follows a rather inspired 90-second sequence, which takes as its tract a quotation from Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass" concerning (although it does not explicitly say so) the secrets of inductive reasoning. Alice is talking to the White Queen about the nature of belief and truth, and specifically on "things that are hard to believe". Here is the transcript (be sure to remember those eight assumptions, now!!)...

"So Alice says: 'There's no use trying, one can't believe impossible things'. The Queen responds: 'I daresay you haven't had much practice. When I was your age, I always did it [...] for half-an-hour a day. Why sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.' Well what we learned here is that - certainly not Alice - but not even the Queen in Wonderland would qualify as economists. Because they don't believe enough impossible things. It's not good enough - even for the Queen - to just believe six impossible things before breakfast - [WERNER SHOWS THE EIGHT ASSUMPTIONS SLIDE AGAIN] - you've got to believe at least eight impossible things all the time. [APPLAUSE]"

Slide 2954 "Equilibrium: Not truth from facts, but Alice in Wonderland"
Werner now looks at the eight assumptions one by one, judging that the odds of any one being true are marginally better than 50%. Unfortunately, the rules of probability mean that the odds of ALL EIGHT being true are accordingly "less than one percent". At best! Real markets work differently. Specifically, they must always be expected to be in disequilibrium. They are "rationed". And this is where the world's deductive economists still have a lot to learn.

SEGMENT #4 – THE RATIONING OF MARKETS
After all that preparation, we are now at the lecture's tipping point. Werner's argument is not just that markets must be expected to be in disequilibrium, but also that those responsible for controlling them must work on the principle that "the short side" (and this can be either supply-side or demand-side, according to the conditions prevailing at the time and place in question) will control the eventual outcome. And that realisation brings with it the need to factor in a new explanatory dimension - "power" ...

Slide 3120 "Rationing: Core of the New Paradigm"
Werner now observes that 99% of economics books blithely assume equilibrium even though objectively there is disequilibrium. "You can throw them all out, it's not about reality". It is as if we are living on a "fictional planet". "... these books are entirely useless, because on this planet markets are rationed, and in rationed markets, the short side has power. And in equilibrium there is no discussion about power: 'Oh, you're unemployed? Sorry that's a market outcome - too bad.' The short side has the power to pick and choose with whom to do business [+++ examples given +++]"

He then remarks, knowingly, that other power questions might include who to make the plain brown envelope out to 3410, or which way is it to the casting couch 3430; also (as we are about to see) "how is the market for money decided?" 3435 ...

Slide 3440 "Rationing: The hidden power dimension becomes visible"
The basic premise of this slide is that under disequilibrium theory "the short-side picks and chooses, and extracts something". In other words (as with the backhanders and the casting couch favours) "power is usually abused to extract 'non-market benefits' ".

Unsurprisingly - the supply of money is subject to exactly this rule. Again further questions immediately arise, thus ...
Who supplies most of the money, and what else have they been lying to us about?

Slides 3545 - 3710 "Why are banks so important?" (and four follow-on slides)

Pausing only to note that "the truth in economics is almost always the opposite of what they tell you", Werner now explains how banks create money. The secret is that money is a short-side commodity, and therefore has power. So banks just "invent" it.

Several slides are skimmed at this juncture due to lack of time. Readers may view the original video and use the pause button to reconstruct Werner's precise argument, slide by slide.

Slide 3725 - 3910 "Quantity Theory of Disaggregated Credit" (and three follow-on slides)

Still at catch-up speed, Werner now uses Slide 3725 to show the basic rule of credit, which is that "the allocation of bank credit creation determines what will happen to the economy - good or bad". As a result, banking is in essence nothing but a gigantic Ponzi Scheme. In the event, the only good form of money creation is for "investment in real, productive credit", that is to say, "the creation of new goods and services or productivity gains that generate income". Unlike other forms of credit creation, this type is never inflationary, thus ...

"What created inflation in the 1970s was not the oil shock but the money creation in the banking system under the policies of the Federal Reserve." [+++ examples and graphs +++] I warned in [the year] 2020 you would get this inflation, one and a half years later, because [...] since 2020 they increased credit creation for general spending and consumption ..."

Again, readers may view the original video and use the pause button to reconstruct Werner's precise argument, slide by slide.

Slide 4055 - "Top Seven Claims by Central Bank Economists that are False"

We reproduce this slide in full because - factor by factor - it pretty much explains the world outside our windows right now. Each claim is eminently conventional, but more or less totally incorrect (and - perhaps not accidentally - incorrect always to the benefit of those making the error). We have highlighted in red the four core components of the overall drive toward dystopia ...

"Claim #1 interest rates drive the economy and are negatively correlated. Fact: Rates follow economic growth and are positively correlated.

Claim #2 banks are financial intermediaries that take deposits and lend money. Fact: Banks don’t take deposits and don’t lend money: they create credit money.

Claim #3 markets are in equilibrium and thus prices are the key variable. Fact: Markets are in disequilibrium (rationed), and quantities determine the result.

Claim #4 For economic growth you first need savings, which fund investment. Fact: For growth you need money creation funding investment.

Claim #5 People only care about their own satisfaction, never others. Fact: People are easily influenced by others and want to be loved and respected.

Claim #6 Developing countries should adopt free market policies and borrow to grow. Fact: no country has moved from developing to developed country status in this way.

Claim #7 Financial crises, inflation, and business cycles are due to random shocks. Fact: Central bank choices determine whether a country gets high growth or boom-bust.

***** SO NOW WE ARE REALLY ON TO SOMETHING!! *****

SEGMENT #5 - THE INTRINSIC PERILS OF CBDCs
The closing six minutes of the lecture discuss the intrinsic perils of CBDCs - the Central Bank Digital Currencies of the Title - which boil down to nothing less than preparation to enslave. In short, it turns out that central planners are pressing on with their old theories regardless of the accumulating evidence to the contrary. Here are their four deliberately destructive policy principles ... 

Slide 4250 - 4430 "How have Central Bankers reacted to these revelations?"
(a sequence of slides which we have summarised into a single panel)

These slides develop four points (see the originals for the supporting examples for each) ...
1. Central banks unwisely pushed rates to zero, with entirely predictable adverse effects.
2. They are now working on digital currency and the abolition of cash.
3. They want "Monetary Reform", namely the power to stop provincial banks creating credit, retaining that privilege for sovereign banks only.
4. They want central bank cybercurrency.

As a nice metaphor, Werner points out that this is all much like the referee in a football match suddenly declaring that s/he is part of the competition and allowed to score goals, and then promptly red-carding all the other players.

Slide 4430 - 4630 "The Central Planners' Goal"
(six slides with this heading, which we have summarised into a single panel)

All things considered, therefore, Werner sees little to be optimistic about. We reproduce some of his summary fears below ...

> "Our civil liberties are under imminent threat: the digital money accounts of dissidents and regime critics could be switched off any time"

>"The central banks aim at an Orwellian dystopia of total control over people and the end of freedoms"

> "The logical next step is the likely proposal to avoid theft of these cards or fraud by embedding the microchip under our skin"

> "This is a big step that does not work without bribe [+++ Sweden given as example +++]"

> "The idea of Universal Basic Income is more than a century old [...] Why are they endorsing it now?"

Slide 4630 "The Overarching Trend of the 20th Century"

Werner gets straight to his closing point ...

"The overarching trend of the 20th Century has been the concentration of power in the hands of the few. That's what we have to work against. [...] We have to do the opposite. We need to [...] introduce decentralisation."

Specifically, he recommends the creation of new community banks. These will only lend locally and for the benefit of the community in question. They are also wholly accountable to that community. Small, in other words, is indeed beautiful.

There follows an 11-minute Q&A session and a 39-minute one-to-one interview. BOTH ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR READERS WISHING TO EXAMINE WERNER'S IDEAS IN GREATER DETAIL.
OUR VERDICT: The present author is not an economist. However as a cognitive scientist and systems professional with over 50 years' experience in both fields we are competent to judge on systems involving people (and their singularities). As such, we judge Werner's model of economics to be entirely consistent with both psychological and systems theory - entirely, and without reservation. It remains only to remind ourselves that on 9th March 2022 President Biden was persuaded to sign Executive Order #14067, authorising the development of "digital assets". FURTHER READING: The historical context for the arguments presented in Werner’s lecture can be seen in the Companion Timeline at 9th September 2022, by following the Great Reset threading provided. For studied critiques of Keynesian Economics in general see W. H. Hutt’s (1980) "The Keynesian Episode: A Reassessment" and Victor A. Beker’s (2019) "Alternative Approaches to Economic Theory". For more on Keynesian Economics specifically in the context of the Versailles Peace Conference’s deliberations on German reparations see the Companion Timeline at 17th February 1919, following the Reparations threading. For more on the World Economic Forum ("the Davos People") as part of the New World Order Conspiracy browse the Internet ad lib.

***** EPPUR SI MUOVE? *****

Centro Mondiale Commerciale (CMC): [Italian = "World Trade Centre"] Founded in 1958 as the Italian arm of Permindex, and widely regarded in the histories as a CIA "front"

... Readers unfamiliar with the use of trade-route commercial organisations as "fronts" for the infiltration of intelligence operatives into hostile lands should check out the entry for CIA Front Organisations (and/or any James Bond book) before proceeding

... the Centro Mondiale Commerciale (CMC) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for its part in promoting right-wing factions in Italian politics 1958-1967, (b) ditto for fronting right-wing black ops against left-wing factions, and (c) for generally mirroring Clay Shaw’s International Trade Mart, thus ...

"In approximately June 1958, Shaw was visited by Enrico Mantello, Vice President of Permindex of Basle, Switzerland. The organisation was planning to open a major trade building in Rome, Italy, to be called Centro Mondiale Commerciale. Mantello indicated that Ferenc Nagy, the last non-Communist Prime Minister of Hungary, was to be president of the new organisation. Shaw had come to the organisation's attention because of his 'unique' experience with 'permanent fairs', and because of the similarities between Centro Mondiale Commerciale and the International Trade Mart in New Orleans. On July 26, 1958, Mantello wrote Shaw, asking him to serve on the Board of Directors for the new organisation. [...] In early August, in a telegram to Enrico Mantello, Shaw officially accepted membership on the Board of Directors [...] although he actually knew very little about the organisation. [...] He never attended any of the board meetings" (Carpenter, 2014, p191).

Italian Newsreel piece, 1959

The CIA allegations were made in a 4th March 1967 story in the Italian newspaper Paese Sera, and were officially dismissed by Washington as Communist calumny. FURTHER READING: For a more detailed account see Steve Dorril's (1983) paper entitled "Permindex: The International Trade in Disinformation" [full text online INTERESTING STUFF].

Chakrabarti, Shami [Baroness] 2016: British civil liberties lawyer and Labour Party politician Shami Chakrabarti is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of the panel members on the 2011-2012 Leveson Inquiry into MSM malpractice, and (b) for having headed the 2016 Chakrabarti Inquiry into antisemitism within the Labour Party.

Chamberlin, Stephen Jones: American career soldier Stephen J. Chamberlin is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating from West Point in 1912, (b) for serving in WW1 as Dispatch Officer at the port of Hoboken, (c) for continuing as a careerist staff officer 1919-1951,
(d) for serving 1942-1945 as Assistant Chief of Staff at General Douglas MacArthur's Australian headquarters, administering operations in New Guinea, Borneo, and the Philippines, and (e) for service as a director of the G-2 Intelligence Division of the War Department 1946-1951 (retirement). In this last respect he helped to set up the scheme whereby U.S. visas (and eventual citizenships) were granted to the Nazi scientists brought into the United States under Operation PAPERCLIP [see own entry and the insets in that for Charles Thomas [Passport Officer] ALL FASCINATING STUFF]. He died in 1971, aged 81.

Chamorro, Violeta: Nicaraguan centrist journalist-politician President[1990-1997] Violeta Chamorro [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being Nicaragua's first and so far only female president, (b) for supporting the rise of the Sandinistas [see own entry] in the 1978-1979 uprising against Anastasio Somoza [Jnr.] [see own entry], (c) for having then clashed quite fundamentally with Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega [see own entry], believing him to be too politically radical and campaigning against him in the run-up to the 1990 elections, and (d) for having then defeated Ortega in 1990, serving as president herself until 1997 and doing much to rebuild Nicaragua's war-ravaged economy (Ortega had attracted U.S. economic sanctions, Chamorro did not).

Chan, Sheng-Mai: [The received modern transliteration is Chen Xiangmei] See the entry for Anna Chennault.

Chandra, Subhash: See the entry for WION.

Chaney, Patrolman James M.: DPD motorcycle outrider James Chaney [no convenient biography] was riding inside-right of the four DPD motorcycles attached to limo #1. Chaney's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to camera [YouTube it now].

Chang, Su-Yan "Suzy"[a.k.a. Jackie Chang; Suzy Chu] Having been displaced by the Chinese Civil War in around 1954 Suzy Chang [Spartacus Educational biography] ended up in Birmingham, England, training as a nurse, while her parents settled in Delaware. She then abandoned her training and moved to London where she found work in West End clubs, soon falling in with society procurer Stephen Ward [q.v.]. Somehow this led to her visiting the U.S., possibly in company with Mariella Novotny [q.v.], where she fell in with society procurer Robert Gene Baker, who introduced her in turn to JFK, with whom she is reported to have had a brief affair.

Chariton, Wallace O.: Texas historian Wallace Chariton [no convenient biography] interviewed Dealey Plaza witness Jerry Coley, featuring it in his 1990 book "Unsolved Texas Mysteries". This was the origin of the Blood or Cola Thread.

Chasidism: Dealt with herein as Hasidism.

Chatham House: Synecdoche for the Royal Institute of International Affairs, which see.

***** PROTESTER AGAINST CONSPIRACY, WW1 *****

Chatterton, Edward Keble: British magazine editor turned WW1 naval commander (Queenstown Command, Patrol Region XXI) E. Keble Chatterton [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton, a raw material for explosives [for the relevant chemistry see the entry for Bertram Blount]. Macgregor and Docherty cite testimony by Chatterton in his 1932 book "The Big Blockade" that the blockading fleet - his flotilla included - had not been "left alone to do its persistent duties" (Chatterton, 1932, pp166-167) thanks to constant Whitehall interference. Had that not been the case, the Royal Navy, left to its own devices, could have strangled the trade more or less totally. Here is a brief extract ...
"The work done by the [10th Cruiser] squadron has never been accurately recorded. They worked under a cloak of secrecy … the Germans knew more about the Squadron than did our own people" (Admiral Dudley de Chair, commander 10th Cruiser Squadron 1914-1916, quoted in Chatterton, 1932, K58).

Cheek, Bertha: Dallas businesswoman Bertha Cheek [no convenient biography] owned a number of rooming houses, as did her sister Earlene Roberts, often putting up suspicious transients. Cheek's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Chen, Sheng-Mai: [The received modern transliteration is Chen Xiangmei] See the entry for Anna Chennault.

Chennault, Anna Chen: Beijing-born journalist turned American [naturalised in 1950] publicist turned Vietnam-era political mouthpiece for the hard right Anna Chennault [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for marrying Flying Tigers hero Claire Chennault [see own entry] in December 1947, (b) for helping him run Civil Air Transport (CAT) out of Taipei over the ensuing decade, (c) for remaining loyal to Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist administration after it had been run offshore by the Chinese Communists [see 1st October 1949], (d) for inheriting CAT upon the death of her husband in 1958, selling it on to the CIA, (e) for reportedly becoming romantically involved with her husband's former White House handler Thomas [the "Cork"] Corcoran [see own entry], and (f) for becoming involved with Republican Party politics, campaigning for Richard Nixon in his unsuccessful 1960 presidential bid, and then being rewarded by him after his successful 1968 campaign with an appointment as special advisor on Asian affairs. She died in 2018 aged 94.

Chennault, Claire ["Old Leatherface"] Lee: WW1 veteran and interwar pursuit pilot instructor Colonel (ROCAF) Claire Chennault [Wikipedia biography; ignore apparent Frenchness and pronounce as Chen+nought] had retired from the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1937 and taken employment as a combat mercenary advising Chiang Kai-Shek's [see own entry] regime in its losing struggle against both its Communist Party of China (CPC) rivals in the Chinese Civil War [see 12th March 1925ff] and the Japanese Invasion of China [see 7th July 1937]. He soon established the "international squadron" which, during 1939-1940, became - with U.S. funding - the fledgeling ROCAF, the Republic of China Air Force in the defence of the Pacific Rim - Ed.). After President Franklin D. Roosevelt's authorisation on 15th April 1941 of the Rangoon-headquartered American Volunteer Group ("The Flying Tigers") [see own entry], Chennault recruited some 300 American pilots and ground crew to fly into forward fields in the south of China, and from there to support ROCAF operations. For his efforts he made the front cover of TIME Magazine on 6th December 1943. After the war he went into civilian aviation as Civil Air Transport (CAT) [see own entry], running supplies to Chiang's ever-shrinking front-line and supporting U.S.-Nationalist intelligence operations. He married Chinese journalist Chen Sheng-Mai [see own entry - RECOMMENDED] in December 1947. His organisation was then taken over [three days after the beginning of the Korean War - Ed.] as the air arm of all the CIA's South-East Asian black ops, and was active as such during the Korean War, and - renamed Air America - the Vietnam War. Chennault retired from active involvement in operations after the CIA take-over in June 1950, but stayed loosely in touch for a while thanks to his (and his wife's) intimate knowledge of the players in the China theatre.

RESEARCH ISSUE - CAT AND CBW?: At some time Chennault became friends with the decidedly murky New Orleans-based biological warfare pioneer Alton Ochsner [see own entry]. We are unclear as to precisely when, or in what context, this relationship started, but it was strong enough that when he was himself afflicted with terminal lung cancer Chennault was treated by Ochsner personally. We only became aware of this association in Spring 2019, having already raised an entry for Chennault because of the fascinating possibility of a link between his airline and the JFK assassination. These and other angles are continued in the entries for Robert Vinson [COMPULSORY READING], Anna Chennault, and Thomas G. Corcoran, as well as in that for the infamous Japanese CBW experts Unit 731! In this latter respect it would be nice to know, for example, whether Chennault's people ever flew Ochsner into wartime China, there to liaise perhaps with British expert Joseph Needham [see own entry] concerning the Japanese CBW threat.
Cherami, Rose: [Often seen - wrongly - as Cheramie; properly Melba Christine Youngblood Marcades (sic); occasionally Patsy Sue Allen] Sometime Carousel Club stripper, drug mule, and addict Rose Cherami [Spartacus Educational biography] was found by the roadside 20th November 1963 near EuniceLA, claiming to have been dumped in the middle of nowhere by two men on a mission for Jack Ruby. As her drug intoxication wore off she began to experience withdrawal symptoms, and so was relocated to the East Louisiana State Hospital at LafayetteLA. During the two hour drive she told her escorting officer Francis Frugé [see own entry] that Ruby was involved in a plot to kill JFK during his impending visit to Dallas. She also repeated this story to her attending psychiatrist Victor Weiss. Neither authority gave her story any credence, until after the news of the killing came through. Cherami was then professionally silenced in a carefully staged automobile accident 4th September 1965. Her death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses" [Amazon - SPEKTACULAR BUT MUCH FOOD FOR THOUGHT], and in the Foreword to her son's (2016) book referenced below, researcher J. Gary Shaw explains why her murder would have been seen as necessary, thus ...

"Rose possessed prior knowledge of the murder, prior knowledge of the identities of possible assassins, knowledge of an association between [LHO] and [Jack Ruby], and first-hand knowledge of Ruby's ties to known members of organised crime. This kind of information will get a person killed" (Shaw, in Marcades and Kirkpatrick, 2016, p10).

Cherami’s foreknowledge narrative subsequently featured vividly as one of the opening scenes in Oliver Stone's 1991 movie "JFK" [IMDB entry]. More recently, Cherami’s son Michael Marcades' (2016) has published a biography of his mother under the title "Rose Cherami: Gathering Fallen Petals" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED; YouTube promotion - RECOMMENDED]. This work takes us back to the late 1930s and chronicles Cherami’s early life as a teenage runaway from a dysfunctional family home. By 1941 she was working as a drugs mule out of San AntonioTX for a small-time dealer named Johnny Delano. Attempting to break free a second time, she was arrested for stealing Delano’s car and possessing narcotics, and given a two-year stretch (1942-1944) in the Louisiana State Penitentiary, AngolaLA [Wikipedia briefing]. Here, thanks to her youth and good looks, she was able to join the prison's "Cordiality Crew", providing hospitality services, including overnight, to visiting bigwigs (p72). She then formed a close relationship with one of her Johns, a 'Dr. B', who told her he was "on a special project for the government" (p79), and who ended up using her in LSD experiments being carried out at East Louisiana State Hospital, JacksonLA, thus ...

"The doctor also sent for her often to stay for several nights at a time in his room at the hospital, where she willingly submitted to his sexual commands. To justify her presence at the hospital, he also performed the same tests on her that he was doing on some of the hospital patients, and a few inmates from Angola as well. The Army and the CIA had a keen interest in the use of LSD as a path to mind control"(pp 81-82).

When Cherami was released from Angola 9th October 1944 she returned to the family home and attempted to rebuild her life, getting a job as a switchboard operator and finding herself a husband. Then the itchy feet came back and she ended up in the red light district of New Orleans ...

"During the 1950s, over fifty adult clubs were thriving on Bourbon Street. [...] Erotic striptease shows now had queues of exotic dancers in training, vying for the attention and benefits of making it to centre stage burlesque. Among those clubs was The Blue Angel. It was at the top of the list for having the sexiest, most gorgeous strippers on Bourbon Street; this exclusive list included Melba Christine Youngblood" (p95).

Cherami married one Eddie Marcades in 1952, and gave birth to Michael in 1953. However she soon fell victim to alcohol and heroin again and the child was eventually raised by grandparents. In the early 1960s she relocated to Dallas, where she fell in with, and did odd couriering jobs for, Jack...
Ruby. She was also witness to the comings and goings and topics of discussion at his nightclub, and this was how - in the week before the assassination - she came to overhear two Hispanics talking between themselves about what was going to happen. **FURTHER READING:** The events of November 1963 are related in admirable detail by Marcades and Kirkpatrick (2016, Chapters 8-10). For more on the government's LSD experiments at the time see *Lone Frank* 's (2018) book "*The Pleasure Shock*" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED]. Physician *Robert Heath* [see own entry] used LSD on human subjects at East Louisiana State Hospital and Angola Prison. See also *Kate Marcello* 's (2015) book "*CONSPIRACY FACT: MKULTRA and Mind Control in the United States*" [Amazon].

Cherryholmes, J. Edward: Pastor and journalist *J. Edward Cherryholmes* [no convenient biography but see 2013 obituary] was ghost-writer to assassination eyewitness *Howard Brennan* [q.v.] for his 1987 book "Eyewitness to History".

***** A PIVOTAL LACK OF CORROBORATION HERE *****

*Chetta, Nicky, Jr.*: [Read firstly the entry for (his father) Nicholas Chetta, Sr., and - paying very careful attention - the Timeline entry for 6th March 1969] Son of New Orleans Coroner *Nicholas Chetta, Sr.*, and nowadays a marketing professional, *Nicky Chetta, Jr.* [no convenient biography but several online snippets available to the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for delivering (or not) the 6th March 1969 bombshell referred to in Edward Haslam's 2007/2014 book "*Dr. Mary's Monkey*". However as far as we have been able to ascertain, Chetta, Jr. - who must be heartily sick of researchers cross-checking with him - has so far signally failed to endorse Haslam's story. Readers should therefore exercise due caution and treat Haslam's story as unconfirmed.

***** SILENCED WITNESS? *****

*Chetta, Dr. Nicholas J., Sr.*: NOLA Coroner and "fine public official" *Nicholas Chetta, Sr.* [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for overseeing the August 1962 autopsy on *Robert Perrin* [see own entry] (certifying the voluntary ingestion of arsenic), (b) for being Coroner at the time of *Monroe S. Samuels* 21st July 1964 autopsy on *Mary Sherman* (certifying murder by a single stab wound to the heart, and taking no substantive action regarding the fact that her entire right arm was somehow not at the scene!) (and she was certain that she had it with her when she left for work the previous evening) ...

**ASIDE:** Sherman's must have been a particularly difficult case to autopsy, for in addition to the fatal stab wound and the AWOL right arm there were a number of post-mortem stab wounds, including one to the genitals - for the gory detail *see Timeline 21st July 1964*. Note also, for precision's sake, that the Coroner was not the hands-on performer of either the immediate autopsy or the follow up laboratory investigations, thus ...

"Dr. Nicholas J. Chetta was actually the Coroner at the time, but his name does not appear anywhere in the newspaper articles, in the police reports, or in the autopsy report. Nor do his signature or initials appear on any related document from the Coroner's office" (Haslam, 2007/2014, p233).

We learn from *Edward Haslam* 's 2007/2014 book "*Dr. Mary's Monkey*" that Chetta might have talked rather too frankly about his work to his wife and family, because in school one day his 17-year-old son *Nicky Chetta* [see own entry - IMPORTANT BECAUSE CONTAINS CONTRARY ASSERTIONS] was able to narrate to his teacher and fellow pupils a detailed and spontaneous account of the broader Sherman case, including her out-stationed animal laboratory, monkey viruses, cancer injections, and the like - *see Timeline 6th March 1969* for the fuller narrative.

(c) for overseeing the February 1967 autopsy on Sherman's out-stationed support technician *David Ferrie* (certifying natural causes - a burst blood vessel at the base of the brain - and ignoring the presence of three apparently valedictory letters at the scene, which might have indicated either a genuine suicide or a murder made up to look like a suicide) ....

**ASIDE:** In her 2014 book "Ferrie", *Judyth Vary Baker* gives the timings as follows ...

1150 Discovery of Ferrie's body
1205 NOPD first responders arrive
1210 District Attorney's Investigator Louis Ivon [see own entry] arrives
1230 Coroner's officers arrive
1245 Coroner Nicholas Chetta arrives
1300 Ferrie formally pronounced dead
1400 Body removed after scene of crime photographs and samples taken

The autopsy began at 1500hr, and included the observation that "rigor mortis is just beginning in the distal aspects of the extremities"

**ASIDE - RIGOR MORTIS AND TIME OF DEATH:** Rigor mortis is a pronounced stiffening of the joints in the hours following death, resulting from metabolic close-down (which is why stiffs are called stiffs in the first place). For a peer-reviewed 10-page introduction to the subject, we recommend Kori's (2018 [full text online]) paper "Time Since Death From Rigor Mortis". Rigor is important data because it is one of the observations which helps place time of death when other factors fail to do so. It begins around three hours after death, and is complete around five hours after that. Given that the distal extremities are last to stiffen, then with an autopsy timed at 1500hr the time of Ferrie's death would be around 0700hr that morning.

In her 2005 book "A Farewell to Justice" Joan Mellen notes as follows ...

"Coroner Nicholas Chetta knelt down and sniffed the corpse. 'Poison! Poison!' he said. But Chetta ruled finally that Ferrie had died of natural causes, a ruptured blood vessel at the base of the brain, a 'beury aneurism' 

**CORRECTION:** There is no such thing, so read instead as "berry aneurism" [Wikipedia briefing (scroll to <saccular aneurisms>)].

[...] Dr. Chetta ruled that the time of death was before midnight, only for reporter Lardner to contend that he had been with Ferrie until just before four in the morning. Chetta then dutifully altered the time of death. [...] Jack Martin noted that Nicholas Chetta was famous for selling 'natural causes' verdicts, 'just like a prostitute'. So Chetta had ruled in other suspicious deaths [two instances given]" (Mellen, 2005, pp106-108).

(d) for overseeing the examination 27th February 1967 under sodium pentothal hypnosis of Perry Russo [see own entry and Timeline 27th February 1967] …

**ASIDE:** At this juncture Mellen specifically notes that Chetta was "persuaded" by what he had seen and heard: "There is not a chance at all," he remarked, "that what this kid said is not true" (p115). This being so, then it marks sort of Damascene Conversion on Chetta's part, for he had been less than inquisitive concerning the inconsistencies in the Sherman and Ferrie cases. There is no way of knowing for certain, of course, but it would certainly explain (f) below!

(e) for speaking to (d) as an expert witness at Clay Shaw's preliminary hearing 16th March 1967 [link at end], and (f) for very conveniently dying of a heart attack on 25th May 1968, aged 50 years (this death being one of more convincing of the 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses"). Chetta, Sr.'s evidential profile is as follows: Clay Shaw Preliminary Hearing, March 1967 [read it now].

Chiang, Kai-Shek: [alternatively transliterated as Jiang Jieshi] Right-wing traditionalist politician-warlord Chiang Kai-Shek [Wikipedia biography] was by one title or another head of state of the Nationalist Chinese government from 10th October 1928 until his death at age 87 years on 5th April 1975. For the first 21 years of this rule (specifically, until 10th December 1949) he presided over an ever-dwindling foothold on mainland China, driven back inexorably by the Communist Party of China (CPC)'s People's Liberation Army commanded by Mao Zedong [see own entry]. For the remaining 25 years of his life he ruled the Nationalist rump from the island of Formosa [modern Taiwan], initially as a U.S.-backed loser in the Chinese Civil War [see 12th March 1925ff] but with effect from 27th June 1950 as a link in the U.S. strategic defence line around the Pacific Rim, under the express protection of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

***** CAUTION *****

POSSIBLE BRITISH DOUBLE AGENT, IRISH HOME RULE
POSSIBLE DEEP STATE CONSPIRATOR, JULY 1914
POSSIBLE DEEP STATE CONSPIRATOR, IRISH INDEPENDENCE

Childers, Robert Erskine: Anglo-Irish lawyer, civil servant, Second Boer War veteran, anti-German spy novelist, pro-Irish activist (1908-1913), anti-British gun runner (1914), pro-British serviceman (1915-1918), Sinn Féin's chief propagandist (1919-1921), Irish Cabinet Minister (1921-1922), and finally Captain in the IRA (1922) Erskine Childers [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the British civil service in 1894 as a House of Commons clerk, where he became good friends with fellow junior Basil Williams [see own entry] (soon to be recruited into Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry]), (b) for learning to sail during the long parliamentary recesses ...

ASIDE #1: His 1897 voyage to the Baltic via the Frisian Islands and the newly opened Kiel Canal would, five years later, form the basis of the novel "The Riddle of the Sands" - see below.

(c) for following Williams when war came in 1900 into the City of London Imperial Volunteers (CIV) [Wikipedia briefing], a volunteer force within the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC) [Wikipedia briefing], wherein he served as a horsed artillery driver, (c) for publishing the personal campaign memoir "In the Ranks of the CIV" [full text online] in 1900, thereby coming to the attention of the HAC's Commander-in-Chief Lord Denbigh [see own entry], (d) for thereby being commissioned as second author between 1903 and 1908 to Basil Williams in producing the HAC's broader memoir "With the HAC in South Africa" [full text online], (e) for working on a second project at the same time, namely his May 1903 novel "The Riddle of the Sands"  [Wikipedia synopsis] ...

ASIDE #2: Childers' (1903) "Riddle of the Sands" was typical of the "invasion fantasy" genre of the pre-war years [see 16th March 1906], and was filmed starring Michael York in 1979. It was, Childers confessed, "a story with a purpose".

(f) for socialising/corresponding with Sir George Clarke [later Lord Sydenham] [see own entry], Secretary of the Committee of Imperial Defence [see own entry] on how best to reorganise Britain's armed forces to address deficiencies made apparent in South Africa, (g) for taking a motoring holiday through Ireland in September 1908, and for returning "finally and immutably a convert to home rule"(quoted in Ring, 1996, 2405) ...

ASIDE #3: Suspicious historians such as Macgregor and Docherty (2017) place Childers as a British intelligence asset as of this point in time, and see him as attempting to infiltrate the home rule community. Other authorities, such as Ring (1996), note his Anglo-Irish descent and judge him able to serve both Empire and Irish autonomy simultaneously. We find no problem with this, because similar calls for autonomy were afoot in Australia, Canada, and India. Most Irish, in fact, were not initially anti-Crown, just as most nationalist Americans had not initially been republicans in 1775. But they could be made revolutionaries once their passions had been deliberately rabble-roused. Our personal view is that Childers was - on balance of evidence - more likely than not just such an agent provocateur (although we remain undecided on precisely who his handlers were). The case against Childers would be openly debated in the Dáil in 1922. More on all this shortly ...

(h) for publishing the technical monographs "War and the Arme Blanche" in 1910 and "The German Influence on British Cavalry" in 1111, jointly addressing the problem of how best to deploy cavalry against modern weapons, (i) for resigning his Westminster clerkship in October 1910, (j) for visiting Ireland again in 1911 to find up-to-date material for his 1911 book "The Framework of Home Rule", and for establishing with Basil Williams the 1912 Home Rule League [see own entry] to pamphlet and lobby for same, (k) for undertaking another Baltic trip in high summer 1913 - this time in the yacht Asgard [the Norse heavenly kingdom wherein lies Valhalla - Ed.] - along with fellow home-ruler, pioneer military aviator, and serving British Army intelligence officer Lieutenant [later Brigadier-General] Gordon Shephard [see own entry] and the Americans Barthold Schlesinger [see below] and Samuel Pierce [nothing known] ...

ASIDE #4: On this occasion Childers' fame had gone before him and he was under constant German surveillance. We are unclear whether Barthold Schlesinger is the same Barthold Schlesinger who had been CEO of armaments firm Vickers and Company's Boston operation until retiring in 1905. If the same, then he
would have been too old to do much active crewing. A Sebastian Benson Schlesinger of about the same age and director of the same company had been German Consul in Boston for 17 years - perhaps Barthold's brother? Schlesinger seems to have been dropped off at Stockholm half way through the voyage.

(l) for immediately undertaking yet another fact-finding visit to Ireland in September 1913, during which visit he had talks with nationalist extremist Sir Roger Casement [see own entry] concerning the likelihood of an Ulster-versus-the Rest civil war ...

**ASIDE #5:** Ireland had been self-governing under the British Crown since 1782, but with a strong identity as a conquered and colonised nation in its own right. It had a non-indigenous British squireocracy superimposed upon an indigenous Irish population (less so in the six northern counties of Ulster, where many empire loyalists had been deliberately immigrated). It was thus easy for nationalist fervour to be deliberately inflamed by Britain's enemies, as was attempted by France in 1791 [see 7th October 1791]. Britain and Ireland then passed back-to-back Acts of Union at the turn of the century [see 1st August 1800], and by 1870 nationalist tensions had been domesticated into a peaceful Home Rule political movement [see 19th May 1870, and onward thread]. By 1913, however, the confrontation had grown more visceral. Led by Sir Edward Carson, Ulster's empire loyalists had, in September 1912, just signed the Ulster Covenant [see 28th September 1912], swearing to do whatever it might take to prevent home rule. This was followed in January 1913 by the formation of the paramilitary Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) [see own entry]. The Irish nationalists then responded by setting up the Irish Volunteers [see own entry]. The two forces paraded regularly against each other, but initially lacked the arms to do anything more serious. The UVF were then the first to become armed, thanks to the April 1914 gun-running at Larne [see 24th April 1914], and this set the stage not just for the Volunteers to be armed in their turn, but - should those arms be sourced in Germany - for this to be construed as an act of war on their part!

(m) for disagreeing so vehemently with Asquith's concessions to Carson that he withdrew from The Liberal Party's list of prospective parliamentary candidates, (n) for joining a possibly treasonous conclave, working with Mary Spring Rice [see own entry], his wife Molly, Casement, and others to obtain rifles for the Irish Volunteers, (o) for travelling to Hamburg to make the necessary purchase, (p) for setting off in Asgard 3rd July 1914,crewed by Shephard again (now a pilot in the newly created Royal Flying Corps) and a friend of his Colonel Robert Henry Pippin (nothing known; Ring (1996) is the only source) (who reportedly thought it all a "crackpot" scheme), (q) for making rendezvous 12th July 1914 at the Ruytingen Lightship, south of the Goodwin Sands, and successfully taking on the weapons, (r) for offloading same 26th July 1914 in Howth harbour, Dublin Bay, onto the shoulders of 800 waiting Volunteers, and then sailing blithely off back to England, (s) for then returning to Ireland a fortnight later for further meetings with the Volunteers, only to be interrupted during a 16th August 1914 meeting by the arrival of a telegram from the Director of Naval Intelligence summoning him to the Admiralty ...

**LEST IT GO UNNOTICED:** So only days after successfully evading Royal Navy patrols (they might have been deliberately looking the wrong way, remember) and arming a battalion of potential German allies, and at a planning meeting with the commanders of said battalion, who count him as a friend - nay, hero - to the cause, he received a telegram from Whitehall [think of it as James Bond getting a text from "M" half way through telling Dr. No that he had nothing to worry about - Ed.]. Not only do the Irish nationalists never totally trust him again, but it is one of the reasons why the Howth Gun-Running [see 26th July, 1914] has been portrayed by Docherty and MacGregor (2012 [Amazon]) as nothing less than a deliberately staged Milner Group [see the entry for Cecil Rhodes] pretext for a pre-emptive British declaration of war against Germany, only rendered unnecessary at the last minute by the German invasion of Belgium!

(t) for returning immediately to London for talks with the Fourth Sea Lord, a commission as Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, and deployment aboard the seaplane tender HMS Engadine [Wikipedia shipography], to help ready it for a surprise attack on the German North Sea coast, (u) for taking part (as navigator-observer) in the resulting Cuxhaven Raid [see 25th December 1914] (the first Carrier Raid in history), (v) for transferring in January 1915 to the larger HMS Ben-My-Chree [Wikipedia shipography], arriving for service in the Gallipoli Campaign on 10th June 1915, there to conduct world-first experiments with air-launched torpedoes [see 12th August 1915] ...
ASIDE #6: One of the as-yet-unsolved mysteries of the war is why Childers had a consignment of "wool" addressed to him aboard the Lusitania on her fateful final voyage in May 1915. To line his squadron's flying boots, perhaps?

(w) for being transferred in June 1916 to an experimental fast torpedo boat squadron based at Harwich, now with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, (x) for being seconded 27th July 1917 to the secretariat to the (in the event abortive) 1917–1918 Irish Convention [Wikipedia briefing] then gathering in Dublin, (y) for moving on, now as RAF intelligence officer, to help plan a strategic bombing offensive against Germany (bad weather cancelled the first raid 10th November 1918, and the Armistice was announced the following day), (z) for being formally demobbed 10th March 1919, quickly drifting back into Irish politics (now bloodier than ever), (aa) for lobbying on behalf of Sinn Féin so well in April 1919 that he was chosen in May to attend the Versailles Peace Conference as part of their delegation, (ab) for taking a directorship in April 1919 with the Irish National Land Bank, (ac) for being appointed in July 1920 to the Standing Executive Committee of the National White Cross [see own entry] to administer the flow of donations coming in from the United States (much of it thanks to Childers' publicity offensive), (ad) for becoming increasingly aggressive with his writings in late 1920, as sectarian violence intensified, (ae) for thereby becoming Sinn Féin's Director of Propaganda in February 1921 (in part because he knew how to get through to the English audience), (af) for becoming T.D. [Irish Gaelic = Member of Parliament] for Kildare and Wicklow in the experimental Irish Parliament in April 1921, and then for being appointed Minister of Publicity, a Cabinet post, under Éamon de Valera and alongside Michael Collins, (ag) for serving as Secretary to the Irish delegation to talks in London between October and early December 1921, at which Britain offered Ireland Dominion status but the Irish held out for full independence as a republic, (ah) for eventually agreeing 6th December 1921 on a treaty of north-south partition, with the six counties of Ulster becoming part of the United Kingdom, and the sixteen southern counties becoming the Irish Free State [Wikipedia briefing], (ai) for taking part in the ensuing deliberations within a deeply divided Dáil Éireann, speaking out personally against the Treaty 18th December 1921 ...

ASIDE #7: The Dáil finally voted 7th January 1922 to accept the Treaty 64:57, and Collins symbolically accepted the keys to Dublin Castle nine days later.

(aj) For losing his parliamentary seat in the ratifying general election 16th June 1922, which returned 94 members supporting the Treaty and 34 opposing it, (ak) for being accused by some in the Dáil of being a British agent provocateur sent to foment anti-Treaty republicanism ...

ASIDE #8: The Dáil transcript for the 8th June 1922 Motion of Censure, in which Childers defends himself against the charge of being "some secret agent of England" makes interesting reading - check it out.

(al) for becoming a Captain under de Valera in the Irish Republican Army (IRA) once the stand-off had descended into a shooting Civil War on 28th June 1922 ...

ASIDE #9: The Free State's armed forces were commanded by Chairman of the Provisional Government Collins, while the less-well-documented IRA were inspired politically by de Valera. Collins was killed in an IRA ambush 22nd August 1922, and replaced by William T. Cosgrave [Wikipedia biography]. It would be under this latter's jurisdiction that Childers would shortly meet his end.

and (am) for being arrested 10th November 1922 under emergency powers allowing armed terrorists to be executed, tried under same, and duly shot at dawn 24th November; the end, according to Winston Churchill, of a "mischief-making murderous renegade". In his final hours he was visited by his 16-year-old son Erskine Hamilton Childers [Wikipedia biography], making the boy promise to shake the hand of all his political enemies as a gesture of national reconciliation. By all accounts Childers Jr did precisely that, and in the fullness of time became President of a republican Ireland in June 1973. [THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE]

China Defense Supplies: See the inset to the entry for Thomas G. Corcoran.

China Inland Mission (CIM): [Note the many relatively recent name changes within.] Founded in Brighton, England, in 1865 by British China missionaries James Hudson Taylor [Wikipedia biography] and William Thomas Berger [Wikipedia biography], the CIM [Wikipedia briefing] was (and its modern incarnation, OMFI International [homepage], still is) noteworthy in the present context (a) for peddling Protestant ideas into China, ideally in Chinese and by missionaries dressed in Chinese costume, (b) for placing their first people in the field during the winter of 1865/1866, (c) for soon relocating to Newington Green, London, (d) for being helped along by the 1876 Chefoo Convention ...

QUICKIE - THE CHEFOO CONVENTION: The Chefoo Convention [Wikipedia briefing] was an unequal agreement between the Chinese and British governments signed at Chefoo/Xihifu [map] on 21st August 1876, giving permission - amongst other things - for a greater Western missionary presence in China. Note firstly that the act of graciously inviting vocal foreigners into your land somewhat invidiously places the hosting nation under burden of protecting them should their words or deeds start to irritate your people, and secondly that any failures to safeguard them to their satisfaction immediately permit punitive military incursions into your land to "protect" said lives and property.

... (e) for growing in strength over the next two decades and specialising in new parishes deep inland, (f) for staging a recruiting and fund-raising tour of the United States in 1888, obtaining strong endorsement from the American revivalist Dwight L. Moody [see own entry USEFUL PARALLEL NARRATIVE], (g) for being in the wrong place at the wrong time when, in the late-1970s, constant foreign interference in China finally provoked the Boxer Uprising ...

CAMEO - CIM AND THE BOXERS: Although the Boxer Rebellion [Wikipedia briefing] did not hit the headlines in the West until the famous 55 Days at Peking [Wikipedia briefing] in high summer 1900, ill-feeling against unwelcome Western influence in China had been surging since at least five years earlier. Outlying mission stations were quick to suffer because they were seen as "primary devils". Their Chinese followers were known as "secondary devils", and both primaries and secondaries were regularly done to death wherever things got violent. The West responded with force of arms, backed up by a propaganda campaign using the latest techniques of mass media cinematography - see Timeline 14th June 1900, and the video links provided.

... (h) for rebuilding their strength 1901-1936, protected now by Western arms...

CAMEO - CIM AND THE UYGURS: The Wiki relates, for example, how in 1913 a CIM official named William Whiting Borden [Wikipedia biography] "left a comfortable life in America to respond to the call for workers with the Muslims of northwest China". Sadly, however, Borden contracted meningitis during a stop-over in Cairo to learn Arabic, and died. We mention this here because it indicates how far into the Chinese hinterland the CIM were planning their presence. We nowadays know the people of "northwest China" as the Uyghurs [Wikipedia briefing], and the region has since been turned into a political football by China-hostile Western propaganda - YouTube one of the more intellectually insulting works of propaganda here. Another early source, Broomhall (op. cit. inf.), gives a valuable insight into the CIM operation in the region, thus ...

"From the snow-clad hills of Tibet, we pass to the arid plains of Sinkiang/Xinjiang [Wikipedia briefing], otherwise known as Chinese Turkestan. This vast territory, extending over some 1,100 miles from east to west, and for nearly 600 miles from north to south, is an area approximately equal to that of the German Empire with France and Spain combined. Yet in all this region there was no Protestant missionary prior to 1905, with the exception of the two mission stations of Yarkand and Kashgar on the Russian frontier, worked by Swedish missionaries. Sinkiang may be roughly described as an immense desert, for the most part sandy and barren, surrounded by lofty mountains. Its sand-buried cities and dried-up rivers, while they tell of prosperous times in years gone by, give evidence of those climatic changes which, in part at least, have caused the desiccation of great areas of Central Asia. Its population, probably extending to some two or three millions, is composed of Turks, Mongols, Chinese, Manchus, Sarts, and Hindoos. Turki is the dialect most commonly spoken, though Chinese, Mongol, and Tibetan are also employed, while Mohammedanism is the prevailing religion" (p287).

CAMEO - CIM AND THE LISU PEOPLE: The Wiki also relates how in 1908 the CIM's James O. Fraser [Wikipedia biography] "was the first to bring the Gospel message to the Lisu tribes [Wikipedia briefing] of Yunnan [Wikipedia briefing] in southwest China[, resulting] in phenomenal church growth among the various tribes in the area that has endured to the 21st century". We mention this here because, despite its remoteness, the region
was well placed geopolitically to help shape the modern world. To start with, between 1938 and 10th December 1949 (when it fell to the PLA) its capital Kunming [map] was the main base for Claire Chennault's U.S. air operations (both overt and covert) in the China-Indochina theatre of war [see Timeline 20th October 1938, then as threaded] (specifically, it was at the northern end of the WW2 air bridge "Over the Hump" [Wikipedia briefing]). The area also features in the deep history of the Vietnam War - see the <CONEIN IN INDOCHINA> inset in the entry for OSS/CIA careerist (and likely Dealey Plaza brigadier) Lucien Conein.

For reasons which will quickly become apparent, readers unfamiliar with the United States' interference in the Chinese Civil War during the 1930s should check out the entry for <John M. Birch> before proceeding.

**CAMEO - CIM IN THE CHINESE CIVIL WAR:** The Wiki also relates how CIM personnel came under fire again in the mid-1930s as the Chinese Civil War grew more ferocious [see Timeline 24th March 1931, then as threaded]. Specifically, it records the murder on 8th December 1934 of American missionaries John and Betty Stum [Wikipedia biography] at the hands of elements of the 19th Division of the Chinese Red Army. There are similarities to the later confrontation involving the aforementioned missionary-spy John M. Birch.

... (i) for relocating their headquarters inland along the Yangtse River to Chungking in 1937, in the face of that autumn's Japanese Invasion of China [see Timeline 23rd September 1937], (j) for being forced out of China 1949-1953 following the Communist victory in the Civil War, and the establishment of the modern PRC, relocating instead to Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Indochina, (k) for changing its name in 1964 to Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF), and (l) for still going strong into the 21st century, presently fielding some 1400 workers globally. **FURTHER READING:** For more concerning the early years (specifically, 1865-1915) see Marshall Broomhall's (1915/e2018) "The Jubilee Story of the China Inland Mission" [Amazon]. For some detailed statistics from 1898 see the CIM's "China's Millions, 1898" [Amazon FASCINATING STUFF (the CIM has 73 entries as author on Amazon, so this is just for starters)]. For some valuable first-hand observations on the life of CIM missionaries in the interwar period see the correspondence of the Carpenters in Jean Wemyss-Gorman's (2021) "Seven Years in China in the 1930s" [Amazon]. For more on the industrial scale use of religious missions as covers for intelligence operations, see George Evica's (2006/2011) "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon], Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon], and Aaron K. Davis' (2017) "American Protestants and U.S. Foreign Policy Toward the Soviet Union During the Eisenhower Administration: Billy Graham, Reinhold Niebuhr, and G. Bromley Oxnam" [full text online]. The CIM also inspired the 1932-1949 missionary work of the Inn of the Sixth Happiness's Gladys Aylward [Wikipedia biography], although she did not eventually proceed up country in their name.

**Chinese Civil War:** The Chinese Civil War, 1927-ongoing [Wikipedia briefing] was/still is the decisive event in the post-Dynastic rebirth of the Chinese nation. It began 1st August 1927 when the Communist Party of China (CPC) split away from the Chinese Nationalist Kuomintang [see own entry and 12th March 1925ff]. It then continued under the respective leaders Mao Zedong [see own entry] and Chiang Kai-Shek [see own entry] as one of the 20th Century's hottest and longest wars. Between 1931 and 1945 the situation was complicated firstly by the Japanese Invasion of Manchuria [see 19th September 1931] and then by the Japanese Invasion of China [see 7th July 1937], and in 1941 Chiang started to receive U.S. military assistance from Claire Chennault's American Volunteer Group ("The Flying Tigers") [see own entry]. The hot war ceased with the establishment on 1st October 1949 of the mainland People's Republic of China, and then continued through the Cold War thanks to U.S. insistence that Chiang's Taiwanese Republic of China was part of its Pacific Rim defence perimeter. As of March 2018, no peace treaty has yet been signed.

**Chovevai Zion / Chovevé Zion:** See the entry for Hovevei Zion.

**Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC):** [Read firstly the entry for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching.] Founded in 1953 by Fred Schwarz [see own entry], the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC)
CACC's 1960 rally was particularly controversial because it came in the closing months of the Eisenhower Administration, and famously accused the outgoing president of Communist sympathies. The 1961 rally was held in the Hollywood Bowl arena, and the speakers included LIFE Magazine's Charles D. Jackson [see own entry], future president Ronald Reagan, Senator Thomas J. Dodd, and everyone's hero, Roy Rogers. Keynote speakers spoke scathingly about the half-hearted patriotism being displayed by the State Department under newly inaugurated President Kennedy.

Christian Broadcasting Network: See the entry for Pat Robertson.

Christian Defense League (CDL): Emerging in the late 1950s but not formally incorporated until 1964, the Christian Defense League (CDL) [no convenient briefing but much in the Boylan paper referenced below] is noteworthy in the present context as "one of the lesser known but more influential right-wing fringe organisations", helping "to meld anti-Communism, anti-Semitism, anti-Castro activities, and a hatred of the 'liberal' policies of the Kennedy Administration into a cohesive whole" (Boylan, 2014 [full text online]). Prominent amongst its officers were Klansman Wesley A. Swift and Colonel William Potter Gale, both of them Christian Identity "Israelites" by personal persuasion.

Christian Democratic Movement (MDC) [of Cuba]: [Movimiento Democrático Cristiano] Manifested in Cuba in March 1960 following some success with the concept elsewhere in South and Central America, the Christian Democratic Movement (MDC) [of Cuba] [CIA briefing, 1964, derestricted 2006] was an initiative by the Roman Catholic church designed to appeal electorially to religiously-minded conservatives as a bastion against Fidel Castro's increasingly communist (and therefore atheist) revolution, thus ...

"The [MDC] of Cuba was founded in early 1960 or late 1959 by democratic-minded Cuban middle-class leaders who had been backing Fidel Castro, but who were becoming alarmed at Communist inroads. The original MDC leaders included some of the most capable business and professional people then in Cuba. In 1961 and 1962 the MDC retained some resistance forces inside Cuba, but these are no longer operational. The MDC as an organisation is one of the larger and more militant of the several hundred Cuban exile factions based in the Miami area" (CIA, 1964; Op. cit., p4; emphasis added).

ASIDE: We are uncertain as to precisely what this CIA analyst means by the term "resistance forces". One can only surmise that the MDC was one of the many similar organisations innocently used by the CIA as cover for clandestine guerrilla operations, just like those detailed in Chapter 8 of Hugh Wilford's (2008) book "The Mighty Wurliitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon].

Law professor Jose Ignacio Rasco [Wikipedia biography] was head of the organisation, but his opposition to Castro got him exiled to Miami 22nd April 1960. Here Rasco allied the MDC to the Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD), and was soon recognised as "one of the five original exile Cuban leaders brought together by the U.S. Government to form the nucleus of a Cuban government-in-exile" (Fonzi and Palmer, 1978 [full text online], p1). The MDC featured in the JFK Assassination story as the fronting organisation for the Cuban rebel training facility at the "Lumberjack School", LacombeLA [see own entry], where it seems to have operated with support from the Louisiana chapter of the John Birch Society. The camp melted away back to Miami after the 31st July 1963 Covington Bust [see Timeline that date].

***** THE "BORN TO RULE" MEME *****
Christian Identity: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching.] Founded in 1928 by religious zealot Howard Rand [Wikipedia biography] as a non-profit proselytising fringe-Christian church selling God-promised salvation to America's Religious Right, Christian Identity [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for being a doctrinal offshoot of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America [Wikipedia briefing], which was itself an offshoot of the late-19th-Century British Israelism Movement [Wikipedia briefing], which itself had roots back into the late-16th Century. This is going to be mightily important, so we begin with a little history ...

CAMEO - THE ANGLO-SAXON "BIRTHRIGHT": The founding tenet of British Israelism was and remains that during the Hebrew diaspora of the late 8th Century BCE [Wikipedia briefing] most of the original "twelve tribes of Israel" ended up scattered to the four winds across Europe and Asia, as the "ten lost tribes of Israel" [Wikipedia briefing]. They therefore carried all the ancient blessings and Godly promises - the "Covenant" - only they didn't know it. The Anglo-Saxons - and hence the British and Americans - were proposed as one of these lost tribes, and thus possessed a God-given birthright to rule the world.

PERSONAL ASIDE: The present author is an atheist, and thus (1) regards this argument as utter tosh (because no God, no promised land), and (2) regards recent attempts to stir up the modern Religious Right as an entirely cynical political exploitation of human ignorance. He was, nonetheless, regularly engrossed in his youth by Garner Ted Armstrong's [see below] The Plain Truth radio broadcasts.

This birthright story is routinely stated online as having arisen in a (1590) book entitled "The Ten Lost Tribes" [unable to locate] by an obscure French cleric named Le Loyer [unable to confirm]. This was then followed by John Sadler's (1649) "Rights of the Kingdom" [Amazon (1682 edition)]. The work with the greatest popular impact - albeit not until 30 years after it had first been published - was the trumpeting (from a lunatic asylum, no less) of latter-day prophet Richard Brothers in his (1794) book "A Revealed Knowledge of the Prophecies and Times" [Amazon (Book, 1 of a dozen or so)]. These arguments were then more widely disseminated in a 1830 follow-up by one John Finleyson entitled "The New Covenant Between God and His People" [text available at Google Books]. Later modifications have included E. P. Ingersol's (1886) "Lost Israel Found in the Anglo-Saxon Race" [Amazon]. J. H. Allen's (1902) "Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright" [Amazon] and David Baron's (1915) "The History of the Ten 'Lost' Tribes" [Gutenberg full text online]. Coming at the height of Britain's Imperial power, it made superficial sense to be repeatedly told that the English-speaking world had God-given greatness. By the 1920s, however, Britain had been bankrupted by WW1 and the United States was the empire to be reckoned with. It therefore took only a decade or so for the British Israelists to be overtaken by American Israelists such as Howard Rand, and, subsequently, by airwave evangelists such as Herbert W. Armstrong [Wikipedia biography] and his son Garner Ted Armstrong [Wikipedia biography]. (YouTube one of the programs now.) The tale of the diaspora is told between 44:30 and 48:30, in much the same phrasing as it was told by John Sadler back in 1649.) FURTHER READING: For more of the detail, see Zvi Benite's (2009) book "The Ten Lost Tribes" [Amazon].

As a focus for America's birthright conservatives, Christian Identity filled a political vacuum from the very beginning, but with the coming of the Cold War it became increasingly strident in its condemnation of Communism - for example with the work of Wesley A. Swift and William Gale Potter, which see.

Christianity and Crisis: See the entry for Reinhold Niebuhr.

Christie, Stuart: Glaswegian anarchist footsoldier turned anarchist strategist-author Stuart Christie [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining anarchist groups in his mid-teens, (b) for being arrested in Madrid, Spain, 11th August 1964, then aged 18, in possession of a quantity of plastic explosive destined for an assassination attempt on the life of General Franco, (c) for serving three years in prison before being allowed back to Britain, where in 1972 he set up the Cienfuegos Press [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] as an anarchists' publishing house, (d) for leveraging his personal contacts for information for works such as his 1984 "Stefano Delle Chiaie" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED], a searing exposé of the CIA's masterminding of false flag terrorism across Europe during the 1960s and 1970s, (e) for supporting the campaigning work of the British anarchist groups in general, and of The Angry Brigade [Wikipedia briefing] in particular, (f) for becoming a force to be reckoned with in anti-American investigative journalism through his online outlet Christiebooks [Homepage], and (g) for returning to the earlier CIA revelations with an updated
2019 piece entitled "Aginter Press and the Strategy of Tension" [full text online, courtesy of Christiebooks HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]]. He died in 2020, aged 74 - see The Scotsman obituary.

Chumachenko, Katherine [later Kateryna Yushchenko]: [See firstly the entry for Yaroslav Stetsko.] Chicago-born to Ukrainian immigrant parents, political publicist Katherine Chumachenko [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning her trade as junior with the Ukrainian National Information Service [see own entry], being photographed with U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Jean Kirkpatrick and Ukrainian Nazi Yaroslav Stetsko in 1983 - check it out, (b) for rising rapidly through the ranks of Washington cheerleaders, (c) for thereby marrying up-and-coming Ukrainian politician Viktor ["It Was Me Wot Drunk the Soup"] Yushchenko [Wikipedia biography] in 1998, (d) for thereby becoming First Lady to President Yushchenko upon his election 23rd January 2005, being photographed in a presidential foursome with President George W. Bush during a state visit later that year - check it out, and (e) for a lifetime of effort trying to airbrush out Ukraine's Nazi past in the eyes of Western audiences.

Church Committee: A Senate Select Committee set up in 1976 under Senator Frank Church to look into abuses of power by the CIA, the NSA, the FBI, and the IRS. Robert Maheu and Johnny Roselli testified as to the CIA's connections to the mob during the struggle against Fidel Castro 1960-1963, but they could not be joined by Sam Giancana, "on account of being rubbed out" (apologies to Billy Wilder).


"The employment of missionaries by intelligence agencies was nothing new" (Wilford, 2008, p186)

Church World Service (CWS): [Read firstly the entry for CIA Front Organisations.] Founded in 1946 as a global humanitarian agency and "cooperative ministry" of 37 separate Christian denominations, the Church World Service (CWS) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for (on the one hand) more than 70 years' genuine refugee work, (b) for (on the other hand) being a cover organisation for intelligence service activity, anything from the routine profiling of the refugee stream to out-and-out black ops ...

CAMEO: In his memoirs, Spas Raikin - the man who collected LHO and Marina Oswald from the New Jersey quayside as they arrived back from the Soviet Union 13th June 1962 - explains how things are not always as they seem. This from his own period as a Bulgarian refugee in Greece ...

"I want to mention here an incident which took place in Greece while I was a refugee there. Sometimes, in 1952 I believe, the Chief of the Church World Service, Mr. Christopher King [see own entry] asked me to accompany them to show me some monastery or something like that in Athens. There, a gentleman, armed with photocameras, asked me through King to give him permission to take pictures of me. I had no objection and he placed me against a wall and started with his cameras. [...] He was taking close shots, front and profile. Much later, when the affair of the notorious [Kim] Philby came out, I remembered that the man in the newspapers looked very much like the photographer in Athens. I learned that in those days he had been in Athens, 1951 or 1952, that he had been Chief British Intelligence Officer for the Balkans, that he was at the same time agent of KGB, and advisor of the CIA for the Balkans" (Raikin, 1991/2001, p12).

and (c) for still going strong [2019 website] (being, for example, heavily involved with the intelligence-riddled aid agencies in Syria).

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"Churnalism": [Read firstly the entry for master propagandist Edward Bernays, noting especially his pioneering churnalism as an academic under contract to the CIA in sanitising the U.S.-sanctioned 1954 Guatemala Coup.] On 21st November 2019, the 22nd day of the 2019 British General Election Campaign (GE2019), a Twitter correspondent reminded leftists of a 2018 article by one Marcus Moore entitled "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now. In this article, the author makes the claim that since around 2012 the BBC's reporting has not just been "simply structured along the lines of government announcements", but has also relied far too often on statistics fed to it by the Conservative Party, which were - not unpredictably - always a one-sided spun truth.

By way of explanation, Moore specifically complains that the corporation "has long had more than its fair share of Conservatives in prominent roles". Among the persons named were (in alphabetical order): John Birt (Director-General, 1992-2000), John Browne (Baron Madingley), [Sir]2004 David Clementi (Chairman, 2017-in post), Andy Coulson (Downing Street liaison, 2007-2011), Rona Fairhead, Alison Fuller [responsible for the viciously on-message audience selection for BBC Question Time], Robbie Gibb (Downing Street liaison, 2017-in post), Tony Hall [Baron Hall of Birkenhead]2010 (Director-General, 2013-in post), James Harding, Guto Harri (London City Hall liaison, 2008-2012), Marmaduke Hussey (Chairman, 1986-1996), Laura Kuenssberg, [Sir]2016 Craig Oliver (Downing Street liaison, 2011-2016), Andrew Neil, Alison Fuller Pedley [see under Alison Fuller], Robert Peston (Business Editor, 2006-2014), Nick Robinson, Sarah Sands [editor for Rt Today], and Timothy Shipman. The defining characteristic of the resulting "churnalism" is the mind-emptying repetition of stock on-message memes, suitably shaped each day to the actualities of the news.

This perversion of democracy has been made possible firstly by carefully imposing a Conservative-friendly management and editorial structure upon the BBC, and secondly by then spoon-feeding that structure with copy sent in by entirely biased external PR contacts and companies. The author dates the beginning of the rot to June 2010, when Prime Minister David Cameron appointed John Browne (Baron Madingley) to the newly-created post of <Lead Non-Executive Director>. The new structures then came fully on stream coincident with the April 2017 appointment of Sir David Clementi as Chairman. So in short, the new BBC "has given the current Conservative government immense power [in that it] can not only dictate what information is made available to the public, but also the manner in which it is presented" (op. cit.). LAST WORD: When all is said and done, therefore, we find it hard to disagree with the conclusions of the anonymous "Mountain", who Tweeted 22nd November 2019 as follows: "People like [Peston] and {Kuenssberg], Fiona Bruce, Nick Robinson, etc., are directly responsible for the social breakdown, division, hatred, and anger that now dominate our society. They cynically exaggerate and exploit political debate, making it binary and confrontational." The present author seconds that judgement.

RESEARCH ISSUES - PROPAGANDA IN GENERAL: We have already drawn attention in the companion Timeline to a number of research issues concerning the theory and practice of propaganda in WW1. Here is a study guide to interested students ...

Begin at 13th March 1878 with the growth of Jingoism,
Move on to the rise of cinematic jingoism 25th April 1898 and 28th February 1900, and then work your way through the 98 entries flagged THREAD=THE BATTLE FOR HEARTS AND MINDS between 1895 and the outbreak of WW1 4th August 1914,

There are then 29 entries flagged THREAD=CENSORSHIP, PROPAGANDA, AND RECRUITMENT during the remainder of 1914,

There are 20 further entries flagged THREAD=CENSORSHIP, PROPAGANDA, AND RECRUITMENT during 1915.

And call it a day at 4th January 1916.

CIA Front Organisations: The U.S. government's use of superficially non-partisan citizen groups both at home and abroad as instruments of its foreign policy was chronicled in Hugh Wilford's (2008) book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon]. Here, following Wilford's chapter headings, are a selection of the most insidious exploitations ...

(1) Refugee Communities: In 1949 the CIA established the National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [q.v.] to appeal to the war-displaced peoples of Europe. The following year it added Radio Free Europe [q.v.] to beam propaganda into the Warsaw Pact countries [think Arab Spring [q.v.], but without the smartphones], and the Free Europe University in Exile [q.v.], based in Strasbourg.

(2) Workers' Organisations: During WW2 Arthur J. Goldberg [q.v.] had acted as OSS's coordinator of workforce operations. This office had been disbanded in 1945, and the CIA thus had to rebuild it more or less from scratch in the late 1940s. They came up with the American Federation of Labor (AFL), directed by George Meany [q.v.], and Jay Lovestone's [q.v.] Free Trade Union Committee (FTUC), the latter significantly funded historically by David Dubinsky's [q.v.] International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU) [Wikipedia briefing]. These organisations operated internally, while one Irving Brown [q.v.] organised workers' events in Europe. The effort was assisted by the creation on 7th December 1949 by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions [ICFTU] [Wikipedia briefing] as an avowedly non-communist Internationale to which the world's less militant national workers' rights assemblies (such as the U.K.'s Trades Union Congress (TUC)) could more comfortably align themselves. All in all, when the CIA's Frank Wisner [q.v.] took on the trade union special ops portfolio in December 1948, he inherited a healthy national and international activist network. Lovestone was the jewel in his crown, being known to (and presumably hated by) Joseph Stalin himself. The FTUC duly came on the CIA payroll in January 1949.

(3) Students: Under this heading Wilford mentions Harvard University’s annual International Summer School (1951 onward) and the National Student Association (1950 onward).

(4) Women: The CIA’s drive for women’s support began in 1952, led by recently recruited Cord Meyer [q.v.], and the resulting front organisations included the Committee of Correspondence (1952-1967).

(5) Catholics: During the Cold War it became patriotic to be godly against the godless communists, and between 1940 and 1960 adherence to Catholicism doubled (op. cit.). The CIA duly backed carefully selected missionaries in Catholic countries, and conservative missionary societies such as the Family Rosary Crusade [Wikipedia briefing].


(6) African Americans: Under this heading Wilford mentions the American Society of African Culture (AMSAC) [Wikipedia briefing].

(7) Journalists: Under this heading Wilford points out that the CIA itself confessed to having "some three dozen" tame journalists doing their bidding in 1973, with adversarial estimates running as high as four hundred. He specifically mentions TIME Magazine, the New York Times, CBS, and the American Newspaper Guild (ANG) [Wikipedia briefing] as providing front-line assets and/or friendly narrative.

Citizens Against Government Waste: Founded in 1984 by investigative (where pointed) journalist Jack Anderson [see own entry] and long-term CIA asset J. Peter Grace [see own entry], Citizens Against
Government Waste [Wikipedia briefing; 2019 website] is noteworthy in the present context as a right-wing 501 non-profit think tank *cum* watchdog *cum* pressure group against government waste.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP): The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) [Wikipedia briefing] was established on 1st December 1941 as a civilian cadet force feeder for the USAF and perhaps also Claire Chennault's [see own entry] *Flying Tigers*.

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We should like to know how many CAP trainees ended up in the *Flying Tigers*, and, of those who did, how many went on to fly for its successor company *Civil Air Transport (CAT)* [see own entry].

CAP's New Orleans chapter was commanded in the early 1950s by David Ferrie, and Ferrie was most certainly still involved when 15-year-old LHO joined his squadron in 1955.

Civil Air Transport (CAT): [Read firstly the entry for Claire Chennault.] CAT [Wikipedia briefing] was the private freight and passenger airline created in South-East Asia by Chennault after the end of WW2, and then taken over by the CIA on 27th June 1950. It is noteworthy in the present context for its role in supporting U.S. black ops against communist regimes in the area generally, and then specifically for withdrawing elements of the shooting teams from Dallas in the hours following the JFK assassination - see the entry for Robert Vinson. 24 CAT pilots spearheaded the CIA's support for the French in their Vietnam War, 1950-1954, two of whom were killed at the Battle of Dien Bien Phu.

**EXTENDED, MAY 2019:** Judyth Vary Baker and Edward Schwartz's recent book *"Kennedy & Oswald"* [Amazon] describes CAT's operations as follows ... 

"After WWII, Chennault founded the Civil Air Transport system, often used by the CIA in operations related to China. In 1950, the CIA bought Chennault's CAT fleet to use for covert purposes [... including] transporting heroin from Indochina to America during the early 1960s and beyond. The heroin was processed by the Corsican Mafia and distributed by the American Mafia. The Kennedy brothers were notorious opponents of the American Mafia and were on the verge of eliminating their organisation when President Kennedy was murdered” (Baker and Schwartz, 2017, p5)

Clarion Group of Companies: [Including Clarion Events Limited] Founded in or just before 2008 Clarion Group & Security Limited [no substantive briefing; website glossy] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in *Private Eye* 17th September 2021 as having refused its reporter privileged press access to the 2021 *Defence & Security Exports International (DSEI)* trade fair in London, for being "dodgy" [= adversarial].

Clark, Edward Aubrey: Texas born lawyer Edward Clark [Wikipedia biography] was in LBJ's circle of Texas oilmen throughout the 1950s. He features in Barr McClellan's 2003 book "Blood, Money, and Power" as co-conspirator in an LBJ-initiated conspiracy to assassinate JFK.

Clarke, David E.: See the entry for Hans Casparis.

**** THE WW1 BRITISH BLOCKADE A "JOKE" ****

Clarke, [Sir]1893 George Sydenham [Baron Sydenham of Combe]1913: British soldier (Royal Engineers, 1868-1885) turned civil servant turned diplomat turned military expert witness [Sir]1893 George Clarke [Lord Sydenham]1913 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his technical analysis of the effects of the artillery bombardments at the 1877 Siege of Plevna [see 20th July 1877] and the 1882 Bombardment of Alexandria [see 11th July 1882], and for the resulting 1890 book "Fortification", (b) for serving as Secretary to the Colonial Defence Committee between 1885 and 1893, and then as departmental supervisor at Woolwich Arsenal through until 1901, (c) for holding down diplomatic posts in Australia and India between 1901 and 1913, and for heading the Secretariat of the *Committee of Imperial Defence* [see own entry] between 1904 and 1907, (d) for gracing the House of Lords with his military wisdom throughout WW1, and (e) for being mentioned in Chapter 5 of Jim
Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Lord Sydenham, they note, contributed in detail to a House of Lords debate 20th December 1915 [full transcript online] on the wisdom of trading with neutral Denmark, for the blockade thus far, he said, had been a "joke" ...

"My Lords, the real question which is raised by this Danish Agreement is this, Are we using our splendid Navy in the best possible way to bring this war to an end? [...] We began this war under many disabilities, but with one enormous advantage. Relatively and absolutely our Fleet was far stronger than it had ever been at the commencement of any of the great naval wars of the past [...] What use did we make of it? That is a question which will have to be examined with care by the future historian of this war. Meanwhile we know what we did not do with it. A short conference with men who understood the question would have made clear the fact that cotton was a vital commodity in modern war, and that it had practically replaced sulphur and saltpetre which were vital in the wars of the past. [... statistics given] If ever full investigation is made into this question, I am afraid that some scandals will be revealed. [...] My Lords, it is because of what has happened in the past that the country looks with natural suspicion upon this Danish Agreement. [...] There is no doubt whatever that Denmark has been doing an enormous trade with Germany and Austria during the last seventeen months. [nor] that Denmark has received far, far more of everything than was necessary for her own use. You have helped in this, and your new Agreement will help much more than ever for Germany to be fed, the war prolonged, and your blockade made a joke. This Agreement is very wrong and should be cancelled” (Lord Sydenham, Hansard, 20th December 1915).

Clark, Joshua Reuben, Jnr.: Lawyer-politician turned diplomat Reuben Clark [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the author in 1928 of the "Clark Memorandum on the Monroe Doctrine" [Wikipedia briefing], a State Department analysis of the rights of the United States to intervene in the internal affairs of Latin American neighbour states. Its substantive point is that the Monroe Doctrine [see 2nd December 1823] was intended to deter European states from interfering in Latin America, whereas to Clark no third party needed to be at hand, merely a perceived risk to America's right of "self-preservation".

Clark, Max: Long-standing OSI/CIA asset Max Clark [no convenient biography] had taken part in CIA covert operations in the late 1950s, and at the time of the assassination was Director of Security at the Convair Works, Fort Worth.

Clark, Max E.: Indiana born Fort Worth lawyer Max Clark [no convenient biography] was an acquaintance of LHO by virtue of his Russian-speaking wife's position in the Fort Worth White Russian community. Clark's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Clark Panel, The: See the entry for Ramsey Clark.

Clark, Randolph Lee, Jr.[1907-1994]: WW2 veteran (USAAF Medical Corps) R. Lee Clark, Jr. [no convenient biography but many online snippets available to the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his WW2 service with the USAAF Medical Corps, during which time he directed a major study into how best to manage aircrew injuries from flak splinters, (b) for completing a higher degree in surgery at Tulane Medical School in 1944, (c) for being head-hunted in 1946 into the new M. D. Anderson Hospital, Houston TX, to head their Cancer Center, holding this post until 1978, (d) for personal research into "transplantable" cancers in 1948 (PubMed entry), (e) for more of the same through the 1950s and early 1960s, with publications on soft tissue tumours in 1957, "radiation biology" in 1958, and thyroid cancers in 1963, and (f) for editing together the 1965 book "Tumors of the Bone and Soft Tissue" (Haslam, 2007/2014).

Clark, Richard S.: See the entry for June Cobb.

Clark, Wesley Kanne, Snr.: Vietnam veteran General Wesley Clark [Wikipedia biography] joined the Executive Office of the President in 1975 as a fellow in budget management, and rose to become special assistant to Supreme Allied Commander Alexander Haig in 1978. He was then progressively
promoted until becoming Supreme Allied Commander in Europe between 1997 and 2000. He published his memoirs in 2007 under the title "For Duty, Honor, and Country", from which the following is taken (he is speaking to "a senior general" in the run-up to the Iraq War) ...

"Here's the paper from the Office of the Secretary of Defense [=Donald Rumsfeld] outlining the strategy. We're going to take out seven countries in five years!'' And he named them, starting with Iraq and Syria and ending with Iran. It was straight out of Paul Wolfowitz's 1991 playbook, dressed up as the search for weapons of mass destruction and the global war on terror" (Clark, 2007, k3606).


Clark, William Kemp: The Chief Neurosurgeon at Parkland Hospital, Dr. William Kemp Clark [no convenient biography, but see Watts'(2008 [full text online]) obituary] was one of two emergency surgeons (the other being Dr. Malcolm Perry) who spoke at a 1416hr Press Conference [read transcript now]. He was non-committal as to the nature of JFK’s head wound as an entry wound or an exit wound. In fact, his subsequent testimony to the Warren Commission made much of a third possibility - that of a "tangential" wound, whereby the skull would behave much like a divot of turf on a golf course and where it would actually be far harder to tell the direction of the impact - because he had noted no associated second head wound. Dr. Clark's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Clark, William Ramsey: Dallas born lawyer Ramsey Clark [Spartacus Educational biography] was Assistant Attorney General at the time of the assassination, and was promoted Attorney General in 1967 by LBJ. In this role he appointed a 1968 panel of four medical experts who re-examined the JFK autopsy files and confirmed the original conclusions. Browse the Medical Cover Up Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

***** HOW AND WHY THE RICH KEEP THE POOR STUPID *****
"Every Fleet Streeter knows which is his class" (Wolff, op. cit. inf., p72)

Class Warfare in Britain, a Conspiracy to Subjugate: One of the professional propagandist’s most effective techniques is to set their enemies at each other's throats on matters ideological, thereby sapping their will and ability to resist physically. They divide in order to conquer, and the precise act of division can EITHER be by editorial line media assault (complete with attendant "attack memes" [Wikipedia briefing]) OR by the carefully planted grumblings of agents provocateurs. It is sabotage with words rather than with dynamite, and – done properly – it can (and regularly does) win wars. Various types of historic grievance can be exploited to this end. In WW1, for example, the Germans (1) methodically played upon Irish desires for Home Rule, in the hope of denying Irish troops and bases to the British war effort [see Timeline at ???th October 1914, then as threaded], and (2) used the same modus operandi in and after 1917 to turn Finland, the Baltic States, and the Ukraine against Moscow [see Timeline at 1st August 1917, then as threaded]. The present entry looks at how differences in social class are also commonly weaponised to create division and strife, with particular reference to the 2022 rail dispute. We begin with a little pertinent history ...

***** BRITAIN AT WAR WITH ITSELF *****

The 1917 Russian Revolution presented the British ruling classes with a distinctly thorny problem. For three years the nation’s top families had been sending their sons to die - as Britain’s cream-of-Empire officer class – leading working class soldiery into battle. Suddenly, Russians who had thus far been their allies in that struggle rose up against their Tsar and started spreading the Marxist message of class war - it was not the Germans who were your enemy, they preached, but rather your own aristocracy. The British elite, therefore, looking for a way to keep its working class in its place, simply turned their war propaganda service onto them and redefined workers’ legitimate concerns with world peace and economic justice as somehow unpatriotic. It worked perfectly, and the British working class was instantly divided along the political fault line between Leftists on the
one hand and "Working Class Conservatives" on the other (needless to say, the working right had nothing actually to gain by this). The modern term for this sort of knee-jerk conservatism is Right-Wing Populism [Wikipedia briefing], but the precise mechanisms of the indoctrination remain poorly understood scientifically ...

**RESEARCH ISSUE – RIGHT-WING POPULISM AS A PERSONALITY TRAIT:** Working Class Conservatism [Google Scholar compilation] is a well-recognised but still fundamentally unexplained social psychological and sociological phenomenon. Specifically, it describes the mindset and attendant behaviour of that socioeconomic stratum which is working class economically but right wing politically. The term seems to come from a 1967 paper by the University of Kent's Frank Parkin [2011 Guardian obituary] entitled "Working-class conservatism: A theory of political deviance" [full text online (requires JSTOR registration)]. Fortunately, we know quite a bit about one of the correlates of political right wing affiliation, namely the Authoritarian Personality [Wikipedia briefing]. The data on this come from two classic mid-20th century contributions to the history of Nazism. The first of these is Erich Fromm's (1973) "The Anatomy of Human Destructiveness" [Amazon], and the second is Adorno, Frenkel-Brunswik, Levinson, and Sanford's (1950) "California F-Scale" [Wikipedia briefing]. Both works are inspired by (and desperately hoping to prevent any repetition of) the WW2 Holocaust. Also important as sources of insight are Hannah Arendt's (1963) "Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil" [Amazon] and Stanley Cohen's (2001) "States of Denial: Knowing About Atrocities and Suffering" [Amazon ESSENTIAL READING], both of which draw the dismal conclusion that evil is everywhere around us just waiting for the opportunity to show itself. The thrust of all these works in a nutshell is that those who herded the Six Million to their deaths in the Nazi concentration camps were working class conservatives sheltering behind the mantra that their victims "had it coming to them".

******** RECOMMENDED QUICKIE EXERCISE ********

We strongly recommend readers to take the online California F-Scale self-assessment of political positioning, for interest's sake - check it out.  

**HEALTH ADVISORY:** Readers scoring more than 4.5 on the F-Scale may react adversely to the editorial line to be taken in the remainder of this entry and it may be wiser for them to bow out at this point.

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**RESEARCH ISSUE – RIGHT-WING POPULISM AS CLASS CONSPIRACY:** Working class conservatism in Britain is noteworthy in the present context because the people carrying that particular personality trait are putty in the hands of the right-wing media. Indeed, there is nothing more calculated to bring about the nuclear extinction of Humankind than hired editors telling right-wing sickoentse that their perverted view of life is not just legitimate, but actually something to be encouraged. Research into right-wing propaganda tends to focus on the psychology of "Jingoism" as it manifested itself before and during WW1. We have already covered this in detail in the Companion Timeline - begin at 13 March 1878, move on to the rise of cinematic jingoism 25th April 1898 and 28th February 1900, and then work your way through the 98 entries flagged THREAD=THE BATTLE FOR HEARTS AND MINDS between 1895 and the outbreak of WW1 4th August 1914. There are then 29 further entries flagged THREAD=CENSORSHIP, PROPAGANDA, AND RECRUITMENT during the remainder of 1914, 20 more similarly flagged during 1915, and another at 4th January 1916. Works such as Hobson (op. cit. inf.) and Altemeyer (op. cit. inf.) review the latest attempts at a unifying theory. What is NOT commonly studied is the funding network by which the military-industrial-financial complex NOT ONLY bankrolls the media BUT ALSO ensures that independently minded journalists find themselves professionally side-lined in order to silence them. The modern term "Fox Populism" refers to much the same mentality as it presently manifests itself in the United States. That phenomenon is meticulously explored in Peck (op. cit. inf.). Unravelling this web of media control is long overdue, and people have already been killed in the attempt [see this cautionary tale].

Things have not improved in the slightest since WW1, and industrial unrest in general and strikes in particular are still major outlets for top-down class bigotry. This can be seen in the incessant stream of think-tank-funded media-fed anti-union invective and petty bourgeois whining whenever workers' rights or industrial relations are in the news. The clash of clashes came in 1984-1985 with the Miners' Strike [Wikipedia briefing], but 2022-2023 could well be going the same way - here are some of the sectors in dispute at time of writing [= September 2022] . . .

***** INDUSTRIAL ACTION BREWING AT TIME OF WRITING *****
**FIRE SERVICE:** A fully argued entry will appear here in due course, WW3 permitting. In the meantime, click here for the latest on industrial relations in this sector.

***** INDUSTRIAL ACTION BREWING AT TIME OF WRITING *****

**HOSPITAL DOCTORS:** A fully argued entry will appear here in due course, WW3 permitting. In the meantime, click here for the latest on industrial relations in this sector.

***** INDUSTRIAL ACTION BREWING AT TIME OF WRITING *****

**SCHOOL TEACHERS:** A fully argued entry will appear here in due course, WW3 permitting. In the meantime, click here for the latest on industrial relations in this sector.

***** INDUSTRIAL ACTION BREWING AT TIME OF WRITING *****

**UNIVERSITY LECTURERS:** A fully argued entry will appear here in due course, WW3 permitting. In the meantime, click here for the latest on industrial relations in this sector.

***** INDUSTRIAL ACTION BREWING AT TIME OF WRITING *****

**NURSES:** A fully argued entry will appear here in due course, WW3 permitting. In the meantime, click here for the latest on industrial relations in this sector.

***** ACTUAL INDUSTRIAL ACTION AT TIME OF WRITING *****

**BARRISTERS:** A fully argued entry will appear here in due course, WW3 permitting. In the meantime, click here for the latest on industrial relations in this sector.

***** ACTUAL INDUSTRIAL ACTION AT TIME OF WRITING *****

**THE POSTAL SERVICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE CALL OPERATORS:** A fully argued entry will appear here in due course, WW3 permitting. In the meantime, click here for the latest on industrial relations in this sector.

***** ACTUAL INDUSTRIAL ACTION AT TIME OF WRITING *****

**THE RAILWAY INDUSTRY:** The British railway industry has its roots back in the 18th Century, in the years when mines and quarries began to experiment with steam as a power source on their tramways [Wikipedia briefing]. The world’s first steam-powered freight train was then drawn by Richard Trevithick’s [Wikipedia briefing] Penydarren Locomotive up at Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales, in 1804. The first public passenger service was Trevithick’s Catch Me Whoo Can [Wikipedia briefing] in London in 1808 (a demonstration exhibit, which - ominously – failed financially after only a couple of months). The 1829 Rainhill Trials [Wikipedia briefing] then ushered in an age of frenzied railway expansion worldwide. The railway companies in Britain remained privately owned until nationalised as British Railways (BR) [Wikipedia briefing] in 1948 by the Attlee Government. Moves to re-privatise BR began in the mid-1980s as part of Thatcherism – Britain’s version of Reaganomics [see own entry] - and the service was eventually privatised as part of the far wider Neoliberal Hustle [Wikipedia briefing] between 1994 and 1997 ...

Readers unfamiliar with the pejorative use of the term <Neoliberalism>, that is to say, the systematic looting of long-established publicly owned utilities, should skim the entry for <Neoliberalism, Some Worked Examples> before proceeding. The take-away points are (1) that Neoliberalism takes corporate decision-making offshore (thus removing all transparency and accountability), (2) that the nation’s GDP also disappears offshore in the form of stockholder dividends (thus preventing reinvestment in the wealth creators themselves), (3) that customers, having built the system up over the years with their taxes, now have to cough up again to keep it running, because nobody keeps contingency reserves any more, and (4) that the initial privatisations were themselves just hollow scams, in that they were achieved with money borrowed from the offshore community (who knew a good thing when they saw it). The fate of Britain's sewage companies is wholly typical of this failed business model - check it out (yuk).

The essence of the rail privatisation was that a number of approved Train Operating Companies (TOCs) [Wikipedia briefing] would run train services under franchise on track owned by an entirely separate corporate entity initially named Railtrack plc but renamed Network Rail in 2002 [Wikipedia briefing]. As
good luck would have it, this privatisation coincided with a period of economic upturn, and for the next few years passenger numbers increased [see Statista year-on-year statistics]. But as bad luck would have it, it also coincided with a politically motivated deterioration in management-worker relations, frequently involving squabbles over the introduction of new technology into track maintenance. And because track maintenance is a highly complex and safety critical professionalism in its own right, here - for the layperson - are some briefing notes (long and tedious, perhaps, but important as context for later) ...

TECHNICAL ASIDE – TRADE UNIONS AND NEW TECHNOLOGY: All workers - manual and non-manual alike - deploy dexterity of hand eye and mind in using the tools and technologies of their trade. Sadly, every one of those abilities degrades over time as new tools and technologies come and go. It has always been thus, else we would still be knapping flints into axe-heads instead of designing guided missiles. Innovations usually arise within the industry in question, sometimes spontaneously, sometimes imposed by events. And some industries simply die off altogether as the world remorselessly moves on (archery practice, stage coaches, gas lighting, black powder musketry, etc.). As it happens, one category of innovation in particular - safety procedures - straddles all industries and traditionally inspires intense debate. This is because safety upgrades tend to cost a lot of money (the Titanic had too few lifeboats for the number of passengers carried, remember, and no binoculars for the lookouts). Employees routinely flag up the risks, but it is not unknown for them to be denied the necessary resources by penny-pinching stockholders. Railways have had their fair share of safety innovations over the years (Mills, op. cit. inf.), but often only after innocent blood has been spilled. In the remainder of this indented briefing, we sketch the part played by the workforce in safely operating a rail service ...

CAMEO - PASSENGER SAFETY ON RAILWAYS: It is a principle of British common law that a company can be sued for tort [= "damages"] arising from the negligence of an employee, especially if said employee has disobeyed a laid-down operating procedure. It is therefore fully in the interests of a company's stockholders to enforce sound operating procedures and to ensure employee compliance therewith. Most stockholders, however, do not know a fishplate from a firebox, and therefore need to be dragged screaming into every innovation. Here, from an old student handout of ours [see full online version], are two early examples of just such "only when we have to" scenarios ...

Armagh Train Disaster, 1889: In this incident on 12th June 1889, the rear coaches of an overloaded seaside excursion train ran back down a steep hill and collided with the train behind. 80 people, mostly children, lost their lives. The incident is historically significant for two reasons, (a) because the subsequent public outcry forced the introduction of the (already invented) fail-safe braking system, that is to say, a braking arrangement where the brakes apply automatically in the event of power failure rather than go slack, and (b) because it forced the introduction of "block working" signalling, whereby a train cannot enter a given section, or "block", of track until the train in front is known to have cleared it.

Lewisham, 1957: In this incident on 4th December 1957, a steam train passed signals at danger and ran into the rear of a London suburban electric train. The locomotive destroyed the rear carriage of the electric train, and in being derailed demolished the support column of a railway bridge, bringing a thousand tons of steel down on top of the wreckage. 90 people died. The problem of SPADs [Wikipedia briefing] now became politically sensitive enough to force the adoption of ATC [Wikipedia briefing]. This system had been invented as long before as 1906, but had not been compulsory due to the set-up expense.

The unseen heroes of the struggle for passenger safety are the railway companies' maintenance staff, that is to say, those whose duty it is to keep the adverse incidents log up to date, and to use the data thereby accumulated to initiate appropriate remedial engineering. Figuratively speaking, they are the GPs and hospital doctors of the world of mass transit systems, and - like physicians - they have to divide their efforts between inspection (the "assessment" and "diagnosis" phases) and response (the "treatment" phase). To take that metaphor further, a railway's physical "permanent way" - just like the human body - is fragile and does not last for ever. It ages, gets injured, falls sick; rails crack, distort, wear thin, or rust; the sleeperage degrades or rots; the ballasting subsides, voids, crumbles, or washes away [more on this in the INSET below on maintaining "line and top"]; signalling and switch-pointing cables fray or break; electric cabling is stolen by vandals or is de-insulated by rodents; trees fall on lines; bridges and gantries collapse; cuttings and subways flood; embankments suffer landslides; tunnel roofs fall in; vandals deliberately place obstacles, etc., etc. A field inspection team therefore does not know what mayhem it might discover on any given shift, and the follow-up repairs team may not know until it has things in pieces how much it is going to cost to make good the defect at hand. And as Dow (2014, op. cit. inf.) points out, rolling stock earns nothing without track to run on. Here, on a light note, is an illustration of some of the things which can go wrong ...

[special section on track maintenance, with examples of things that can go wrong],

YouTube lego train disasters (5 mins)
... and here, from the syllabus for a typical modern Diploma in Track Management - as offered by the Rail Futures [website] technical consultancy - is a quick look at what railway maintenance involves when formally defined ...

"Undertake routine maintenance of the permanent way; Carry out routine adjustments to permanent way assets; Prepare to undertake duties in the rail engineering industry; Carry out routine inspections of the permanent way; Assist in preparing resources for permanent way activities; Undertake replacement of permanent way assets and components; Restore track geometry to operational condition by the manual repair of permanent way assets; Prepare small plant, measuring equipment and tools for permanent way renewal or maintenance; Deal with incidents and contingencies within the railway environment; Lift and move permanent way materials, components and equipment.; Restore plain line track geometry to operational condition."

ASIDE: Other training providers are available, but their courses are eerily similar because ultimately the syllabus and skillset is overseen by Britain's Engineering Council [website]. Here is how that relationship works: "There are over 30 professional engineering institutions licenced by the Engineering Council covering all sorts of engineering disciplines with some, such as the Institution of Railway Signalling Engineers (IRSE) [website] and the Permanent Way Institution (PWI) [website], dedicated to railway engineering" (Paul Darlington in RailEngineer, 26th October 2021).

The present author is a Chartered Engineer (C.Eng.) himself, and similarly bound by the standards of the engineering profession as a whole via his membership of the British Computer Society. An Institution of Permanent Way Inspectors was founded in 1884 (Dow), but seems to have since been absorbed into the PWI (above) and the broader Institution of Civil Engineers.

CAMEO - MAINTAINING "LINE", "TOP", "TWIST" AND GAUGE: Of all the risks to the permanent way listed above, maintaining Track Geometry [Wikipedia briefing] is by far the most demanding of time and effort. There are four factors requiring constant inspection and instant remediation if beyond tolerance. (1) A track's "line" is its horizontal direction left or right, whilst (2) its "top" is its trueness to vertical contour. A particularly dangerous form of loss of top is (3) "twist", which is when the two rails sag or hog in opposite directions, up with down and down with up, thus causing passing traffic to sway. Twist is particularly dangerous if it occurs periodically at the same interval as the resonant frequency of said traffic because the swaying quickly becomes more and more violent. A no-fatality derailment at Millwood Bank, Cumbria, on 5th July 2006 was judged to have been due in part to resonant swaying of this sort [see the accident report]. It is important not to "lose line or top", because ...

this is what it looks like if you do [SCARY STUFF don't try this at home]

(4) The fourth problem with track geometry is loss of "gauge", which is when the separation of the two load bearing rails departs from specification, because then the rolling stock can simply no longer roll - it just derails. The main cause of losing line and/or top and/or gauge is degradation of the ballasting supporting the sleepers. A five-fatality accident at Raynes Park, London, on 25th March 1933 was judged as due to just such a "track defect" [see the accident report]. The complexities of ballasting operations, both routine and remedial, are minutely well described in Dow's Chapter 1, if interested in the detail.

Rail safety engineering is then further complicated by the fact that the core engineering skills dovetail (1) with advances in electronic sensor and monitoring technology, and (2) with the cognitive ergonomics of systems control failures in general. Or to put it another way, to be a good railway maintenance engineer you need to be highly computer-literate and a mini-ergonomist into the bargain. The present author feels qualified to comment in these auxiliary areas because (1) he was trained in computer system maintenance by British Telecom 1980-1991, still programs as a hobby, and is a paid-up C. Eng., and (2) he taught forensic cognitive ergonomics on (now-)Cardiff Metropolitan University's psychology degree 1992-2010. Here, for readers in a hurry, are three crucial points to take away, along with pointers to follow-up material for readers interested in the fuller stories ...

RAILWAY MAINTENANCE #1 - THE COMPUTING ELEMENT: The take-away point under this heading is that railway systems are increasingly monitored automatically by sensor technology and CCTV. Both technologies are clever, but neither is perfect. The new science of "sensors, sensors everywhere" is called the "Internet of Things (IoT)" [Wikipedia briefing]. It emerged in the late 20th Century and is now with us big-time. Basically, it allows things to talk to each other, and - occasionally - to the humans around them. In domestic applications it is what allows you to put your kettle on from your car in mid-commute. In railway safety it allows some (and only some) at-risk permanent way components to report their status to a central monitoring point automatically. As we shall shortly be seeing, the TSSA rail union quite correctly bundles all such hi-tech factors together under the name Fourth Industrial Revolution [Wikipedia briefing]. Unfortunately, by setting a system to control a
The opposite of complacency is Situational Awareness as explained below. Readers wishing to learn more about the <"Internet of Things (IoT)"> should start with the above Wiki and then watch this YouTube. After that, you're on your own.

**RAILWAY MAINTENANCE #2 - THE COGNITIVE ELEMENT**: The take-away point under this heading is that accidents can only be avoided - reactively or proactively - if every member of the workforce maintains an appropriate level of the multi-factorial psychological dimension known as Situational Awareness (SA) [Health and Safety Executive briefing]. This is the cognitive psychology of effective systems command and control, it is part of the broader field of Human Factors [Wikipedia briefing], and usually goes by the name of Cognitive Ergonomics [Wikipedia briefing]. When discussing human error in disasters (rail, aviation, maritime, etc.) we like to refer to it as forensic cognitive ergonomics, but this term is not in common usage. Cognitive ergonomics is the science of staying aware of your system's status at any one moment in time, and therefore of remaining able to control it. It is the master-science of safety. Here are a couple of reminders of what can go wrong when you suddenly lose the "big picture" ...

**YouTube the 2013 Santiago de Compostela derail**
(distracted driver on the day, but also very much an accident just waiting to happen)

**YouTube the 2020 Livraga derail**
(poor inter-departmental communication)

Readers wishing to learn more about <"Situational Awareness”> should start with the above HSE briefing and then browse this Companion Resource. There is also much to learn by example from the aviation literature on <Crew Resource Management (CRM)> [YouTube briefing]. After that, you're on your own.

**RAILWAY MAINTENANCE #3 - THE THEORETICAL LIMITS**: The take-away point under this heading is that the more complex your system is, the more complex its control systems need to be ...

Click here to tour a typical British control centre

This is because controllers need to be one step ahead of the thing they are trying to control. This inherent limitation is known in the trade as <Ashby's Law of Requisite Variety> [YouTube briefing], a law of nature which has been described as being as basic as the Law of Gravity, to be ignored at one's peril. Automation, in short, interacts with the ability to maintain Situational Awareness! It only works when there are enough people around who see that all automation is one reason why it cannot have automatons to run it — because NOT ONLY do you now have two systems to maintain, not one, BUT AT THE SAME TIME you potentially raise complacency levels. And complacency kills.

Readers wishing to learn more about the <Law of Requisite Variety”> should start with the above YouTube and then read up on the two U.S. Navy collisions in summer 2017, where the Board of Enquiry reported [Wikipedia briefing] that USS Fitzgerald had suffered "multiple failures by watchstanders", and that "a major contributing factor to the [USS John S. McCain] collision was sub-standard level of knowledge regarding the operation of the ship's control console". The earlier cognitive theories of <Kenneth J. W. Craik> [Wikipedia biography] and <W. Ross Ashby> [Wikipedia biography] may then be of interest to advanced students.

That concludes this technical briefing on railway safety technology.

***** BACK TO THE MAIN STORY *****

So the picture which has emerged is of a close-knit technical community with some 200 years' experience delivering railway safety in the face of everything which the elements and everyday carelessness might throw at them. That community (1) has been implementing new technology since before the age of steam [steam WAS the new technology - Ed.], (2) has been operating data networks since the early days of the electric telegraph [see early anecdote], and (3) was situationally aware before psychology was even invented [which is usually dated to 1874 - Ed.]. From the greenest apprentice to the most senior
engineers, they are consummate engineering professionals. **What, you might ask, could possibly go wrong?**

**Well, just re-read that U.S. Navy collision report again, and you will know what can possibly go wrong: Situational Awareness can go wrong.**

***** ⚠⚠ THE RUNAWAY TRAIN ⚠⚠ *****

The initial privatisation of Britain's railway system took place in the closing months of John Major's Conservative government, specifically, between October 1996 and March 1997. As already noted, the essence of the privatisation was that Train Operating Companies (TOCs) ran train services under franchise on track owned by an entirely separate corporate entity - initially Railtrack plc but renamed Network Rail in 2002. This exercise in Thatcherite Reaganomics then continued seamlessly under Tony Blair's openly neoliberal New Labour administration 1997-2007, and again under his successor Gordon Brown 2007-2010. We therefore pick up the main narrative again on 6th May 2010, the day when a Conservative victory in the 2010 General Election added "Austerity" [Wikipedia briefing] to the economic carnage resulting from the first thirty years of neoliberal theft. Union Bashing [Wikipedia briefing] and Asset Stripping [Wikipedia briefing] now became endemic, and the railway franchises duly found themselves increasingly able to fleece [we have checked, and there is no more precise word - Ed.] the fare-paying public by charging more for less, by sending profits offshore to prevent their being reinvested, by cutting technical corners, and by systematically de-professionalising the entire workforce, maintenance staff included. *It was nothing less than the legalised theft of state assets, made superficially attractive to the public at large by a constant stream of deliberately deceptive government press releases parroted to print and screen by Britain's class-subservient media* [we shall be defending this accusation at close of entry - Ed.]. Out again came the various devices by which corporate asset strippers have always worked. The generic term for this is *"hiving off"* [Merriam-Webster explanation], that is to say, putting this or that corporate arm out to contract rather than keeping it "in house". Perhaps the simplest of the many hivings off was the contracting out of catering and cleaning, as a result of which permanent staff were replaced by outside contract workers [often the same people as before - Ed.] with no rights to holiday and sickness pay. Alongside this came the decidedly spurious benefits of Zero Hours Contracts [ACAS briefing], the Gig Economy [Investopedia briefing], Fire and Rehire [U.K. government briefing], and Zero Pension Benefits [Pensions Expert briefing].

**RESEARCH ISSUE - THE EFFECT OF THE CASUALISATION OF THE WORKFORCE ON PENSIONER POVERTY IN DECADES TO COME:** Little has yet been said in the media or academe concerning the effect which the tsunami of such casual staff is going to have on either the economy in general or the Pension Credit System in particular [UK government briefing] once the workers in question come to "retire" with just a woefully inadequate basic state pension to rely on. For a timely initial analysis of this catastrophe-in-waiting, see Woodcock and Graham (*op. cit. inf.*).

The permanent way teams did not escape all this corporate restructuring, because although it was called "rationalisation" or "modernisation" at the time, its effects were always to reduce workers' rights and benefits, confident in the knowledge that Fleet Street and Broadcasting House had already been fed selective statistics explaining how "necessary" such measures were, and how only "communists" and "cranks" would be raising any objections. The entire franchising system was then revamped following a 2010-2011 Cameron government review, giving TOCs greater flexibility, longer franchise periods, and greater incentives for cost reductions. The West Coast Franchise then collapsed financially in 2012 [National Audit Office conclusions], occasioning a further rethink in the form of the 2013 Brown Report [full text online].

***** THE WILLIAMS-SHAPPS PLAN *****

***** BR TO BE REBORN AS GBR *****

"One step forward, two steps back" [RMT response]

A further deliberately confrontational business study took place in May 2018, when one Keith Williams [Wikipedia biography] (who came to the table complete with a reputation for "playing the landlord
in heavily unionised industries" (The Times, 9th July 2022)), was commissioned to chair yet another review of Britain's railway system. His team's report was delivered to Secretary of State for Transport Grant Shapps in early 2021 under the title "Great British Railways: The Williams-Shapps Plan for Rail" [full text online], and thence to Parliament as the Williams-Shapps Plan [Government briefing] on 20th May 2021. The Williams-Shapps Plan is due to be implemented in 2023, with 1948's British Railways corporate persona being resurrected for branding purposes as Great British Railways (GBR) [Wikipedia briefing]. Not all experts have taken the government's upbeat press releases at face value. For example, a 27th May 2021 piece by (the admittedly hostile) Tom Haines-Doran [university homepage] predicts as follows ...

"The main thrust of this policy change is for passenger services to be run as 'concessions'. This is similar to the forms of outsourcing and privatisation that readers may be more familiar with, such as Biffa-run council waste collection or Care UK–provided NHS services. Instead of private companies competing to provide services in which they attempt to maximise revenue to meet the subsidy reductions they have promised, the government through Great British Railway will specify almost every aspect of provision, such as timetables, fares, types of train used. A key justification for privatisation was private companies' supposed entrepreneurial flair and customer focus. None of this is relevant in a world where the sole income for train companies will be a flat fee for service from a government body which will collect all fares. They will enjoy guaranteed, steady income flows, which are particularly attractive to financial investors at a time of low interest rates and lack of profitable investment opportunities ('yield'). Guaranteed profits mean money passing from taxpayers and fare payers to shareholders instead of being invested in improving provision, and the concession model will unnecessarily add the bureaucratic and legal costs of outsourcing" (full text online; accessed 10th October 2022).

**** AND SO OFF TO (CLASS) WAR *****

Which brings us - admittedly not before time - to the substance of this entry, which is how at time of writing [= October 2022] class warfare is cynically - conspiratorially, in fact - fanning the flames of the 2022 rail dispute.

**DEFINITION - CLASS WARFARE:** We may define the term "class warfare" very precisely by listing four interlocking diagnostic factors, as follows: (1) that business reviews are constructed for the benefit of stockholders by politicians, managers, and friendly consultants. This is the NOT BY THE PEOPLE factor. (2) that stockholders - to the extent that they are British at all - are predominantly upper class. This is the NOT FOR THE PEOPLE factor. (3) that employees - the workers - are by definition working class and are offered little or no real part in the review process. This is the NOT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE factor. (4) that if employees disagree they are beaten - sometimes literally - into submission. This is the ENFORCED BY VIOLENCE factor. These four factors, taken together, constitute class warfare in the present author's judgement.

**QUICKIE - INTRODUCING THE RAIL UNIONS:** There are three trade unions involved one way or another in the fair and efficient running of the British railway industry. These are, in alphabetical order (1) the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (ASLEF) [website], representing 21,000 train drivers, (2) the Rail and Maritime Transport Union (RMT) [website], representing some 83,000 rail and other transport workers, and (3) the Transport Salaried Staffs Association (TSSA) [website], representing some 18,000 rail and other transport workers, clerks, customer-facing grades, middle managers, IT staff, and management-grade engineers. This is how TSSA describes its role on its website: "Our members perform a range of vital jobs in the transport industry including control centre staff, engineers, ticket office and gate staff as well as a wide range of operational, planning and support roles right across our railways, busses, and ferries. We represent members at all levels of the transport industry including administrative, clerical, retail, and management grades."

The above unions were invited to comment formally on early drafts of the Williams-Shapps Plan in mid-2022. For its part, ASLEF's response was published 4th August 2022 [full text online] and made 76 separate points, the general thrust of which was that the union feared continuing fragmentation of the network. The RMT's position (and this is one of two unions which speak for the permanent way people) had already been set out at the White Paper stage a year before, and was that Great British Railways represented "a huge missed opportunity", as their General Secretary, Mick Lynch [Wikipedia biography] now explains ...
“The government talk about ending fragmentation but the reality is that they’ve missed the chance of a
generation to build a transport system fit for the future where investment in workforce and infrastructure come
first. Instead, they have listened primarily to the big business community and designed a system that
leaves the private companies in place, guaranteeing them profits while shifting all the risk onto
taxpayers. I’m also concerned at the approach to staff in the plan. As I have said in the press today, you don’t
build for a bright future by threatening staff with job cuts and attacks on pay and pensions” (Mick Lynch, RMT
Head Office Circular NP/169/21, 20th May 2021).

TSSA is the other union speaking for the permanent way people, representing salaried middle
management and long-standing professional engineers. The union was founded in 1897 and has of
late cultivated close mutually advisory ties with the Commons Transport Select Committee. As
such, it had made its views known to government even earlier than did the RMT, having explicitly
briefed into the fact-finding stage of the Williams Enquiry back in 2019. Here, from their archived
submission [full text online] is an indicative clip showing their position (this is where the earlier briefings
on the complexities of new technology, cognitive ergonomics, and control room theory finally bear
fruit) ...

“ ... the major trends appear to be: (1) There will be more demand for public transport. (2) There will be an
increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. Therefore it is right to assume that more
passengers and more trains will provide challenges for our rail network. More maintenance crews could be
needed to deal with the increased wear and tear of the track, more trains could mean a need for quicker
turn arounds in cases of incidents on the track, extreme weather incidents or maintenance. Staff will
need to be on hand in stations to improve the passenger experience, keep everyone safe and provide
information in the case of journey changes, lost property or station information. Control rooms will
be key to providing drivers, operations and platform staff as well customer services
information with real time information in a useable form for passengers and staff to
use. The increase in data will need to be analysed to influence decisions about how to
allocate resources and improve the railway infrastructure. Even if more people buy their
tickets online, any increase in passengers will mean an increase in questions and support provided by our
members in many forms. The Fourth Industrial Revolution is the current and developing environment in which
disruptive technologies and trends such as the Internet of Things (IoT), robotics, virtual reality (VR) and
artificial intelligence (AI) are changing the way we live and work.”

***** THE 2022 INDUSTRIAL ACTION *****

The 2022 dispute finally went public on 13th July 2022 when, after a long debate in parliament [Hansard
full text ADVANCED STUDENTS ONLY], Conservative representatives on the Commons Transport Select
Committee [Wikipedia briefing; for the remainder of this entry, just “Transport Committee” - Ed.] took advantage of the latest
meeting of that committee to showcase the government’s position on the pay and conditions claims
already in the pipeline. The closure of around a thousand ticket offices with its consequent loss of
jobs was among the items on the agenda. But the government had evidently never been listening, and
TSSA correspondence dated 21st July 2022 explains the off-hand way it had been treating the
negotiations up until now ...

“... despite numerous requests and follow up by TSSA officials seeking meetings, it was only when we moved
the issue of pay into dispute status in April 2022 that we finally received meeting dates. That was almost five
months after our first formal request for a meeting. Despite this, the Department for Transport press office
issued a public comment accusing us of effectively not being interested in negotiating, when it seems to
us that the opposite is true and that employers have been either unwilling or unable to negotiate with us.
The comment issued is: “rather than commit to serious dialogue with the industry, the TSSA are first seeking
to cause further misery to passengers”. We wrote to Grant Shapps asking him to correct the record on this point
but are yet to receive a reply” (full text online).

Not only had the government been systematically ignoring established channels for negotiation, but
they did so having already arranged with client editors in the mainstream media to dust off the union-
busting manual from 1984-1985 and to apply it to the new world of social media mass
communication. The ensuing press furor proclaiming intransigence on the part of the unions was,
therefore, nothing less than outright class warfare, 21st Century style ...
Readers unfamiliar with the often brutal practice of <Union Busting> should begin with this Wiki and then see the specific instances of targeted violence in the Companion Timeline at 1st June 1831, 20th June 1892, and 8th February 1898.

**ASIDE:** It is disturbingly often the case that the media are briefed in advance on sensitive negotiations such as these, allowing them to belittle a union's arguments as soon as (and sometimes before) they are presented. This permits the full resources of the state - not least surveillance and military intelligence - to be turned against the very people those departments ought to be protecting. It is much like those POW-camp movies where a fore-warned enemy suddenly flicks a switch and the heroes are lit up by spotlights with nowhere to run [TV Tropes entry; YouTube example (at=5720)]. A typical hostile press attack on this occasion was in *The Express* on 15th July - read it here. Note, for example, the approved government narrative hidden in plain sight in the headline phrase "Not Realistic" [see *The Financial Times* for more on this]. It is all depressingly reminiscent of the no-holds-barred campaign of dirty tricks conducted during the 1925-1926 General Strike by the infamous Organisation for the Maintenance of Supplies (OMS) [see Timeline 25th September 1925].

As it turned out, two of the very oldest editorial attack lines remained as useful as they had ever been. These were (1) the "Greedy-Workshy" Meme, and (2) the "Spanish Practices" Meme, both of which have featured heavily in the media recently [= October 2022], as analysed below ...

Readers in a hurry need note only that it was the BBC and Rupert Murdoch wot dunnit before skipping straight on down to ***** CLOSING ARGUMENTS *****

************** CLASS WARFARE #1 (AND A LITTLE PSYCHOLOGY) **************
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***** ARE BRITISH WORKERS REALLY GREEDY AND WORKSHY? *****

Let us begin with a little game ...

**STUDENT EXERCISE - "LADY CHATTERLEY'S GARDENER":**

(1) Imagine that you are a humble labourer, the gardener, say, up at your local manor house. You are happily going about your work one day, when you accidentally overhear the lady of the house describe you to a third party as "lazy", when - objectively - you are anything but. You back away without being seen.

(2) **QUESTION:** Does this chance encounter affect your relationship with your employer? Do you henceforth work harder, perhaps, in fear of your job? Or do you counterattack by working surreptitiously to rule? More importantly, do you respect that employer more in some perverse, self-flagellatory way, or do you start cursing them under your breath for the Other World they clearly inhabit - a world of above or below stairs, where you need to "know your station" [see French and Waterfield (2003) on life as a servant]. And why not get angry, indeed, for in one very important sense it's YOUR garden as well as theirs. They may well own the land, but its beauty, its natural balance, its very existence, comes from your hands not theirs.

(3) OK, now take that rage, that sense of existential injustice, and multiply it up one hundred thousand times, and you will have the accumulated anger and affront felt in 2022 by Britain's rail-workers at the hands of their government.

**SUPPORTING READING:** For some real life anecdotes of accidental eavesdropping in the workplace, [click here](#) AMUSING AND INFORMATIVE.

*Hansard* [accessed 12th October 2022] recorded the first use of the word "workshy" in parliament on 1st February 1911, when an industrialist-politician described workshy unemployed as "those pests of society" who, "if they cannot live on the community they live on their wives and children". There is no comparable transcript database to record the class insults delivered in the media, and so we have gathered some empirical data of our own ...

**ASIDE - THE WORKSHY BRITISH, A MEDIA SNAPSHOT:** On 12th October 2022 the present author conducted a number of probe searches on Google to see which media outlets were using which formulaic inflammatory memes. He used keyword triads built up from the diad "workshy" "strike" [the inverted commas are important - Ed], followed by a third keyword naming a particular media outlet. Here are the data obtained, firstly from the state broadcaster and then for the five main newspaper stables ...
THE BRITISH STATE BROADCASTER: Since being founded in 1922, Britain's state broadcaster is the BBC. Its present editorial affiliation is unashamedly Establishment-Conservative, and it has totally abandoned its once-famous impartiality and even-handedness. The slippery slope from fuddy-duddy-but-reliable to brazen duplicity on behalf of person or persons unknown began some thirty years ago (for full details divert to the entry for "Churnalism" REVELATORY). On the date stated, the probe <"workshy" "strike" "BBC"> returned 562,000 hits, that is to say, five times as many as all the newspapers put together. For comparison, on 21st October 2022, on the morning after the Truss resignation, the probe <"hard left" "BBC"> got 822,000 hits.

THE MURDOCH STABLE: The Australian-American media mogul Rupert Murdoch [Wikipedia biography] inherited his first newspaper from his father in 1952, and influenced his first political campaign in Australia in 1964. He acquired Britain's The Sun - the paradigmatic working class tabloid - in 1969, and added The Times and The Sunday Times to his empire in 1981. Since then he has thrown his weight behind Conservative and Blairite Labour administrations alike. On the date stated, the probe <"workshy" "strike" "The Sun"> returned 88,900 hits and that for <"workshy" "strike" "The Times"> 91,800, that is to say, nine times as many as all the other newspapers put together. For comparison, on 21st October 2022, on the morning after the Truss resignation, the probe <"hard left" "The Sun"> got 616,000 hits and that for <"hard left" "The Times"> got 611,000.

THE ROTHERMERE STABLE: The Daily Mail was founded in 1896 and has been published by the Harmsworth/Rothermere family [Wikipedia biography] ever since. It is the paradigmatic middle-class right-wing tabloid, not to say persistent national embarrassment. On the date stated, the probe <"workshy" "strike" "The Daily Mail"> returned 3910 hits. For comparison, on 21st October 2022, on the morning after the Truss resignation, the probe <"hard left" "The Daily Mail"> got 55,300 hits.

THE BARCLAY STABLE: The Daily Telegraph first hit the streets in 1855 and since 2004 has been owned by (now only one surviving) the Barclay Brothers [Wikipedia biography]. It was for a time, one of Britain's few papers of record, but no longer is [Britain no longer has a paper of record, for they all follow the preachings of offshore money - Ed.]. On the date stated, the probe <"workshy" "strike" "The Daily Telegraph"> returned 4690 hits. For comparison, on 21st October 2022, on the morning after the Truss resignation, the probe <"hard left" "The Daily Telegraph"> got 24,100 hits.

VIRTUAL ZION'S STATE NEWSPAPER: [Read firstly the entry for the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)] The Guardian [Wikipedia briefing] was first published - as The Manchester Guardian - in 1821, and was for most of the 20th Century the paper for Britain's intelligentsia. The Observer is its Sunday edition. The title changed hands in and after 2008 [Wikipedia detail], and more than any other newspaper contributed to the systematic "de-Palestinisation" of the British Labour Party during the 2010s [full story]. At time of writing (= October 2022) it counts as the most clearly pro-Zionist of all British newspapers (The Jewish Chronicle, 2019 [full text online]). On the date stated, the probe <"workshy" "strike" "The Guardian"> returned 9480 hits and that for <"workshy" "strike" "The Observer"> 1240.

THE REACH, plc, STABLE: The Daily Express was first published in 1900, and in the past generation has appealed to a more lower-middle/upper working class demographic than The Daily Mail. The Daily Mirror is more exclusively working class, and was famously the victim of the Robert Maxwell pension heist back in 1991 [Wikipedia briefing]. Both papers were acquired by Trinity Mirror (now Reach, plc) [Wikipedia briefing] (the Mirror in 2012, the Express in 2018). On the date stated, the probe <"workshy" "strike" "The Express"> returned 10,700 hits and that for <"workshy" "strike" "Daily Mirror"> 1620.

So here's the dilemma - EITHER railway workers are genuinely greedy and workshy OR the rest of the country is genuinely stupid enough to believe the constant chanting of a handful of big-money-funded newspaper proprietors. Sadly, there is little point arguing this issue, scientifically at least, because decisive data is simply not available. Here, however, is an "n-of-one" feature panel proving that at least one person has successfully been duped ...

"ASLEF are just EXPLETIVE greedy. The highest paid are on £65,000, and the median pay is £42,000. I mean, it’s disgraceful" (the Voice of Suburbia)

(From a conversation with the author, 22nd September 2022, verbatim)

Fact Check: In a quick drivel-test we find that (as at 2022) a teacher of comparable levels of responsibility is on £76, 104, whilst the median pay (as at 2020) for "financial and insurance activities" [this happens to have been the Voice of Suburbia's profession - Ed.] was £43, 821; for "mining and quarrying" £42,386; for "information and communication" £42,267; and for "professional, scientific, and technical" £37,484" (Source). ASLEF rates are therefore more or less exactly where they
should be, perhaps even a bit on the low side. It may or may not be relevant that the individual in question is kept informed by the BBC and the Telegraph, and has his views regularly reinforced in mutual whingeing sessions with a galère of similarly uncritical acquaintances.

The facts, in other words, expose the target allegation as nothing but a malicious irrelevance.

Turning to WHY suburbia should be so easily manipulated by its news sources, we find that the phenomenon has been closely studied by specialist media professors such as Greg Philo, Peter Beharrel, and John Hewitt, from the world-leading Glasgow University Media Group [Wikipedia briefing]. What their work shows is that the rules of modern media intervention closely follow the textbooks of propaganda which appeared just after WW1 ...

"#14 - Propaganda must label events and people with distinctive phrases or slogans" (Goebbels)

[source ESSENTIAL READING (THERE ARE **NINETEEN** RULES IN ALL!)]

ASIDE - WW1 PROPAGANDA SCIENCE: The textbooks in question are Edward Bernays' [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] (1923) "Crystallising Public Opinion" [Amazon] and its (1928) follow-up "Propaganda" [Amazon], along with Walter Lippmann's [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] (1922) "Public Opinion" [Amazon]. Both authors succeeded in codifying their WW1 experience into theory, but Bernays has the cachet of having his ideas picked up by later master propagandists such as Nazi Germany's Josef Goebbels and Cold War America's C. D. Jackson [see own entry EXPLAINS SO VERY MUCH]. Specific techniques include [for the full list see the NINETEEN link above - Ed.] generally controlling the narrative by variously ignoring enormous chunks of news if it runs counter to the day's editorial line (the BBC does this without batting an eyelid several times every day), denying inconveniently competing facts, "no platforming" dissenting opinion [Wikipedia briefing], constant "what aboutery" [Wiktionary entry], and - when all else fails - "dead catting" [Wikipedia briefing].

... and what those textbooks tell us is that suburbia is nowhere near as suburban as it likes to think it is. Suburbia is not at all where quiet reason abides, nor will it ever become so until it makes itself immune to Dr. Goebbels' nineteen rules of attack. It has even been reliably established that propaganda appeals to neuroanatomically primitive regions of the brain, that is to say, below the level of the conscious intellect. Propaganda appeals to the inner ape, and the inner ape traditionally acts as the sinister "Mr. Hyde" to the intellect's "Dr. Jekyll". [explanation should one be needed]. This brain scan, from a 2020 paper by Pengfei Xu, et al. [full text online TECHNICAL], shows the nature of the interaction of Jekyll (cortical) and Hyde (diencephalic) brain structures when it comes to "loss aversion". But there is still a long way to go. Here is our standard warning as to the state of knowledge, insofar as it concerns human greed ...

RESEARCH ISSUE - THE PROJECTION OF THE EVIL WITHIN US ONTO OTHERS: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of human acquisitiveness – greed – although the Freudian notion of the Anally Retentive Personality [Wikipedia briefing] has a lot of kerb appeal in that it describes people who are overly fixated upon what is theirs. Other Freudian notions - those of Defence Mechanisms [Wikipedia briefing] in general and Projection [Wikipedia briefing] in particular - describe how disturbing thoughts, that is to say, YOUR greed, are pushed outwards onto those around you as THEIR greed. Other insights are to be found in the fields of comparative and evolutionary psychology, where animal psychologists work from the premise that Humankind is just an advanced vertebrate. They argue, therefore, that human brains "Recapitulate Phylogeny" [Wikipedia briefing], that is to say, inherit brain structures and wiring from grandparent species in the evolutionary sequence. It therefore helps to study "greed" in so-called "lesser" species. One might reasonably note, for example, that the "runt" of a pig's litter (and many other species) will be displaced by the "greed" of its larger, stronger siblings, who will happily suckle while a brother or sister starves to death next to them [Wikipedia briefing] (indeed if food is short one season, it is far from uncommon for weakling offspring actually to become the next meal).
During the *Voice of Suburbia* conversation mentioned above, "Spanish Practices" emerged as a second bone of contention …

**DEFINITION – "SPANISH" PRACTICES:** In the world of industrial relations, a "Spanish" practice is an out-of-date system of work which ought to have been superseded but has become the way things are done. In a constantly changing world such practices are surprisingly few and far between, for the simple reason that most technological innovation comes from the workforce itself. *The Guardian* has called them "absurd, inherited rights" (but who defines the "absurd"?), Collins Dictionary calls them "irregular practices for financial reward" (but they are not all rewarded), and Wiktionary has them as "irregular practices in favour of the workers at a place of work, which are implied, but not specified in the work contract" (but sloppy contracts are down to lazy bosses not to the workforce).

We duly repeated the *Hansard* search for "Spanish Practices" and found that the first parliamentary use of the term was on 27th February 1985, in much the nudge-wink-titter sense of the above definitions. We also repeated the probe searches on Google, only this time we used the diad "Spanish practice" "railways" instead of "workshy" "strikes". Here, same sequence as before, are the resulting numbers. **The pattern is markedly different this time, with the Murdoch newspapers five times as guilty as all the other newspapers put together, and with the BBC running a brave but poor second. The Sun** - as befits its working class conservative echo chamber - is by far the worst single offender ...

**THE BRITISH STATE BROADCASTER:**

"spanish practice" "railways" "BBC" 943 hits.

**THE MURDOCH STABLE:**

"spanish practice" "railways" "the sun" 1530 hits.

"spanish practice" "railways" "the times" 917 hits.

**THE ROTHERMERE STABLE:**

"spanish practice" "railways" "the daily mail" 171 hits.

**THE BARCLAY STABLE:**

"spanish practice" "railways" "the daily telegraph" 158 hits.

**VIRTUAL ZION'S STATE BROADCASTER:**

"spanish practice" "railways" "the guardian" 208 hits.

**THE REACH, PLC STABLE:**

"spanish practice" "railways" "the express" 94 hits.

"spanish practice" "railways" "daily mirror" 4 hits.

Once again it is possible to trace the effects of the above propaganda blitz through into the minds of the people on the receiving end. Here is our "n-of-one" research subject under the microscope for a second time …

"They want no changes to working practices" (the Voice of Suburbia)

(From a conversation with the author, 22nd September 2022, verbatim)

**Fact Check:** Three particularly sensitive areas of railway modernisation have featured in the media of late. These are (1) automated track maintenance technology, (2) driverless trains, and (3) the (now resolved) "guard guarantee". Taking these one by one …

(1) **Automated Track Maintenance Technology:** Readers will recall from our earlier NEW TECHNOLOGY briefing that the maintaining of track geometry is a vital part of rail safety engineering - check out the video again. Some aspects of the overall job have been automated by systems such as *ENSCO's Automated Maintenance Advisor (AMA)* [commercial pitch]. Here is what such systems involve …

*YouTube ENSCO Automated Maintenance Advisor*

Crucially, however, the use of continuous process systems only solves routine inspection and re-ballasting operations. They do not address small works, or any of the "mayhem" duties previously enumerated, that is to say, the "incidents and contingencies" covered in the training syllabus previously quoted. **The companies which sell this technology are cherry picking, in other words.** They are syphoning off the big contracts, and leaving the rest of the maintenance force to pick up the fiddly bits.
(2) Driverless Trains: The facts on driverless trains were presented to the Transport Committee on 11th October 2022 by Mick Lynch himself. **It turned out that Britain is technically "decades away" from having driverless trains on the main network.** Watch the session here (note the need to understand the "nuts and bolts" of the system) ...

**YouTube on Driverless Trains**

(3) Guard Guaranteed Running: This issue has been resolved. Freight trains can run with CCTV emergency handling, but passenger trains will have a guard on hand capable of intervening immediately - see this Railway Technology piece for details. The unions never objected to the former, and were right in wanting no changes on the latter.

**The facts, in other words, expose the target allegation as nothing but a malicious irrelevance.**

***** PAY ATTENTION NOW *****

Political arguments aside, there is some very important psychology at work here, for our n-of-one research subject - and the many who agree with him - are actually not guilty of being factually wrong. They did not invent the irrelevant falsehood. Nor did they spread it. What they ARE guilty of - and what we fear is actually the greater crime - is **allowing themselves to want to believe what they heard. And this - wanting to believe easily disprovable falsehoods - is what propaganda does to us.** Fortunately, psychology has a theory which might help ...

**QUICKIE - KELLY'S PERSONAL CONSTRUCT THEORY:** In 1955, the American psychologist George Kelly ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Kelly)) published "*The Psychology of Personal Constructs*" ([Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/The-Psychology-Personal-Constructs/dp/1483220516)), in which he described how an individual's belief system was built out of a web of bipolar adjectival dimensions. He called these advance organisers of any given perception "Personal Constructs" ([Wikipedia briefing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal_Construct)), and here (froma Companion Resource) is how he saw them working ...

"**Man looks at his world through transparent patterns or [templates] which he creates and then attempts to fit over the realities of which the world is composed. [...]** Let us give the name constructs to these patterns that are tentatively tried on for size. They are ways of construing the world. [...] In general man seeks to improve his constructs by increasing his repertory, by altering them to provide better fits, and by subsuming them with superordinate constructs or systems. [...] Unfortunately,] his personal investment in the larger system, or his personal dependence upon it, is so great that he will forgo the adoption of a more precise construct in the substructure. **It may take a major act of psychotherapy or experience to get him to adjust his construction system to the point where the new and more precise construct can be incorporated**“ (Kelly, 1955/1963, pp8-9).

Or in fewer words, we judge what we see according to how we like to see it, and nothing short of a seriously Damascene moment is ever going change us.

********** RECOMMENDED QUICKIE EXERCISE **********

Readers interested in mapping the most salient - "the core" - of their personal Personal Construct system will find many sources online. For example, **Reskin (2017)** includes a link to enable you to construct your own "Rep Grid".

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Needless to say, it is rather a sad reflection upon a species which likes to pride itself on its rationality that we should be so inflexible in the face of contradictory facts. Also needless to say, it does not make the front pages whenever a trade union is proved to have been right all along. That is not how the game is played.

*************** CLOSING ARGUMENTS ***************

"**There is nothing more dangerous and destructive than a media monopoly with a political agenda creating an echo chamber**" ([Senko, 2021](https://open.library.ubc.ca/collections/ubc1-0205632/items/1.0078846594), p7)

In closing, let us return for a moment to the work of the Glasgow University team. Back in 1977 Philo, Beharrell, and Hewitt *(op. cit. inf.)* warned that trade unions faced an uphill struggle in their battle for justice. They suggested that unions should learn more about how the media worked, because "it is not enough for trade unions merely to state their case clearly and concisely[, rather they must] actively attack the framework into which information about trade unions is typically fitted" (p140.).
Note carefully the phrase "... the framework into which information about trade unions is typically fitted", because that "framework" is made out of the very personal constructs we have just been talking about. Indeed it is hardly an exaggeration to state that class warfare is personal construct warfare.

Sadly, then, the situation after 45 years of "attacking the framework" is far worse than the Glasgow team could ever have imagined. The class enemy has gone electronic, and the official narrative is now set and controlled by think tanks and analytics companies, richly bankrolled by the corporations and pressure groups who benefit most from spreading dissent and encouraging willful ignorance. There is a conspiracy to subjugate, no less, and the class war has never been so one-sided. We must never forget, therefore, that the job of editors is NOT to inform the "Have Nots" BUT RATHER to defend the "Haves". We must recognise that it is - as many have been saying all along - a matter of class against class. And above all we must recognise that the enforcing class are using military grade systems of mind control against the masses. Only with better understanding of the mechanisms of mass indoctrination will it be possible for the working class to learn to fight fire with fire.


YouTube Mick Lynch's Position Statement on the dispute
YouTube the government's Position Statement on the dispute

The Philo, Beharrell, and Hewitt paper is in Beharrell and Philo's (Eds.) (1977) "Trade Unions and the Media". Finally, to stay abreast of trends in modern railway engineering (and thus to earn the right to comment on the unions' position from a position of knowledge) we recommend taking out a subscription to RailEngineer - click here.

Clay, General Lucius D: Commander of the Berlin Zone during the Berlin Crisis of 1948 General Lucius Clay was advisor on international strategy to both President Eisenhower and JFK.

Clayton Knight Committee: The Clayton Knight Committee was established in November 1940 in New York by Associated Press correspondent Clayton Knight to liaise with WW1's top fighter ace (now Canadian Air Marshall) William Avery "Billy" Bishop in the recruitment of U.S. citizens into the Royal Canadian Air Force to fight against Nazi Germany. Over 10,000 U.S. nationals were recruited in this manner prior to the attack on Pearl Harbour.

Clementi, [Sir] David Cecil: Ubiquitous British executive David Clementi is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-
minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role has been as Chairman of the BBC since 2017.

Clements, Manning C.: FBI Special Agent Manning Clements [no convenient biography] arrived at DPDHQ to offer FBI assistance at about 1300hr on the day of the assassination. He began by listing the contents of LHO’s wallet at 1915hr, having been passed same by Gus Rose. He then undertook one of LHO's interrogations, beginning at about 2200hr and lasting "30 or 35 minutes", but with two interruptions totalling "10 or 15 minutes" for identity parades. During questioning as to the false Selective Service Card LHO declined to comment. Clements' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. Browse the Oswald's Wallet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Clemons, Aquila: Oak Cliff housekeeper Aquila Clemons [Spartacus Educational biography] was on her porch on 10th Street, when she witnessed the murder of Patrolman J. D. Tippit. Two men were involved, namely a "kind of chunky" gunman and a tall, thin, accomplice. Since two gunmen did not fit with the developing official narrative her report was not followed up. Clemons’ evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to camera, Mark Lane, 1966 [YouTube it now].

Clerk, [Sir]1917 George Russell: British middle-ranking Foreign Office diplomat [Sir]1917 George Clerk [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for accompanying Lord Milner on the 1917 Milner Mission to Russia [see own entry], (b) for being the first British diplomatic representative to the modern Czechoslovakia 1919-1926, and (c) for moving on to be Ambassador to Turkey 1926-1933, and France 1933-1937.

Cleveland, Grover: President[22nd, 1885-1889, and 24th, 1893-1897, Dem.] Grover Cleveland [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for (a) fighting an honourable but futile battle for the independence of the Hawaiian Islands during 1893 [check it out], only to become as Expansionist as the Republican Party when it came to the Venezuelan Dispute [check it out].

Clifton, Major General Chester ("Ted") Victor, Jr: White House Aide General Ted Clifton [Wikipedia biography] was one of several normally close Presidential attendants consigned on this occasion to well back in the Dallas Presidential motorcade.

***** "USEFUL IDIOT" OR EVIL CONSPIRATOR? *****

Clinchy, Everett Ross: [Read firstly the entry for Millenarianism.] American Presbyterian preacher Everett R. Clinchy [Wikipedia biography (German); also much online to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for conscientiously helping to found the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] in 1928, to bring together "individuals from all religious groups who, without compromise of conscience or of their distinctive religious differences, work together for human relations" ...

ASIDE: [Read now the entry for Louis Marshall, carefully noting why he deliberately conflated Zionism and “Americanism” during the early 1920s ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT.] This from the Web 4th August 2021 ...

"Formed to combat growing anti-Semitic and anti-catholic movements, the Conference promoted religious understanding and encouraged Protestants, Catholics, and Jews to work together for the common good. Clinchy served as its president from 1928 until 1958" (University of Minnesota archives).

... (b) in the late 1940s, with the perils of Fascist antisemitism back in the world's consciousness after the Holocaust, for preparing to found a second philanthropic organisation - this time one with an intentionally global reach, (c) for bringing those preparations to a head at a scoping conference in Toronto in March 1950, and (d) for then fronting the inaugurating conference in Paris later that year
at which the World Brotherhood (Fraternité Mondiale) was formally constituted ...

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: There is little doubt that the World Brotherhood would have been used - we guess without the knowledge of some of its officers - as a cover operation for CIA infiltration of the countries wherein it operated. See the explanatory entry for CIA Front Organisations [ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT].

ASIDE: This, too, from the Web 4th August 2021 ...

"He was also active in World Brotherhood (Fraternité Mondiale), which was formed in 1950 to promote religious, racial, national, and ethnic understanding and cooperation. In 1958, World Brotherhood was renamed the Council on World Tensions [United Nations archives]. Clinchy was appointed president and served in that post until 1965 when the Council ceased to operate.

He died in 1986, aged 89.

Clines, Thomas Gregory: Long-standing CIA officer with significant experience in Frankfurt during the Cold War Thomas Clines [Spartacus Educational biography] was JM/WAVE's liaison man into the Nicaraguan Regime. He would be one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the assassination was put together.

Clinton, Hillary Diane Rodham: Previously senatorial and then presidential first lady Hillary Clinton [Wikipedia biography] became noteworthy in the present context when she entered politics in her own right in 2001 as Senator from New York. Two administrations later, having lost the presidential nomination race to Barack Obama in 2008, she was rewarded by being made Secretary of State in 2009. She then leveraged her brand to win the Democratic Party nomination in the run-up to the 2016 presidential election, only to lose to Donald Trump. The British political commentator Craig Murray shed no tears at her defeat, thus ...

"A multi-millionaire, neo-con warmonger with the warmth and empathy of a three week dead haddock and an eye for the interests of Wall Street, who regarded ordinary voters as “deplorables” (a term she used not just once, but frequently, at fund-raisers with the mega-wealthy). Hillary Clinton conspired with the machine that was supposed to be neutrally running the primaries, to fix the primaries against Bernie Sanders. The opinion polls regularly showed that Sanders would beat Trump, and that the only Democratic candidate who Trump could beat was Clinton. Egomania and a massive sense of entitlement nevertheless led her not just to persist to get the candidacy, but persist to rig the candidacy. She then proceeded to ignore major urban working class battleground states in her campaign against Trump and focus on more glamorous places” (Murray, 2018, full text online).

RESEARCH ISSUE: There are uncanny similarities between the ousting of Bernie Sanders and political events in the UK in late summer 2016, where Big Six MSM influencers did their very best to topple British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn [q.v.] with a mind to resurrecting the by-then-well-decomposed corpse of Blairite "socialism". In Britain, too, the plot backfired massively as three quarters of a million old-school Labour Party supporters - with no script to follow - said "over my dead body" and rallied to the Corbyn flag. The research issue at hand is this: it has yet to be established just how close the U.S. and British MSM offensives actually were, whose hands were pulling the strings, who did their dirty work, and - of course - where and when they will strike next.

Cliveden Set: This is the name given in late 1937 by investigative journalist Claud Cockburn [see own entry] to a 30-year-old friendship circle cum think tank cum political pressure group in pre- and post-WW2 British society headed by Nancy, Lady Astor [see own entry], and including (over the years) [all with their own entry] ...

Lord Robert Brand; Geoffrey Dawson; Philip Kerr, Lord Lothian; William Montagu, Duke of Manchester; Steven Ward [see below]; Edward Wood, Lord Halifax

ASIDE: We include the comparatively lowly Stephen Ward [see own entry - RECOMMENDED] in this listing because he gave good massage [check it out, wink, wink - Ed.] and could provide spare talent [English slang=girls] when appropriate.
The set is best regarded as having existed since the Astors' marriage in 1906. Lady Astor was a popular society hostess with a reputation for attracting people of interest to her weekends and then leaving them to get on with whatever took their intellectual fancy. Rose (2000) notes as follows...

"In this way, a kind of 'Set' emerged at Cliveden in the years leading up to the First World War. Unstructured and unplanned, it just happened. [...] The net was cast wide. It included expatriate American heiresses who had married impecunious English aristocrats [three couples identified]. Perhaps unconsciously, Nancy was making her first move in what later became an avowed aim: the strengthening of Anglo-American understanding. Royalty followed. [...] Leading politicians were also favoured. [...] Literary figures were encouraged..." (p38).

It was therefore no great surprise that by the 1930s many Cliveden guests - given the natural antipathy of rich folk toward Stalinist Communism - admired Stalin's enemies, the Nazis, and this changed little until the 1937 Cockburn piece (above) and the general drive against Appeasement. For a short but highly informative introduction to the personalities and the issues we recommend Taylor's (1999 [full text online]) paper entitled "A Reevaluation of Cockburn's Cliveden Set". U.S. Ambassador Joseph Kennedy visited Cliveden several times in the period 1938-1940, on one occasion reportedly with the eligible young JFK in tow.


***** MUCH MORE TO THIS WOMAN THAN MEETS THE EYE *****

"Most people knowledgeable about the assassination of President Kennedy know nothing about June Cobb" (Albarelli)

"'Be afraid of June Cobb'" (ibid.)

"'Look more closely,' came the reply" (ibid.)

Cobb, Viola June: [CIA codename AMUPAS/J; a.k.a. June Cobb Sharp, Joan Price, Clarinda Sharp, Joyce H. Pineinch, etc.] Oklahoma-born P.R. girl turned excitement-hungry CIA asset and temper tantrum kicker-to-death of cats turned weaver of official narratives June Cobb [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for first appearing in the histories in 1947 as a student at the National University in Mexico City, learning Spanish and (according to later Congressional testimony) paying her way by both working for "an oil firm in public relations" and editing the Mexican Chamber of Commerce of the United States' [these guys] house magazine, "Mexico Moderno"...

RESEARCH ISSUE: Given that she was barely into her twenties at this time, we suspect her involvement was sales and advertising copy. The Chamber of Commerce seems to have been around since 1921 or so, and conducted much of its business out of offices in NYC. It is NOT listed as a CIA cover operation in Hugh Wilford's (2008) "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon] (which, in a way, is itself suspicious, for it was admirably placed to have been one).

... (b) for moving on to Colombia in 1948 with well-born Colombian boyfriend (and Medellin cocaine baron) Rafael Herrán Olozaga [not much known], Working for a while with Pan American Airways, again in public relations, (c) for shuttling 1949-1951 between Colombia, the Oklahoma oil and gas fields, and NYC, this last for treatment at Mount Sinai Hospital for a tropical disease she had contracted ...

CAMEO - COBB UNDER THE DOCTOR, 1951: In early 1951, during one of her periods in Colombia, Cobb went down with Leishmaniasis [Wikipedia briefing], a common enough but nonetheless serious tropical disease caused by sandfly vectored parasites. She was treated at NYC's Mount Sinai Hospital, and then went on to spend five months working for that hospital's well-respected Isidore Snapper [Wikipedia biography], specialist in "bedside medicine".

... (d) for acting 1952-1953 as a "confidential informant" for the FBN [some sources downplay this claim, but it was given under Congressional oath - Ed.] ...
EDITORIAL NOTE: So what we are looking at here is a trophy babe on the arm of a Medellin playboy-mobster passing information to the Feds. In the movies, such things quickly prove fatal, and yet Cobb seems to have carried it off.

CAMEO - COBB, THE FBN, AND GEORGE HUNTER WHITE: Albarelli (op. cit. inf.) gives some of the detail (note the use of OSS veterans in both the CIA and the FBN) ...

"Cobb [was a known associate of] at least four Federal Bureau of Narcotics agents, three of whom also worked covertly for the CIA [= in 1960]. Years earlier [= 1952-1953], Cobb had acted as a confidential informant to former OSS officials and now narcotic agents George Hunter White [see own entry REVELATORY], Charles Siragusa [HSCA Archives mention], Garland Williams [this from the CIA via McClaughry's Blog REVELATORY], and later to FBN branch supervisor George Gaffney [this from the National Crime Syndicate]. In 1952 [...] George White and Charles Siragusa were central players in establishing the CIA's Greenwich Village safe house where surreptitious drug experiments were conducted under the auspices of the Agency's infamous MK/ULTRA program [see the entry for Operation MIDNIGHT CLIMAX, then as directed]. [...] This safe house was closed down a few months after Dr. Frank Olsen's [see own entry] 1953 murder, and a new safe house was established in San Francisco, but not before Cobb began occasionally socialising with George White and his wife Albertine" (k6580).

... (e) also in 1952 for beginning to work as letters editor for TIME Magazine [which most certainly IS in Wurlitzer as a big-time CIA asset - Ed.], (f) for then following Dr. Snapper to a new professorship at Chicago's Cook County Hospital ...  

CAMEO - COBB UNDER THE SAME DOCTOR, 1952-1953: Snapper was at Cook 1952-1953 so this confirms the timeframe. PubMed lists 14 papers to «Snapper I» for these years [we have included 1954 in this tally so as to allow for publication delay - Ed.], their titles consistent with his research interests in hepatic endocrinology - check them out here if interested.

... (g) for working briefly for the oil firm Foster Wheeler [Wikipedia briefing] toward the end of 1952, at which time company was building a refinery in Colombia, (h) for returning to NYC in 1953, working as translator-interpreter ...

CAMEO - COBB AND WARREN BROGLIE; Cobb will testify in 1962 [see item (y) below] that clients were recommended to her by her friend Warren Broglie, manager of NYC's Waldorf Astoria, and Broglie is an interesting character in his own right, thus ...

RESEARCH ISSUE - WARREN BROGLIE: [Read firstly the entry for Robert Buick ESSENTIAL CONTEXT.] There is little in the literature (hard or online) on Warren Broglie, save for repeated fragments identifying him as a roving hotel manager for Getty's and Sheraton's in (at various times) Acapulco, Mexico City, and NYC.

This might help explain the otherwise grating coincidence that Broglie is going to reappear in Cobb's narrative ten years later as the distinctly suspicious manager of the Hotel Luma in Mexico City, talking in hushed tones to Lee Harvey Oswald on the evening of Saturday 28th September 1963. As we shall shortly be seeing [see item (ab) below], Mexican intellectual Elena Garro de Paz [see own entry REVELATORY] will later report that in 1963 Cobb was the information conduit between Broglie and Mexico City's CIA head of station Winston Scott [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], passing on tittle-tattle and comings and goings at the Luma. Albarelli adds: "[Broglie] also served undercover as an asset and confidential informer to the FBI, FBN, and CIA. Over a twenty-year period, beginning in mid-1952, Broglie, as revealed in one long and once deeply buried CIA file, is identified as 'a most reliable asset whose loyalties are unquestioned" " (k6576).

... (i) for ending up in hospital in NYC again in mid-1954 ...

RESEARCH ISSUE - COBB UNDER A DIFFERENT DOCTOR, 1954: This time she was treated at NYC's Beth-El Hospital for Agranulocytosis [Wikipedia briefing], one of the risk factors for which is cocaine use. Confirmatory archival research is called for.

... (j) for travelling Latin America 1955 (destinations unstated), (k) for working during 1956 with the State Department's Colombian-American Culture Foundation [no online presence] in Medellin as well
as at the American School [possibly these people], (l) for being implicated as an informer in the 1956 and 1957 Olozaga Brothers Drug Busts [nothing on these online], thus ...

"In December 1956, the Olozaga brothers were arrested in Havana for possession and distribution of heroin. The pair were apprehended by Cuban law enforcement officials, with the assistance of US FBN agents, a day after Cobb had left Cuba for Coral Gables, Florida. Cobb had travelled with the brothers to Havana to help them sell several grams of heroin and several ounces of cocaine. The brothers were released quickly, owing to their family connections. In a joint operation of the FBN and the Colombian Intelligence Service, the brothers were arrested again in Medellin, Colombia in February 1957 for running a cocaine laboratory on their parents' estate. FBN agent George Gaffney later recalled that the 1957 operation originated in New Orleans when 'a woman with CIA connections offered information’ to an agent" [source].

... (m) for unspecified secretarial work in 1957, (n) for becoming "acquainted with" Bulgarian politician Dimitre Dimitrov [see own entry A VERY SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER] in 1958, pursuant to his interrogation by the CIA as part of Operation ARTICHOKE [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT [it's the one about mind-controlling Manchurian Candidate assassins]], (o) for vaguely accounted-for time in NYC in 1959, (p) for visiting Havana in February 1959, bringing back a copy of Fidel Castro's 1953 "History Will Absolve Me" speech (in Spanish) ...

CAMCO - COBB AND THE CASTRO SPEECH TRANSLATION: Once back in NYC Cobb translated this speech [Wikipedia briefing], and her translation duly came to the attention of Cuban journalist Luis Conte Aguero [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], who helped to get it pamphleted. Castro became prime minister of Cuba 15th February 1959, and - because the United States had yet to brand him as ideologically hostile - was feted on a ministerial visit to NYC in April that year.

... (q) thanks to the above collaboration with Aguero, for being invited to meet Castro personally during his 1959 NYC visit, being thanked for her good work, (r) for then being invited by Castro's private secretary Celia Sánchez Manduley [Wikipedia biography] to come work as a translator in Havana ...

***** CASTRO NOW INCREASINGLY BRANDED A COMMUNIST *****

... where she remained for some 18 months, feeding back intel to a CIA handler, (s) for occasional clandestine meetings during that period with master assassin David Morales [see own entry SCARY] ...

EDITORIAL NOTE: If the 1958 Dimitrov assignment is anything to go by, what we are looking at now is a highly skilled undercover operator - perhaps sex lure - working for a hostile leader in his actual headquarters and living a double life. Again, in the movies, such things quickly prove fatal, and yet again Cobb seems to have carried it off. For our own part, we doubt very much whether Castro will have been much fooled (according to his security chief Fabián Escalante [see own entry] in 2006, he survived over 600 attempts on his life) - he very wisely trusted nobody, and was probably feeding her disinformation much of the time.

... (t) for being quizzed 24th-26th May 1960 by CIA officer Harry Hermsdorf [see own entry] (Newman, op. cit. inf., p106) ...

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For reasons which will become apparent, and in order to avoid duplication, we deal with this encounter, and its significance, in the entry for <Harry Hermsdorf>.
To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.
+++++++++++++++++++++++++++ ... (u) for being micro-surveilled when visiting NYC during summer 1960 (ibid., p107) on the orders of CIA counterintelligence officer William P. Curtin [see own entry] and security officer Joseph P. Langan [see own entry], both specialist molehunters (ibid., p108) [no doubt checking whether she had been "turned" during her year in bed (so to speak (or perhaps not)) with Castro - Ed.] ...

***** NOTE THIS NEXT ITEM CAREFULLY *****
... (v) for talks/correspondence from October 1960 through most of 1961 with Richard Gibson [see own entry FASCINATING], the not-what-he-seemed Secretary of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT]...

CAMEO - COBB, GIBSON, AND THE FPCC AS FBI "DANGLE": The FPCC was advertised as a protest group for Castro-sympathetic American liberals. In reality, however, it was part of the FBI's 1956-1971 Counter Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) [Wikipedia briefing]. If you signed up as an American progressive, then your name and address went straight into the FBI's files as a potential subversive! Even their Secretary - Gibson - seems to have been in on it. Three summers later, an up-and-coming undercover agent - Lee Harvey Oswald - would be wearing false FPCC colours himself while trawling for lefties in New Orleans, thus ...

YouTube Lee Harvey Oswald distributing FPCC fliers in New Orleans

Newman (op. cit.) explains the set-up in 1961 thus ...

"CIA interest in the FPCC and the chief of its New York chapter, Richard Gibson, was underscored by Gibson's active involvement with Patrice Lumumba [see own entry], the premier of newly independent Congo. Lumumba was 'viewed with alarm by United States policymakers because of what they perceived as his magnetic public appeal and his leanings toward the Soviet Union'. Gibson's support of Castro and Lumumba put him in a special category at the CIA: Both of these leaders had been targeted for assassination. Gibson spoke to June Cobb about the work 'his group' was doing for Lumumba [...] [helping to assassinate the man - Ed.]. He spoke about the FPCC leaders, such as Bob Taber [see own entry], and about the FPCC's relationship with American Communists. [...] Through Gibson, the CIA learned important details of the policy, personnel, and Cuban financial backing of the FPCC [...] seeing] the FPCC and Gibson as a instruments for a Castro-financed effort to foment insurrection in America" (pp237-239).

... (w) for being evaluated by her handler "Jean T. Pierson" (one of the Western Hemisphere Division's few female employees) in November 1960, thus ...

"On November 9, 1960, June Cobb's Agency handler, Jean Pierson - whose real name may have been Elizabeth Vetter [nothing online for either name] [...] - alerted Agency officials David Atlee Phillips [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] and J. C. King [see own entry] that she and a CIA psychiatrist from the Agency's medical staff, Dr. Boyd L. Burris [no convenient biography but appears to be still alive and kicking], had travelled to New York City two days earlier 'to assess June Cobb's suitability for an operational assignment'. Stated Pierson in a report about the trip: 'It had been originally planned to send her up to Mexico City again, arriving 26th May 1961 ... to try and persuade her to return to Cuba, but it was clear that she was not going to do so'. However, she added, 'she might be useful in the Castro regime'. Wrote Pierson on their meeting: 'Cobb appears to have cancelled her appointment necessitated a re-evaluation of her potential use'.

Jean Pierson's report goes on to clearly indicate that Cobb was already feeding the CIA a substantial amount of information about the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Indeed, Cobb was carrying on an extensive social, written, and telephonic relationship with FPCC executive secretary Richard Gibson. [...] On December 8, 1960, CIA staff psychiatrist Dr. Boyd Burris formally submitted his brief report about the Cuban occupier and her contacts with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, if she wants to stay middle-weight staffed with Agency operatives [...]'. Wrote Pierson on their meeting: 'Cobb appears to have accepted the fact that she cannot return to Cuba [...]'. She also has her connections with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, which appear to want to stay middle-weight staffed with Agency operatives [...]. She also has her connections with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, if she wants to stay middle-weight staffed with Agency operatives [...]'. 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Jake Esterline [see own entry] briefed the aforementioned Winston Scott as to the criteria for his [= Scott's] recruiting Cobb as an asset. Albarelli tells the story from released CIA archival material thus...

"A November 1961 memorandum sent to Mexico Chief of Station Winston Scott from WH Chief J. C. King [Wikipedia biography] and Jake Esterline intended to inform Scott of June Cobb's character and attributes reads: "According to the assessments made on June Cobb, it is believed that because of [...] potential susceptibility to leftist indoctrination, she should be handled with caution. She can be provided with general requirements but should be kept unwitting of modus operandi. Cobb requires direction and guidance [...]. AMUPAS/1 [her identity in CIA transmissions and government archives - Ed.] is an individual who needs a 'cause' [...] It is therefore necessary to keep her motivation directed along lines of our interest so that she will not be tempted to look elsewhere. [...] Handled with the above restrictions in mind, Cobb can provide a wealth of information" (k7136-7155).

One of her duties may well have been arranging a network of safe houses for agents passing through (ibid, k8072).

... (y) for testifying before a Senate Internal Security Subcommittee 30th March 1962 following the Bay of Pigs Disaster [see own entry] [Google Books full text online REVELATORY AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]

CAMEO - COBB TESTIFIES ON CAPITOL HILL, 1962: Cobb's CIA handlers saw to it that she gave her evidence as an undercover narcotics agent for the FBN, not as one of theirs, possibly even deliberately exaggerating her role as part of establishing her "legend". Albarelli sets the scene and reproduces some of the questioning in his Chapter Eleven. Here is a quick clip to confirm points already noted above [we strongly recommend reading the original - Ed.] ...

"The subcommittee apparently had no knowledge that Cobb was working for the CIS at the time of her appearance, nor did Cobb reveal anything about her dealings with the Agency. [...] Below follows selected sections of her testimony:

[...

Miss Cobb: In the spring of 1959, I went to Havana, on the invitation of the Prime Minister, Fidel Castro, and his private secretary, Celia Sanchez, where I was in charge of English publications of the Prime Minister's office on behalf of the revolutionary government. [...] I returned to the United States in October of 1960 on a leave of absence I had declared for myself, and I simply did not return.

[...] 

[Counsel]: You had, then, prior to the end of the Batista regime been of some assistance to the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics?

Miss Cobb: Yes, that is right" (k6695-6744).

Interestingly, Cobb is repeatedly quizzed about her involvement in translating Arevalo's (1956) "The Shark and the Sardines", but we shall defer discussion of this until the end of this entry.

... (z) for then spending a couple of months in Guatemala, seemingly going out of her way to draw attention to herself [again, think carefully constructed legend! - Ed.] ...

CAMEO - COBB IN GUATEMALA, 1962: Here, working from released documents half a century later, is Newman again ...

"Since last we visited her in 1960-1961, her first round of work with the CIA had ended. She travelled to Guatemala and managed to get expelled with much media fanfare. She became the subject of an article, '[Meet June Cobb:] She's a Soldier of Fortune' [full text online] by Jack Anderson in the Washington Post Parade, on August 12, 1962, a copy of which went straight into her CIA 201 file, 201-27884" (pp301-302).

Being expelled from anywhere "with much media fanfare" should always be regarded as suspicious, because it may well indicate a contrived offence prior to an in-harm's-way "insertion". The TV TROPES website describes this to perfection under the heading Fake Defector [check it out], and mentions examples from dozens of movies, including James Bond's The Living Daylights, The Godfather, and Pirates of the Caribbean. Likewise, assassination theorists will recall that on 20th June 1958 [see Timeline that date] a young Lee Harvey Oswald walked into an off-base bar at Atsugi AFB, Japan, and, after a few harsh words, "accidentally" spilled a drink over Technical Sergeant Miguel Rodriguez. A short fracas ensued, the M.P.s were called, and LHO found himself on a charge. This is nowadays commonly interpreted as deliberate play-acting prior to a period
undercover. That having been said, the present author has no suggestions to offer as to what Cobb and her handlers might have been up to on this particular occasion.

... (aa) for returning to her duties in Mexico City in 1963 ... 

CAMEO - COBB IN MEXICO CITY, 1963: It is still [= November 2021] not precisely clear what those duties might actually have been. However - whatever they were - they required that she be re-cleared by Security. Here, again piecing things together from released documents half a century later, is Newman again ...

"In June 1963 June Cobb was reapproved by security for her new role 'as an informant' for 'WH/3-Mexico, D.F.' The previous October, a CIA security memo to chief of Counterintelligence/Operational Approvals (CI/OA) had warned: 'As we advised on 1 October 1962 a search of our indices on Subject [= Cobb] disclosed noteworthy and derogatory information [... and therefore] this office will not conduct any additional investigation on the Subject until the [existing] has been reviewed thoroughly'. By June 17, 1963, however, it is clear that CI/OA had certified the use of Cobb to Security, which went along, reluctantly, and 'only for the proposed assignment' " (p302).

In fact, two of her contacts have been identified, namely (1) "Costa Rican commie" Eunice Odio [see immediately below] and (2) Luma Hotel surveillance man Robert Buick [aforementioned].

***** WHICH BRINGS US TO THE POINT OF ALL THIS *****

... (ab) for likely involvement close to the main action during Lee Harvey Oswald's "Mexico City Adventure", 27th September-1st October 1963 ...

RESEARCH ISSUE - COBB, OSWALD, AND EUNICE ODIO: One of the least well substantiated of the stories about June Cobb is the suggestion that she personally met Oswald at some time during his five full days in Mexico City. Here is Albarelli with the (still uncorroborated) basic assertion ...

"In my investigation of June Cobb as a much overlooked player in the JFK assassination, I had several discussions with a former intelligence operative who had worked in Mexico City during the early 1960s. During one such conversation this person guardedly mentioned that Lee Harvey Oswald had met with Cobb and Eunice Odio [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] in Mexico City during his infamous visit there in September-October 1963. This operative initially remarked: 'There is also Oswald's meeting with Cobb and Odio ... Among other things, they talked about Guatemala. That's well worth looking at' " (k7288).

We shall be meeting Eunice Odio again in item (ae) below, and suspect she may yet feature in some future document release.

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The <Mexico City Adventure> is a key to understanding the Kennedy Assassination. We have accordingly given it a long entry of its own, including a day-by-day tabulation of events long before, during, and long after the central five days.

We therefore recommend a diversion to that entry, but only as a pre-familiarisation exercise, returning here as soon as done.

FAIR WARNING
IF YOU DO ANYTHING MORE THAN A QUICK PRE-FAMILIARISATION YOU MAY BE AWAY SOME TIME!

Cobb appears in the parallel narrative at a number of points, and so there is an element of unavoidable overlap between the events therein tabulated and those in the paragraphs below. You may study the remote entries in any order, because you are going to need to have visited them all several times before you get up to speed with what might actually have happened

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***** PRESIDENT KENNEDY IS KILLED 22nd NOVEMBER 1963 *****
... (ac) for activities not yet fully established (but most assuredly frantic) during the weeks after the Kennedy killing...

**ASIDE - DID CASTRO DO IT?** Given that the CIA had Castro assassination squads in Mexico City, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Louisiana, and Florida, as well as already behind enemy lines in Cuba, the U.S. government was naturally suspicious that Castro's people (or - more ominously - their Russian allies) had simply got in first. **Add to this the fact that on 27th and 28th September** [see those entries in the Mexico City Adventure day-by-day table] **Oswald had spent an hour in the Soviet Embassy talking to known KGB men**, and we must imagine that the cypher machines into Mexico City station were in near meltdown and the ashtrays well past overflowing. Had the Cubans killed their President? The KGB, even? **Was there, in short, a risk of war, and might it even go nuclear (like it nearly had the year before)?**

**** GARRO TELLS COBB HER SECRET ****

... (ad) for being generally absent the histories until re-appearing nearly a year later when she suddenly submitted a short report dated 5th October 1964 concerning a hitherto unknown witness of interest, namely the local writer and potential Communist sympathiser **Elena Garro de Paz** [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE], who claimed to know something about LHO's activities while in Mexico City, thus ...

**ASIDE:** Most of the rest of this entry consists of material gleaned from Cobb's Garro Memorandum itself, or else from a succession of subsequently released documents, some mere file notes and others full government investigations. Each quotes the one before, all the way back to this one. These documents are important because - taken together - they gradually reveal NOT JUST what the CIA knew and had been up to in 1963, BUT ALSO how they proceeded to pile sleight of hand upon straightforward mendacity for decades afterward.

As an advance organiser, here are the documents still to be dealt with...

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CAMEO - THE TWIST PARTY, GARRO TO COBB, 5TH OCTOBER 1964: Elena Garro was at a dance party in Mexico City during the evening of what was reasonably certainly Monday 30th September 1963, where Lee Harvey Oswald and two companions arrived, having been invited, it seems, by Cuban Consulate front-desker Silvia Duran. Garro recognised Oswald on 22nd November 1963 once his picture went worldwide, but kept it to herself for nearly a year. In October 1964, now renting a room to June Cobb, it all suddenly came up in conversation, whereupon Cobb duly typed up what she heard and passed it up through channels to the intelligence officers at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, that is to say, via her controller [see (ae) below] to CIA head of station Winston Scott. We shall be looking at the precise wording of her report in a moment, but it is written in a somewhat strange, telegraphic style, and so we preface the original with one of the many secondary accounts now available in the literature ... "Dated October 5, [1964, the report] was from a CIA informant whose information, if true, meant that Scott and his colleagues - and through them the Warren Commission - had never known the full story about Oswald's trip to Mexico City. The informant, June Cobb, an American woman living in Mexico, had a complicated background. [+++ personal history already, or soon to be, covered +++]. [...] Scott knew the talented, opinionated Garro from the diplomatic party circuit. Cobb described listening in on a conversation among Garro, her twenty-five-year-old daughter, Helena, and Elena's sister, Deva Guerrero, that was prompted by the news from Washington about the just released Warren Commission Report. The three Mexican women told a remarkable story: they recalled how they had all encountered Oswald and his two 'beatinik-looking' American friends at a dance party thrown by Silvia Duran's family in September 1963, just weeks before the assassination. [...] When Elena and her daughter 'began asking questions about the Americans, who were standing together all evening and did not dance at all, they were shifted to another room', Cobb reported. Elena said she continued to ask about the Americans and was told by Silvia's husband [see below] that he 'did not know who they were', except that Silvia had brought them. When Elena pressed again to meet the Americans, she was told there was no time for an introduction. The Durans replied that the boys were leaving town very early the next morning', according to Cobb. They did not depart the city so quickly, as it turned out; Elena and her daughter saw the young Americans the next day walking together along [Avenida de los] Insurgentes [Wikipedia briefing and map]. The three women then described their astonishment when they saw photographs of Oswald in Mexican newspapers and on television in the hours after Kennedy's assassination; they instantly remembered him from the 'twist party'. The next day, they learned that Duran and her husband, Horacio, had been taken into custody by the Mexican police [...]. According to Cobb, Elena said she did not report any of her information about Oswald to the police out of fear that she and her daughter might be arrested, too. They did act immediately to distance themselves from the Durans, however. The Garros were so 'sickened' at the thought that Silvia Duran and her family might have had some sort of connection to the president's assassin that they broke off their relations with the Durans' " (Shenon, op. cit. inf., pp495-496).

In fact, Cobb submitted her report under the codename Joyce H. Pineinch [Mary Ferrell Database entry], and will not be identified by her real name until the 1979 Lopez Report - see item (ak) below. Here, courtesy of Albarelli, is the original text ...

"Pineinch

October 5, 1964

Mexican communists who had contact with Oswald, as has not appeared in Warren Commission write-ups in press. All weekend, Elena Garro de Paz, Elena Paz (the daughter), and Deba Garro de Guerrero Galvan sat around recalling details of having been in a group with Oswald here last fall during the days that he was in Mexico. The write-ups of the Warren Commission Report in the newspapers sparked this discussion, and they apparently had never really sat around determined to piece it all together, although all three were deeply affected by Kennedy's assassination, seemed literally to adore the Kennedy family image, still follow Robert Kennedy's career with great interest and admiration. The main points: Elena and Deba are first cousins of three young Mexicans named Duran: Ruben, Horacio, and Lynn. Horacio is the husband of Silvia Duran, the Mexican girl who was arrested for questioning about Oswald because she had been in touch with him at the Cuban Embassy when he went there looking for a visa. (She is or was also a ringleader at the Cuban-Mexican Institute on Tokyo, I remember.)" ...  

ASIDE: Cobb seems to be referring here to the Cuban Mexican Institute of Cultural Affairs [few mentions online], part of Castro's diplomatic and propaganda network, with officials in selected Consulates worldwide.

... "While Oswald was here last fall the Duran cousins invited the Garro sisters and young Elena Paz to a 'twist party' at the home of Ruben Duran mid-week. A few communists they knew (Deba is a
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CAMEO - COBB AND THE ANDERSON REPORT: Cobb's retelling of her story in the FBI files placed further minor details on the record, confirming dates and descriptions. Here is Shenon again (two clips)...

"[Anderson] was the same FBI agent who, in the immediate aftermath of Kennedy's assassination, had been in charge of the local investigation of Oswald's activities in Mexico. If anyone should have tracked down the Garros earlier, it was Anderson. The story that the Garros told was consistent, down to small details, with the account that Cobb had overheard. Elena Garro said she thought the party had taken place on Monday, September 30, 1963, or on one of the two following days [...]; she recalled thinking how unusual it was to have a dance party on a weekday. There had been about thirty people at the party. [...] It was at about ten thirty p.m., she said, that 'three young, white Americans arrived at the party. They were greeted by Silvia Duran and spoke only to her. They more or less isolated themselves from the rest of the party and, insofar as she observed, they had no conversation with anyone else.' Garro said the Americans 'appeared to be between 22 and 24 years of age'. [...] Oswald, she said, was dressed in a black sweater and appeared to be about five foot nine inches in height. (That was exactly Oswald's height.) One of his two American companions was 'about six feet tall, had blond, straight hair, a long chin, and was a bit 'beatnik' in appearance'. [...] Anderson sent his report to Washington on December 11 and, his files suggest, did nothing more. [...] He drew no final conclusion in the report but suggested that the Garros were simply mistaken" (p497).

"FBI headquarters had known about Oswald's trip weeks before the assassination. On October 18, Anderson sent a memo to Washington in which he outlined what was known about Oswald's stay in Mexico, including his September 28 meeting in the Soviet Embassy with Valeriy Vladimirovich Kostikov [aforementioned], who was known to be a top KGB operative. The CIA believed Kostikov was a member of the KGB's thirteenth directorate, which was responsible for overseas assassinations and kidnappings; he operated undercover as a regular member of the Soviet diplomatic corps. The question of how much the CIA knew about the conversations between Oswald and Kostikov, and why that information was not shared immediately by FBI headquarters with its field agents in Dallas in advance of Kennedy's visit, would never be fully answered [...]" (ibid. p154).

Washington, however, seemed surprisingly uninterested in this lead, no doubt because the Warren Commission, thanks to Allen Dulles' malign presence at the top table, was already writing a version of history which required Oswald to have been a "lone nut". Shenon continues ...

"Just days after the assassination, FBI headquarters seemed to lose interest in Mexico City entirely, at least as measured by the requests it made to Anderson and his colleagues in the embassy. Anderson could recall few explicit orders, of any kind, from Washington about what should be investigated in Mexico. Nor did he feel pressure to work closely with the CIA to follow up leads about Oswald. In fact, Anderson said that he and Scott did not have a single private conversation about the assassination, apart from their joint meetings with the U.S. Ambassador, Thomas Mann [see own entry]" (p154).

***** COBB IN THE (RATHER STRANGE) SCOTT MEMORANDUM *****

... (ag) for being deliberately and systematically smeared [more legend! - Ed.] by head of station Winston Scott in a file memorandum dated 25th November 1964,

CAMEO - COBB THE SPLIT PERSONALITY: For whatever reason, Scott - having just read Pineinch's [i.e., Cobb's] 5th October report - now described her by her real name both as "an American communist" and "promiscuous", noting also that she was at the time Elena Garro's lodger. It contains some clearly deliberate deceptions, but it is unclear whom exactly Scott was trying to deceive [the filing might, for example, have been planted as part of a molehunt - Ed.]. Here is Albarelli with the wording ...

"[O]n November 25, 1964, [...] Scott wrote a memorandum for the files bearing the subject 'June Cobb'. The memorandum explained that through two trusted covert sources [...] he had been informed that the former wife of Octavio Paz [= Elena Garro] 'rents a room to an American communist whose name is June Cobb'. Continued the memorandum: 'The former Mrs. Paz is, however, afraid of Miss Cobb. She said Cobb broke the legs and smashed the ribs of a pet cat when she got mad at the cat. Mrs. Paz is afraid June Cobb will 'break her arms and legs one day if she gets angry'. [...] The informants also reported: 'June Cobb is promiscuous and sleeps with a large number of men, sometimes spends several nights (consecutively) with a man in his apartment'. The document continues: 'Mrs. Paz believes Cobb may have been 'planted' on her by communists. The document then turns its attention to
Lee Harvey Oswald. It reads: 'Mrs. Paz tried to talk to Robert Kennedy when he was here” (continues after inset).

**ASIDE - RFK'S VISIT TO MEXICO CITY:** RFK’s visit to Mexico City took place around 18th November - check out Pathé Newsreel here.

... "She wanted to tell him that she had personally met Lee Harvey Oswald when he was here in Mexico City. [...] Winston Scott's memorandum concludes: 'Mrs. Paz [said] that she had come to the U.S. Embassy and had told an American official of this story about Oswald. She said the U.S. Embassy officer [to be identified below] told her that he was the official representative of the Warren Commission. He also told her that she should be afraid of June Cobb. [...] Listed first to receive a copy [of this report about June Cobb was] the CIA acronym for June Cobb" (k6373-6392).

**ASIDE - NAMING THE UNNAMED OFFICER:** Comments elsewhere in the document help identify who the "Embassy officer" probably was: "... Garro and her daughter, Elenita, first came to the attention of this office on November 17, 1964, when they contacted Mr. Peter H. Jacoby [no convenient biography but a few mentions of U.S. diplomatic service], who is employed at the Office of the Regional Book Center in the embassy. According to Jacobi (sic), Mrs. Paz's husband, Octavio Paz, had at one time been the Mexican Ambassador to India and had been known to Jacobi there" (ibid., k6432).

**** COBB IN THE 1965 THOMAS REPORTS *****

Readers will be (rightly) intrigued to learn that this is the same Charles Thomas who, on 24th June 1963, went well out of his way - physically as well as procedurally - to get Lee Harvey Oswald issued with a new passport, specifically to facilitate his Mexico City Adventure!

... (ah) for featuring - albeit not on this occasion as a main player - in what Albarelli calls "the strange and sad saga of Charles William Thomas", the Mexico City Embassy's political officer 1961-1967 ...

**CAMEO - COBB IN GARRO'S DECEMBER 1965 INTERVIEWS WITH THOMAS:** Charles Thomas [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] had previously been political officer in the embassy at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where he had clashed with members of Operation MK/NAOMI. In June 1963, he had interceded at no little effort to ensure that disgraced defector Oswald got his passport back. Based now at the Mexico City embassy, and under the alias Charles Ashman (Russo, 1998), he was asked to re-interview Elena Garro. What he got was the standard narrative, but now including the bombshell allegation that Oswald and his Cuban Consulate front-desker, Silvia Duran, had been lovers ...

We have already mentioned Silvia Duran and Ruben Duran a number of times in this entry, but they are now moving from side to centre stage. Readers not previously familiar with them should now quickly skim their separate entries before proceeding

"Charles Thomas's first discussion with Elena Garro de Paz about Oswald occurred on December 10, 1965, more than two years after the assassination. [...] He wrote a memorandum about his conversation with Elena that, according to the Lopez Report [see item (ak) below], had 'more details' than the story as told to Cobb more than a year earlier. Elena repeated the story of the twist party, but according to Thomas's memo, one of the new 'details' was Elena's charge that Silvia Duran 'was Oswald's mistress while he was there'. According to the Lopez Report this Thomas memo was also filed in the Oswald chronological file Wx-7241 [some contents of this file are readily browsable online - Ed.]: A note by this entry in Wx-7241 says, 'How did Elena Garro know about Silvia being the mistress of Oswald? This is 1965.' The Mexico City station did not hear about the Oswald-Duran 'affair' until July 1967 when a CIA asset, [redacted], reported it. [...] [Scott] wrote a note on the memo: 'What an imagination she [Elena] has!! Should we send to Headquarters?' The officer replied, on the memo, 'Suggest sending: there have been stories around town about this, and Thomas is not the only person she has talked to [...] The name behind the redaction is probably Cobb" (pp383-384).

The 10th December 1965 report was cabled to Washington 12th December. Thomas and Scott then got their heads together and decided that still more detail was needed. Garro was accordingly called back in 25th December 1965. Here, from Albarelli, are some of the points which then emerged (not least the appearance of yet another Mexico City contact, to wit a " Negro man with red hair") ...

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"In response to Thomas' questions, Garro said, 'Most of the guests at the party were communists or philo-communists.' Thomas wrote that she recalled 'seeing the Cuban Consul, Asquez (phonetic) (actually Azcue, as mentioned in the entry for the <Mexico City Adventure> - Ed.); General Clark Flores [The New York Times obituary, 1971] of the Mexican Olympic Committee; Silvia Duran, who she later learned was Oswald's mistress while he was here; Emilio Carballido [Wikipedia biography], the writer [...] and a Latin American Negro man with red hair.' [continues after inset]

EDITORIAL NOTE: This Negro with the red hair, although mentioned as having been at the twist party, is NOT, observe, being asserted as one of Oswald's companions in the group of young Americans.

... "In November 1963, Thomas reported, 'when the identity of Kennedy's assassin became known, Elena and her daughter went to the Cuban Embassy and, once admitted through the front gate, shouted 'assassin' and other insults at the staff there'. Shortly after Garro's shouting incident, Thomas explained, 'she and her daughter were visited by a friend, Manual Carvillo [obscure and difficult to isolate online], who was then an official in the Secretariat of Gobernacion [Mexican government internal affairs agency], and were told he had orders to escort them to a small and obscure hotel in the centre of town. They were kept there for eight days under pretext that they were in danger.' Most likely unknown to Garro, and perhaps also to Thomas, Carvillo was also a CIA asset who reported on a regular basis to CIA embassy personnel in Mexico, including Mexico City CIA station chief Winston Scott. [...] Fifteen days later, on Christmas Day, Thomas provided Winston Scott with 'a much more detailed and accurate restatement of Miss Garro's alleged encounter with Oswald [+++ out of sequence detail skipped +++]. Present for this discussion were Garro's daughter, Elenita, and Thomas' wife, both of whom had been present at the initial December 10 discussion. [...] At this point in his writing, Thomas launches into a very detailed accounting of the Garros' encounter with Oswald. The party, Elena told Thomas, was held at the house of Ruben Duran, who was a cousin to Elena Garro. [+++ more family detail +++] Sra. de Paz [Garro] had never had anything to do with Silvia, whom she considers a communist and a whore. [+++ more background on Ruben Duran and his party +++] 'At the party, the man she assumes was Oswald wore a black sweater [maybe the same black sweater he wore in Dallas when he was shot by Jack Ruby]. He tended to be silent and stared a lot at the floor. Of his two young American companions, one was very tall and slender and had long blond hair which hung down across his forehead. He had a gaunt face and a rather long protruding chin. [A near perfect description of Thomas Eli Davis, III [see own entry REVELATORY], in this author's estimation.] The other was also rather tall and had short, light brown hair, but he had no real distinguishing characteristics. [...] On another occasion (it was not clear whether before or after the party in question), she attended a party where she saw, among others [Azcue, Carballido, and the red-haired Negro again]. (These last two were not at the Duran party as was mistakenly stated in the December 10 memorandum.) Carballido and Azcue, along with a few others, got into a heated discussion on that occasion about President Kennedy, and they came to the conclusion that the only solution was to kill him" (k6089-6200).

"Now, in his lengthy December 25, 1965, report, Thomas turns his attention to what Elena Garro told him about June Cobb. Thomas includes nothing in his report that indicates that he may have known that Cobb was a paid asset and operative for the CIA. Writes Thomas: 'Also shortly after the assassination, an American woman named June Cobb came and spent several days in [Garro's] house. She [Cobb] was sent by their mutual friend, Eunice Odio, a Costa Rican who is now [December 1965] June Cobb's roommate and she was formerly the mistress of Vazquez Amaral [Wikipedia biography] when he was with the Rockefeller Foundation ... June Cobb expressed great interest in the Kennedy assassination. She succeeded in getting Deba Guerrera drunk one night, and the latter told all she knew about Oswald and the party at the home of Ruben Duran. Miss Cobb then wanted them to tell what they knew to the American authorities. Claiming to be a CIA agent, she [Cobb] advised against going to the American Embassy and urged them to go to Texas to tell their story. Failing in this, she [Cobb] said she would arrange a meeting in a quiet cafe [later revealed to be the cafe in the Hotel Luma with the CIA station chief [Winston Scott]. The meeting did not materialise, however, because she [Cobb] was asked to leave the Paz house [having] kicked Sra. de Paz' cat', Charles Thomas' brief account about Cobb coming to stay with Elena and her daughter is revealing, but raises many issues, which remain unaddressed, uninvestigated, and unanswered" (k6256).

***** COBB DEPARTS MEXICO CITY *****

... (ai) for being detached from the Mexico City station in 1966, going very dark ...

***** COBB AND EPISODE TWO OF THE THOMAS AFFAIR *****
... (aj) by virtue of her involvement in (af), (ag), and (ah) above, for being unavoidably mentioned in Thomas's 25th July 1969 attempt to blow the whistle on what he perceived to be a failure on Washington's part to act on his December 1965 report ...

CAMEO - COBB AND THE THOMAS WHISTLEBLOW: Thomas, who was in mid-1969 being terminated from his State Department employment, took the opportunity of explaining in a designedly vexatious letter to his Secretary of State, William P. Rogers [Wikipedia biography] that there was "a pending matter which I believe merits your attention", thus ...

"The 'matter', explained Thomas in his letter, concerned 'Lee Harvey Oswald, the presumed assassin of President Kennedy, [who was] allegedly present at a party given by a Mexican communist sympathiser and attended by the Cuban Consul, a veteran intelligence officer, when he was in Mexico shortly before the assassination. Continued Thomas, There are allegations that the Mexican Government may have been aware of Oswald's presence at that party and that the Cuban Government may have tried to intimidate others who saw him there'. Thomas' letter continued, informing Secretary Rogers that 'public disclosure' of Oswald's presence at the Mexico party 'could reopen the debate about the true nature of the Kennedy assassination and damage the credibility of the Warren Report'. Based on this concern, Thomas informed Rogers that since he had been the embassy officer in Mexico 'who acquired this intelligence information, I feel a responsibility for seeing it through to its final evaluation. Accordingly', Thomas wrote, 'I have prepared a memorandum (enclosed) explaining this information and its initial assessment, keyed to three memoranda of conversations with my Mexican informant'. Thomas concluded his letter in 1969 with this sentence: 'I believe you would want to consider carefully whether to let well enough alone in this case, or whether the risks attending possible public disclosure of these allegations make further investigation warranted'. [...] The first of Thomas' enclosed memorandum to Secretary Rogers, also dated July 25, 1969, [...] details Thomas' involvement as embassy political officer with his friend and 'informant', the well-known and respected Mexican playwright and novelist Elena Garro de Paz. ['++ thereafeter details as already noted above +++]' (Albarelli, op. cit., k6059).

Cobb only featured to the extent that she was mentioned in the three Garro attachments. Therefore to stay on thread, we present the rest of the whistleblowing story in Thomas's own entry.

***** COBB AND THE LOPEZ REPORT *****

... (ak) for being unable to be traced during the 1978 HSCA Inquiry [Wikipedia briefing], but for nevertheless being identified by name when the HSCA Report was published in 1979 ...

CAMEO - COBB AND THE LOPEZ REPORT: Published as an appendix to the broader HSCA Report [full text online] and compiled by staffers Edwin Lopez [no convenient biography] and Dan Hardway [no convenient biography but much recently of value in Meek (2020 [full text online REVELATORY])], the Lopez-Hardway Report (check it out here) deals with the HSCA's particular investigations in Mexico City. It mentions Cobb under the pseudonym June Cobb Sharp [an irregular structure: she seems to have used her mother's maiden name where normally one would put one's husband's - Ed.]. The report also briefly notes - but fails to investigate further - the involvement of Eunice Odio [aforementioned] in setting up Garro as an intelligence target in the first place (Newman, p379; Albarelli, k7251). Here is Newman with the detail ...

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"The source of the memo was [several lines redacted] whom the Committee identified as June Cobb Sharp while reviewing the [redacted] file. According to Elena, Ms. Cobb was sent to her house shortly after the assassination for a few days, by a mutual friend, a Costa Rican writer named Eunice Odio. Ms. Garro asserted that while at her house, Ms. Cobb expressed interest in the Kennedy assassination. One night, Elena's sister Deva, who was visiting, got drunk and told the whole story.' The words 'whole story' are vague, but probably refer only to the twist party at Ruben Duran's. Eddie Lopez and Dan Hardway tried and were unable to locate a number of witnesses, including June Cobb. [...] The question is this: Did Elena really tell Cobb 'the whole story' as described in the Lopez Report? [...] Not much else of significance about Cobb's memo is described in the Lopez/Hardway Report, except for Elena's claim that the day after the party she and her sister saw Oswald and his two companions on the Avenida Insurgentes [...] and that they recognised Oswald's photograph after the assassination. Silvia Duran's arrest after the Kennedy assassination 'underlined the Garros' certainty' that the man at the twist party had been Lee Harvey Oswald" (pp379-380).

***** COBB'S 1995 RECOLLECTIONS *****
... (al) for finally being tracked down and interviewed by researcher John Newman between 23rd February and 3rd April 1995 [several sessions - Ed.] for his (1995/2008) book "Oswald and the CIA" [Amazon] ...

CAMEO - COBB’S 1995 RECOLLECTIONS AND EXPLAININGS AWAY: Here is Newman with some of Cobb's recollections (presumably as guarded as ever) from three decades after the original events (note the additional detail concerning Elena Garro's unfortunate feline) ...

"June Cobb remembers Elena telling her story, but the description of Cobb's handling of this story in the Lopez Report seems unfamiliar to her today. [...] 'A quick social gathering had been slapped together for a purpose. When Elena and her sister got to this unlikely party there were these American guys there. And after the assassination they recognised Oswald as one of them. Elena had concluded that the Cubans were in on the assassination, and that the party must have been set up by those Cuban individuals involved, and some of their Mexican friends, so that they could provide an underground for Oswald after the assassination, in which there would be people available who would recognise him and assist in his escape.' [...] Elena detested Communists, and thus Cobb's comment about the Garros going to an 'unlikely' gathering of communist sympathisers. Elena had concluded that she and her sister were asked to the party as a sort of 'camouflage to alter the appearance of the meeting'. [...] Cobb had been living with Elena for only about a month when the story of the twist party came up, Cobb does not recall, however, the actions attributed to her in the Lopez Report: 'claiming to be a CIA agent, Cobb suggested that Elena and Deba go to Texas to tell their story. ++++ the basic cat story is repeated ++++ The trail of evidence on this report by Cobb is as intriguing as this - probably false - story itself. The memo was apparently 'lost' in the files [...] until the HSCA found out about it from another source - a chronological history of the Oswald case designated Wx-7241 [aforementioned], prepared by Raymond Rocco [nothing known] for the CIA in 1967. [...] Cobb does remember how the story with Elena turned out. It all ended abruptly one night in late September or early October 1964 it was mid-November - see (ag) above, when Bobby Kennedy arrived in Mexico City [...] and the Garros went out to the airport to see him arrive. The word got around that he was coming, but I was sick and did not go to the airport. I stayed home in my bed with my humidifier, but they went to the airport. [...] Suddenly Elena and her daughter came home from the airport,’ Cobb remembers, ‘and soon there was a lot of raised voices about her cat and what had happened to it [...] They stayed up all night long.’ Cobb says, ‘and decided I had broken the cat's legs. By the time I woke up it [presumably the cat's ninth life - Ed.] was over. I moved out to a hotel the next day” (pp380-382).

... and finally (am) for rather curiously NOT featuring in any of Judyth Vary Baker’s [see own entry] works, despite the attention Baker generally gives to her boyfriend's Mexico City Adventure.

EDITORIAL ASIDE: At time of writing [= November 2021] both the long-awaited 2nd Edition of Baker's "Me and Lee" and the posthumous Albarelli (2021) have yet to be released in the U.K. We shall search those works thoroughly when they arrive, and - if necessary - amend the above entry accordingly.

***** ONE LAST REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE *****

***** THE SHARK AND THE SARDINES - OSWALD'S LAST READ *****

QUICKIE - OTTENDORF CIPHERS: An Ottendorf Cipher [Wikipedia briefing] is a cryptographic technique predicated upon two parties having access to an identical book, such as a Bible, a popular romance, a train timetable, or similar, so that counted-off letters or words on counted-off lines or pages are common to both - YouTube Tutorial [GREAT FUN]. We are about to learn how a book translated by - and therefore quite reasonably in the possession of - June Cobb - ended up being the last book known to have ever been in the possession of Lee Harvey Oswald. Moreover the book in question was quite vehemently anti-American, and so would again be quite reasonably in the hands of a carefully sheep-dipped lone-nut Commie. It might also explain why Cobb and Oswald did a face-to-face while he was in Mexico City [see (ab) above]. - they might have been practising the cipher.

We have saved one of the lesser Cobb mysteries for last, for it would otherwise have over-complicated an already overladen narrative. This final part of the story began when FBI investigators looked in greater detail at the books charged out to Oswald's Dallas Library card ...

CAMEO - COBB AND OSWALD'S LIBRARY LOAN: Here is Albarelli again (the shark you are about to hear about is, of course, the United States and the sardines are its smaller and economically sorely exploited southern neighbours) ...
"On February 25, 1964, about three months after the assassination, the FBI conducted an inquiry into the books taken out of the Dallas Public Library by Lee Harvey Oswald. During the inquiry [...] the Bureau was informed by Lillian Bradshaw, Director of the Dallas Public Library, that 'the only records maintained by the Library are keyed to delinquencies; therefore it would not be possible to determine a listing of the books read by Oswald'. However, Bradshaw gave the FBI two copies of a Dallas Public Library notice which reflects Lee Harvey Oswald, 602 Elsbeth, Dallas, was delinquent on a book entitled The Shark and the Sardines by Juan Jose Arevalo.'" [Continued after inset]

QUICKIE - JUAN JOSE AREVALO: Juan Jose Arevalo [Wikipedia biography] was President of Guatemala 1944-1951, having been elected during the Guatemalan Revolution [Wikipedia briefing]. As an enlightened and patriotic Guatemalan, he was soon deliberately smeared by the U.S. as a communist, and his programme of reforms actively subverted. He was replaced by the historically better remembered Jacobo Árbenz in 1951, only to watch on helplessly as Árbenz was forcibly deposed by the CIA in 1954 [see Timeline 18th June 1954]. He wrote the bitterly satirical Shark (in Spanish as Fabula del Tiburon y las Sardinas) in 1956, and Cobb's English translation came out in March or April 1961.

... "Stated the report: The book was due on November 13, 1963, and, according to Mrs. Bradshaw, it would have been charged out on November 6, 1963. The delinquency notice was never mailed. According to library records, the book was never returned'. Bradshaw told the FBI that library records indicated no other delinquencies for Oswald. At the request of FBI SA Raymond P. Yelchak [The New York Times obituary, 2013], Dallas, Mrs. Bradshaw provided the FBI with another copy of the book, which the FBI noted in its reports as having been authored by a former President of Guatemala, Juan Jose Arevalo [aforementioned], translated from the Spanish by June Cobb and Dr. Raul Osegueda [no convenient biography] and published by Lyle Stuart [see own entry] [NYC address given]. The FBI's February 25 report on Bradshaw's delinquency information [noted that the book's] Introduction to the American Reader by the Author, in part, reads as follows: 'In your hands you hold a controversial book - a book that speaks out against your State Department's dealings with the peoples of Latin America during the Twentieth Century. In it is intended no insult to, nor offence to, the United States s a nation [nor] to cast blame on the North American people - who, like us, are victims of an imperialist policy of promoting business, multiplying markets, and hoarding money.' [...] According to numerous books and articles that mention Oswald's delinquent book, The Shark and the Sardine was never returned to the library and remains missing and unaccounted for to this day. This is not true. Indeed, the book was returned at some point following the assassination, but by whom, and exactly when, we do not know" (k1643-1678).

Albarelli makes two further important points later in his book, firstly to remind us that Cobb's translation had been mentioned by name in her 1962 Senate subcommittee testimony, and secondly to inform us that the translation had even been mentioned (albeit tucked discretely away) in the Warren Commission Report. In fact, if you study Cobb's Senate subcommittee testimony [see item (y) above for the link to online full text] closely, it dwelleth overmuch, wethinks, on The Shark, for it occupies fully 19 of the transcript's 39 substantive pages!

Cobb died in 2015, aged 88. It was estimated by Albarelli in 2013 [he passed away in 2019, but Albarelli (2021) is expected soon - Ed.] "that well over 2000 pages on Cobb remain classified for national security reasons" (k1722). OUR VERDICT: For Cobb as FBN deep penetration informant in the 1950s we say probably true (although this involvement seems to have been subsequently over-publicised for sake of her legend). For Cobb as CIA deep penetration informant in Havana 1959-1960 and against the FPCC we say definitely. For Cobb as significant counterintelligence asset in Mexico City 1960-1966 we say she walks and quacks like one on both the black ops and propaganda side of things. And for Cobb as handler/contact to Lee Harvey Oswald in Mexico City 1963 we judge possible but as yet unconfirmed. FURTHER READING: Other than the aforementioned Mexico City Adventure entry and Cobb's Congressional testimony, see John M. Newman's (1995/2008) "Oswald and the CIA" [Amazon] (all of it generally, and Chapter 18 specifically for events in Mexico City), his (2017) "Countdown to Darkness, Volume 2" [Amazon] (especially Chapter Six on Cobb's time in Havana 1959-1960), Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2013) "A Secret Order" [Amazon RECOMMENDED], and Chapter 55 of Philip Shenon's (2012) "A Cruel and Shocking Act" [Amazon]. For the story from the Mexico City Embassy's perspective see Jefferson Morley's (2008) "Our Man in Mexico: Winston Scott and the Hidden History of the CIA" [Amazon]. For more on lowlife in the Hotel Luma in the years in question (a certain James Files had dinner there - and is pictured on the dustjacket - with a bunch of ne'er-do-wells in January 1963!!) see Daniel Hopsicker's (2006) "Barry & the Boys: The CIA, the Mob, and America's Secret History" [Amazon RECOMMENDED BUT PRICEY]. For more on Clay Shaw's
business travels see Donald H. Carpenter's (2014) "Man of a Million Fragments" [Amazon]. For more concerning the pharmacological black ops see Kate Marcello's (2015) "CONSPIRACY FACT: MKULTRA and Mind Control in the United States" [Amazon]. And for more on Ted Shackley see David Corn's (1994) "Blond Ghost: Ted Shackley and the CIA's Crusades" [Amazon].

***** CONSPIRACY THEORIST, CLIVEDEN SET *****

"BELIEVE NOTHING UNTIL IT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY DENIED" (ATTRIB)

Cockburn, Francis Claud: British left wing journalist Claud Cockburn [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having learned his craft as a young man as a foreign correspondent for The Times, (b) for having founded his own newsletter in 1933 under the title The Week, taking a generally pro-Communist stance, (c) for serving as war correspondent in the 1936 Spanish Civil War, (d) for continuing his Establishment baiting by coining the term Cliveden Set [see own entry] in his newsletter of 22nd December 1937, (e) for continuing in like vein all the way through to his column in Private Eye in the 1960s, by which he helped take the political scalp of John Profumo [see own entry].

"Coded Negative Imagery": See the RESEARCH ISSUE on this topic in the entry for "Churnalism".

Cody, Joe: Having been asked in 1960 by Jack Ruby to advise on his personal security as a carrier of cash takings, DPD officer Joe Cody [no convenient biography] took him in person (this being so Ruby could benefit from the police discount) to Ray's Hardware and Sporting Goods and bought him the .38 snub-nosed Colt Cobra revolver which he subsequently used to murder LHO.

Cognitive Infiltration: This is the term used in Sunstein and Vermeule's 2008 paper entitled "Conspiracy Theories: Causes and Cures" to describe the deployment of on-message agents-provocateurs to counter-inform off-message social media discussion groups.

Cohen, Nehemiah: [Read firstly the entrie for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching COMPULSORY SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] Polish proto-Zionist mystic Nehemiah Cohen [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the "Cabalistic propagandist" (Dubnow, op. cit. inf., p167) who, having been preaching the imminent coming of a Jewish Messiah, was summoned in 1665 to interrogate Messiah-candidate Sabbatai Zevi [see own entry]. After three days of cross examination, not only did he refuse to sanction Zevi's claim, but he also turned him in to the Ottoman authorities as a disruptive element. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Chapter VI of Simon Dubnow's (1916-1920/2020) "History of the Jews in Russia and Poland" [Amazon].

Cohn, Roy Marcus: Lawyer Roy M. Cohn [Wikipedia biography] acquired something of a reputation as a prosecutor during a number of high profile espionage trials during the Senator Joseph McCarthy witch hunts of the early 1950s, thereby helping in his own small way to deepen the Cold War.

COINTELPRO: See the insets in the entry for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC).

Colby, William Egan: WW2 OSS veteran Bill Colby [Wikipedia biography] had been CIA Chief of Station in Saigon, South Vietnam until 1962, and had recently returned to D.C. as Deputy (later Chief), Far East Division. He would become Director on 4th September 1973. Colby disappeared on a coastal canoeing trip on 27th April 1996, and when his body turned up nine days later the medical examiner blamed a prior heart condition. He was about to appear before the Frank Olson enquiry [q.v.].

Cole, Francis B.: FBI agent Francis Cole [no convenient biography] was introduced in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked" as one of two FBI men sent to Memphis to interview John Elrod, which see (the other agent being Norman Casey). Their report was substantively ignored by the Warren Commission.
"Isn't it time we used physical science rather than political science to investigate 9/11?"

Cole, Jonathan H.: [Go firstly to the entry for Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth and work your way through the STUDENT EXERCISE - HOW TO DEMOLISH A SHOW TOWER ESSENTIAL PRIOR SKILL.] American civil engineer Jonathan H. Cole [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for his specialist contribution to the work of the international Truther movements Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911) [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] and Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice [ditto]. His particular forté has been in devising vivid large-scale demonstrations of otherwise arcane physical and chemical processes, by far the two best known of which are ...

DEMONSTRATION #1 - THE SCIENCE OF FREE-FALL SKYSCRAPER COLLAPSE: The official inquiries into the three 9/11 skyscraper collapses have tended to rely on carefully choreographed software animations designed to prove an officially pre-announced explanation [English slang = lies, especially as part of a government cover-up]. This is wholly egregious science, both epistemologically and ethically. Cole's demonstrations, on the other hand, prefer to use physical models - twenty-foot-high towers of bricks, etc. - set up in his back yard. This makes for great YouTube circus, and even better science. Real science. Real structures behaving for all to see. Science which wants to inform and educate, rather than conceal. Here, from a 3rd December 2010 videotaped webinar entitled "The 9/11 Experiments: Collapse vs. Demolition", are some of the most vivid experimental demonstrations ...

> YouTube "Collapse vs. Demolition" here

[The video begins by explaining the problem. The demonstrations come between 3:22 and 5:00: the sequence between 5:20 and 6:30 concerns the French Vérinage Demolition Technique [see own entry QUITE INTERESTING]; note also at 8:20 how "crush down" and "crush up" can - perhaps must - take place simultaneously.]

Cole's conclusion is that a frame-by-frame analysis of the 9/11 collapse videos can only match a frame-by-frame analysis of an experimental set-up IF THERE ARE NO JOLTS, and - as the above-mentioned Student Exercise will have explained - this can only happen if the steel cores have been uniformly pre-weakened - as though some Martian heat ray had - pace Jeff Wayne - melted its valiant heart.

CAMEO - THE FIVE IF-THEN'S OF 9/11 TRUTH: Toward the end of the 3rd December webinar, Cole sets out a very worrying five-stage example of inductive scientific reasoning. It all rests on the absence of "jolts" as noted above, and runs as follows ...

> "IF there are no jolts, THEN it's not a natural gravity collapse

IF it's not a natural gravity collapse, THEN it's a man-made demolition

IF it's a man-made demolition, THEN it was planned before 9/11

IF it was planned before 9/11, THEN something is very very wrong"

[No Jolts, of course, means that 3000 people were "intentionally murdered" that day and many millions more killed in the wars wrongly initiated in the name of 9/11 justice ever since.]

> "IF I am wrong, THEN prove it - by experiment"

DEMONSTRATION #2 - THE SCIENCE OF THERMITIC SKYSCRAPER DEMOLITION: Cole's second set of demonstrations is even more visually spectacular, as he uses backyard chemistry to attempt to melt through the valiant heart, so to speak, of a heavy steel girder. Here, from a 4th December 2010 follow-up video "The 9/11 Experiments: "The Great Thermate Debate" is what he did ...

> YouTube "The Great Thermate Debate" here

[Note the progressively increasing cutting power as Thermite is enhanced to become Thermate, and Thermate is enhanced to become Nano-Thermite. Note also the gradual improvements in his technique, culminating in his successfully melting through his girder with a 1 kilogram charge of Thermate and a carefully focused burn!]
Clips of Cole's work have been incorporated into many later documentaries, including "9/11, An Architect's Guide", the 2021 three-parter which at time of writing [May 2021] represents the latest word on the subject [see the entry for Richard Gage for details and links].

Coleman, Kay Helen: [a.k.a. Kathy Kay; later Kay Helen Olsen] London born divorcée and some time hostess at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club Kay Coleman [no convenient biography] attended the midnight meeting of "Johnny", Jack Ruby, and her fiancé Harry Olsen. Coleman's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (as "Mrs. Kay Helen Olsen")

Coley Jerry: [Read firstly the Don Campbell entry.] [Blood or Cola Thread] At around 0900hr Dallas Morning News advertising salesman Jerry Coley [no convenient biography] left colleague Don Campbell and customer Jack Ruby in the cafeteria and went out to do some unrelated sales calls. When he returned at "some time after" 1100hr he met Jack Ruby again in the office of another colleague, John Newnham. At around 1130hr he then left the building with one Charlie Mulkey and headed out into Dealey Plaza, looking for a good vantage point from which to watch the motorcade. They take up a position near the entrance of the old county jail on Houston Street, east side, a short distance from the TSBD. After the shooting, which Coley would later describe as "very echoey", and with "no definite gunshots", he went past the front of the TSBD along the Elm Street service road, heading for the open space behind the picket fence, disregarding (but presumably delayed by) a Sheriff's Deputy's instructions to stay away. Reaching the end of the rear walkway of the John Neely Bryan Pergola he turned to go down the steps, and noted a "huge puddle" of "what I thought was blood". He descended the steps and went back to the office to get assistance. As he entered he observed a weeping Jack Ruby on the telephone to someone. He then rounded up advertising photographer Jim Hood, told him to get his camera, and, at "a little after one", led him back to the steps. The blood was now "all crinkly like it had coagulated a little". Hood dipped a fingertip into it and tasted it, confirming "That's blood". He then took a photograph and went back to the office. When he got to work on Monday morning, 25th November, he found reporter Hugh Aynesworth quizzing Don Campbell about the Ruby conversation three days earlier, because he wanted to do a quick piece on the man. Coley duly contributed his Ruby recollections, and then, turning to the blood, led Aynesworth over to the steps only to find that the site had been very thoroughly cleaned. On Tuesday he learned that Aynesworth had submitted the Ruby piece, describing him as "Coley of the News". Half an hour later his wife rang him in no little distress saying that she had had threatening telephone calls (which could only have been from people who had just read Aynesworth's piece). And later again two FBI men came to interview "Coley of the News" for his Ruby recollections. He told them what he could, and again tagged on the matter of the pool of blood. Hood was called in to the meeting and showed the photograph he had taken, only to have the camera, the negatives, and the print taken from him. The FBI's parting instruction was crystal clear: "Boys," they said, "this conversation never took place, if you know what we mean". Coley duly kept his mouth shut until his story was eventually included in Wallace Chariton's 1990 book "Unsolved Texas Mysteries". The clearest telling of Coley's story is in a 2011 Black Op Radio interview by Len Osanic [YouTube it now - RECOMMENDED].


***** A LOT MORE INTERESTING THAN YOU MIGHT THINK *****

"People have [parted] with their money for

shares in a new nothing" *(Daniel Defoe, 1697)*

"... the unending attempts by Wall Street to sell investors

lumps of coal packaged as 'early stage diamonds'" ***(op cit. inf., 2013)**

Collateralised Debt Obligations and Securitisation: A Collateralised Debt Obligation (CDO) [Investopedia briefing] is a precarious but nevertheless not intrinsically illegal instrument of backroom
banking. It is a "Derivative" [Wikipedia briefing], that is to say, it is new worth created in some clever way out of previously under-recognised old worth. When done properly (by which we mean with solid collateral, fully audited, and marketed without intent to favour or defraud), it can free up funds which would otherwise be unavailable to the economy at large. The practice has probably been around since money itself was invented, being seen, for example, in the entirely innocent facilities management procedure known as the "factoring" of invoiced debt [Lloyds Bank briefing], by which a trader can receive all his invoices - less a commission known as "factorage" - from a factoring entity, and thus save the time and trouble of running an in-house invoice-chasing department. The factoring entity then typically sells on tranches of the income stream to clients as interest-bearing bonds.

Factoring - YouTube Tutorial

Since this and similar deals contractually "secure" <income yet to be received> in return for <cash in hand>, the process is generically one of "Securitisation" [Investopedia briefing].

Securitisation - YouTube Tutorial

Yale's highly respected financial historian William N. Goetzmann [University homepage] notes a significant surge in securitisation deals during the 18th Century, thus ...

"The eighteenth century in Europe and America was a period of extraordinary financial innovation that took a turn away from equities - at least until nearly the end of the century - and instead focused on a financial architecture built on credit. By the end of the eighteenth century, paper money had made a comeback in many different forms, and financiers had developed ways of collateralising paper money and complicated bonds of all sorts. These sophisticated financial innovations provided a means to transform illiquid assets to liquid securities, [... The new technology involved the pooling of assets in trust and the issuance of securities against this pool. Securitisation is nothing more than a repackaging and reselling of an asset, restructuring of the flows through time [...] or even dividing the flows in some way that might make them more attractive to investors. The story begins, not surprisingly in the Netherlands ..." (Goetzmann, op. cit.inf., pp382-383).

To find out what exactly had been going on in the Netherlands see the broader historical review in Part One of the entry for <Neoliberalism, Some Worked Examples>.

With all the above in mind, here, from the Investopedia link, is a formal definition of a CDO (a debt obligation simpliciter is, of course, an IOU of some sort, and that includes a banknote) ...

"A collateralized debt obligation (CDO) is a complex structured finance product that is backed by a pool of loans and other assets and sold to institutional investors. A CDO is a particular type of derivative because, as its name implies, its value is derived from another underlying asset. These assets become the collateral if the loan defaults,"

Now the point about securitisation is that it significantly alters the risk profile associated with the asset in question. BEFORE SECURITISATION, the original owner receives the income from the asset (whatever it might be) but is (1) responsible for the upkeep of said asset, and (2) vulnerable to the income stream drying up for whatever reason (war, death, default, etc., etc.). AFTER SECURITISATION, the original owner has money in the bank and freedom from worry, and the finance house is receiving a good rate of return on its outlay. Indeed, if said finance house is clever it will sell on all or part of its investment for an immediate capital profit, thus allowing itself to repeat the process somewhere else. IT THEREFORE FOLLOWS THAT financiers will normally (1) drive a hard bargain at point of assignment, (2) strictly manage the income stream thereafter, and (3) sell on at the highest "Premium" [Investopedia briefing] the market will stand ...

ASIDE: The really clever finance houses do something creative during (2) in order to improve the income stream, thereby increasing the premium they get at (3).

Financiers, in other words, have to be good with numbers, especially when the assets being purchased have been themselves bundled up into "Synthetic CDOs" [Investopedia briefing] (CDOs which are in turn bundles of other CDOs). This is because the foreclosure trail back to the underlying collateral becomes longer with each rebundling, and - in practice - exponentially ever more difficult to enforce. You end up with IOUs for IOUs for IOUs. Goetzmann therefore spends quite a bit of time charting
the rise of mathematics in economics, beginning in the 19th Century with the Rothschild accountant Henri Lefèvre [no convenient biography] and the Parisian stockbroker Jules Regnaut [Wikipedia biography], and then moving on to include the early 20th Century's Louis Bachelier [Wikipedia biography]. He then notes how the 1970 Nobel Prize for Economics went to the MIT team of Myron Scholes [Wikipedia biography] and Robert C. Merton [Wikipedia biography], who, together with associate Fischer Black [Wikipedia biography], had contrived the Black-Scholes-Merton Model of Stock Option Pricing [Wikipedia briefing] in the 1960s.

**Black-Scholes-Merton Model - YouTube Tutorial**

Again, we say more about each of the above in the broader historical review in Part One of the entry for <Neoliberalism, Some Worked Examples>.

**PERSONAL ASIDE:** The present author worked 1970-1971 as a junior clerk in the Executor and Trustee Department of a City of London insurance company. The front portico of the Bank of England was some 150 metres away. In those two years we noted not a single act of sharp practice, and we were explicitly lectured on the sins of any form of insider trading.

Mathematical models became ever more important (and ever more inscrutable) as markets increasingly went online during the 1980s, eventually earning those who dreamed them up the nickname "Quants" [Investopedia briefing], an abbreviation of "quantitative analysts" ...

**** ENTER THE "QUANTS" *****

**** (a.k.a. WALL STREET'S "ROCKET SCIENTISTS") *****

Quants spent the 1980s and 1990s devising their clever schemes and generally supporting the world's Reserve Banks [Wikipedia briefing] in their "risk-free" printing of money. Specifically, it was quants who helped Fannie Mae [see own entry] and the others construct the market in Synthetic CDOs based ultimately on bundles of oversold mortgages, thereby helping to bring about the 2007-2010 Subprime Mortgage Crisis [Wikipedia briefing] of fond memory ...

**CAMEO - THE 2007-2010 SUBPRIME MORTGAGE CRISIS:** An oversold - or "subprime" - mortgage is one which is not worth the paper it is written on, by virtue of the fact that there was from the outset no chance that repayments could be maintained. UNFORTUNATELY, there are still profits to be made by the realtor, the building company, and financiers close to the collateralisation trough. What banks did, and what quants reassured them it was safe to do, was bundle these mortgages up into Synthetic CDOs and hawk them around unwary institutional investors. They also insured each other against being caught with high-fee Credit Default Swaps [Wikipedia briefing] - but insurance policies are themselves just IOUs so you start to get the picture [for a concrete example, see Timeline 26th-31st March 2021]. The dangers started to spook the financial press just prior to the Great Crash of 2008 [Wikipedia briefing]. As early as 2005, for example, the (at the time) Wall Street Journal's Mark Whitehouse [LinkedIn biography] was calling out one quant in particular, namely a young banker named David X. Li [Wikipedia biography], for his application of the "Gaussian Copula" [Wikipedia briefing] to maximising the take from a given bundle of risky assets. The essence of Li's model was that a Synthetic CDO was only likely to implode if all its bundled CDOs collapsed simultaneously, which became less and less likely the more CDOs you had in that bundle. Sadly this important mathematical proviso DOES NOT APPLY to oversold mortgages, for the simple reason that the overselling will have targeted particular demographic groups who can VERY EASILY SUFFER SIMULTANEOUSLY ...

**ASIDE:** Compare the 24 "core" weight-bearing steelwork columns in World Trade Center Tower Seven [see FURTHER READING at end] which did all fail simultaneously on 11th September 2001.

Here is Whitehouse's expert testimony on the dangers three years before they really hit home (two clips) ...

"The story of Mr. Li and the model illustrates both the promise and peril of today's increasingly sophisticated investment world. That world extends far beyond its visible tip of stocks and bonds and their reactions to earnings or economic news. In the largely invisible realm of derivatives -- investment contracts structured so their value depends on the behaviour of some other thing or event -- credit derivatives play a significant and growing role. Endless trading in them makes markets more efficient and eases the flow of money into companies that can use it to grow, create jobs and perhaps spread prosperity. **But investors who use credit derivatives without fully appreciating the risks can cause much trouble for themselves and potentially also for others, by triggering a cascade of losses.** The GM episode [1] proved relatively minor, but some experts say it could have been worse. 'I think this is a baby financial mania,' says David Hinman, a portfolio manager at Los Angeles investment
firm Ares Management LLC, referring to credit derivatives. 'Like a lot of financial manias, it tends to end with some casualties' "("Slices of Risk", WSJ, 12th September 2005 [full text online], p2).

[1] Whitehouse is here referring to the downgrading of General Motors' credit rating to junk bond status on 4th May 2005.

"Synthetic CDOs are booming, and largely displacing the old-fashioned kind. Whereas four years ago, synthetic CDOs insured less than the equivalent of $400 billion face amount of U.S. corporate bonds, they will cover $2 trillion by the end of this year. J. P. Morgan Chase [see own entry] estimates. The whole U.S. corporate-bond market is $4.9 trillion. Some banks are deeply involved. J.P. Morgan Chase, as of March 31, had bought or sold protection on the equivalent of $1.3 trillion of bonds, including both synthetic CDOs and individual credit-default swaps. Bank of America Corp. [Wikipedia briefing] had bought or sold about $850 billion worth and Citigroup Inc. [Wikipedia briefing] more than $700 billion, according to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Deutsche Bank AG, [see J. P. Morgan entry] whose activity the comptroller doesn't track, is another big player" (p4).

And here is the verdict on Li, as per his Wiki ...

"Li himself apparently understood the fallacy of his model, in 2005 saying 'Very few people understand the essence of the model.' Li also wrote that 'The current copula framework gains its popularity owing to its simplicity ... However, there is little theoretical justification of the current framework from financial economics....We essentially have a credit portfolio model without solid credit portfolio theory.' [One observer] says 'Li can't be blamed': although he invented the model, it was the bankers who misinterpreted and misused it" (accessed 8th September 2022).

So (much as we all suspected anyway) bankers have a lot to answer for, and disasters are only ever a matter of time (which is why Warren Buffet famously described CDOs as "weapons of mass destruction"). In short, sharp practice (for it is rarely outright fraud) is everywhere in the counting houses, as TV satirists regularly note ...

**IN THE U.S.:** America's George Carlin did a piece on the subject just before he died [he missed the September 2008 Lehman collapse by three months - Ed.] on "Why You Are In Debt" - [YouTube it here].

**IN THE UK:** And here are two of Britain's most seasoned satirists - John Bird and John Fortune - specifically on the evils of subprime lending - [YouTube it here].

**OUR FWIW VERDICT:** As to why we have included financial sharp practice in an encyclopaedia of conspiracy theory, it is simply because bankers are the senior executives in that Military-Industrial Complex (MIC) we were warned about by President Eisenhower back on 17th January 1961 ...

YouTube Eisenhower's Explicit Warning

**COMPULSORY VIEWING** (3 mins)

We give the last word (for the time being) to Van Deventer, et al. (op. cit. inf.) ...

"The complete disappearance of the collateralized debt obligation (CDO) market, outlined in Chapter 20, came about as more and more investors realized that the complexity of that structure was intentional; it was a convenient way to discourage investors from looking closely at the underlying collateral. It facilitated the unending attempts by Wall Street to sell investors lumps of coal packaged as 'early stage diamonds' " (p639).

**FURTHER READING:** This entry is intended as prior context for the broader history of financial sharp practice set out in the entry for Neoliberalism, Some Worked Examples, which see next. In the meantime, for CDOs considered in isolation see William N. Goetzmann's (2016) "Money Changes Everything: How Finance Made Civilisation Possible" [Amazon REVELATORY], and Chapters 20 and 26 of Donald R. Van Deventer, Kenji Imai, and Mark Mesler's (2013) "Advanced Financial Risk Management (Second Edition)" [full text online]. Other commonly cited articles are Felix Salmon's (2009) 'Recipe for Disaster: The Formula that Killed Wall Street' [full text online] and Donald MacKenzie and Taylor Spears' (2012) "The Formula That Killed Wall Street'? The Gaussian Copula and the Material Cultures of Modeling" [full text online]. At time of writing [=...
Collins, Arthur A.: Oklahoma born electronics whizz-kid Arthur A Collins [Wikipedia biography] had founded Collins Radio [Wikipedia briefing] at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1933, and had seen the company grow exponentially during WW2. Development continued after the war, helped in some areas, by Nazi expertise acquired under Operation Paperclip. Collins was also closely associated with General Curtis LeMay during the latter's Project Birdcall - the installation of a standardised communications system for Strategic Air Command. New production sites were added at Burbank, CA, and Richardson, Dallas, during the 1950s, and in 1962 the Callsign-Liberty base station at Cedar Rapids went live with 24/7 communications to Air Force One. Following financial problems the company would eventually be taken over by Rockwell International in 1973. Collins Radio is noteworthy in the present context (a) because, as a major employer in the area, a number of key figures chanced to be employees at the Richardson plant, (b) because of one clearly visible walkie-talkie user - Dark-Complcted Man - at work near ground zero in Dealey Plaza, and (c) because of the need for dedicated radiomen in professional sniper teams. As an example of (a) we have Collins employee Carl Mather associated with the scene of the J. D. Tippit murder, and as an example of (c) we have Ruth Ann Martinez. The company's covert involvement with the CIA were revealed on 1st November 1963 in the Rex Incident [q.v.]. Browse the Military-Industrial Complex Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Collins Radio: See the entry for Arthur Collins.

Collom, Mark: In 1971, while serving a short sentence for a drug offence in McAlester State Prison, OK, and having been taken ill with hepatitis, 21-year old Mark Collom [no convenient biography] found himself in the next infirmary bed to a fellow-prisoner named Loy Factor. Over the following days the older man gradually came to trust him, and told him that on 22nd November 1963 he had been part of a four-person TSB6 shooting team. Four years later, after his release, he shared this tale with old friend Glen Sample, and together they tried unsuccessfully to get an investigative journalist interested in the case. And there things would have rested, had it not been for the renewal of interest in the JFK assassination brought about by Oliver Stone's 1991 movie "JFK". Collom duly got in touch with Larry Howard, one of the movie's technical advisors, and Director of the well-respected JFKAIC in Dallas. Howard was highly enthusiastic, and the two men got back in touch with now-hospitalised Loy Factor, the first of several interviews taking place on 11th February 1993. Factor's recollections were eventually published as "The Men on the Sixth Floor" (Sample and Collom, 1995), with a Foreword by Howard.

Colwyn Committee on National Debt and Taxation: Chaired by banker-politician Frederick Henry Smith, 1st Baron Colwyn [Wikipedia biography] and convened for the first time on 20th March 1924, the Colwyn Committee on National Debt and Taxation [much mentioned, but not textually included in, Hansard] was charged by the government with rationalising British public finances. The committee took expert testimony for the following three years, eventually reporting back in Spring 1927 and having its recommendations incorporated into that year's Budget Debates - see, for example, Hansard for 16th March 1927 (Lords) [full text online]. FURTHER READING: For more on the U.K. gilts market in general see Moorad Choudhry's (2013) "The Gilt-Edged Market" [Amazon]. For more specifically on the Colwyn Committee see Snavely (1928 [full text online (requires JSTOR registration)]). The report is also mentioned in the Companion Timeline at 19th January 1927 in the context of the 1833 Slavery Compensation Loan.

Comité de l'Allemagne Libre Pour l'Ouest (CALPO): See the entry for Noel Field.
Comité des Forges: Founded 15th February 1864 by the leading French ironmasters, and with Eugène Schneider himself as its inaugural President, the Comité des Forges [Wikipedia briefing] stands accused by Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty [see own entry] in Chapter 3 of their 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry] of caring more about profits than the lives of the Frenchmen actually doing the fighting. Specifically Macgregor and Docherty claim that the Comité applied behind-the-scenes pressure in 1914-1915 on the French political and military Establishment NOT to bomb their iron and steel works around Briey in the Lorraine Basin, now in occupied territory and in heavy use by the Germans [one of the complainants was the future Prime Minister of France, Pierre-Étienne Flandin - see the separate entry]. Macgregor and Docherty reserve especial criticism for the cynical exploitation of international tensions over the decades by the De Wendel dynasty, ironmasters of Lorraine, and of the present President of the Comité, François de Wendel [Wikipedia biography], who, when eventually accused of profiteering in late 1915, was - wait for it - put in charge of his own investigation! [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING] [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

Comité Nationale de Secours et d'Alimentation (CNSA): See the entry for 10th October 1914.

Committee for a Jewish Army: See the entry for Stephen Penrose.

Committee for the Relief of Belgium (CRB): See the entry 1st September 1914.

Committee of Imperial Defence (CID): Established by Arthur Balfour in 1902, the Committee of Imperial Defence (CID) [Wikipedia briefing] was an attempt to learn political and technical lessons from the poor British performance in the Second Boer War. The committee was little used during the Campbell-Bannerman administration of 1906-1908, but became more influential during the Asquith administration. Indeed it was a 1909 CID sub-committee which was responsible for the establishment of MI5 and MI6 to handle internal and overseas intelligence gathering, respectively. The Royal Navy's seat was taken from 1908 by Lieutenant-Colonel of Marines Maurice Hankey [see own entry], and he did the job so well that in 1912 he was promoted to Secretary, a position he would hold until the committee was disbanded in 1938. Thus organised, the committee brought together experts from the armed forces, the Foreign Office, and the imperial dominions themselves, to recommend to Cabinet how best the Empire might be defended. It thus did for the British Empire what the National Security Council (NSC) [see own entry] does for the American.

Committee on Public Information (CPI): [Often informally as the Creel Committee] Founded 14th April 1917 by President Wilson as his administration's domestic and foreign propaganda arm, the Committee on Public Information (CPI) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being headed by journalist-turned-propagandist George Creel [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] (b) for stamping its authority on the flow of war news into the mind of America through to its dissolution 21st August 1919, (c) for thereby successfully pulling off that greatest of all political deceptions, namely getting people to accept carefully phrased overstatements and half-truths as "the truth, and nothing but", thus...

"The Creel Committee, as it soon was known, promoted the war with a barrage of newspaper ads, leaflets, newsreels, public speakers, and publicity stunts. Congress did its bit to legislate conformity by imposing espionage and sedition Acts so sweeping that people were prosecuted for obstructing the sale of government bonds, discouraging recruitment, or uttering abusive words about the government or military uniforms. Hundreds were sent to prison for questioning the war, including the 1916 Socialist candidate for President, Eugene V. Debs [see own entry]. There he languished until 1921, when Harding pardoned him. The government set up a nationwide spy system, infiltrated supposedly 'dangerous' organisations, incited them to illegal acts, raided their premises without warrants, and destroyed their property" (Steel, op. cit. inf., p124).
... (d) for operating in revolutionary Russia during Winter 1917-1918 in the person of Edgar Sisson [see own entry], (e) for making an absolute meal out of the Sisson Documents [see own entry] in early-to-mid-1918, despite knowing them to be faked ...

CAMEO - "THE GERMAN-BOLSHEVIK CONSPIRACY": Axelrod (op. cit. inf.) relates how the propagandists at the CPI republished the Sisson Documents as "The German-Bolshevik Conspiracy" [full text online] (courtesy of the University of Colorado). The CPI milked this resource mercilessly as part of a publicity campaign promoting U.S. military intervention on the side of the White Russians in the Russian Civil War [see Timeline 27th February 1918, then as directed] (the Bolsheviks being no better than Germans, see).

... and (f) for in many respects writing the textbooks for the incessant propaganda wars which have followed. It is no coincidence, therefore, that the post-war propaganda theorists Carl Byoir [Wikipedia biography] and Edward Bernays [see own entry] learned their craft while with the CPI (Bernays ran their Latin-American news service). FURTHER READING: For specific examples of the CPI at work see the following entries in the Companion Timeline: 7th May 1918. For an extended history of the CPI in general, as well as more on the 1917 Espionage Act as a complement to the propaganda offensive, see Alan Axelrod's (2009) "Selling the Great War: The Making of American Propaganda" [Amazon].

Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies (CDAAA): See the entry for C. D. Jackson.

"Comrade Kostin": See the entry for Valeriy Kostikov.

Comstock, The: The Comstock Lode [Wikipedia briefing] was a very productive silver ore mine discovered by prospector Henry Comstock in 1859 in the Virginia Mountains of Nevada. Its exploitation lasted twenty bonanza years, followed by a progressive decline in yields, and there has been only sporadic activity since the 1920s.

Condon, Richard Thomas: American author Richard Condon [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the author of the 1959 thriller "The Manchurian Candidate" [Amazon], in which the eponymous anti-hero has been brainwashed as a prisoner of the Chinese in Manchuria to kill to order upon receipt of a pre-arranged post-hypnotic trigger signal - in other words, as a personally unwitting "sleeper agent". It took only weeks for the term "Manchurian" to enter everyday language, since when the trope has been repeatedly re-used ...

ASIDE: The TV TROPES website lists dozens of dramas cribbing the Manchurian trope - check them out.

In 1962, the book was turned into a movie under the same name [IMDB entry], starring Laurence Harvey as the eponymous brainwashed assassin and Frank Sinatra as the man trying to get to him first (in the event, unsuccessfully).

***** CIA MASTER ASSASSIN, INDOCHINA 1945-1968 *****
***** POSSIBLY IN DEALY PLAZA 22nd NOVEMBER 1963*****
***** A DEEPLY PSYCHOLOGICALLY FLAWED INDIVIDUAL *****

"Don't believe anything I tell you; I'm an expert liar"(himself, quoted in Boot, 2018, K4519)

"He liked blowing things up"(a friend)

"After QJ/WIN and Boris Pash, Lt. Col. Lucien Conein may be ranked as another of the more intriguing people involved in the practice of state sponsored murder" (Albarelli, 2009, op. cit. inf., p335).

Conein, Lucien ["Lou"]: [Pronounced co-nee-m; a.k.a. Black Luigi, The Thug] Parisian-born U.S.-raised WW2 veteran (French Army 1939-1940, then U.S. Army, then OSS/French Resistance) turned Cold Warrior (OSS/Indochina then Germany) turned careerist CIA field commander Lou Conein [Wikipedia biography]
is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being raised by his mother's sister, a WW1 war bride, in Kansas City from 1925 (then five years old), his father having just died ...

**PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE:** Here is Rust *(op. cit. inf.)* with some of the details (two clips) ...

"Brought up in a strict household, Conein had below-average grades in high school and 'associated with the son of a Kansas City policeman who had a wild reputation' [...]. Dropping out of high school during his junior year, Conein was hired by a printer in 1936 and later moved out of his aunt's home to live with the family of his employer. While working as a pressman and typesetter, Conein joined the Kansas National Guard [...]. [+++ first period in France dealt with below +++] In September [1941] he married Marian Marshall of Kansas City. The marriage was an impetuous act of spite - aimed at both a former girlfriend who refused to marry him and at the parents of his bride, who reportedly 'objected to his character'. The marriage lasted six months" (p44).

"An OSS evaluator described him as 'voluble', 'energetic', and 'resourceful'. He was 'a man of action - chiefly of independent action. Impetuous and sometimes rash. [...] Judgement not always good'. [...] 'Showed poor discipline and might be a trouble-maker in the field', according to [another] assessment" (p45).

... and here is the closest psychiatric descriptor which the present author, based on these remarks, would apply to the man, namely that of Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) ...

"There is a reasonable consensus that pervasive instability and ambivalence intrude constantly into the everyday lives of persons with BPD, resulting in fluctuating attitudes, erratic or uncontrolled emotions, and a general capriciousness and undependability. Such persons are impulsive, unpredictable, and often explosive; it is difficult for others to be comfortable in their presence. Both relatives and acquaintances feel 'on edge,' waiting for these patients to display a sullen and hurt look or become obstinate and nasty. In being unpredictably contrary, manipulative, and volatile, people with BPD often elicit rejection rather than the support they seek. Displaying marked shifts in mood, they may exhibit extended periods of dejection and apathy, interspersed with spells of anger, anxiety, or excitement" (Millon, 2010 [full text online], p113).

... (b) for hitchhiking to Chicago in 1939 to join the French Army, (c) for ending up back in Kansas in 1941 following the German occupation of France, thanks to a resistance escape route out through North Africa (this, remember, is what was going on in *Rick's Bar* in "Casablanca"!), (d) for joining the U.S. Army in September 1941, obtaining a commission and being sent for special forces training at Fort Bening\(^{GA}\) 1942-1943, (e) for further training with SOE in Britain 1943-1944, preparing to support the June 1944 Invasion, (f) for a second spell in harm's way in France August-December 1944, operating "in southwestern France" with the French Resistance and duly acquiring deep incursion experience (as well as the nickname "Black Luigi" and honorary membership of the Corsican Mafia [Wikipedia briefing]), (g) for returning to Chicago in 1945, where the notches on his six-guns got him headhunted by OSS for operations in post-war French Indochina, (h) for serving in that theatre of Cold War operations through to 1946, thus ...

**CAMEO - CONEIN IN INDOCHINA, 1945-1946:** The United States’ initial concern in the Southeast Asian borderlands was to help establish the post-Japanese government in Hanoi, and thereby to secure the entire region as a bastion against Communist agitation (Prouty, 1992, p259). As history has since come to realise, the business of "securing" Indochina killed, maimed, or displaced millions of innocent inhabitants and laid waste to much of the region between Vientiane (modern Laos) and Kunming in China's Yunnan Province, as shown on this Google map. Here is Rust again, recording Conein's part in turning this remote backwater into the setting not just for "Apocalypse Now" but for an entire chapter in cinematic history ...

"In the spring of 1945, Conein was transferred to OSS Detachment 202 in China, where he trained irregular forces along the border with French Indochina" - today's Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. Conein led a successful guerrilla attack against a Japanese divisional headquarters in northern Vietnam on 9 July. His team of French, Chinese, and American commandos then embarked on a 23-hour forced march through enemy-occupied territory to attack a Japanese garrison, before withdrawing to safety in China. During the final two weeks of the Pacific war, he led his guerrillas in missions against Japanese patrols and outposts in northern Indochina. A threatened attack by Japanese forces prompted local allied commanders to recommend that Conein abandon the area. 'He chose to remain and defend his position against advancing columns of Japanese.' Conein was awarded [+++ medals and awards listed +++]. Among the earliest Americans to enter Hanoi after the war, Conein met the Vietnamese revolutionaries Ho Chi Minh and Vo Nguyen Gap [... and made] the acquaintance of many Vietnamese soldiers, some
of whom became senior officers in the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) and led the coup d'état against President Diem eighteen years later. [...] Conein was [in Vietnam] for less than six months. For the next six years, he served in Germany” (45-46).

... (i) for being headhunted in 1946 to help wage Cold War against the Soviet Union in Germany, stationed initially in Nuremberg and later in Berlin ...

CAMEO - CONEIN IN GERMANY 1946-1954: Nuremberg was a major intelligence processing centre for the first six months after the war, as the Americans did their best to sort useful Nazis from the rest using both interviews and a large document cross-referencing office. Rust sets the scene as follows ...

"In December 1945, more than two months after OSS had been officially dissolved and its operational branches transferred to the War Department's Strategic Services Unit (SSU) [Wikipedia briefing], William G. Suhling, Jr. [no convenient biography but some reward for the determined browser], chief of the SSU's mission in Germany, wrote to headquarters about 'a critical situation'. With American citizen-spies demobilising there and around the world, Suhling was 'disturbed' to learn that replacements for departing espionage and counterintelligence personnel would not be arriving in the near future. Among the personnel he 'urgently' requested was a company-grade officer to serve as the mission's mess officer, an undemanding position that would allow much time for intelligence work. [...] The choice appeared to be an odd one. Conein spoke no German, and his specialty was paramilitary operations, not espionage or counterintelligence" (p46).

Albarelli (2009, op. cit. inf.) adds as follows ...

"In 1947, Conein joined the CIA at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, which allowed him to use his military standing to conceal his Agency employment. In his early Agency years, he worked in at least five countries in both Europe and Southeast Asia performing 'sensitive tasks', according to CIA files [still largely] closed to public access. In 1951, the chief of espionage in West Germany recruited Conein to establish a base of operations in Nuremberg. The central purpose of the base was to recruit and dispatch covert agents into Warsaw Pact countries to identify and eliminate troublesome East German and Soviet agents” (p335).

Rust continues ...

"From November 1951 to May 1952, Conein was chief of CIA's Nuremberg Operations Base. When [he] left Germany in 1953 Lt. Gen Lucian K. Truscott, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] the senior CIA representative in Germany, praised him for his 'valuable contribution' to the Agency's work there” (p47 [there is a better fit with the material below if May 1952 is regarded as a typo for May 1953 - Ed.])..

In 1953 Conein was transferred to the Berlin Operating Base (BOB) [see the entry for Henry D. Hecksher ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], to work to William Harvey [see own entry]. Albarelli reports as follows ...

"About eighteen months into his Nuremberg assignment, Conein was transferred to work for William King Harvey, chief of the CIA's Berlin station. His duties in Berlin are mostly unknown, but former intelligence officers say that he served as a link between Harvey and the military, which was operating number of safe houses throughout West Germany. Said one former official: 'Lucien helped with certain human exports out of Germany to the U.S., and served as liaison frequently to delegations from [Camp] Detrick and Edgewood [Arsenal] that arrived to do interviews or assessments on any prospective German scientists that somebody back home thought would be worthwhile to ship back” (p335).

RESEARCH ISSUE: Although phrased very precisely, Albarelli's story does not appear in either Rust or Murphy, et al. (op. cit. inf.). Confirmatory archive work is still needed. In August 1952 the Directorate of Plans integrated the work of the SSU and the OPC. Harvey arrived in Berlin in January 1953 and his first year saw two major projects which could conceivably have justified bringing Conein up from Nuremberg. These were (April 1953) the breaking of a Soviet espionage ring, and (June 1953) the abortive Berlin Uprising.

... (j) for returning to Saigon following the treaty partition of Vietnam in 1954, serving through to October 1956, initially with the Saigon Military Mission (SMM) under Edward Lansdale and latterly with the "regular" CIA ...

CAMEO - BACK IN SAIGON 1954-1956: Conein now found himself fighting Ho Chi Minh rather than thanking him for his assistance against the Japanese. Here is Rust again ...

"After a brief desk job at CIA headquarters - his 'forté is not admin', according to one efficiency report - Conein returned to Vietnam on 1 July 1954. [...] Now a major, Conein was a member of the Saigon
Military Mission (SMM), which conducted paramilitary operations against the Viet Minh and worked to stabilise the new anticommunist government led by Ngo Dinh Diem. [...] SMM operated independently from the 'regular' CIA station in Saigon [...] reporting] directly to DCI Allen Dulles. [...] Conein's assignment with SMM ended on 28 April 1955, when he began working for the 'regular' CIA station in Saigon. In a formal assessment of his performance with SMM, Lansdale wrote that Conein was ‘a good, strong right-hand man in a tight spot [...]. Privately, however, Lansdale was blunter, referring to him as 'the Thug." (pp47-48).

Leary (op. cit. inf.) informs us that the authorising project was Operation COGNAC [Wikipedia briefing], and that intensive use was made of Claire Chennault's Civil Air Transport (CAT) [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] air transport command ...

"Besides transportation of refugees, COGNAC also involved close cooperation between CAT and the CIA's [SMM]. [...] While one team established bases in the south, another set up stay-behind paramilitary networks in the north, intended to harass the new Communist regime after the French departed. [...] The northern team, led by Lucien Conein [...] entered Hanoi as part of the U.S. Military Assistance and Advisory Group charged with supervising the flow of refugees [and] worked closely with the CAT airlift” (p193).

... (k) for moving on to special forces up-training 1956-1958 at Fort BraggNC, being, upon completion, duly promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in the 77th Special Forces Group [Wikipedia briefing], (l) for being assigned to intelligence staff work in 1959, for a tour attached to the Iranian Army, (m) for retiring the Army in 1961 and rejoining the CIA as a civilian contractor, duties unknown, back in Saigon, (n) for therefore being admirably qualified to be loaned back to the Western Hemisphere at around this time to act as handling officer for QJ/WIN during the ZR-RIFLE operation against Fidel Castro, (o) for being the handling agent for General Tran Van Dong [see own entry in planning the 1st November 1963 U.S. coup against President Diem [see Timeline this date] ...

CAMEO - CONEIN AND THE VIETNAM COUP: Lewis (2019) [Amazon] explains this piece of kingmaking as follows ...

"South Vietnamese generals maintained contact with CIA officer Lucien Conein. Conein, in turn, met with Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, who approved of a coup against Diem. [+++ details of communications with Washington +++] Lodge worked with the coup plotters through Conein and even met Diem just before the coup” (p3).

In short, "it was Conein who personally gave the green light to go ahead with the coup " (Twyman, 1997, k17819).

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED VIEWING: Conein confesses exactly this to camera in the second of two vignettes in Episode 3 of the 1997 PBS American Experience documentary "Vietnam: A Television History" - YouTube it now [Conein speaks at 40:20 and 44:20 - Ed.]. Made in the long-departed era of well-resourced and balanced telejournalism, this multi-part documentary is a fascinating and highly informative source not just on the tragedy of Vietnam but on the Cold War in general.

... (p) for being tentatively identified as present, mission unknown, in the crowds in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963 ...

ASIDE: Conein is one of the six potential conspirators photographically placed in Dealey Plaza by Eaglesham and Schallhorn (2000 [full text online - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED (IF ONLY TO EXCLUDE)!]). For our part, we find their photographic evidence pretty compelling, but Albarelli (2021) concludes after due diligent consideration that it was not him, so please check for yourself.

... (q) for continuing in special operations in Vietnam through to the early 1970s, (r) for being head-hunted by E. Howard Hunt to direct the Special Operations Branch of President Nixon's new Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) 1st July 1973 (Hinckle and Turner, 1981/1992, p399) ...

ASIDE: Conein reputedly brought a number of his old ZR/RIFLE contacts out of retirement and started "enforcing" selected drug barons for good.

... (s) for giving an interview in 1981 to author William J. Rust [frequently cited above - Ed.], and (t) for later being described as follows ...
There was a hint of barely restrained violence about him that his alert, blue eyes under bushy eyebrows, as well as his abrupt, blustery manner and short temper, did nothing to belie" (Boot, 2018, k439).

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: We have repeatedly remarked elsewhere that little is known about the deep psychology of zealots of the sort who take the law into their own hands with terrorist acts - see the entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric.


Confessing Church: See the entry for Bekennende Kirche (BK).

Conforto, Janet ['"Jada"] Adams: Recently resigned Carousel Club hostess Jada Conforto [no convenient biography] was involved in a road traffic accident in Dallas on the morning of the assassination. She explained that she was on her way to New Orleans and that her employer Jack Ruby would take care of everything. She was herself killed in a road traffic accident on 9th May 1980. Conspiracy theories exist, but we remain to be convinced that they warrant being recorded here.

***** NOW IT MIGHT ALL BE COINCIDENCE, BUT ... *****

Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer: Founded in Italy in 1732 by Catholic priest Alphonsus Liguori [Wikipedia biography] the Redemptionist Fathers, a.k.a. Redemptorists [Wikipedia briefing] are noteworthy in the present context (a) for expanding into Poland in 1786, only to be expelled in 1806, (b) for trying again into Germany and Switzerland over the ensuing 20 years, then across to Lisbon, Portugal, in 1826, Belgium in the 1830s, and so on and so on until by 1890 they had communities as far afield as Chile, Suriname, and Scotland, (c) for continuing as a missionary society amongst the world's poorest and neediest through to the present day ...

Readers unfamiliar with the term <"Religious Right"> should check out the separate entry on that subject before proceeding (VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE)

..., and (d) for a single easy-to-overlook mention in the assassination literature for mid-1963, whose significance cannot be fully appreciated without some prior directed reading, as follows ...

Readers unfamiliar with the use of religious and/or philanthropic organisations as "fronts" for the infiltration of intelligence operatives into hostile lands should check out the entry for <CIA Front Organisations> before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the CIA's covert training camp for Cuban exiles at CovingtonLA should see the entries for <INTERPEN> and the <Pontchartrain Raid> before proceeding.

***** NOW IT MIGHT ALL BE COINCIDENCE, BUT ... *****

CAMEO - THE REDEMPTORISTS AND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY: The crucial mention comes in the end-notes to Chapter Eleven of Baker (op. cit. inf.), wherein that author is explaining the role played by Cuban exile groups preparing for a second Bay of Pigs Invasion. She recalls a conversation on or about 10th July 1963 involving herself, her boyfriend Lee Harvey Oswald, and the equally difficult to fathom David Ferrie [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL]. Ferrie is speaking as we start to eavesdrop (for continuity's sake we have interpolated the end note from p234 into the text at the point at which it was raised) ...

"We've got a group that's taking things into their own hands. They're dangerous. The last thing we need right now is a second camp that's training anti-Castro troublemakers. A rogue camp that's located almost on top of our own.' 'But that's what we've got,' Lee puts in. 'Radicals who wear God on their sleeves and swastikas on their foreheads [...]. The organisers are pretending they're just training some lumberjacks to ship over to Guatemala.' They have a company in Guatemala,' Dave said 24.
Besides Alpha-66 [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE] and the DRE [ditto], the CDP (Christian Democratic Party, also known as Movimiento Demócrata Cristiano\footnote{corrected}, MDC [Wikipedia briefing]) attracted anti-Castro guerrilla forces. [...] Richard Billings' 'Garrison Notes' [full text online] mention two camps, one run by the CDP [...]. The other camp [the one at Covington - Ed.], which Lee and David Ferrie wanted to break up, was run by ultra-radical right wingers whose friends were known to Ochsner. Their cover organisation was the Guatemala Lumber and Mineral Corporation. The CDP camp [not the one at Covington - Ed.] was located on land owned by Redemptionist Fathers.

'It acts as a cover [...] Ochsner found out about this camp from his oil buddies, while they played poker [...] and told Shaw.' Shaw's office is bugged, thanks to Banister's expert,' Lee tells me, 'which is how we happen to know about it, too. [...] JFK has ordered all funding cut off to anti-Castro organisations. For which they're mad as hell.' The anti-Castro forces now have to regroup,' Dave puts in. 'With Kennedy at the top of their shit list. First, the Bay of Pigs. Next, the missile crisis last October. Now this. [...] Our friendly foreigners are using JFK's photos for target practice' " (pp221-222; p234 interpolated).

**FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail see Judyth Vary Baker's (2014) "David Ferrie" [Amazon PRICELESS]. For the Google map coordinates and more on the camp itself - now identified as part of Marydale Farm, West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana (and most recently a girl scout camp) - see item (c) in the entry for Ed / Lea McGehee FASCINATING STUFF.

Congress for Cultural Freedom: See the entry for Reinhold Niebuhr.

Connally, John Bowden, Jr: [no close relationship to Senator Thomas Connally] Elected Governor of Texas on 15th January 1963 Governor John Connally [Wikipedia biography] was riding in limo #1, second row of seats, right side, in front of but set slightly lower than JFK. He was shot once through the chest at Z235, reportedly by Mac Wallace from TSBD6, 3rd window from west. One of his investment interests was apparently the Tryall Resort at Montego Bay, Jamaica. As SECNAV during 1961 he had been LHO's ultimate boss as a Marine, and - his retirement from that post having been overlooked - had received a letter from LHO in early 1962 appealing his "undesirable" discharge rating. He simply forwarded this latter to the new SECNAV and replied to that effect and no more.

Connally, Thomas Terry: [no close relationship to Governor John Connally] Senator from Texas Thomas Connally [Wikipedia biography] was Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in June 1950 at the time of the North Korean invasion, and was thus "the Democratic Party's foremost congressional spokesman on foreign policy" (Stone, 1952/2014e, §580). He went on record in a 3rd May 1950 interview for U.S. News and World Report as suspecting that both South Korea and Formosa would fall to the Communists (Soviets and Chinese, respectively), but was not overly concerned because the U.S. "chain of defence" ran from the Philippines through Okinawa to Japan. In this he disagreed markedly with Secretary of State Dean Acheson, who insisted the following day that U.S. Far Eastern strategy required that South Korea should be defended.

***** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

***** A MASTERSORCERER OF FALSEHOODS *****

Conquest, George Robert Acworth: British born to an American Field Service (AFS) [see own entry QUITE REVELATORY] "driver" Robert Folger Wescott Conquest [AFS stub biography] (about all there is), intelligence officer turned state propagandist turned celebrity propagandist Robert Conquest [Wikipedia hagiography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW2 service from 1940 as a dual-citizenship American-Briton in the British Army, (b) for being posted in 1943 to London's School of Slavonic and East European Studies in order to learn Bulgarian, prior to getting assigned in 1944 as liaison officer to the Bulgarian Army, (c) for being reassigned in September 1944 to assist the Bulgarian operations of the Allied Control Commission (ACC) [Wikipedia briefing WELL WORTH WATCHING] ...

Readers unfamiliar with Allied strategies in East Europe and the Balkans toward the end of WW2 should carefully study the entries for <Operation KEELHAUL> and <Franklin A. Lindsay> before proceeding. (Note the reluctance to kill too many Nazis if it meant making life easier for the Red Army.)
... (d) for demobilising into the British Foreign Office in 1946 as a Press Officer = propagandist on a state pension at the British Legation in Sofia, (e) for relocating to London in 1948 to join the Foreign Office's new Information Research Department (IRD) [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC] ...

QUICKIE - THE IRD MISSION: The IRD was to the Cold War what the War Propaganda Bureau [later the Department of Information] [see own entry REVELATORY] had been during WWI, that is to say, a "jumble" of civil service departments complementing the War Office's foreign and domestic press release service, M.I.7(b), thus ....

"Before [Lloyd George's] accession, propaganda was organised by the Foreign Office, and domestic propaganda (once the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee's [see own entry] role ended with the introduction of conscription) was carried out only by unofficial organisations - like the Central Committee for National Patriotic Organisations [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] (CCNPO - supposedly confined to propaganda in the empire) +++ three further exemplars are then listed +++ whose principal merit, in the opinion of official foreign propagandists like Charles Masterman [see own entry], was in distributing their literature, thus enabling them to keep a low profile. Masterman, a writer and Liberal MP heavily involved with publicising the government's national insurance scheme since 1911, had been instructed by [Asquith] to develop propaganda for Dominion and neutral audiences in 1914. He thus established the War Propaganda Bureau [see own entry] at Wellington House [and] a conference in September 1914 [see 2nd September 1914] secured the assistance of many prominent literary figures [...] Despite its foreign propaganda remit, Wellington House also generated some material for home consumption, in part disseminated through bodies like the CCNPO" (Monger, op. cit. inf., pp24-25).

"In 1948 Conquest joined the Foreign Office's Information Research Department (IRD), a 'propaganda counter-offensive' unit created by the Labour Attlee government in order to 'collect and summarize reliable information about Soviet and communist misdoings, to disseminate it to democratic journalists, politicians, and trade unionists, and to support, financially and otherwise, anticomunist publications.' The IRD was also engaged in manipulating public opinion, Conquest was remembered there as a 'brilliant, arrogant' figure who had 10 people reporting to him. He continued to work at the Foreign Office until 1956, becoming increasingly involved in the intellectual counter-offensive against communism" (Conquest's Wiki, 31st March 2023).

... (f) for designing specific IRD attack meme operations during the Cold War, (g) for acting as First Secretary of the British Delegation to the United Nations in 1950, (h) for retiring in 1956 to become a freelance polemicist, drawing systematically from his IRD experiences for chapter fodder, and thereby compiling, editing, and contributing personally toward a considerable number of shock-horror narratives in the 1960s ...

ASIDE: See, for example, "Common Sense About Russia" (1960) [Amazon], "The Soviet Deportation of Nationalities" (1960) [Amazon], "Power and Policy in the USSR" (1961) [Amazon], "Courage and Genius: The Pasternak Affair" (1961) [Amazon], "Russia After Khrushchev" (1965) [Amazon], the eight-volume (edited) Bodley Head series "Soviet Studies" [Amazon], and the (1968) best-seller "The Great Terror: Stalin's Purge of the Thirties" [Amazon].

CAMEO - CONQUEST AND THE GREAT TERROR: So well presented was the last of these works that the present author's generation grew up taking Stalin's purges as read. It became the conventional wisdom in countless books and documentaries, not least Episode 5 of Jeremy Isaacs' (1973) "The World at War" [Wikipedia briefing] ...

YouTube that core argument here

(55 mins., pre-positioned at 355s. esp. 430-440s.)

However, given what is now known about Conquest's role as state propagandist, we recommend that every assertion in this, as well as all his other works, be thoroughly re-evaluated before further unquestioned citation.

... (i) for the 1986 classic of psychological warfare "Harvest of Sorrow: Soviet Collectivisation and the Terror Famine" [Amazon], wherein responsibility for the Holodomor [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC] is laid squarely - and grossly disproportionately - at Stalin's door ...

Readers unfamiliar with the Holodomor fiction will find a summary of the key points in the companion Timeline at 23rd February 1933.
... and (j) for retiring to a life of reflected glory as the go-to guru for state-approved think-tanking, not least at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI) [see own entry ARCHITECTS OF FOREVER WAR]. He died in 2015, aged 98. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see David Monger's (2012) "Patriotism and Propaganda in First World War Britain: The National War Aims Committee and Civilian Morale" [Amazon].

Conservatism USA (CUSA): Founded by right-wing activist Larrie Schmidt [q.v.] in Munich in 1961 as an armed-forces-oriented non-profit proselytising committee for right of centre political views, CUSA [no convenient briefing] sent a considerable number of members to Dallas in Autumn 1963.


Conservatives for Change: Founded in or around 2003 Conservatives for Change [no convenient briefing but a significant social media presence] is noteworthy in the present context as a right-wing propaganda group. It was chaired for a time by Conservative politician Francis Maude.

***** PROTESTER AGAINST CONSPIRACY, WW1 *****

Consett, Rear-Admiral Montagu William Warcop Peter: British naval attaché in Stockholm in the period 1912 to 1919 [then-] Captain Montagu Consett [Dreadnought Project biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. They devote much space to Consett's wartime duties monitoring the flow of goods through neutral Scandinavia and Holland, passing through "... and continuously violated. [...] It was only when, from sheer necessity, really effective pressure was brought to bear [...] that the position of Germany - always desperate - became hopeless" (pp ix-xviii; emphasis added).

Macgregor and Docherty then introduce a conspiracy angle to Consett's allegations by pointing out that these shipments of suspected contraband did not just slip by in the fog. Rather they were intercepted by the Royal Navy the hard way and escorted into Prize Court ports (such as Kirkwall, Scotland) for detailed inspection. Then however - more often than not - they were allowed to continue on their way by specific instruction from the Admiralty in London. For a fuller picture of this legalised blockade-running see the separate allegations of Lord Charles Beresford, Bertram Blount, George Bowles, E. Keble Chatterton, George Clark Lord Sydenham, Henry Croft, Sir Henry Dalziel, and Sir Cecil Hurst. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]


Conspiracy Cafe: Online Blogspot created in 2011 [website] and hosted by "factist" George Freund.

Continental Trailways Bus 5133: This is the bus which on 26th-27th September 1963 took LHO on his Mexican Tourist Card 824085 from the U.S.-Mexico border crossing at Laredo, TX, to Mexico City. It was a 24-hour, 700 mile, ride, and he whiled away the time making sure that plenty of witnesses knew he was a lefty trouble-maker - see the entries for Pamela Mumford and Patricia Winston, and Bryan and Meryl McFarland for the separate tales.
**Contras:** The Contras [Wikipedia briefing] were a loose association of U.S.-backed Nicaraguan terrorist groups set up in 1979 as a means of destabilising the six-year Junta of National Reconstruction by which the Sandinista party was trying to heal the excesses of President Somoza [Jnr.] [see own entry]. Drawing heavily from the ranks of the by-then-disgraced Nicaraguan National Guard, their terrorism reached a peak in the period 1982-1986, their favourite targets being provincial government officials and economic infrastructure. This Contra-Sandinista civil war was then largely decided by elections in 1984 which resulted in the election of democratic socialist President Ortega [check him out]. The Contras were both Congressionally and covertly funded by the United States throughout the Reagan Administration, and are, of course, best known nowadays for the part they played in the 1985-1987 Iran-Contra Affair (as covered elsewhere [see own entry] [see 20th August 1985]). They were disbanded in December 1989 after the withdrawal of United States funding by President George H. W. Bush [see own entry].

**Controlled Demolition Explanations of the WTC Attacks:** This is the theory/forensic accusation, first loudly proclaimed by Steven Jones [q.v.] at a Brigham Young University seminar on 22nd September 2005, that the three towers - WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 - reduced to dust during the 9/11 False Flag Attacks [q.v.] were brought down by commercial and/or military demolition experts, and not (as officially claimed) by aircraft impact or fire. Among the devices alleged to have been used were an advanced form of the century-old welding agent Thermite [q.v.] known as Nanothermite [q.v.], duly militarised in the 1990s as shaped charges for use by trained combat engineers - see one of hundreds of typical U.S. Patents (1996). Repeated chemical analysis by impeccable laboratories of the dust from the collapses show microscopic nanothermite residues in proportions which extrapolate to several hundred tons across the "crime scene" [Ground Zero is not, of course, a crime scene in the conventional sense because the events were immediately declared an "act of war"; the civilians and first responders - not least FDNY’s famous 343 - were not legally murdered, therefore, merely factually - Ed.]

**Cook, Austin:** Dallas restaurateur Austin Cook [no convenient biography] owned the Austin's Bar-B-Cue eatery at Illinois and Hampton, Oak Cliff, and was reputedly a good friend of Jack Ruby. Patrolman J. D. Tippit often moonlighted there as a bouncer when off duty. Cook's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

**Cooper, Roy, Jr:** KTVT-TV cinematographer Roy Cooper [no convenient biography] and Don Crook [no convenient biography] filmed in the wake of the Presidential motorcade, including several minutes at Love Field, outside TSBD, and at Parkland Hospital. The footage was not broadcast at the time, and so Cooper privately archived it. The footage was discovered in 1996 and is available to view, with commentary by photoforensic expert Richard Trask, online [YouTube it now]. Cooper's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

**Coote, Sir 1962 Colin Reith:** WW1 veteran turned peacetime politician turned journalist turned WW2 War Office propagandist Colin Coote [Wikipedia biography] was Editor of the Daily Telegraph between 1950 and 1962. According to Anthony Summers and Stephen Dorril’s (1989/2013e) book "The Secret Worlds of Stephen Ward", Coote was used as an intelligence asset in January 1961 to bring together procurer-to-the-rich-and-famous Stephen Ward [q.v.] and Russian Embassy naval attaché Yevgeny Ivanov [q.v.] as the first step in an MI5 honeytrap operation against the latter. In the event, however, the operation was a major fail, because the selected female lure - a certain Christine Keeler [q.v.] - ended up being bedded simultaneously by the British Secretary of State for War John Profumo [q.v.].

**Copeland, David Goddard:** [a.k.a.?? William Torbitt] Texas lawyer David Copeland [no convenient biography] has been suggested as the writer behind the non-de-plume William Torbitt [q.v.].
Copeland, Kenneth: [Read firstly the entry for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching - ESSENTIAL FOR TUTORIAL SUPPORT.] American tele-evangelist Kenneth Copeland [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as yet another example of the religious right in the service of the political right during the 2020 presidential primaries. Check out his faith healing technique at work with civilisation collapsing before the Coronavirus onslaught - see Timeline 12th March 2020 [CONTENT WARNING].

***** Maker / Destroyer of Presidents *****

Copeland, Miles Axe, Jr.: Musician (Glenn Miller Orchestra, no less) turned CIA officer Miles Copeland, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] was recruited into the Counterintelligence Corps (CIC) in 1942 and stationed in London in the run-up to Operation Overlord. He then transferred to the nascent CIA and saw duty in the Middle East, where he helped put together the successful pro-U.S. coups in Syria (1949) and Iran (1953). Straight after the Iran coup he joined "government services" contractor Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. [q.v.] as a roving consultant [=field operative], and became close advisor to rising star Egyptian politician Gamal Abdel Nasser [q.v.], assisting him to power as the British withdrew from the newly established Egyptian Republic. Nasser duly became Egypt's second President in 1956. Copeland later also proved adept at dethroning presidents. In his 2015 book "Dallas, '63" Peter Dale Scott [q.v.] quotes an interview given by Copeland to journalist Robert Parry in which he confessed to having masterminded the "October Surprise" which cost President Jimmy Carter his re-election in 1980. Scott also profiles Copeland as "the conceptual father" of the Republican Party's cooperation with Israel (§5919) which took off at about that point in time.

Corbally, Thomas Joseph: Trained in the family's NYC detective agency Thomas Corbally [no formal biography, but see Javers (2017 [full text online]) tried to join the Royal Canadian Air Force through the Clayton Knight Committee [q.v.] in Autumn 1941 only to be discharged as a "deliberate failure" on 20th July 1943.

ASIDE: This makes something of a lie of the common Internet claim that Corbally "flew Spitfires during the Battle of Britain", because that took place in 1940. Readers are also reminded that contrived service discharges are commonly used as part of the intelligence operation known as "sheep-dipping" (which was, of course, Fletcher Prouty's [q.v.] judgement on LHO's discharge from the U.S.M.C. in 1959, just prior to his "defection" to the Soviet Union).

Corbally next turned up in Germany with the Army of Occupation after the war, claiming OSS field experience [so, yes, he had indeed been sheep-dipped in some way by the Clayton Knight Committee in 1943 - Ed.]. His later movements then figure in the 1987/2013e book "The Secret Worlds of Stephen Ward" by Anthony Summers and Stephen Dorril. These authors place him in London in the early 1960s as a playboy with business interests in cinema advertising and contacts in the security services. In 1962 he chanced to get a knee injury and was recommended to society osteopath Stephen Ward [q.v.]. After a miracle cure, and impressed by Ward's retinue of pretty women, Corbally made sure the two kept in touch. Indeed Corbally stayed in close touch with both Ward and his London Embassy during the height of the Profumo Affair [q.v.].

STUDENT EXERCISE: [Three letter answer, 5 marks] Name the U.S. intelligence agency with OSS ancestry who might have kicked Corbally in the knee in order to get him in contact with a man who shortly afterward attended one of his social gatherings in company with a Russian Embassy naval attaché.

Corbett, James: "Independent critical analyst" James Corbett [no convenient biography] hosts the alternative news source The Corbett Report [Website About] and invariably speaks regularly about conspiracy theories. All followers of The Corbett Report are logged, of course, by intelligence monitoring services, and their interests cross-correlated.

Corbett Report, The: [Read firstly the entry for James Corbett.] The following editions of The Corbett Report may help explain the success with which the Mainstream Media (MSM) have been used to cover-up the JFK assassination conspiracy ...
"The Weaponisation of Social Media" (1st March 2018) - [YouTube it now](https://www.youtube.com), carefully noting the role played by DARPA in keeping public surveillance technology at, or ahead of, need. Note also the concept of the "sock puppet" in spreading counterintelligence, the Zionist editing of Wikipedia, and [Cass Sunstein's](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cass_Sunstein) concept of "cognitive infiltration" in neutralising a target discussion group. Note finally (at 6:12) the shoulder insignia of U.S. Army Cyber Command.

**Corbynism**: The British political affiliation known as **Corbynism** [no dispassionate briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as that section of the Labour Party which aligns itself morally with the traditional socialism of **Jeremy Corbyn**.

**ASIDE** - "**WELFARE CAPITALISM**": Foreign readers should note that this traditional socialism is comparable with the Social Democratic movements [Wikipedia briefing] seen across Europe, not least in the economic powerhouse of Germany. It is sensible and left-of-centre, in other words, but without being "hard-left". Figuratively speaking, like the U.S. Marine Corps, Corbynism does not lightly abandon its wounded on the battlefield. Oo-ra.

Corbynism's central principle is the rejection of the neoliberal doctrine that creating billionaires in any way benefits the ordinary people of Britain. Adherents of Corbynism are known in polite circles as **Corbynites** or **Corbynistas**, and Corbyn himself - apologises Arnold Schwarzenegger - as "**The Corbynator**". Corbynite M.P.s within the Labour Party are easy to identify in the 28th June 2016 Vote of No Confidence as being the 40 in the 172:40 votes cast; that is to say a mere SIX PERCENT of the British Parliamentary establishment.

***** MAJOR Candidate Big Oil JFK Conspirator *****

[Contacts everywhere; stockholder in the CIA's private air force; active asset Operation MONGOOSE]

"Corcoran was the first super-lobbyist" *(McKean)*

"The lawyer as acrobat" *(Goulden)*

**Corcoran, Thomas Gardiner**: [A.k.a. "Tommy the Cork", "Le Corque"] American lawyer turned presidential advisor turned OSS asset turned CIA asset turned influence broker for the Johnson Administration (including for ten years before it was even sworn in) **Thomas G. Corcoran** [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating Harvard Law School in 1926, (b) for rapidly cultivating sufficient reputation to be selected in 1932 to serve as general counsel to the **Federal Reserve Board** [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT] during the chairmanship of the decidedly shady **Eugene Isaac Meyer** [see own entry REVELATORY], (c) for being selected in 1934 onto the newly established **Securities Exchange Commission (SEC)** [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT], as part of **President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s** New Deal [Wikipedia briefing] initiative ...

**ASIDE**: The SEC was designed to purge fraudsters and profiteers from the nation's counting houses. Many on both sides of Congress nonetheless openly described Corcoran as a "crook" himself. So much for checks and balances.

... (d) for thereby becoming one of FDR's most sought-out "**Brain Trust" members [Wikipedia briefing] and for circulating generally in the same circles (that is to say, Irish Catholic, pro-Hitler) as presidential sire **Joseph P. Kennedy** [see own entry REVELATORY], (e) for facilitating the soon-to-be-criticised **Sterling Drug** [Wikipedia briefing] arrangement with Nazi Germany's IG. Farben [see own entry] in the mid-1930s [this story continues at (l) below], (f) for using his influence in 1937 to promote the career of Senator from Texas **Sam Rayburn** [Wikipedia biography], thus endearing himself to the Texas oil faction; also for promoting California industrialist **Henry J. Kaiser**'s [see own entry REVELATORY] bid for the 1937 **Bonneville Power Scheme** [Wikipedia briefing], successfully preventing that contract from going to the rival Alcoa Corporation, (g) for lobbying Congress that same year to swing support away from the patriotic but leftish **Republicanos** in the **Spanish Civil War** [Wikipedia briefing] toward **General Franco**'s Nazi-backed fascists (**Pearson, 1968**)...
The Japanese started to retreat in Spring 1945, the Nationalists and the United States edged closer to recognizing Nationalist China's influence at the palace.

... (h) for using his influence again in 1938 to secure the appointment of said Joseph Kennedy as U.S. Ambassador in London ...

ASIDE: The resulting adverse publicity distinctly embarrassed FDR, and by 1940 it had cost Corcoran a little of his influence at the palace.

... (i) for making the front page of TIME Magazine in September 1938, (j) for being given a Far Eastern brief in October 1940, tasked by FDR himself with facilitating the covert flow of war materials to Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Chinese, in order not to "lose China" ...


It may also help to skim the 36 entries for <Chennault's Various Air Forces> in the Timeline 3rd June 1937 through 11th August 1960.

CORCORAN'S WORLD #1 - CHINA, THE AVG PHASE, 1940-1945: In October 1940 FDR put Corcoran in charge of China Defense Supplies [University of California briefing], an enabling company with stock jointly held by American and Chinese interests, not least T. V. Soong [Wikipedia biography], with whom Corcoran worked closely in Washington in summer 1940 (Carrozza, 2012). Priority went to fleshing out the nucleus of American advisor-mercenaries who, under Chennault's command, had been materially supporting the Republic of China Air Force (ROCAF) [Wikipedia briefing] since 1937 [see first four Timeline entries above]. The deal would also have introduced Corcoran to William D. Pawley [see own entry NOTE WELL THIS NAME TOO], who had been operating the Central Aircraft Manufacturing Company (CAMCO) in China, also since 1937. Here is the general nature of the new arrangement ...

"... Corcoran was then released from his White House assignment to begin helping Soong set up China Defense Supplies, a unique corporation intended to serve as China's purchasing agent. Since its funds came from U.S. lend-lease and its sole customer was China, it was in effect a discreet means of converting economic support into military aid [thus keeping Congress in the dark as to the expenditure]. Corcoran was given another task as well, for Roosevelt needed someone to evaluate Chennault and to make a judgement on the aerial warfare propositions under consideration. [+++ details of the meeting +++]. As Corcoran reconstructed their conversation, Roosevelt asked him if the plan were dangerous, and his reply was yes, but less dangerous than doing nothing and losing China" (Byrd, op.cit.inf., pp113-114).

In fact, the deal was very much a family affair, for it also involved Corcoran's two brothers and a friend of the family from college days, one Whiting Willauer [see own entry NOTE WELL THIS NAME], thus ...

"The early months of 1941 saw rising international tensions as the United States edged closer to confrontations with Germany and Japan. Willauer, who held a reserve commission in naval intelligence, volunteered for active duty but failed the physical [... He therefore] contacted an old Exeter-Princeton roommate Howard F. Corcoran [Wikipedia biography] about a job with the newly formed China Defense Supplies [...]. T. V. Soong, China's sometime foreign minister, headed CDS, aided by David M. Corcoran [no convenient biography] (Howard's brother) and a group of Americans. Thomas G. Corcoran, oldest of the Corcoran brothers, [...] was the organisation's political mentor" (Leary, op. cit. inf., p8)

Chennault's AVG, thus officially recognised, received its lend-lease funding and the expansion of the AVG in theatre could commence [see Timeline 9th June and 14th July 1941].

ASIDE - THE SIX-WAY STRUGGLE: The United States thus became an active ally of the Nationalist Chinese in their war against Japan, ten months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour. They were not the only source of air advisors, for the Soviet Union had been supplying their own aircraft and instructors to Chiang from the north. Later, as the Japanese grew progressively weaker 1942-1945, the Nationalists and Chennault turned their attention toward their other enemy, Mao-Zedong's Chinese Communists, so that when the Japanese started to retreat in Spring 1945, the Nationalists and the Communists frequently found themselves facing off against each other. (Ironically, some of the surrendering Japanese actually found themselves officially designated peacekeepers-of-opportunity during the resulting confrontations - for a detailed example see the inset <Birch's Death> in the entry
The sixth great power - Britain - watched on from Hong Kong and, from its bases in India, fought the Burma Campaign [Wikipedia briefing] against the Japanese. Hollywood added its weight to the public relations side of things with the 1942 John Wayne movie "The Flying Tigers" [IMDB entry] - YouTube the trailer here.

... (k) for becoming a close friend and campaign advisor to vulturine wannabe-Senator Lynden B. Johnson in and after 1941 [Dallek (op. cit. inf.) suggests that Corcoran was quick to recognise a fellow operator - Ed.], later ensuring that he got Federal Communications Commission approval when acquiring his KTBC radio [and later TV - Ed.] station; also for giving contractual advice to Houston's Brown & Root Company [Wikipedia briefing], (l) for being dragged into the scandal surrounding Sterling Drug [see (e) above] that same year ...

QUICKIE - THE STERLING DRUG SCANDAL: Sterling Drug had first grown rich back in the 1920s, marketing Germany's Bayer Company's aspirin across the Americas. Bayer became part of IG. Farben in the early 1930s, and Germany went Nazi in 1933. As noted above, this was commonly perceived as a good thing by right-wingers across the English-speaking world. In 1941, however, Congress started to clamp down on trading with "the enemy", and abrogated the Sterling-Farben contracts. Corcoran leaned upon contacts in the Department of Justice to protect Sterling executives from criminal action, an action described by Goulden (1971) as one of the all-time "lowest points in the history of the Department of Justice" (Page, 1992 [full text online], p461n13).

... (m) for being again involved in China after the Japanese surrender in August 1945, even to the point of forming his own airline company ...

CORCORAN'S WORLD #2 - CHINA, THE CAT PHASE, 1945-1949: After the fall of Japan, the AVG was stood down as a fighting force and its infrastructural resources - depots, spare parts, airfields, and skilled local personnel - were put at the disposal of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) [Wikipedia briefing] in the form of an off-the-peg air freight arm for the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (CNRRA) [Wikipedia Briefing]. Faced with a sudden drop off in war funding and increasing Congressional scrutiny, Corcoran helped set up Rio Cathay, S.A. [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] as a concealing intermediary. Another new airline, formally incorporated 25th October 1946, was Civil Air Transport (CAT) [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT], an air arm which - from the outset - spent as much effort running black market material and U.S. special forces teams in and out of China as it did ferrying food and medicines to the needy. Corcoran and his associates received some 30% of CAT stock for their pains, leaving the day-to-day operations to Chennault and Willauer (Robbins, 1979/2012). Here is Leary again with a little more detail (a long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"In search of adventure, a sense of accomplishment, and enough money to finance the life he desired, Willauer returned to the United States in fall 1945 and became involved in the Corcoran brothers' plans to take advantage of postwar entrepreneurial opportunities around the world. Willauer wanted to start an airline in China, and he needed financial backing. In September 1945 Thomas and David Corcoran and William S. Youngman, Jr. [no convenient biography but some reward for the determined browser], a partner in Thomas Corcoran's Washington law firm, formed Rio Cathay, S.A., a Panamanian corporation, for the purposes of pursuing business ventures in China and South America. Rio Cathay arranged with Pennsylvania Central Airlines (PCA) [Wikipedia briefing] for a fee of $50,000 to fund preliminary work on Willauer's airline scheme. [+++ contract details ++++] Rio Cathay then secured $35,000 from PCA for Chennault [and] the two men headed for Shanghai, China's commercial Mecca, before year's end [...]. The initial optimism soon faded [+++ details of complex contractual disagreements over UNRRA funding ++++] It was at this juncture that Thomas Corcoran, a veteran Washington lobbyist, brought to bear his considerable political talents [...] and o]n October 25, 1946, Chennault and Willauer signed the contract with CNRRA creating [CAT]^* (Leary, pp9-14).

... (n) for monetising his address book 1945-1946 by ticket touting war damage and military surplus opportunities around his many defence contractor friends, (o) with the People's Liberation Army (PLA) advancing toward China's coastal provinces 1947-1948, for energetically brokering what is nowadays commonly known as the Chennault Plan [Office of the Historian briefing] ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED - WW3 IN THE MAKING: Nanking and Shanghai fell to the PLA in April 1949, and Chiang's defeated Nationalist Army completed its retreat across the Taiwan Strait [map] that December [see Timeline 10th December 1949]. The U.S. Seventh Fleet covered the evacuation, and has been cruising up and down the same waters ever since. Indeed the Taiwan Strait is presently [=}
CORCORAN'S WORLD #3 - CHINA, THE CHENNAULT PLAN, 1949: The Chennault Plan was a proposal from aviator Chennault to President Truman, to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to the assembled politicians in Congress, as well as to covert backers such as the aforementioned William D. Pawley, arguing for vigorous military action against the PLA. The central fear was that China would cease to be an ally in the United States' struggle against the Soviet Union. The central proposal was that more money was needed to support the Nationalists before they were driven offshore onto the island refuge of Taiwan, for with a "non-Communist China" on side it would be possible to wage air war against Soviet targets east of the Urals using bases in China's north-western provinces. Here is Byrd again (another long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"It was the essence of the Chennault Plan that these strong and vigorous Chinese of the north-west, primarily Moslems" ...

ASIDE: We nowadays know this "north-west" as Xinjiang Province [Wikipedia biography]. ... "and aloof from the factionalism of the Kuomintang could stop the encroaching Communists if encouraged by U.S. policy and supplied with U.S. arms. As his 'Plan for Aid to Non-Communist China' [Office of the Historian briefing HIGHLY INFORMATIVE] took shape, it called for military and economic aid, properly supervised by 'competent, top-level staff', with four objectives in mind [+++ listed +++]. He flew to the States in late April [and] by 28 April he was in Washington [where his plan] received serious consideration. [...] Chennault was weary [and unwell, but Corcoran had arranged what turned out to be a critical conference between Chennault and Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoeter [Wikipedia briefing], the director of the Central Intelligence Agency. [+++ details of this and later meetings +++] One sees the skilled hand of Corcoran behind the scenes as copies of Chennault's plan were mailed to congressmen [and] Chennault was called to testify before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on 30 June. [...] Meanwhile the State Department sought opinions of the Chennault Plan from embassy personnel in China. Ambassador John Leighton Stuart [Wikipedia biography] considered it impracticable [which indeed it was - Ed.] and of doubtful value to U.S. interests, although he thought it advisable to aid the Moslem resisters economically." ...

ASIDE: We nowadays know these "Moslem resisters" as the Uyghurs [Wikipedia briefing]. We do not know the amount of aid they received, nor indeed when it ceased to be sent. Indeed, it may well be that the "aid" is still being sent, for at time of writing [= September 2021] the region has been turned into a political football by China-hostile Western propaganda - YouTube one of the more intellectually insulting works of propaganda here.

... "Another embassy official was more blunt, saying Chennault's plan would be profitable to the commercial airlines that would transport the aid but detrimental to U.S. interests. The State Department continued on its course of letting the Kuomintang die a natural death, without significant U.S. aid" (pp323-328).

Thus denied meaningful backing, the CAT air fleet was flown out Christmas 1949 either to safety in Hong Kong or to join Chiang's refugee administration on Taiwan. For some time there would be no commercial flights into the mainland.

... (p) for then being approached by senior CIA field operative Paul L. E. Helliwell [Wikipedia biography], who, on behalf of the CIA's Director of Plans Frank Wisner [see own entry], asked him to reorganise CAT as the CIA's private airline for black ops, while retaining Chennault as tactical commander ...

CORCORAN'S WORLD #4 - CHINA, THE CIA YEARS, 1950-1975: And thus began a quarter century of invisible-to-Congress aerial interventions in the Far East, Indochina, and Central and South America from the Rio Grande down to Tierra del Fuego. Twenty five years in which the CIA came and went at will on sabotage and wet operations in support of political objectives already rejected by (or never even submitted to) Congress. Twenty five years in which - accountable to no-one - they systematically trashed North Korea, Iran, Guatemala, Honduras, Laos, Cambodia, North Vietnam, and Cuba, cheered on by no end of uniformly celebratory movies and paperbacks - see this Wikipedia briefing for examples.

ASIDE: The present author (aged 14) first heard the name "CIA" as applied to the character Felix Leiter in the 1962 movie "Dr. No". He first learned about the above black ops from David Horowitz's (1969) (hot at the time, but since largely forgotten) "From Yalta to Vietnam" [Amazon RECOMMENDED].

Here is Byrd again, reporting Corcoran's part in setting up the corporate camouflage ...

"Helliwell first met with Corcoran, who elaborated on CAT's desperate financial status, and then reported to Wisner that the major problem was foreign exchange to enable CAT to pay its American employees and buy gasoline and parts. It would probably cost OPC [= the CIA's Office of Policy and
the litigation to get these planes released, and in June 1952 they were shipped out in parts aboard USS Cape Esperance (Leary). Despite a further corporate reorganisation as Air America and Southern Air Transport in the late 1950s [see Timeline 24th March 1958], CAT would continue to operate in its old livery through until the mid-1960s [see the Vinson story below - Ed.], and would not finally be wound up until 1968.

... (q) for lobbying also on behalf of the people who really slipped the banana to the Banana Republics, namely the United Fruit Company (UFCO) [see own entry REVELATORY] ...

CORCORAN'S WORLD #5 - LATIN AMERICA, THE UFCO YEARS, 1953-1960: UFCO had more or less single-handedly brought the banana to the western world's grocery stores back in the first quarter of the 20th Century. The Dulles brothers became attorneys-stockholders-directors of the company in the 1930s. When President Eisenhower made Allen Dulles [see own entry REVELATORY] DCIA on 26th February 1953 he deployed his special forces teams on a decade-long parade of covert ops in South and Central America, using UFCO resources at will to depose uppity locals daring to stand up for their rights. The best documented of these ops were those against Guatemala in 1954 [see the Timeline thread commencing 17th June 1952] and Cuba in 1961 [ditto 17th April 1961]. Here are two clips confirming Corcoran's involvement in the first of these operations (we shall be dealing with Cuba in INSET #6 below) ...

"Late in 1952 [Dulles] encountered his old friend Adolf A. Berle [see own entry], who brought him up to date on the activities of the Council on Foreign Relations [Wikipedia briefing] [*]. Of particular interest was the Guatemala Study Group. Though social reforms were clearly to be welcomed, Berle told [Dulles], what Árbenz was doing simply disguised 'a Russian-controlled dictatorship'. Berle, a former member of FDR's Brains Trust, was only one of the prominent liberals whose interest in Guatemala had been stirred by the tender influences of the United Fruit Company long before Árbenz appeared in office. The banana company's chief lobbyist was Thomas G. Corcoran" (Grose, op. cit. inf., p371).

[*] Impressive though their name might sound, the Council on Foreign Relations was/is nothing but a right-wing think tank with no governmental role whatsoever. It merely gave a veneer of good sense to the prejudices of an interested few. It said what it was paid to say.

"The US, headed by John Peurifoy [Wikipedia biography], the new US Ambassador to Guatemala, and Frank Wisner, the CIA’s operations chief on Guatemala, implemented an elaborate plan entitled 'Operation Success' [usually seen as Operation PBSUCCESS - Ed.] that included pirating a radio show that blocked the airwaves called the 'Voice of Liberation,' [...] but all the while, the US claimed to have no intervention in Guatemalan affairs... Thomas Corcoran (head of UFCO's Washington lobbyists) [...] sought an executive job with UFCO while helping plan the coup (he was later named to its board of directors)* (source).

Planning for the coup was then overseen by a special committee working to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, one of whose members was Corcoran's old contact, William D. Pawley (Carrozio, op. cit.).

... (r) for also being an active associate throughout the 1950s of many of the Texas right-wingers in the Suite 8F Group [Wikipedia briefing] ...

ASIDE - THE CHIEFS: Named after their favourite gathering place in Houston's Lamar Hotel [image and commentary MANY HELPFUL BIOS], and founded initially by brothers Herman Brown [Spartacus Educational biography] and George R. Brown [Wikipedia biography] of the aforementioned Brown & Root Company, influential
Suite 8F members over the years included the likes of (all have their own entries) Corcoran's old friend LBJ, soon-to-be Dealey Plaza survivor Governor John Connally, the aforementioned Speaker Sam Rayburn (until his death in 1961), Billie Sol Estes, Clint Murchison, Jr., H. L. Hunt, David H. Byrd, Lawrence D. Bell (of Bell Helicopters), William D. Pawley again, and Bobby Baker (of whom more shortly) - not one of whom would you want for an enemy. Some histories use the term "Texas Mafia" to refer to subsets of these high rollers.

**ASIDE - THE INDIANS:** Each of the Suite 8F grandees had available to him a coterie of aides, gophers, and straight-out musketeers. To take one example out of the dozens available, a certain Malcolm ["Mae"] Wallace [see own entry CANDIDATE JFK HIT MAN], a known but unpunished murderer on his own account, has been described as carrying out vengeance hits on behalf of Lyndon Johnson prior to his presidency, and then acting as a TSB6 shooter in the LBJ-Did-It version of the JFK Assassination Conspiracy (Mac Kenzie and Hooke, *op. cit. inf.*). Corcoran, therefore, by knowing most of the chiefs, was never more than two phone calls away from any of their Indians.

... (s) for taking an ailing Chennault on his last boys' tour (around the New England battlefields of the Revolutionary War) in early 1958; for then being one of the last to visit him prior to his death 27th July that year; and for then promptly becoming romantically involved with the man's widow Anna Chennault [see own entry] ...

***** AND SO TO THE POINT OF ALL THIS *****

... (t) for being intimately involved in the United States' undeclared war against Fidel Castro's Cuba 1960-1963, and possibly even for being involved in the operations and counter-operations leading up to the JFK Assassination ...

Readers unfamiliar with the covert but savage Cuban-American War, 1960-Ongoing should skim the entries for Tracy Barnes, McGeorge Bundy, June Cobb, Thomas Eli Davis, III, and John M. Whitten before proceeding.

**CORCORAN'S WORLD #6 - LATIN AMERICA, THE CUBA YEARS, 1960-1963:** For clarity's sake, we have sub-divided this section into four more or less self-contained episodes, as follows, (A) through (D). Again these are stories told in detail elsewhere, and so the main emphasis goes to the events where Corcoran is known to have been, or might reasonably be suspected of having been, involved ...

**PHASE A - OPERATION MONGOOSE, 1960-1961:** The first phase of the war on Castro was authorised by President Eisenhower 17th March 1960 and was eventually codenamed Operation MONGOOSE [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT]. The operation involved numerous assassination attempts against Castro and sabotage missions against the Cuban economy, carried out by CIA-coordinated Cuban exiles and soldiers of fortune from all over. The operations culminated in the disastrous Bay of Pigs Invasion in April 1961 [Wikipedia briefing]. Corcoran is rarely mentioned in the histories, but the operations relied heavily on private air assets and it remains for FUTURE RESEARCH to determine what, if anything, Corcoran knew, and how, if at all, he facilitated things.

**PHASE B - THE EXILES FIGHT ON, 1961-1963:** The second phase of the war on Castro was not only not authorised by President Kennedy, but was carried out in the period when three senior CIA officials - Dulles included - had been fired by him for having dropped the Bay of Pigs hot potato in his lap. It consisted of more carefully concealed assassination attempts and sabotage attacks, plus complex black ops under codenames such as Operation Northwoods [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] and AMWORLD [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT]. We shall treat this phase as ending 31st July 1963 with the FBI's Pontchartrain Raid [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT], it being a common suspicion that FBI deep penetration informant Lee Harvey Oswald was rumbled at this point in time and singled out for elimination. Again Corcoran is rarely mentioned in the histories, but again the operations relied heavily on private air assets and again it remains for FUTURE RESEARCH to determine what, if anything, Corcoran knew, and how, if at all, he facilitated things.

***** CORCORAN HELPS SET UP OSWALD *****

**PHASE C - TARGETING LEE HARVEY OSWALD, SEPTEMBER 1963:** The third phase of the war on Castro includes the events recorded separately under the heading of the Mexico City Adventure [see own entry ESSENTIAL PARALLEL NARRATIVE]. The suspicion is that one of the few convincing explanations for Oswald's mysterious trip into Mexico 24th September-2nd October 1963 is that he was being set up - precisely as he himself would one day famously proclaim - "as just a Patsy" [YouTube reminder]. And in this operation Corcoran DOES get an explicit mention: this from Baker (2014, *op. cit. inf.*) ...
... an emissary of Lyndon Johnson's most powerful aide, Tommy 'the Cork' Corcoran, flew to New Orleans (25th September 1963 and] gave Lee a large envelope to deliver to a government office in Austin, Texas, as part of his travels prior to crossing the border" (p297).

It remains for FUTURE RESEARCH to determine who Corcoran's envoy was on this occasion, for that information would go a long way to deciding what the overriding operation might have been.

****** CAT EXTRACTS CIA FROM DALLAS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION *****

PHASE D - THE VINSON FLIGHT, ASSASSINATION DAY 1963: On the morning of 22nd November 1963 U.S.A.F. Staff Sergeant Robert G. Vinson [see own entry DEEPLY FASCINATING] hitched a ferry flight of convenience out of Andrews AFB destination Lowry AFB, Denver. It was a Douglas C-54 Skymaster cargo plane [check one out] with no identification markings other than an unfamiliar design on its tail - "a rust-brown graphic of an egg-shaped earth, crossed by white grid marks".

This description matches the fin logo of CAT, the CIA's private airline once 30% owned by Corcoran - check it out here.

The two-man flight crew boarded after him, said not a word to him, and then took off, heading west. Sometime after 1230hr the intercom announced curtly that the President had been shot, whereupon the plane diverted sharply to the south. Three hours later it landed at what Vinson recognised as Dallas, on "a rough sandy area alongside the Trinity River". The plane took on two passengers, who again said not a word to him or to each other.

THE LANDING STRIP IN 2018: Here is the Google street-view of the patch of undeveloped flood plain we like to describe as Oak Cliff International Airport (OCX). Vinson described it as being just under a mile long and situated between the Cadiz Street viaduct [now the I35E] and the Corinth Street viaduct. The pick-up.turn-round area was at the Corinth end. The suspicion is that Vinson's routine flight turned into a CIA extraction for operatives who needed to be got out of Dallas in a hurry.

Again it remains for FUTURE RESEARCH to determine what, if anything, Corcoran knew, and how, if at all, he facilitated things.

... (u) after the Kennedy assassination, for being involved in the 1964 Bobby Baker Scandal [Wikipedia briefing], and (v) with a comfortable retirement in mind, for helping to found the George Town Club [Homepage] in 1966, where old warriors could swap reminiscences over a good steak. He died in 1981, aged 81. FURTHER READING: For the full biographical see David McKean's (2005) "Peddling Influence: Thomas 'Tommy the Cork' Corcoran and the Birth of Modern Lobbying" [Amazon POSITIVELY REVELATORY]. For more concerning both Sterling's alleged transgressions and Corcoran's part in them, see Chapter 8 of Charles Higham's (1983/2007) "Trading with the Enemy" [Amazon]. For more on his early experiences with ambitious Texan millionaires see Robert Dallek's (1991) "Lone Star Rising" [Amazon FASCINATING STUFF]. For the collaboration with Joseph Kennedy see Chapter 9 of Ronald Kessler's (1996) "The Sins of the Father" [Amazon]. For the Chinese intervention see firstly Martha Byrd's (1987) "Chennault: Giving Wings to the Tiger" [Amazon], followed by William M. Leary's (2002) "Perilous Missions: Civil Air Transport and CIA Covert Operations in Asia" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]. For more on the LBJ-Did-It theory of the JFK assassination see Roger Stone's (2013) "The Man Who Killed Kennedy: The Case Against LBJ" [Amazon]. For more on the bit-part villains see the entry for Rod ["Mac"] Kenzie, then as directed. And for more on the Mexico City Adventure see Judyth Vary Baker's (2010) "Me and Lee" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED] and (2014) "David Ferrie" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED].
Core, Jesse: [As is our practice with all NGOs (and the people associated with them) we strongly recommend students to check out the entry for CIA Front Organisations before proceeding.] New Orleans public relations man Jesse Core [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as "Clay Shaw's associate" at the International Trade Mart (Baker, 2010) and the Information Council of the Americas (INCA), and (b) for thereby being instrumental in a coordinated operation to portray LHO as a pro-Castro activist in the public record [see 20th August 1963]. For more of the detail see Chapter 5 of Judyth Vary Baker and Edward Schwartz's 2017 book "Kennedy & Oswald" [Amazon].

Corn, David: Political journalist and assassination researcher David Corn [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 1994 book "Blind Ghost: Ted Shackley and the CIA Crusades", a re-appraisal of CIA operations during the Cold War, and of the part played by Ted Shackley in aggressively pursuing them.

Corporate Travel Management (CTM): See the Companion Timeline at 16th June 2023.

Corps of Intelligence Police (CIP): See the entry for Garland Williams.

Cortelyou, George Bruce: Civil servant-politician George Cortelyou [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having held a number of cabinet posts under President Theodore Roosevelt [see own entry] in the early 1900s, including as Secretary of the Treasury during the Panic of 1907 [see 17th October 1907].

Couch, Malcolm O.: WFAA-TV cameraman Malcolm Couch [no convenient biography] was in the "fifth or sixth car back" in the Presidential motorcade, in the middle of three photographers perched up above the rear seat, and at the time of the shooting had just turned north on Houston. He exited the car when it had reached the triple underpass and ran back up toward TSBD, where he spent a moment filming the excitement there. Then, at the west of the building, he "saw blood on the sidewalk", in a pool eight to ten inches in diameter "about 10 to 15 feet from the corner of the Texas Depository Building".

ASIDE: This is NOT the same blood found by Jerry Coley and referenced in the Blood or Cola Thread.

Couch's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Coulson, Andrew Edward: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism".] British cub journalist turned public relations man turned right-wing proselytiser Andy Coulson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC’s 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role was a Director of Communications to Number 10 Downing Street 2010-2011. He presently advises the Telegraph group of newspapers.

Council of the Americas (COA): See the entries for Latin-American Information Center (LAIC) and Enno Hobbing.

Council on World Tensions: Dealt with in the entry for Everett R. Clinchy.

Counterintelligence: Counterintelligence means knowing what the other fellow is up to in a relationship, and acting accordingly using any means appropriate to the assessed hostility level of the relationship (see the Wikipedia briefing for the types and structures recognised by academics, paying especial attention to false flag operations). Counterintelligence assets can be deployed against either friendly intelligence operations (to make sure they intend staying friendly) or hostile ones (to deny them physical, and/or financial, and/or political success). This latter category of intelligence operation
includes most types of "conspiracy theory", making their adherents legitimate targets of a counterintelligence effort. Hager (2017) suggests that "... seizing the centre of gravity on a conspiracy is standard ops for counterintelligence" (p51). Counterintelligence assets can also be deployed against overt aggression, of course, as part of maximising tactical advantage.

County Sheriff's Office: Dallas' County Sheriff's Office was located at 509 Main Street, as one of the county functions sharing the Dallas County Records Building. Oriented north-south, this building occupies the full block between Elm and Main, but the Sheriff's Office had its own stepped entrance - embossed in foot-high lettering as DALLAS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS - onto Main, some 30 feet east of the junction with Houston. It was from these steps that many Sheriff's Deputies - including Roger Craig - spectated the motorcade. The west-facing facade, opposite the northernmost of the two water features at the top of Dealey Plaza, had no pedestrian entrances, but was divided by a deep drive in. The Sheriff's Office on the southern corner was then balanced to the north by the County Record Office on the junction with Elm.

Coupland, [Sir]1944 Reginald: British historian and prolific author [Sir]1944 Reginald Coupland [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having studied under Alfred Zimmern [see own entry] at Oxford in the mid-1900s, (b) for having thereby been appointed Beit Lecturer in Colonial History in 1913, and then Beit Professor of same in 1920, a position he would retain until stepping down in 1948, (c) for promoting the newly founded Round Table Movement [see own entry] during the 1910s and for then supporting its literary output during the early 1920s, particularly as relates to Britain's shift from Empire to Commonwealth, (d) for leveraging his growing reputation as a scholar-pundit to serve on the 1923 Lee Commission [Wikipedia briefing], studying the ethnic structure of the Indian civil service, (e) likewise for the 1936-1937 Peel Commission to Palestine [see own entry], and (f) likewise for the 1942 Cripps Mission to India, in which he served as chief advisor.

Coward, Sir Noël Peirce: Playwright, composer, actor, Establishment dandy, spy in plain sight, and highly patriotic criminal mastermind Noël Coward [Wikipedia biography] was recruited by British spymaster Robert Vansittart [q.v.] as a celebrity-asset in the late 1930s, and did the job so well that he reputedly ended up on the Gestapo's liquidation list had the Nazis won the war. Only in 1973 was he cleared to reveal that "he had been a spy for England, trained (with his friend Ian Fleming) in covert action" (Koch, 2008 [full text online]). He had "toured three continents singing, being amusing, acting as a courier, filing eyes-only reports on influential people, and probably meeting covert British contacts" (ibid.). He also acted as go-between in early 1940 for talks between President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill.

Cox, Alexander B. H.: Film director Alex Cox [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 2013 book "The President and the Provocateur", which is constructed around the wholly dismal [but increasingly blatant] core thesis that the U.S. Deep State, encouraged by getting away with their JFK cover-up, went on to play for even higher stakes.

***** CANDIDATE ORGANISER OF THE 1963 PONTCHARTRAIN CAMP *****

"an expert in unconventional warfare and counterinsurgency"

Cox, Alfred T.: [CIA alias "Bob Rogers"] NYC-born WW2 (OSS) veteran turned careerist CIA officer (Far East, then Miami) Alfred T. Cox [no convenient biography 1973 New York Times Obituary QUITE THE HERO] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a three-year pre-university spell in the U.S. Army 1933-1936, (b) for graduating 1940 from Lehigh University as a civil engineer, (c) for WW2 service from 1942 as follows ...

"Cox became a pioneer in developing Operational Groups (OG), a pet project of OSS chief William J. ["Wild Bill"] Donovan [see own entry] that called for small groups of highly trained men to drop behind enemy lines, contact local resistance groups, and cause as much trouble as possible. Cox commanded Company 'B', 2671st Special Reconnaissance Battalion, Separate (Provisional), the long-winded and deliberately obscure
designation for fourteen OG units of two officers and thirteen enlisted men each. Trained to a fine edge in North Africa, Company 'B' parachuted into southern France in advance of Allied invasion forces. Personally leading OG 'Leighi', Cox jumped into a meadow in the Rhone Valley shortly after midnight, August 25, 1944. His units destroyed bridges and power lines, set up roadblocks, and ambushed enemy columns. [...] As Major Cox noted in his final report, this was 'the first real use by the American Army of Organised Guerrillas, of highly trained, bilingual officers and soldiers who operated in small hard-hitting guerrilla bands behind enemy lines’' (Leary, op. cit. inf., p85).

... (d) for being transferred to similar OSS operations in China in March 1945, specifically to pass on his experience in France, eventually being based at Kunming [map] in 1946 ...

CAMEO - COX AND OSS IN CHINA, 1945-1946: Kunming had long been the main operating base for Claire Chennault [see own entry REVELATORY] and Whiting Willauer’s [see own entry] clandestine air force. These had been the Flying Tigers during WW2, and Civil Air Transport (CAT) [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] after it [more on all this in (e) below]. Here is the nature of Cox’s involvement ...

"General Donovan sent Cox to China in March 1945 on an experimental project to organise Chinese commando units. Under his direction, a training mission of 350 officers and men set up a weapons school, parachute facility, and tactical training area near Kunming. The aim was to produce twenty commando units of 200 men each. [...] The First Commando, one of six units that completed the program before the war’s end, went into action on July 12, 1945. Operation APPLE [awaits confirmation] - 'the first airborne movement in the history of the Chinese Army' - proved a great success, as did similar missions in the waning days of the war. Lieutenant-Colonel Cox's commendation for 'exceptionally meritorious service' noted that 'the fighting spirit of the Commandos served as a tribute to his ability’" (Leary, pp85-86).

Readers unfamiliar with the transitional period between the winding down of the OSS in late 1945 and its replacement by the CIA in September 1947 should skim the Wikipedia briefing on the <Strategic Services Unit (SSU)> before proceeding.

... (e) for civilian life as a clerk-salesman 1947-1949, but with sufficient reputation to see him headhunted by Frank Wisner [see own entry] for head of the Hong Kong station of the Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) [Wikipedia briefing] in October 1949, at the time Chennault and Willauer needed to re-base Civil Air Transport (CAT) on Taiwan after it/they had been driven out of China by Mao's advance to the sea (Thomas, 1995/2006) ...

ASIDE: In Samson's (op. cit. inf.) affectionate biography of Chennault, Cox is named as one of the first CIA placements with China Air Transport (CAT), and described as then becoming a fixture in his replacement company, Civil Air Transport, Incorporated (CATTI) [see own entry], thus ...

"The Office of Policy Coordination of the CIA in Washington, under [Frank Wisner], had decided to at least experiment with CAT - as a prelude to investing major funding - by assigning some agency personnel to the airline. Al Cox, a former OSS agent who had served in China in 1945 organising guerrilla forces, was sent to Hong Kong in late October. His title was vague but he was to work as an assistant to Willauer and Chennault, in addition to trying to set up guerrilla units on the mainland. He arrived just in time to be involved in supervising the rescue of CAT personnel from Canton. He must have felt right at home - with his intelligence and guerrilla background. CAT now began to set up a headquarters in Hong Kong. [...] Two of the higher echelon CIA employees took over administrative posts in [CATTI] - Al Cox as vice president for management [...] although his covert operations on the mainland were his primary job” (Samson, op. cit. inf., k7149-7383).

Byrd (op. cit. inf.) adds ...

"The Chinese Civil War rushed to its conclusion in the closing months of 1949. The Communists took Canton in October, Kweilin and Chungking in November, Kunming in December. [...] CAT and its dedicated crews worked day and night, airlifting personnel and supplies, evacuating government assets, preventing panic by offering a way out of the threatened areas. [...] There were amazingly few accidents or losses, even though CAT itself had to move its base of operations some dozen times. [...] Chennault and Willauer [...] were proud to see their organisation withstand the intense stress. Their sentiment was shared by Alfred T. Cox, the first of a succession of CIA operatives who lived their cover as officials in the CAT organisation. Cox joined CAT in October [1949]; his CIA job was to head OPC activities in China. Cox had worked with OSS in Kunming in 1945, organising paratroop commando units. Now, in late 1949, he did what he could to support [...] the Nationalists’ last defence” (p334).
Leary adds ...

"Approached by Wisner in spring 1949, Cox jumped at the invitation to join OPC [...] and reached Hong Kong just in time for a unique operational briefing. [...] CAT had been asked by the government to remain in Canton [map] until the last minute [...] and on October 9 Nationalist troops withdrew from Kukong [now Shaoguan - map], a key defensive point ninety miles to the north, signalling the beginning of the end for the city. With the sound of Communist artillery echoing in downtown Canton, Willauer sent word from Hong Kong on October 9 to evacuate key office personnel and communications equipment" (p86).

... (f) for reportedly being the one who suggested Operation PAPER [see own entry TRULY REVELATORY] to the OPC's Assistant Director (Far East), Desmond Fitzgerald [see own entry WORTH A LOOK], thus ...

CAMEO - COX AND THE OPC IN CHINA, 1949-1950: Leary continues ...

"While CAT executives searched for telephones in Hong Kong, Cox began work on OPC's project to assist anti-Communist groups on the mainland. Details of the covert scheme remain locked in the CIA's archives [as at 2002, but seems still to apply October 2021 - Ed.] but the main outlines are clear. By the time Cox reached China [...] the Nationalist defenders] needed weapons and ammunition [...] Although arranging for a shipment of arms [...] he was not optimistic about the situation. 'Things are certainly going badly out here,' Cox wrote to his wife. '[...] Time is running out" (pp88-89).

... (g) for being intimately involved in the negotiations 1950-1952 to free a further 71 planes belonging to the Nationalist CNAC and CTAC airlines which had been impounded in Hong Kong by the British, eventually calling in Washington fixer Thomas G. Corcoran [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] in June 1952 to fix up a U.S. aircraft carrier to ferry the machines out (Byrd) ...

ASIDE: As to why the planes had been impounded in the first place, this from Byrd ...

"Sitting in the shadow of the new People's Republic and dependent on its goodwill, the British colony staunchly supported its home government's intention to extend formal recognition to the People's Republic as soon as the capture of the mainland was completed. What Chennault called a legal purchase, Hong Kong officials regarded as collusion. Hong Kong wanted no trouble. Its governor [...] announced that the planes could not depart until a Sino-British air agreement had been made" (p336).

... (h) for duties largely unknown during the Korean War hot years 1950-1953, thus ...

CAMEO - COX AND THE CIA IN KOREA: Here is Leary again ...

"The Korean War should have provided full employment for CAT's idle fleet, especially when the [regular air forces were] struggling to meet airlift requirements, but political problems caused initial complications. The airline's equipment continued to bear the flag of Nationalist China despite the change in ownership, and Washington's attitude toward the regime on Taiwan remained ambiguous. Although President Truman extended a measure of protection to the separate parts of the island in late June, he declined Chiang Kai-shek's offer to send thirty-three thousand troops to Korea [...] In July [1950] Cox made arrangements through intelligence sources for three aircraft to operate between Japan and Korea (Operation AD [not much online but independently mentioned in Leeker (2015) briefing, courtesy of the University of Texas at Dallas EXCELLENT SOURCE]). Based at Tachikawa [map], and on twenty-four-hour call, the aircraft transported sensitive personnel and performed other urgent missions. Wider use of CAT in support of covert projects followed" (p116).

Thomas (1995/2006) states that the guerrilla operations in Korea were commanded by another OSS veteran, Hans Tofte [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], and that Cox's operations were directed at China's remote southern front rather than in Korea, thus ...

"Tofte finally did send forty-four guerrilla teams into Korea between April and December 1951, some by air, most by sea. [...] But it later turned out that most of them had been 'doubled' by the Communists and fed disinformation. [...] OPC's Hong Kong station chief, Alfred Cox, suggested that [fugitive Nationalist Chinese in the south] be used as a diversionary force on China's southern flank, invading Yunnan Province and forcing Beijing to divert troops away from Korea. [...] The key was air support, which the CIA's secret air force stood ready to deliver. [...] Beginning in March 1951, air operations , run by the CIA front, [...] dropped supplies and American advisors [...] to the] Yunnan Province Anti-Communist National Salvation Army" (pp53-54).
... (i) for duties largely (but not entirely) unknown at the time of France's First Indochina War [Wikipedia briefing], both during the 1953 Viet Minh Spring Offensive [Wikipedia briefing] and the 1954 Battle for Dienbienphu [Wikipedia briefing] ...

QUICKIE - OPERATIONS SQUAW I AND SQUAW II: Cox's part in the support given to the embattled French by the U.S. was to deploy CIA air assets in Operation SQUAW [no convenient briefing but much glorious detail in Hickler (2008) RECOMMENDED SOURCE]. Here is Leary with some of the detail, SQUAW I first (we have highlighted the systematic use of Americans as civilian mercenaries) in 1953 ...

"Secretary of State John Foster Dulles called at the White House on the afternoon of April 23 to discuss developments in Asia with President Dwight D. Eisenhower [...] reporting that the French were gravely concerned about the situation in Laos. They wanted to borrow U.S. Air Force C-119s and crews to fly tanks and heavy equipment into Laois. [...] The secretary noted that sending American military personnel on combat missions into Indochina '[...] would raise many problems'. But there was an alternative: perhaps civilian pilots could fly the C-119s. [...] Dulles of course had checked with his brother, Allen, new head of the CIA [who], in turn, contacted Cox in Hong Kong [who said] 'can do'. [...] SQUAW continued until July 16. As the Viet Minh Offensive waned and the pace of operations slackened with the onset of the monsoon season in late spring, landed loads became more common than the airdrops [...] DCI Dulles sent Cox a special commendation for SQUAW" (p164-167).

And then SQUAW II in 1954 ...

"The air transport situation worsened early in the new year as Viet Minh attacks throughout Indochina produced additional calls for aerial support. [...] French airlift capabilities already were strained to the limit [and] the French once again looked to CAT for assistance. Washington alerted CAT for SQUAW II in early January. [...] CAT crews made eighty-seven airdrops over Dienbienphu during the second half of March [1954], contributing significantly to the daily average of 126 tons received by the garrison" (p187)

Byrd adds ...

"Desperate for aerial transport to supplement their small air forces, the French asked the United States for the loan of U.S. Air Force C-119s with their crews to fly tanks and heavy equipment into the battle zones. [...] The Secretary of State talked to the director of the CIA [his brother - Ed.], who spoke to Cox in Taipei. CAT was available. From mid-March until its fall in May, CAT pilots - American civilians wearing their gaudy tropical shirts and making no secret of being there both for the cause and for the money - flew supplies to the besieged garrison at Dienbienphu" (p346).

... (j) for liaising with Corcoran again in late 1954, this time over the precise financial pay-offs due to CATT's departing Chinese shareholders (Byrd), (k) (perhaps being needed elsewhere) for being rather brusquely sacked from CATI 31st December 1954, (l) for duties unknown 1955-1959, presumably behind someone's lines, (m) for turning up again as Head of Station at the CIA's giant JMASH [renamed Dec. 1960]/JMWARE Miami campus 1960-1962 ...

ASIDE - THE "BOB ROGERS" NOM DE NUT: It has been suggested in a few of the histories that Cox used the alias "Bob Rogers" during his time at Miami. The remainder of this entry presumes that this is indeed the case.

CAMEO - COX AND THE CIA IN CUBA, 1959-1963: In 1998 the CIA released its "Official History of the Bay of Pigs Operation". Volume III of this report [full text online FASCINATING STUFF] concerns the development of the anti-Castro operations from 1959. It includes 12 mentions of Cox, describing him as "Chief, Paramilitary Division" (p18), and tracks his involvement in the early planning of what was - in the early months - known as Operation JMARC [Wikipedia briefing]. Hinckle and Turner (op. cit. inf.) then bring another angle to the story when they remind us that Cox frequently existed as "Bob Rogers", a man who had a close relationship to senior mobster Johnny Roselli [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] ...

"On March 13 [1963], a three-man team that had been infiltrated came within an eyelash of success. They had set up a sniper's nest on the grounds of the University of Havana and were set to pick off Castro as he climbed the front steps for a scheduled performance. But just before the premier arrived, security police discovered the nest and arrested the team. [...] Roselli told Jack Anderson [Wikipedia biography] that he tried twice more with sniper teams, but Castro seemed to lead a charmed existence. Bob Plumlee [see own entry], the CIA pilot, told the authors that sometime in May he flew Roselli several times to out-of-the-way Bimini Island [map] in the Bahamas for parleys with, among others, ex-Cuban President Carlos Prio, veteran Miami CIA officer Bob Rogers [=Cox], and [...] Bill Carr [nothing known].
The Bimini meeting had to do with the sailing of a second private yacht, and, according to Plumlee, yet another attempt to kill Castro [...] On board was a youthful CIA paramilitary named 'Cowboy' [nothing online] who operated out of the Guantánamo base and a squad of Second Front/Alpha 66 [see own entry] commandos. Also aboard was Bob Plumlee, who had been told by his [...] case officer. Bob Rogers, that he was going along in case an airplane was 'available' in Cuba to fly people out. He was told that the purpose of the mission was to land the commandos so that they could photograph Russian offensive missile sites. But Plumlee noticed a large quantity of explosives on the boat and overheard talk that the commandos were going to Havana to blow up Castro. [...] Two weeks later Bob Rogers assigned Plumlee to a 'bring out' mission' (pp196-197 [this story can be confirmed at Full text of "JFK November 3 2017 release" (archive.org)])

RESEARCH ISSUE: It was the CIA's above description of Cox as "Chief, Paramilitary Division" which prompted our **** PONTCHARTRAIN ***** banner text. Pontchartrain was a guerrilla training camp precisely in the tradition of those Cox had set up in North Africa, Burma, Laos, and southern China. Camps were his modus operandi, and he had the means, the motive, and the opportunity to have added Pontchartrain to his résumé in 1963. The case is therefore prima facie, but as yet unproven "in court", so to speak. We await future document releases.


**** MORE RESEARCH NEEDED ON THIS GUY *****

Cox, Thomas Marion: Obscure character in the Garrison Investigation Tom Cox [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for playing a bit part in Jim Garrison's investigations into Clay Shaw [see Timeline 27th December 1948, then as threaded], having been one of the names found in Shaw's address book [check it out]. It seems he went dark at the time, and has been rarely mentioned since. According to Metta (2021), he was a close neighbour of Jack Ruby and an employee of the CIA-friend Dresser Industries [see own entry]. Carpenter (2014) adds that he was generously remembered in Clay Shaw's 7th March 1974 will when he died five months later. There is also a very short entry in the definitive Mary Ferrell Database, which records him as an amateur magician under the stage name "The Great Tomaro".

Coyle, Edward J.: As related in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked", Dallas-based Intelligence Officer for the 112th Military Intelligence Group. Ed Coyle [no convenient biography] had been one of three agents who met at <venue unknown> on 21st November 1963, the others being FBI Agent James Hosty and DPD Lieutenant Jack Revill. The latter, Hosty would explain in 1996, "made a comment about not wanting to guard that son of a bitch Kennedy tomorrow" (p283). Coyle was also one of three agents who met at the ATF's office on Commerce on the morning of 22nd November 1963 (the others being Hosty again and ATF investigator Frank Ellsworth) to report progress with their common investigations of the Fort Hood Arms Thefts. This meeting broke up at around 1145hr. We surmise that Coyle - in his role as the army's liaison man to the SS security detail that day - then went and mingled with the crowd somewhere. Browse the ATF Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Crafard, Curtis LaVerne ["Larry"]: Michigan born sometime travelling circus hand and recently resident handyman at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club Larry Crafard [Spartacus Educational biography] met with Ruby and George Senator on 23rd November, and then immediately left town. He then gave copious [three days] evidence to the Warren Commission, helping to identify the various hostesses who came and went. Crafard also stated that one of his duties at the Carousel was to record who had called while Ruby was out, and one of these books - "a blue cover spiral notebook entitled, 'Penway Memo Notebook'" - was discussed in detail on his third day on the stand, in that it was one of only a few
indications of who Jack Ruby knew and did business with. Crafard's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it here].

Craig, John R.: Private detective and assassination researcher John Craig [no convenient biography] interviewed Chauncey Holt on 19th October 1991 [read transcript now], and was co-author with Philip Rogers of the 1992 book "The Man on the Grassy Knoll", in which Charles Rogers is proposed not just as the Picket Fence shooter but also as one of the (second set of) Three Tramps.

Craig, Roger Dean: [Read firstly the entries for Edgar Eugene Bradley, Bill Decker, Mannlicher-Carcano C2766, and Arnold Rowland.] At the time of the JFK shooting Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Roger Craig [Spartacus Educational biography] was stationed outside the Sheriff's Office at 505 Main Street, Dallas, not far from the junction with Houston Street. Craig’s evidential profile is as follows: FBI Report, 22nd November 1963 [have been unable to locate]; Sheriff’s Office Report 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission Testimony [read it now - TINKERED WITH]; Trial of Clay Shaw Testimony [read it now]. Radio interview by Ted Ganfaldo [YouTube it now]; Interview to camera, Mark Lane [YouTube it now]. Here is how he told his story in his own words in 1971 [including his allegation that his Warren Commission testimony was in several crucial respects written for him - Ed.] ...

"The time was 12:15 pm. I was standing in front of the court house at 505 Main Street. Deputy Jim Ramsey was standing behind me. [...] I said to Jim Ramsey, 'He's late'. Jim's reply stunned me. He said, 'Maybe somebody will shoot the son of a bitch'. [...] Something else was bothering me [...] the lack of security in this area. [...] Then there came a rifle shot! I bolted toward Houston Street. I was fifteen steps from the corner - before I reached it two more shots had been fired. [...] I ran down the grass between Main and Elm. [...] I saw a Dallas Police Officer run up the grassy knoll and go behind the picket fence near the railroad yards.” (Craig, 1971, K92-115).

***** A QUICK ARREST BEHIND THE PICKET FENCE *****

"I followed behind the fence was complete confusion and hysteria. I began to question people when I noticed a woman in her early thirties attempting to drive out of the parking lot. She was in a brown 1962 or 1963 Chevrolet. I stopped her, identified myself, and placed her under arrest. [...] I turned her over to Deputy Sheriff C. I. (Lummy) Lewis [...] who told me he would take her to Sheriff Decker and take care of her car. The parking lot behind the picket fence was of little importance to most of the investigators at the scene except that the shots were thought to have come from there. [...] It was leased by Deputy Sheriff B. D. Gossett [who] in turn rented parking space by the month to the deputies who worked in the court house. [...] An interesting point is that the lot had an iron bar across the only entrance and exit [...] the only people having access to it were deputies with keys. Point: how did the woman gain access and, what is more important, who was she and why did she have to leave?” (ibid., K115-127).

***** WITNESS ARNOLD ROWLAND *****

"Several people indicated to me that they thought the shots came from the area of the grassy knoll or behind the picket fence. My next reliable witness came forward in the form of Mr. Arnold Rowland. Mr. Rowland and his wife were standing at the top of the grassy knoll on the north side of Elm Street. [...] He said approximately fifteen minutes before President Kennedy arrived he was looking around and something caught his eye. It was a white man standing by the sixth floor window of the [TSBD] in the southeast corner, holding a rifle equipped with a telescopic sight and in the southwest corner of the sixth floor was a coloured male pacing back and forth. [...] I asked Mr. Rowland why he had not reported this incident before and he told me that he thought they were secret service agents. [...] I had started toward the Sheriff's Office with them when [...] Officer Lewis offered to take the Rowlands off my hands and get their statements’ (ibid., K136-144).

***** CRAIG SEES OSWALD LEAVING THE SCENE, BUT *****

***** IS THWARTED BY A FAKE SECRET SERVICE MAN *****

"The time was approximately 12:40 pm. When I ran into Buddy Walthers [...] As we were scanning the curb I heard a shrill whistle coming from the north side of Elm Street. I turned and saw a white male in his twenties running down the grassy knoll from the direction of the [TSBD]. A light green Rambler station wagon was coming slowly west on Elm Street. The driver of the station wagon was a husky looking Latin, with dark wavy hair, wearing a tan wind breaker type jacket. He was looking up at the man running toward him. [...] I tried to cross Elm Street to stop them and find out who they were. The traffic was too heavy and I was unable to reach them. They drove away going west on Elm Street. [...] The suspect [...] was wearing faded blue trousers and a long-sleeved work shirt made of some type of grainy material. This will become very important to me later on and very embarrassing to the authorities. [...] I ran to the front of the [TSBD] where I asked for anyone involved in the investigation. There was a man standing on the steps [who] turned to me and said, 'I'm with the Secret
Service'. [...] I gave him the information. He showed little interest in the persons leaving. However, he seemed extremely interested in the description of the Rambler. [...] Point: Mrs. Ruth Paine, the woman Marina Oswald lived with in Irving, Texas, owned a Rambler station wagon at that time, of this same colour. [...] I learned nothing of this 'Secret Service Agent's' identity until December 22, 1967..." (ibid., K212-238).

ASIDE - THE SECRET SERVICE MAN WHO WASN'T: This person was not identified until 1967 - see details below.

"As I finished talking with the agent, [Sheriff Bill Decker, who had] been standing directly behind me and had overheard what I was saying [...] called me aside and informed me that the suspect had already left the scene [...]. Decker then told me to help them (the police) search the Book Depository Building. [...] I was joined by Deputy Sheriffs Eugene Boone and Luke Mooney. We went up the stairs directly to the sixth floor. The room was very dark and a thick layer of dust seemed to cover everything. [...] Luke Mooney and I reached the southeast corner at the same time" (ibid., K251-259).

***** THE MYSTERY OF THE CARTRIDGE CASES *****

"We immediately found three rifle cartridges laying in such a way that they looked as though they had been carefully and deliberately placed there - in plain sight on the floor to the right of the southeast corner window. Mooney and I examined the cartridges very carefully and remarked how close together they were. The three of them were no more than one inch apart and all were facing the same direction [further forensic description given]. Laying on the floor to the left of the same window was a small brown paper lunch bag containing some well cleaned chicken bones. I called across the room and summoned the Dallas Police I.D. [=Intelligence Division] man, Lt. [Carl] Day. When he arrived with his camera Mooney and I left the window and started our search of the rest of the sixth floor" (ibid., K259-278).

***** THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARING MAUSER *****

"I was nearing the northwest corner of the sixth floor when Deputy Eugene Boone called out, 'here it is'. I was about eight feet from Boone, who was standing next to a stack of cardboard boxes. [...] Looking over the top and down the opening I saw a rifle with a telescopic sight laying on the floor with the bolt facing upward. At this time Boone and I were joined by Lt. Day of the Dallas Police Department and Dallas Homicide Captain, Will Fritz. The rifle was retrieved by Lt. Day, who activated the bolt, ejecting one live round of ammunition which fell to the floor. Lt. Day inspected the rifle briefly, then handed it to Capt. Fritz [...]. Seymour Weitzman, a deputy constable, was standing beside me at the time. Weitzman was an expert on weapons. [...] Capt. Fritz asked if anyone knew what kind of rifle it was. Weitzman asked to see it. After a close examination (much longer than Fritz or Day's examination) Weitzman declared that it was a 7.65 German Mauser. Fritz agreed with him" (ibid., K278-286).

***** OFFICER DOWN - PATROLMAN J. D. TIPPIT *****

"At that exact moment an unknown Dallas police officer came running up the stairs and advised Capt. Fritz that a Dallas policeman had been shot in the Oak Cliff area. I instinctively looked at my watch. The time was 1.06 p.m. A token force of uniformed officers was left to keep the sixth floor secure and Fritz, Day, Boone, Mooney, Weitzman, and I left the building. On my way back to the Sheriff's Office I was nearly run down several times by Dallas Police cars racing to the scene of the shooting of a fellow officer" (ibid., K286-296).

***** OSWALD ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF COP-KILLING*****

"[Six pages of detail given]" (ibid., K296-330).

***** CRAIG MEETS OSWALD *****

"Later that afternoon I received word of the suspect's arrest and the fact that he was suspected of being involved in the President's death. I immediately thought of the man running down the grassy knoll. I made a telephone call to Capt. Will Fritz and gave him the description of the man I had seen and Fritz said, 'that sounds like the suspect we have. Can you come up and take a look at him?' I arrived at Capt. Fritz's office shortly after 4.30 p.m. I was met by Agent [James] Bookhout from the FBI, who took my name and place of employment. The door to Capt. Fritz' personal office was open and the blinds on the windows were closed. [...] I looked through the open door at the request of Capt. Fritz and identified the man who I saw running down the grassy knoll and enter the Rambler station wagon - and it WAS Lee Harvey Oswald. Fritz and I entered his private office together. He told Oswald, 'This man (pointing to me) saw you leave'. At which time the suspect replied, 'I told you people I did'. Fritz, apparently trying to console Oswald, said, 'Take it easy, son - we're just trying to find out what happened'. Fritz then said, 'What about the car?'. Oswald replied, leaning forward on Fritz' desk, 'That station wagon belongs to Mrs. Paine - don't try to drag her into this'. Sitting back in his chair, Oswald said very disgustedly and very low, 'Everybody will know who I am now'. At this time Capt. Fritz ushered me from his office, thanking me" (ibid., K339-348).

***** CRAIG'S WARREN COMMISSION TESTIMONY WRITTEN FOR HIM *****
"David Belin told me who he was as I entered the interrogation room (April 1964). He had me sit at the head of a long table. To my left was a female with a pencil and pen. Belin sat to my right. Between the girl and Belin was a tape recorder, which was turned off. Belin instructed the girl not to take notes until he (Belin) said to do so. [Details of Belin's initial instructions and general procedures given.] When Belin would get to certain questions he would turn off the recorder and stop the girl from writing. [...] I finally managed to get in at least most of what I had seen and heard by ignoring his advanced questions and giving a step-by-step picture, which further seemed to irritate him. At the end of our session Belin [...] went over the complete testimony again. He then asked, 'Do you want to follow or waive your signature or sign now?' Since there was nothing but a tape recording and a stenographer's note book, there was obviously nothing to sign. [...] I first saw my testimony in January of 1968 when I looked at the 26 volumes which belonged to Penn Jones. My alleged statement was included. The following are some of the changes in my testimony:

[Arnold Rowland - some discrepancies]
[Colour of Rambler changed from light green to white]
[Colour of driver's jacket changed from tan to white]
[Rambler licence plate NOT Texas colour, word NOT omitted]
[Driver: got a good look changed to did NOT get a good look]
[Major targeted insertions to the exchange with Oswald in Fritz' office, to imply that Oswald had proudly claimed that everybody would know who he was - a core part of the Commission's lone-nut legend - when in fact he seemed to be lamenting a blown cover.]

Shortly after [...] the Sheriff took me out of the field and assigned me to the Bond desk. This meant that I was sitting directly in line with [his] office door, where he could watch me. It made me feel a little like a goldfish in a bowl!" (ibid., K400-464).

***** CRAIG DISMISSED THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE *****

"In February of 1967 the lid blew off. District Attorney Jim Garrison announced publicly his probe into the John F. Kennedy assassination. It wasn't long - in fact, a matter of hours - until Decker walked up to me and asked, 'Have you been talking to Jim Garrison?' I told him that I had not, which was the truth. Decker then said 'Somebody sure as hell has'. That was the beginning of the end of my career as a law officer and my future in Dallas County. As more and more books critical of the Warren Commission began to hit the newsstands throughout the country and I received calls and visitors asking questions my future with the Sheriff's Office became very shaky. Finally, on July 4, 1967, Bill Decker called me into his office and told me to check out" (ibid., K512).

***** CRAIG MEETS GARRISON AND IDENTIFIES THE RAMBLER DRIVER *****

"I had several meetings with Jim Garrison. He showed me numerous pictures taken in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963. Among them was a picture of a Latin male. I recognised him as being the same man I had seen driving the Rambler station wagon in which I had seen Oswald leave the Book Depository area. I was surprised and I asked Jim who the man was. Jim did not know but he did say this man was arrested in Dealey Plaza immediately after the assassination but was released by Dallas Police because he could not speak English!" (ibid., K539).

***** THE MYSTERY OF THE .45 SLUG *****

"We [= Craig and Garrison] also discussed the .45 calibre slug found on the south side of Elm Street, in the grass, by E. R. (Buddy) Walthers. Buddy had indeed found such a slug. He and I discussed it the evening of November 22, 1963. Buddy also gave a statement to the Dallas Police confirming this find (found among bits of brain matter). However, he later denied finding it - after Decker had a long talk with him [...] Jim Garrison also had a picture of an unidentified man picking up this .45 slug and Buddy is also in that photograph" (ibid., K539-548).

***** THE MISSING ARREST DOCUMENTATION *****

"Jim also asked me about the arrests made in Dealey Plaza that day. I told him I knew of twelve arrests, one in particular made by [Roy] E. Vaughn of the Dallas Police Department. The man Vaughn arrested was coming from the Dal-Tex Building across from the [TSBD]. The only thing which Vaughn knew about him was that he was an independent oil operator from Houston, Texas. The prisoner was taken from Vaughn by Dallas Police detectives and that was the last that he saw or heard of the suspect. Incidentally, there are no records of any arrests, either by the [DPD] or the Sheriff's Office, made in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963. Very strange!" (ibid., K548-558).

***** THE BOUNTY HUNTERS START TO GATHER *****

[Much of the second half of the book records a number of attempts on Deputy Craig's life.]
***** GARRISON IDENTIFIES THE FAKE SECRET SERVICE MAN *****

"I learned nothing of this 'Secret Service Agent's' identity until December 22, 1967, while we were living in New Orleans. The television was on as I came home from work one night and there on the screen was a picture of this man. I did not know what it was all about until my wife told me that Jim Garrison had charged him with being a part of the assassination plot. I called Jim Garrison then and told him that this was the man I had seen in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Jim then sent me one of his investigators to see me with a better picture which I identified. I then learned that this man's name was Edgar Eugene Bradley" (ibid., K238-251).

ASIDE - THE SECRET SERVICE MAN WHO WASN'T: In this historically momentous instant, Craig had inadvertently allowed himself to be thrown off the scent by a conspiracy look-out man, and - unsurprisingly - nothing ever came of this. Bradley has since been identified as a CIA operative.

Having survived the several attempts on his life mentioned above, Craig was finally murdered in a highly convenient faked suicide on 15th May 1975. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses" [Amazon]. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail, see Craig's own (1971) book "When They Kill a President" [Amazon - COMPULSORY READING]. His televised interview makes particularly chilling viewing, now that we know what happened next - YouTube it now. OUR VERDICT: Craig is described in that video as "a real American hero", and yet in the entry for Edgar Eugene Bradley the case is made that Craig's evidence was unsafe. Further research is needed, but in the meantime we side - on balance of probabilities - with Craig.

Craik, Sir George Lillie [2nd Baronet]1927: British lawyer turned law enforcer Sir George Craik [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been a founding member of the Round Table Movement [see own entry], and a long-standing friend of Philip Kerr [see own entry] during his years in South Africa (Rose, 2000). He would go on to become Chief Constable of London's Metropolitan Police.

***** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

Crane, Charles Richard: [Read firstly the entry for Religious Right.] American playboy, political fixer, and noted "Arabist" [= often construed as a euphemism for anti-Semitic - Ed.] Charles R. Crane [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for coming to political prominence in his middle years when he helped instal Woodrow Wilson in the White House in 1912, thus ...

"... the man who organised the financing of Wilson's campaign was millionaire industrialist Charles R. Crane, someone who also will play a very important part in our story. American capitalists viewed themselves as a force above politics, and in large measure they were. They were used to getting their own way. If a politician or a government proved an impediment to business, they could be replaced" (Spence, op. cit. inf., p601).

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: When bankers "own" senior politicians in this way, it is a form of Insider Trading [Wikipedia briefing]. The practice is therefore widespread in Establishment circles, with neither the bankers nor the politicians much motivated to prevent it.

... (b) for playing a part in setting up the Federal Reserve System in late 1913 [see Timeline 20th November 1910 and 23rd December 1913] ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: The received modern critique of the 1913 Federal Reserve System is (1) that it is fundamentally deceptively named, being neither "Federal" nor a "Reserve" (it is privately owned, and it prints paper notes to government requisition, living off administration commissions and subsequent interest), and (2) that historically it has - thanks to the resulting endemic bribery and malpractice - caused far more problems than it has remedied. See FURTHER READINGS for the support material.

... (c) for heading the advance party of the Root Commission into Petrograd at a critical point in the Russian Revolution [see Timeline 16th April 1917], (d) for encouraging the folly of the Kerensky Offensive [see Timeline 1st July 1917], and thus inadvertently taking Russia out of the war rather than keeping it in, (e) for pulling strings in Washington to gain support for Tomáš Masaryk's Czech and Slovak nationalists [presently a province of the Austro-Hungarian Empire - Ed.; see Timeline 30th May 1918], (f) for becoming an advising member
of the American delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 18th January 1919], constantly reminding the negotiating teams of the secret deals already done [not least the deal with Masaryk - Ed.], (g) for doing much the same in 1919 at the subsequent King-Crane Commission on Mandates [see Timeline 10th June 1919], coming down strongly in favour of a British-mandated Jewish state in Palestine, (h) for buying into The Washington Herald that same year, (i) for serving in China 1920-1921, (j) for founding the Institute of Current World Affairs (ICWA) in 1925 ...

CAMEO: The ICWA [Wikipedia briefing; Homepage] is one of those think tank/lobby groups which has done so much to remove from ordinary citizens worldwide the need for critical and informed thinking in the execution of their democratic responsibilities. Its present officially stated mission is to advance "American understanding of international cultures and affairs by sending outstanding young professionals abroad on two-year independent writing fellowships to study countries, regions and globally important issues" [the CIA could say much the same, of course - Ed.].

... (k) for leading a surge of Western investment into the oilfields of Saudi Arabia and Yemen in the early 1930s, and (l) for developing a reputation in the mid-1930s as a pro-Nazi ...

CAMEO - CRANE THE PRO-NAZI: As we have already explained in the entry for the Cliveden Set [see the entry for Nancy Astor and as thereafter directed], Adolf Hitler was quite a favourite of the Anglo-American Establishment for most of the 1930s, only finally falling from favour in around 1938. Crane was therefore in very good company. Leclair (2016 [full text online (paywalled) FASCINATING]) has recently analysed the influence of the American Religious Right (and he includes Crane in this) upon American foreign policy during these years.


Crawford, John: Light aircraft pilot John Crawford [no convenient biography] seems to have worked for Jack Ruby on occasions. He was killed in a plane crash near Huntsville, TX, on 15th April 1969. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses". Conspiracy theories exist, but we remain to be convinced that they warrant being recorded here.

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"One to whom such delicate tasks should not be entrusted" (Steel, 1980)
"A reckless and incompetent person" (ibid.)
"Incapable of judging evidence" (ibid.)
"Determined to make a noise no matter what [truths] he violates" (ibid.)

Creel, George Edward: American newsman turned state propagandist George Creel [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning journalism from the bottom up 1896-1912, gradually gaining a reputation as a political pundit, (b) for supporting President Wilson's 1916 re-election campaign, (c) for thereby getting head-hunted 14th April 1917 to head up Wilson's new propaganda agency, the deceptively named Committee on Public Information (CPI) [see own entry], (d) for generally conducting what was at the time "the greatest public relations effort in history", (e) for getting particularly behind Czech-Slovak moves for independence ...

ASIDE - CREEL, MASARYK, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA: We have remarked elsewhere that the fate of the ethnic Czechs and Slovaks of Bohemia and Moravia was decided in principle in the Tenth of President Wilson's Fourteen Points [see Timeline 7th January 1918], and then updated at the Czech League's Kiev Congress shortly afterward [dito 30th January]. The true objective, however, seems to have been to shiver these two
important northern provinces away from the Austro-Hungarian Empire (they had been vassal states of the ancestral Holy Roman Empire since the 9th Century! - Ed.) …

**ASIDE - THE WEAPONISATION OF DISSENT:** In that it erodes motivation and morale, the systematic spreading of dissent in an enemy's ranks (figurative as well as literal) is an ancient and highly successful part of warfare. The effect on any one conflict is relatively easy to establish, but not so the longer-term effects. This is because propaganda of this sort goes so deep that it becomes part of the national psyche. Thus the pamphlets of a handful of pre-Revolutionary Bostonians, which told the New England Colonials that *they* were *too good for all this*, still sour international relations two-and-a-half centuries later. Likewise, the romanticising-demonising of Englishness-Scottishness, Jewishness-Arabness, Ukrainianness-Russianliness, and all the other-nesses which threaten any day to bring human life on Earth to an end.

Here is how historian David A. Andelman explained Creel’s involvement in creating (and to no little extent helping to deliver) this Czechoslovak dream in his 2008 book "*A Shattered Peace: Versailles 1919 and the Price We Pay Today*" [Amazon] …

"... the Czechs were encouraged in their militant pursuit of territory by George Creel. This Wilson crony headed the U.S. propaganda effort in Europe during the war, and after the Armistice found himself in Prague. That's when he told [Tomáš] Masaryk [see Timeline, 14th November 1915] that the Czechs were America's 'favourite sons', and they'd support Czech actions 'through thick and thin'" (p171).

(f) for wilfully ignoring advice in early 1918 from Secretary of War Newton D. Baker [Wikipedia biography] that "our only chance in Russia is to re-establish, as quickly as possible, confidence in our absolute honesty and disinterestedness" (Steel, *op. cit. inf.*, p137), (g) for giving later propaganda theorists such as Edward Bernays [see own entry] their start in their trade, (h) for being part of the American delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, where he helped others preach what he had practised, and (i) for setting down his experiences in his (1920) book "*How We Advertised America*" [Amazon]. **FURTHER READING:** For a detailed biography see Chapter 1 of Alan Axelrod's (2009) "*Selling the Great War: The Making of American Propaganda*" [Amazon]. For more on the exploitation of Czech-Slovak nationalism see Chapter 12 of Ronald Steel's (1980) "*Walter Lippmann and the American Century*" [Amazon].

Creel Committee: See the entry for the Committee on Public Information (CPI).

Crescent Firearms, Inc.: See the entry for Louis Feldsott.

**Crewe House:** Nowadays London's Saudi Arabian Embassy, but here used as synecdoche for the Department of Propaganda in Enemy Countries, an offshoot of the War Propaganda Bureau [see own entry] created under Lord Northcliffe in February 1918. Sir Campbell Stuart's 1921 memoir "Secrets of Crewe House: The Story of a Famous Campaign" [full text online] sets the general scene and identifies the main departmental officers.

[Crewe-]1895-Milnes, Robert Offley Ashburton [2nd Baron Houghton]1885 [Earl of Crewe]1895 [1st Marquess of Crewe]1911: British aristocrat-politician Robert Crewe-Milnes [Lord Crewe]1895 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having lent his home to the government in February 1918 to house Lord Northcliffe's new Department of Propaganda in Enemy Countries, and (b) for being identified as "close to the inner circle" of the Milner Group (Macgregor and Docherty, 2017, p26).

**** JFK Senior Primary Conspirator ****

(remember that the actual killing was a secondary conspiracy)

Crichton, John ["Jack"] Alston: [Invariably Jack] WW2 veteran (OSS) turned Dallas oilman Colonel Jack Crichton [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having business ties with fellow oilmen Clint Murchison and George H. W. Bush [see own entry], defence contractor General Dynamics, and Cuban President Fulgencio Batista in the 1950s, and (b) for having been Founder-Commander of the 488th MID [see own entry] between 1956 and 1967. He was profiled by Peter Dale Scott in his 2015 book "*Dallas '63*" as having been responsible for the deliberate "conspiratorial
manipulation of Marina Oswald's testimony in the first hours after the assassination, in order to create the [...] impression that the Soviet Union may have been involved" (§4132). The forethought required to do this with so little notice indicates that it has to have been pre-planned. In 1959 he and Bush reportedly helped raise funds for the CIA's Operation 40. It has also been estimated that at the time of the assassination about half of the 488ths 100-man complement were DPD officers.

**Crisis Actors:** [Read firstly the entry for Drills and Exercises.] This phrase grew popular in the mid-1990s to describe the (perfectly legitimate) use of hired "victims" - in full moulage [Wikipedia briefing] - in civil defence drills and exercises. The term then took on a more sinister connotation when analysis of news reporting from NYC in the hours following the 9/11 atrocity revealed the (not perfectly legitimate) practice of TV news teams having a supply of actors at hand to play-act eye-witnesses to camera when needed [see YouTube CNN caught red-handed].

**ASIDE - THE ETYMOLOGY:** We like the etymological scholarship of Denver-based Dave Wilton's WordOrigins blog [homepage]. He cites an actors' agency advertisement in October 2012, which offered to supply emergency authorities such as Department of Homeland Security/FEMA with "crisis actors" who had been "trained in criminal and victim behaviour" and who were thus capable of delivering "intense realism to simulated mass casualty incidents". He then notes that the December 2012 Sandy Hook School Shooting [Wikipedia briefing] attracted a strange new breed of conspiracy theory, namely one in which the authorities were now so good at staging "simulated mass casualty incidents" that at least some participants hi-jacked the occasion to use live ammo. Specifically Wilton cites a report 16th January 2013 as being possibly the first in which the term "crisis actor" is used with this nasty pejorative edge.

Since Sandy Hook the term has sunk even further, and is presently used [March 2018] by conspiracy theorists to indicate that an atrocity at hand - the 2017 Las Vegas Massacre, say - has been staged using crisis actors. As a result, every new atrocity nowadays is greeted within seconds by a chorus of online cries of false flag! and crisis actor!

**Crisman, Fred Lee:** WW2 veteran (U.S.A.A.C.), long-term associate of Clay Shaw, and jobbing esoterist Fred Crisman [Wikipedia mark-ography] would defeat even Jim Garrison's investigations of him so completely that Garrison officially concluded that he must spend his time in "deep cover" (Garrison's actual term) on work of national security of some sort. So it is then not altogether surprising to find Crisman named in due course in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so outer sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination.

**** PROTESTER AGAINST CONSPIRACY, WW1 ****

**Croft, Henry Page:** British businessman turned right-wing politician turned front-line commander in the Battle of the Somme re-turned political avenger of wasted lives Brigadier General Henry Croft [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 5 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are discussing the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany.

**ASIDE:** Readers are reminded that there is an important cluster of conspiracy theories centred on the blockade running of contraband into Germany during WW1. For the backstory to this, start with the inset to the entry for Maurice Hankey. Croft is just one of those who tried to speak out against the practice.

Croft, they note, mourning no doubt the casualties suffered by his own unit, now spoke out forcefully in Parliament against the sort of profiteering which kept the war going unnecessarily. Here is an indicative extract from one of his speeches ...  

"Only the Government in 1915 and 1916 did not grasp the vital necessity of preserving every pound of food we had in this country. No Minister was responsible during this time, and yet we find that millions of tons of produce and raw material left this country—ore for shells to blow our men to bits with in the trenches, cotton to provide explosives for those shells, and food to feed the Germans who fired those shells—and when we remember the way that not only the fighting men, the soldiers and sailors, have borne the burden of this War
and of these continual perils, but the way in which the civil population of this country has gone through the discomforts of this War—when we remember all that, I say it is very difficult for us to remain silent while the poor of this country go short of tea and other commodities at the present time, and when we remember the vast exports that went on by the deliberate policy of Ministers in the years 1915 and 1916. Therefore I submit that I have the right to ask, and the country has the right to know, who was the man, or men, who betrayed their country by feeding the Germans in this manner” (Hansard, 21st March 1918; emphasis added).

RECOMMENDED READING: The full text of this speech is online - click here. It covers many other commodities, and makes truly sobering reading.

As usual, this debate, then and since, went totally over the heads of the ordinary British people. The man in the street simply does not routinely read Hansard, and the mainstream media declined to pass it on because they were themselves in the pockets of the profiteers. As a result, the names of the guilty men were never clearly stated, and the men themselves never punished; indeed sometimes - as with Alfred Mond [see own entry] - they were even rewarded. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

Crook, Don: Mentioned in the Roy Cooper entry, which see.

Crookham, Perry Ellis: [See firstly the entry for the DOB.] Senior CIA officer Perry Crookham [no convenient biography] was C/DOD/DOB [=Chief, Domestic Operations Division, Domestic Operations Base] in the early 1960s. Here is how Judyth Vary Baker and Edward Schwartz's 2017 book "Kennedy & Oswald" [Amazon] summarises his sudden appearance in the JFK narrative (all names have their own entries) ...

"Perry Crookham was the Chief of the DOB. He had come to the CIA from the U.S. Marines. Crookham remained in charge of the DOB until early to mid-1963, when he was replaced by Tracy Barnes. [...] His] deputy at the DOB until Tracy Barnes took over, was William 'Rip' Robertson. [...] Perry Crookham's existence remained hidden from history, unknown outside the CIA, until Donald Deneselya revealed his name and who he was to the authors” (Baker and Schwartz, 2017, pp1-2).

Crouch, Mark: In June 1981 assassination researcher Mark Crouch [no convenient biography] acquired a duplicate set of autopsy photographs taken by Secret Service duty photographer James Fox [q.v.], on condition they were not published until after his death. Fox died in 1987 and the material was duly incorporated into the 1988 edition of David Lifton's book "Best Evidence".

***** WW1 Junior Primary Conspirator *****

Crowe, Eyre Alexander: British civil servant [Sir]1911 Eyre Crowe [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having used his (the relatively junior) position in the Foreign Office to foment the diplomatic and media onslaught against the Germans in the mid-1920s.

Crowe, Jerome K.: [Read firstly the entry for Roy B. Payne.] Los Angeles based FBI Special Agent Jerome K. Crowe [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for following up what was evidently one of the major D-plus-one leads in the JFK investigation. Specifically, it was Crowe who quizzed private investigators Richard Hathcock and Roy B. Payne [see own entries] at 1030hr Saturday 23rd November 1963 - at a time when every law enforcement agency and agent **on the planet** was in Kennedy Meltdown - as to their involvement with INTERPEN commander Gerry Hemming's Johnson M1941 and Bushnell Hunting Scope [check them out], the sniper's combo which some researchers suspect was used in the JFK shooting, and recovered at the scene. Somehow, possibly from fingerprints on the gun, nobody really knows, the FBI needed to exclude Payne as a person of interest to their inquiries. In the event, it turned out that Payne had done no relevant wrong, and it remains a mystery to this day [January 2020] what had happened in Dallas (1500 miles away) to spark off the inquiry in the first place. To see SA Crowe's later-that-day report, click here.

"... work that would have made D. H. Lawrence blush" (Churton)

Crowley, Aleister: [Born Edward Alexander Crowley] Comfortably born British eccentric turned WW1 spook turned specialist WW2 wierdo-spook Aleister Crowley [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context
(a) for taking up "ceremonial magic" in about 1898, (b) for taking time off from his incantations to travel the world's political hotspots taking notes [= spooking], (c) for founding his own religion in 1907, (d) for re-popularising the archaic spelling "magick" to distinguish his ceremonial and sexual practices from mere theatrical magic, (e) for time spent in Paris in the immediate run-up to WW1, pushing his body (not to mention the bodies of others) to the limits, thus ...

"In January 1914, Crowley and Neuburg settled into an apartment in Paris, where the former was involved in the controversy surrounding Jacob Epstein's new monument to Oscar Wilde. Together Crowley and Neuburg performed the six-week 'Paris Working', a period of intense ritual involving strong drug use in which they invoked the gods Mercury and Jupiter. As part of the ritual, the couple performed acts of sex magic together, at times being joined by journalist Walter Duranty [see own entry ANOTHER INTERESTING FELLOW]" (Wikipedia, accessed 20th February 2023).

... (f) for high-tailing it to the United States during the 1914-1918 war, professing Irish ancestry and producing spoof German propaganda as a double-agent on behalf of MI-6 ...

**CAMEO - CROWLEY THE SPY-PROPAGANDIST**: To the extent that Crowley was indeed an MI-6 asset, then he would likely have been monitoring anti-British sentiment amongst America's Irish communities (who had long been funding the Home Rule movement in Ireland, and did so now with the encouragement of the Germans). As for the spoof propaganda, he wrote copy for NYC's English language periodical *The Fatherland* [Wikipedia briefing] ...

**Read an archive specimen piece here**
What Crowley is doing here is trying - very subtly - to expose weaknesses in the enemy's position so that counter-propagandists back home might better direct their response, work done nowadays by social media analytics companies and focus groups [Wikipedia briefing].

... (g) for returning, destitute, to London in 1920, only to find himself branded "traitorous scum" by society, (h) for therefore exiling himself to Paris and Sicily through until 1929, (i) for then relocating to Berlin 1930-1932 where best guess is that he was an MI-6 informer against the Communists, (j) for more of the same for the rest of the 1930s, (k) for on-and-off WW2 intelligence work (his offer to interview fellow-mystic Rudolph Hess in 1941 was, for example, politely declined), and (l) for retiring to Hastings in 1945. He died in 1947, aged 72. **FURTHER READING**: For other subtle propagandists see the [*Propagandist-Spooks*] indexing node. For a formal biography see Tobias Churton’s (2012) "Aleister Crowley: Spiritual Revolutionary, Romantic Explorer, Occult Master - and Spy" [Amazon Fascinating].

**Croy, Kenneth Hudson**: Well-known to Jack Ruby, businessman, "professional cowboy" in rodeos, and DPD reservist Kenneth Croy [no convenient biography] had been on stand-by at Main and Griffin when the JFK shooting came over the radio. Hampered by traffic he offered assistance at Dealey Plaza some 20 minutes later but was not called upon. He then "proceeded on home" and was on Zangs when the J. D. Tippit call came through. He then duly proceeded to the 400 block of East Tenth Street to give assistance (making him the first uniformed officer on the scene, just as the ambulance crew were loading him into their vehicle). He then began questioning the witnesses until help arrived, being handed a wallet found on the scene by an unidentified bystander [HERE BEGINS A VERY FLAWED CHAIN OF CUSTODY]. Shortly afterward he passed the wallet to Lieutenant Calvin Owens, who had also brought Captain Bill Westbrook and Assistant District Attorney Bill Alexander. Croy was then officially on duty in the basement carpark of City Hall on the morning of 24th November 1963 when Jack Ruby gained unauthorised entry and shot the person named in the wallet to death. Croy's evidential profile is as follows: Statement, 26th November 1963; Affidavit, 1st December 1963; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. Browse the **LHO Wallet Thread** to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

**BLUE VEIN OF CORRUPTION**: By any theory of jurisprudence Croy is about as suspicious as you can get, having been (1) connected to a possible Mr. Big, (2) first on the scene, and (3) the point where perhaps the single most important piece of evidence - the wallet containing the Oswald-Hidell link - entered the story, and (4) ideally placed two days later to allow Mr. Big to get close enough to the person named in the wallet to
silence him. Moreover, if Croy planted the wallet, then we must immediately also suspect the DPD officer to whom he passed it next, and who immediately ensured that it was clearly visible on newsreel, namely Captain Bill Westbrook. As to where this particular vein of corruption takes us next, see Westbrook’s separate entry.

CRUSADER [MI6 Codename]: See the entries for Ernest L. Cuneo and Walter Winchell.

Cuban Missile Crisis: The Cuban Missile Crisis was a DEFCON-2 military Cold War confrontation between the U.S. and the Soviet Union occasioned by the arrival of Soviet troops and missiles on Cuba in late summer 1962. The crisis famously lasted "Thirteen Days" from 16th to 28th, took the world to DEFCON-2, and was resolved by diplomatic means, much to the chagrin of JFK’s Chiefs of Staff, who henceforth regarded him as an appeaser who had to go.

\[1\] ASIDE: You do not get any closer to a shooting war than DEFCON-2. As explained by Douglas Horne in his 2013 book "JFK’s War with the National Security Establishment", the order to go to this alert level was taken neither by JFK nor by the Joint Chiefs of Staff through proper channels but by General Thomas Power, Head of Strategic Air Command, on his own authority.

Cuban Revolutionary Committee: [From the 1890s] See the entry for Calixto García.

Cuban Revolutionary Council (CRC): The CRC was a CIA commissioned anti-Castro recruiting and fundraising front set up by Sergio Arcacha Smith in winter 1961-1962 in 544 Camp Street, next door to Guy Banister’s detective agency at 531 Lafayette. He was asked to testify as to the relationship between the exile community and indigenous right-wingers by Jim Garrison in 1967, but thanks to clever legal work he avoided extradition. As related by the La Fontaines in their 1996 book "Oswald Talked", the roving Newsweek reporter Hugh Aynesworth played an important part in this obstruction of justice. They quote firstly from the Rodgers Report of 3rd March 1967 ...

"Aynesworth reported that he has informants in the office of James Garrison and that he had a number of names of witnesses interviewed..." (p344).

They then continue in their own words ...

"In the guise of a journalist Aynesworth covered the Garrison investigation for one of the premier print-news organisations in America. His uniformly vitriolic accounts appeared over a period of years, and there is little question they helped shape the national view of Garrison as a corrupt, out-of-control, public official. Behind the scenes, however, Aynesworth was interfering with the D.A.’s investigation - tampering with a witness [...]" (p345).

Cuban Revolutionary Party: [From the 1890s] See the entry for Calixto García.

Cubela, Rolando: See the entry for AMLASH-1.

Cuesta, Antonio: Miami-based Cuban exile Tony Cuesta [Spartacus Educational biography] had been a CIA asset in a number of their anti-Castro operations. Following a period of imprisonment after a failed raid in 1966 he would confess to Castro’s spy-chief Fabian Escalante that he had been part of a three-man shooting team in Dallas, along with Hermínio Díaz García and Eladio del Valle. Escalante did not make this confession public until 1995, after Cuesta’s death.

Cumings, Bruce: Historian Bruce Cumings [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 2014e Preface to the re-release of Isidor Stone’s 1952 book "The Hidden History of the Korean War".

Cumings, John: Journalist John Cummings [no convenient biography] was the Miami Newsday reporter to whom John Martino gave his 1975 deathbed confession that his January 1964 article liking LHO to Fidel Castro had been a deliberately planted story.
Cummings, Raymond C.: Sometime DPD patrolman/wrestler/cab driver Ray Cummings [no convenient biography, but check out the video sources below] became an important witness to the JFK case when it emerged that as taxi driver serving the Carousel Club he had driven LHO and David Ferrie there in early 1963. This point was taken up by NOLA District Attorney Jim Garrison as indications that LHO had not been a "lone nut" gunman on 22nd November. Cummings' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to camera, 1967 [Youtube it now].

Cuneo, Ernest L[awrence?): [M6 codename CRUSADER] American cub-journalist turned lawyer turned politician's aide turned top-flight propagandist-spook Ernest L. Cuneo [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career 1931-1936 as lawyer-aide to NYC politician Fiorello La Guardia, (b) for thereby becoming general counsel to the Democratic National Committee (DNC) 1936-1940, (c) for thereby being headhunted in 1940 into William J. ["Wild Bill"] Donovan's [see own entry] OSS, to act as liaison officer to the British War Cabinet, communicating through the NYC-based British Security Coordination (BSC) [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC] ... To avoid duplication, this part of the Cuneo story continues in the entry for <Ralph Ingersoll>.

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... (d) for thereby getting tasked in 1951 with heading a consortium of investors in acquiring the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA) [see own entry for onward links ALSO WORLD HISTORIC], controlling the editorial line in some 50 regional newspapers ...

ASIDE: Given his background, we shall, for our present purposes, be taking it as pikestaff-plain that he was part of the Operation MOCKINGBIRD [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC] propaganda offensive and the aggressive use of intelligence operatives (or just plain muckrakers) in the guise of reporters.

... and (e) from the mid-1960s onwards for becoming a go-to pundit on current affairs. During his years with OSS he had been a personal friend of spy/spy-author Ian Fleming, who named a character after him in his book "Diamonds Are Forever". He died in 1988, aged 82. FURTHER READING: YouTube Mike Williams biographical lecture (54 mins.): For more of the WW2 background see Jennet Conant's (2008) "The Irregulars: Roald Dahl and the British Spy Ring in Wartime Washington" [Amazon].

Cunningham, Cortlandt C.: FBI Special Agent Cortlandt Cunningham [no convenient biography] was one of the three-man FBI Lab ballistics team (the others being Robert Frazier and Charles Killion) who examined limo #1 after it had been flown back to DC.

Currency Reset: This is the standard term within economics to describe major changes in denomination or purchasing power of a nation's currency. These can arise for a number of reasons, namely (1) they can be voluntary (such as the adoption of the Euro), (2) political (such as the demise of the Confederate dollar), or (probably the most common) as the result of economic crisis (of which there are so many that they get a Wiki to themselves). See next the entry for the 2020-2021 "Great Reset".

Curry, Chief Jesse Edward: Chief of Police Jesse Curry [Wikipedia biography] was in the pilot car of the presidential motorcade at the time of the assassination. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2; Part #3]; Affidavit 10th August 1964 [read it now].

Curtice, [Sir]2018 John Kevin: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism":] British academic and parapolitician [Sir]2018 John Curtice [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town crier [our metaphor - Ed.]. He is Professor of Politics at the University of Strathclyde, holds down a number of consultative positions in learned institutions, and has contributed voting forecasts and analyses to the BBC for the General Elections
in 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2017, thus potentially influencing their outcomes. He is presently President of the British Polling Council [see own entry].

Curtin, William P.: See the entry for June Cobb.

***** ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, NEW WORLD ORDER *****

Curtis, Lionel George: British lawyer turned soldier (City Imperial Volunteers, 1899-1900) turned colonial administrator turned political theorist Lionel ["The Prophet"] Curtis (Wikipedia biography) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been private secretary to the High Commissioner to the evolving South Africa, Lord Milner, during the early 1900s, during which time he helped consolidate the British administration in Johannesburg, (b) for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry] ...

ASIDE: Rose (2000) notes that 1909 was a turning point in Curtis' intellectual development; the moment when everything started to come together in a particular vision of where the British Empire ought to be heading, thus ...

"He hit upon a mission in life, one perfectly fashioned to suit his gifts. He became the foremost advocate of 'organic union', first of South Africa, then of the British Empire, and ultimately of the world" (p63).

(c) upon returning to Britain in June 1909, for helping to set up both the Round Table Movement [see own entry] and its flagship discussion quarterly The Round Table (to which he contributed many papers over the ensuing decades), (d) for thereby being drawn from about 1911 into Nancy Astor's influential social clique at Cliveden House [in the fullness of time she would even find him a wife - Ed.], (e) for thereby being appointed in 1912 as Beit Lecturer at Oxford University, (f) for setting out his thoughts on a British Commonwealth in his 1916 book "The Commonwealth of Nations", (g) for being part of the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry], (h) for giving vocal support to the resulting League of Nations [see own entry], seeing it as a major step in the direction of world government, (i) for helping to set up Chatham House [see own entry] in 1920, (j) for being appointed research fellow at Oxford University in 1921, (k) for continuing to coordinate activities of the Milner Group after his death in 1925, and (l) for staying closely in touch with his Cliveden contacts throughout the 1930s, even though his ideas were increasingly being dismissed as unworkably Utopian given the pace of German rearmament.

"I NEVER ATTENDED A FUNERAL CEREMONY AT WHICH THE CONGREGATION WAS SO DRY-EYED!"

Curzon, George Nathaniel [Baron Curzon of Kedleston]1899: High-born British politician-diplomat Lord Curzon (Wikipedia biography) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been appointed private secretary to prime minister Lord Salisbury in 1885, (b) for having entered parliament in 1886 as member for Southport, a seat he would hold until 1898, (c) for travelling widely in the period 1888 to 1894, visiting such places as Persia, Central Asia, and Afghanistan, (d) for being appointed Viceroy of India in January 1899, a position he would hold until 1905, (e) for returning to Westminster politics as Lord Privy Seal in May 1915 in Asquith's coalition government, (f) for chairing the (surprisingly interesting) Shipping Control Committee during the same period ...

ASIDE: The government's Shipping Control Committee dealt, inter alia, with the problems of WW1 blockade running conspiracies, indeed sea-based commercial profiteering of any sort. See the separate entry for the details. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

(g) for serving on Lloyd George's War Cabinet from December 1916, generally promoting the cause of a Zionist Palestine in the 10 months run-up to the Balfour Declaration [see own entry], (h) for becoming Foreign Secretary in 1919, one of his first acts being to sign the Laisser Passer by which the SS Ruslan, loaded with 644 "Jewish refugees" wishing to return to Palestine from the Ukraine,
was permitted to land at Jaffa [see Timeline 19th December 1919], (i) for continuing in said post until January 1924, and (j) after his passing 20th March 1925 for being so little mourned.

CUSA: See the entry for Conservatism USA (CUSA).

Cutler, Robert: Assassination researcher Robert Cutler [no convenient biography] worked with Richard Sprague in promulgating the famous Umbrella Dart Theory [q.v.], the in-our-opinion-preposterous notion that Umbrella Man's umbrella was some sort of cross between a set of bagpipes and a poison-dart blowpipe.

Dale, Alan: Jazz musician, band leader, and assassination researcher-archivist Alan Dale [no convenient biography] maintains a useful online archive of podcasts [check it out now].

Dale, Robert Joseph: DPD motorcyclist Bobby Jo Dale [no convenient biography] was one of two "rear mid" motorcycles in the motorcade, and was too far back to take any great part in the searching of Dealey Plaza. He was friends with fellow officer Harry Olsen; indeed the latter was in fact lodging with him at the time. Researchers have recently implicated both men in the protection of an illegal gambling den at 425?? East 8th Street.

Dalitz, Morris ["Moe"] Barney: Forgetting his prewar associations with mobsters such as Meyer Lansky and Al Capone, Las Vegas Businessman Moe Dalitz [Wikipedia biography] trailblazed that city's development into an in-your-face casino resort during the 1950s.

Dallas Council on World Affairs (DCWA): Founded in about 1950 as a non-profit proselytising committee for right of centre political views, the DCWA [no convenient briefing] maintained a program of public lectures until reborn as the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth in 2002 as a branch of the broader World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) [Homepage]. Between 1961 and 1968 the Council was headed by retired intelligence expert General Philip Bethune [q.v.], and regularly brought in A-list political speakers. In 1967 it was accused by Mae Brussell of being partly CIA-funded, and indeed, in the light of rigorous research by Wilford (2008) concerning "citizen groups" in the "state-private network" we recommend it be regarded as such, at least until the "rogue CIA cell" and "evil right-wingers" assassination theories are fully discounted.

Dallas Morning News: Founded in 1885 as an offshoot of Alfred Belo's Galveston News and managed from 1895 until his death in 1946 by Dealey Plaza's eponymous George Dealey, the Dallas Morning News [Wikipedia briefing] had been in its offices at 508 Young Street, three blocks south of Dealey Plaza, since 1949 [only moving out in 2017 - Ed.]. You entered beneath a forty-foot-high stele embossed with an exhortation by Dealey himself to his staff. It begins: "BUILD THE NEWS UPON THE ROCK OF TRUTH". It was here that Jack Ruby spent much of the morning of 22nd November 1963, and where, on 25th November Jerry Coley met Hugh Aynesworth.

Dal-Tex Building: Seven-storey office building at postal 501 Elm Street [Wikipedia briefing], occupying the NE corner half-block at Elm and Houston. Occupied at the time of the assassination by (4th Floor) Abraham Zapruder and (3rd Floor) H. L. Hunt's Dallas Uranium Company. The building, its external fire-escape, and the third floor windows will all eventually be mentioned in variously ominous tones - see the entries for George H. W. Bush, Larry Florer, Virgilio Gonzalez, and Eugenio Martinez.

Dalyell, [Sir]Thomas [11th Baronet of the Binns]: Edinburgh-born Labour Party politician Tam Dalyell [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being first elected to Parliament as the Labour Party member for what is now Linlithgow, (b) for establishing a parliamentary stage presence as a loveable, straight-talking, leftie, (c) for thus opposing every British
military adventure between 1962 and his retirement in 2005, bitterly so in the case of Blair's Iraq War.

***** THE WW1 BRITISH BLOCKADE A "FARCE" *****

Dalziel, Sir James Henry [1st Baron Dalziel of Kirkcaldy]1921: British newspaper proprietor and Liberal Party politician 1892-1921 Sir Henry Dalziel [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Sir Henry, they note, summarised this and other iniquities in the House of Commons WAR MEASURES (BLOCKADE) debate 27th March 1917, in the following terms ...

"Sir HENRY DALZIEL [...] I think that the House will have observed this afternoon a most striking admission which I think the Noble Lord made in his speech. He said that when he took it over, about eighteen months after the War began, he found no unity with regard to the blockade and no adequate organisation. That is a very important statement, because it justifies practically all the criticisms which were offered during the first eighteen months of the War. We have only got to look at the statistics now to see that things are very much better than they were at that time. In fact there has been a gradual improvement, although I am very far from saying that matters are quite satisfactory as one would appear to imagine from all that has been said this afternoon. [...] but it is also the case that for the first eighteen months of the War the Admiralty were in a state of despair with regard to the actions of the Foreign Office. [...] They were bringing in day after day ships which were admittedly were carrying cargo to the benefit of the enemy. It is on record that day after day and week after week they brought in those ships. What happened? A telegram was sent to London to the Foreign Office, and in reply, often in the course of a few hours, a telegram came informing them that they ought to let that ship go through, for some explanation, or for some reasons which no doubt were considered satisfactory by the Foreign Office, but which tended to make our sailors absolutely depressed and in despair. It is the fact that for months at a time the officers themselves absolutely refused to take ships into port. They used to send junior officers and midshipmen, who took the ships into the harbour, and, treating the matter jocularly, told the Harbour Master to let the ships away in a few hours to Germany. The whole thing was treated as a farce, though ship after ship, to the knowledge of the officers, carried goods for Germany" (Hansard, 27th March 1917, CC275-276; emphasis ours).

Dankbaar, Wim: Dutch assassination researcher Wim Dankbaar [no convenient biography] hit the JFK headlines in 1994 with his interview of self-confessed shooter James Files (incorporated into his 2008 book "Files on JFK"), and then again with a 1997 interview with Chauncey Holt. The fact that he has recently been under heavy attack online, both professional and personal, simply increases the noteworthiness of his research and earns him a place on the WW3 Online Now Thread.

Dardanelles Commission: Formally announced 18th July 1916, the Dardanelles Commission [Wikipedia briefing] was a British government inquiry intended to defuse criticism of the failed Dardanelles and Gallipoli Campaigns [see entire thread from 1st January 1915]. The panel was chaired by Evelyn Baring, Lord Cromer [see own entry] until his death in January 1917, and thereafter by Sir William Pickford [see own entry]. The Commission's Secretary was barrister Edward Mears [see own entry], a known safe pair of hands in such potentially embarrassing issues. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

***** STILL UNIDENTIFIED HIT TEAM RADIO MAN *****

"Dark-Complected Man (DCM)"**: This is the widely used nomen for a still-unidentified character seen in the JFK kill zone in most of the important Dealey Plaza still and cine photographs, clearly reporting fall of shot by hand signals and - moments later - by walkie-talkie. Dark-Complected Man (DCM) [no convenient biography but many online snippets available to the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) because he is the radio man for a three-man assassination team, and (b) because it would be interesting to know for whom he was working. For our present purposes we need only to note what he did and who he might be. Firstly, here is what he did ...
As for who he might be, different authors have variously identified him as Orlando Bosch, Filipe Vidal Santiago, or [our choice too - Ed.] Oscar del Pinto.

Dark Journalist: "Independent investigative reporter" Dark Journalist [no biography until we learn his name] fronts the Dark Journalist [Homepage] alternative current affairs station, and is committed to exploring topics "the mainstream media refuses to touch".

Darnell, James: WBAP cinematographer Jimmy Darnell [no convenient biography or 2017 obituary] took film of the motorcade as it rounded Houston and Elm, but then had that footage confiscated for evidence by Newton Fisher. When it was finally released it had lost the moments of the shooting but clearly shows crowds rushing to the picket fence and the subsequent search of the railyard beyond, possibly also a bloodstain - YouTube it now. Darnell's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

DARPA: See the entry for Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

Da Silva, Peer: WW2 veteran (U.S. Army, security on Manhattan Project) turned Cold War military police/CIA careerist Peer Da Silva [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving as Head of Station at Vienna1956, Seoul1959, Hong Kong1962, Saigon1963, Bangkok1966, and Canberra1971, and (b) for accordingly being LBJ's man in South Vietnam for the descent into, and first two years of, the Vietnam War, during which time he willingly adopted the strategy set by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs General Maxwell Taylor, which was to "fight the war right, the way we did in France" (Prouty, 1992, p326).

Davenport, Charles Benedict: American born-again Puritan turned Harvard academic zoologist turned proto-Klansman Charles Davenport [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being taught "the values of hard work and education" as a youngster, (b) for obtaining a Harvard University doctorate in zoology in 1892, (c) for building sufficient of a reputation to be appointed director in 1904 of the independent (Carnegie money) Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for there founding the Eugenics Record Office (ERO) in 1910 ...

QUICKIE - THE EUGENICS RECORD OFFICE: The ERO [Wikipedia briefing] was established in 1910 with financial support from (railway money) Mary Williamson Harriman [Wikipedia biography], (campaigner for the purification of bodily fluids via breakfast cereal) John Harvey Kellogg [Wikipedia biography], and (steel money) the Carnegie Institute of Washington [Wikipedia briefing].

... (e) for publishing his early "findings" in his 1911 book "Heredity in Relation to Eugenics" [Amazon], to less than universal acclaim, (f) for his 1917 paper entitled "The effects of race intermingling" (Davenport, 1917 [full text online (requires JSTOR registration)]) and therefore also for the decades of heated debate on "Miscegenation" [Wikipedia briefing] which followed, (g) for founding the International Federation of Eugenics Organisations (IFEO) [Wikipedia briefing] in 1935, and (h) for maintaining cordial academic relations with peers in Nazi Germany from 1935 until his death in 1944, aged 77. FURTHER READING: For a modern take on Davenport and the issues of miscegenation and racial purity see Souza (2016 [full text online]).

David, Christian: French mobster Christian David [no convenient biography] was the source in 1981 of the Corsican Hit Team Thread. In jail in Leavenworth, KS, for drugs offences he contacted journalist Stephen Rivele and offered to exchange information about the assassination for help in blocking an extradition request from France, where he was wanted for the murder of a policeman. The thrust of the resulting information was that Marseilles crime boss Antoine Guerini had been contracted in mid-1963 by the American Mafia to supply three good hitmen to help take out "the highest vegetable".
David was offered one of these contracts, but declined. He then named the team as Lucien Sarti, Sauveur Pironti, and Roger Bocognani. The latter two of these, however, turned out to have alibis.

***** PERHAPS MORE TO THIS WOMAN THAN MEETS THE EYE *****

Davis, Carolyn ["Kitty"] Hawley: [Read firstly the entry for (her husband) Thomas Eli Davis, III ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT.] Provincial banker's daughter Carolyn ["Kitty"] Davis (2006 obituary) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for appearing in the assassination literature as girlfriend, later wife #2, of strong candidate for assassination accessory Thomas Eli Davis, III [see own entry YOU'LL LIKE HIM] (b) for accompanying her husband on his highly intriguing May 1963 visit to Los Angeles, during which he attempted to recruit a platoon of mercenaries for the Alpha 66 Haitian Coup ...

To avoid duplication, this part of the Kitty Davis story continues in her husband’s entry.

... (c) for accompanying her husband on his highly intriguing September-October 1963 trip to Mexico City, during which time he buddied Lee Harvey Oswald ...

To avoid duplication, this part of the Kitty Davis story continues in the <Mexico City Adventure> entry.

(SHE HAD TO TAG ALONG, SHE WOULD LATER EXPLAIN, BECAUSE SHE WAS THE ONE WITH THE CREDIT CARD.)

... (d) likewise for accompanying him on his even more intriguing November-December 1963 trip to Europe and North Africa ...

To avoid duplication, this part of the Kitty Davis story continues in her husband’s entry.

To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.

... (e) for getting a first-names mention (as "Carolyn") in the entry for 20th May 1963 in the datebook subsequently recovered from contract assassin Jean Pierre Lafitte [see her husband's entry for the links], and (f) for being interviewed (by Albarelli) in 2005 re the Madrid Affair [see item (k) in her husband's entry] ...

CAMEO - KITTY MAKES A LATE LIFE STATEMENT: This is the interview which explicitly linked the aforementioned international arms dealer Victor Oswald with the aforementioned superannuated SS man Otto Skorzeny. Here is Albarelli (op. cit. inf.2021), with what she said ...

***** THIS IS HISTORICAL DYNAMITE IF TRUE *****

"Tom knew [Victor] Oswald [...]. I don't know where they had met before, but Tom told me he'd been there [Madrid] twice before ... The other man there, in Madrid, at the meeting, was a German who had a long, ugly scar that cut down one side of his face. [...] The other Oswald, the man they said that killed the President ... I had no idea who he was until his name was in the newspapers. But when I saw his picture, I remembered him right away from being in Mexico at a hotel thing with Tommy. He and Tom had been together for a few days“ (p268).

She died in 2006, aged 68 - see obituary. FURTHER READING: For supporting detail see both Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2013) "A Secret Order (Volume I)" [Amazon] and (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK" [Amazon].

Davis, [Sir]1927 Edmund Gabriel: Australian-born, South African-based, mines and railroads entrepreneur [Sir]1927 Edmund Davis [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a business associate of Cecil Rhodes [see own entry] in the period 1879-1898, becoming director of the British South African Company [see own entry], and (b) for retiring on the proceeds to Chilham Castle, Kent, from where, amongst other things, he made available Dane Court Farm as an emergency reception centre for Kindertransport children (Glasgow Herald obituary, 21st February 1939) - see picture.

Davis, Floyd Guy: 32-year-old rifle range superintendent Floyd Davis [no convenient biography] is noteworthy as a witness in that he ran the Sports Drome Rifle Range where, on 9th, 10th, and 17th November 1963 LHO or an LHO Look Alike had, according to two of his customers, made a nuisance of
himself, mouthing off and shooting across lanes, and such. One of those customers, Garland Slack, would be at Dealey Plaza later in the month when the art of shooting out of lane came into its own. Davis' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Davis, Jack:** 18-year-old cinema-goer Jack Davis [no convenient biography] was in the lower auditorium of the **Texas Theater** at shortly after 1300hr 22nd November 1963 when LHO came in and sat down next right to him. In a nearly empty afternoon screening Davis found this a distinctly discomforting experience; so he was relieved when LHO moved off to sit alongside another person, then go out for popcorn, then come back and sit alongside another, as if searching for a promised pick-up contact. It was then uneventful for some 20 minutes until the police arrived. Burroughs' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. **YouTube it all now.** Browse the **Balcony Arrest Thread** to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

**Davis, Joseph Harrison:** Miami-based pathologist Joseph H. Davis [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for more or less informally teaching David Ferrie how to analyse Coroner's autopsy reports for their key points (Baker, 2014, p122), (b) for being called upon by the **House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA)** [see own entry] as an expert witness on the **JFK**, **RFK**, and **MLK** autopsies, (c) for being Miami's longest-serving medical examiner, being in post between 1957 and 1996 and conducting over 10,000 autopsies, and (d) for early professional experience as an intern to CBW researcher **Mary Sherman**, thus "Dr. Joe had interned at the **U.S. Public Health Service Hospital** [Q.V.!] in New Orleans, where he eventually met Dr. Mary Sherman. Her expertise on bones intrigued him, and Dr. Joe spent time in her bone lab [...]. Dr. Joe was mentioned by Dr. Stanley Durlacher, who did autopsies for New Orleans Parish Coroner Dr. **Nicholas Chetta**. Durlacher and Joe saw so many strange deaths and murders,' Dave said, 'that they decided to do autopsies for a living'. Years later, I would learn that Dr. Joe said he started doing autopsies at $50 a head for Chetta, and got hooked. Around 1955 Dr. Chetta recommended Dr. Durlacher for the position of medical examiner in Miami. Durlacher brought his protégé, Joseph Harrison Davis, to assist him. Durlacher died shortly after and young Joseph took over’ (Baker, 2014, pp287-289).

**Davis, Rudolph Richard ["Ricardo"]. Jr.:** [This entry relies heavily on Rohde (2017 [full text online]).] Cuban exile and small-time villain Richard Davis [best source] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a close associate of Carlos Bringuier, Carlos Quiroga, and other members of the **Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE)**, (b) for being introduced to David Ferrie by Sergio Arcacha Smith, (c) for setting up the "Lumberjack School", LacombeLA [see own entry] as an outpost of the **Christian Democratic Movement (MDC)** [of Cuba], with support from Louisiana's **John Birch Society** ...

**ASIDE:** We use the phrase "lumberjack school" mindful of Gaeton Fonzi's 1978 Memorandum [full text online] explaining that Davis had used backers' money to train "a small group" of Cuban exiles in logging skills on an estate outside Lacombe, after which they were to have been set to cut mahogany in Guatemala. We use apostrophes because we doubt Fonzi believed a word of it.

(d) for being with Carlos Quiroga [see own entry] on his second visit to **LHO** at 4707 Magazine Street, on or just after 16th August 1963 ...

**CAUTION:** Some authors believe that the remainder of the entry applies to Thomas Davis [see own entry]. We find it a close call, and so have put this caution and the paragraph itself in both places, so that the reader may judge.

and (e) for being specifically mentioned by Jack Ruby in 1963 as someone whose testimony could make trouble for him, thus (to/by Ruby's early-choice defence lawyer Tom Howard [see own entry]) ...

"Ruby responded that there would be a problem if a man by the name of 'Davis' should come up. Ruby told his attorney that he '... had been involved with Davis, who was a gunrunner entangled in anti-Castro efforts’" (Rohde, 2017).
**** CANDIDATE JFK CONSPIRATOR (FOOTSOLDIERS) ****
[French Connection gun-runner/gopher with Skorzeny connections]

"You couldn't help but like him" (Albarelli)

Davis, Thomas Eli, III: [Read firstly the entry for Organisation Armée Secrète (OAS) USEFUL PRIOR CONTEXT.] Born to a "respected family in Beaumont, Texas", deep sea diver, sometime CIA mercenary gun-runner, and convicted bank robber Thomas Davis, Jr.¹ [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early mention in the assassination literature as a planted informer for the Federal Bureau of Narcotics (FBN) in the mid-/late-1950s ...

Readers unfamiliar with the symbiosis between the FBN, the CIA, and organised crime should see the separate entries for (in alphabetical order): <June Cobb>, <George Gaffney>, <Jean Pierre Lafitte>, <Charles Siragusa>, <Edward Lawton Smith>, <Jean Souetre>, <George Hunter White>, <Garland Williams>, and <Hanna Yazbeck> before proceeding. Note especially Lafitte's recovered diary, and his part in the fatal exfenestration of <Fort Detrick>’s <Frank Olson>.

... (b) for being sentenced June 1958 to five years of probation for a bungled attempt to rob a bank in Detroit, (c) for drifting into mercenary work for the anti-Castro Cuban exiles in the early 1960s, (d) for reportedly being accepted as a contract assassin in the ZR/RIFLE executive action program, making professional contacts with foreign paramilitary action groups such as the OAS [see the read firstly above] (Morrow, 1992, p164), (e) for reportedly working to Jack Ruby [see item (l) below] 1961-1962 as a gunrunner (Albarelli, op. cit. inf. 2013) ...

CAMEO - TOM DAVIS AND THE FRENCH CONNECTION: Albarelli devotes an entire section of his Chapter Eight to the question Who Was Thomas Eli Davis, III?. We have already dealt with some of his points in the text above, and now pick up the story in New Orleans in 1961 ...

"[I]t emerged that one of Frank Olson's murderers, Jean Pierre Lafitte, was also connected with Thomas Eli Davis, Jr. This connection appears to have started in New Orleans in 1961, about two years before Davis was issued a passport there. At this time, Lafitte was working covertly for the CIA, and sometimes the FBI, often traveling to Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, where he performed [assassinations].

Lafitte, it should be noted, also worked for Clay Shaw in New Orleans for at least a year [Lafitte actually became a celebrity chef in NOLA, but not until after the assassination - Ed.]. Apparently, Davis first encountered Lafitte through Davis’ previously unknown activities as an informer for the Federal Bureau of Narcotics [+++ names and details given +++], sometimes meeting with agent George Gaffney [above] and at least once with Charles Siragusa [above]. Davis, according to a letter from Siragusa to George White [above], once met with French drug traffickers in Algiers, including drug dealer and assassin Jean Souetre. [...] Davis' [...] connections also brought [him] into a still somewhat mysterious relationship with two men very much tied up in the illicit narcotics trade, Hanna Yazbeck and Edward Lawton Smith. Yazbeck, who occasionally teamed up with QJ/WIN [...] was also involved in white slavery and prostitution, often traveling to Algiers and Morocco. Incredibly, Tom Davis’ connections [also included] Lester L. Logue [see own entry SERIOUS DALLAS MISTER BIG], Loran Hall [see own entry SERIOUS ANTI-CASTRO BADASS], and George de Mohrenschildt [how long have you got?]” (k5721-5738).

... (f) for being expedited a passport in New Orleans in January 1963² despite his criminal record, (g) for being recorded (by no less than J. Edgar Hoover himself) in Los Angeles in May 1963, recruiting mercenaries for an invasion of Haiti (ibid.) ...

CAMEO - DAVIS AND THE ALPHA 66 HAITIAN COUP: Davis placed classified ads in the California newspapers, calling for "ex-Rangers, special forces, and paratroopers" and offering them "military-type employment". When busted by the authorities he explained that the target of the proposed mission was to support the Alpha 66 Cuban Exiles [see own entry] overthrow the government of Haiti (La Fontaine and La Fontaine, op. cit. inf.). No charges were filed.

... (h) for reportedly being back in New Orleans in the period 8th-10th August 1963 [coincidentally or not, LHO began his FPCC leafleting 9th August - Ed.], and for then featuring in Lee Harvey Oswald's famous Mexico City Adventure ...

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by the CIA station in Mexico City
in the assassination attempts on Fidel Castro should see the entry cluster for the <Mexico City Adventure> in general, and <June Cobb>, <Silvia Duran>, and <Elena Garro> in particular before proceeding.

CAMEO - <MEXICO CITY>: The pivotal events in Lee Harvey Oswald's Mexico City Adventure are his visits to the Cuban and Soviet Russian consulates, ostensibly to get a Cuban transit visa. While in town, Oswald was seen in the company of Davis. The clearest report comes from the aforementioned June Cobb as follows ...

"At the time [September 1963], I don't think I knew what his name was; only that he was an American. He was easy to remember. Tall, lanky, blond hair, that lethargic, drawing manner, easy going cowboy-like. In Mexico, he stood out like a lone orchid among thorny cacti ... I saw him at the Hotel Luma before Elena [Garro] spotted him at the Durans' Party, but I knew who she was talking about right away. He and Oswald made quite a pair, I would imagine" (quoted in Albarelli, op. cit. inf.2021, p268).

... (i) for being mistakenly (perhaps deliberately so) identified as "Leon Oswald" in the Silvia Odio Incident [see Timeline 26th September 1963] ...

CAMEO - <LEON OSWALD>: Hurt (op. cit. inf.) is one of those who have suggested that Davis "may have been posing as Oswald" (p402) on a number of occasions during the flurry of anti-Castro activity in September 1963. We dismiss this suggestion, however, for the reasons set out by June Cobb above.

... (j) for remaining close to the action in the ensuing weeks, ending up - possibly deliberately - in jail in Algiers, Algeria, on arms-smuggling charges on the very day of the assassination [compare the story of Richard Case Nagell - Ed. ] ...

CAMEO - <TOM DAVIS AND THE SKORZENY CONNECTION>: The Davises took a long trip in November-December 1963, visiting - in turn - Algiers (arrested 22nd Nov.), London, Paris, Madrid, and Tangier (arrived 28th Nov., arrested 8th Dec.), possibly "working on a deal to supply arms to the OAS" (Twyman, 1997, k10760). The trip remains highly suspicious because it included a meeting in Madrid with a shady, retiring international arms dealer Victor Oswald [see own entry REVELATORY] and under-new-management (now a key CIA asset) SS man Otto Skorzeny [ditto]. Albarelli (op. cit. inf.2021) takes up the story, boldly speculating that the Davises were couriers between a senior conspirators' planning meeting in Dallas in late October and a black ops outstation in Madrid in mid-November ...

"As attested to by Carolyn Davis, she and Tom flew to London, Paris, and Madrid before arriving in Tangier, Morocco, around November 28. [However], according to statements her husband made in 1964/65, their intriguing journey included a stop in Algeria. [...] Apparently[,] he was extremely concerned he might be dragged into the assassination investigation because he had chosen to use the name 'Oswald' during his travels, in spite of his having the perfect alibi for November 22 when [...] arrested in Algiers on the very day. [...] We know from Carolyn's official statement in December 1963 that she and Tom had spent time in London and Paris before making their way to Madrid for the mid-November meeting with global arms dealer, Chase Bank representative, and avowed Nazi, Victor Oswald and his business associate, Otto Skorzeny. We now consider another far more deliberate and essential reason for the elaborate and costly trip [...] The likelihood that the Davises had an assignment [...] is supported by Lafitte's records. The reader will recall the datebook entries of October 28 (Monday) and October 29 (Tuesday), that read simply and succinctly: 'Lancelot Planning'. This would indicate that during the forty-eight-hour period less than a month before the assassination in Dallas - very definitive plans had been drawn up. Of likely interest to many readers, [...] Allen Dulles happens to have been in Dallas on those dates [...] As chief tactician for the assassination [...] Skorzeny would insist on reviewing the schematics [etc.] that resulted from the 'Lancelot Planning' sessions of the 28th and 29th. How might [Skorzeny] have accessed those physical documents? Lafitte provides us with two essential clues. The first, on November 2, reads: 'Runner Runner w/T. 4pm'. 'Runner Runner' is a term used by the FBI to refer to an informant. [...] Davis first encountered Pierre Lafitte through his (Davis') previously unknown activities as a 'confidential informer' for the Federal Bureau of Narcotics. [...] According to Carolyn Davis, the couple departed on their sojourn to Europe and North Africa about November 2. Could the Davises have been carrying with them documents and schematics for Otto Skorzeny's perusal? The November 4 datebook entry is our second clue in support of the hypothesis that the Davises were in fact couriers of vital drawings and written plans for the assassination. [...] Further circumstantial evidence that indicates Otto Skorzeny was in possession of Dealey Plaza schematics appears in a November 15 datebook entry that includes: 'Building - phone booth / bridge' " (p325).
... (k) for featuring in a frantic diplomatic flurry in the days immediately following the assassination ...

CAUTION: The events described below took place during the post-assassination emergency as information flooded in from intelligence sources far and wide. However, the Davis affair remained classified until presented to the 1976-1978 HSCA Inquiry, and did not become common knowledge until the 1979 HSCA Report [U.S. National Archives full text].

CAMEO - DAVIS IN TANGIER: Albarelli continues ...

"Shortly after JFK's assassination, on December 9, 1963, the U.S. State Department's consulate in Tangier, Morocco, sent a 'Priority' cable to Secretary of State Dean Rusk concerning an American named Thomas Eli Davis, Jr. The next day, copies of the cable were forwarded by Secretary Rusk's office to top-ranking officials at the CIA, including DCI John McConne [see own entry], Counterintelligence chief James Jesus Angleton [see own entry], and Deputy Director of Plans, Richard Helms [see own entry]. [+++ other recipients listed +++] The cable stated that Thomas Eli Davis, Jr., carrying U.S. passport number D236764 issued in New Orleans on January 31, 1963, had been arrested in Tangier the day before, December 8, for 'trying to sell two Walther pistols'. [...] Moroccan National Security officers, after arresting Thomas Davis, contacted the U.S. Embassy in Tangier by cable [...] having chanced upon 'a rambling, somewhat cryptic, unsigned letter in Davis' handwriting which refers in passing to 'Oswald' and the 'Kennedy assassination'. The security officer's cable also stated that the 'intended addressee [...] was attorney Thomas Proctor [see own entry] IMPORTANT ONWARD LINKS], a 'political contributor to President Lyndon B. Johnson'.” (op. 2021, pp269-270).

"The letter appears reasonably explained and demystified in a December 30, 1963, State Department telegram from the U.S. Embassy in Madrid [...]. Contrary to numerous published accounts, Davis' draft letter referred only to 'Oswald' and not to 'Lee Harvey Oswald'. Indeed, as it turned out, explained the State Department cable, the coincidental 'Oswald' referred to in Davis' letter was a Swiss-born Victor Oswald [aforementioned], a former OSS operative and now an extremely wealthy international weapons trafficker who often brokered multi-million dollar deals behind the scenes” (Albarelli, op. 2013, k5627-5665).

... (l) for possibly/probably being the "Davis" later mentioned by Jack Ruby in 1963 as someone whose testimony could make trouble for him, thus (according to Ruby's early-choice defence lawyer Tom Howard [see own entry]) ...

"Ruby responded that there would be a problem if a man by the name of 'Davis' should come up. Ruby told his attorney that he ‘... had been involved with Davis, who was a gunrunner entangled in anti-Castro efforts’" (Rohde, 2017).

... and (m) for dying a convenient death by "accidental" electrocution in September 1973. Davis' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) testimony [UNABLE TO TESTIFY (ON ACCOUNT OF BEING RUBBED OUT) BUT SEE THE HSNA NATIONAL ARCHIVES LINKS ABOVE FOR HIS MENTIONS]; interview with Seth Kantor [unable to trace]; interview with George Carter [unable to trace]. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "JFK: The Dead Witnesses" [Amazon]. FURTHER READING: For supporting detail see both Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2013) "A Secret Order (Volume I)" [Amazon] and (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK" [Amazon]. For the Haiti affair see Ray and Mary La Fontaine's (1996) "Oswald Talked: The New Evidence in the JFK Assassination" [Amazon]. For Davis as red herring see Henry Hurt's (1985) "Reasonable Doubt: An Investigation into the Assassination of John F. Kennedy" [Amazon].

1 Albarelli (2021) explains that Davis preferred to sign himself "Davis, Jr.", but that "Davis, III" is technically more precise since the man's father and grandfather were both "Thomas Eli".

2 Some sources give 31st January 1963 as the date the passport was applied for, others as the date it was issued. Sources agree, however, that it was issued with extraordinary haste, and, as such, there are suspicious similarities to the story of Charles William Thomas [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY], the U.S. consular official who - five months later - flew into New Orleans from Miami specifically to expedite Lee Harvey Oswald's passport process and thereafter kept the fact of that visit very quiet.
Davison, Henry Pomeroy: Banker Henry Davison [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a partner in both J. P. Morgan and Company [see own entry] and Bankers' Trust [Wikipedia briefing] during the 1900s, when he supported moves to create the Federal Reserve System [see Timeline 20th November 1910], (b) for deal-making 1914-1916 allowing the British and French Governments to convert (in all) some $2 billion non-dollar securities into dollars, to spend on American supply shipments, (c) for being appointed Chairman of the War Council of the American Red Cross (ARC) [see own entry] in 1917, (d) for falling out with the Switzerland-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and for setting up the rival League of Red Cross Societies [Wikipedia briefing] in 1919 the better to fit with the American vision of what humanitarian aid should be about, and (e) for setting out his experiences in his (1919) memoir "The American Red Cross in the Great War" [Amazon].

FURTHER READING: For an informative post-mortem tribute see Thomas W. Lamont's (1933) "Henry P. Davison: The Record of a Useful Life" [Amazon], which devotes nine chapters to Davison's pre-WW1 banking exploits, four more to deals done 1914-1918, and one specifically to his work with the ARC War Council.

***** MAJOR CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

***** ARCH-PROPAGANDIST FOR TWO WORLD WARS *****

Dawson, George Geoffrey: [Surname Robinson until 1917] British civil servant turned editor-for-hire relations man Geoffrey Dawson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been assistant private secretary to Colonial Secretary Joseph Chamberlain in 1901, (b) for having been same to the High Commissioner to the emerging South Africa, Lord Milner, in the period 1901 to 1905, during which time he helped consolidate the British administration in Johannesburg, (c) for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (d) for having been recommended by Milner for the post of editor of the Johannesburg Star, (e) for having sufficiently impressed his political masters that in 1912 he was further recommended to Lord Northcliffe for the editorship of The Times in London, a position he retained in the first instance until 1919, (f) for thereby being co-opted into Milner's Ginger Group [see own entry] in 1915, to help that group tell the country what it ought to be thinking, (g) for rejoining The Times in 1923 following its acquisition by John Jacob Astor V [see own entry], this time staying in position until retiring in 1941, (h) for gravitating into the Cliveden Set [see own entry] during the 1930s and for maintaining a generally pro-Nazi editorial line until early in 1939. It is Dawson's first stint as editor of The Times which most concerns us here. He is mentioned, for example, in Chapters 12 and 26 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In the first of these chapters the authors are questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French operation against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. Dawson, they note, had to have been involved in the recruiting of the relatively unknown Australian newshound Keith Murdoch [see own entry and clickthrough] to spice up coverage of the Gallipoli Campaign. The resulting despatches [see 8th July 1915] were then shaped to his masters' desired narrative by Dawson as editor, and the ensuing public stir soon brought about the scapegoating of the theatre commander General Sir Ian Hamilton [see 16th October 1915] for the sins and misjudgements of others higher up the national chain of command. In the later chapter the authors are investigating the British Establishment's attempts to topple Asquith's administration for its bumbling war record. The conspiracy here was centred on the activities of Milner's Ginger Group [see (f) above and own entry], who "met regularly on Monday evenings to formulate [its] alternative plans for war management over dinner" (op. cit., p360), and also (since Dawson was one of their number) to agree how The Times could best help bring those alternative plans to fruition.

Day, Lt. John Carl Day: Head of the DPD's crime lab Lieutenant Carl Day [no convenient biography] arrived at the TSBD shortly after the shooting and, accompanied by Special Agent (FBI, Dallas) Bardwell Odum, gave crime lab support to the officers searching TSBD6. The two men then returned with the accumulated physical evidence to DPDHQ, and there, at 1816hr 22nd November 1963 in the
Homicide Bureau's Room 317, he held the rifle high before a Press Conference and described it as "a six point five apparently made in Italy 1940", allowing each newsman to fill in the rest of the incriminating details from a pre-circulated statement - [YouTube one of those newsreels now]. Later, at around 2000hr, having dropped the wooden stock of the weapon, he recovered an "old" and "dry" palm print from the underside of the barrel. Day's evidential profile is as follows: Two 1964 affidavits [read them now - IMPORTANT]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Day, William Rufus: Lawyer-politician William Day [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Assistant Secretary of State in the run up to, and Secretary of State for the duration of, the Spanish-American War [check it out]. A few weeks after the war had finished he resigned the post and moved to Paris to oversee the peace negotiations.

***** ONE HECK OF A STORY, RARELY HEARD *****
***** STRONG SMELL OF OFFICIAL OBFUSCATION, SO *****
***** MUST BE SOME TRUTH IN THERE SOMEWHERE *****

Dean, Harold: [1927-still blogging 2019] [Read firstly the entry for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC).] Canadian-born plasterer turned (apparently as a self-appointed "useful idiot") undercover agent turned compulsive writer of letters to important people (including one to JFK) turned late-20th Century conspiracy theorist turned 21st Century online blogger Harry Dean [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming what appears to be an over-zealous crank FBI informant when - for whatever reason - he affiliated with the vehemently pro-Castro July 26th Movement (J26M) during the height of Castro's revolution in 1958 (FBI files, December 1964, link at end) ...

ALTERNATIVE INTERPRETATION: On the other hand, this would be a very strange - not to say dangerous - assignment for a crank to give himself, so maybe the crankiness was just part of an intelligence service "legend".

(b) for forming a chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) in Chicago 22nd July 1960 ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED - DEAN AND OSWALD COMPARED: Surprising though it may seem, the establishing of a superficially left-wing protest group marks a person out NOT as a caring left-wing idealist BUT RATHER as an undercover right-wing plant. This had been established FBI practice since 1956, when it had implemented the COINTELPRO initiative for proactively detecting left-wing sympathisers by creating seemingly left-wing entrapment organisations [Wikipedia briefing] (this, of course, being why undercover agent LHO had famously created an FPCC chapter of his own in New Orleans in May 1963). Dean was therefore - in the present author's judgement - highly likely to have been a paid FBI informer at this time, despite the later FBI protestations (discussed below).

(c) for renewing his contacts with the J26M 5th April 1961, (d) for relocating to Covina CA, 20 miles east of Los Angeles, in July 1961, no longer on the hunt for Communists, it seems, but mixing now with the right-wingers of the local John Birch Society, (e) for thereby getting to hear the fund-raising talks given by itinerant anti-Castro mercenaries such as Lawrence Howard, Loran Hall, and Eladio del Valle, (f) for writing to J. Edgar Hoover a number of times 1962-1963, to warn him that John Rousselot and General Edwin Walker were planning an assassination, thus ...

"[In] 1975, a man named Harry Dean, who claimed to have been a former undercover agent for the FBI and CIA, reported that in 1963 he had covertly infiltrated the John Birch Society, where he learned that Rousselot, in partnership with fellow arch-conservative Army General Edwin Walker, had hired two assassins, Loran Hall and Eladio del Valle, to kill President Kennedy in Dallas" (Albarelli, 2013, K5754).

(g) for suddenly being taken very seriously in the days following the assassination, being interviewed in depth, (h) for perhaps being less circumspect than the FBI would have liked, becoming the subject of a 3rd December 1963 teletype from Hoover personally to SAC Los Angeles, instructing that office to tell Dean in no uncertain terms to STOP claiming he was an FBI informant when he was not, (i) for telling an investigating agent that he had heard Loran Hall boasting that a Communist would be
framed for the murder, (j) for being interviewed at even greater length in May 1977 by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) (which is when all the foregoing first went on public record), (k) for being named in Richard Sprague's (1985) book "The Taking of America" [Amazon] as one of the dozen or so outer sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination, (l) for attempting in 1990 to self-publish his memoirs as "Crosstrails", but for not getting beyond the manuscript stage, and (m) for collaborating with Arizona historian Paul Trejo [Homepage] in 2013 to publish his memoirs in ebook format as "Harry Dean's Confessions" [not presently available]. FURTHER READING: Basically just start here, read the FBI bits, and you may well end up an instant fan of the man.

***** Possible accessory to the Jack Ruby shooting *****

Dean, Patrick Trevore: DPD Patrol Sergeant Patrick Dean [no convenient biography] was not on duty on 22nd or 23rd November 1963, but arrived shortly before 0700hr on 24th November and talked with Patrol Captain Cecil Talbert shortly before the regular "be careful out there" 0700hr patrolmen's briefing. The main topic of discussion was an earlier telephone threat on LHO's life during the transfer. Dean therefore organised a thorough search of the basement lot shortly after 0900hr, and then another after the press corps had been allowed in to set up. The main disruption to security in this time was actually the arrival of the armoured car due to make the transfer. He was then on station at the armoured car at the moment of the Jack Ruby shooting, whereupon he helped subdue him.

CONSPIRACY ALERT: In this latter respect researcher Anthony Summers (2013e) suspects that this was only after conspiring with Ruby and two other basement cops, William Harrison and George Butler, to get him into the basement in the first place! Harrison, Dean, and Butler were long-term frequenters of the Carousel Club. For our part we are less than convinced.

Dean's evidential profile is as follows: YouTube his Press Statement just after the shooting COMPULSORY VIEWING; Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2].

ASIDE: Dean's formal account is complex and difficult to interpret, however, because the first half concerns violent (in legal terms) disagreement over an earlier unrecorded exchange, which we shall go into on a future date. The primary statement of events is in Part #2, which see.

Dearlove, [Sir]2001 Richard: Career spook and proudly one of Britain's leading Necons [Sir]2001 Richard Dearlove [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining MI6 in 1966, making head of station in Washington in 1991, and then head of service 1999-2004, (b) for continuing his good work with speaking and writing commissions, not least the subtly argued 8th June 2017 piece in The Daily Telegraph entitled "Jeremy Corbyn is a Danger to this Nation" [full text online], and (c) for weighing in again 23rd November 2019 (this time in The Daily Mail) during the General Election Campaign (GE2019). Continued in the entry for Dearlovegate.

De Bunsen, Sir Maurice: British diplomat Sir Maurice de Bunsen [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being Britain's Ambassador to Austria in 1914, and for duly feeding back to Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey 16th July 1914 the substance of a conversation he had had the previous day with the senior Viennese diplomat Graf Heinrich von Lützow [for what happened next see 13th July 1914], and (b) for acting as Lord Kitchener's personal representative on the April 1915 De Bunsen Committee [see own entry], generally advising the Cabinet on Middle Eastern affairs and producing propaganda pamphlets intended to inflame the Arabs against their Ottoman rulers.

Decker, James Eric ['Bill']: Hero of a much earlier ambush-assassination [TREF 23rd May 1934] Dallas County Sheriff Bill Decker [Spartacus Educational biography] was in the pilot car of the presidential motorcade at the time of the assassination, along with Chief Jesse Curry. The assassination literature has regularly associated him with Texas right-wing politics, and his story has been featured recently in Harrison Livingstone's 2006 book "The Radical Right and the Murder of John F. Kennedy". He also featured, along with movie star Audie Murphy, in Gary Wean's 1987 book "There's a Fish in the Courthouse", wherein the assassination is seen as a bungled CIA-false flag operation. Decker's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission Testimony [read it now].
Declaration of St. James's Palace: See the entry for St. James's Palace Declaration.

Defenders of American Liberty: Founded in 1962 by McCarthyite dirt-digger Robert Morris [see own entry], the Defenders of American Liberty [no convenient briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for stepping immediately to the aid of General Edwin Walker following his arrest September 1962 for inciting racial unrest at the University of Mississippi, thus doing for the political right what the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) [Wikipedia briefing] had been doing for the left and centre since 1920.

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA): U.S. Department of Defense agency DARPA [Wikipedia briefing] is charged with preventing the U.S. "avoid technological surprise" by formulating and executing R&D projects to expand the frontiers of technology and science, often beyond immediate military need.

Defense Industrial Security Command (DISC): This shadowy sub-department of (perhaps) the FBI's Division Five was first mentioned in lawyer William Torbitt's (1970) book "Nomenclature of an Assassination Cabal". Amongst those submitting their expenses sheets via DISC were Clay Shaw, Guy Banister, David Ferrie, LHO, and Jack Ruby. DISC also features in Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke), wherein Mac Kenzie claims to be DISC's false Id forger.

Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA): Operational from 1st October 1961 the DIA [Wikipedia briefing] was/is an intelligence gathering service answering directly to the Secretary of Defense. It operates alongside the CIA in feeding the National Security Agency (NSA) [q.v.], but with subtly different terms of reference.

Defense Planning Guidance Report, 1992: This was the defense spending review [full text online] produced in winter 1991-1992 by Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Paul Wolfowitz [q.v.], Zalmay Khalilzad [q.v.], and Scooter Libby [q.v.]. Subsequently described as the most important strategy paper for half a century, the report determined U.S. foreign policy in the wake (a) of the Gulf War of winter 1990-1991, and (b) of the breakup of the Soviet Union. Specifically, the report proposed a totally world-pre-eminent America "eager to keep its allies weak" (Mann, 2004, §4393), in which the United Nations and NATO were peripheralised, where likely opponents would be struck down before they acquired any great momentum, and where everybody else could like it or lump it because the U.S. would be acting with its toadies in "coalitions of the willing". A draft of the report was trailed in March 1992 and attracted no little adverse political and popular comment, and only a few cosmetic changes to the wording were made prior to be signed off for the 1994-1999 budgeting cycle. The principle of pre-eminence would be restated in 2000 in Joint Vision 2020 [q.v.], and is presently [April 2018] in its final implementation stages.

de Goicochea Sanchez, Fermin: [a.k.a. George Perrel] Dallas-based Cuban exile and veteran of the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion, Fermin de Goicochea Sanchez [no convenient biography] was equipment man for the DRE, and as such appears to have been under investigation by James Hosty throughout November 1963, suspected of receiving the large amounts of arms and explosives going missing from the armoury at Fort Hood in readiness - so it has regularly been suggested - for a second invasion attempt.

Delaune, Henry M.: NOLA-based English teacher Henry Delaune [Times-Picayune obituary] was a colleague of the Ochsner Clinic's Mary Sherman and had a brother who worked for Coroner Nicholas Chetta. He was murdered 26th January 1969, and his death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".
Delaune, Jules E.: Seems to be the brother of Henry M. Delaune. He was clerk to Coroner Nicholas Chetta, and himself died young in 1971.

***** THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING THIS MAN WASN'T TELLING US *****

Delgado, Nelson: U.S. Marine of Puerto Rican extraction Nelson Delgado [no convenient biography but see Warren Commission testimony below] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for squadding with and befriending Lee Harvey Oswald while in uniform together during much of 1959 ...

CAMEO - THE OSWALD-DELGADO TIMELINE: Here, drawing heavily from Swike (op. cit. inf.) for Oswald's time in the Far East and from the Warren Commission Report [full text online] for everything else, are the pertinent dates (note that Delgado's and Oswald's paths only crossed between the third and sixth ***** below) ...

Oswald enlisted in the USMC 24th October 1956, being assigned initially to marine boot camp, San Diego [Wikipedia briefing; see Timeline that date for detail] and subsequently to Camp Pendleton [Wikipedia briefing].

Delgado enlisted in the U.S.M.C. in early 1957.

Oswald started off-base specialist training 18th March-3rd May 1957 at the Aviation Electronics School, Jacksonville[ modern homepage], with a follow-on course until 17th June 1957 at the Air Traffic Control School, Keesler AFB, BiloxiMISS [modern homepage]. He then shipped out for Japan 21st August 1957, arriving at Atsugi Naval Air Facility 13th September 1957.

***** THE LEGEND BUILDING BEGINS?? *****

On 5th or 27th October 1957 Oswald suffered a self-inflicted .22 flesh wound to "his left upper arm, just above the elbow" (see next indent), reporting sick until "discharged for duty, fit for same" on 15th November 1957. He would be court-martialled - below - for keeping a personal firearm on base, against regulations. It has however been suggested (citation below) that this was not an accidental self-infliction ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: Oswald's Yokosuka medical card is reproduced photographically in Swike, but not included in the medical records summary presented to the Warren Commission. The Swike copy clearly includes then words "SURG: 10-5-57 FOREIGN BODY, REMOVAL OF", but the entry itself is dated "27 OCT 57". The present author is accordingly unclear whether the accident happened 5th or 27th that month, although either way the question remains whether it was all a set-up, to take him out of circulation for special duty of some sort. According to Hurt (op. cit. inf.): "The incident seemed so contrived - and the wound, according to Oswald's roommate was 'right where it would be if you were going to shoot yourself' - that there was a general assumption that Oswald had shot himself intentionally" (p200).

Directly Oswald got back to his radar unit, it was shipped out to bases in the Philippines in order to support President Sukarno [follow Timeline sub-thread from 25th September 1957].

Delgado arrived at the Marine Corps Air Facility, Santa AnaCA [Wikipedia briefing] "beginning of 1958".

Oswald's unit did not return to Japan until 18th March 1958. His outstanding court martial then took place 11th April and on 29th he was sentenced to 20 days hard labour, suspended.

***** THE LEGEND BUILDING CONTINUES?? *****

On 20th June 1958 Oswald was very publicly insubordinate to a sergeant, earning himself another court martial. On 27th June he got 28 days and the original 20 days un-suspended, meaning that he was out of circulation in the brig [perhaps/perhaps not - Ed.] until 13th August 1958.

RESEARCH ISSUE: As in Japan, there are rumours of undercover intelligence work off base during this seven invisible weeks. If true, then this insubordination incident has to have been staged. Swike, himself an intelligence officer, says only that "Oswald's timeline becomes a little muddy here" (k688).

Oswald left Atsugi 14th October 1958 and returned via a lay over at San Francisco to Marine Corps Air Station "El Toro", IrvineCA [Wikipedia briefing; Santa Ana and Irvine are both southern suburbs of the Los Angeles conurbation, and only five miles apart - Ed.], arriving 22nd December 1958, While there, he signed up for Russian lessons.

***** DELGADO AND OSWALD PATHS CONVERGE *****

Delgado met Oswald "beginning of 1959", and they were friends until late summer. They talked a lot of pro-Castro politics and travelled into Los Angeles on at least one occasion so that Oswald could visit the
Cuban Consulate there [see CLIPS #2 and #3 below]. Oswald picked up a little Spanish from Delgado. He is not very good with a rifle [see CLIP #1 below].

***** OSWALD'S FIRST BIG OP *****

On 19th March 1959 Oswald applied for a place at a liberal studies college in Churwalden, Switzerland. The setting sounds idyllic. It is. At that time, however, it was deep in Allen Dulles territory...

Readers unfamiliar with this college's part in the United States' Cold War spy network should begin with the entry for <Albert Schweitzer College> and then go on to the entries for <Hans Casparis>, <George Evica>, <Stephen Fritchman>, <Stewart W. Herman>, and <Robert H. Schacht> before proceeding.

Be warned - you may be away some time!

Oswald's Schweitzer College application was quickly approved [see CLIP #5 below].

***** THE BIG OP CONTINUES *****

During the summer of 1959, Oswald visited the Cuban Consulate in Los Angeles, main business unknown. Whatever else was discussed (if anything), he started getting circular mailings. These were noticed by Delgado and duly feature in his Warren Commission testimony [see CLIP #4 below].

After the mailings started to arrive, Oswald had a visit at base from an unidentified civilian. Delgado helped cover Oswald's allocated duties and later testified that the meeting had lasted 90-120 minutes. Oswald did not, however, tell him who the visitor was or what was discussed [see CLIP #3 below].

On 17th August 1959 Oswald requested early discharge from the Marine Corps on compassionate grounds. This was duly granted, and on 4th September he applied for a passport at the courthouse in Santa Ana.

***** DELGADO AND OSWALD PATHS DIVERGE *****

On 11th September, duly discharged into the USMC Reserve, Oswald left California for his mother's address in Fort Worth TX. On 15th September he travelled onward to New Orleans and on 17th booked passage for Europe on the Lykes Lines [Wikipedia briefing] freighter SS. Marion Lykes [no convenient shipography but see ship's log for the period in question]. The ship sailed 20th September 1959 and Oswald disembarked at Le Havre, France, on 8th October.

RESEARCH ISSUE - LYKES LINES: The following two brief mentions appear in Carpenter's (op. cit. inf.) biography of Clay Shaw...

"... It was also noted that Lykes Shipping Company might not ultimately choose to be a tenant [at the new International Trade Mart (ITM)]" [in the event, they did - Ed.].

"[Approximately] in 1952, Shaw was an executive with either [name] or with Lykes Brothers" (p310).

It would therefore be nice to know whether Lykes vessels were part of the CIA's informal fleets of ships and aircraft smuggling materials and personnel around the world, or whether Oswald was just a one-off. Guzzo (2022 [full text online INTERESTING]) has recently started the investigative ball rolling.

On 9th October 1959 Oswald arrived by cross-channel ferry at Southampton, England. He then made his way to Heathrow and on Saturday 10th October took that day's flight to Helsinki, Finland.

It has occasionally been suggested that some time during the next 96 hours Oswald travelled across the Baltic to Sweden to visit the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm.

More certainly, on Wednesday 14th October 1959 the Soviet Embassy in Helsinki issued him a 14-day tourist visa, and on 15th October Oswald left Helsinki on the Moscow train, just as Lenin had done 42 years previously, on his way to start a revolution.

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: If Oswald was indeed on a top secret CIA "false defector" mission, then under need to know rules that mission would have been sanctioned by DCI Allen Dulles in person. If he was not on such a mission, then as a deflecting U-2 radar technician, he would have been reported to Dulles anyway. Readers need, therefore, to recall that this same Allen Dulles (1) knew all about the Helsinki frontier, having as a young man been party to Lenin's April 1917 return to Russia - see Timeline 8th April 1917 WORLD HISTORIC, (2) had helped organise the WORLD HISTORIC 1944 Valkyrie bomb attack on Adolf Hitler, and (3) would as an old man be one of the members of the Warren Commission in 1964.
As for Oswald's time in the Soviet Union see the richly threaded Companion Timeline and from 20th September 1959.

Sometime in November 1959 Delgado was interviewed by men in black as to what he knew about Oswald. So - spy or not - it seems that Oswald's defection was sending shockwaves around the intelligence community. (We return to this meeting in item (c) below.)

On 13th September 1960 Oswald was discharged from the USMC Reserve, having applied for Soviet citizenship, as "undesirable".

Delgado re-enlisted, this time in the U.S. Army, 1st November 1960.

... (b) for testifying as to Oswald the man during the Warren Commission hearings, thereby becoming one of those who helped construct the Oswald Legend as Lone Nut Commie ...

**CAMEO - DELGADO'S WARREN COMMISSION TESTIMONY:** Delgado gave testimony to one of the Commission's senior investigators, Wesley J. Liebeler [Wikipedia biography], on 16th April 1964 ...

[Read Delgado's Commission testimony here]

**WORDY BUT WORTH THE HOUR**

Here are five indicative clips from the transcript ...

**CLIP #1 - CONCERNING OSWALD'S PROFICIENCY WITH A RIFLE** (pp234-235) ...

"MR. LIEBELER: [...] [A]bout the rifle practice that you engaged in. Would you tell us about that in as much detail as you can remember? Mr. DELGADO. We went out to the field, to the rifle range, and before we set out we had set up a pot. High score would get this money; second highest, and so forth down to about the fifth man that was high. [...] Mr. LIEBELER. You say there were about 40 men involved in this pot? Mr. DELGADO. Yes, Mr. LIEBELER. And you say that Oswald finished fifth from the highest? Mr. DELGADO. No; he didn't even place there. He didn't get no money at all. He just barely got his score, which I think was about 170, I think it was, just barely sharpshooter. Mr. LIEBELER. Sharpshooter is the minimum? Mr. DELGADO. Minimum. Mr. LIEBELER. Rank? Mr. DELGADO. It's broken down into three categories: sharpshooters-no; pardon me, take that back; it's marksman is the lowest, sharpshooters, and experts. And then Oswald had a marksman's badge, which was just a plain, little thing here which stated 'Marksman' on it. Mr. LIEBELER. And that was the lowest one? Mr. DELGADO. That was the lowest. [...] Mr. LIEBELER. Did you fire with Oswald? Mr. DELGADO. Right; I was in the same line. By that I mean we were on line together, the same time, but not firing at the same position, but at the same time, and I remember seeing his. It was a pretty big joke, because he got a lot of 'Maggie's drawers': you know, a lot of misses, but he didn't give a darn."

**CLIP #2 - CONCERNING HIS VIEWS ON CASTRO** (p240) ...

"Mr. LIEBELER. Can you tell us some more about your discussions with Oswald concerning the Castro movement or the situation in Cuba? Mr. DELGADO. We had quite many discussions regarding Castro. So - spy or not - it seems that Oswald's defection was sending shockwaves around the intelligence community. (We return to this meeting in item (c) below.)

At the time I was in favour of Castro, I wholeheartedly supported him, and made it known that I thought he was a pretty good fellow, and that was one of the main things Oswald and I always hit so well, we were along the same lines of thought. Castro at the time showed all possibilities of being a freedom-loving man, a democratic sort of person, that was going to do away with all tyranny and finally give the Cuban people a break. But then he turned around and started to purge: the Russian purge, started executing all these pro-Batistas [...] He and I had discussed about that, and right and wrong way that he should have gone about doing it. [...] And we talked how we would like to go to Cuba and ... Mr. LIEBELER. You and Oswald did? Mr. DELGADO. Right. We were going to become officers, you know, enlisted men. We are dreaming now, right? So we were going to become officers."

**CLIP #3 - ON VISITING THE CUBAN CONSULATE IN LOS ANGELES** (p241) ...

"[Mr. DELGADO.] And, let’s see, what else? Oh, yes, then he kept on asking me about how about-how he could go about helping the Castro government. I didn’t know what to tell him, so I told him the best thing that I know I was that I got to go in touch with a Cuban Embassy, you know. But at that time that I told him this we were on friendly terms with Cuba, you know, so this wasn’t no subversive or malintent, you know. I didn’t know what to answer him. I told him go see them. After a while he told me he was in contact with them, Mr. LIEBELER, With the Cuban Embassy? Mr. DELGADO. Right, And I took it to be just a one of his, you know, lies, you know, saying he was in contact with them, until one time I had the opportunity to go into his room, I was looking for- I was going out for the weekend, I needed a tie, he lent me the tie, and I seen this envelope in his footlocker, wall-locker, and it was addressed to him, and they had an official seal on it, and as far as I could recollect that was mail from Los Angeles, and he was telling me there was a Cuban Consul. [...] So then one particular instance, I was in the train station in Santa Ana, Calif., and Oswald comes in, on a Friday night. I usually make it every Friday night to Los Angeles and
spend the weekend. And he is on the same platform, so we talked, and he told me he had to see some people in Los Angeles. I didn’t bother questioning him. We rode into Los Angeles, nothing eventful happened, just small chatter, and once we got to Los Angeles I went my way and he went his. [...] At one time he went with us down to Tijuana, Mexico. Mr. LIEBELER. Before we get into that, tell me all that you can remember about Oswald’s contact with the Cuban Consulate? Mr. DELGADO. Well, like I stated to these FBI men, he had one visitor; after he started receiving letters he had one visitor. It was a man, because I got the call from the JIP guard shack, and they gave me a call that Oswald had a visitor at the front gate. This man had to be a civilian, otherwise they would have let him in. So I had to find somebody to relieve Oswald, who was on guard, to go down there to visit with this fellow, and they spent about an hour and a half, 2 hours talking, I guess, and he came back. I don’t know who the man was or what they talked about, but he looked nonchalant about the whole thing when he came back. He never mentioned who he was, nothing. Mr. LIEBELER. How long did he talk to him, do you remember? Mr. DELGADO. About an hour and a half. 2 hours.”

**CLIP #4 - CONCERNING THE "WHITE RUSSIAN" MAILINGS (pp242-243) **

"Mr. LIEBELER. Did you connect this visit that Oswald had at that time with the Cuban Consulate? Mr. DELGADO. Personally, I did; because I thought it funny for him to be receiving a caller at such a late date-time. Also, up to this time he hardily ever received mail; in fact he very seldom received mail from home, because I made it a policy, I used to pick up the mail for our hut and distribute it to the guys in there, and very seldom did I see one for him. But every so often, after he started to get in contact with these Cuban people, he started getting little pamphlets and newspapers, and he always got a Russian paper, and I asked him if it was, you know, a Commie paper—they let you get away with this in the Marine Corps in a site like this—and he said, ‘No, it’s not Communist; it’s a White Russian’. To me that was Greek, you know, White Russian, so I guess he is not a Communist; but he was steady getting that periodical. It was a newspaper. Mr. LIEBELER. In the Russian language? Mr. DELGADO. Right. Mr. LIEBELER. And he received that prior to the time he contacted the Cuban consulate, did he not? Mr. DELGADO. Right.”

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by the Ukraine as part of Soviet White Russia in the United States’ Cold War black ops, 1945-1990 should see the entries for <Franklin A. Lindsay>, <OPERATION Keelhaul>, <Kim Philby>, and <Yaroslav S. Stetsko> in the main Encyclopaedia, following all onward pointers.

***** FAIR WARNING - YOU MAY BE AWAY SOME TIME *****

**CLIP #5 - CONCERNING ALBERT SCHWEITZER COLLEGE (p243)**

"And he also started receiving letters, you know, and no books, maybe pamphlets, you know, little--like church, things we get from church, you know, but it wasn’t a church. [...] Mr. LIEBELER. Did he tell you what his correspondence with the Cuban consulate was about? Mr. DELGADO. No; he didn’t. Mr. LIEBELER. Did he ever indicate to you that it had to do with the conversation that you had about going over to Cuba? Mr. DELGADO. No. The only thing he told me was that right after he had this conversation with the Cuban people was that he was going to once he got out of the service he was going to Switzerland, he was going to a school, and this school in Switzerland was supposed to teach him in [...] 6 months what it had taken him to learn in psychology over here in 2 years, something like that. Mr. LIEBELER. Did he tell you the name of the school? Mr. DELGADO. No; but he applied for it while in the service, and as far as I knew, that’s where he was going once he got discharged.”

... (c) for being interviewed while serving in Germany - date not stated - by Deep State-compliant author Edward Jay Epstein for his 1978 book "Legend" (op. cit. inf.) ...
... (d) for featuring regularly in subsequent assassination histories, for example (we leave it to the reader to check back to the original testimony above and to judge for themselves how well the individual authors have done their job) ... 

**CAMEO - DELGADO ON THE SMALL SCREEN:** We begin with the witness's five minute appearance, speaking a highly abridged version of his earlier Warren Commission testimony, in *London Weekend Television*'s 1986 acclaimed docudrama mock trial of Oswald ...

***** PAY CLOSE ATTENTION NOW *****

YouTube Delgado's Scene (5 mins)

Note (1) how prosecutor Bugliosi totally and cynically misleads the Jury when asking the question about "a Russian newspaper", when the term "White Russian" had been perfectly clearly stated in Delgado's Warren Commission testimony, (2) how defence counsel Gerry Spence uncharacteristically carelessly fails to correct him on this, and (3) the introduction by heavily weighted hint of a hitherto unstated element of friction between Delgado and the FBI.

YouTube the full LWT docudrama, if interested (90 mins) FASCINATING STUFF

**CAMEO - DELGADO IN RUSSO:** Then we have Russo (*op. cit. inf.*), writing in 1998, focusing on why Oswald might have been using Delgado to teach him Spanish ...

"Corporal Nelson Delgado of Brooklyn, characterised by his commander as 'very dependable', did try to teach Oswald some Spanish. He and Oswald shared a Quonset hut cubicle and stood the same watches in a radar bubble - their job was aircraft surveillance. They had hours and hours to talk and they became good friends. They shared a mutual interest in Fidel Castro [... and] Oswald confided that he desperately wanted to go to Cuba and help train Castro's army. [...] Oswald went so far as to press Delgado for ideas about how to make contact with revolutionary Cuba. Delgado suggested writing the Cuban Embassy in Washington, and soon noticed that Oswald [...] began getting letters several times a week. Some of them [...] bore the 'unmistakable' seal of the Cuban Consulate" (k2380-2398).

**CAMEO - DELGADO IN PARKER:** And here is Parker (*op. cit. inf.*), writing in 2015. This work is to be congratulated (1) for introducing Gerry Hemming [see own entry ANOTHER IMPORTANT WITNESS] into the mystery, (2) for making sure that we do not allow Bugliosi's *Calculated Slip of the Tongue* to go uncorrected, and (perhaps most importantly of all) (3) for suggesting that the aforementioned "White Russian" mailings might have emanated from the National Labour Union (NTS) [...]

**ASIDE:**

Readers unfamiliar with field operative <Gerry Hemming>, another of Oswald's Marine Corps messmates (from his time at Atsugi) and a known, confessed, and widely discussed black ops specialist, should see the separate entry for that man before proceeding. We have copied in the following pivotal allegation for readers in a hurry ...

"... early in 1959, while in Los Angeles, Hemming says he crossed paths with a nineteen-year-old Marine who was stationed in nearby Santa Ana. *One day a Cuban who was coordinating the movement there called me aside [...] He said there was a Marine who’d come around, saying he was prepared to desert and go to Cuba to become a revolutionary. The Cuban asked if I'd meet with the Marine, check him out. I did ... It turned out to be Oswald.* What was your impression of him? I asked. 'Did you feel he was sincere?' 'No, he didn't look like he was worth a damn, maybe just trying to create a scandal. I thought he might have been on the Naval Intelligence roll. You know, a penetrator. I told the Twenty-sixth of July leadership to get rid of him'" (Russell, 1998, p98; publishing a 1976 interview; confirmed by Hurst 1985, p243). [...] Morrow (1992) identifies "the movement" in question as Rolando Masferrer's anti-Castro group SNFE, the Second National Front of the Escambré (pp208-209). LHO was indeed based in California at this time [see Timeline 22nd December 1958]."

This is what Parker has to tell us ...

"Delgado was a self-confessed loner. Oswald the Loner befriended Delgado the Loner through making the effort to converse to his fellow Loner in Spanish. Delgado appreciated it. They wound up together."
Two Loners alone. [...] Oswald barely qualified as a 'marksman' - the lowest ranking. [...] By USMC standards, he was average at best [...]. Delgado and Oswald both liked Castro. It was allowable then. [...] They had it all figured. Delgado could speak the lingo and Oswald [...] knew exactly how a democracy should operate. They would get their discharges, go and join Castro, and be promoted. [...] It was a Boys' Own adventure just ninety miles from Miami. [...] Oswald, Delgado opined, needed to learn the language [...] and promptly threw himself into the task [...]. Pushed for more, Delgado suggested Oswald try the Cuban Embassy. [...] Gerry Hemming, a well-known soldier-of-fortune, further muddied the waters when he told the HSCA that he had seen Oswald at the consulate in 1959. [...] Delgado did recall that the newspaper was in Russian and because of this concluded it must be a Communist periodical. [...] Delgado had put the question to Ozzie. Is it a Commie newspaper? Oswald replied in the negative and told his friend it was 'White Russian', but Delgado was clueless as to what that meant. [...] What Delgado was describing was most likely material from the Russian Solidarist movement known as NTS, which stands for Narodnyi Trudovoy Sovet or, in English, National Labour Union. NTS published a lot of propaganda pamphlets, as well as a newspaper known as Posev [no convenient briefing but much archive material here], which translates as 'sowing'. Nelson Delgado, take a bow. You taught us just how quickly and how well Oswald could learn languages. You also taught us that Oswald was not a Communist in the Marines; that on the contrary he was quite possibly touching base with the NTS and that he was not a person anyone would hire as an assassin" (pp66-69).

CAMEO - DELGADO IN ALBARELLI: For his part Albarelli (op. cit. inf.) dwells on Delgado's recollections of what came to Oswald in the mail ...

"The application that Oswald completed for entry to the Albert Schweitzer College was a drab three-page questionnaire. On page 1, Oswald supplied basic personal information along with the request to attend the semester commencing April 12, 1960, and ending June 27, 1960. The form was signed and dated on March 19, 1959. There are no indications as to how Oswald knew the start and end date of the semester. The most logical answer is that the pamphlets Oswald had been receiving and that Nelson Delgado [see own entry] thought might be from a church were informational pamphlets about the college" (p915).

CAMEO - DELGADO IN EVICA: We give the last word to Evica (op. cit. inf.), who will point out in 2006 that Delgado was himself in some eyes the subject of a conspiracy theory of his very own, thus ...

"The Oswald-Delgado story can be followed in Warren Commission materials, but Edward Epstein's take on it has an important CIA- counter-intelligence perspective. In the summer of 1959, Oswald began to involve his Quonset hut cubicle partner, Cpl. Nelson Delgado, in his strange adventures. [...] In 1975, [...] a CIA statement] told the Rockefeller Commission [Wikipedia briefing] that 'Delgado's testimony says a lot more of possible [intelligence] operational significance that ... the Warren Report'. [...] That 'operational significance' included a shadowy overcoated figure who visited Oswald [at El Toro], Oswald's reported communications with the Cuban Consulate in Los Angeles, and his duffel bag stuffed with intelligence photos. [...] The Warren Commission record gives a conflicting image of Nelson Delgado. According to his testimony, FBI investigators treated him as if he were a suspected enemy spy. [...] Why was Delgado treated so badly? Was [he] actually an Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) plant?" (k834-851).

Del Pinto, Oscar: Cuban exile Oscar Del Pinto [no convenient biography] pops up only infrequently in the histories, usually as a member of INTERPEN. Some recent theories identify him as the Hispanic radio man - Dark Compledected Man - sat on the kerb of Elm Street a mere 10 feet from the JFK kill zone - YouTube him? in Dealey Plaza now.

***** Candidate JFK Conspiracy Dealey Plaza Footsoldier *****  
***** Senior Anti-Castro Cuban Activist *****  
DO NOT CONFUSE WITH  
PEDRO DEL VALLE

Del Valle, Eladio ["Yito"] Ceferino: [Possibly known in underworld cant as Oscar; Yito seems to be the diminutive of Caballito, Eng. "little horse".] Pre-Revolution Cuban congressman-cum-gangster [not an uncommon combination in that era, we suspect - Ed.] turned anti-Castro activist and contact of David Ferrie, Eladio del Valle [Spartacus Educational biography] would be one of the two colleagues identified by Tony Cuesta as having been a three-man shooting team in Dealey Plaza (the third man being Herminio Diaz Garcia).

EXTENDED JUNE 2019: Summers (1980/2013) is unconvinced of this, on the grounds that del Valle had no "track record as an assassin" (p592). However we are happy to disregard this caution (i) because the man was a known guerrilla irregular [same skill- and mindset - Ed.], and (ii) because in the standard three-man hit squad only one of the three is required to pull the trigger! Further confirmation comes from Joan Mellen, who asserts that in the early 1960s del Valle was "a mob-connected Cuban exile" (2005, p33) involved in the paramilitary training of fellow exiles in the countryside north of New Orleans. Baker (2014) agrees that he was "a friend of David Ferrie" (p401), while Hinckle and Turner (1981/1992) add ...

"[Ferrie] flew fire bomb raids in 1959 in the pay of Cuban Congressman Eladio 'Yito' del Valle, who had piled up a small fortune smuggling cigarettes and contraband in partnership with Santos Trafficante, the well-known Mafia figure" (p233).

In his 1992 book "First Hand Knowledge", CIA-approved historian1 Robert Morrow [see own entry] devotes the whole of Chapter 4 to the Camaguey Mission [see own entry], a clandestine (and far from uneventful!) flight to Cuba 16th-17th April 1961, in which he personally shared the flying with Ferrie. The purpose of the flight was to meet up with del Valle [Morrow describes del Valle as one of Cuban resistance leader Mario Kohly's "principal lieutenants" (p45) - Ed.], who had been operating with a guerrilla group behind Cuban lines, conduct some urgent electronic surveillance, and extract him to Miami - for fuller details see Timeline 16th April 1961. Del Valle appears again "in late 1961 or early 1962" (Morrow, p145), in the context of the Montreal-Athens Arms Deal ...

ASIDE: To avoid repeating ourselves, see David Ferrie's entry for the details of this highly convoluted arms deal.

As for the JFK assassination itself, Morrow claims that at some time in early August 1963 he supplied del Valle with four high-specification Motorola walkie-talkies and three "Mannlicher" rifles which he - unaware of the proposed target - had sourced.

ASIDE: One of the walkie-talkies can clearly be seen in use at the moment of the Kennedy shooting, mere feet from the Presidential limousine - see the entry for Dark Compledected Man (DCM). Another seems to be in use by Danny Arce [see own entry] in front of the Dal-Tex Building Danny Arce? in Dealey Plaza.

Again Ferrie was the delivery man. Morrow also claims that in a telephone conversation 11th November 1963 del Valle, who had only just found out himself, warned him that the target for said hardware was in fact JFK, during his upcoming visit to Dallas. And finally, Mellen passes on the story that in November 1966 del Valle warned Haitian President François Duvalier of rival Rolando Masferrer's CIA-supported coup attempt, thereby allowing that coup to be successfully thwarted (Mellen, 2005, p108). Not short of enemies, therefore, it is not surprising that del Valle died by
unknown hand 23rd February 1967 (a mere 24 hours after his associate David Ferrie had also been silenced), shot through the heart and with his skull split open like a macheted coconut.

**CAUTION:** CIA-approved histories typically contain hundreds of hitherto unknown facts, carefully composed to support one or two much subtler counterintelligence propositions. Morrow’s book appears here to be using reveals about del Valle to incriminate Ferrie.

Democratic Revolutionary Front (FRD): The FRD [=Frente Revolucionario Democrático; [Wikipedia briefing]] was an umbrella organisation coordinating the activities of a number of lesser Cuban exile pressure and direct action groups. It was founded in May 1960 and its New Orleans chapter was headed by Sergio Arcacha Smith. Its military presence - Brigade 2506 - provided most of the muscle for the ill-fated Bay of Pigs Invasion in April 1961.

***** "A FEROCIOUS ANTI-COMMUNIST" [[George de Mohrenschildt]] *****

**de Mohrenschildt, Dimitri: [1902-2002; George’s brother] [Usually Germanised as von Mohrenschildt] White Russian émigré Dimitri von Mohrenschildt [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the older brother of international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt, (b) for growing up very quickly during the Russian Revolution and the ensuing Russian Civil War, thus ...

**CAMEO - YOUNG DIMITRI, 1916-1922:** Here is what his brother George’s biographer Nancy Weiford has to say about these years in her (2013) book "The Faux Baron" [Amazon] ...

"In the summer of 1916, Dimitri von Mohrenschildt had participated [aged 14 - Ed.] in operations of the Russian Imperial Black Sea Fleet as a midshipman [...]. With the abdication of the czarist regime in Russia, the Imperial Navy was dissolved. Dimitri was recalled and arrived in St. Petersburg amidst intense rioting to find hundreds begging for food. Many were fleeing the city, most heading for the Caucasus or the Crimea. [His father] Sergius von Mohrenschildt [see own entry] obtained a limited travel permit and was allowed to relocate to Minsk, a city 450 miles away still occupied by the Germans under the Belarusian People’s Republic. […] Initially, Minsk turned out to be a good choice as a destination. […] Arriving in April 1918, the city seemed like a paradise in comparison to the one they had left behind. Food was plentiful and they found the German sense of law and order refreshing after the chaos of Petrograd. But with the end of World War I when Poland reestablished itself as a sovereign nation, the von Mohrenschildt’s estate in Poliçe became Polish territory. The short respite they had found was quickly disrupted with the German pull out from Minsk in January 1919. Within days, the Bolshevik Red Guard moved into the region to establish control. [...] The vast von Mohrenschildt estate was immediately confiscated by the peasants under the protection of the Bolsheviks. […] Branded as a member of the former ruling class, Sergius von Mohrenschildt [...] secured a clerk position at the local railway station, quickly moving up to Assistant Station Master. The start of the Polish Soviet War [14th February 1919 - Ed.] saw many troop trains traveling through his station. In addition, as Russian prisoners were released [after 18th October 1920 - Ed.] Dimitri [aged 18 - Ed.] was in charge of providing relocation papers for their travel needs." ...

**ASIDE:** Later in this entry - in item (f) - we make the point that when now-American Dimitri was recruited into the OSS in 1943 he came with a 25-year pedigree, beginning, we suspect, around this time.

... "As the ideological battle lines were being drawn, the concept of the "white Russian" expanded to include any conservative, moderate, or monarchist individual, many of which were against the radical reforms being proffered by the Bolsheviks. The Von Mohrenschildts clearly fell into the category of the 'whites'. It was then that my counter-revolutionary activity began," Dimitri recalled. [...] He began to issue travel certificates that identified the former officers of the Czar’s armies as minorities to enable them to safely journey to the south to join the White Army. For only a short period, Dimitri was successful in providing this secret assistance until an official in the local ruling Bolshevik committee [...] had both Dimitri and Sergius] arrested and literally dragged away. The pair were taken to the cellar of the Orthodox Church in Minsk which housed local prisoners. [...] Throughout Dimitri’s life, the impact of his imprisonment fostered an intense hatred for the concept of communism as illustrated by the Bolsheviks, and later the USSR. [...] During rough and threatening questioning, Dimitri was accused of belonging to the Polish Counter Intelligence or General Deniken’s White Army. With the outbreak of the Russian Civil War [difficult to date - possibly General Pyotr Wrangel's Crimean Campaign of winter 1920-1921 [Wikipedia briefing] - Ed.], the Red and White Armies battled for control. [...] and Poland was again able to recapture Minsk and the surrounding area. [...] Dimitri was tried and sentenced to Smolensk prison for six months. After a short stint in solitary confinement, [he] was placed in a cell...
with elderly Polish men being held as hostages. They were assisted by the Polish Red Cross who provided bread, sugar, and milk.”

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: The Red Cross was a major cover-story agency at this time for Western intelligence services - see, for example, Liggett (1932) and compare the extraction of fellow-White Paul Raigorodsky. See also Senate Foreign Relations Committee, evidence of William C. Bullitt, 1919.

"... [Luckily, thanks to] erratic recordkeeping at the Bolshevik prison, Dimitri von Mohrenschildt's status was changed from political prisoner to hostage [...] and in early 1920 Dimitri was included in the hostage exchange with the Polish government and allowed to return to Minsk where he was repatriated with his family. [...] He] had not rejoined his family in Minsk more than three months before the Bolsheviks again overtook the city [...]. Turning down an opportunity to join the newly established Polish Navy, Dimitri left his [family] and joined the merchant marines. He travelled on various ships for two years, often working as a deck hand for passage. In Japan, he secured travel visas to emigrate to America [and] arrived in Vancouver, B.C., in July 1922 aboard the S.S. [possibly USNS - Ed.] Birmingham City” (Weiford, 2013, pp28-33).

... (c) for settling in the United States in 1922, with sufficient backing from one Peter von Mohrenschildt, an uncle, to study at Yale and Columbia, (d) for putting himself about socially, becoming a correspondent for Bonesman Henry Luce's TIME Magazine, and eventually marrying Winifred ["Betty"] Cartwright Hooker in 1937 ...

ASIDE: Betty Hooker happened to be the mother by an earlier marriage of Edward Hooker [see own entry], one-time roommate of future president George H. W. Bush.

(e) for leveraging his anti-Communist credentials to obtain a position as professor at Dartmouth University, there founding The Russian Review [Wikipedia briefing] in 1941, (f) for serving with OSS from 1943, presumably as an expert in Eastern European operations ...

ASIDE: As noted earlier, we have taken it as read that von Mohrenschildt had already served U.S. Intelligence back in the Russian Civil War. The recruitment may well have taken place in October 1920 when his father Sergius got him a job selectively falsifying travel documentation in his Belarus homeland, and his services will very likely have continued during his years in the merchant marine 1920-1922.

(g) for being accepted as a CIA asset in 1950, with security clearance up to <Confidential> (Mellen, 2012, K269), (h) for working "closely with CIA's outlet journal, Reader's Digest" (ibid.), (i) for helping to found Radio Free Europe (RFE) in 1949 ...

ASIDE: RFE was an outstation of the NYC-based National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE). It fomented anti-Communist dissent amongst émigrés from Soviet-occupied Eastern Europe - countries such as Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, and Albania - especially those who still had handy relatives and friends "behind enemy lines".

(j) for reportedly being "close" to DCI Allen Dulles from perhaps as early as 1940 through to the early 1960s (Mellen, 2012, K2814), and (k) for beingfingered by journalist-plus?? Willem Oltmans as "possibly the second assassin" in Dealey Plaza (ibid.) [highly unlikely - Ed.]. FURTHER READING: For more of the early detail see the Nancy Weiford biography identified above [sadly this source is painful to work with because its 800 pages are unindexed - Ed.]. For more of the later detail see Joan Mellen's (2012) book "Our Man in Haiti" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED].

de Mohrenschildt, Ferdinand: [1885-1919; George's uncle] Estonian-born WW1 Czarist diplomat Ferdinand de Mohrenschildt [no convenient biography but see findagrave entry] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the uncle of Dimitri and George de Mohrenschildt, (b) for being sent in 1915 by Czar Nicholas II to appeal to President Woodrow Wilson for American entry into the war, establishing himself as Second Secretary at the Imperial Russian Embassy in Washington, (c) for marrying Wilson's step-granddaughter in 1917 (Baker, 2013 [full text online]), only to die suddenly of the Spanish Flu, 4th March 1919 [shortly after his daughter Fernanda was born - Ed].
de Mohrenschildt, George Sergius: [1911-1977] [A.k.a. Philip Harbin; often abbreviated herein as GdeM] [Read firstly the entry for Count Constantine Maydell] [Mazyr-born [in modern Belarus] White Russian émigré George de Mohrenschildt [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having served as Captain in the Polish Army intelligence service during the mid-1930s (Kaiser, 2008, p172), (b) for emigrating to the U.S. from Poland in May 1938, as "a German spy at some level or other" (Lateer, 2017, p57) ...

ASIDE - THE COLLAPSE OF THE BRITISH APPEASEMENT MOVEMENT: As explained in the entries for Nancy Astor and the Cliveden Set, it was not until after 24th October 1937 that the British Establishment started to lose its enchantment with Adolf Hitler and Nazism. One must assume that German diplomatic sources soon detected the hardening of Britain's editorial line and Joseph Goebbels' Propagandaministerium duly launched a charm counter-offensive designed to keep the United States on friendly terms. George de Mohrenschildt - who had not emigrated with his older brother in 1920 - was one of the assets now sent across the Atlantic, and, as we are about to learn, seems to have got on famously with America's hard right Establishment ...

(c) for becoming friends (often reportedly more) later that year with Janet Lee [Bouvier]m.1928-div.1940 / [Auchincloss]n.1942-wid.1976 [Wikipedia biography], mother of the future Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, (d) for going to a historically significant movie show at NYC's swanky Ritz-Carlton Hotel some time in late 1940 ...

***** A MINOR MASTERPIECE OF FASCIST PROPAGANDA *****

CAMEO - MAYDELL AND "SPAIN IN ARMS", 1939: The movie in question was "Spain in Arms", as detailed in the cameo in the entry for Count Constantine Maydell, which see.

(e) for promptly approaching the Polish Consulate [now representing Hans Frank's Nazi-collaborating puppet Polish government - Ed.] and getting approval for a follow-up propaganda piece to sanitise the September 1939 Nazi invasion of Poland, (f) for working in NYC in early 1941 as a movie editor on said propaganda piece ...

CAMEO - DE MOHRENSCHILDT AND "POLAND FOREVER", 1941: The thrust of this unfinished work was that the Nazis were occupying western Poland to protect the Poles from the Communists moving in from the east. Mellen (2012) believes that the British blockade impounded some Nazi-derived filmstock sent across by George's father Sergius de Mohrenschildt, and the project had to be pulled. Nevertheless De Mohrenschildt had already done enough to remark not long before his murder that creatively the film was one of his true achievements in life.

***** PEARL HARBOUR BRINGS THE UNITED STATES INTO WW2 *****

(g) for being investigated by the FBI in 1942 as a possible Nazi agent, and spending some time in Mexico ...

CAMEO - DE MOHRENSCHILDT AT WORK (MEXICO, 1942): Lateer (2017) and HSCA (1979, Volume XII) jointly tell the story that in summer 1942 George de Mohrenschildt and "a woman named Lilia [Pardo] Larin", a Mexican citizen, travelled to Mexico City. He then found it difficult to get back out of the country, being arrested that fall at Corpus Christi for studying a U.S. Coastguard Station rather too closely, and held on suspicion of being a German spy for some time before being sent back into Mexico. Nine months later he tried to get back into the U.S. at the Laredo border crossing, and was only allowed in after being interrogated by "Captain Mellick" of the U.S. Military Intelligence Division and after having been given specific authorisation from J. Edgar Hoover personally. His immigration records, to the present day, flag him as a Nazi sympatiser.

RESEARCH ISSUE - NAZISM IN THE UNITED STATES: Despite a considerable body of literature on Operation Paperclip's Americanised Nazis in general, there has been little discussion of the potential role of Nazi sympathisers in the handling of LHO, both after his return to the United States and - even more interestingly - while still in Minsk. Mae Brussell's (2014) book "Investigations of Fascism in America" [Amazon] indicates very clearly what might be at stake. Having noted how fond the Nazis were of using apparently benign front organisations to conceal more sinister motives, she writes: "When Lee and Marina Oswald disembarked from the Soviet Union in June, 1962, they were befriended by some three dozen White Russians in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. Many had identifiable Nazi ties ..." (p23). This is entirely consistent
with the recently emerging view that the White-Red Russian Civil War did not actually end in 1922 just because the conventional history books tell us that it did. Instead, the Whites simply withdrew their command hub across the Atlantic. The clearest exponent of this view is James Lateer (2017), who judges that "the 'White Russians' were not the cure for Soviet Communism - they were the disease that caused Soviet Communism to come to power" (p430).

(h) for turning to the oil industry after the war, helping William F. Buckley, Sr. [Wikipedia biography] develop his Pantepec Oil Company assets in Venezuela (see first cameo below), (i) for finally being rewarded with U.S. citizenship in 1949, (j) for having been close friends around this time with senior CIA officer Mike Anikeeff [see own entry], (k) for having during the 1950s cultivated contacts with Texas oil barons and settling in Fort Worth, thus ...

"Among the baron's Houston associates were several close friends of Lyndon Johnson: oil millionaire John Mecom, and construction industry titans George and Herman Brown. Another de Mohrenschildt friend was Jean de Menil of [Schlumberger], who in 1961 permitted his New Orleans branch to be used as an ammunition conduit for the CIA" (Russell, 1992, p167).

(l) for joining the Dallas Council on World Affairs [see own entry], an organisation nowadays regarded as a "CIA redoubt" (Mellen, 2012, K678), (m) for repeatedly using oil industry consulting work (and even occasionally "collecting stamps") as a cover for CIA field assignments ...

"invariably, when he was passing through town, people got killed" (after Baker, 2013 [full text online]).

CAMEO - VENEZUELA, 1945-1949: GdeM was in the field with Pantepec in the run up to the 24th November 1948 coup, that is to say, the CIA-assisted ousting of Romulo Gallegos, "the first cleanly elected president in his country's history" (Wikipedia).

CAMEO - MEXICO, 1955-1957: Having lived there for most of 1942, GdeM was in the field in Mexico again between January 1955 and February 1957, and occasionally also in 1958. This coincides very precisely with the 1957 assassination of Guatemalan President Armas and the election in his place of Miguel Ydígoras - see Timeline 26th July 1957-2nd March 1958.

CAMEO - YUGOSLAVIA, 1957-1958: GdeM was in the field in Yugoslavia between February and November 1957, and again occasionally in 1958. This coincides with a CIA covert operation to neutralise President Tito's interference in affairs in Algeria.

CAMEO - GHANA, 1958: GdeM was in the field in Ghana in May-June 1958. This coincides with a CIA operation to cure President Nkrumah's Convention Peoples' Party (CPP) of some of its left-wing excesses. (Nkrumah himself would later be ousted in a coup in February 1962.)

CAMEO - GUATEMALA, 1960-1961: GdeM and his recently married wife Jeanne undertook a "hiking trip" through Mexico and Central America in late 1960, arriving in Guatemala in spring 1961, just as the Bay of Pigs Invasion armada was being prepared. In an attempt to oust Cuban president Fidel Castro.

CAMEO - HAITI, 1947, 1956, 1961, 1963-4: GdeM was in the field in Haiti on and off in the late 1940s, again in 1956 (acting for the Sinclair Oil Company), and then again in the early 1960s. Probably the most significant trip was in mid-1961 when he stopped off on his way home from Guatemala for talks concerning a "geological survey" with local banker and presidential "bagman" Clémard Charles [see own entry]. This encounter was followed 8th September 1961 by a formal invitation to tender from the Haitian government, in association with the Banque Commerciale d'Haiti. He liaised at this time with the U.S. Embassy's military attaché (and CIA man on station) Robert Heinl [see own entry] in organising a coup against President "Papa Doc" Duvalier (possibly intending to replace him with Monsieur Charles). He then stopped off in Washington 19th April 1963 for talks with Charles and one Thomas Devine [see own entry], part of "the extended petroleum-intelligence orbit in which the Bushes operated" (Baker, 1988/2011). He then returned to Haiti 2nd June 1963, where his contact was yet another CIA/Embassy officer, Charles Thomas [see own entry], and there he would remain, more or less continuously, until 1967. The forensic historian Dick Russell explains the operation, and GdeM's part in it, as follows ...

"As [HSCA] found out, de Mohrenschildt's primary business in Washington that spring was with [...] Clémard Charles. In mid-March, with the help of the U.S. State Department, a $285,000 contract for de Mohrenschildt to conduct a geological survey had been approved by the Haitian Congress. Ostensibly he and Charles were now discussing the de Mohrenschildts' upcoming move to the Caribbean island. But Clémard Charles was also of interest to Army Intelligence. Colonel Samuel Kale [no convenient
biography but many fragments online to reward the determined browser), who worked closely with Cuban exile groups in Miami, contacted [Assistant Director of the Office of Intelligence of the Army, Dorothe Matlack,] about meeting with the banker - 'because of Charles' relationship to President Duvalier of Haiti and Haiti's strategic position relative to Castro's Cuba'. [Matlack] told the House Assassinations Committee that her work included serving in a liaison capacity to the CIA. [...] At precisely the same time, Cuban exiles were fomenting plans to invade Haiti and overthrow [President Duvalier] - looking to use Haiti as a staging ground for a takeover of Cuba" (Russell, 1992, pp201-202).

The Haiti story then became even more convoluted with the arrival of Egyptian shipping and oil magnate (and possible CIA asset (Mellen, 2012)) Mohamed Al-Fayed [see own entry] 12th June 1964, ostensibly for discussions with Duvalier concerning a proposed oil refinery on the island. Mellen points out (1) that Al-Fayed was also an arms dealer with close links to Adnan Kashoggi and (2) that he was concurrently on contract to Kashoggi's CIA-front company Al-Nasir. He and de Mohrenschildt then crossed paths a number of times over the coming weeks, coinciding with two small-scale attempted coups, both failed.

CAMEO - THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, MARCH / JUNE 1963, APRIL 1964: GdeM was in the field in the Dominican Republic on and off between March 1963 and April 1964. This coincides with a CIA operation to remove the country's first democratically elected president Juan Bosch [Wikipedia biography] and install instead a U.S.-friendly military junta.

(n) for entering the mainstream assassination story in late summer 1962 when, following clearance by Dallas-based CIA officer J. Walton Moore [see own entry] and accompanied by CIA operative Lawrence Orlov [see own entry], he appeared in the circle of White Russians who had befriended the Oswalds, staying in touch with them socially, guiding LHO with his job hunting, and helping Marina Oswald with her English ...

ASIDE: Moore had been the CIA's Domestic Contacts Division debriefing officer for de Mohrenschildt upon his return from the 1957 Yugoslavia trip, and "periodically" thereafter. Summers (1980/1989) is one of many sources to regard GdeM as "baby-sitting" Oswald for the CIA, describing him as the younger man's "gentle inquisitor" (p192).

(o) for suggesting to the Oswalds on 7th October 1962 that LHO would find job hunting easier if he moved from Fort Worth to Dallas, leaving Marina and their daughter to lodge with one of the émigré families in Fort Worth ...

ASIDE: Marina eventually moved in with Ruth Paine on or just after 24th April 1963 [see inset below]. Summers (op. cit.) regards these moves as suspiciously contrived, thus ...

"The day after the meeting at his apartment, Oswald followed de Mohrenschildt's advice to the latter. He walked out of his perfectly good job in Fort Worth, without notice or explanation, and travelled to Dallas. Apart from a few days at the city YMCA, it is not known where Oswald stayed for the best part of the next month. [...] Oswald's new employment was with a graphic-arts company called Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall. The firm handled contracts for the U.S. Army Map Service [...] often using] material obtained by the very U-2 planes Oswald had once watched in Japan" (pp200-201).

(p) for hosting a working dinner 27th October 1962 with business contact Dabney A. Austin [no convenient biography but identity confirmed by subsequent U.S. Department of Justice documentation - check it out], re a joint venture with the latter's Austex Oil Company ...

"While their business was being transacted, an unexpected visitor knocked at the door. It was Lee Harvey Oswald. Together the group watched de Mohrenschildt's home movie of his walking tour in Central America. Austin Dabney filed [a petition for fraud] against de Mohrenschildt in Dallas County District Court on March 6, 1963" (Mellen, 2012, K1668).

(q) for attending a party 28th December 1962 at the home of fellow geologist Declan P. Ford [Warren Commission testimony], along with the Oswalds, (r) for helping to organise the party 22nd February 1963 at the home of petrochemist Everett D. Glover [Warren Commission testimony] at which the Oswalds were introduced to Ruth Paine ...
The "friendship" between Marina Oswald and Ruth Paine slowly developed and Marina finally moved into the Paine House on or just after 24th April 1963.

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preparing the not-immediately-published manuscript "I Am A Patsy! I Am A Patsy!" [full text online - see inset for link] ...

**ASIDE:** In his "Patsy!" manuscript GdeM took a very sympathetic - almost apologetic - line toward LHO. He also devoted a whole chapter to some very odd exploits with Oltmans (but says not a word about Epstein, who would in due course be the last person to see him alive). Jeanne de Mohrenschildt surrendered the document to the HSCA on 1st April 1977, three days after her husband's death, and the text was incorporated as an Appendix into the definitive HSCA Report - read it here [RECOMMENDED].

(af) for giving two interviews to forensic historian Dick Russell 1975-1976, (ag) for having some sort of nervous breakdown around this time, (ah) for reportedly being contacted for advice by Bulgarian intelligence operative Dimitre Dimitrov [see own entry for more on this encounter] in 1976, (ai) for being signed into three months drug and electroshock therapy 9th November 1976 by his ex-wife Jeanne (Baker, 2009), (aj) for meeting up with Oltmans again 28th February 1977 in the library at Bishop College, during which encounter he was "close to tears", and for agreeing to go with Oltmans to Europe to discuss how he might profit from his memoirs without getting himself permanently silenced ...

**CAMEO - DE MOHRENSCHILDT AND OLMANS, 1976-1977:** Here is forensic historian Dick Russell on the backstory here ...

"My second, and last, visit with de Mohrenschildt took place [in] Dallas, in mid-July 1976. [...] I explained I had heard a rumour about twelve hours of taped interviews that George was supposed to have given to a Dutch journalist friend named Willem Oltmans. Were the de Mohrenschildts thinking about possibly releasing them? Jeanne was adamant that she didn't want them out. George wondered aloud how much money they might bring. 'I want to burn them,' his wife said, shaking her head. In my presence, they decided to write their journalist friend and tell him not to release the tapes under any circumstances. [...] Nine months later, de Mohrenschildt was dead. His final days, as reconstructed afterward in a magazine article by journalist Willem Oltmans, seemed a fittingly Byzantine finish to his strange life. Oltmans had first met de Mohrenschildt in 1967, when he did a series of tapes for a forty-five-minute Netherlands-TV film. [...] According to Oltmans, in 1975 the finished film would mysteriously disappear from the Dutch Broadcasting Corporation's archives. Then, in early December 1976, [...] Oltmans [...] found that de Mohrenschildt had been committed to the Parkland Hospital Medical Clinic for observation. He was receiving heavy drug treatments, and his memory was reportedly impaired. [...] After six weeks, de Mohrenschildt was released from the hospital and resumed teaching at Bishop College. Meeting in a quiet corner of the college library, Oltmans said the baron told him he 'felt responsible for Oswald's role' and wanted to talk about it. But he had been receiving death threats for some time and begged Oltmans to take him to Europe. So he did. On March 5, 1977, while a book contract was being drawn up with a Dutch publishing company, Oltmans said he and de Mohrenschildt took a flight to Europe [...] where] de Mohrenschildt simply disappeared. Ten days later, Oltmans testified about what had transpired in Europe, in a closed session before the House Assassinations Committee in Washington. Then, on March 25, de Mohrenschildt suddenly surfaced at a villa near Palm Beach, Florida, where his daughter was also staying. According to Oltmans, de Mohrenschildt sent him a telephone message, thanking him for his efforts to protect him but saying he had been 'too scared to go through with his confession'" (Russell, 1992, pp171-173).

(ak) for writing up his experiences in Europe in an 11th March 1977 affidavit, in which he mentioned possibly being drugged (Adamson, 1996), (al) for meetings with Epstein 15th March 1977 in NYC and 29th March 1977 in Palm Beach [the final interview ended at noon, a mere hour before GdeM's terminal brain-spattering - Ed.], (am) for very conveniently committing suicide on 29th March 1977, within hours of receiving a summons to appear before the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA).

**ASIDE:** Two days later Jeanne de Mohrenschildt gave said Committee a previously unknown print of one of the Backyard Photographs, CE-133A, with two handwritten dedications on the reverse. JdeM also handed over the aforementioned "Patsy!" manuscript [it may or may not be relevant that she could not do the manuscript without the photograph, because the discovery and re-concealment of the one is described in detail in the other - Ed.].

DeMohrenschildt's death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses" [Amazon - SPECULATIVE BUT MUCH FOOD FOR
De Mohrenschildt's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]: Interview to camera 15th October 1968 (with wife) [YouTube it now]. LAST WORDS: Concerning GdM the man, we repeat author Bruce Campbell Adamson's (1996) summative observation ("Oswald's Closest Friend", K234) that both de Mohrenschildt and LHO went to their graves denying Oswald's guilt. As for the broader history, here is Lateer (2017) again with further trenchant criticism of the part played by White Russians in deflecting United States foreign policy to their own ends (all names have their own entries) ...

"It was a huge mistake to admit White Russians like Alexandra Tolstoy, George de Mohrenschildt, Dimitri de Mohrenschildt, or Count Konstantin Maydell to the United States given their fanatical political beliefs. They had so little use for democracy that they formed a major part of the backbone of the plot to murder America's elected President. That was their thanks to the U.S. for giving them asylum. [...] To the day they died, their country was Russia. Maybe the JFK assassination can serve as a bad example - don't let people into the U.S. unless they sincerely believe in the Constitution ..." (p431).


de Mohrenschildt, Jeanne: One time (1953) business partner of dressmaker Abraham Zapruder, wife of White Russian émigré George de Mohrenschildt since 1959 Jeanne de Mohrenschildt [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of the few people to see the Mannlicher-Carcano before the assassination, placing her firmly on the Mannlicher-Carcano Thread. The sighting took place on 14th April 1963 when she and her husband dropped in on their apartment late one evening. While being shown around by Marina she saw a rifle in a closet, which she later more or less recognised as the alleged assassination weapon. Jeanne De Mohrenschildt's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera (with husband) [YouTube it now].

de Mohrenschildt, Sergius Alexander: [George's father] WWI and Russian Civil War veteran (Imperial Russian Black Sea Fleet until 1917, then White Russian) turned refugee-activist in Lithuania Sergius de Mohrenschildt [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the father of Dimitri and George de Mohrenschildt, (b) for having prospered as a young vice-president of the Nobel Oil Corporation, acquiring land in, and becoming "Marshal of Nobility" in charge of, the Minsk prefecture ...

ASIDE - THE POLIESIE: George de Mohrenschildt would later refer to the family estate as being in the "Poliesie" - better known nowadays as Polesie or Palieski - a tract of remote marshes and woodland in the south-eastern corner of modern Belarus, north of Kiev.

(c) for being dispossessed that land by the 1917 Russian Revolution, (d) for accordingly falling out with the Bolsheviks during the Russian Civil War, reportedly getting exiled to Siberia in 1921 ...

CAMEO - SERGIUS DE MOHRENSCHILDT AND ALLEN DULLES, 1920: Poulgrain (2015) reports that de Mohrenschildt represented Nobel Oil in 1920-1921 negotiations with Standard Oil, in which the corporate lawyer for the American firm was none other than future DCI Allen Dulles.

(e) for finally resettling in Wilno - modern Vilnius, Lithuania - where he became teacher-director of the local gymnasium (high school) ...
reluctant peoples from Estonia on the Baltic to the Ukraine on the Black Sea who sided against the Bolsheviks in the Russian Civil War.

(f) for becoming a Nazi-friendly White Russian in the 1930s, perhaps even reporting on Soviet defences prior to the 1941 Operation Barbarossa, and (g) for therefore being one of those spirited quickly out of Europe during Operation Paperclip in 1945 as a valuable anti-Communist intelligence asset.

**PIONEER "PREPPER"/PIONEER PROVINCIAL MILITIAMAN ****

DePugh, Robert Bolivar: [Read firstly the entry for Discarding Sabot] Serial loser Robert DePugh [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being dismissed the U.S. Army during WW2 for depression, (b) for trying university but dropping out, (c) for running an unsuccessful feedstuffs business 1953-1956, (d) for having better luck with a human dietary supplement business, discovering that a bunker chow named Minuteman Survival Tabs [YouTube a modern generic sold rather well ...

(e) for establishing an anti-Communist preppers' group called the Minutemen [Wikipedia briefing] around the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis [personally, I remember just kissing my arse goodbye - Ed.], (f) for arming his disciples - amongst whom we find none less than Guy Banister - with a Survivalist's instruction book entitled "Blueprint for Victory" [Amazon], (g) for aligning the Minutemen with the fellow hypernoids of the John Birch Society ...

ASIDE - BUNKER CHOW, THEN AND NOW: Bunker chow is nowadays big business. A typical Survivalist website offers both survival gear (knife, etc.) and survival supplies (food, water, etc.). Just browse <survival> and marvel!

CAMEO - RFK VERSUS THE REDNECKS: RFK's battle against the hard right has its roots in the Reuther Memorandum [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser], a letter of complaint from Victor G. Reuther [Wikipedia biography A FASCINATING STORY] and Walter P. Reuther [Wikipedia biography DITTO], officials in the highly respected United Auto Workers (UAW) [Wikipedia briefing], to the effect that they were having trouble with right-wing organisations stirring up non-progressive sentiments amongst their members, thus ...

"The 'Reuther Memorandum', as it became known, targeted groups and individuals much less extreme than the Minutemen, including Billy James Hargis, Fred Schwarz and his Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, the John Birch Society, and the 'Life Line' radio programmes of H. L. Hunt. In the second half of the memo, the Reuthers made several suggestions for action against the far right, including 'steps to end the Minutemen” (George and Wilcox, 1996, p223)

RFK responded to the Reuthers' suggestions by setting up the Ideological Organisations Audit [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] within the IRS to look into such things as financial impropriety. Their investigations were hampered, however, by resistance from the mainstream political right on the grounds that targeting tax audits according to political persuasion was in itself unconstitutional.

(h) for having Illinois gun-runner Richard A. Lauchli, Jr. as one of his first disciples (until he branched out on his own in 1962 to found a rival group known as the Counter Insurgency Council), (i) for being indicted many times on firearms and explosives charges 1966-1970 (although convicted only once), (j) for apparently undergoing some sort of Damascene conversion while in Leavenworth Penitentiary, observing, for example, that "ultra-right philosophy [...] is very easily accepted by the convict population", and becoming concerned with the best criminological practice for the rehabilitation of offenders ...

RESEARCH ISSUE - DEPUGH AND THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS: DePugh’s observation that the "convict population" was easy to convert to a right-wing ideology would nowadays be described as "radicalisation" and is presently being actively researched [Wikipedia briefing]. While in Leavenworth, DePugh wrote the (1974) book "Behind the Iron Mask" [Amazon], in which he discusses the psychological relationship between "liberal prison reform" and reoffending rates. Here is one of his (quite sensible) suggestions …
"The formation of a new sense of personal identity involves more than just the way the prisoner sees himself. A real and permanent change involves the formation of new social bonds. While he is still in prison, it may be desirable to help the prisoner's family move to another city entirely. Thus, on his release, the prisoner need not return to the same old friends and neighbourhood where all his social bonds involve a criminal's sense of personal identity" (DePugh, 1974. quoted in George and Wilcox, 1996, p230).

(k) after his release from Leavenworth in May 1973, for working closely with on-and-off ATF and FBI undercover agent Roy Frankhauser [see own entry], and finally (l) for increasingly falling out with "most of the extreme right" (op. cit., p240), including Willis Carto [see own entry], and drifting off into unrelated business activities. It is also worth noting that a few days after JFK's assassination a friend of DePugh's sent him a used sabot said to have been found in Dealey Plaza. DePugh would later have this trophy impounded as evidence by the FBI, and never returned.

"Desmond, Lloyd K.": [CIA nom-de-guerre; true identity unknown] CIA senior officer "Lloyd K. Desmond" [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the CIA's Head of Station in Athens, Greece, in the early years of the Cold War, (b) for being "directly involved" with the same Spas Raikin who would later collect LHO and Marina Oswald from the New Jersey quayside as they arrived back from the Soviet Union 13th June 1962 ...

CAMEO - THE DESMOND MEMORANDUM: "Desmond" was the author of an internal CIA memorandum 29th November 1951 (now in the public domain) entitled "Escape of Seven Bulgarian Refugees" [full text online - FASCINATING]. In it he describes how Raikin, along with six other Bulgarian men who had escaped to Greece, had been interrogated "to ascertain their future possible operational use", and then placed in safe houses to await suitable projects (Albarelli, 2013, K3840).

and (c) 12 years later for conducting some of the emergency post-Assassination investigations into LHO's Mexico City Trip (Albarelli, 2013, K3841).

Detachment 101: Founded by the Office of the Coordinator of Information [Wikipedia briefing] only weeks before it evolved into the OSS in June 1942, Detachment 101 [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being deployed 14th April 1942 for action behind enemy lines in Burma ... QUICKIE - DETACHMENT 101 IN BURMA, 1942-1945: The unit's duties were to gather intelligence, harass the enemy, clear landing strips in the jungle, identify targets for bombing raids, and rescue downed airmen. It made extensive use of the indigenous Kachin tribespeople, who were fielded as Kachin Rangers [YouTube video briefing] under the command, initially, of Carl F. Eifler [Wikipedia biography].

... and (b) for including amongst its number 1942-1946, the CIA's future Bay of Pigs war room director, Jake Esterline [see own entry].

de Torres, Bernardo: [a.k.a. Leopoldo] Cuba-born Miami-based anti-Castro militant and CIA operative Bernardo de Torres [Spartacus Educational biography] was Brigade 2506's Chief of Intelligence for the Bay of Pigs Invasion. He was captured and held until ransomed by the U.S. government in late 1962, whereupon he became a member of INTERPEN. In his 2017 book "Killing Kennedy" Steven Hager placed him as a "photographer" in Dealey Plaza, although on precisely whose behalf was not stated. De Torres would later work with Jim Garrison during his 1967 conspiracy investigation, at a time that witnesses such as David Ferrie and Eladio del Valle were being silenced and fruitless dead-ends abounded [real cynics assert that he cooperated in order to work out whom to silence next, and then did the job himself - Ed.]. Garrison eventually concluded that de Torres was part of a CIA operation to disrupt the investigation.

Deutsche Evangelische Kirche (DEK): See the entry for Bekennende Kirche (BK).

Deutsche Kristen (DK): See the entry for Bekennende Kirche (BK).
Deveraux, Johnny Mitchell: An obscure player named Johnny Deveraux [no convenient biography] may have been involved in the patsification of LHO in Mexico City. He will also be named in due course in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so outer sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination.

Devereux, [Sir]2016 Robert John: See the entry for Great Pension Conspiracy.

Devine, Thomas J.: CIA officer Thomas Devine [Spartacus Educational biography] had been involved with George H. W. Bush in 1953 during the setting up of Bush's Zapata Oil.

De Zayas, Alfred-Maurice: Cuban-born American-Swiss historian and human rights lawyer Alfred-Maurice de Zayas [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his work as a research academic in the 1970s, which gained him such a reputation in international law that during the 1980s and 1990s he was increasingly involved with various human rights agencies of the United Nations. As a result of these experiences he has become increasingly vocal of late in campaigning against large-scale and systemic human rights abuses, ethnic cleansing, and war crimes. His ideas have been encapsulated in the U.N.'s assertion that there is, or at least should be, a Human Right to Peace [see own entry]. He seems to have been professionally ostracised since 2012 firstly for writings described by some as anti-Semitic, and, more recently, for judging that US sanctions on Venezuela were (and still are) illegal as they constituted economic warfare and "could amount to 'crimes against humanity' under international law" (Selby-Green, The Independent, 26th January 2019).

Diaz Garcia, Herminio: Bodyguard/assassin from the Santos Trafficante stable Herminio Diaz Garcia [Spartacus Educational biography] would be one of the two colleagues identified by Tony Cuesta as having been a three-man shooting team in Dallas (the third being Eladio del Valle). He was named again in 2007 by Reinaldo Martinez Gomez.

Díaz Recinos, Adolfo: Nicaraguan businessman-politician President[1911-1917, 1926-1929] Adolfo Díaz [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the initial focus of Augusto Sandino's [see own entry] guerrilla campaign in the years 1927 to 1928.

Diem, Ngo Dinh: South Vietnamese politician Ngo Dinh Diem [Wikipedia biography] was U.S.-backed President of South Vietnam until assassinated during CIA-backed Duong Van Minh's coup d'état on 2nd November 1963. One of the CIA men close to the action (overseeing his first Presidential assassination that month, and himself protégé of the National Security Council's Walt Rostow) was Dealey Plaza's Edward Lansdale.


Diggs, Marshall: See the entry for Mario Kohly.

Dilger, Anton: WW1 German-American physician turned WW1 German secret agent and biological warfare operative Anton Dilger [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being recruited by German spymaster Rudolf Nadolny [see own entry] in 1915 to set up a secret bacteriology lab at Chevy Chase DC, and for mounting a sustained anthrax attack on horses being traded out of the still-neutral United States to Britain, and (b) for himself succumbing to the Spanish Flu Pandemic 17th October 1918. FURTHER READING: For a longer introduction to the Chevy Chase sabotage cell, see the entry for Wheelis [see the COVID Timeline 17th September 1998] and Robert L. Koenig's (2006) book "The Fourth Horseman" [Amazon].
Dillard, Thomas C.: Photographer Tom Dillard [no convenient biography] was in Camera #3, front seat, right. took two photographs at the time of the assassination, one of which, upon subsequent enhancement, appear to show a man's face at the west window of TSBD6. However in the commonly available online reproductions of this image this area of the facade has been cropped, so - since it has been suggested elsewhere that this is Loy Factor's window - there is still a lot of work to be done on this story. Dillard's evident profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

****A VERY DODGY TALE, BUT WORTH A LOOK NONETHELESS ****
"I know who killed President Kennedy, and I know why"

Dimitrov, Dimitre Andropov: [Cover name Lyle O. Kelly; a.k.a. Donald A. Donaldson] [Read firstly the entry for Projects Bluebird and Artichoke, the cameos on Cold War Bulgaria in the entries for Kim Philby and Spas Raikin, and the entry for David Morales - IMPORTANT.] Bulgarian anti-Communist dissident and agitator "General" Dimitre Dimitrov [no convenient biography and difficult to browse because of name clashes] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a resistance fighter in Soviet-occupied Bulgaria in the late 1940s, before escaping through the Iron Curtain to become a refugee in Cold War Greece, (b) for being the subject of Joseph Pritchett's [see own entry] 25th January 1952 briefing of Project Artichoke project manager Morse Allen [see own entry], and by that token also the subject of the resulting Morse Allen Memorandum ...

CAMEO - THE 1952 MORSE ALLEN MEMORANDUM: Here, in a difficult mixture of 1952 direct and indirect quotation and 2013 narrative, is how forensic historian Hank P. Albarelli, Jr. tells Dimitrov's story in his (2013) book "A Secret Order" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED]. We have set Allen's original 1952 text in blue for ease of tracking ...

"'Mr. Pritchett explained in substance the Kelly Case as follows: Kelly, (whose real name is Dimitre Dimitrov), is a 29-year-old Bulgarian and was the head of a small political party based in Greece and [ostensibly] working for Bulgarian independence. [Dimitrov] was described by Pritchett as being young, ambitious, bright [...] , a sort of a "man-on-a-horse" type but a typical Bulgarian politician'. Pritchett further explained to Allen that several months earlier, CIA field operatives 'had discovered that the French intelligence service was attempting to bribe Dimitrov and make him a double agent, and Dimitrov was looking with favour upon the French offer'. As a result, continued the memorandum, 'a plot was rigged in which [Dimitrov] was told he was going to be assassinated and as a protective he was placed in custody of the Greek police.' Successfully duped, Dimitrov was then thrown into a Greek prison. (At this point in time, Dimitrov was given the pseudonym 'Lyle O. Kelly' by the CIA's Office of Security.) In prison he was subjected to intensive interrogation and torture. [...] Greek intelligence and law enforcement agencies were especially barbaric in their methods. [...] According to Allen's memo, after holding Dimitrov for six months Greek authorities decided he was no more than 'a nuisance' and they told the CIA 'to take him back' [...] whereupon they] flew him to a secret military interrogation centre housed in an American military hospital in Panama [...] 'as a psychopathic patient’" (Albarelli, 2013, K2992-3010).

Albarelli goes on to explain how Dimitrov's transfer to Panama inadvertently caused more problems than it resolved ...

"The hospital and interrogation centre where Dimitre Dimitrov was placed were on the grounds of the U.S. Army's Fort Clayton in Panama. In the 1950s, Fort Clayton, along with nearby sister installations, Fort Amador and Fort Gulick, both in Panama, were the original sites of the Army's notorious School of the Americas which, among other activities, trained the world's most notorious foreign police units [...] in interrogation techniques and torture. [...] Indeed after leaving Panama, Dimitrov would say that while being held on the ischemia, he encountered several people who have emerged over the past fifty years as possible key players in the JFK murder. One of these people was David Sanchez Morales [...], a.k.a. 'El Indio' and 'Didi'. Dimitrov first encountered David Morales in early 1951 in Frankfurt, Germany, where Morales was stationed near the CIA holding facility where Dimitrov had been sent from Athens. Entirely coincidentally, Dimitrov encountered Morales again in Panama about eight months later. [...] Beginning in 1951, Fort Amador and Fort Gulick were used extensively by the Army and the CIA as secret experimental sites for developing 'behaviour modification' using a wide range of techniques, including 'truth drugs', mescaline, LSD, and heroin. Former CIA officials have also long claimed that in the 1950s and later, Fort Clayton and Fort Amador housed and trained a number of Army assassination teams" (op. cit., K3010-3034).

And this is where Projects Bluebird and Artichoke enter the narrative ...
"After months of confinement in Panama, Pritchett explained, Dimitrov had become a serious problem for the CIA and the military officials holding him in the hospital. Dimitrov had become increasingly angry and bitter about his treatment. [...] He was also of great concern to the CIA because he was witnessing a great deal of Project Artichoke activity at both the interrogation centre and hospital. [...] In 1951, just weeks before Bluebird was renamed Artichoke, officials within the CIA's Security Office - working in tandem with cleared scientists from Camp Detrick's Special Operations Division, who in turn worked with a select group of scientists from Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland - began a series of ultra-secret experiments with LSD, mescaline, peyote [etc.]. On occasion, while at Fort Clayton, Dimitre Dimitrov would engage military and CIA officials in unauthorised conversations concerning the Artichoke Project activities. Pritchett explained to Allen [that they were] 'considering an Artichoke approach to Dimitrov to see if it would be possible to reorient him favourably toward us'. Explained Pritchett, 'This [Artichoke] operation, which will necessarily involve the use of drugs, is being considered by OPC with a possibility that Dr. [Robert S.] Ecke [see own entry] and Mike Gladych [see own entry] will carry out the operation" (op. cit., K3068-K3137).

(c) for being duly Artichoked in March 1952 ...

"In March 1952, [...] Dimitrov was 'successfully given the Artichoke treatment in Panama for a period of about five weeks'. While specific details [...] remain unavailable, subsequent statements made by Dimitrov himself make it clear that he was subjected to intense and repeated interrogation using an array of drugs, including LSD, heroin, and barbiturates, and 'near weekly hypnosis sessions' that also made use of an array of drugs. Dimitrov further stated that he was subjected to electro-shock treatments, used in combination with LSD 'so as to jumble my thoughts and memories' and 'to try to create a total amnesia' in his mind of all events that occurred in Greece and Panama" (op. cit., K3171).

(d) for returning to Athens 1952-1956, no longer deemed a threat, (e) for finally being allowed entry into the United States, arriving in NYC 26th November 1956 together with his wife and daughter, (f) for reportedly soliciting film producers in and around 1958, trying to drum up interest in a film about his adventures to date, (g) for hawking his Panama story to magazines in and around 1961, not realising that the editors would quite properly check with the intelligence services before taking any decisions, (h) for being we know not where in assassination year 1963, (i) for being arrested 3rd April 1964 for a series of swindles going back to 1956 and often involving funding for movie-making projects ...

CAUTION: Items (f)(g)(i) clearly paint Dimitrov as someone to whom exaggeration and overstatement was a way of life, and the remainder of this entry should be studied with that in mind.

(j) for going dark until 1975, (k) for reappearing on the scene with a 15th September 1975 letter to Senator Frank Church, cheekily suggesting that his story might be relevant [it most certainly would have been - Ed.] to the ongoing Church Committee Inquiry into the probity of the intelligence services, (l) for reportedly contacting George de Mohrenschildt in 1976, who was at the time trying to monetise his own memoirs, and (m) (perhaps as a result of (l)) for engaging in a prolonged set-to in 1977 with Dutch spook-journalist Willem Oltmans, thus (as told to forensic historian Dick Russell in his (1992) book "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [Amazon]) ...

"While in Europe [Oltmans] was contacted by a Bulgarian who called himself 'Donald A. Donaldson'. His real name was Dimotor [sic] Dimitrov, and he said he was a titular American general. He informed Oltmans that de Mohrenschildt had 'contacted the wrong people in Brussels,' and, upon returning stateside, received instructions in Washington to 'go to Florida where he would be less exposed [...] and here he was murdered by two men. They first offered him safe conduct to Mexico, and they also asked him to sign a false document drawn up by the CIA. George did so and was killed.' After all, these experts know only too well how to make it look like a suicide" (Oltmans on Dimitrov, as told to Russell, 1992, p174).

Two decades later Albarelli (2013) added the following detail ...

"Dimitrov and de Mohrenschildt spoke at least once on the telephone and Dimitrov later said:[GdeM] told me I would serve myself well by going to the press [and] telling my story'. On March 29, 1977, Dimitre Dimitrov, after recovering from his shock at having learned that George de Mohrenschildt had allegedly killed himself that same day, telephoned [Oltmans and told him] that his name was 'Jim Adams' and that he was interested in
Oltmans' assistance in producing a big budget Hollywood film about JFK's assassination. [...] Dimitrov and Oltmans agreed to meet on May 31, 1977, at the Amsterdam Marriott Hotel. [...] As time went on, however, Dimitrov found ample cause to distrust Oltmans and to fear his tendency toward grandstanding and blatant opportunism. [...] Within weeks of their first meeting, Oltmans was attempting to convince Dimitrov to provide him with exclusive information about who had killed Kennedy and why, so that he could broker a deal for Dimitrov with then-President Jimmy Carter (Albarelli, 2013, K3275-3297).

Dimitrov died 2007 in Canada. He never did get to tell what he knew. **OUR VERDICT:** (1) It is likely that Dimitrov was indeed aggressively interrogated in 1952, because many refugees from behind the Iron Curtain were actually Soviet agents. (2) It is not established beyond reasonable doubt that the interrogation produced no permanent cognitive or personality defects. (3) there are long dark periods 1952-1956, 1963-1964, 1964-1975, and 1977 onward, when he could have been on active U.S. service, and (4) in his three-cornered relationship with George de Mohrenschildt and Willem Oltmans it is far from clear which of them was the biggest scoundrel. However (5), because it has since been established beyond doubt that the aforementioned David Morales was a Grade A serial hitman with claims to have been in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963, we suspect that this was the name Dimitrov was trying to sell, and if that were indeed the case then he was lucky to escape with his life.

**Dinkin, Eugene B.:** The story is commonly related that U.S. Army signals operator Eugene Dinkin [no convenient biography] had been on duty at Metz, France, on 22nd October and 2nd November 1963 when he intercepted and decoded two messages from a Rome-based CIA officer to a French Intelligence contact in Marseilles offering a contract for their ace hitman, referred to by the codename QJ/WIN [q.v.], and stating the target as JFK later in the month.

**CAUTION:** Sadly it ain't quite as easy as that, for the counter-narrative was in place before the narrative had run its course. Here are the competing stories ...

In the Conspiracists' version of the story the messages contained the names William Harvey, Jean Souetre, and Guy Banister, at least one of whom (Souetre) was in Dealey Plaza at the time of the Assassination. Dinkin duly reported the intercept to his superiors, and the next thing he knew was that they were taking steps to declare him mentally ill. He therefore went AWOL 4th November and made his way to Geneva, where on 6th or 7th November he told his story to a number of reporters in the Press Room, who apparently regarded him as a "crackpot". He then managed to get off a letter to Attorney General RFK warning him of the threat to his brother before being arrested on 13th November and transferred to Bethesda for highly aggressive brainwashing.

In the Establishment version of the story - now fully supported by recent document releases - Dinkin is characterised from the outset as a mentally unstable oddball. Yes he went AWOL 4th November, yes he engaged with reporters in Geneva, and yes he returned to his unit in Metz 11th November. But this was all part of a mental breakdown, and there never were any suspicious decrypts. Much is also now made of an incident 26th November at the Paris office of Time-Life, but this is just chaff. Click here for the Mary Ferrell Foundation's ruling on the issue, and note the nature of the supporting click-throughs - **FASCINATING.**

**Directive 15:** See the inset in the entry for Marilyn Murret.

**Directorate of Military Intelligence (AMAN):** Created in 1950 this is the IDF's overarching military intelligence department [Wikipedia briefing].

**Directorate of Plans (CIA/DP):** Founded on 4th January 1951 by the merger of the Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) and the Office of Special Operations (OSO), the Directorate of Plans [Wikipedia briefing] was responsible for the "coordination, de-confliction, and evaluation of clandestine operations". The Deputy Director was Allen Dulles until 23rd August 1951. In 1973 it was renamed the Directorate of Operations.
**Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE):** [Codename *AMSPELL*] Founded in Cuba in the mid-1950s the DRE [Wikipedia briefing] was moved to Miami, FL, after the Castro revolution and taken over by the CIA as an anti-Castro front organisation run by *George Joannides*. In the present context its allocated role was to publicise LHO's pro-Castro links as early as possible after the assassination, as explained in the entry for *Carlos Bringuier*. Browse the [LHO Patsification Thread](#) for the integrated story.

**DISC:** See Defense Industrial Security Command.

**Discarding Sabot:** [French word for "wooden clog", pronounced "sab-oh"] In the world of ballistics, a sabot is usually a cylindrical outer casing which allows an undersized projectile to be fired from a given gun barrel. See one here ...

The term is noteworthy in the present context because if you encased a spent 6.5mm bullet in a .30-06 sabot you could use a common-or-garden American rifle to fire one of the much rarer Mannlicher-Carcano bullets; and if that 6.5mm bullet had already been fired you would preserve its prior markings. Sabots, in short, are ideal for framing someone.

**ASIDE:** Sabots have been under discussion in the histories since the notion was first raised in Jim Marrs' 1987 book "Crossfire". Other names for this trick of firing undersized bullets are "husking" or "wildcatting".

**Disinfo:** "False information spread deliberately to deceive" (Wikipedia). Hager (2017) likens disinfo to anti-missile *chaff* [Wikipedia briefing], because it interferes with the figure-ground processing so vital to visual perception (that is to say, it stops a target emerging clearly from its background).

**Division Five:** Purportedly a clandestine division of the FBI responsible for "special assignments and assassinations", including counterespionage and intelligence gathering. Fronted by *William Sullivan* and with such as Major *Louis Bloomfield* on its payroll, it may or may not have officially included an assassinations function, but operations to that end would have been easy to arrange unofficially even if it had not. The work of Division Five is alluded to in many histories.

**Dobriansky, Lev E.:** NYC-born to Ukrainian parents, academic economist *Lev Dobriansky* [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for campaigning from the mid-1950s onward on behalf of the "captive nations" - the Soviet-occupied lands of Eastern Europe and White Russia, (b) for chairing the management board of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) [see own entry] during the mid-1960s, (c) for serving 1982-1986 as U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas, and (d) for helping to set up the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation [Wikipedia briefing] in 1993. **RECOMMENDED READING:** There is much to be learned from this 23rd November 1966 CIA memorandum [full text online], in that it indicates that Dobriansky could on occasions be too right-wing even for Agency!

**Docherty, Gerry:** Scottish schoolteacher turned forensic historian *Gerry Docherty* [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as co-author (with *Jim Macgregor* [see own entry]) of two alternative histories of WW1. The first, published 2013, is entitled "Hidden Histories" [Amazon], in which the
part played by a select and highly discrete coterie of American, British, French, and Russian bankers, industrialists, aristocrats, and royalty in railroading the world into WW1 during the famous 1914 July Crisis [see 29th June 1914]. The second, published 2017, is entitled "Prolonging the Agony" [Amazon] and describes the part played by bankers and industrialists [those whom we know today as "the military industrial complex" - Ed.] in deliberately prolonging that war once started.

"Dr. Bowers": In Judyth Vary Baker's (2014) book "Ferrie" a vaguely specified "Dr. Bowers" is mentioned [p218, in the entry for 10th July 1963 - Ed.] as having once passed on a message to her from Alton Ochsner. Two Drs. Bowers were associated with Tulane Medical School and/or Ochsner Foundation Hospital research in New Orleans at that time, namely Cyril Yarling Bowers [see own entry] and John Zimmerman Bowers [see own entry]. Baker now believes (personal communication, 2019) that it was the former.

Dr. Mary: See the entry for Mary Sherman.

"Doctor Strangelove": [Read firstly the entry for Burris Memorandum] "Arguably the best political satire of the century", this movie [Wikipedia filmography] by Stanley Kubrick (Director/Screenplay) and Terry Southern (Screenplay) depicts a U.S. first strike nuclear attack on the Soviet Union "in late 1963" (the movie was to have gone on release 22nd November 1963, but this was put back to 29th January 1964 for obvious reasons following the assassination). Curtis LeMay has been critically identified in the movie as both Jack Ripper and Buck Turgidson. For further study see Schlosser's (2014 [FULL TEXT ONLINE]) fifty year retrospective entitled "Almost Everything in 'Dr. Strangelove' Was True", and then play yourself to sleep.

Dodd Hearings: We refer here to the Inquiry chaired by Senator Thomas J. Dodd, Sr. [Wikipedia biography] concerning the law on the interstate sales of firearms. The Inquiry began taking evidence on 29th January 1963 and a subset of its findings was implemented by the Gun Control Act, 1968 [Wikipedia briefing]. According to the La Fontaines in their 1996 book "Oswald Talked" [Amazon], the suppliers of LHO's revolver and rifle - Seaport Traders and Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc., respectively - both came under scrutiny during the investigations.


Dodge, Grenville Mellen: Civil War veteran, military spymaster, Chief Engineer to the Union Pacific Railroad, and occasional politician Grenville Dodge [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for heading President William McKinley's Presidential Commission into the performance of the War Department under Russell Alger during the Spanish-American War [see 15th February 1898].

***** MORE TO THIS MAN THAN MEETS THE EYE *****

D'Oench, Russell ["Derry"] Grace Gilchrist (16th February 1927-2002): Son and heir to the W. R. Grace and Company [see own entry REVELATORY] shipping fortune Russell ["Derry"] D'Oench [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for appearing out of nowhere in the literature as serving with OSS during WW2 ... CAMEO - DERRY D’OENCH, OSS: Here, from Smith (op. cit. inf.), is D'Oench's first intelligence service citation. However, given his date of birth, we can only surmise that he was in London in his mid-teens with one of his relatives at the shipping company office, and tagged along (as filing clerk perhaps) to briefings at the U.S. Embassy ...

"Working with the counter-intelligence section of MI-6 to penetrate the German espionage network in Europe was an OSS team headed by Norman Holmes Pearson [Wikipedia biography], a distinguished Yale professor of English. He was assisted by Robert Blum [no convenient biography], a Yale instructor in international relations, and liberal Chicago attorney Hubert Will [Wikipedia biography]. [...] [MI-6's] principal function was foreign espionage and here the British found eager American students in
Donovan’s Special Intelligence Branch [Wikipedia briefing]. SI chief was Dr. William [P.] Maddox [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] [...]. With the assistance of Russell D’Oench, the grandson of the founder of the Grace Shipping Lines, Maddox developed a close working arrangement with MI-6. The British transmitted reams of intelligence information to Maddox’s staff” (p165).

... (b) for then turning up again in Zurich in the fall of 1944 ...

Readers unfamiliar with the names <Emmy Rado> or <Hans Gisevius> should check out their entries, plus that for <Stewart W. Herman> before proceeding ESSENTIAL PARALLEL NARRATIVE

CAMEO - D'OENCH AND THE WW2 END GAME: Here is Smith again ...

"Dulles came upon few ideas that merited close consideration, but one suggestion caught his interest. Mrs. Emmy Rado, an attractive Swiss-born OSS analyst [...] felt OSS could work effectively through the World Council of Churches [see own entry REVELATORY] to aid anti-Nazi German clergymen [...] in future intelligence operations. He invited her to join his Bern team at the beginning of [1945]. Dulles returned to Switzerland at the end of October [1944] to find an entirely new OSS staff awaiting him. Russell D’Oench, scion of the Grace shipping line family, left his SI Branch assignment in London to become Dulles' man in Zurich. [...] At the Italian border, the OSS liaison officers to the Italian resistance [names] were joined by Russian émigré Valerian Lada-Mocarski [Prabook stub biography], who sat with Dulles on the board of directors of the British-owned Schroeders Bank [see the entry for "Hitler's best fundraiser", Kurt Schröder REVELATORY]. He had left his OSS post in Cairo to assist Dulles in contacting dissident Jewish fascist officials” (pp223-224).

... (c) for being listed as a PFC at the USMC's Camp Lejeune in 1946 (citation), (d) for duties unknown 1946-1949, (e) for then marrying Ellen ["Puffin"] Gates [Wikipedia biography], Vassar friend of then-still-Bouvier Jacqueline Kennedy, in around 1950, (f) for retiring, precise year unknown, to a long civilian career as publisher/small town press baron. He died in 2002, aged 75. FURTHER READING: For more on the OSS's war (but nothing more on D’Oench) see Richard Harris Smith's (1972) well-respected and frequently cited "OSS" [Amazon]. Deep researchers may also be interested in the entry for J. Peter Grace, Jr. REVELATORY.

***** NICE SENSIBLE CONSPIRACY THEORY *****


***** OR PERHAPS ... METACONSPIRACY THEORY*****

It is almost as if he is deliberately presenting the very best conspiracy theory alongside some of the very daftest [viz. UFOs] with a specific view to the daft belittling the sensible. Which, were it true, would indicate a counterintelligence agency of the very cleverest kind at work. It sure comes to something when you start seeing conspiracies in the conspiracies!

Dole, Sanford Ballard: Hawaiian born of white Christian missionary stock lawyer-politician Sanford Dole [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being one of the architects of the 1887 "Bayonet Constitution", and of the 1887 Missionary Rebellion which forced same on the Hawaiian monarchy [check it out]. He was also a prime mover in the more successful 1893 Hawaiian Coup [check it out], and was President of the temporary Hawaiian Republic before the islands became a United States territory in 1898, and Governor of said territory until 1903.

***** NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE "GREAT RESET" *****

Dollar Reset of 2021, The: We refer here to the force-of-circumstances Currency Reset [see own entry] which took hold in the economies of the United States and many of its dollar-bound partners during
2021. The Dollar Reset of 2021 [not yet historicised, so see the YouTubes below for now] is particularly noteworthy for having been talked about in the financial media, as though by an all-seeing narrator, in real time, beginning many months before casualties started to mount up. Here, in date order, are a 14-month cross section of pieces from social media ... 

The 2021 Dollar Crash - YouTube, CNBC, June 2020
The 2021 Dollar Crash - YouTube, CNBC, March 2021
The 2021 Dollar Crash - YouTube, Heresy Financial, August 2021

At time of writing [= August 2021], the 2021 Dollar Crash is work in progress and developments are being closely monitored, so visit again soon ...

Domestic Operations Base (DOB): Originally approved 22nd January 1952 under CIA Project AE-ACRE [see own entry] as a "sterile headquarters" with attendant safe houses to support the training and operations of REDSOX\(^1\) agents for deployment behind enemy lines, the Domestic Operations Base (DOB) [browsers will find several CIA declassified documents, but no core briefing] was based at Alexandria VA. The installation was reorganised in 1962 as the headquarters department of the CIA's Domestic Operations Division (DOD). The new chief was Perry Crookham [see own entry], assisted by (in Dealey Plaza on the day) William "Rip" Robertson [see own entry]. Tracy Barnes [see own entry] took over as C/DOD/DOB in mid-1963. One of the DOB’s continuing remits was to oversee the CIA's various corporate operations - names below - ensuring that they retained their cover story veneer of respectability. Here is how Judyth Vary Baker and Edward Schwartz's 2017 book "Kennedy & Oswald" [Amazon] summarises testimony from one of the DOB’s erstwhile foot-soldiers, Donald Deneselya (all names have their own entries) ...

"The DOB was a Covert Action Division, located in Alexandria, VA, approximately a one hour drive from the official CIA headquarters in Langley, VA. Another important, less secretive CIA component, the Domestic Operations Division (DOD), facetiously known as the 'Dirty Tricks Division', was founded in 1962 by Tracy Barnes . [...] The Chief of the DOB oversaw all of the CIA's corporate assets such as INTERARMCO, a global armaments distribution company, Air America, a global illegal drug distribution company, and Zapata Offshore, the oil company associated with George H. W. Bush" (Baker and Schwartz, 2017, p1).

\(^1\)REDSOX was the generic term for such agents.

Domestic Propaganda: That subset of a government's propaganda intended for home consumption, that is to say, by one's own citizens rather than one's enemy or neutrals. Monger (2012) regards much of Britain's domestic propaganda in the latter years of the war as being designed primarily to weaken the pacifist movement and discourage strikes in the armaments factories and shipyards.

Dominguez Martinez, Angel: See the entry for Miguel Casas Saez.

Donald, William ["Number One White Boy"] Henry: [Read firstly the sidenotes in the entry for John M. Birch.] Australian China-hand journalist William Donald [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as favoured counsel to the Nationalist Chinese government in the early 1930s, and for having used his influence to point the embryonic Chinese Air Force in the direction of American manufacturers rather than British or Italian.

Donnelly, Christopher Nigel: Retired Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, lecturer Christopher Donnelly [no convenient biography but the occasional snippet to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a long-term advisor to NATO and a succession of British Defence Secretaries, (b) as one of the founders of the Institute of Statecraft [see own entry], nowadays one of Britain's foremost purveyors of right-wing disinformation, and (c) for seeing signs of left-wing "disinformation and malign influence" just about everywhere. YouTube him and his preachings here.
Donovan, William ["Wild Bill"] Joseph: Decorated WW1 veteran and head of the OSS during WW2. William J. ["Wild Bill"] Donovan [Wikipedia biography] worked closely with Allen Dulles in the late 1940s and became Ambassador to Thailand in 1953. He retired a year later and died in 1959. He is noteworthy in the present context as a possible associate of Dr. Alton Ochsner during WW2, at which time Ochsner was setting up his Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans.

***** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

"An example of 'celebrity sainthood'" (Kinzer, 2013)
"Consummate bullshit artist" (Boot, 2018)

Dooley, Thomas Anthony, III: American physician, CIA operative, and prolific state propagandist. Thomas A. Dooley III [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating in medicine from the Saint Louis School of Medicine in 1953, (b) for joining the Navy, seeing early service in Yokosuka, Japan, (c) for being transferred to South Vietnam in 1954, where he helped to screen the hundreds of thousands of post-partition refugees from the north, (d) for falling in with the propaganda side of General John W. O'Daniel's [Wikipedia biography] Military Advisory Assistance Group (MAAG) [Wikipedia briefing], unethically using his caseload as a source of lurid anti-Communist stories to keep the folks back home onside, (e) for thereby being recruited by Edward G. Lansdale, head of the Saigon CIA Station (the man destined, in 1963, to be Dealey Plaza's most reluctant photo opp), to develop this line of propaganda in the form of the (1956) "Deliver Us From Evil" [Amazon COMPULSORY READING] ...

CAMEO - "DELIVER US FROM EVIL": [To save duplication of effort, read firstly the 29 entries (for 1914 alone!!) in the sub-thread <Censorship, Propaganda, and Recruitment> in the Companion Resource; start at 5th August 1914, and follow the onward pointers ESSENTIAL READING.] This 1956 piece of intellectual garbage trots out the same atrocity lines as did the 1914 attempts to whip up hatred against "The Hun". Babies are bayoneted (mutatis mutandis) and religious persecutions abound. Dooley's mentor in all this was Navy publicity man William Lederer [Wikipedia biography], who then happily let the lies ride, only admitting 30 years later that they "never took place" (source). By then, however, like Pandora's freed evils, the lies had been irretrievably Reader's Digested into the right-wing American mindset.

... (f) for setting up a cover organisation in 1958 under the name Medical International Cooperation Organisation (MEDICO) (Wilford, op. cit. inf.) to run intelligence posts disguised as humanitarian aid missions close to the Chinese border, and (g) (despite being outed for homosexuality) for continuing in that role until retiring with cancer in 1959. He died in 1961, aged 34. One eulogist proudly described him as "one of those rare Americans who is truly a citizen of the world" [sadly, as 2021 dawns, much of that world has begun to wish they were a lot rarer - Ed.]. FURTHER READING: Much of Chapter 8 of Hugh Wilford's (2008) book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon] is devoted to the story of Dooley and Lederer.

Dormant, Elsie: Employed in the Scott, Foresman Company area of TSBD4. Elsie Dormant [no convenient biography] was filming the Presidential motorcade from a window when the shooting took place, in the company of fellow-workers Sandra Styles, Elsie Dormant, and Victoria Adams. She took 24 seconds of film - the only film on the day taken from inside the TSBD - and then took it home and hid it in a cupboard. After her death her son donated it to the Sixth Floor Museum in 1995, but as it turned out she was no Cecil B. de Mille - YouTube it now (it was her husband's camera and it was her first time at the eyepiece). Dormans' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED];

***** Candidate JFK Military-Industrial Complex Conspirator *****
[Old Hitler hand now Bell Helicopters Vice-President based in Fort Worth]

Dornberger, Walter Robert: German (later American) engineer Walter Dornberger [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been second only to Werner von Braun in
developing the Nazi V-2 rocket, 1930-1945, (b) for being spirited off to the United States in 1945 as part of Operation Paperclip, and put to work on the American missile programme, (c) for joining the Bell Aircraft Corporation at Forth Worth TX in 1950, rising to Vice-President, (d) for being accused by L. Fletcher Prouty in 1992 of somewhat improperly putting profits before peace when, in October 1963, JFK had proposed reducing the U.S. presence in Indochina ... "Continuing the warfare in Vietnam [...] was of vital importance to these powerful financial and manufacturing groups. And helicopters, of course, were but one part of the $220 billion\(^1\) cost of U.S. participation in that conflict. [...] The success of the deal between [various corporations named] and Bell hinged on the escalation of the war in Indochina. A key man in the plan was Walter Dornberger [...]. Kennedy had announced a reduced military budget, the end of American participation in Indochina, and a major change in the race to the moon. [...] On November 21 [1963], the President and his party spent the night in Fort Worth [because it] was scheduled to get the multi-billion-dollar Bell helicopter business” (Prouty, 1992, pp290-291).

\(^1\)Roberts (1994) puts the cost of the war at more than twice this figure.

**FURTHER READING:** For more on the withdrawal of the U.S. advisors and the cost of the rotary wing offensive in Vietnam, much of which went to the shareholders in Bell Aircraft, see the insets in the entry for the Gulf of Tonkin Incident.


**Douglas, Daniel Wayne**: According to the La Fontaines’ 1996 book "Oswald Talked", car thief Daniel Douglas [no convenient biography] was coincidentally on his way onto DPDHQ to confess to a car theft. With more important things to worry about, DPD duly placed Douglas in a triplex holding cell, specifically F-1, where he would shortly be joined by John Elrod (Cell F-3) and LHO (Cell F-2). To save duplication, the conclusion of this story is told in the entry for Elrod.

**Douglass, James W.**: Assassination researcher James Douglass [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his 2008 book "JFK and the Unspeakable" [Amazon], in which he argues that understanding WHY things happened as they did is just as important as HOW. This required him to re-shake the assassination evidence box, and this, in turn threw new emphasis on a number of hitherto overlooked incidents, such as the story of Abraham Bolden [see own entry]. The story is well trailed in an accompanying video promotion [YouTube it now].

**Douthitt, Melody Jane**: Lawyer Melody Douthitt [no convenient biography] represented Mary Bledsoe during her testimony to the Warren Commission, and is suspected by some of conveniently organising what her client had to say.

**Dove, John**: British journalist John Dove [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked in the South African civil service during the 1900s and for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for serving in military intelligence in France during WW1, and (c) for becoming Editor of The Round Table between 1921 and 1934. In this latter role he naturally had to keep abreast of things, and his correspondence from 1923 indicates that he was particularly disturbed by Raymond Poincaré’s [see own entry] Occupation of the Ruhr [Wikipedia briefing] in early 1923 in order to collect overdue German reparations in kind [i.e., coal], thus ...

"It seems to me that the most disastrous effect of Poincaré's policy would be the final collapse of democracy in Germany [...] and we shall find ourselves, willy-nilly, lined up again with France to avert a danger which French action has again called into being” (letter to Robert Brand, 4th October 1923, cited in Quigley, 1949, p147).
70 million deaths later (low-end estimate), few in 1945 even knew that such warnings had ever been given. Dove also warned - again to deaf ears - that Palestine had all the makings of a Grade A trouble-spot, thus ...

"Personally, I don't see the slightest harm in Jews coming to Palestine under reasonable conditions [...] for it will add to the strength of the larger unit which some day is going to include Palestine. But they must be content to be part of such a potential unit. They need have no fear of absorption, for they have everything to gain from an Arab Federation" (letter to Robert Brand, undated, cited in Quigley, 1949, p171; emphasis added).

There's many a slip, as they say.

Downey, William T.: Dallas resident Bill Downey [no convenient biography] was at the corner of Main Street and Houston when the motorcade passed by, and personally heard the shooting from the direction of the TSBD. Later that weekend, BEFORE LHO had himself been shot, he had a phone call from his friend, and Ruby's flatshare, George Senator, offering to cook breakfast. He declined the offer, but as soon as he heard the news of Jack Ruby's shooting tried to ring Senator back. Senator, however, was already on his way to DPDHQ.

Doyle, Harold: Bona fide innocent tramp Harold Doyle [YouTube denial] was one of the Three Tramps in the Mary la Fontaine documenting of the Three Tramps Thread.

Doyle, James: Apparently no more than an innocent 16-year-old tourist James Doyle [no convenient biography] conveniently chanced to take home movie footage 9th August 1963 of LHO distributing Fair Play for Cuba flyers in New Orleans - YouTube it now (clip #540540_1_1) [not bad for a beginner!!], thus earning himself a place on the LHO Patsification Thread.

DPDHQ: Our abbreviation for Dallas Police Department Headquarters in 1963, namely the Municipal Building Annex, formally at 2014 Main Street, and about a mile east of Dealey Plaza. This 1956 Annex was/is next door to and connected internally with the rear of the older Municipal Building [colloquially, "City Hall"], formally at 106 South Harwood. The main facade of City Hall faces West onto a park. The Annex straddles the full block to its rear (east), and possesses near-identical 1950s facades facing north onto Main and south onto Commerce. The car park likewise straddles the full block to the rear (east) of that, and it is across this car park that Jack Ruby strolled at 1116h 24th November 1963 from the Western Union office to the unguarded doorway into the Annex which allowed him unauthorised access to the garage basement where at 1121hr he murdered LHO - YouTube the Tom Meros reconstruction now.

Drago, Charles R.: See the entry for George Evica.

Drahomanov, Mykhailo: See Companion Timeline at 15th November 1919.

Draper, Wickliffe Preston: [For best effect, read firstly the entry for Frederick H. Osborn.] WW1 (B.E.F. until 1917, then A.E.F.) and WW2 veteran (British intelligence, India) turned ultra-right millionaire businessman "Colonel" Wickliffe P. Draper [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for undertaking a study visit to Nazi Germany in 1935 to observe, amongst other things, the controversial Nazi eugenics programs, (b) for working with the aforementioned Frederick Osborn to found the Pioneer Fund in 1937 to promote both theoretical and practical eugenics, (c) for funding Reverend Gerald Smith's Christian Identity movement and its associated monthly magazine, "The Cross and the Flag", 1942-1972, (d) for generally opposing the desegregation movement during the 1950s and 1960s, and for funding segregationist works which would otherwise have been unpublishable, (e) for funding Smith's 1964-1966 "Christ of the Ozarks" Project [Wikipedia briefing], and (f) for featuring in psychologist William H. Tucker's (2002) book "The Funding of Scientific Racism: Wickliffe Draper and the Pioneer Fund" [Amazon], where the argument is put forward that
the Pioneer Fund's "scientific racism" might more accurately be described as politically inspired and academically flawed pseudoscience.

**Dresser Industries:** [Read firstly the entry for the Harriman Family.]

**Dresser Industries** [Wikipedia briefing] began life in 1905 as the *S. R. Dresser Manufacturing Company*, marketing the inventions of oilfield engineer **Solomon R. Dresser** ...

**QUICKIE - SOLOMON ROBERT DRESSER:** American oilfield engineer turned millionaire politician **Solomon Dresser** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for devising and patenting a number of oilfield innovations in the 1880s, (b) for thereby making a fortune from the supply of natural gas into America's growing cities in the 1890s, and (c) for entering politics in 1903-1907 as Representative for Pennsylvania's 21st District. He died in 1911, aged 68.

The original company was then rebadged in 1928 when Dresser's family sold out to **W. A. Harriman and Company** [Wikipedia briefing]. Harriman's proceeded to put their managerial whizz-kid (and presidential sire and grandsire) **Prescott Bush** [see own entry] in charge of the re-organisation, and he would remain on the board of directors until 1952. At Bush's suggestion, Harriman's then headhunted one **Neil Mallon** [see own entry] as CEO, and he would remain the company's hands-on driving force for the next 30-plus years. The company invested wisely during the 1930s thanks to being exceptionally well-informed as to the political situation in Europe ...

**CAMEO - PRESCOTT BUSH AND THE NAZIS:** Through his contacts in Brown Brothers, Harriman and with the Dulles Brothers, Prescott Bush discovered in the early 1930s that German industrialists and financiers were cultivating the Nazi Party as preferable to the country's leftist alternatives. *Indeed, much of the funding for German re-armament during the 1930s came through Wall Street*, thus ...

Dresser turned this inside information to good effect in America as well, with a well-targeted programme of corporate acquisitions calculated to benefit from another war, and oh, how the money rolled in. The good times then continued after the defeat of Japan, and in 1950 Dresser relocated its headquarters to Dallas TX.

*For reasons which will become apparent, and in order to avoid duplication, we continue this history of Dresser Industries (including the juicier bits) in the separate entry for Neil Mallon.*

*To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.*

By the time Mallon retired as CEO in 1962 [he remained Chairman until 1968 - Ed.], Dresser had grown into one of the largest oil services companies in the world. **Dresser Offshore** was now specialising in offshore rigs, and **Dresser Dynamics** was becoming a name in rocketry instrumentation. Its technical people were awarded a 1996 patent for a high-specification thermitic demolition system [Google Patents (US5532449)] capable of dropping structural steelwork into its own footprint. The company then merged into the **Halliburton** conglomerate [see own entry] in 1998, traded as Dresser Inc. 2001-2007, and was then sold on in 2007 into the **General Electric** empire, where it remains a well-respected trademark.

**FURTHER READING:** For more on the Nazi connection see and integrate for yourself the separate entries for **Kurt von Schröder** [REVELATORY], Hjalmar Schacht [SOMEWHAJT SEISMIC], and the **Bank for International Settlements** [DOWNRIGHT EARTH-SHATTERING]. For more on the CIA connection see Bruce Campbell Adamson's (1996) "Oswald's Closest Friend: The George de Mohrenschildt Story" (Volume I, Part 1) [Amazon]. For a decade by decade account of corporate restructurings through to 1976 see **Darwin Payne's** (1976) "Initiative in Energy: The Story of Dresser Industries" [Amazon]. To understand the relevance of the 1996 demolition patent, see the entry for **Jonathan H. Cole**.
Dresser Offshore: See the entry for Dresser Industries.

Dresser, Solomon Robert: See the entry for Dresser Industries.

Drills and Exercises: Different countries work to different civil defence protocols, but the underlying logic always involves a continuum from (at the low end) simple familiarisation precautionaries such as fire drills, all the way up to full-scale simulated emergencies with boots on the ground (such as Operation Northern Vigilance [q.v.]) designed to test the ability of many agencies to work together in delivering an integrated response to an imaginary crisis. Having noted that there were five such exercises ongoing during the 9/11 attacks [Wikipedia briefing], and because they are known to skew Situational Awareness [q.v.], conspiracy theorists nowadays routinely check for drills and exercises at an early stage - YouTube one now.

Droby, Costine A.: According to researcher Bill Sloan in his 1993 book "Breaking the Silence", after the 24th November 1963 arrest of Jack Ruby a reporter for the Long Beach Press Telegram named Bill Hunter, together with another newsman named Jim Kothe, visited Jack Ruby's flat along with Ruby's flatshare George Senator in the presence of three of Ruby's lawyers, Jim Martin, Tom Howard, and C. A. Droby [no convenient biography], ostensibly to find a photograph of Ruby which the newsmen could use. Senator had been at DPD all afternoon and was no doubt feeling under some strain, but it is not apparent that anything deeply sinister happened on that occasion. Nevertheless within two years the two reporters and one of the lawyers had either been murdered or else died very conveniently. We may safely presume that these three continued to probe just a little too deeply. Droby died of natural causes in 1991.

Droller, Gerhard ["Gerry"]: [A.k.a. Frank Bender, Don Federico] German-born CIA careerist Gerry Droller [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW2 service with OSS in the liberation of France, (b) for turning up next on Operation PBSUCCESS against President Arbenz of Guatemala (see Timeline 18th June 1954), (c) for being sent (as Frank Bender) to meet with Fidel Castro 21st April 1959 during the latter's prime ministerial visit to NYC, reporting back (wrongly, as things would turn out) that Castro was going to harden Cuba into a bulwark against Soviet influence in the Caribbean, (d) for being assigned from June 1960 to late 1962 to Jake Esterline [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] in Miami, to help out with Operation MONGOOSE [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], being instrumental in setting up the exile training camps on Useppa Island, Florida [map] and at Retalhuleu, Guatemala [map], and thereby helping to prepare Brigade 2506 [see own entry] for its deployment in the Bay of Pigs Invasion [see Timeline 17th April 1961], and (e) for turning up in late-1962 through late-1963 in Mexico City as an asset for the CIA's post-missile crisis Operation AMWORLD. He died in 1992, aged 76. FURTHER READING: For meticulously referenced background detail see Larry Hancock's (2010) "Someone Would Have Talked" [Amazon] and (2012) "Nexus: The CIA and Political Assassination" [Amazon], and John M. Newman's (2017) "Countdown to Darkness, Volume II" [Amazon].

Dry River Incident: This was the surprise strafing attack of an entirely legal Soviet airbase in Soviet-occupied Manchuria on 8th October 1950 which created such a diplomatic row that President Harry Truman and half his war cabinet had to fly the 18,000-mile round trip to the Wake Island Conference [q.v.] to explain to theatre commander General Douglas MacArthur which of the two of them was President.

Dudley M. Hughes Funeral Home: Crewed by Clayton Butler and Eddie Kinsley the ambulance which had Patrolman J. D. Tippit's body en route to Parkland Hospital before the first police arrived was provided by the nearby Dudley M. Hughes Funeral Home.

Dudman, Richard Beebe: Iowa born columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Richard Dudman [Wikipedia biography] was an early doubter of the official JFK narrative. In a 1st December 1963 article entitled "Confession of an Eyewitness" he reported personally seeing a bullet hole in the windshield of limo #1 while he was waiting outside Parkland Hospital. He also passed on convincing early hearsay reports that JFK's throat wound was an entry wound.

Duff Cooper, Alfred [1st Viscount Norwich]1952: British politician-diplomat Alfred Duff Cooper [Lord Norwich]1952 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having joined the Foreign Office (at his third time of trying) in October 1913, working there until June 1917 as a cipher clerk in the contraband of war department ...

ASIDE: Readers are reminded that there is an important cluster of conspiracy theories centred on the blockade running of contraband into Germany during WW1. For the backstory to this, start with the inset to the entry for Maurice Hankey.

(b) for then enlisting in the Grenadier Guards, serving at the front until August 1918 and earning a D.S.O. for his pains, (c) for entering Parliament in 1924 as member for Oldham, being soon selected as Financial Secretary to the War Office, (d) for serving as Secretary of State for War between 1935 and 1937, and then as First Lord of the Admiralty between 1937 and 1938 ...

ASIDE: This was, of course, at the height of the struggle between Nazi-appeasers and non-appeasers. Duff Cooper was a prominent non-appeaser.

(e) for serving as Minister of Information between 1940 and 1941, and (f) for then rounding off his career by serving as Ambassador to France between 1943 and 1948.

Dugan, Joseph P.: In Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)’s 2016 analysis of the assassination Chicago-based wet-team clean-up specialist Joe Dugan [no convenient biography] was back-up man for Jack Grimm, and responsible for sanitising the Holland Road Safehouse.

Dugard, Martin: Journalist and author Martin Dugard [Wikipedia biography] was second author (to Bill O’Reilly) of the 2012 JFK best-seller "Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot".

Dulles, Allen: OSS agent turned political aide Allen Dulles [Wikipedia biography] became the first civilian Director of the CIA on 26th February 1953. He then played a major role on the international stage throughout the 1950s, starting with the United Fruit Company (UFCO) coup in Guatemala [see 18th June 1954], and culminating in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion in April 1961. He then played his part in support of the military-industrial complex in the plots to kill Fidel Castro and the blundered operation against JFK - see the JFK False Flag Thread. He then had himself included on the Warren Commission so that he could declare himself innocent. His older brother was John Foster Dulles [below].

Dulles, John Foster: Lawyer-diplomat-politician John Foster Dulles [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context under a number of distinct headings. Firstly he was a State Department special envoy to Central America during WW1, and junior diplomat during the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference. Secondly, he worked in international high finance during the 1920s. Thirdly he was Secretary of State in the Eisenhower administration during the 1953-1959 Golden Age of CIA-coups, not least those in Iran and Vietnam. And fourthly he had done corporate law for the United Fruit
Company (UFCO), prime beneficiaries of the 1954 Guatemala coup. His younger brother was Allen Dulles [above].

Duncan, [Sir]1937 Patrick: Scottish (later South African) lawyer turned civil servant turned diplomat Patrick Duncan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked in the South African civil service during the 1900s and for becoming thereby a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for staying on to become a senior politician in the 1910 Union of South Africa [see 31st May 1910], alloying himself closely to Jan Smuts [see own entry], and (c) eventually being appointed Governor General in 1937, a position he would hold until his death in 1943.

Duran, Alfredo Joaquin Gonzalez: 27-year-old fugitive from the Castro Revolution Alfredo Gonzalez Duran [Wikipedia biography] had been a Brigade 2506 member and had been captured in the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion. He would then be placed in Dealey Plaza at the time of the assassination - YouTube him?? in Dealey Plaza now. However since 1993 he has campaigned for a peaceful resolution to the Cuba issue.

"The story of Lee Harvey Oswald's time in Mexico [...] is the proverbial key to unlocking the mysteries surrounding JFK's assassination" (Albarelli, 2013)

"Typist, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" (title of a future biography, perhaps)

Duran, Silvia Tirado de: [Sometimes seen in un-Anglicised form Durán] [Read firstly the entry for the Mexico City Adventure up to and including 26th September 1965 ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] 26-year-old receptionist at the Cuban Embassy, Mexico City, Silvia Duran [Spartacus Educational biography] entered the assassination narrative at 1100hr on 27th September 1963 when either LHO (in some accounts) or an LHO Look Alike (in other accounts) applied at her desk for a transit visa so that he could stay in Cuba for a short period and then fly out to the Soviet Union. This would only be possible, she told him, if the onward flight was itself guaranteed, which meant that the applicant would need a prior visa from the Soviet Embassy. So the applicant went to the Soviet Embassy, who explained that Soviet visas needed to be approved by their embassy in Washington, and that this process could take four months. The applicant went back to the Cuban Embassy and falsely assured Duran things that would be sorted straight away. Duran rang the Soviet Embassy who told her the applicant was perfectly aware of the situation. Duran and the applicant then argued, and he left. All these comings and goings were, of course, photo-recorded, and all calls tapped, only for the tapes to disappear after the JFK shooting.

EXTENDED MAY 2019: The above paragraph was distilled from a number of sources, both conventional publications and online. It is one of several competing explanatory narratives, but the one least obviously tainted by intelligence service - American and/or Cuban and/or Russian - cover-up. Like the competing explanations, there are actually few undisputed facts to support it. More recently Judyth Vary Baker and Edward Schwartz's 2017 book "Kennedy & Oswald" [Amazon] has complicated matters still further with its Ochsner Bioweapon Story [see own entry], the essence of which is as follows ...

"[LHO] was sent to Mexico City from New Orleans. He went via an extraordinary route, mostly secret, mostly conducted by plane, that first took him to Austin and Dallas before he landed on the tarmac in Houston, where he caught a bus to Laredo in a ride that ended in Mexico City. Lee's mission was to deliver a deadly cancer-causing biological weapon into the hands of a 'pro-Castro' medical Cuban contact, who was supposed to be fully trusted. Instead Lee would be left holding the bag. [...] When nobody appeared to take the bioweapon off his hands, Lee realised he had to make an attempt, himself, to enter Cuba to hand off the material, at the very least, to make him seem dedicated to the CIA's orders" (Baker and Schwartz, 2017, p203).

So on the one hand we now have greater certainty that the person in question was LHO and not an LHO Look Alike, but on the other hand we are less certain as to the ultimate motivation, because the bioweapon in question was never in our opinion a credible assassination option [see the separate entry for our detailed reasoning here - Ed.]. The confusion gets worse when one factors in the further revelation in Judyth Vary Baker's earlier (2010) book "Me and Lee" [Amazon] that Duran ended up inviting LHO to a party
that evening, and that the two of them ended up spending the night together. This - from someone who was herself in an intimate relationship with him at the time - fits in with reports that in the days immediately after JFK had been shot the Americans had their friends in the Mexican authorities rough up Duran to establish exactly what she knew.

**EXTENDED AGAIN JANUARY 2023:** In his (2008) "Oswald and the CIA" (op. cit. inf.), academic historian (and retired military intelligence officer) John Newman begins his telling of the Duran story with some context from nearly a year before the events outlined above, thus ...

**CAMEO - SILVIA DURAN BEDS AN AMBASSADOR:** Newman's 2008 back-story concerns the Cuban ambassador to the United Nations in NYC, one Carlos Lechuga [see own entry, then as onward directed]. As alleged by the CIA several years after the events, the Cuban consulate in Mexico City "used the sexual services of two young women" - one of them their Mexican employee Silvia Duran - "to turn the ambassador against his wife" on the grounds that she was anti-Castro. This raised entries in CIA and FBI files 30th November 1962 to the effect that "Silvia T DeDuran" was Lechuga's mistress, and these entries were quickly located in the hours after the assassination one year later by records collation staff seeing the name Duran coming up in reports of Oswald's Mexico City jaunt. Duran was interviewed for Newman's book in 1995 and confirmed the affair, dismissing it as straightforward youthful infidelity in an unhappy marriage. Newman then adds as follows ...

"Duran, a Mexican citizen, was in the section known as the Mexican-Cuban Institute of Cultural Affairs [...] and worked closely with Luisa Calderon [CIA archival biography] and Luis Alberu [CIA archival biography], the cultural attaché in the embassy. Alberu had been recruited as an agent of the CIA [by William Harvey himself, apparently - Ed.!!]. Duran was an attractive twenty-six-year-old woman, married with a daughter, who since 1962 had been the object of rumours of extramarital sexual liaisons, rumours that would come to include Oswald" (p360).

We shall be getting to the sex shortly, but note for the time being that in that same 1995 interview, Duran strongly denied any sexual liaison with Oswald, raising the distinct possibility that the original rumours were just part of a massive CIA cover-up!

**** NOTE THIS NEXT BIT VERY CAREFULLY ****

Having thus whetted our interest, Newman next identifies what for him constitutes the big problem with the Mexico Affair, which is that ...

"... until his departure 'Oswald spent considerable time making his travel arrangements, sight seeing, and checking again with the Soviet Embassy to learn whether anything had happened on his visa application'. As we will see, the problem with this story is that once he learned of the four-month wait, Oswald gave up and never made an application for a Soviet visa ..." (p352; italics in original, other emphasis ours).

**James W. Douglass** also covers events in Mexico City in his (2008) "JFK and the Unspeakable: Why He Died and Why It Matters" [Amazon]. He begins by stating two central questions ...

"Given Lee Harvey Oswald's willingness to take on intelligence roles, the primary question concerning his visits to the Cuban and Soviet Consulates is not: **Was it really he?** [but rather:] **What was the Mexico City scenario's purpose in the larger script written for the president's murder?**" (p77, emphasis ours).

Here is Douglass' version of what took place, firstly on Friday 27th September 1963 ...

"According to Silvia Duran, the Cuban Consulate's Mexican employee who spoke with Oswald, he (or an imposter) visited their consulate three times on Friday, September 27. At his 11:00 A.M. visit Oswald applied for a Cuban transit visa for a trip to the Soviet Union. Duran was a little suspicious of Oswald. She felt the American was too eager in displaying his leftist credentials: membership cards in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee [see own entry] and the American Communist Party, old Soviet documents, [etc.]. Duran told Oswald he lacked the photographs he needed for his visa application. She also said he would first need permission to visit the Soviet Union before he could be issued with a transit visa for Cuba. Visibly upset, Oswald departed, but returned to the consulate an hour later with his visa photos. In the late afternoon, Oswald returned again [claiming] that the Soviet Consulate had just assured him he would be given a Soviet visa. Duran checked by phone with the Soviets and learned otherwise. She told Oswald, who then flew into a rage. He ranted at Duran,
then at the Cuban consul, Eusebio Azcue [see own entry WELL WORTH A LOOK], who had stepped out of his office into the commotion. [...] Finally, Azcue went to the door, opened it, and asked Oswald to leave. The extraordinary episode had, perhaps as intended, left an indelible impression on Duran and Azcue” (pp77-78).

ASIDE: In fact, according to Oleg Nechiporenko [no convenient biography but see Amazon author's profile CLEARLY A PRO], the diplomat-cum-KGB-man who dealt with his request, Oswald had already lost his temper at the Russian Embassy during the early afternoon visit. In 1963 Mexico was ruled by President Adolfo López Mateos [Wikipedia biography], a self-proclaimed left-winger who nonetheless leaned very heavily on anything approaching radicalism in the Mexican labour force. The United States looked to him as a bastion against any spread of Castroism from Cuba, and had cultivated friendly relations with the Mexican police and intelligence services.

... and then on Saturday 28th September, at 0900hr for between 75 and 90 minutes ...

"Oswald returned to the Soviet Embassy the next morning. He renewed his request for a quick visit to the U.S.S.R., this time to Valeriy Kostikov [another KGB man - see own entry] and Soviet consul Pavel Yatskov. Oswald became even more agitated than he had been the day before [...]. [...] The Soviet officials [eventually] told Oswald once again they could not give him a quick visa. They offered him instead the necessary forms to be filled out. Oswald didn't take them” (pp78-79).

*****CONFIRMING THAT NO SOVIET VISA WAS EVER APPLIED FOR *****

The CIA, meanwhile, had been monitoring events very closely. They will, for example, produce in the fullness of time wire-tap transcripts of audio recordings of Duran's call to the Soviets, and the Soviet call back [timed at 1605hr and 1626hr, 27th September, and matching Douglass's narrative above; the transcripts are reproduced in Newman, pp358-359, if interested]. The best sourcework for this is investigative journalist Jefferson Morley's (2008) "Our Man in Mexico" (op. cit. inf.), which presents events from the perspective of the top CIA officer in Mexico City, namely head of station Winston Scott [see own entry]. Here is what Morley has to tell us (note the "larger script" suggestion highlighted at the end) ...

"The Mexico City station had a hard-won reputation for knowing everything about the Cuban Embassy. [...] Scott's] operations were designed to ensure that every phone line was tapped, every visitor photographed. [...] Oswald, he wrote, in his memoir, 'was a person of great interest to us during this 27 September to 2 October 1963 period. [...] Every piece of information concerning Lee Harvey Oswald was reported immediately after it was received to: Ambassador Thomas C. Mann [see own entry], by memorandum; the FBI Chief in Mexico, by memorandum; and to my headquarters by cable; and included in each and every one of these reports was the entire conversation Oswald had, so far as it was known. These reports were made on all his contacts with both the Cuban Consulate and with the Soviets. Because we thought at first that Lee Harvey Oswald might be a dangerous potential defector from the U.S.A. to the Soviet Union, he was of great interest to us, so we kept a special watch on him and his activities’” (Morley, op. cit. inf., pp178

***** SEVENTY HOURS POORLY ACCOUNTED FOR *****

Which brings us to what Russo (op. cit. inf.) calls the "missing days". Specifically, there is no record to account for what Oswald did between leaving the Soviet Embassy at or just before 1030hr Saturday 28th September and catching the bus back to Laredo at 0830hr Wednesday 2nd October.

EDITORIAL NOTE: We note, but deliberately disregard as patently fraudulent, reports of a CIA wire-tap transcript timed at 1151hr 28th September. It presents an unknown male with only broken Russian asking the Russians questions he already knew the answers to, perhaps in an attempt to sucker the Soviets into revealing the address Real-Oswald had given them. See Newman, p364, if interested.

Into this 70 hour blank period we have to slot SIX further elements of the mystery. The first three of these are reasonably certain (a) to have occurred, and (b) to have involved Real-Oswald ...

(1) Oswald seems to have teamed up with two companions, still to be finally identified.
(2) The three were invited to a party.
(3) The three duly attended said party.
The next three elements of the mystery are reasonably certain either (a) NOT to have happened at all, or (b) NOT to have involved Real Oswald ...

(4) the telephone call and transcript at 1151hr Saturday 28th September 1963.
(5) sex with Silvia Duran.
(6) the telephone call, transcript, and photograph.

On Wednesday 2nd October Oswald [his poison-soup having gone past its kill-by date, perhaps - Ed.] boarded the 0830hr bus out of Mexico City for his return journey to Texas, and the Duran thread now went quiet until her name started to appear in past-contacts sweeps of the files in the hours after the assassination. As a result, the CIA contacted their Mexico City station [the text of this cable is given below], who contacted their friends in the Mexican government. Duran and her husband were duly arrested 23rd November 1963, interrogated firmly [bruises on arm from being shaken - Ed.] under the direction of trusted CIA contact and soon-to-be head of the Mexican secret police Fernando Gutiérrez Barrios [Wikipedia biography], and released the next day. She was then re-arrested 27th November, suspected by some of being about to leave the country (few histories go into detail on this). TO BE FURTHER EXTENDED ...

FURTHER READING: For a contextualising general account (and more on the American video and audio eavesdropping systems in use in Mexico City) see Jefferson Morley's (2008) "Our Man in Mexico: Winston Scott and the Hidden History of the CIA" [Amazon]. For an optional detailed telling of the tale see Chapter 19 of Anthony Summers' (1980/2013) "Not in Your Lifetime" [Amazon]. For more on the CIA's six-year "operational interest" in the living LHO (he has been a persistent thorn in the flesh since he died) see John Newman's (2008) "Oswald and the CIA" [Amazon], all of it generally, and Chapter 18 specifically for events in Mexico City; the Newman book also contains (on p356) a very useful detailed timeline for the visit. For an alternative telling of the Garro episode (including notes on the "missing days") see Chapter Ten of Gus Russo's (1998) "Live by the Sword: The Secret War against Castro and the Death of JFK" [Amazon]. And for the Cuban Intelligence Service's (surprisingly well-informed) side of the story see Chapter 18 of Fabián Escalante's [see own entry] "JFK: The Cuba Files" [Amazon].

"Short, unattractive, hobbling about Stalin's Moscow on a wooden leg ..." (Parker)

Duranty, Walter: Comfortably born into a Liverpool merchant's family, foreign affairs correspondent Walter Duranty [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for moving as a young man in the same pre-WW1 occultist circles as avant-garde mystic (and MI-6 spook) Aleister Crowley [see own entry A DISTURBING CHARACTER] ...

ASIDE: At time of writing [= February 2023] Crowley's very detailed Wiki gives Duranty but a single mention (although it is a doozy) ...

"In January 1914, Crowley and [Victor] Neuburg [Wikipedia biography] settled into an apartment in Paris, where the former was involved in the controversy surrounding Jacob Epstein's new monument to Oscar Wilde. Together Crowley and Neuburg performed the six-week "Paris Working", a period of intense ritual involving strong drug use in which they invoked the gods Mercury and Jupiter. As part of the ritual, the couple performed acts of sex magic together, at times being joined by journalist Walter Duranty" (Wikipedia, accessed 20th February 2023).

... (b) for WW1 employment as a reporter for the New York Times [Crowley was in NYC by now, writing for Vanity Fair - Ed.], (c) for thereby getting to cover both the 1919 Versailles Peace Talks and the subsequent Russian Civil War, (d) for thereby getting assigned to the NYT's Moscow Bureau in 1922, remaining in charge there until 1934 and generally building quite a reputation for himself for his articles and follow-up books ...

CAMEO - DURANTY'S RUSSIAN REPORTS (EARLY): Duranty's NYT writings are accordingly a significant research corpus for modern historians of Russia's world historic transition from Tsarist Empire to far
from perfect Stalinist Experiment, by way of revolution and civil war. Patenaude (op. cit. inf.) cites the man copiously, the following - one of the earliest - being typical ...

"Duranty took careful aim at a specific target. The problem was not the Bolshevik leadership, but a noisy and influential group of die-hard radicals within the Party: [T]he trouble with this country is that there is a whole mass of Communists so fanatical in their revolutionary ideals that they will not admit that any good thing can come out of Nazareth [this allusion explained in John 1:46]. Like all people long enslaved and suddenly freed, they retain the servile trait of acute suspicion. To some of them the relief administration from the outset has been a capitalist plot. They do not represent Russia, but unfortunately they appear to have enough influence to get misleading articles printed in one of the official Russian newspapers. 'This story appeared in the New York Times on December 18 [1922]" (p683).

We shall be addressing Duranty's later work in a moment.

... (e) for losing his leg to infection following a train crash in Paris in 1924, (f) for being well placed to comment when said Five-Year Plan started to get the blame for the 1931-1933 Russian Famine ...

CAMEO - DURANTY'S RUSSIAN REPORTS (LATE): Duranty's later reportage is often pilloried nowadays for being excruciatingly pro-Soviet. Here - again from Patenaude - is perhaps his most famous example ...

"When his colleagues began to file stories about a famine - or at least the rumours of one - Duranty's reporting turned perverse. It was, he insisted at the harvest of 1933, 'sheer absurdity' to speak of starvation when he himself could see 'mile after mile of reaped grain in the fields' and 'gigantic piles of wheat'. He knew better, yet he described village markets as 'flowing with eggs, fruit, poultry, vegetables, milk, and butter at prices far lower than in Moscow. A child can see that this is not famine but abundance'. This in America's newspaper of record. Duranty was something of a Stalinist true-believer. In his ode to 'Red Square', which occupied a full spread in the Times on September 18, 1932, he reasoned that: 'Russians may be hungry and short of clothes and comfort, but you can't make an omelette without breaking eggs.' This last expression, one of Duranty's favourites, was the same formulation that Stalin himself [...] used to justify the costs of building socialism" (pp734-735 [for the clip in its historical context see Timeline 18th September 1932]).

It was verbal servility like this which would one day lead Taylor (op. cit. inf.) to dub him "Stalin's Apologist".

***** BUT WAS DURANTY PERHAPS SHOWCASING THE FAMINE *****

***** BY HALF DENYING IT?? *****

RESEARCH ISSUE - WHEN APOLOGIES ARE INTENDED TO BE ANYTHING BUT: The basic tenet of the modern science of Pragmatics [Wikipedia briefing] is that all utterances (including silence) need to be judged by their Illocutionary Force [Wikipedia briefing], that is to say, by what an utterance achieves, not by the words themselves. Sure, Duranty often superficially defended the Soviets, but all that matters to the propagandist is the state of mind created ultimately in the mind of his readers, which was - objectively - very negative. It would therefore be enlightening to carry out critical Discourse Analysis [Wikipedia briefing] of his articles (and there are more yet to come), looking for the rhetorical devices used.

... (g) for saying enough positive things about Russia to be granted an interview with First Secretary Stalin on Christmas Day 1933 to promote the famous 1928-1933 Five-Year Plan, (h) for then settling back in the United States in 1934, returning to Moscow for two further years on occasions, (i) for continuing to write occasionally for that newspaper through until 1940, and (j) for spending the next ten years turning out heavyweight commentaries on life in the Soviet Union, culminating in 1949 with his magnum opus "Stalin & Co: The Politburo, the Men Who Run Russia" [Amazon]. He died in 1957, aged 73. FURTHER READING: For a highly acclaimed biography see Sally J. Taylor's (1990) "Stalin's Apologist: Walter Duranty, The New York Times's Man in Moscow" [Amazon].

Dureau, George Valentine: American painter-photographer George Dureau [Wikipedia hagiography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being active in New Orleans' French Quarter from the mid-1950s, developing a professional reputation for niche homoerotic and/or amputee images such as this one ...
... (b) for thereby walking the same streets at the same time as predatory homosexual Clay Shaw [see own entry THE ONLY PERSON EVER CHARGED IN RELATION TO THE JFK ASSASSINATION (and shown here as played by Tommy Lee Jones in the movie "JFK")], (c) for forming a relationship with Shaw - precise nature presumably predictable - strong enough to be able to visit him in his hospice only a few days before his death 15th August 1974, and (d) on that occasion for hearing what some consider to be Shaw's death bed confession ...

**CAMÉO - DUREAU IN MELLEN**: This element of the JFK narrative featured in 2007 in Mellen (op. cit. inf.), as follows ...

"[In 1974] Clay Shaw came as close to a confession as he dared [...]. Near death from lung cancer, Shaw was visited at the Ochsner Foundation Hospital [Wikipedia briefing] by longtime acquaintance and neighbour George Dureau [...]. As Dureau remembers, Shaw said, 'You know, I wasn’t guilty of what Garrison charged. But Garrison had the right idea. He was almost right. Someone like me, with a background in army intelligence and with post-war intelligence connections, very well might have been asked to meet with someone like Oswald or Ferrie, to give them a package or some money or whatever, and I would have faithfully done it without ever asking what I was doing it for' (p317).

**CAMÉO - DUREAU IN CARPENTER**: Dureau was also interviewed 29th March 2007 for Carpenter (op. cit. inf.), although this author draws different conclusions ...

"One of the individuals whom Shaw knew during this period was George Dureau, a French Quarter artist and personality. Over the years after Shaw's death, Dureau would sometimes tell a story of visiting Shaw in the hospital during 1974, when Shaw was dying, saying that Shaw speculated that Jim Garrison had been correct in his theory of how the CIA, or some other secret governmental entity, would have used a person like Oswald in a secret mission. [...] Some have concluded that Dureau was saying that Shaw had given a 'deathbed confession' [...]. However, Dureau told this author, in an interview years later, that he certainly did not attribute any importance to whatever Shaw had told him [...]. He said that Shaw was merely speculating" (p261).

Dureau died in 2014 aged 83. **FURTHER READING**: As to the death-bed confession (or whatever it was) compare Joan Mellen's (2007) "A Farewell to Justice" [Amazon] with Donald H. Carpenter's (2014) "Man of a Million Fragments" [Amazon]. For more of Dureau's art see Philip Gefter's (2016) "George Dureau, The Paintings" [Amazon].

**Duvalier, François ["Papa Doc"]**: Haitian dynastic politician [President]1957-1971 Papa Doc Duvalier [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as president of his country during the early 1960s, and of being variously involved with such soldiers of fortune and other miscreants as (all have their own entries) Mohamed Al-Fayed, Thomas Davis, Eladio del Valle, George de Mohrenschildt, Robert Heinl, Rolando Masferrer, Dorothe Matlack, and Charles Norberg.

**DW NEWS**: Noticed during YouTube searching 22nd November 2021 on keyword <Evergrande>, the Deutsche Welle (DW News) [Wikipedia briefing] news channel is noteworthy in the present context as a German state-owned news channel, broadcasting in English and, at time of writing [November 2021], six other "core" languages, plus Persian.

**Earl's Court Rally**: See the entry for British Union of Fascists (BUF), clicking through to the Timeline and supporting video if interested.

**Easterling, Robert Wilfred**: Mississippi born lifelong criminal Robert Easterling [Spartacus Educational biography] was not in Dallas at the time of the assassination, but - if the later stories about him are to be believed - might well have been. After a further 12 years in and out of prison and mental institutions,
and drifting here and there in the southern states and Central America, he contacted the FBI in 1975 because, he said, he knew something about the JFK assassination. The FBI came and took note of what he had to say, but nothing came of it. Easterling then contacted Edward Epstein's researcher Henry C. Hurt, Jr. [q.v.], telling the following tale ...

**THE EASTERLING CONFESSION:** Easterling claimed that he was approached in February 1963 by one "Manuel Rivera", a sometimes anti-sometimes pro-Castro activist who was at that moment part of a broader Texas oil conspiracy being set up David Ferrie, Clay Shaw, and Jack Ruby to assassinate JFK. The man had claimed involvement in an early CIA bomb plot against Castro, only to warn him off at the last moment. He had also given Castro advance warning of the Bay of Pigs Invasion. "Rivera" then showed off "a magnificent Czech-made [semi-]automatic rifle" (Hurt, 1985, p356) and a Mannlicher-Carcano. They spent time the next afternoon shooting the latter weapon into water and harvesting the largely undamaged slugs. "Rivera" then practised three-shot riffs against a line of coconut "heads" using the semi-automatic, scoring three hits in "a little over five seconds". A few weeks later "Rivera" enlisted him into the assassination proper, showing him how the 7.00mm rounds for the semi-automatic rifle had been made frangible by having slits cut into their metal jacket. "W O U L D A P R E M A T U R E F R A G M E N T I N G H A V E S O U N D E D L I K E T H E O F T - R E P O R T E D "F I R E C R A K E R"?", "Rivera", using the semi-automatic, would be a/the shooter, he explained, but he needed a back-up person, and that was where he - Easterling - would come in. The conspiracy also needed a driver to get the proposed patsy - a certain LHO - out of Dallas after the event, so that he could be permanently silenced. See also the entry for ZH-29.

**Eastman, Max Forrester:** See the entry for Alfred Kohlberg.

**Ebbutt, Norman:** British journalist Norman Ebbutt [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for acquiring fluent German prior to WW1 as an English tutor in Duisberg, Germany, (b) for journalistic assignments in Finland and Russia in 1913-1914, (c) for serving during WW1 with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve ...

**ASIDE:** Readers are reminded that the ability to speak foreign languages - especially that of your enemy - is carefully noted during enlistment into the armed forces, and frequently gets you assigned to intelligence duties. There is little readily available material concerning Ebbutt's duties during WW1, nor, indeed, in the immediate post-war period, when hostilities in Russia continued apace.

(d) for having been appointed in 1925 as junior Berlin correspondent for The Times, based in their Unter den Linden office, where for a while he worked with a young Claud Cockburn [see own entry], (e) for being promoted to Chief Correspondent in 1927, a position he would hold until 16th August 1937 when he was expelled from Germany, and (f) for continuing to work from The Times' London offices until disabled by a stroke in 1943. For more on Ebbutt's time in Berlin, see McDonough (1992 [full text online upon subscription]).


**Echevarria, Homer S:** Homer Echevarria [no convenient biography] was the Cuban exile who claimed foreknowledge of an assassination during the Thomas Moseley [q.v.] sting operation.

**Eddy, George Sherwood:** American professional evangelist turned OPERATION Pastor asset Sherwood Eddy [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being converted as a young man in about 1890 at one of revivalist Dwight Moody's [see own entry USEFUL PRIOR CONTEXT] Northfield Conferences, and for joining the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions (SVM) [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] ...

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing] and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument,
there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.

... (b) for graduating in divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1896, immediately undertaking his first overseas placement, in India, where he would conduct his ministry through until 1911, (c) for being promoted Asian Secretary of the SVM in 1911, a duty which increasingly required him to spend periods fund-raising back in the U.S. and further afield in the Far East, the Middle East, and Tsarist Russia, (d) for becoming thereby a senior officer in YMCA activities on the European Western Front 1915-1917, setting out his experiences in the 1917 book "With Our Soldiers in France" [Amazon INTERESTING], (e) for thereby gravitating eastward as the Russian Revolution [see Timeline 4th March 1917] brought military and political mayhem to the Eastern Front, (f) for thereby being in the thick of the U.S. aid-and-influence offensive when the revolution evolved into the Russian Civil War [see Timeline 11th November 1917], (g) for undertaking promotional tours of America and Europe in 1921 during that year's particularly vicious Russian Famine [Wikipedia briefing], (h) having witnessed the horrors of the war at first hand, for metamorphosing into something of a "Protestant internationalist" (Sutton, op. cit. inf., p48), becoming friends in 1922 with the Detroit pastor Reinhold Niebuhr [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE], (i) for helping Niebuhr to set up a local branch of the YMCA-affiliated Fellowship for a Christian Social Order (FCSO) [Brynmaur University archive], (j) for organising the 1923 American Seminars event to visit London, Paris, and Berlin, meeting many senior local intellectuals and politicians, (k) for co-authoring with (sadly nowadays obscure) peace activist colleague Kirby Page [Wikipedia biography RECOMMENDED READING] the 1924 "The Abolition of War" [Amazon], (l) for funding a professorial chair in Christian ethics at the Union Theological Seminary, NYC, the first tenure going to his friend Niebuhr, (m) for staging the 1930 run of Seminars in the Soviet Union ...

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: There is little doubt that Eddy's foreign missions would have been used - we guess without the knowledge of some of its officers - as a cover operation for intelligence service infiltration of the countries wherein it operated. For cognate operations during the Cold War fifteen years later see the entry for CIA Front Organisations [ESSENTIAL CONTEXT].

... (n) for retiring from the YMCA in 1931, after 35 years of service, to help Niebuhr build up his Fellowship of Socialist Christians (later Christian Action) [Yale University archives], (o) for giving a speech in Berlin 20th July 1933, exhorting the newly elected Nazis to temper their "enthusiasm and zeal" with "love and humanity" (Nagorski, op. cit. inf., k2877) [his speech includes an early reference to 'your horrible concentration camps' - Ed.], (p) for the 1934 books "Russia Today: What Can We Learn From It?" [Amazon] and "Revolutionary Christianity" [Amazon], (q) for experimenting with the Soviet collective farm concept on land at Hillhouse, Bolivar County, Mississippi [map], between 1936 and 1956 [see Dallas (1987 [full text online requires JSTOR registration])], (r) for coming to liaise with Allen Dulles' managed intelligence asset Stewart W. Herman [see own entry IMPORTANT AS PARALLEL NARRATIVE] in February 1936 at the Winter Olympics in Bavaria, (s) for escorting an ecumenical mission to Berlin in June 1938, this time to witness the opening of the Olympic Games, (t) for coming to Berlin for the opening of the Olympic Games, (u) for thereby being in the thick of the U.S. aid-and-influence offensive when the revolution evolved into the Russian Civil War [see Timeline 11th November 1917], (v) for undertaking promotional tours of America and Europe in 1921 during that year's particularly vicious Russian Famine [Wikipedia briefing], (w) having witnessed the horrors of the war at first hand, for metamorphosing into something of a "Protestant internationalist" (Sutton, op. cit. inf., p48), becoming friends in 1922 with the Detroit pastor Reinhold Niebuhr [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE], (x) for helping Niebuhr to set up a local branch of the YMCA-affiliated Fellowship for a Christian Social Order (FCSO) [Brynmaur University archive], (y) for organising the 1923 American Seminars event to visit London, Paris, and Berlin, meeting many senior local intellectuals and politicians, (z) for co-authoring with (sadly nowadays obscure) peace activist colleague Kirby Page [Wikipedia biography RECOMMENDED READING] the 1924 "The Abolition of War" [Amazon], (l) for funding a professorial chair in Christian ethics at the Union Theological Seminary, NYC, the first tenure going to his friend Niebuhr, (m) for staging the 1930 run of Seminars in the Soviet Union ...

CAMEO - DULLES AND THE CHURCHMEN: Eddy was being "used" in this, we think, for although acting in all innocence he nevertheless became thereby a pawn in a larger, decade-long, half-political half-financial, intelligence operation. This story has already been told in the entries for Niebuhr, Herman, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Bekennender Kirche (BK), and the Student Volunteer Movement (SVM), with the overriding context being explained in the entry for OPERATION Pastor. Only after due study of the backstory will the following clip from Sutton make full sense ...

"[Herman] complained when some American rabbis came to town with an ecumenical religious group sponsored by the American Protestant internationalist Sherwood Eddy. [Herman] described the American rabbis in the group as 'venomous with hatred that the Nazis came nowhere near duplicating'. [...] He worried that American Jews were spreading too much exaggerated propaganda about Germany that they were 'taking advantage of their persecution' " (p48).

... and (i) for prolific writings during the 1940s and early 1950s, culminating, deep into his retirement, in the 1955 autobiography "Eighty Adventurous Years" [Amazon]. He died in 1963, aged 92. FURTHER READING: For more on the YMCA's role in Russia during the United States'

***** CAUTION - CRAZIES MAKING HISTORY AGAIN *****

"We deserve to go to hell when we die" (himself)

Eddy, William Alfred: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] American front-line soldier turned military school lecturer turned Arab world diplomat (he was born in Syria to second generation Beirut/Sidon-based American missionary parents, and spoke fluent street Arabic) turned WW2 OSS intelligence analyst turned CIA senior officer William A. Eddy [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating from Princeton University in 1917, immediately enlisting for military service, (b) for seeing action as an intelligence officer with 6th Marine Regiment at Belleau Wood [see Timeline 27th May 1918], getting himself seriously wounded in the process, (c) for teaching 1919-1922 at Peekskill Military Academy [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for going back overseas in 1923 to join the not-long-established American University in Cairo [Wikipedia briefing], remaining there until 1928, (e) for then returning to the United States to take up a teaching post at Dartmouth College [Wikipedia briefing], where he stayed until 1936, (f) for moving on again to become president of Hobart College [Wikipedia briefing], from where he watched on as the world led in no small part by devout churchgoers in the United States and Nazi Germany - prepared for war again ...

CAMEO - TOWARD A CONQUERING FAITH: Eddy is known to have taken a close interest in the (sadly unsuccessful) efforts of the liberal German Protestants to counter their more conservative countrymen, whose Christianity was for whatever reason dangerously supportive of Nazism. His own position on this liberal-conservative schism may be guessed from his involvement with the State Department's surprise initiative in 1938 to make American foreign policy more "virile and dominant" under Christ, thus ...

"Eddy's work at Hobart derived from his conviction that new threats to the Christian faith were materialising around the world. Nor was he the only one worried. In 1938 Eddy accepted an intriguing invitation from Assistant Secretary of State Francis B. Sayre [Wikipedia biography] to attend a secret meeting in Washington, DC. Sayre, who came from a prominent religious family, [...] told Eddy and a handful others, [that the world] was in the midst of change. [...] Godless forces threatened 'to sweep across and dominate large areas of the world [and] those who profoundly believe in Christ and in the Christian way' needed [...] 'if theirs is to be a conquering faith, to reach some kind of agreement on a program for action'. He hoped that these influential Christian leaders would [...] 'make our Christianity more virile and dominant in the world today'. In hindsight, it is perhaps stunning that a U.S. government official would sponsor such an overtly religious secret meeting with the purpose of shaping foreign policy through a form of 'conquering' Christian faith. But this was the world that Roosevelt was creating and the one that Eddy wanted to help mould. Leaders like Roosevelt and Sayre, much like Woodrow Wilson before them, believed that spreading Christian values and American ideals abroad would produce a safer, better, more peaceful world" (Sutton, op. cit. inf., pp63-64).

... (g) for re-enlisting in the Navy in 1941, his WW1 experience singling him out for Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) service in the Arabic-speaking world, (h) for arriving in Cairo, Egypt, in late July 1941 and getting a courtesy secondment to the British Mediterranean Fleet that autumn ...

CAMEO - EDDY WITH THE ROYAL NAVY: With the United States still nominally a neutral power, Eddy was guest of the Royal Navy in operations against the Axis shoreline in Libya. Here is Sutton again with some of the detail ...

"In addition to his regular attaché duties [...] Eddy had secret 'other instructions' from the [...] Director of Naval Intelligence [usually known as "the DNI"] - Ed.; at that time Admiral Theodore S. Wilkinson [Wikipedia
Most of the career diplomats at the legation were unaware that Eddy was using the diplomatic post as cover for intelligence work. [EDITORIAL CHALLENGE - this assertion does not match the real world]. [The DNI] tasked the missionary with collecting as much information as possible. Eddy used his knowledge of Arabic and his local connections [see (d) above] to acquire a membership in the Royal Egyptian Club, which he called 'a hot-bed of pro-German propaganda ... and meetings of fifth columnists'. The Americans worried that the local Arabs, still smarting over their recent colonial past, would rather see a German victory than a British one. Although Eddy's citizenship and government affiliation prevented him from gaining access to the club's inner circles, he 'did enough agreeing and cursing the British and the Jews', he reported, 'to get quite a bit of information'. [+++ two pages of personal ephemera +++] In late October 1941, Eddy went on a cruise in the Mediterranean with Britain's Royal Navy. [...] His ship shelled enemy installations on the coast and then he helped the crew rescue sailors from a sinking British minelayer. [...] The experience convinced him that the United States needed to get into the war, and fast. [...] He was not confident, based on his work with the British in Egypt, that they could do the job alone. He thought the 'muddle-headed' decision makers in London were incapable of adapting 'the historic empire defences to modern Blitzkrieg necessities' " (pp68-71).

Reference to Royal Navy records suggests that Eddy is here referring to the loss of **HMS Latona** [Wikipedia biography] on 25th October 1941, sunk by Italian bombers off **Bardia, Libya** [map]. Accounts of this action further suggest that Eddy would have been aboard either **HMS Hero** or **Encounter** at the time.

**ASIDE: It is worth noting that in September 1941 the Italian military intelligence service’s Cesare Amè [Wikipedia biography] had broken the American "Black Code" [Wikipedia briefing], enabling them to read traffic out of the U.S. Embassy in Rome. The leaked material included dispatches from the U.S. military attaché in Cairo, Bonner Fellers [Wikipedia biography]. Fellers would remain Rommel's "gute Quelle" [*good source*] until the cyphers were upgraded in mid-1942. It is a matter of conjecture whether the Latona sinking might have been aided by such leaks. The minelaying operation was presumably part of softening up the Axis defences in readiness for the top secret Operation CRUSADER [Wikipedia briefing], whose troops were destined to push up that very coast road three weeks later, on 18th November 1941.

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... (i) for being called back to Washington by the DNI in November 1941 "for instructions regarding other foreign duty" (Sutton, p71), (j) for a suspicious stop-over on the journey home at **Lagos, Nigeria** [map] ...

**CAMEO - EDDY MEETS A KING:** This stop-over may not have been completely circumstantial. Sutton recounts the official story as follows ... 

"[Awaiting his onward Pan Am Clipper,] Eddy went on a brief trip into the interior of Africa, where he visited with American missionaries [themselves almost certainly carrying out 'other instructions' from Washington - Ed.]. [...] He then] met with **King Ademola II of Nigeria** [Wikipedia biography] at a lunch hosted by British officials. [...] Lunch went] so well that Ademola invited Eddy to his palace, where, according to Eddy, the king offered [him] a position as chief of staff of the small Nigerian army. [...] He also picked up presents for his children, including two boa-constrictor skins" (pp71-72).

However, given that Nigeria had Vichy French colonies in every direction except seawards, and in the light of Allied grey diplomacy trying to activate anti-Nazi sentiment among the Vichy armed forces there [see CAMEO following], the present author suspects that Eddy was already doing the job he was about to be given.

... (k) upon arrival in Washington for being assigned to the recently created **Office of Strategic Services (OSS)** ...

**CAMEO - OSS’s MAN IN TANGIER:** Eddy's summons was in effect from William J. ["Wild Bill"] Donovan [many mentions herein], who wanted him to be responsible for OSS operations in North Africa, and in December 1941 he was sent as Naval Attaché to Tangier, setting up an intelligence gathering, safe-housing, and special ops network for North Africa. Sutton sets the scene ...

"Eddy joined a ragtag group of men and women who launch the United States' first foreign intelligence agency, the **Office of Strategic Services**. Leading the OSS was William 'Wild Bill' Donovan, an irascible Irishman who had gone from marine to lawyer to politician to spymaster. Donovan sent Eddy to North Africa, where the missionary could put his knowledge of the Koran, years of practice speaking Arabic, and partnerships with Muslim leaders to good use. Not long after hitting the ground in Tangier, Morocco, Eddy became the target of Axis intelligence agents. [+++ assassination attempts detailed +++] Donovan had sent him to prepare the way for **Operation TORCH** [Wikipedia briefing], the 1942 Allied invasion of North Africa, which was central to American and British plans for taking control of the
Mediterranean. Eddy advised Generals George Patton and Dwight Eisenhower on the incursion strategy. He also recruited a secret network of local agents on the ground in North Africa [...] and ordered the executions of all known agents of German and Italian nationality'. [...] He also wrote to his family about the sacrifices he was making for Lent. [...] William Eddy's religious background [...] prepared him for clandestine work in ways that almost nothing else could. He was exactly the kind of person Donovan needed for the OSS, not to share the love of Christ, but to orchestrate assassination plots and foment uprisings at the fringes of the war. His skills [...] and his pragmatic willingness to carry both Bibles and bombs made him one of the war's most important covert operatives" (pp1 & 59, concatenated).

Smith (op. cit. inf.) then fills the gaps ...

"In the spring of 1942, subversive operations in North Africa became the responsibility of the new Coordinator of Information [one Robert D. Murphy [Wikipedia biography] - Ed.]. Two official Donovan representatives joined Murphy's conspiratorial team. [+++ details of Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Solborg [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] +++] Some months earlier, a second COI officer, Colonel William Eddy, had reached his post at [...] Tangier [+++ duplicated biographical detail +++]. Eddy's first problem was with the British. London's diplomatic representatives had long since been expelled from Vichy France, but British secret agents [+++ example of agent +++] remained active in the region. [+++ minor examples of operations +++] Two American schemes emerged at this time. The first was a plot to replace the pro-Vichy Arab Prime Minister in Tunis [not specifically identified - Ed.] with an official more favourable to the Allies. It suggested that some members of the old man's family might be bribed into staging a palace revolt. In March [1942], Donovan made fifty thousand dollars available for the plot, but Murphy favoured a second project [...] to bring about a revolution in the French colonial army and establish a pro-Allied provisional government in North Africa, secretly supported by American arms and money. Eddy and the underground leaders had drawn up a schedule of extensive armament requirements [+++ details +++] [Eventually] Colonel Eddy went to Washington to present a preliminary plan for OSS subversive action [to support the TORCH invasion], and Donovan set aside two million dollars for these secret manoeuvres. [...] Most of Eddy's suggestions were approved by the Joint Chiefs on September 11 [1942], with the proviso that control of all secret activities should be vested in the Supreme Commander, General Eisenhower" (pp41-56).

... (I) for being taken ill in September 1943 and sent for lighter duties as "Special Assistant to the American Minister" to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, soon getting on good terms with King Abdulaziz Ibn Saud [Wikipedia biography] ...

**CAMEO - EDDY IN SAUDI ARABIA:** Eddy would remain in Saudi Arabia until 1946, promoting American business, military, and political ties. Here is Sutton again ...

"Missionaries like William Eddy had long sought, mostly in vain, to convince American policy makers of the significance of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Known primarily for its holy cities of Mecca and Medina [etc.], the region had long seemed to American government officials to be of little value. But as the war expanded, their views started changing. Both the OSS and the State Department came to understand that the Middle East had both short- and long-term importance for the United States. Its strategic location and the oil that lay beneath its scorching deserts [...] would be an emerging force on the global stage. [...] As the Americans began to court Saudi leaders, they had two goals in mind: to get Arab leaders on board with the Allies, and to ensure that the Jewish Zionists did not wreak too much havoc for them as they debated the future of Palestine. The Americans dispatched Eddy for the first job, courting the Saudis; Stephen Penrose [obituary] took charge of the second, working to keep a lid on Zionism. [+++ much discussion of U.S. Saudi interests +++] In 1942 the State Department established its first diplomatic legation at the Saudi port of Jeddah. At about the same time, [Roosevelt] dispatched Eddy's cousin Harold Hoskins [Wikipedia biography] to Saudi Arabia to discuss the issue of Palestine with the king [but he] refused even to meet Zionist leaders [...] and he pledged to forever oppose any attempts to create a Jewish territory in the region [and Hoskins] advised the president that the United States should stay clear of such plans. [...] Eddy arrived in Jeddah [...] on March 15, 1944. [...] Within about a month of [his] arrival, he met [the king] in Riyadh. He wore Arab garb for the series of meetings [...] and] later travelled with the king on multiple occasions to visit the region's various tribal groups. [...] Late in the spring of 1944, [President Roosevelt] nominated Eddy for the job of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Saudi Arabia, the top diplomatic post in the region, and the Senate confirmed him in August. [...] On August 12, 1944, Eddy began his new job, at which point he severed all official connections with the OSS" (pp221-226).
... (m) while in that post, for helping to set up the 14th February 1945 meeting between Roosevelt and Ibn Saud aboard USS Quincy [Wikipedia shipography] in the Suez Canal's Great Bitter Lake [map] ...

YouTube contemporary newsreel of this event
[Eddy gets shown and named 40 seconds in]

... (n) for being temporarily assigned to OSS's Research and Analysis Group in April 1946, a posting which soon opened the way to even greater challenges ...

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CAMEO - FROM OSS TO CIA: Eddy was co-opted 1st August 1946 onto the State Department working party responsible for scoping what would go on to become the CIA. Smith explains the various tensions at work ...

"[Roosevelt's] successor, Harry Truman, wanted no part of a peacetime 'Gestapo'. On September 20, 1945, he issued an executive order disbanding the Office of Strategic Services. The OSS organisation was then dispersed among the other agencies of the government. The remains of the Secret Intelligence and Special Operations branches were transferred to the War Department and placed under the command of Donovan's Deputy Director for Intelligence, General John Magruder [see own entry REVELATORY]. This Strategic Services Unit was nothing more than a caretaker body formed to preside over the liquidation of the OSS espionage network. By February 1946, Magruder had already resigned in protest against the dismemberment of his intelligence unit and its 'expensively trained, hand-picked personnel'. [...] The Research and Analysis Branch of OSS was meanwhile shuttled off to the State Department [under] Alfred McCormack [Wikipedia mention] [...]. On April 23 [1946] Colonel McCormack resigned. His successor, Colonel William Eddy [...] was given the task of dismantling the R&A group as an integral unit and assigning each geographical division to the regular State Department desks. [...] The White House soon approved the creation of a National Intelligence Authority and a subordinate Central Intelligence Group [...]. The following year, Congress provided for the creation of a Central Intelligence Agency" (pp364-365).

Sutton adds ...

"Near the end of the war, Donovan received an important memo from Ferdinand L. Mayer [Wikipedia biography] [...] laying] out a plan for post-war intelligence based on what the OSS had accomplished so far. A centrepiece of the plan was substantial use of religion. 'It remains my view,' Mayer wrote to the White House soon approved the creation of a National Intelligence Authority and a subordinate Central Intelligence Group [...]. The following year, Congress provided for the creation of a Central Intelligence Agency" (pp324-325).

... and (o) for relocating to semi-retirement with his family in Beirut, comfortably retained by the Arabian-American Oil Company (Aramco) [Wikipedia briefing] as an advisor ...

Readers interested in the often murky relationship between the oil industry and political sharp practice may find value in the entries for <Thomas G. Corcoran>, <Billy Sol Estes>, <Hans Gisevius>, <Clint Murchison>, and <Paul Raigorodsky>.

Eddy died in 1962, aged 66, and would be forgotten about until featured in 2019 as one of the four spy-clergymen discussed in Sutton (op. cit. inf.) (the others being John M. Birch [see own entry REVELATORY], Stephen B. L. Penrose, Jr. [ditto], and Stewart W. Herman [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY] - together, "OSS's godly spooks" (p3). FURTHER READING: For the details see both Thomas W. Lippmann's (2008) "Arabian Knight: Colonel Bill Eddy, USMC, and the Rise of American Power in the Middle East" [Amazon] and Chapters Three, Seven, Fourteen, and Twenty of Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon]. For more on the OSS's war see Richard Harris Smith's (1972) "OSS" [Amazon].

Edgewood ArsenalMD: Founded in 1917 as a sub-command within the larger Aberdeen Proving Ground, the Edgewood ArsenalMD [Wikipedia briefing] began life as a production facility for the gas warfare agents phosgene and mustard gas, and, from a standing start, by 1918 was producing "nearly four times as much as Germany" (Hersh, 1968, p113). On 28th June 1918 it was brought under the
umbrella of the Chemical Warfare Service (CWS) [Wikipedia briefing], at the time commanded by General William L. Sibert [Wikipedia biography].

RECOMMENDED READING: For a thorough introduction to the American experience with gas warfare in WW1, see the 1984 paper "Chemical Warfare in World War 1: The American Experience, 1917-1918" (Heller, 1984 [browse for full text online]).

***** A MAJOR CONSPIRACY EITHER WAY *****

Edisen, Adele Elvira Uskali: Research physiologist Adele Edisen [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for obtaining a doctorate in physiology in 1954 from the University of Chicago with a dissertation entitled "Excitation and Inhibition of Spinal Motoneurons" ...

ASIDE: PubMed then records two journal publications in this same area, 1956 and 1957, which we presume are derived from her dissertation research. There is then a ten year gap to two further papers on the subject, 1967 and 1970, plus two further papers in the physiology of sweating, both in 1970. There might be many reasons for the ten year hiatus, both innocent (such as raising a family) and interesting (like working on a classified project).

(b) for being grant-funded in 1963 as a research fellow of the NIH's National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness (NINDB), (c) for thereby encountering MKULTRA bigwig Jose A Rivera [see own entry - IMPORTANT] at a scientific conference in April 1963 ...

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(d) for being deeply distressed by some of things he said - detail in inset below, (e) for half reporting her concerns in July to Special Agent John Calvin Rice at the New Orleans office of the Secret Service [she telephoned to make an appointment, but later cried off - Ed.], (f) for getting back on the telephone pretty damn quick after the Assassination, attending Rice's office on Sunday afternoon 24th November (being told that LHO had been shot just as she arrived), (g) for there being interviewed by Rice and FBI Special Agent Orrin H. Bartlett, testifying as follows ...

Edisen, at the time aged 38, met 52-year-old Rivera at a medical research conference in Atlantic City NJ in April 1963, on which occasion he gave her his telephone number in Washington. When passing through Washington 22nd April 1963 she telephoned Rivera and dined with him. Conversation mentioned LHO and the Carousel Club. The following day Rivera gave her a tour of the city, and passed a number of strangely portentous remarks about JFK, his family, and his then-radical position on civil rights. Finally he asked her to do him two favours upon her return to New Orleans. Firstly he asked her to get one Winston DeMonsabert - a chemistry professor at Loyala University - to give him a call. Secondly he gave her a telephone number later remembered as 899-4244 and asked her to ring it when she got back to New Orleans, ask for "Lee Harvey Oswald", and tell him - as a joke, he explained - "to kill the chief". Edisen duly rang the number over the coming days, getting through to Oswald at the third time of trying [say 13th May or thereabouts - Ed.]. He denied knowing any Rivera, so she did not deliver the joke. For the fuller narrative, see the Spartacus Educational link above, or the memoir below, or her 18th November 1994 ARRB testimony.

and (h) for returning to her career 1964-1991, by which time she felt constrained to publish a memoir under the title "From April to November and Back Again".

ASIDE: The full text of this article is available online at the Mary Ferrell Foundation website - click here. After registering see the archives for The Third Degree, volume 8(1), pp1-5. She broke the story in 1991 under the pseudonym "K. S. Turner".

THE PROBLEMS WITH THIS STORY: Here are some of the difficulties with Edisen's narrative ...

Since 1991 neither the Secret Service nor the FBI has admitted to being involved.
LHO did not arrive in New Orleans until 26th April 1963, so how would Rivera have known the telephone number on 23rd?

Was it all a chat-up gone sour? Edisen herself specifically recalls NOT getting the feeling that Rivera was trying "to seduce" her, and women are well tuned to this sort of thing so we are happy to take her word for it. But if Rivera was not just mouthing off, then what WAS he doing?? Or was it all just invented, or dreamed (or even MKULTRA implanted)?

Edisen "came out" in 1991, and our standard caution to students is that 1992-1993 was a period of significant Establishment obfuscation and counter-conspiracy funding in the wake of the success of Oliver Stone's movie "JFK". Edisen could, in other words, very well be part of the problem, not part of the solution!

It all boils down to this: EITHER (1) we accept Edisen's story at face value and conclude that an incriminating evidence trail was being put in place by some very well-placed conspirators seven months before it would be needed (in other words, that LHO was already being Patsified), OR (2) we must suspect that the apparent victim was actually the villain, having been asked (also by some very well-placed conspirators) to play along with a clever fabrication in order to muddy the waters of the early 1990s even more than they already were. OUR VERDICT? The lady dunnit.

Edwards, Sheffield: WW2 veteran (U.S. Army, military intelligence) turned CIA careerist Sheffield Edwards [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for routinely having to break the cover stories of captured enemy agents, (b) for being appointed CIA Head of the Office of Security, (c) for corresponding in late 1949 with Morse Allen [see own entry] concerning the latter's field experimentation with polygraph-assisted interrogation in Europe, agreeing to authorise a pilot project aimed at establishing the most effective packages of interrogation science (Albarelli, 2009, p210), soon to be known as Project Bluebird ...

"From its inception [...] the tightly compartmentalised project was Col. Sheffield Edwards' baby. Indeed, Edwards had selected the code-name 'Bluebird' [...] Throughout its first year of operation, Edwards chaired all Bluebird project meetings [...] A scant three dozen documents, merely outlining the Bluebird Project, have survived the many purges of CIA records over the past half-century. [...] A document dated May 4, 1951, poses the following challenge to Bluebird teams: 'Can we make an unwilling subject talk; Can we prevent our own agents who fall into enemy hands from disclosing information vital to us; Can a man be made to commit acts useful to us under post-hypnotic suggestion; Can we condition our own people so they will not be subject to post-hypnotic suggestions' " (Albarelli, 2009, pp28-29).

(d) for working with Allen Dulles in 1953 to help raise the Agency's game against Soviet "brain-conditioning" techniques, (e) for stepping in quickly to help cover up the murder-suicide of Camp Detrick researcher Frank Olson 28th November 1953, thus (Doran was the security officer on vall that night) ...

"Earlier that morning, around 4.30 A.M., Doran had received a phone call from Dr. Sidney Gottlieb, chief of the CIA's Chemical Branch. Gottlieb told Doran that there had been 'an incident in a hotel in New York City, involving a death'. Gottlieb explained that Robert Lashbrook [see own entry], assistant chief of the Chemical Branch, had been in the hotel when the incident occurred [...]. Immediately after speaking with Gottlieb, Doran [...] telephoned his superior, Col. Sheffield Edwards, director of the CIA's Office of Security. OS, as the Security Office was called, had the responsibility to protect Agency personnel and facilities from compromising situations and unauthorised penetration. [...] Its agents were widely regarded as experts in carrying out 'black bag' and 'clean up' jobs" (Albarelli, 2009, p26). [For more on the Olson story per se, see the Olson entry.]

and (f) in late summer 1960 for acting at the behest of CIA/DDP Richard Bissell to enlist the help of the Mafia in attempting the life of President Fidel Castro ...

CAMEO - THE CIA ASK A FAVOUR: There was certainly no love lost between Havana and the mob, because Castro had closed down all the highly profitable casinos on the island. They were therefore happy to take the contract. The people who actually did the face-to-face organising were CIA asset Robert Maheu and Mafia contracts manager Johnny Roselli. See their entries for how it all went horribly wrong.
Egerter, Ann: Long term CIA/Special Investigations Group (SIG) administrator Ann Egerter [no convenient biography] reported to James Angleton and confirmed to the 1976-1978 House Select Committee on Assassinations that she had personally opened a 201/SIG file on LHO on 9th December 1960, the purpose of which file could only be the monitoring of a CIA operative who had come under suspicion. Browse the LHO as CIA Man Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story; see the entry for Birch O'Neal for an alternative interpretation of LHO's involvement.

Eisenberg, Lewis Michael: Banker Lewis Eisenberg [Wikipedia biography] was appointed Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey on 9th November 1995, and as such hosted the negotiations by which the WTC was leased to Larry Silverstein [q.v.] on 24th July 2001. 84 Port Authority employees were killed in the 9/11 False Flag Attacks [q.v.].

Eisenhower, President Dwight David: WW2 veteran Dwight D. Eisenhower [Wikipedia biography] was POTUS 1953-1961, and in March 1960 instructed the CIA to destroy Cuba's Castro Regime, in which enterprise they should feel free to buy in Mafia assets and/or use covert paramilitary intervention. He is noteworthy for his farewell address on 17th January 1961 in which he warned in the clearest of terms of having "an immense military establishment and a large arms industry" - a "military-industrial complex" - seeking "unwarranted influence". Well that military-industrial complex did for JFK, sure enough, and RFK after him, so we guess he was probably right.

El Arish/El Arish Strip: See the entry for Herbert Bentwich.

Elgin Marbles: See the entry for Bruce, Thomas [7th Earl of Elgin].

Elijah of Vilna: [A.k.a. HaGaon Rabbenu Eliyahu = "our teacher, Elijah"]; acronymically HaGra] [Read firstly the entry for Kabbalah.] White Russian (b. Sialiec [map], then Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, modern Belarus, 1720) Kabbalist scholar Elijah of Vilna [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for promoting a Kabbalistic sect in Vilnius [map] (whence the HaGra acronym), and (b) for there fighting a battle against the more widely popular Hasidism [see own entry]. He died, a respected authority on the sourceworks of Judaism, in 1797, aged 77.

Elimelich of Lizensk: Dealt with herein as Elimelich Weisblum.

Elkins, Harold E.: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Harold Elkins [no convenient biography] was with other officers outside the Main Street entrance to the Sheriff's Office when the shooting took place, and immediately made his way to the railway yard and parking lots beyond the Grassy Knoll. He helped secure the area, and took the descriptions of two recently departed suspicious vehicles from Lee Bowers in the Railyard Tower. He then helped manage the crowd of witnesses outside the TSBD, before, "a while later", helping to escort "three prisoners" [now known as the Three Tramps] to Captain Will Fritz. Elkins' evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 26th November 1963 [read it here]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

"The Elliots were the backbone of empire" (Macintyre, p4)

Elliott, John Nicholas Rede: Well-born British intelligence officer Nicholas Elliott [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as Kim Philby's junior, later superior, officer within MI6, and for being the spymaster who took the masterspy's final confession in Beirut, Lebanon, between 10th and 23rd January 1963 [see Timeline those dates]. In due course he revealed as much as he was permitted to reveal (not a lot, in fact) in the (1994) memoir "With My Little Eye" [Amazon].

Elliott, William Yandell: American political philosopher turned serial presidential advisor William Y. Elliott [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an impressive career as a Harvard academic, (b) for being head-hunted onto President Franklin D. Roosevelt's famous "Brains Trust" [Wikipedia briefing] in around 1935, being selected to accompany the president to the Yalta
Conference in February 1945, and (c) for promoting Harvard as a centre of post-war political excellence, mentoring, among others, a young Henry Kissinger.

Ellis, Sergeant Stavis ["Steve"]: DPD motorcycle outrider Stavis Ellis [Dallas Morning News obituary, 2005] was left-most of the vee of five "lead" motorcycles, in front of limo #1. He visually witnessed the first of three shots from his outrider position, seeing it strike the south kerb of Elm Street. He only heard the next two shots. Ellis' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Ellsworth, Frank: [Read firstly the entries for Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and Fort Hood Arms Thefts.] ATF investigator Frank Ellsworth [no convenient biography] had just emerged from a meeting with Ed Coyle and James Hosty at around 1145hr on the morning of the assassination. He would eventually be cited in the La Fontaines 1996 book "Oswald Talked" as having learned during the afternoon searches of the TSBD on 22nd November 1963 that the Mannlicher-Carcano had been found one or two floors below TSBD6, not on it.

"Elmer Gantry": Published in 1927 by Nobel Prize-winning (1930) satirist Sinclair Lewis [Wikipedia biography], "Elmer Gantry" [Wikipedia briefing] [Amazon] [full text online] is noteworthy in the present context as the class-defining critical exposé of the hypocrisy at the heart of Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching [see own entry]. It is the story of a womanising, ruthlessly ambitious, drunkard who finds he can earn a good living from a Baptist congregation by inveighing from the preacher's pulpit against the evils of womanising, ruthless ambition, and alcohol. In the final chapter, with his transgressions exposed before his congregation, he simply brazens it out, as follows...

"Oh, my friends!' cried Elmer, 'do you believe in my innocence, in the fiendishness of my accusers? Reassure me with a hallelujah!' The church thundered with the triumphant hallelujah, and in a sacred silence Elmer prayed: 'O Lord, thou hast stooped from thy mighty throne and rescued thy servant from the assault of the mercenaries of Satan! Mostly we thank thee because thus we can go on doing thy work, and thine alone! Not less but more zealously shall we seek utter purity and the prayer-life, and rejoice in freedom from all temptations!' He turned to include the choir, and for the first time he saw that there was a new singer, a girl with charming ankles and lively eyes, with whom he would certainly have to become well acquainted."

The book was made into a film, starring Burt Lancaster, in 1960.

Elrod, John Franklin: [Sometimes "The Fourth Tramp"] As recorded by the La Fontaines in their 1996 book "Oswald Talked", John Elrod [no convenient biography] was a 30-year-old unemployed cook arrested during the immediate post-assassination sweep of the Dallas railyards, and then detained in the DPDHQ holding cells for some hours in the afternoon of Friday 22nd November 1963 along with LHO and Daniel Douglas. Douglas had cell #1 in the triplex, LHO had #2, and Elrod had #3. The three prisoners were free to talk to each other through the dividing bars. The most significant event was then the arrival of a man now known as Lawrence Miller, but then best identified by the serious facial injuries suffered in the Thunderbird Crash, who passed by in the corridor. LHO later confided to Elrod that he had seen the man before, in a motel room, where he had received cash from a certain Jack Ruby to drive a blue Ford Thunderbird loaded with stolen guns. And as the La Fontaines point out with no little gravity: "If Oswald knew Ruby [on the afternoon of 22nd November] a conspiracy [...] is a virtual certainty" (p. 397). Elrod kept LHO's confidence to himself for a year, but then on 11th August 1964, troubled by hostile feelings toward his estranged wife, he presented himself as a "domestic" case at the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Memphis, for help. However, once talking he told his Dallas story as well, and when he got to the bit about Jack Ruby, whose ongoing trial was daily in the news, Shelby County were on to the FBI like a shot. To cut a long story short, neither the FBI nor the Warren Commission wanted to know, because an assassination conspiracy was not the theory of the day; DPDHQ even conveniently lost Elrod's arrest record. Unbelieved, but now fearing for his life, Elrod went dark until researchers caught up with him in 1996. This 1996 video finishes the story.
Elsbeth Apartment: The accommodation at 604 Elsbeth Street, Dallas, where LHO and Marina Oswald lived between 3rd November 1962 and 3rd March 1963. The building was demolished for redevelopment in January 2013 after failed attempts to have it declared a museum.

Emergency Rescue Committee (ERC): See the entries for Varian Fry and Waitstill Sharp.

English, Joseph M.: Described in Marrs and Schuster's (2002, full text online) listing of possibly maliciously hastened demises as the "Former head of FBI Forensic Sciences Laboratory". Joseph English (Washington Post obituary), who had overseen the testing of the Sniper's Nest Mannlicher-Carcano and LHO's .38" Smith and Wesson revolver, died from a heart attack on 29th October 1977, aged 61. Donald Jeffries, in his 2014 book "Hidden History" notes that this was shortly before he was to testify before the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Entheogens: [Read firstly the entry for Altered States of Consciousness (ASC.)] We refer here to that class of neuroactive chemicals [Wikipedia chemistry] which simultaneously also psychoactively produces the sort of Altered States of Consciousness (ASC) associated with mystical experiences. The story began when naturally occurring entheogens were accidentally ingested - as peyote, magic mushrooms, and the like - whereupon their effects soon found their way into shamanic ritual - see, for example, (for peyote/mescaline) the Huichol [Wikipedia briefing], and (for psilocybin) the Aztecs [Wikipedia briefing]. There is also the Soma [Wikipedia briefing] mentioned in the Rigveda, as well as the "acacia mixture" believed to have been used by Moses to enhance his prophetic visions (Shanon, 2008).

CAMEO - MICHAEL HARNER'S AYAHUASCA TRIP: In his (1980/1990/2011) book "The Way of the Shaman" [Amazon], anthropologist Michael Harner [Wikipedia biography] goes into microscopic detail of a 1961 drug trip he experienced while a guest of the Conibo Tribe of the Peruvian Amazon. The entheogen on this occasion was Ayahuasca [Wikipedia briefing], a tree vine extract. Here, showing how the mystico-religious elements of the experience emerge from the purely hallucinatory, is a taster...

"They had me lie down on the bamboo platform under the great thatched roof of the communal house. [...] As I stared upward into the darkness, faint lines of light appeared. They grew sharper, more intricate, and burst into brilliant colours. Sound came from far away, a sound like a waterfall, which grew stronger and stronger until it filled my ears. [...] Overhead the faint lines became brighter, and gradually interlaced to form a canopy resembling a geometric mosaic of stained glass. The bright violet hues formed an ever-expanding roof above me. Within this celestial cavern, I heard the sound of water grow louder and I could see dim figures engaged in shadowy movements. As my eyes seemed to adjust to the gloom, the moving scene resolved itself into something resembling a huge fun house, a supernatural carnival of demons. In the centre, presiding over the activities, and looking directly at me, was a gigantic, grinning crocodilian head, from whose cavernous jaws gushed a torrential flow of water. Slowly the waters rose [...] and I began to see two strange boats wafting back and forth [...]. They slowly combined to form a single vessel with a huge dragon-headed prow, not unlike that of a Viking ship, [...] I became conscious, too, of the most beautiful singing I have ever heard in my life, high-pitched and ethereal, emanating from myriad voices on board the galley. As I looked more closely at the deck, I could make out large numbers of people with the heads of blue jays and the bodies of humans, not unlike the bird-headed gods of ancient Egyptian tomb paintings. At the same time, some energy-derived psychoactive..."

RESEARCH ISSUE - THE LOCUS OF THE MYSTICAL: Students are reminded at this juncture of Michael Gazzaniga's notion of the Dominant Hemisphere's Narrative Interpreter - see this Companion Resource, and scroll to <Consciousness, Gazzaniga's Theory of>. It is therefore perfectly possible for the "mystical" element of such a drug trip to be secondary to a more straightforward primary perceptual hallucination. Thus hallucinated sounds become interpreted as celestial as soon as the mind searches for a unifying explanatory drama.

CAMEO - PAHNKE'S (1962) "MARSH CHAPEL EXPERIMENT": At Easter 1962, in what is now recognised as a ground-breaking study, Boston University theology researcher Walter N. Pahnke [Wikipedia biography] observed the effects of the mushroom-derived psychoactive Psilocybin [Wikipedia briefing] on a sample of ten randomly selected theology students about to participate in that university’s Marsh Chapel Good Friday service. A control group of ten matched fellow students received the psychoactively neutral chemical Niacin
The Experimental Group subsequently reported experiencing profoundly enhanced religious experiences, both immediately and upon 25-year follow-up interview.

We continue to develop this theme in the entries for Shamanism and Community Mysticism, Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching, and Hate Speech and Radicalising Preachers, which see. FURTHER READING: Full details of the 1962 experiment are given in Pahnke's (1963) doctoral dissertation "Drugs and Mysticism" [full text online]. For something more recent, take a look at Thomas B. Roberts' (2001) collection "Psychoactive Sacramentals" [Amazon].

***** Unknown Possible Accomplice *****

Epileptic Man: This is the name given to the unknown male bystander who, at around 1215-1220hr on 22nd November 1963 suffered a (possibly feigned) seizure of sorts on the Houston Street sidewalk between Main and Elm. He was scooped from under the noses of the approaching motorcade by ambulance, and taken to Parkland Hospital. Here, in the confusion some minutes later as JFK arrived, he disappeared into the crowds. The ambulance driver - one Aubrey Rike [see own entry] - would later report that in the days prior to the assassination his unit had been called to the pick-up location on a number of occasions - all of them false alarms - as though somebody was observing his average response time.

Epstein, Edward Jay: Early assassination researcher Edward J. Epstein [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a promising early career with the CIA's outlet journal Reader's Digest, (b) as the author of the (1966) book "Inquest: The Warren Commission and the Establishment of Truth" [Amazon], in which he is one of the first to suggest in print that more than one shooter was involved (although LHO was still asserted to be the main one), (c) for becoming a university lecturer in political science in 1972, (d) for being granted an extended four-day interview in late March 1977 with international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt, only for the man to get his brains blown out after only the second session, (e) for using one Henry C. Hurt, Jr. as researcher, and (f) for his (1978) book "Legend: The Secret World of Lee Harvey Oswald" [Amazon]...

ASIDE: In intelligence circles, a legend is "an operational plan for a cover, or a cover itself, depending on the mission" (James Jesus Angleton); in other words, a spy's falsified biography or cover story. Production of the book was "unstintingly" supported by Reader's Digest. The work is noteworthy for introducing a number of topics or lines of argument which have been regularly revisited by later authors. These include (1) the role of Yuri Nosenko, LHO's KGB case officer, (2) the role of the Queen Bee nightclub at Atsugi, (3) the part played by Gary Powers and the U-2 Incident, and (4) the LHO as the shooter in the April 1963 Edwin Walker shooting.

Eretz Israel: See the sidenote to the entry for Yinon Plan.

Ernest, Barry: Assassination researcher Barry Ernest [no convenient biography] re-interviewed Victoria Adams and other TSBD employees for his 2013 book "The Girl on the Stairs". His well-argued conclusion is that Adams' evidence was deliberately belittled by the FBI because it did not fit the official narrative. The story is well trailed in an accompanying radio promotion [YouTube it now].

Ernst, ["Crooked John"] John: In Rod MacKenzie's (and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination El Paso-based some-time hitman John Ernst [no convenient biography, but some delightful background detail in Francis (2013)] was, with Clyde Foust and Charles Harrelson, part of a three-man shooting team paid for by H. L. Hunt and assigned to the western end of the John Neely Bryan Pergola. Reported to have left Dallas by Greyhound bus.

Eroshkin, Nikolai Grigorievich: GRU colonel and assistant military attaché at the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo in the late 1950s, Nikolai Eroshkin [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for featuring in Richard Case Nagell's alleged encounter with LHO in Japan. The story first broke in
"Recent research into Oswald's period in Japan, based on the recollections of former Marine colleagues, has shown that Oswald often disappeared into Tokyo on two-day leaves, refusing to discuss his reasons even with his closest friends. [...] As Nagell told the story [...] one day [the Japanese National Police Agency] had observed a young American [...] dressed in civilian clothes outside of Tokyo's Soviet embassy. He was with a friend [...] and was eventually identified as a Marine private from Atsugi. [...] Nagell determined that [...] the young Marine had met with [...] Eroshkin. [...] While the Soviet KGB was equivalent to a combination of the American CIA and FBI, the GRU was part of the USSR's military intelligence side. [...] This book marks the first time that any known meeting between Oswald and Soviet intelligence in Japan has ever been alleged. [...] Nagell maintains that Oswald and the Russian colonel had more than one meeting [...] and adds that 'almost since the day' Oswald first saw Eroshkin at the embassy, the Soviets suspected the Marine 'of being an agent of one of the U.S. intelligence services" (op. cit., pp71-72).

Author Jack Swike, who had corresponded with Nagell himself shortly before the latter's death, fills in some of the details in his (2008) book "The Missing Chapter: Lee Harvey Oswald in the Far East" [Amazon] ...

"My records show there was a Colonel Nikolai Eroshkin in the Soviet Embassy [in Tokyo] at that time [documentary proof is appendicised]. [...] Nagell said he was involved in trying to turn Eroshkin into a defector, but claims he had to stop because Japanese police were becoming curious. I doubt Nagell's account, because it seems highly unlikely that a Russian colonel in Military Intelligence would be a good candidate for defection. But it's quite possible that Oswald met Eroshkin to provide information or to discuss a trip to the Soviet Union. Oswald was ordered home on October 31, 1958" (op. cit., K949).

Escalante, Fabian: Fabian Escalante [Spartacus Educational biography] was head of Fidel Castro's G-2 Counterintelligence Service, and features in the entry for Antonio Cuesta.

Esquipulas Accords: See the entry for Óscar Arias.

Essel Group: See the entry for WION.

Essex Hall: We refer here to the meeting hall at the junction of Milford Lane and Strand [map], London, which for some 400 years (subject to sundry rebuildings) supported the activities of Britain's intellectually pushy Unitarian Society [Spartacus Educational briefing]. For more of the detail see Mortimer Rowe's (1959) "The Story of Essex Hall" [full text online].

***** "SICK GODFATHER OF HYPNOTIC MIND CONTROL"
PRE-PROGRAMMER OF MANCHURIANS

Estabrooks, George Hoben: Canadian-American WW1 veteran turned between-wars psychologist turned WW2/Cold War military consultant and mind control guru George H. Estabrooks [Wikipedia stub biography; see also Winter, op. cit. inf.] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having conducted research in the early 1920s into the practicalities of telepathy, thus ...

1927 "Experimental Telepathy" [Amazon]

(b) for having then helped to develop techniques whereby hypnotic states could be induced in unwilling subjects (intelligence agents, prisoners of war, etc.), selling consultancy during WW2 and the early Cold War to the FBI and the intelligence services; also for having set his early ideas in print in the following works ...

two scientific publications, 1946 and 1965, 16 pages in all

1941 "Man, the Mechanical Misfit" [Amazon]

1943 "Hypnotism" [Amazon]
(c) for supporting his practical techniques with some of the Multiple Personality Theory doing the rounds in those years ...

**ASIDE - MULTIPLE PERSONALITY THEORY:** Readers unfamiliar with the operating principles of the polygraph - commonly the "lie detector" - should read this Wikipedia briefing before proceeding. Readers unfamiliar with **Personality Theory** in general should lightly browse this Companion Resource, noting the entry for <Personality, Split>. Readers unfamiliar with the specific notion of **Multiple Personality Disorder** should see this Companion Resource, scrolling to the entry for <Multiple Personality Disorder>; then to this Companion Resource, scrolling to the entry for <Dissociation 1/2/3>.

**CAMEO - ESTABROOKS, MULTIPLE PERSONALITY, AND THE POLYGRAPH:** It is fairly commonly asserted that a lie detector can be fooled by a suitably trained suspect/subject, and the secret to success in this seems to be for said suspect/subject to convince h/self that the lie is true, and being able to switch h/self into an alter ego of sorts in which that lie **is** true. The phrase "controlled dissociation" was sometimes used to describe this deliberate splitting of one's own personality. The best spies, in other words, are those who have cultivated an innocent version of themselves to take the interrogation for them; that way they genuinely have nothing to hide.

(d) for taking his theory of hypnotically induced multiple personality to its logical extreme by heading laboratory and field research into **Manchurians**, that is to say, hypnotically primed "sleeper" assassins (it was, he would later confess, his "curious little research hobby" - Ed.), thus ...

"[Estabrooks] requires a separate section of his own because he is the only mind control doctor who has publicly acknowledged the creation of Manchurian Candidates. [...] He] was very well connected academically, and had professional relationships with documented CIA mind control contractors such as Dr. Martin Orne [see own entry]. Additionally, the documentation proves that Dr. Estabrooks conducted extensive training of military intelligence personnel and was a contractor of the War Department during World War II. G. H. Estabrooks was at the hub of the Manchurian Candidate programs" (Ross, 2000, K2688).

and (e) for then disappearing into the not-insignificant murk surrounding the **MKULTRA** mind control program to continue with his research.

**CAMEO - ESTABROOKS AND THE UNBREAKABLE COURIER:** For example, in a bid for CIA funding dated 22nd June 1954, Estabrooks dangles the highly enticing possibility that intelligence couriers could be hypnotically protected, thus ...

"In deep hypnosis the subject, military or civilian, can be given a message [which] will be perfectly safe and will be delivered to the proper person because (a) the subject will have no memory whatsoever in the waking state as to the nature and contents of the message, (b) it can be arranged that the subject will have no knowledge of ever having been hypnotised, (c) it can be arranged that no one beside [the intended recipient] can hypnotise the subject and recover the message." (Ross, 2000, K2734-2745).

Estabrooks died in 1974. **FURTHER READING:** The early Estabrooks works are difficult to come by, so for a quick introduction we recommend Russ Winter's 23rd September 2018 piece for Winter Watch entitled "George Estabrooks, Sick Godfather of Hypnotic Mind Control" [full text online]. For more of the substance, see Colin Ross' (2006) book "The CIA Doctors" [Amazon].

***** CIA WAR ROOM DIRECTOR, BAY OF PIGS OPERATION *****

**Esterline, Jacob Donald:** [Read firstly the entry for Alfred T. Cox.] Careerist special forces operative later senior commander Jake Esterline [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps mid-1941, soon being selected for special forces training with OSS's **Detachment 101** [see own entry] in Burma 1943-1946, working variously with serious bad-asses Paul Helliwell [see own entry] and Lucien Conein [see own entry], (b) for civilian life (reportedly as "an accountant") 1946-1949, (c) for joining the CIA in the 1950 Korean emergency, becoming chief of guerrilla training at their "The Farm" training establishment, **Camp Peary** [see own entry], (d) for being appointed "the Washington war room chief" (Thomas, op. cit. inf., p124) at "Quarter's Eye",...
Washington, during **Operation PBSUCCESS** - the U.S.'s bloodily successful Árbenz Coup in Guatemala - in 1954 (see [Timeline 18th June that year]), (e) for being rewarded by being made chief of station in Guatemala (1954-1957) and Venezuela (1957-1959), working much of the time with CIA master-assassin **David Morales** (see [own entry SCARY]), (f) for being promoted WH/4 - Chief of Western Hemisphere Branch #4 - in 1959, thereby inheriting responsibility for the early assassination attempts against **Fidel Castro** in 1960 and the **Bay of Pigs Invasion** catastrophe in 1961, thus ...

**CAMEO - ESTERLINE vs CASTRO, 1960-1961**: Esterline reported at this time via **Tracy Barnes** [see own entry] to Deputy Director for Plans **Richard M. Bissell, Jr.** [see own entry] (Albarelli, *op. cit. inf.*). Thomas (*op. cit. inf.*) sets the scene ...

'In the winter of 1959-60 [Bissell] dusted off what DD/P veterans called 'the Guatemala scenario'. By early March 1960, the DD/P had drafted a top-secret policy paper, *'A Program of Covert Action Against the Castro Regime'* [full text online, courtesy of the Office of the Historian]. It called for the creation of an exile government, a 'powerful propaganda offensive', developing resistance groups within Cuba that would provide intelligence and be 'responsive' to the exile government, and the establishment of a paramilitary force outside Cuba for 'future guerrilla action'. It was PBSUCCESS Part II [...]. [+++ Bissell selects Barnes +++] At Bissell's request in the winter and spring of 1960, Barnes took on the job of putting together a team to overthrow Castro. The approach, which seemed reasonable at the time, was to reassemble the old Guatemala group. The project director, Jake Esterline, [...] was competent. [...] The propaganda chief was again **David Phillips** [see own entry **SENIOR JFK CONSPIRATOR**]. [...] but after these two, mediocrity set in. **Dick Drain** [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], Esterline's number two, [...] knew nothing about paramilitary action. The forty or so officers working for them were often castoffs. [...] The two men chosen by Barnes to act as political officers, charged with setting up the Cuban government in exile, were unpromising. **Gerry Droller** [Wikipedia biography] [...] could not speak a word of Spanish. His sidekick was **E. Howard Hunt** [see own entry] [...] a man with a fertile, if not always practical imagination" (pp204-205).

In his (2012) "**Nexus: The CIA and Political Assassination**" [Amazon], researcher **Larry Hancock** adds ...

"The initial plan, as drafted by Esterline (January 18, 1960) called for exfiltrating a very select group of Cubans, training them, and putting them back on the Island (in the Trinidad area) and supporting them in an effort to ignite a major anti-Castro movement. The plan was conceived as safe because the cadre would have easy access to the Escombre Mountains where an active anti-Castro network was already in existence. But, as Esterline would tell Bohning (see (i) below), the Trinidad Plan [...] never had a chance to evolve: 'It was taken away by Bissell's decision to go for more, much more, and create an invasion force'" (k1171).

In the fall of 1960, Esterline noted that the project office had started funding Mafia contacts for favours rendered - "some $200,000" in all (Hancock again). However Castro's security apparatus persistently outwitted the special operatives and Mafiosi sent against him, and a full-scale invasion was decided upon at the very highest command level. The result was **Operation JMARC** [Mary Ferrell Database entry].

**Readers unfamiliar with the events during the invasion itself may find it useful to skim Timeline 15th April 1961** before proceeding.

... (g) for being promoted Deputy Chief, Western Hemisphere Division, 6th October 1961, one of his first jobs being to brief **Winston Scott** [see own entry **ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT**] in November 1961 as to the criteria for his recruiting **June Cobb** [see own entry **ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT**] as an asset ...

"A November 1961 memorandum sent to Mexico Chief of Station Winston Scott from WH Chief **J. C. King** [Wikipedia biography] and Jake Esterline intended to inform Scott of June Cobb's character and attributes reads: 'According to the assessments made on June Cobb, it is believed that because of [...] potential susceptibility to leftist indoctrination, she should be handled with caution. She can be provided with general requirements but should be kept unwitting of modus operandi. Cobb requires direction and guidance [...] AMUPAS/1 [her identity in correspondence - Ed.] is an individual who needs a 'cause' [...] It is therefore necessary to keep her motivation directed along lines of our interest so that she will not be tempted to look elsewhere. [...] Handled with the above restrictions in mind, Cobb can provide a wealth of information" (Albarelli, *op. cit. inf.*, k7136-7155).

... (h) unsurprisingly - given his central role in the debacle - for getting fully 176 mentions in the CIA's 1979 at-the-time-classified "**Official History of the Bay of Pigs Invasion**" (CIA, *op. cit. inf.*), of which the following clip is typical ...
"... on 18 January 1960 the WH Division organised Branch 4 (WH/4) as an expandable task force to run the proposed Cuban Operations. The initial Table of Organization totalled 40 persons, with 18 at Headquarters, 20 at Havana Station, and 2 at Santiago Base. Named to head the new Branch in Western Hemisphere Division, was Jacob D. Esterline, recently returned REDACTED, and formerly one of the principals REDACTED in Project PBSUCCESS, the operation which had resulted in the overthrow of the Communist-dominated [factually inaccurate - Ed.] government of Jacobo Arbenz in Guatemala in 1954. Esterline was the choice of J. C. King, Chief, WH Division; and to the best of Esterline's recollection, toward the end of his two year tour in REDACTED he had been queried by King about remaining in REDACTED or coming back to Headquarters to work on the Cuban problem" (pp32-33).

EDITORIAL NOTE: Advanced students should, of course, study all 176 mentions for maximum benefit.

... and (i) for being interviewed in 1997 by forensic historian Don Bohning [Spartacus Educational biography], once again carefully stressing that he and another high-ranking officer had tried to abort the landings at the last minute, but had been overruled by Bissell (Bohning, op. cit. inf.). He died in 1999, aged 79. FURTHER READING: For a broad contextualisation of the above operations see Evan Thomas's (1995/2006) "The Very Best Men: The Daring Early Years of the CIA" [Amazon]. For more on the man and his work see Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2013) "A Secret Order" [Amazon RECOMMENDED]. For more specifically on the Bay of Pigs operation see both (from the notoriously reluctant horse's mouth) the CIA's (1979, declassified 1998) "Official History of the Bay of Pigs Operation (Volume 3)" [full text online], and (by an independent commentator) Don Bohning's (2006) "The Castro Obsession: U.S. Covert Operations Against Cuba 1959-1965" [Amazon REVELATORY].

Estes, Billy Sol: Texas bentrepreneur Billy Sol Estes [Spartacus Educational biography] began to allege in 1980 that the assassination had been funded by a consortium of Texas oilmen, including LBJ.

Estrada Cabrera, Manuel José: Guatemalan lawyer-politician President[1898-1920] Manuel Estrada [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having ridden the coat-tails of the United Fruit Company (UFCO) [see own entry] in developing his country as a banana producer, and (b) for having survived so long in office in a very unforgiving age [see 8th February 1898].

Eugenics Record Office (ERO): See the entries for Charles Davenport and Harry L. Laughlin.

Euins, Amos Lee: [sometimes incorrectly as Eunis or Eunice] 15-year-old schoolboy Amos Euins [no convenient biography] not only got a wave from JFK near the turn onto Elm Street but, looking up, saw "some kind of pipe" poking out of the Sniper's Nest window on TSBD6. He described the first shot as a "backfire", and then looking at the weapon when the second shot was fired. Euins' evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interviews to camera [YouTube them now].

***** THESE FOLKS HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

European External Action Service (EEAS): Founded in 2010, the EEAS [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the European Union (EU)'s principal in-house military intelligence and defence policy think-tank. Their Wiki 15th July 2023 sets out their terms of reference as follows ...

"The EEAS manages general foreign relations, security and defence policies and controls the Situation Centre [...]. However, although the HR [= High Representative for Foreign Affairs] and the EEAS can prepare initiatives, member states make the final policy decisions and the commission also plays a part in technical implementation. The HR must report to the European Parliament. The EEAS would have desks dedicated to all the countries and regional organisations in the world, and specialised units for democracy, human rights and defence."

In practice, however, this arrangement makes it all too easy for external lobbying to skew the advice given internally. This weakness is well borne out by the EEAS' wholly inappropriate sabre-rattling involvement in the NATO-Russia War, 2014-ongoing. Here, for example, is a clip from a 15th June
2023 statement by the present HR incumbent, Josep Borrell [Wikipedia biography], which, rather than briefing the decision-making chamber and leaving it to them to decide what to do about it, presents them instead with trite fait accompli solutions. It is advice which returns us to the 19th century, thus ... "Putin continues terrorising, attacking and destroying civilian infrastructure, and killing civilians. So, we have to increase our support and provide [Ukraine] with more sophisticated arms to face these attacks" (para.3 of op. cit.).

Unsurprisingly, it does not take long online to unearth hints that Borrell is close to the Bilderberg Group [see own entry SOCIALISTS THEY AIN'T] (Donn, 2023 [full text online]) and other Deep State-funded lobby groups (Lasalas, 2020 [full text at https://www.elnacional.cat/en/politics/borrell-death-squads-comin-eu-parliament_515181_102.html]). Previous HRs were the British Neoliberal Catherine Ashton [Wikipedia biography] and the Italian "admirer of the United States" (her Wiki) 6th July 2023 Federica Mogherini [Wikipedia biography].

European Research Group (ERG): Founded originally in 1993 by the late Sir Michael [Lord]2010 Spicer [Wikipedia biography], the European Research Group (ERG) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for having been given new life by the Brexit campaign of the late-2010s. Funded by anti-European business interests and financial speculators, it has organised like-minded Conservative Party MPs and helped to frame British government policy.

Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching: [Greek = good+messenger] [Read firstly the entries for Oratory, Entheogens, and Shamanism and Community Mysticism - ESSENTIAL FOR TUTORIAL SUPPORT] In everyday English, Evangelism [Wikipedia briefing] is originally and strictly "the spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness" O.E.D. By extension, however, it is commonly also "zealous advocacy or support of a particular cause" O.E.D. **any** cause, not necessarily religious, and not necessarily Christian. In this broader sense, the term is therefore markedly pejorative, implying that by enthusiasm alone evangelists could sell cow dungs to a dairy farmer, provided only that they trumpeted their wares loudly enough. Evangelism is thus an extreme form of political Oratory, designed to appeal NOT to the refined minds of the debating chamber BUT RATHER in words of one neuron to the masses. It therefore possesses none of what linguist David Crystal describes as "political eloquence", but consists rather of un-nuanced, maliciously calculated, and intellectually jejune verbal harangue. It is tub-thumping, in other words; "stump oratory", "rabble rousing"; it is demagoguery precisely as dictionary-defined, to wit "a manipulative approach - often associated with dictators and sleazy politicians - that appeals to the worst nature of people" Vocabulary.com. It is, in short, the entirely predatory propaganda of the confidence trickster, directed against those s/he would have as cash-subscribing acolytes.

CLARIFICATION - EVANGELISM VERSUS SHAMANISM: It is precisely this predator-prey relationship which distinguishes evangelism from shamanism. Evangelists have a palpable design upon you. They work for **their** benefit, not yours. Shamans, on the other hand, are just keepers of their particular cultural tradition. They are just doing a job, and hold you as their equal in the eyes of the ancestral spirits.

The modern scientific take on evangelism is that it relies for its success on the production of a class of neurotransmitters [see Companion resource] known as entheogens, with specific actions deep in the brain's Limbic System. These deep brain systems are, however, highly complex, and the precise causal chain remains far from perfectly understood ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: If a person ingests a psychoactive substance and it causes them to trip out, then it is possible to use laboratory science to track down the corresponding "micro-expressions of affect". Yaden, Iwry, and Newberg (2016 [full text online]) have reviewed some of the work here, noting occasional qualitative psychoactive effects of (all items haveWikis if interested) Glutamate, GABA, Acetylcholine, Serotonin, Dopamine, Epinephrine, Norepinephrine, and (by being reduced during meditative relaxation) Cortisol. The neuropeptides Oxytocin and Vasopressin seem to be particularly important. Much remains to be done, and integrative theories are few and far between.
As for the deliberate political uses of evangelistic preaching skills, we have dealt in detail with these under the heading Hate Speech and Radicalising Preachers, to which interested students are now directed. **FURTHER READING:** For introductory purposes we recommend the aforementioned review by Yaden, Ivry, and Newberg (2016 [link above]). For more advanced study see Karin Wahl-Jorgenson’s (2019) book "Emotions, Media, and Politics" [Amazon].

Evans, [Sir]^911 Arthur John: British archaeologist [Sir]^911 Arthur Evans [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as a convenient exemplar of a late Victorian amateur spy - see the Timeline for June 1871 and 1882. [THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE] [THREAD = USEFUL IDIOTS]

**THE MAN WHO OUTED ALBERT SCHWEITZER COLLEGE *****

Evica, George Michael: American academic philosopher turned forensic historian George Evica [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an entirely conventional academic career 1956-1963 in literature and semiotics, and (b) for being rudely jolted into investigative political science by the 1963 JFK Assassination, such that he continued his research as a JFK "Truther" through to his death in 2007, aged 79. His two main works are his (1978) "And We Are All Mortal: New Evidence and Analysis in the Assassination of John F. Kennedy" [Amazon] and his (2006/2011) collection of essays entitled "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon]. Here, clustered by theme and complete with onward pointers, are some indicative topics of discussion from the second of these works...

**ALL FIVE TOPIC CLUSTERS ARE ASSASSINATION RELEVANT *****

CLUSTER #1 - OSWALD, DELGADO, THORNLEY AND THE UNITARIANS

Readers unfamiliar with the term "Religious Right" should check out the separate entry on that subject before proceeding.

(VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE)

"In 1958 and 1959, Lee Oswald. either alone or with his Marine buddy Nelson Delgado [see own entry], visited Los Angeles. Kerry Thornley [see own entry] ANOTHER INTERESTING CHARACTER, another of Oswald's Marine friends, stated in his Warren Commission testimony that '[I] knew Oswald [at the same time] ... I had been going to the First Unitarian Church in Los Angeles'. Thornley testified to the Commission that Fritchman's L.A. congregation was 'a group of quite far left people politically'. [...] Were there actual links between Kerry Thornley, Lee Oswald, and Stephen Fritchman's [see own entry] ANOTHER INTERESTING CHARACTER 'far left' First Unitarian Church? Apparently the FBI thought so ..." (k847-864).

CLUSTER #2 - THE MEXICO CITY SOVIET CONNECTION

'The 'Oswald Challenge' Game' Imagine a multi-dimensional game board of intelligence and espionage activities stretching across the Eurasian mega-continent [...]. Among the many trained players, pawns, and ambiguous game pieces was Lee Harvey Oswald. [...] Edward Epstein [see own entry] adopted the game-playing imagery (possibly influenced by James Angleton [see own entry]) specifically identifying Oswald as a minor piece offered up as a provocative and possibly entrapping sacrifice [...]. But Oswald was more than either a pawn or a game piece, no matter how complex: he himself was the centre of 'The Oswald Challenge' within the greater espionage contest. [+++ source writings considered +++] Initially having nothing to do with the JFK assassination, but eventually used by the facilitators who ran the Dallas operation, the Oswald Challenge would account for a number of extraordinary complications and contradictions in the Oswald narrative“ (k1221-1239).

"James Angleton called AMLASH-1 'Cubella' apparently because a message he received from the CIA station chief in Mexico City said 'Cubella' had been in contact with Valery Kostikov [see the entry for the Mexico City Adventure ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] in the Soviet Union's Consulate office. But the CIA in Mexico City had also reported that Oswald (or, more likely, a double) met with Kostikov. Both the CIA and FBI apparently believed or knew that Kostikov was a KGB agent; therefore, American intelligence suspected that both Oswald and Cubela had a KGB association. Through Kostikov, Cubela and Oswald were linked. [...] Only after both Oswald and Ruby became officially lone assassins were the ominous connections between Oswald, Kostikov, and Cubela muted and suppressed. [...] What should have been a straightforward investigation of the missing Oswald in 1960 was made darkly dense with American intelligence counter-espionage hocus pocus [etc."

(k1402).

CLUSTER #3 - THE QUAKER/UNITARIAN CONNECTION
Anthony Summers

does not forget the pragmatic utility of religious charity organisations like the Quakers as cover for intelligence activity. And he would not forget the Field family, especially one of Herbert Field’s young sons, Noel Field, whom he first met in Zurich in 1918. Herbert Field’s Quaker-based network in World War I became the foundation for Allen Dulles’ Second World War spy operation, and Noel Field [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE] helped run it” (k2186-2204).

"Over the years, Allen Dulles and the OSS/CIA used the Quakers, the Unitarians, the World Council of Churches, and other religious groups as sources of intelligence and information, and the Unitarian Church was the mainstay of Schweitzer College” (k1537).

"Whoever directed the Oswald Game was thoroughly knowledgeable about both the OSS’s and CIA’s counterintelligence manipulations of Quakers, Unitarians, Lutherans, Dutch Reformed clerics and World Council of Churches officials as intelligence and espionage contacts, assets, and informants. [...] From the moment Oswald registered to attend Schweitzer College, and without ever setting foot in Switzerland, he moved to the centre of a complex and dangerous double-agent operation. With so many suspicious flaws and so many obvious connections to American intelligence, Oswald was a ‘legend’ begging to be exposed. Yet he was allowed to go largely unchallenged by American intelligence, compromising both the FBI and the CIA as apparent pre-assassination accessories. Oswald was the perfect patsy, to be used in any way his creators saw fit. In the deadliest of all games, Lee Harvey Oswald was finally framed in the murder of John F. Kennedy” (k3709).

"Albert Schweitzer College was nurtured by the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) [Wikipedia briefing], a world-wide liberal and progressive organisation, backed by the IARF’s liberal Swiss Protestant wing and, in the United States, energised by the Unitarian Church. [...] Though the college’s later history was darkened, then largely redacted following the news of its link to Lee Harvey Oswald, its earliest days were highly romanticised. [...] By August 1958, ASC was registered as an ‘associate member’ of the [IARF], attaining that distinction just prior to Lee Harvey Oswald’s application to the college” (k1694).

CLUSTER #4 - THE RUTH PAINE WHITE RUSSIAN CONNECTION

"Ruth Avery Hyde established her earliest liberal, philosophical, and political credentials at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. By 1951 she had become a member of the Quakers, the Society of Friends. Ruth instructed senior Russian Jews at the YMCA in Philadelphia and taught physical education to schoolchildren in a Friends’ program [...] She met Michael Paine [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE] in 1955 at a Quaker service, and they sang together in the madrigal group. They were married in December 1957. [...] The Paines moved to Irving, Texas, and by 1958, sparked by Ruth's Russophilia, became active in the Dallas/Fort Worth area's expatriate Russian community. This was a highly conservative, anti-Soviet, and Orthodox Christian community whose hierarchy was compromised by both the CIA and the KGB. Prominent among the White Russians was Paul M. Raigorodsky [check him out ASSASSINATION CENTRAL IN HIS OWN RIGHT], at one time employed by the NATO Special Representative to Europe, probably an intelligence-related office. In 1963, Raigorodsky was a member of the Board of Directors of the CIA-funded Tolstoy Foundation [see own entry REEKS]” (K5207).

CLUSTER #5 - THE MEXICO CITY QUAKER CONNECTION

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by the CIA station in Mexico City in the assassination attempts on Fidel Castro should see the <Mexico City Adventure> entry before proceeding.

"For the FBI, a Quaker-intelligence connection to Oswald with a Mexico City locale was one more unwanted complication, primarily because of Ruth Paine and her closeness to the Oswald family. The locus of that Quaker complication was the Friends’ House, the Casa de los Amigos, in Mexico City. In September 1963, Homobono Arno Alcaraz [Warren Commission evidence], himself a Quaker, had reportedly met an ‘Oswald’ in the company of several Quakers at Sanborn’s Restaurant [Wikipedia briefing] located [...] next to the American Embassy in Mexico City. All the Quakers were either staying at the Casa de Los Amigos or were connected to it. Alcaraz asserted that ‘Oswald’, riding on the back of the motorbike of an unidentified U.S. citizen, had left the restaurant for a trip to the Cuban Embassy, ostensibly in an attempt to get ‘Oswald’ (or both of them) a Cuban visa. Interviewed by the FBI, Von Peacock [see FBI evidence to Warren Commission; otherwise a highly obscure figure], the Acting Director of the Quakers’ Casa de los Amigos, suggested the motor biking American could have been Robert Kaffke [no convenient biography but see this CIA archive], a San Francisco Quaker who, along with fifty-seven other students, visited Cuba illegally in the summer of 1963 [...] and who was an undercover informant for the FBI’s San Francisco office. [...] Homobono Alcaraz, interviewed in 1994 by [Anthony Summers] for Summers (op. cit. 

Readers unfamiliar with the use of religious and/or philanthropic organisations as "fronts" for the infiltration of intelligence operatives into hostile lands should check out the entry for <CIA Front Organisations> before proceeding.
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Ewell, Jim: Having just covered the motorcade's departure from Love Field, Dallas Morning News crime beat reporter Jim Ewell [no convenient biography] was returning to the pressroom at DPDHQ to telephone through his copy. To avoid congestion he had skirted Downtown and was coming into Dealey Plaza from the west, past the Trade Mart. He first saw the lead vehicles of the motorcade a few hundred yards west of the Triple Underpass, at speed now, and strung out. As he passed under the Underpass on Commerce he saw "people running in every direction". He then drove the remaining mile to DPDHQ, arriving in the car park just as Sergeant Gerald Hill [q.v.] was leaving. He immediately swapped cars and was back outside the TSBD shortly afterward. While Hill was inside he observed from Houston and Elm, soon witnessing him brandishing the chicken box out of the window [SO MUCH FOR HIS LATER-MUCH-VAUNTED INTEREST IN THE PRESERVATION OF A CRIME SCENE]. Then the call came through announcing officer down in Oak Cliff and he was able to hitch a second ride, this time with Captain Bill Westbrook; and after ten minutes at that scene he was able to hitch a third ride to the Texas Theater, where he managed to be looking down from the balcony when Maurice McDonald detained LHO. Here is the scene in his own words ...

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Exercise Cygnus: Exercise Cygnus [Wikipedia briefing] was a British civil defence study carried out in October 2016 "to estimate the impact of a hypothetical influenza pandemic on the United Kingdom. The exercise showed that the pandemic would cause the country's health system to collapse from a lack of resources, with the Chief Medical Officer at the time stating that a lack of medical ventilators was a serious problem" (op. cit.). Although the detailed results of the exercise remain a state secret, spin-off documentation quickly revealed the main recommendations - check them out in
As for what happened next, see Timeline 25th January 2017 and from there follow the COVID-19 Pandemic sub-thread through to its bloody conclusion.

**Exhibit 2064 (Warren Commission):** The Warren Commission's Exhibit 2064 (read it now ABSOLUTELY RIVETING) contains eight pages of closely typed notes prepared by Dallas postal inspector Harry Holmes as part of a four-person interrogation of LHO between 0925hr and 1110hr on Sunday 24th November 1963. The other three members of the interrogating team were Captain Will Fritz (DPD), Special Agent Forrest Sorrels (FBI Chief, Dallas), and Inspector Thomas Kelley (Secret Service, Head of the Presidential bodyguard). LHO was shot to death by Jack Ruby eleven minutes after the interrogation finished.

**Exner, Judith:** In one of his less cerebral moments JFK bedded looker Judith Exner [Wikipedia biography], girlfriend of mob boss Sam Giancana. The FBI, of course, quietly spectated. In their 1981 book "Fatal Hour" G. Robert Blakey and Richard Billings go on record as follows: "White House telephone records indicated seventy instances of contact" (p62). J. Edgar Hoover met with the President on 22nd March 1962 and explained the security risks in all this and the phone contacts ceased forthwith; but politically at least JFK henceforth owed him one.

**Factism:** A recent phenomenon within the world of social media (but of course far older in the positively ancient art of propaganda), by which the truth of even the simplest black-and-white proposition gets argued about, but only because those arguing are being goaded into arguing by this or that dark sponsor behind the scenes. Without in any way accusing him of factism, we have derived this term - by extension - from Conspiracy Theorist George Freund 's proud description of himself as a "Factist". Well and truly on the WW3 Online Now Thread.

*************** PROBABLE FRONT-LINE SHOOTER ****************

**Factor, Lawrence Lloyd ["Loy"]:** Oklahoma-born WW2 veteran (brain-injured) handy man and one of life's serial blunderers Loy Factor [Spartacus Educational biography] entered the JFK story on 18th November 1961 when he and his wife attended the state funeral of Sam Rayburn at Bonham, TX. In the crowd that day a stranger named Mac Wallace engaged him in conversation and seemed very interested in the fact that he considered himself something of a marksman. When Wallace then mentioned that he might have a "job" for him one day Factor gave him his address, and they left it at that. A year or so later Wallace visited him at his home and tested his marksmanship very thoroughly by having him shoot at rocks: and, to cut a long story short, by the end of the day Factor had allowed himself to be talked into taking a $2000 down-payment as a long-range hitman for an as-yet-unspecified target. He was then picked up at very short notice on 20th November 1963 and driven to the Holland Avenue Safehouse in Dallas, where he became part of Wallace's TSBD6 shooting team.

*****At this point divert and read the Mark Collom entry.*****

Factor duly featured in Glen Sample and Mark Collom's 1995 book, "The Men on the Sixth Floor", where he is profiled as support man for a two-shooter/one radio operator team consisting of Mac Wallace, LHO, and Ruth Martinez. Factor died 5th May 1994 of natural causes. Two months previously, in his final videotaped interview by Glen Sample, he insisted that the team had given him a rifle that he had taken station at the west-most window on TSBD6 [the one conveniently cropped from the Thomas Dillard photographs - Ed.], but that he had not fired it. This accords with Captain Will Fritz having ejected an unfired cartridge from the rifle recovered at TSBD6. More recently, in Rod Mac Kenzie and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination, Factor was listed #2 to Mac Wallace in a two-man team stationed on the 6th floor of the TSBD, and is credited with firing the first shot from a 7.65mm bolt-action Mauser rifle, but deliberately aiming it high to salve his conscience.
Fain, John W.: Special Agent John Fain [no convenient biography] was the Dallas-based FBI agent who prepared a what-we-know-here intelligence report on LHO dated 3rd July 1961, in which was included information from his mother Marguerite Oswald to the effect that her son's height/weight were - possibly at Fain's instruction - mis-stated as 5' 10", 165 pounds (factually 5' 9", 130-135 pounds) (Scott, 2015). For the still-echoing impact of this possibly deliberate deception, see the insets in the entry for Peter Dale Scott.

ASIDE: The July 1961 report is #6 in the 69 substantive documents in the FBI's files on LHO dated PRIOR TO the assassination. For the full schedule of items see Commission Exhibit 834 [full text online].

Fairhead, Rona Alison [Baroness Fairhead]2017: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and “Churnalism”: British businesswoman turned controller of state broadcasting turned politician turned baroness Rona [Baroness]2017 Fairhead [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. Her particular role was as the Conservative Party's selection for Chairwoman of the BBC Trust 2014-2017.

***** SHARE IF YOU AGREE *****
***** (BUT - THINK ABOUT IT - NOT IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE) *****

Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC): Established 21st April 1960 in Room 329, 799 Broadway, New York City by Robert Taber [see own entry] following a successful full page advertisement in the New York Times 6th April 1960, the Fair Play for Cuba Committee [Wikipedia briefing] was a (genuinely) pro-Castro pressure group for left-wing intellectuals (not least James Baldwin and Jean Paul Sartre) run by an anti-Castro CIA asset (Taber) and thoroughly infiltrated by FBI informers. In its first six months it attracted some 7000 members (Simpich, 2009 [full text online]).

ASIDE -THE FBI SECURITY INDEX: The Los Angeles chapter was headed by another CIA operative, Vaughn Marlowe [see own entry]. The point of secret state police [=Sestapo] allowing dissidents to share their likemindedness in - to use the modern term - an echo chamber [where respondents echo your own opinions - Ed.] is that it tells you who they are and where they live. It maintains an illusion of free speech for a while, but essentially it is to keep the state's black book up-to-date. The FBI's black book for the years in question was called the "Security Index" [Wikipedia briefing]. The Cuban Section of the Security Index reportedly contained some 32,000 names and addresses when surveillance was completed. What we are dealing with here, therefore, is the pre-Internet grandfather of today's social media analytics, that is to say, where every word you type in your online presence is examined in real time to see if it warrants an immediate state trolling, and then filed carefully away for future use. For more on this start with the entry for U.S. Cyber Command.

By the end of 1960, however the security establishment was suspecting external interference and called Castro-loyalist NYC physician Charles A. Santos Buch [see own entry] to testify before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS), where, on 10th January 1961, he admitted that the Cuban government had met a considerable part of the cost of the original advertisement. Three months later, the failure of the Bay of Pigs Invasion was celebrated by large FPCC protest rallies nationwide. Taber resigned the FPCC in February 1962, being replaced by colleague Richard Gibson [see own entry] until July and (at last a seemingly genuine radical) Vincent T. Lee [see own entry] thereafter. On 27th October 1962 - at the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis - the FPCC organised more protest rallies, and the FBI filed the latest names and addresses in its Security Index. On 27th April 1963 the FPCC was declared an FBI counter-intelligence target by J. Edgar Hoover, and - aided by informers within the organisation - made the subject of a coordinated campaign to discredit and disrupt it, supported by official stake-outs, break-ins, phone taps, and mail interceptions.

ASIDE: In fact, FBI agents had already worked the office over at leisure during a Taber trip away 21st April 1963. The broader authority for the FBI's hard stance came from the 1956 COINTELPRO program, thus ...

"The totality of the information about Oswald's activity in New Orleans justifies real suspicion that Oswald was wittingly or unwittingly manipulated by a government agency. The information fits with
the FBI's Counterintelligence Program (COINTELPRO), instituted a few years earlier specifically to discredit and disable groups that were seen as subversive. High on the COINTELPRO target list, along with the Communist Party [...] was the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. COINTELPRO tactics called for spreading adverse publicity about groups and their members - not least by feeding potential smear information to cooperative journalists - and by setting up phony chapters of targeted organisations. By late 1963, a senior FBI official would report that 'aggressive FBI investigation of the organisation, coupled with an effective campaign of exposure of subversive influences in the group by the public press' had been highly successful against the FPCC" (Summers, 1980/2013, p264).

We restrict ourselves now to the activities of the "empty shell" operation that was the FPCC's New Orleans chapter [intelligence operative Lee Harvey Oswald was the only member it ever had - Ed.]. This was famously first mooted when LHO wrote FPCC headquarters 26th May 1963 to propose forming "a FPCC branch in New Orleans", for which he would rent a small office at his own expense. Without waiting for a reply from NYC, LHO went ahead and - using the alias Lee Osborne - ordered a stock of 1000 flyers 29th May 1963. By design, these then had to be over-stamped with the contact details of the local Secretary, and in summer 1963 these over-stamps included "A. J. Hidell" at a P.O. Box, and LHO at either 544 Camp Street - next to Guy Bannister's office - or, later, 4907 Magazine Street, his home address. As explained in the insets above, the idea was that any passers-by who showed sympathy with the cause would go immediately into the FBI's Security Index. We therefore take it as axiomatic that when LHO got his FPCC membership card 15th June 1963 and was then filmed handing out his FPCC flyers [see Timeline 9th-21st August 1963], he was on an undercover mission of some sort to engineer an intelligence legend. Sadly for him, such legends can often get you killed ...

**OSWALD'S FATAL MISCALCULATION:** Whilst there is a growing consensus nowadays that most of LHO's stranger antics can best be explained by his being an undercover field operative, it is not always clear which agency he would have been reporting to at any one time. As a Marine his first loyalty would by rights have been to the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), and, through them, ultimately to the Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA). It would have been the ONI, for example, who authorised any local intelligence gathering LHO had undertaken off base at Atsugi, plus anything more adventurous like the Queen Bee in Tokyo, plus anything undertaken while back in California for the best part of a year learning Russian and awaiting discharge. In New Orleans, however, the cost centre operation was the FBI's COINTELPRO program as described above, and we know that LHO did indeed have an FBI handler - James Hosty - in Dallas. But at the same time, the Hidell alias had already been used - with the collusion of the U.S. Mail - in obtaining the infamous Mannlicher-Carcano C2766, and the Dallas Postal Inspector Harry Holmes would be the author of the Warren Commission's Exhibit 2604 [see own entry - VERY IMPORTANT]. So the young man with the ONI pedigree going back to Atsugi may presently be contracted to either the FBI or - like Richard Nagell - to the Treasury (who had only a few investigators of their own). We also strongly suspect that Army Intelligence in Texas was monitoring rogue right-wing groups like the John Birch Society, who found some commonality of purpose in the anti-Communist exile community. And because all these agencies worked on a strict need-to-know basis it would have been easy to misperceive Oswald as traitor rather than patriot. Which in turn could make the difference between life and death if someone in those agencies was in the market for an expendable Patsy. Significantly, LHO himself well recognised the risk of being set up for his pains (Baker, 2014).

Finally, facing a wave of public hostility after the Assassination, the FPCC disbanded itself 19th December 1963. The FPCC story features heavily in John Newman's (2008) book "Oswald and the CIA" [Amazon].

**False Flags, Poor Lulus, and Other Operational Entrapments: A False Flag attack** [Wikipedia briefing] is arguably the consummate Black Op, for the simple reason that by playing mercilessly upon human gullibility it is often dramatically successful. The term has both a precise historical derivation - the hoisting of an enemy's flag (or the wearing of enemy uniform, etc.) during an attack in order to avoid counter-fire for as long as possible - but has also lately come to be used to describe just about any cynical falsification of hostile agency and/or concealment of true political or military intent. Thus defined, there are probably as many variations of the False Flag device as there have been conflicts in history. Here is a brief review, starting with the literal and then moving on to the figurative ...

**(1) FALSE FLAGS, TAKEN LITERALLY**
In its simplest literal sense, a False Flag attack needs to involve two flags, one of which is your own, and the other that either of your enemy or of a neutral power. You hoist the false flag as you come into sight of the enemy, hoping that they will hold fire, and you keep it hoisted until the last possible moment, whereupon you quickly run up your own colours, and let rip. Assuming that the ruse goes to plan, your chances of victory are much higher than they would otherwise have been.

The everyday English phrase "to show your true colours" derives from False Flag attacks such as these. Another everyday phrase - "a wolf in sheep's clothing" - originates in the Biblical text: "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Matthew, 7:15). The emphasis on cloaking and camouflage can also be seen in the German Navy's use of Hilfskreuzer [Wikipedia briefing] and the Royal Navy's use of Q-Ships [Wikipedia briefing]. Once you know what to look for you, will find many examples of False Flag operations in fictional plotting - see the TV Tropes entry.

(2) POOR LULU ATTACKS

Now the point about literal False Flag attacks is that they are perforce of limited scope. They can only sensibly be targeted at a given enemy position or unit, nothing larger. There are, however, many variations on the basic tactic, where entire wars are at stake. We shall be looking at these variants in (3) below, but one scenario warrants separate consideration before we proceed. We have named these Poor Lulu attacks ...

So there we have it - the essence of a Poor Lulu attack is that the whole thing is played to the gallery. A Poor Lulu is a False Flag plus, a False Flag for propaganda purposes rather than military, where the objective of the exercise is to weaken your opponent in the eyes of third parties with continual sly jab bullying. This renders it the method of choice in such geopolitical confrontations as border disputes, Cold Wars, and stealthy ethnic cleansings. At the time of writing [= February 2020], such wasn't-me-Guv confrontations are actively in hand from the South China Sea to the Ukraine, as the United States moves forward on its Joint Vision 2020 foreign policy strategy.

(3) OTHER OPERATIONAL ENTRAPMENTS

Of course if you really want to start a war then all it takes is a little ingenuity, and the most sophisticated members of the False Flag family are those in which the other guy not only ends up losing the war but gets the blame for starting it as well! In the self-inflicted False Flag, for example, you attack under your enemy’s colours as before, only this time you direct your attack at your own forces, having prepared in advance the press releases blaming the damage on your enemy. This may sound a little unlikely at first, but in fact all the planet's major wars since 1914 have been started in this fashion. For example, in the 1933 Reichstag Fire [Wikipedia briefing] Adolf Hitler’s Nazi Party carried off a textbook-grade self-inflicted False Flag by burning down its own parliament building but making it look the work of its Communist Party rivals. It is also possible to execute a False Flag operation by studied inaction, that is to say, by feigning ignorance of an impending enemy attack. Again this may seem a little far-fetched, but it is highly likely that both of America's world wars were started this way (see the 1915 and 1941 entries below). Here are some of the candidate events for this particular type of warfare (we shall tot up the body counts at the end) …

CAMEO - THE 1788 PUUMALA INCIDENT: By this contrived border incident Sweden engineered the Russo-Swedish War - see Timeline 28th June 1788. [Body count = 30,000]
CAMEO - THE 1898 MAINE INCIDENT: By this perhaps self-inflicted, perhaps merely openly invited, border incident the United States engineered the Spanish-American War, the invasion of Cuba, and the annexation of the Philippines - see Timeline 25th January 1898. [Body count = 20,000]

CAMEO - THE 1914 SARAJEVO CRISIS: By making a succession of impossible diplomatic demands British, French, and Czarist Russian cabals carefully engineered WW1, and have blamed the other guy ever since - see Timeline 23rd July 1914. [Body count = 40-45 million]

CAMEO - THE 1915 LUSITANIA FALSE FLAG: The specific allegation here is that the British Admiralty deliberately failed to provide an anti-submarine escort to the approaching RMS Lusitania, resulting in her being torpedoed. The loss of many American lives brought the United States closer to war against Germany. For more of the details see Timeline 7th May 1915. Ironically, the Lusitania might herself be counted as a 44,000-ton False Flag, given that she was a civilian passenger liner illegally carrying a secret load of munitions - YouTube it now. [U.S. WW1 body count included in WW1 figure above]

CAMEO - GERMANY'S 1917 DEATH BLOW TO THE CZAR: The specific allegation here is that on 9th April 1917 Germany engineered the escape to St. Petersburg of a group of Russian dissidents recently in exile in Switzerland, in the hope that they would add weight to the ongoing anti-Czarist revolution, thus taking Russia out of the Triple Entente against them. The leader of this revolutionary faction was Vladimir Lenin, and he did exactly as the Germans hoped he would. By October that year the Czar had abdicated, the Russian armed forces had collapsed on Germany's Eastern Front, and Lenin was helping to bring together a Bolshevik administration. Kwitny (1984) therefore assesses the German stratagem as possibly "the most important covert-action dirty trick in history" (p315), and we include it here as a False Flag because Lenin was unwittingly acting as a proxy for the Kaiser. [Body count = difficult to compute, but already included in the counts for the Russian Civil War, WW2, and the Cold War.]

CAMEO - THE 1919 RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: In what would nowadays be classified as a "proxy war" [see below], the U.S. and Britain send troops recently freed up by the victory on the Western Front to support the White Russians in their civil war against the Bolsheviks, thereby prolonging it by several years - see Timeline 2nd August 1918. [Body count = 8 million over and above what might otherwise have been only 2 million]

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: All Proxy Wars [Wikipedia briefing] are **by definition** False Flag events for the simple reason that citizens of one flag are persuaded to die for the objectives of a superordinate one. Thus the animosity between the United States and the Communist Chinese was from time to time fought out by Burmese, Laotians, Vietnamese, and Koreans. There have been dozens of such wars since the 1814-1815 Congress of Vienna, and at the time of writing [= February 2020] the United States has long-standing proxy offensives ongoing in the Middle East and the Ukraine.

CAMEO - THE 1931 MUKDEN INCIDENT: By this contrived border incident the Japanese engineered their 1931-1937 invasion of Manchuria, an early precursor event on the road to WW2 in the Far East - see Timeline 18th September 1931. [Body count (1931-1937) = say 1 million]

CAMEO - THE 1937 MARCO POLO BRIDGE INCIDENT: By this contrived border incident the Japanese engineered their 1937-1945 invasion of China, another precursor event on the road to WW2 in the Far East - see Timeline 7th July 1937. [Body count (1937-1945) = 8 million]

CAMEO - THE 1939 GLEIWITZ INCIDENT: By this contrived border incident the Nazis engineered their invasion of Poland, thus starting WW2 in Europe - see Wikipedia briefing. [Body count (all participants, all fronts) = 73 million]

CAMEO - THE 1941 PEARL HARBOUR FALSE FLAG: The specific (and rarely totally denied) allegation here is that the United States failed to respond sufficiently to its intelligence service warnings during 1941 that the Japanese were planning a surprise attack on Pearl Harbour (or alternatively that Britain knew of the Japanese plans, and deliberately withheld a warning). This allegation is discussed in detail in this Wikipedia briefing. [U.S. WW2 body count included in WW2 figure above]

CAMEO - THE 1945 CHINESE CIVIL WAR: The specific allegation here is plainly and simply that since at least 3rd June 1937 [see Timeline that date and follow the <Chennault> sub-thread], and without a break, the United States has politically and militarily deployed the Nationalist Chinese in the interests primarily of the United States. [Body count = separately taken into account]

CAMEO - THE KOREAN WAR: The specific allegation here is that the U.S. Deep State suppressed intelligence of a North Korean "surprise attack" on South Korea, thereby encouraging it (Stone, 1952) - see Timeline 25th June 1950. [Body Count = 3-4 million]
CAMEO - THE 1953 IRAN COUP: The specific allegation here is that CIA agents provocateurs radicalised enough of the Iranian populace to stage some decent demonstrations on the streets of Tehran in what was broadcast as a popular uprising in favour of claimant to the Persian Throne, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi - see Timeline 19th August 1953. The uprising's flags should therefore rightly have been the Stars and Stripes - or, more rightly still, according to Kwitny (1984), the logo of the Rockefeller oil interests on whose behalf the CIA were really acting. [Body count = several hundred directly, plus a more polarised world]

CAMEO - THE 1963 OPERATION AMWORLD: [Before proceeding, BROWSE AND VERY CAREFULLY READ all entries for Operation AMWORLD.] The specific allegation here is that between June and November 1963 the CIA busied itself with Operation AMWORLD, a top secret attempt to frame Fidel Castro for an attempt on the life of JFK, most probably by encouraging one or more selected anti-Kennedy factions to send in shooting teams, but with a protective stake-out in place to “save the day” at the last moment (for more concerning the Dealey Plaza Abort Team - and LHO appears to have been one of them!! - see the separate entry). Faked evidential trails were laid, low-powered squibs and sabot rounds put in place, and patsies carefully selected. The False Flag on this occasion would therefore be the Cuban flag, and the Cui Bono would have been a punitive full invasion of Cuba. Unfortunately, enough of JFK’s real enemies found out about the plot to piggy back it to their own advantage, and the rest is history.

CAMEO - THE 1963 SOUTH VIETNAM COUP: The specific allegation here is that the CIA’s Saigon Station deliberately incited eager-to-impress South Vietnamese army officers to mount an armed coup against not-quite-crony-enough President Ngo Dinh Diem, whom they duly assassinated- see Timeline 2nd November 1963. Little attempt was ever made to disguise the CIA’s part in this affair, but it is still often explained as way under the false flag of “disaffected South Vietnamese military”. [Body count = 20 or so in the coup itself (the ensuing Vietnam War is dealt with separately below)]

CAMEO - THE 1964 GULF OF TONKIN INCIDENT: The specific allegation here is that the United States took advantage of operational confusion to accuse the North Vietnamese of attacking two of its warships peacefully going about their business supporting CIA commando raids against - er - the North Vietnamese, thereby effectively starting the Vietnam War - see the separate entry for a full account. [Body count = ca. 4 million]

CAMEO - THE 9/11 ATTACKS AND THE 2003 IRAQ WAR: There are several quite differently nuanced conspiracy theories here, all still strictly denied by the United States government. Theories tend to disagree as to which of the world’s Deep States were involved, and - indeed - over exactly what happened on the day itself. They tend to agree, however, (a) that Al Qaeda were but scripted villains, and (b) that it was a superb pretext for the U.S. to invade Iraq in 2003. The jury is still out on this one, but there may be some clue as to the true identity of the perpetrators in the fact that they had to be in a position to request, and get, poodle compliance for the ensuing war from the British Prime Minister Tony Blair. For the details see Timeline 11th September 2001. [Body count, 9/11 itself = ca. 3000; Iraq consequential = 400,000]

CAMEO - "BRICKGATE", 2016: The specific allegation here - check it out - is that a high profile incident 12th July 2016 was faked for political gain by an anti-Corbynite faction in the Wallasey constituency. The Canary called it as a false flag attack in 2017, and it was confirmed as exactly such in the Labour Party Treachery Report [see own entry] in 2020.

CAMEO - THE 2017 LAS VEGAS SHOOTING: The specific allegation here is that the event historicised as the “2017 Las Vegas Shooting” [Wikipedia briefing], in which casualties are officially listed as 59 killed and 869 injured, was in fact a False Flag attack which happened only in the media. That is to say, the conspiracists assert that no member of the general public actually got hurt at all, and that what went out on the media was a carefully pre-planned civil defence drill, complete with crisis actor casualties - see Timeline 1st October 2017. [Body count uncertain; major curtailment of U.S. civil liberties; high financial shenanigans amongst those “in the know”]

CAMEO - THE 2018 SALISBURY POISONING: The specific allegation here is that what the Western media trumpeted as more or less an act of war by the Russian Federation against Britain [see Timeline 4th March 2018] was nothing of the sort. Indeed, there is a simple False Flag explanation which far better meets the Cui Bono of the weeks in question. It would go something like this: the CIA/Ukraine, keen to weaken the Russian Federation (a) in its dispute with the Ukraine over the Crimea, and (b) in its support for Syrian President Assad, lured the security services of the Russian Federation with a tasty dangle of some sort; the Russians then sent two agents to a rendezvous point in Salisbury city centre, but did a no-show; then, having got the Russians recorded on CCTV, Ukrainian agents attacked the Skripals with the Novichok nerve agent. The rest was carefully prepared media fiction calculated to put the Russian Federation on the back foot. [Body count = 1 directly]
CAMEO - THE 2018 DOUMA CHEMICAL ATTACK: The specific allegation here is that a U.S.-sponsored special ops team planted "evidence" of a chemical weapons attack in the ruins of the Syrian town of Douma [map], and then used a falsely flagged organisation, the White Helmets, to provide the mainstream media with a cover story blaming Syrian government forces - see Timeline 7th April 2018. [Body count = not known, perhaps up to 75 directly; unable to compute consequential effects in either the immediate "punishment" attacks or the continued war]

CAMEO - THE 2021 "KILL COPS" INCIDENT (TO BE CONFIRMED): This as yet unvalidated false flag special op is detailed, with picture, in the Companion Timeline at 3rd April 2021, which see.

CAMEO - MUSTAVARIM (TO BE CONFIRMED): Allegedly a counter-terrorism unit of the Israeli armed forces specialised in dressing up as Palestinians and "attacking" Israelis - see own entry.

CAMEO - THE 2022 NORDSTREAM PIPELINE ATTACK: Mysterious submarine explosions 26th September 2022, resulting allegedly from a U.S. special forces op against the German economy as part of the NATO invasion of the Ukraine - see Wikipedia briefing.

STOP PRESS - "THE DAY OF FOUR CALLS": On 23rd October 2022, plans for an American nuclear false flag attack against the Russian Federation look to have been aborted at the last moment. The attack was to have taken place in or around Kherson region, perhaps at the Nova Kakhovka Dam [map], but was foiled when the Russians personally informed the governments of (in sequence) France, Turkey, Britain, and the U.S. [these are the "four calls" mentioned above - Ed.] of what was going on. We give fuller details, including times of calls, etc., in the Companion Timeline for the date in question. Further developments will be reported here in due course (or perhaps not).

FURTHER READING: For more on the broader subject of deception in warfare see this Wikipedia briefing. For False Flags as an instrument of U.S. foreign policy see Nick Kollerstrom’s (2018) "False Flags over Europe" [Amazon]. For the 9/11 False Flag per se, see Chuck W. Maultsby's (2012) "Who Should Go Down in History" [Amazon]. Worryingly, there does not appear to be a recent fully academic monograph on the subject, although Google Scholar lists several thousand individual academic papers (note the increasing prevalence of cyber warfare entrapments).


Family Rosary Crusade: See the entry for J. Peter Grace, Jr..

"Fannie Mae": See the entries for Collateralised Debt Obligations and Securitisation, Neoliberalism, Some Worked Examples, and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC). [THREAD = STOCK MARKET AND FINANCIAL SHARP PRACTICE]

FAR: See the entry for Fuerzas Armadas Rebeldes (FAR).

Farish, Linn: See the entry for Operation KEELHAUL.

Fatah: This was/is the Palestinian nationalist political party [Wikipedia briefing] founded in 1959 and headed until his death in 2004 by Yasser Arafat, whereupon its influence declined and its role was taken over by Hamas [q.v.].

Faulkner, Jack W.: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Jack Faulkner [no convenient biography] was in the general gathering of deputies outside the Sheriff's Office as the motorcade went by. When the shooting started he joined "many officers" searching the railway area. He then went to assist A. D. McCurley and others in searching the TSBD from TSBD7 downward. Faulkner's evidential profile is as follows: Report 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Favorito, Garland: Assassination researcher Garland Favorito [no convenient biography] fronted a 2013 video documentary which includes a good exposition of the Oswald Wallet Thread - YouTube it now.
Fayed, Mohamed: See the entry for Mohamed Al-Fayed.

FBI Division Five: See Division Five.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC): The FCC [Wikipedia briefing] is the independent government agency established by the Communications Act of 1934 to oversee the U.S. telecommunication industry in such areas as appropriacy of content and healthy competition and subsequently brought up to date by the Communications Act of 1996. The FCC is nowadays routinely criticised by left and right alike for allowing the mainstream media to become acquired by a "Big Six" of companies, all owned by like-minded interest groupings [Wikipedia briefing] who deliberately stifle debate, suppress dissent they have themselves defined, influence elections nationally and internationally, and generally act in violation of the First Amendment.

Federal Council of Churches: See the entry for Stewart W. Herman.

Federal Reserve Board: See next entry.

Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA/"Fannie Mae"): See the entries for Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC) and Neoliberalism, Some Worked Examples.

Federal Reserve System: Signed into law on 23rd December 1913 after six years of fact-finding by the National Monetary Commission [Wikipedia briefing], the Federal Reserve Act authorises the creation of what is nowadays commonly referred to as "the Fed", a network of 12 regional Federal Reserve Banks [Wikipedia briefing], with the one in New York City being the de facto "first amongst equals". The system is charged with maintaining economic stability - no more Panics - by regulating money supply, and was the brainchild of bankers such as J. P. Morgan [see own entry], Paul Warburg [see own entry], and Nelson Aldrich [see own entry]. It is directed by the Federal Reserve Board [Wikipedia briefing], established 10th August 1914 and consisting of seven presidentially appointed governors. One Thomas G. Corcoran [see own entry AN INTRIGUING FELLOW] served as general counsel for the board from 1932.

Federation of Conservative Students (FCS): Founded originally by British WW1 master propagandist John Buchan as the Federation of University Conservative and Unionist Associations (FUCUA) in January 1930, the rebranded-in-1967 Federation of Conservative Students (FCS) [Wikipedia briefing; there is also much to be independently browsed] is noteworthy in the present context as a vehicle of the British Establishment for promoting the British Establishment at the expense of the rest of us. In recent memory it has hot-housed a number of 2019 high-profile right-wing opinionists and politicians, such as John Bercow, Mark Francois, and Andrew Neil.

Feetham, Richard: Welsh lawyer-politician Richard Feetham [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having practised law in South Africa after the Boer War, (b) for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (c) for going on to a distinguished career in the South African judiciary, and (d) for having chaired the (eventually abortive) 1924-1925 Irish Boundary Commission [Wikipedia briefing]. He died in 1965.

Fehmer, Marie: [upon marriage Marie Fehmer Chiarodo] Rosebud-born 25-year-old Marie Fehmer [no convenient biography, but see her LBJ Presidential Library oral history] had been recruited straight out of the University of Texas to be one of LBJ's secretaries, and would remain in post after his becoming President. She is noteworthy in the present context merely in that her mother, Olga L. Fehmer (1918-2003), had worked for a while with both Abraham Zapruder and Jeanne de Mohrenschmidt in the Dallas rag trade in the mid-1950s.

Feldsott, Louis: New York based sporting goods dealer Louis Feldsott [2017 obituary (aged 102 years)] was the President of Crescent Firearms, Inc., NYC, wholesaler of duly licensed imported rifles such as the Mannlicher-Carcano. In an affidavit dated 23rd July 1964 submitted to the Warren Commission [read it now] he stated that the FBI had contacted him on the day of the assassination about a Mannlicher-Carcano with the serial number C2766. He confirmed the sale to Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc., Chicago, on 18th June 1962. The FBI had then taken the documents away with them. Browse the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story. It may or may not be relevant that government agencies such as the FBI and ATF [=Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms] were, in 1963, looking for the Mister Bigs of the arms smuggling industry, and that FBI Agent James Hosty may have been using LHO as a field operative in just such an operation. [In the event, the Kennedy killing intensified this crack-down and resulted in the 1968 Gun Control Act - Ed.]

Fellers, Bonner Frank: See the entry for William A. Eddy.

Fellowship for a Christian Social Order (FCSO): See the entry for Sherwood Eddy.

Felt, Harry Donald: WW2 and Cold War veteran (U.S. Navy, carriers, highly decorated) progressed CINCPAC=Commander, Pacific and Indochina from 1958-1964 Admiral Harry D. Felt [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as CINCPAC (=Commander-in-Chief, Pacific and Indochina) during the slow but certain escalation of the Vietnam War prior to the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, (b) as such, for having set up the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) [Wikipedia briefing] on 8th February 1962, under General Paul Harkins, the better to deliver CINCPAC strategy in South Vietnam, and (c) for preparing the drafts for OPLAN 34A, prior to its approval by the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) 17th April 1964.

"Fernandez, Julio": Nom-de-guerre - see the entry for Clare Boothe Luce.

Ferrell, Mary Elizabeth McHughes: Dallas-based legal secretary turned assassination researcher Mary Ferrell [Wikipedia biography] was in the VIP Car (16th) of the motorcade (her own vehicle). She devoted the rest of her life [d. 2004] to uncovering the truth, and has left us the Mary Ferrell Database [website], a priceless political research resource.

Ferrie, David William: [New Orleans D.A.'s Office codename Lindbergh] Heavily involved with the Louisiana Civil Air Patrol (CAP) [see own entry] during the 1950's and presently working for New Orleans' political right in their opposition to Fidel Castro's clean (and therefore unprofitable) Cuba, David Ferrie [Wikipedia biography] entered the assassination narrative in November 1963 when an employee of Guy Banister's [see own entry] named Jack Martin [see own entry] squealed to the NOPD that Ferrie had been involved in nothing short of a major conspiracy to kill JFK. The FBI interviewed him, but eventually dismissed the allegations, and Ferrie was not called to testify before the Warren Commission. NOLA DA Jim Garrison, however, was less easily shaken off. He interviewed Martin in December 1966 at which time it was alleged that Ferrie and LHO had been working for Banister and helping to run guns to anti-Castro elements in Cuba. Ferrie was found dead at his home on 22nd February 1967. His autopsy was overseen by NOLA Coroner Nicholas Chetta [see own entry], who certified natural causes - a burst blood vessel at the base of the brain - despite the presence of three apparently valedictory letters at the scene, which might have indicated either a genuine suicide or a murder made up to look like a suicide. It was not until the 1977 House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) [see own entry] that a link between Ferrie and LHO was officially acknowledged.

EXTENDED JUNE 2019: Ferrie is additionally noteworthy in the present context (a) for having made himself something of an expert in "cartridge trajectories", that is to say, the speed and direction of
travel of shell casings [not the slugs, note] in the fractions of a second after they have been ejected from a bolt action or automatic weapon ...

**ASIDE:** This odd fact was recorded by Garrison during his investigations, and mentioned in his 1967 *Playboy* interview. However the observation was not greatly thought about until Edward Haslam was preparing his 2007/2014 book "Dr. Mary's Monkey". To Haslam, this arcane hobby would suddenly make a lot more sense if a sniper were being framed and the cartridge cases needed to be planted as evidence!

(b) for being a gopher/contract pilot for New Orleans Mafia boss Carlos Marcello (including smuggling him back into the country after RFK had had him deported 4th April 1961), (c) ditto for CIA clandestine operations during their undeclared war against Cuba ...

**CONFIRMATION:** In his 1992 book "First Hand Knowledge", CIA-approved historian^1 Robert Morrow [see own entry] devotes the whole of Chapter 4 to the *Camaguey Mission* [see own entry], a clandestine (and far from uneventful!) flight to Cuba 16th-17th April 1961, in which he shared the flying with Ferrie - for more of the details see *Timeline 16th April 1961*. Researcher Joan Mellen broadly concurs, thus ...

"It was Ferrie's political affiliations that interested Jim Garrison. Ferrie had flown for the CIA as a contract pilot, taking off from Tampa, the Keys, and Venice, Florida, in sabotage missions: he burned sugarcane fields, dropped propaganda leaflets, and infiltrated and exfiltrated anti-Castro activists. His handler was Eladio del Valle [see own entry], a mob-connected Cuban exile, who was also involved in setting up training camps to wage war against Castro. Del Valle paid Ferrie between $1000 and $1500 a mission [...]. Ferrie also flew for South Central Air Lines, a CIA proprietary. Ferrie's CIA employment has been confirmed by ex-CIA [Assistant Director] Victor Marchetti" (Mellen, 2005, p33).

(d) for being sacked from Eastern Airlines in August 1961 once his record as a serial sexual deviant became known, (e) for thereby being reduced to earning a living as a Jack-of-All-Trades to a number of more or less shady New Orleans operations, thus ...

jobbing investigator for P.I. Guy Banister and lawyer G. Wray Gill
pilot in the *Montreal-Athens Arms Deal* [see own entry]
contract white mice handler for Mary Sherman's top secret virus research

****** THEORIES DIFFER AS TO WHAT HAPPENED NEXT ******

****** IT WAS EITHER ******

(f1) for being a more or less major conspirator in a mid-summer 1963 plot to assassinate JFK

****** OR IT WAS ******

(f2) for being a more or less major conspirator in a mid-summer 1963 plot to assassinate Fidel Castro

**CAUTION:** It is unlikely that Ferrie was sufficiently ruthless, sufficiently well-connected, and sufficiently well-funded to have plotted the JFK assassination on his own. Nevertheless (f1) is the position taken by CIA-approved historian^2 Robert Morrow in his 1992 book "First Hand Knowledge". Morrow even names Ferrie as having selected LHO to be the Patsy for the shooting, and as having flown in the assassination teams' walkie-talkies and three Mannlicher rifles during the first week in August 1963. Judyth Vary Baker, on the other hand, is far more sympathetic toward the man, seeing him as a flawed personality exploited by the real conspirators.

(g) for assisting the defence team in Marcello's trial on immigration offences, receiving $7000 for his pains ...

**ASIDE:** Hinckle and Turner (1981/1992) describe Ferrie as a "sidewalk lawyer" (p233), that is to say, eager and vocal, but with no formal qualification and little deep experience. By the same token, he must also be rated a sidewalk psychiatrist, a sidewalk pathologist, and a sidewalk cancer researcher. He had, of course, been a real airline pilot (but had blown it), and was a seasoned CIA pilot.

(h) for thereby being demonstrably at the Courthouse in New Orleans at the time of the JFK assassination, (i) for then driving overnight from New Orleans to Houston, ostensibly to discuss a business transaction, arriving 0430am 23rd November ...
**ASIDE - FORGET-ME-NOT ALIBIS:** In the lexicon of black operations, items (h) and (i) are perfect examples of a carefully pre-contrived watertight alibi - you know that you are going to be a suspect, and so you must make very sure that you are a long way away and seen by a lot of people. A little BLUSTER can be thrown in to make you even more memorable to your corroborating witnesses. See the companion Timeline for more of the detail - [start at 20th December 1941](#) and follow the "David" entries in the <JFK and New Orleans> sub-thread.

(j) for being interviewed by the Secret Service 25th November 1963, only to be dismissed for strength of alibi, (k) for coming to the attention of the Jim Garrison Investigation, being first interviewed (and denying everything) 15th December 1966, and (l) for being murdered during the night of 21st-22nd February 1967 to ensure that the denials continued.

\[1\] **CAUTION:** CIA-approved histories typically contain hundreds of hitherto unknown facts, carefully composed to support one or two much subtler counterintelligence propositions (lies, in other words, hidden in a bouquet of truths). Morrow's book appears - for reasons still to be established - to be out to get Ferrie.

Fetzer, James H.: Assassination researcher and academically responsible conspiracy theorist [Jim Fetzer](#) was the author of the 2000 book "Murder in Dealey Plaza". His discussion of discarding sabot [see own entry MIGHT HAVE BEEN USED ON THE DAY](#) ammunition has proven to be extremely promising. He speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry](#) (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

"A turmoil of writhing bodies"

**Fever Parties:** [no convenient briefing but an awful lot to reward the determined browser](#) is noteworthy in the present context as a sex party paradigm for Britain's yuppies and well-to-do. Occasional misbehaviour is reported in the press - [check one out from 2002](#).

***** YET ANOTHER ALLEN DULLES QUAKER-SPY *****

Field, Herbert Haviland: [Read firstly the entry for Religious Right](#) Well-born American zoologist turned WW1 intelligence assetots [Herbert H. Field](#) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for obtaining his doctorate from Harvard University in 1893, (b) for quickly eschewing primary personal research in favour of codifying the research of others, establishing the Concilium Bibliographicum [Wikipedia briefing] as a Zurich-based abstracting service in 1895, (c) for civilian war service 1917-1918 with the Quaker church's emergency aid service in Europe, where, as Evica (op. cit. inf.) now explains, he was quickly recruited as an intelligence asset ...

"Early in 1917, Allen Dulles joined the United States Foreign Service: the State Department's career staff. He was sent first to Vienna, then to Bern, Switzerland, where he became a junior intelligence officer, posted as an associate of Hugh [R.] Wilson [see own entry DESERVES GREATER ATTENTION](#), a senior State Department official. By the end of 1918, Dulles and Wilson had 'built up a network of European refugees and American expatriates who functioned ... as intelligence agents for the American Embassy [in Switzerland]'... Dulles 'was assigned responsibility for liaison with representatives of ... Central European liberal/nationalist groups ... rebelling against the disintegrating Austro-Hungarian Empire'." ...  

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** In other words, American diplomats were deliberately stirring up minority discontent in European provinces (Bohemia, say), so as to weaken their contribution to the imperial centres (Berlin and Vienna). [At the time of writing [= December 2021], latter-day Dulases are attempting much the same (mutatis mutandis) with the Uighurs of China's Xinjiang Province.  

... "A key contact in the Wilson/Dulles network was the eminent Dr. Herbert Haviland Field, a distinguished American scientist [...]. During World War I, he had resided in Zurich, Switzerland. A practising Quaker, 'pacifist and dedicated internationalist', Herbert Field impressed Dulles' associate Hugh Wilson as a gentle and candid man: 'unsophisticated and lovable'. But the seemingly child-like Quaker [also maintained '] a full bibliography of [worldwide] scientific research ...'. Further, Field spoke the German language flawlessly [...] and was, in fact, the reported source of a 'mine of information' for the Wilson-Dulles intelligence operations" (k2060-2078).

... (d) after the war, once recriminations started to fly, for being specifically abandoned by Dulles ...
Readers unfamiliar with the story of Lenin trying to speak to Dulles on the eve of the 1917 Russian Revolution should check out the

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before proceeding. Note that if Lenin started a revolution which took Russia out of the war on the Eastern Front, it would be bad for the French, British, and Americans because there would suddenly be twice as many Germans facing them on the Western Front. It might also be a good idea to form an opinion as to whether Lenin’s surprise telephone call to the Bern Embassy was as unexpected as Dulles later said it was.

**CAMEO - DULLES FUBARS BIG TIME**: Here is Evica again (a long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"The Lenin Link: Curiously, Herbert Field was later the target of an attack on his character and judgement involving Lenin's American Foreign Service connection in Switzerland. Since the ultimate source of the story was Allen Dulles himself it speaks directly to Dulles' willingness to sacrifice his closest intelligence collaborators for purely personal goals, In this instance, the sacrifice was Herbert Field. Years later it would be Herbert Field's son Noel (see own entry [INTERESTING ONWARD CONTEXT]). Lenin, living in exile in Switzerland, had been in periodic touch with James C. McNally [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], the American Consul General in Zurich [...]. This should have been of major value to the Allies: it was a direct line from Russia to Lenin and then to McNally. [+++ McNally background +++] McNally, however, had too many suspect German connections, so Herbert Field, Dulles' trusted Quaker connection residing in Zurich, passed on his negative judgement. Field accused McNally of consorting with the enemy. [+++ the Easter Sunday events discussed in detail +++] Given his peripatetic train travels between Vienna, Bern, and Zurich through March 1917, and the unsatisfyingly explained 'matter of intrigue' on Easter Sunday, Allen Dulles may himself have sent Comrade Lenin to Russia. At the very least Dulles colluded with German military intelligence in the Finland Station enterprise, afterwards trashing his close friend and intelligence source, Herbert Field. It is simply unbelievable that this budding spymaster passed up the opportunity to make direct contact with Lenin at the crucial moment of the Russian Revolution. [...] Intelligence officer Dulles must have known [what] would happen. [...] His ludicrous versions of the Lenin story and the subsequent defamation of Herbert Field would have completed his series of defensive moves. Whether or not he directly participated in Lenin's escape to Russia, Allen Dulles made certain he would not be accused either of collaborating with the Bolsheviks or of aiding the German war effort. In typical espionage fashion, he probably did both. [...] According to the spymaster, he made contact with Field as a 'fertile source of intelligence', but was rebuffed by Field. In truth, Dulles was a frequent visitor to the Fields' family home, making valuable intelligence contacts. For Dulles' spy operations, Field and his powerful friends were 'go-betweens'. [...] They were cutouts, connections between persons or groups who, for whatever reason, wished to avoid direct contact. [...] Field, reputedly an ardent pacifist, became 'the head of a lively Quaker relief organisation which ran food relief programs for the starving populations of war-torn Europe'. But the Quaker program also serviced eminent émigrés with powerful political, economic, and intelligence links, and Dulles quickly learned how important it was to spend time 'in the company of Czech, Slav, Moravian, Bothian ... Serbian [and other] groups operating on neutral Swiss ground' " (k2078-2186).

... and (e) for working for a short time after the Versailles Peace Conference (he died in 1921, aged 52) for the League of Nations, duties unknown. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail (including the Quakers' involvement in >>WW2<< intelligence operations as well as WW1) see firstly the entry for (his son) Noel Field and then George Evica's (2006/2011) "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon]. For more on the industrial scale use of religious missions as covers for intelligence operations, see Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon]. For more specifically on the Quakers in the operations against Fidel Castro in the early 1960s see the entry for the Mexico City Adventure.

Field, Marshall, III: American bond salesman turned (upon inheriting the family fortune) bankersocialite-press baron Marshall Field III [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW1 service with the A.E.F. in France 1917-1919, (b) for demobilising into a career as investment adviser and living the life of a Charleston-era socialite, (c) for diversifying into newspaper publishing in 1938, founding the Chicago Sun, PM Magazine, and Parade, and (d) for employing Deep State
propagandist Ralph Ingersoll [see own entry AN INTERESTING CHARACTER] on the PM side of things to help swing the American people round to the prospects of joining WW2 and once again getting to kill people ...

To avoid duplication, this part of the Field story continues in the entry for <Ralph Ingersoll>.

To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.


Fields, Edward Reed: See the entry for National States' Rights Party (NSRP).

Fiester, Sherry: The late CSI Analyst turned assassination researcher Sherry P. Fiester [no convenient biography, just lots of chatter] was the author of the 2012 book "Enemy of the Truth", in which she applied a lifetime's experience in criminological forensics to the Dealey Plaza CS [=crime scene]. In so doing she came up with a highly convincing argument that the Z313 headshot came not from atop the Grassy Knoll - or, to give it its more precise name, the North Knoll - but rather from its mirror-imaged counterpart - the South Knoll - at the other end of the Triple Underpass. This theory has attracted much online airtime ever since and deserves serious consideration.

Fight for Freedom [Committee] (FFF): See the entry for C. D. Jackson.

Figueres Ferrer, José ["Don Pepe"]: Costa Rican "farmer-socialist" turned left-wing politician President[1948-1949, 1953-1958, 1970-1974] José Figueres [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having (a) helped fund and shape the Caribbean Legion [see own entry] in 1945, (b) for then having used same to help depose Teodoro Picado [see own entry] in the 1948 Costa Rican Civil War [see 2nd February 1948], (c) for having served 18 months as president on a provisional basis during said civil war, and (d) for serving again with a full personal mandate between 1953 and 1958, and between 1970 and 1974. After 1974 he became a roving ambassador for Latin American progress. He died in 1990.

Fildes, [Sir]1946 Paul Gordon: British physician turned bacteriologist [Sir]1946 Paul Fildes [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been on the medical staff at Portsmouth's Haslar Hospital during WW1, therefore seeing just about every type of wound, infection, and disease that the Western Front could inflict, (b) for having then trained himself up in bacteriology in the mid-1930s, (c) for thereby being put in charge in 1940 of the biological warfare section of Porton Down [see own entry], soon becoming the nation's expert on the weaponisation of anthrax, (d) for conducting field research with anthrax delivery systems on a remote Scottish Island ...

ASIDE - GRUINARD ISLAND: See the inset in the entry for Porton Down.

and (e) for reportedly providing at least one special ops team with a specially prepared biological agent ...

ASIDE - REINHARD HEYDRICH: As anybody who has seen the movie "Operation: Daybreak" [IMDB entry] will know, SS Obergruppenführer Reinhard Heydrich [Wikipedia biography] was assassinated in 1942 by a Czech special operations team, but not killed outright. Instead he was hit by shrapnel from a grenade, dying eight days later from "sepsis". Fildes, however, is strongly rumoured to have dosed the grenades used with botulism toxin, thus injecting the target with each fragment of shrapnel.

******************************** PROBABLE FRONT-LINE SHOOTER **********************************

Files, James Earl: [a.k.a. James Sutton] Alabama born mobster James Files [Wikipedia biography] was - by his own assertion - behind the picket fence, and - again by his own assertion - delivered the destructive head shot using a .221" Remington Fireball XP-100 [Wikipedia briefing; YouTube one being fired]. In 1994, while serving time for attempted murder, he made these assertions to Dutch researcher Wim Dankbaar in
a series of long video interviews and a 2008 follow-up book entitled "Files on JFK". The assertions, if you factor out the standard reluctance of one guilty party to incriminate another, are extremely convincing. In Rod Mac Kenzie's and Hooke)’s 2016 analysis of the assassination Files was indeed, along with J. D. Tippit and Roscoe White (both in uniform), part of a three-man shooting team assigned to the eastern end of the Picket Fence. He speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar’s [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

Film Facts, Inc.: See the entry for Count Constantine Maydell.

Finck, Colonel [U.S. Army] Pierre Antoine, MD: Military pathologist Colonel Pierre A. Finck [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of the three military medics who contributed to the JFK autopsy at the Bethesda Hospital between 2000hr on 23rd September 1963 and <time unrecorded> on <date unrecorded>. Browse the Medical Cover Up Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story. Finck's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Clay Shaw Trial testimony [read it now]; House Select Commission on Assassinations testimony [read it now]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony [read it now].

Findlater, Carole R.: [Née Ruth Sonin] Younger sister of radio celebrity Ray Sonin, Carole Findlater [no convenient biography] was a women's interest columnist for the British media. She is mentioned in Carol Lee's (2012) book "A Fine Day for a Hanging" as having undertaken a pioneering fact-finding trip to the Soviet Union on behalf of a women's magazine in the early/mid 1950s, at which time western readers were becoming interested in women's fashions behind the Iron Curtain.

Fink, Laurence Douglas: American businessman Larry ["Ten Trillion Dollar Man"] Fink [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context ...

Readers unfamiliar with the pivotal but rarely discussed part played by <Derivatives> in the financial trashing of the world over the past half century should see firstly the entry for <Collateralised Debt Obligations and Securitisation> and then VERY CAREFULLY note what economist <Richard Werner> has to say about the <Great Reset> in the Companion Timeline entry for <9th September 2022>.

... (a) for a (from-his-perspective if no other) successful career as a derivatives trader in NYC 1976-1988, (b) for leaving to set up BlackRock, Inc. [Wikipedia briefing] in 1988, quickly repeating his successes on an ever greater scale, until (c) being described by Wigglesworth (op. cit. inf.) as the "Ten Trillion Dollar Man" and as the "King of Wall Street". FURTHER READING: For supporting detail see Robin Wigglesworth's 7th October 2021 Financial Times piece entitled "The Ten Trillion Dollar Man: How Larry Fink Became King of Wall Street" [full text online]. Formal biographies are awaited, but Heike Buchter's (2020) "BlackRock" [Amazon] might be worth a look if you speak German.

Finkelstein, Daniel William [Baron Finkelstein]2013: [Read firstly the entry for Religious Right.] British-born to displaced White Russian (Ukrainian) parents, media proprietor and dinner jacket lobbyist [Lord]2013 Daniel Finkelstein [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being in at the founding of the Social Market Foundation (SMF) [see own entry] in 1989, (b) for serving as Director of the Conservative Research Department 1995-1997, with occasional attendance at Cabinet, (c) for joining The Times in 2001 as a junior editor, becoming Chief Leader Writer in 2008, (d) for serving as a board member of the Religious Right political lobby group the Gatesstone Institute in the mid-2010s, (e) for becoming Chairman of the newly formed "fink-tank" [his joke - Ed.] Onward [see own entry] in 2018, with the expressed mission to "remake conservatism", and (f) for being Vice-President of the Jewish Leadership Council.

Fiorini, Frank Angelo: See the entry for Frank Sturgis.

Firing Line: [Very influential TV current affairs program] See the entry for William F. Buckley.
First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles: See the entry for Stephen Fritchman.

First Unitarian Church of Providence: See the entry for Robert H. Schacht.

Fisher, [Sir]1988 Antony George Anson: Well-born (Eton-Cambridge-merchant bank-playboy) WW2 veteran (RAF fighter pilot) turned chicken farming supremo [Sir]1988 Antony Fisher [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a believer in a free-market economy with minimal state interference, (b) for capitalising on his early combat experience as a Hurricane pilot by devising a training program in the critically important skills of deflection shooting ...

**ASIDE:** Deflection shooting, also known as "leading the target", involves aiming ahead of your target such that your bullets arrive at the same point in space as the target a few fractions of a second later. Toffs with grouse-hunting experience would naturally come to air combat with an early advantage.

(c) for being instantly impressed by the superficial support given to his ideas by F. A. Hayek's [see own entry] (1944) book "The Road to Serfdom" [Amazon - DRIVEFL], and (d) for spending the next 40 years creating and promoting right-wing think-tanks and influence groups, not least the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) [see own entry]. FURTHER READING: Check out David Moller's (2008) abridgement of Gerald Frost's (2002) biography "Antony Fisher: Champion of Liberty" [full text online].

Fisher, Newton T.: Deputy Chief of Police for the DPD Newton Fisher [no convenient biography] was head of DPD security at Love Field and, as such, confiscated evidential film from Jimmy Darnell.

***** THE MAN WHO COULD DO NO RIGHT *****

Fitzgerald, Desmond: [Read firstly the entries for Rolando Cubela and Operation AMTRUNK.] WW2 veteran (OSS/Stillwell's Burma Campaign) turned Cold War butterfingers Desmond Fitzgerald [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being head-hunted in the late 1940s by Frank Wisner to cover the Far Eastern operations of his new Office of Policy Coordination (OPC), not least by pursuing espionage and counter-intelligence operations in support of Chiang Kai-Shek's ailing Nationalist Chinese, (b) having retreated to Taiwan during the winter of 1949-1950, for continuing in the same vein against both the Communist Chinese and the North Koreans during the ensuing Korean War 1951-1954, (c) for being selected as Head of Station for the Philippines in the mid-1950s, (d) for being promoted to head the entire Far Eastern Division 1957-1962, (e) for thus playing a large part in stirring up the bloody but futile 1957 Indonesian rebellion [follow Timeline sub-thread from 25th September 1957] ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** This, of course, is the campaign in which Operation PHIBLINK took place, in which a small part was played by an 18-year old Marine named Lee Harvey Oswald [see Timeline 20th November 1957].

(f) for being head-hunted in November 1962 to run the Cuban Task Force [see own entry], following JFK's angry purge of previously disjointed anti-Castro operations by Task Force W, and for being made chief of the replacement Special Affairs Staff (SAS) in early 1963, (g) for continuing William Harvey's earlier work, but now with greater focus on outcomes and a much greater emphasis on need-to-know compartmentalisation and non-attributability if caught (Kaiser, 2008, p153) ...

**ASIDE:** Fitzgerald, it seems, was a fan of half-assed booby traps and poisons, including - if it happened at all - the Ochsner Bioweapon; and it was on his watch that at least some of the half dozen or so professional assassins in Dealey Plaza were hired. It may or may not also be relevant that Fitzgerald was fond of False Flag operations (Hancock, 2010, p352) of the sort described in the final inset to the entry for Richard Nagell.

... (h) for approving the ill-fated 8th June 1963 Bayo-Pawley Operation Tilt ...
ASIDE: Fitzgerald will later explain that he approved Operation Tilt on his own authority [remember the bit about non-attributability - Ed.] rather than checking any higher in the chain of command (Kaiser, 2008, p165).

... (i) for delivering a briefing to the Joint Chiefs of Staff 1st August 1963 to the effect that they needed to maintain rapid response assets should one of his assassination attempts succeed in bringing about an uprising of the Cuban opposition (Kaiser, 2008, p301), (j) for liaising with Rolando Cubela despite blazing-row warnings from his Counter-Intelligence officer Harold Swenson (a.k.a. Joseph H. Langosch) [no convenient biography] that Cubela was most probably a Castro-loyal double agent ...

ASIDE: In fairness to Fitzgerald it is in the nature of a successful red-on-red poisoning that the assassin can get close enough to the target actually to do the deed. For a once-loyal aide to become sufficiently disloyal, and for that disloyalty not to be detected, is very rare. Langosch's judgement was that the U.S. was being dangled, and took the bait just a bit too eagerly.

(k) for meeting with Cubela in Paris 29th October 1963, promising that the U.S. government would support any anti-Castro uprising that he could arrange, (l) for sending a deputy to another meeting with Cubela on 22nd November 1963 - even as JFK's motorcade rolled down Main Street toward its date with history - offering him a poison pen specially assembled by Technical Services (which Cubela declined), (m) for then reportedly breaking into tears 24th November 1963 when he saw Jack Ruby's televised execution of LHO, exclaiming to his wife: "Now we'll never know" (Hancock, 2010, p272), (n) for standing down the sabotage raids in April 1964 upon the orders of President Johnson, (o) for holding yet another meeting with Cubela 27th December 1964, (p) for being promoted as the CIA's Director of Plans on 17th June 1965, (q) for leading the wholly misplayed 1967 operation against the radical student magazine Ramparts, which resulted in a massively embarrassing defeat for the CIA, and (r) for suffering a convenient heart attack 23rd July 1967. Richard Nagell - himself no stranger to the risk from friends as well as enemies - was one of those who raised a knowing eyebrow at the natural causes verdict.


Flandin, Pierre-Étienne: [See firstly the entry for Comité des Forges] French WW1 pilot turned postwar politician Pierre-Étienne Flandin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the WW1 pilot who tried to have the occupied iron and steel works around Briey in the Lorraine basin bombed, only to be overruled thanks to lobbying by their displaced owners who would rather arm the enemy than have their factories reduced to dust, and (b) entering politics after the war, rising rapidly through a succession of ministerial posts to become Prime Minister 1934-1935. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING] [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

Flannery, James E.: See the entry for June Cobb.


Fleming, Ian: British old-Etonian spy (in the guise of a Reuters journalist) turned naval intelligence operative (WW2 and early Cold War) turned paperback writer Ian Fleming [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his part in the propaganda black ops carried out in the United States 1941-1945 by the British Security Coordination (BSC) [see the entry for C. D. Jackson A JUICY TALE], and (b) for fictionalising many of his real-life adventures into his James Bond series.

Flick, Friedrich: See the entry for J. Peter Grace, Jr..

Florer, Larry: Dealey Plaza bystander Larry Florer [no convenient biography] was arrested on camera outside the Dal-Tex Building after having been (wrongly) allowed to try to use one of the third floor
telephones there. Florer's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Fonzi, Gaeton: [known to his friends as Ahab, because of his obsessive quest for the truth] Philadelphia born investigative journalist Gaeton Fonzi [Wikipedia biography] appears in the LaFontaine's 1996 book "Oswald Talked" as the "staff investigator" for Senator Richard Schweiker who delivered the House Select Committee on Assassinations' summons to the home of George de Mohrenschildt on the morning of 29th March 1977, following which de Mohrenschildt blew his brains out. He is also the author of the 1993 book "The Last Investigation". He died in 2012.

Ford, Declan P.: See the entry for George Bouhe.

Foreign Economic Administration (FEA): Founded 25th September 1943 by the Roosevelt Administration and placed under the direction of the not entirely trustworthy Leo Crowley [see own entry], the FEA [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as that administration's mechanism to oversee and coordinate the operation of the fully 43 different U.S. agencies handing out taxpayers' money abroad, be it for aid, lend-lease, materials purchases, bribery, or whatever. The FEA was decommissioned by President Truman 31st December 1945.

Foreign Intelligence Digest: Originally founded in 1938, the Foreign Intelligence Digest [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context from the late 1950s, when General Charles Willoughby took over the editorship and funding was obtained from "Dallas billionaire H. L. Hunt" (Scott, 2015, K3355). It was a right-wing periodical passing on snippets of political gossip sent in by a rumour network of intelligence and law enforcement contacts. Click here (CIA Library document, pp6-18) to see a couple of specimen issues of the publication during Willoughby's editorship.

***** SOLVING THE CUI BONO PROBLEM *****

Forensic Financial Genealogy: This is the branch of investigative journalism which concerns itself with tracing family assets from one generation to the next when the details are otherwise difficult to obtain and where the profit motive may well have influenced the broad flow of human history ...

Readers unfamiliar with the explanatory principle of "Cui Bono" should quickly skim this Wiki before proceeding ... (IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE OF CRITICALLY ANALYTICAL HISTORIOGRAPHY)

The following four quick examples should richly demonstrate the need for, and the heuristic value of, this sorely under-resourced science. Note that one of the recurring barriers to transparency of influence is the fact that accountancy rules require details be made public of an organisation's officers, but universally allow blind stock holdings by non-officers, that is to say, by friends and family ...

Table Linking Primary Fraudsters (Left) with Secondary Political Benefit (Right)

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Tsar. This sort of financial jiggery-pokery continued through into his presidency 1929-1933, helping to bring about the Great Crash of 1929. It would be helpful to see how and where that fortune was spent, and whether any of it - in the form of blind trust stockholdings, say - still influences either American politics or American banking.

**Joseph P. Kennedy** [see own entry for dates and supporting detail]

Kennedy made a personal fortune from bootlegging in the 1920s and insider trading while head of the **Securities and Exchange Commission** [see own entry] 1934-1938. Three of his children had successful-tragic political careers, and it would be helpful to establish if and where crooked money boosted those careers (remember the Mafia Theory of JFK's 1960 election victory in Chicago).

**Eugene Isaac Meyer** [see own entry for dates and supporting detail]

Meyer made a personal fortune as a Wall Street speculator 1901-1920. He then insider traded agricultural loans and reconstruction finance through to 1929, before becoming chairman of the **Federal Reserve Board** [see own entry] in 1930, even acquiring his own newspaper - *The Washington Post* - to deflect critical debate. As with J. P. Morgan above, it would be helpful to see how that fortune then influenced America's political history. Two of his five children were female and may require tracing under different surnames.

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**Forman, John:** See the entry for **Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions (SVM).**

**Forrest, Helen:** [a.k.a. *Mrs James Forrest*] Mysterious Dealey Plaza spectator Helen Forrest [no convenient biography] featured in Michael Kurtz's 1982 book "Crime of the Century", and was there quoted as having witnessed, like Roger Craig, a man getting into a Nash Rambler station wagon. At the time of writing [February 2018], researchers have grown concerned that this report has never been corroborated. Browse the **LHO Movements 22nd November Thread** to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Forrestal, James Vincent:** WW1 veteran turned banker turned political angel turned WW2 senior naval strategist James Forrestal [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an unsettled career progression 1908-1916, finally succeeding 1916-1917 as a financial advisor [his Wiki uses the term "bond salesman" - Ed.], (b) for making Lieutenant (U.S.N.) in WW1, seeing action only in D.C., (c) for returning to Wall Street in 1919, making a fortune and becoming president of his brokerage in 1937, (d) for funding various Democratic Party politicians during the 1930s, thereby getting an appointment in June 1940 as naval advisor to President Roosevelt, (e) for being a natural shoo-in to the post of Undersecretary of the Navy when it was created in August 1940, being heavily involved 1940-1944 in naval procurement, (f) following the sudden death of the incumbent Frank Knox [Wikipedia biography] for being promoted Secretary of the Navy on 19th May 1944, successfully administering the Normandy campaign the following month and the Pacific Theatre end game 1944-1945, (g) for further promotion on 17th September 1947 as the first newly-superordinated Secretary of Defense [Wikipedia explanation] ...

**CAMEO - FORRESTAL AS SECDEF:** Forrestal was sworn in 17th September 1947, one day before the CIA was established. Together they set about re-professionalising the United States' defence, intelligence, and covert ops establishments after two years of post-demobilisation run-down. One of their first jobs was to handle unwelcome publicity concerning "flying saucers" down in New Mexico ...

To avoid duplication, this part of Forrestal's story continues in the `<Charles Cabell>` entry. To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.

Forrestal was accordingly included in a 12-man all-the-talents emergency committee set up by President Truman on 24th September 1947 and now commonly known as the Majestic Twelve ...

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Forrestal was also in the DoD hot seat during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War [see 15th May 1948], and the first nine months of the 1948-1949 Berlin Crisis [Wikipedia briefing].
Now the unexpected death of anyone in the military-industrial complex, especially on the intelligence side of things, especially at high security clearance, and especially if there is something strange about it, always demands thorough investigation. And this one is higher and stranger than most, thanks to the mysterious choice of the word "nightingale" to end your life with. For Forrestal had been Secretary of Defense in the formative exchanges of the Cold War, when the United States had - under the codename Operation NIGHTINGALE [no convenient briefing] - been busily grooming the Ukrainian right - including Nachtigall Battalion [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE] - veterans - to carry out propaganda and fifth column activism behind the Iron Curtain. Operation NIGHTINGALE, in other words, was one of the Deep State offensives Forrestal had been helping to administer, and the possibility is that he was being asked to go further than he - even as a committed anti-Communist - was willing to go ...

CAMEO - OPERATION NIGHTINGALE: There is infuriatingly little archive material available on black ops in the late 1940s prior to the birth of the CIA [the CIA have always kept good records, they just don't like releasing them - Ed.], and the paper trail of fifth column activity in the Ukraine really only begins in the early 1950s with Operation AERODYNAMIC [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE]. More recently, however, interest in the earlier operation has been picking up. Firstly, just prior to the hero falling on his sword - hence a perfectly fitting suicide note. However, there were still 17 lines to go before the entry of the king, so why not do the job properly. Why stop at all, and why at the word nightingale, the national bird of Ukraine?

"In the summer of 1948, following the Czechoslovakian coup, Truman approved a dramatic escalation of global covert action to include guerrilla operations in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. One project in Ukraine created a guerilla army codenamed Nightingale, which had originally been set up by the Nazis in 1941, made up of ultranationalist Ukrainians. [...] Beginning in 1949, for five years the CIA parachuted Ukrainian infiltrators back into the region" (p167).

YouTube introducing the documentary series (54 mins.)

VERY SCHOLARLY AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Then we have (another academic historian) Erin E. Redihan's (2017) book "The Olympics and the Cold War" [Amazon], which informs us as follows ...

"Though it was not public at the time, American spies stationed behind the Iron Curtain sought to capitalise on anti-Moscow sentiment. The forerunners to the Central Intelligence Agency had been building their presence in Ukraine since the end of World War II [...]. First using solely American spies and later looking to employ local dissenters, American intelligence officials formed several working groups that aimed to exploit this sense of unrest with the hope of fomenting a large-scale resistance movement that could present a serious threat to Moscow. Immediately after the war ended, the Strategic
Services Unit (SSU), a CIA precursor, began collaborating with former Nazi sympathisers in Germany and Ukraine to capitalise on their anti-Stalin sentiment in a project termed Operation Nightingale. Early failures and a number of agent defections soured Washington on the utility of the project. The State Department called for a halt to all collaboration with Ukrainians in 1947 ([Ruffner, 2014 full text online])" (pp127-128).

And finally, in 2019 (but see RESEARCH ISSUE #2 below), we have the aforementioned Kalba tying it all directly to Secretary of Defense Forrestal as follows ...

"Is the history of the Nachtigall Battalion still relevant today? A 2015 television documentary produced by Hollywood director Oliver Stone clearly underscores this relevance. Stone's documentary, entitled 'The Untold History of the U.S.' purports to present unknown historical facts. In Episode 4, entitled 'The Cold War: Truman, Wallace, Stalin, Churchill, and the Bomb', Stone portrays President Harry Truman as a 'warmonger'. [+++ briefly off-topic +++] James Forrestal, then Secretary of Defense, is portrayed as a paranoid maniac. He, along with the CIA, was instrumental in organising émigré Ukrainians into a military unit under the codename Nachtigall. They were to be used for the purpose of parachuting diversionary forces into the Soviet Union. Mr. Stone went on to claim that the codename Nachtigall was chosen by Forrestal to honour the Nachtigall Battalion of 1941" (p171).

RESEARCH ISSUE #1: Given all the smoke it would be nice to know (as fire) what it was about this op which Forrestal so pushed back against (1) that it got him dismissed, (2) that it got him chemically lobotomised by the military psychiatrists into whose care he then went, and (3) that it EITHER drove him to suicide OR prompted persons unknown to commission his professional silencing.

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by <Victoria ["Potty Mouth"] Nuland> in project managing the CIA-orchestrated 2014 <Maidan Coup> should see her entry before proceeding DEEPLY REVELATORY.

RESEARCH ISSUE #2: The Kalba book had been available in Polish since 1995 [pdf offered (not tested)], and the 2019 English version includes a tribute by the author dated 2012, thanking his translator J. M. Berezowsky [nothing known] and seven others named for their assistance. Kalba, however, died in 2013 [Wikipedia biography], and so we presume that the reference to Oliver Stone's 2015 documentary was inserted by Berezowsky. It would therefore be nice to know whether any of the costs were picked up by the State Department as part of Victoria Nuland's [see own entry] latest anti-Moscow warmongering.

Fort Detrick: We now list this under C, as Camp Detrick, which see.

Fort, George Seymour: British colonial administrator turned businessman George Seymour [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving in the South African civil service between 1889 and 1896, and (b) joining Cecil Rhodes' British South Africa Company in 1896 as assistant to Abraham Bailey. In later life he wrote biographies of Leander Starr Jameson (1918) and Alfred Beit (1932).

Fort Hood: Military post at Killeen, TX [Wikipedia briefing], and the site of the Ford Hood Arms Thefts.

Fort Hood Arms Thefts: In 1963, in an attempt to break the gun-running trade into Cuba, the FBI - specifically James Hosty - arranged with the army for an officer at Fort Hood - Captain George Nonte - to play crooked and arrange for arms and ammunition to go missing. Soon weapons were going missing by the truck load, and Hosty was doing his best to track down the mobsters involved. This was almost certainly the topic of the meeting on the morning of 22nd November 1963 between Hosty, ATF investigator Frank Ellsworth, and the 112th MIG military intelligence man Ed Coyle. However for whatever reason the ATF were not totally in the decision making loop because Ellsworth did not yet know that Nonte was only playing villain. The thefts, and the broader investigation, are noteworthy in the present context because there is a decent possibility that LHO was out in the cold amongst the mobsters and the Cubans as an FBI informer. Browse the ATF Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.
Fort Leavenworth AFB: [INDEXING STUB] This U.S. Army base is mentioned in the following entries (alphabetical order) ...

General Charles Cabell; Christian David; Robert DePugh; C. D. Jackson; John K. Singlaub

Fortus, Mikhail Alexandrovich: See the entry for Pavel Mif.

Fourth Congress Delegation: See the entry for Palestine Arab Congress.

Foust, Clyde: In Rod Mac Kenzie( and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination Texas mobster Clyde Foust [no convenient biography] was, with John Ernst and Charles Harrelson, part of a three-man shooting team paid for by H. L. Hunt and assigned to the western end of the John Neely Bryan Pergola.

Fowler, Clayton: Dallas lawyer Clayton Fowler [no convenient biography] would be Jack Ruby's defence lawyer during his murder trial. Fowler died 22nd March 1971 aged 49. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong’s (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

Fox, James K.: Secret Service photographic expert James Fox [no convenient biography] received a copy of the Bethesda autopsy photographs from JFK's personal physician George Burkley, and was recommended by Roy Kellerman to "make a set for yourself - they'll be history someday" (Kurtz, 1993, xiv). He did, and they are. In 1981 Fox, by then retired, approached assassination researcher Mark Crouch and passed his copies on (the originals are the National Archive, but still sealed), on condition they would not be published until after his death. Fox died in 1987 and the material duly was duly featured in the 1988 edition of David Lifton's book "Best Evidence" - See JFKLance Slideshow. Fox would later inform researcher James Fetzer that on 6th or 7th December 1963 the Secret Service deliberately destroyed a number of photographs and X-Rays of medical evidence (Fetzer, 2000).

Fox, Martin and Pedro: Until it was closed down by the more ascetic Castro Regime in 1959 the Fox Brothers ran the Tropicana Casino-Nightclub in Havana, Cuba. They reputedly had close business links with Tampa mobster Santos Trafficante.

F'Pierre, Cleary: Obscure Haitian teacher Cleary F’Pierre [Mary Ferrell Foundation database entry] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being an aid worker 1959-1960 for the NYC Travellers' Aid Society [see own entry], (b) for moving on in 1960 to teach at State 'Teachers' College, Elizabeth City NC, (c) for moving on again to Steubenville OH, popping in 13th June 1962 to see his/her erstwhile co-workers for a chat as s/he passed through NYC ...

ASIDE: Some sources have Cleary as a male, others as a female.

(d) as luck would have it for being the only person available in the early afternoon that day when Spas Raikin arrived with LHO and Marina Oswald, who he had just collected from the Hoboken NJ quayside upon their return from the Soviet Union, (e) for escorting the Oswalds around the support agencies, before then dropping them at Pennsylvania Station at around 1630hr, (f) for being interviewed by FBI Agent Emil E. Hopkins 19th June 1964 (whence the story as above), (g) for then disappearing from the scene in around 1965, and (h) for reportedly being interviewed twice for researcher Edward J. Epstein (once by Epstein in person and then again by his investigator Jones Harris). It may or may not be relevant that we rate Epstein's three JFK works as suspiciously pro-Establishment in content and tone.

"Francisco": See the entry for "Francisco Rivera".
Francqui, Émile: Belgian soldier, turned diplomat and top-flight investment banker Émile Francqui [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been intimately involved with Herbert Hoover [see own entry] in the Kaiping Mines Fraud of 1898-1901 [see 20th March 1898], (b) for having been CEO of the Banque d'Outremer before and during WW1, (c) for having liaised closely with Hoover in setting up the Commission for Relief in Belgium [see 10th October 1914], and (d) for having kept (a) out of his public profiles.

Frank, Jacob: White Russian (b. Korolowka [map], Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, 1726) Kabbalist preacher Jacob Frank [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the house prophet of "Frankism" [Wikipedia briefing], a fringe heresy within Judaism which arose briefly in Poland and Podolia between 1755 and the end of that century.

Frankfurt School: See the entry for Institute for Social Research (ISR).

Frankfurter, David: Croatian rabbi's son and medical student David Frankfurter [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been radicalised (by a fellow student) to the point that he felt himself a "weapon in the hand of God" ...

Franklin, Benjamin: Author, inventor, politician, diplomat Benjamin Franklin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having worked his way up from being merely scientifically gifted ...
**ASIDE:** We have explained the Young Plan in detail in the companion Timeline at 7th June 1929, so suffice it to note here that the main provisions of the agreement were (1) that Germany's total debt be reduced from the Versailles target of 132 billion gold marks to 121 billion, with 58 years to pay, and (2) that a new superbank - eventually the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) - is proposed, in order to administer the scheme with greater discipline than hitherto.

Readers unfamiliar with the American funding of German industry during the mid- to late-1930s should see the entries for <Prescott Bush> [yes, those Bushes], <John J. McCloy>, and the <Bank for International Settlements (BIS)> before proceeding.

... (e) for clearly impressing enough people to get himself appointed president of the aforesaid Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in May 1933, serving two years in post, (f) for being further rewarded in 1935 with a vice-presidency at First National Bank of New York, (g) for moving on 1941-1944 to a directorship with the Federal Reserve Bank, (h) for thereby coming to hold meetings in April 1943 with a later BIS president, Thomas McKittrick [see own entry BANKER-SPY], helping him pass state-sensitive information to contacts in Berlin [this may well have been with U.S. government connivance, as deliberate counterintelligence - Ed.], (i) for - predictably enough - strongly opposing the dissolution of the BIS under trading with the enemy rules ...

**CAMEO - FRASER AND THE BATTLE FOR THE BIS:** See the McKittrick entry for the fully nuanced story. Suffice it to note here that two factions existed in Washington and London, one wanting to see the U.S.-BIS-Nazi money transfers continue, and the other wanting to see them stopped. After a period in limbo 1944-1946, the BIS-YES faction won and the bank remains at time of writing [= January 2023] a significant influence on world events [and we do not mean that as a compliment - Ed.].

... and (j) for suffering professionally and psychologically during those hectic months, such that on 9th April 1945, for reasons still not fully understood [in too deep, perhaps - Ed.], he committed suicide.

**Fraternité Mondiale:** Dealt with in the entry for World Brotherhood.

**Frawley, Patrick Joseph:** WW2 veteran (RCAF) turned ball point pen and disposable razor millionaire Patrick J. Frawley [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for using his fortune to finance right-wing organisations such as the American Security Council (ASC) and the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC), (b) for losing his Cuban manufacturing plant to Fidel Castro's 1960 wave of nationalisations, (c) for (unsuccessfully) throwing his weight behind that year's Nixon Presidential Campaign, (d) for becoming the largest contributor to Alton Ochsner's Information Council of the Americas (INCA) [see Timeline 9th May 1961], (e) for being an accessory to the 1967 secreting away of Ochsner's and Ed Butler's papers to prevent their being accessed by the Garrison Investigation, (f) for (unsuccessfully) backing General Curtis LeMay's 1968 Senatorial Campaign, (g) for working with Ed Butler on a right-wing propaganda magazine entitled "The Westwood Village Square" ...

**ASIDE:** Edition #1 is full text online, and the first substantive advert therein is pushing INCA's "Self-Portrait in Red" vinyl [see own entry] at $3.93 apiece.

and (h) for using his advertising clout to help news editors decide who was worthy of praise and who was worthy of criticism.

**Frazier, Buell Wesley:** Irving resident and fellow TSBD worker Buell Frazier [Spartacus Educational biography] entered the assassination history when, as a recent neighbour of Ruth Paine in Irving, he gave LHO his recently customary (after six or seven weeks of same) once-a-week lift to work on the morning of 22nd November 1963. His critical testimony was that on this occasion LHO had with him a brown paper bundle which he explained away as containing "curtain rods". It was, however, not long enough to contain a rifle and Frazier said it was quite different to the brown paper rifle case found on TSBD6. Nevertheless, the official story has that morning's package as containing the assassination weapon.
Frazier is thus central to the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 Thread. His evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2]; Clay Shaw Trial testimony [read it now]; Dramatised Mock Trial, 1992 [YouTube it now]; 2013 retrospective with fellow witness Hugh Aynesworth [YouTube it now].

**Frazier, Robert A.:** FBI Special Agent Robert Frazier [no convenient biography] was one of the three-man FBI Lab ballistics team (the others being Cortlandt Cunningham and Charles Killion) who examined [limo #1](#) after it had been flown back to DC. He was also involved on the chain of possession of CE-399, the famous *Magic Bullet*. He would also play a large part - along with photographic expert Lyndal Shaneyfelt - in the full-scale forensic re-enactment of the shooting which took place in Dealey Plaza on 24th May 1964. [YouTube him now]. Frazier’s evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [part #1; Part #2; Part #3]; Clay Shaw trial testimony [read it now]. Browse the *Magic Bullet Thread* to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Fredrickson, Cora Lacy:** See the entry for Frank B. McGehee.

**Free Europe Press:** This was an outstation of the *National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [q.v.]*, designed to provide an outlet for East European émigré scholars.

**Free Europe University in Exile:** This was an outstation of the *National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [q.v.]*, designed to educate East European émigré youth.

**Free Polish Forces ["Anders' Army"]:** See the entry for Menachem Begin.

**Free Trade Union Committee (FTUC):** See the entry for CIA Front Organisations.

**Freedom Forum:** See the entry for Harding College Freedom Forum, and take care to avoid confusion with the more recently active <freedomforum.org>.

**Freund, George:** *Conspiracy Cafe* host.

"Fried, Harold": See the entry for Harold Meltzer.

**Fritchman, Stephen Hole:** [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] American professional evangelist Stephen Fritchman [Unitarian biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating in theology from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1924, (b) for serving 1938-1947 as Director of the *Young People's Religious Union (YPRU)*, the youth division of the *American Unitarian Association (AUA) [see own entry]* in Boston, (c) for surviving accusations in 1940 of having been insufficiently anti-Communist at the time of the 1939 *German-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact* [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for becoming editor in 1942 of *The Christian Register* [Wikipedia briefing], the AUA's house journal, successfully building up its circulation, (e) for his 1944 book "Men of Liberty: Ten Unitarian Pioneers" [Amazon], (f) for being investigated during 1946 both by the AUA internally and by the *House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) [Wikipedia briefing]*, again accused of being insufficiently anti-Communist in his journal's editorial line, (g) for consequently resigning the AUA and choosing to relocate to the West Coast, (h) for taking over as minister at the *First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles* [see own entry INTERESTING PARALLEL NARRATIVE] in January 1948, where he would remain through until 1969 ...

**QUICKIE - THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES:** Founded in 1877 as an extension congregation of the Unitarians on the East Coast by abolitionists Theodoric and Caroline Severance [Wikipedia biography], the *First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles [Wikipedia briefing]* is noteworthy for its liberal line on issues such as minority and women's rights. Stephen Fritchman was its minister 1948-1969.

... (i) for taking "strong stands against the Korean and Vietnam Wars" (his Wiki) ...

...
... (j) for somehow becoming popular with Marines based at the nearby [82 miles south - Ed.] USMC Base Camp Pendleton [Homepage] ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Among the Marines in question were a certain Lee Harvey Oswald, and his messmates Kerry Thornley [see own entry HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS], John Heindel [see own entry], and Nelson Delgado [see own entry]. Jim Garrison's 1967-1968 investigation of the assassination certainly found this worth looking into, and on 7th November 1967 Garrison placed a memorandum on file entitled "Marine Corps Service of Oswald, Heindel, and Thornley" [full text online (poor quality)].

... (k) for thereby being mentioned when Thornley and Delgado gave the testimony to the Warren Commission in 1964, thus ...

CAMEO - FRITCHMAN IN WARREN COMMISSION TESTIMONY: Evica (op. cit. inf.) explains how Fritchman's church might have been of interest to the security establishment ...

"Thornley testified to the Commission that Fritchman's L.A. congregation was 'a group of quite far left people politically'. Minister Stephen Fritchman had inspired his First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles to become a leading anti-war religious centre in the United States; among Fritchman's parishioners were the distinguished U.S. scientist Linus Pauling [Wikipedia biography], and his wife Ava Helen [Wikipedia biography]. Concluding that the atomic bomb was fully capable of destroying humanity, the Paulings became anti-war, anti-racist, and civil rights activists. Establishing an ethical bond with Albert Einstein, Pauling openly rejected atmospheric weapons tests and the development of the hydrogen bomb [thereby becoming] the target of both U.S. intelligence and a Red-hunting Congressional committee. The Unitarians of Los Angeles and Pasadena rallied in support of the Paulings, who gave anti-war speeches in several L.A. Unitarian churches. [+++ more similar +++] Were there actual links between Kerry Thornley, Lee Oswald, and Stephen Fritchman's 'far left' First Unitarian Church? Apparently the FBI thought so: after the JFK assassination, a Bureau agent interrogating Kerry Thornley asked him 'what Oswald's connection with the First Unitarian Church was, and I explained to him that there was none' " (Evica, op. cit. inf., k847-881).

... (l) for popping up again in the equally obscure tale of the Albert Schweitzer Spy School (By Another Name) at Churwalden, Switzerland ...

Readers unfamiliar with <Allen Dulles> use of churches and clergy as a spy ring of convenience in the wars against Nazism and (fractionally later) Communism should browse the network of interlinked entries centred on <OPERATION Pastor> and <Albert Schweitzer College> before proceeding.

CAMEO - FRITCHMAN AND CHURWALDEN: On 19th March 1959, already planning life after the Marine Corps, Lee Harvey Oswald applies to the Albert Schweitzer College, Churwalden, Switzerland ...

ASIDE: A photostat/transcript of the application form can be inspected as Warren Committee Exhibit #228 - check it out. Readers are advised NOT to take Schweitzer College at face value, for it smells mightily like an intelligence operation concealed by genuine students, just like those detailed in Chapter 6 of Hugh Wilford's (2008) book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America". Click here for a more detailed critique.

Fritchman's part in this Dulles op is covered in the Albert Schweitzer College entry.

... and (m) for featuring repeatedly in 2006 in Evica's exposé of his First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles [see (k) and (l) above] ...

Readers unfamiliar with the FBI's COINTELPRO program for proactively detecting left-wing sympathisers by creating seemingly left-wing entrapment organisations should check out the entry for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) before proceeding.
"In the summer of 1963 Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested in a New Orleans street for disruptive political activity and interviewed by New Orleans police intelligence officer Francis L. Martello [read his Warren Commission testimony]. Volunteering information about his one-person New Orleans branch of the [FPCC] Oswald was asked by Martello how he became connected to the FPCC; he replied that he became interested in that committee in Los Angeles ... in 1958, while in the U.S. Marine Corps'. This was eighteen months too early: the national FPCC was established on April 6, 1960. But Oswald indicated he was visiting Los Angeles in 1958 when the same pro-Castro people who organised the FPCC's Los Angeles branch attended the progressive and radical Unitarian meetings in Los Angeles, including those held at Stephen Fritchman's First Unitarian Church" (p881).

**OUR VERDICT:** It is therefore our FWIW verdict that both the nuclear AND the Cuban protests were well camouflaged intelligence ops, whereby Fritchman's church attracted genuine leftists to their events, but hidden in the shadows were naval intelligence operatives like Oswald and FBI men diligently recording in their black books the names and addresses of those who turned up. For Oswald, it would have been the Queen Bee Assignment [check it out] all over again! Fritchman died in 1981, aged 79. **FURTHER READING:** For the general detail see Dick Russell's (1992) "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [Amazon]. For more on the industrial scale use of religious missions as covers for intelligence operations see George Evica's (2006/2011) "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon] and Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon].

Fritz, Captain John Will: Texas-born head of the DPD's Homicide and Robbery Bureau 68-year-old Will Fritz [Spartacus Educational biography] was at the Dallas Trade Mart at the time of the shooting. He drove back to the TSBD within minutes, and was on site during the search of TSBD6, even ejecting a live - unfired - round from the 7.65 Mauser used by Loy Factor after it had been discovered over by the western window. He then returned to his office to oversee the handling of witnesses (including at least one of the two sets of Three Tramps).

Frugé, Francis Louis: [Usually seen unaccented as Frugé] Louisiana State Police Lieutenant Francis Frugé [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the Eunice LA police officer who on 20th November 1963 delivered an intoxicated transient named Rose Cherami [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE] into recovery at the East Louisiana State Hospital, Jackson LA ...

**** PAY ATTENTION NOW - THIS MAKES THE MOVIES ****

**CAMEO - FRUGÉ IN 1963:** Cherami's story appears in many assassination histories, but we offer the following account, from Davy (op. cit. inf.) as reasonably canonical (NOTE THE CRYSTAL CLEAR IMPLICATION OF A CONSPIRACY) ...

“On the night of November 20th, a 34-year-old woman was found lying on the road [specifically, Highway 190] near Eunice, Louisiana, bruised and disoriented. Rose Cherami [SPELLING CORRECTED], a heroin addict and prostitute, was taken to a local private hospital [specifically, the Moosa Memorial Hospital] and was treated for abrasions. She was released into the custody of Louisiana State Police Lieutenant, Francis Frugé, who put her in a jail cell to sober up. [... He later] transported her to the State hospital at Jackson, Louisiana [a more secure and specialist psychiatric facility - Ed.]. [...] During the trip to Jackson, Cherami told Frugé that she was coming from Florida to Dallas with two men when they stopped at a lounge called the Silver Slipper [no online location found; possibly one of Jack Ruby's cathouses]. After a few drinks, she got into an argument with the two men and the bar owner threw her out. [...] Frugé asked her what she was going to do in Dallas. Cherami responded by saying she was going to 'number one, pick up some money, pick up her baby, and to kill Kennedy'. Frugé had Cherami admitted to the hospital late on November 20th.” ...

As he signed off duty in the early hours of 21st November, Frugé must have thought that his job was done - the woman was clearly out of her skull. Thirty-six hours later, however, Kennedy had the brains blown out of his skull, much as Cherami had predicted. Frugé was watching the Dallas motorcade live on television, and - as he later testified - he got straight on the phone to the hospital at Jackson and told them "by no way in the world to turn her loose until I could get my hands on her!" (photo-reproduced testimony in Marcedes, op. cit. inf., p220). She duly became the object of intense FBI interest: what did she know in advance, AND - MORE IMPORTANTLY - FROM WHOM?
Whereupon Jack Ruby's name came straight up up ... 

... "Staff doctors at the hospital were able to corroborate aspects of the Cherami allegations. Dr. Victor Weiss [SORT BIO: Weiss features heavily in Marcades] would later recall that on Monday, November 25, [...] she told him that she had worked for Jack Ruby and although she did not have any specific details about an assassination plot, 'word in the underworld' was that Kennedy would be assassinated. Cherami's role in this affair was as a drug runner, with the narcotics to be picked up in Houston. After the assassination, Frugé accompanied Cherami to Houston where aspects of her drug story checked out” (k1364).

Cherami died in what was clearly a contract killing, 4th September 1965.

... (b) for cooperating in 1967 with Jim Garrison's team of Assistant DAs during their investigations of suspected JFK conspirator Clay Shaw [see own entry THE ONLY PERSON EVER TO GO TO TRIAL FOR THE KENNEDY KILLING] ...

CAMEO - FRUGÉ AND THE GARRISON INVESTIGATION: Frugé was the local point of contact for Garrison's inquiries in the Baton Rouge area. There were thus TWO matters of focal interest, namely (1) Oswald's Clinton/Jackson Visits of 29th-31st August 1963, and (2) Rose Cherami's Foreknowledge of the Assassination Incident of 20th-21st November 1963 (where he had, of course, been the investigating officer at the time). Here, under those two headings, is how Frugé helped out ...

THE CLINTON/JACKSON ISSUE: 

Readers unfamiliar with the broader context to the <Clinton/Jackson> events should see the entries for <Ed McGehee> and <Reeves Morgan> before proceeding. 

Davy summarises Frugé's involvement with the Clinton/Jackson witnesses as follows ...

"Francis Frugé was a lieutenant with the Louisiana State Police in 1967 [helping with] the Garrison Investigation. As part of his duties he participated in the interviewing of the Clinton/Jackson witnesses. In an interview with the HSCA, Frugé commented that the eight witnesses who eventually testified were 'completely credible'. " (k2375 [note that the interviews were carried out in 1967 and then referred back to by the HSCA Inquiry ten years later - see item (d) below]).

Among the witnesses re-visited and judged "completely credible" were the aforementioned Jackson residents Ed McGehee and Reeves Morgan.

THE CHERAMI FOREKNOWLEDGE ISSUE:

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by the CIA outstation in New Orleans in the assassination attempts on Fidel Castro should see the entries for <Guy Banister> and <David Ferrie> before proceeding.

Here is Davy yet again ...

"[In 1967], while detailed to the New Orleans DA's office, Frugé questioned the owner of the Silver Slipper [aforementioned] about Cherami. Mac Manual [no convenient biography] told Frugé that Cherami had arrived with two men he knew were engaged in the business of running prostitutes in from Florida. When Cherami became drunk and out of control, one of the men 'slapped her around' and threw her outside. Frugé showed the bar owner a stack of photographs in an attempt to identify Cherami's companions. Manual picked out photographs of Sergio Arcacha Smith [see own entry ALREADY FLAGGED AS ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL] and fellow Cuban exile Emilio Santana [ditto] [both familiar faces] among the Banister/Ferrie crowd" (k1385).

Frugé streamed his reports back to Garrison's team in New Orleans, and therefore appears frequently in the archives of Clay Shaw's eventual trial. One of these archived documents was a 22nd May 1967 memorandum to Garrison's senior investigator Lou Ivon [see own entry] from another of the team. It includes the following bombshell assertion ...

***** WOW, JUST WOW! *****

"I received information from LT. FRANCES [sic] FRUGE, State police, on May 22, 1967, that we should talk to [+++ two unrelated leads discussed +++]. Information was also received that several nurses employed at Jackson Mental Hospital who were watching television along with ROSE CHERAMI the day Kennedy was assassinated stated that during the telecast moments before Kennedy was shot ROSE CHERAMI stated to them, 'This is when it is going to happen', and at that moment Kennedy was assassinated. Information states that these nurses had told
... (c) for retiring from the Police Department in 1967 with 20 years' service under his belt, and (d) for nevertheless making himself available again as local point of contact during the 1977-1978 HSCA Inquiry ...

**CAMEO - FRUGÉ AND THE HSCA INQUIRY:** On 7th April 1978 Frugé was interviewed by HSCA investigator Robert C. Buras, Jr. [no online profile], one of a small number of New Orleans police officers drafted in to assist HSCA with its Louisiana interviews. He then gave his formal deposition to the HSCA Inquiry on 18th April 1978 - see HSCA Document 014141 [full text online RECOMMENDED COMPLEMENTARY READING]. He died in 1985, aged 58. **FURTHER READING:** In order of mention see William Davy's (1999) "Let Justice Be Done" [Amazon] and Michael Marcades' (2016) "Rose Cherami: Gathering Fallen Petals" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]. **RESEARCH ISSUE:** Marcades is the "baby" referred to above. He was ten years old when Kennedy died, and his book is a son's proper tribute to his mother. The 22nd May 1967 memorandum is transcripted along with many other fascinating extracts from the archives in the appendices to his work. It would be nice to make similar progress with the case of Babushka Lady [see own entry NEVER DEFINITELY TRACED], possibly the closest camera to the killing, and having a clearer view of everything to the east of Umbrella Man than had the more famous Zapruder Film [blocked by the traffic sign - Ed.]. She has been theorised as a close associate of Jack Ruby, filming something pre-arranged and memorable on his behalf as a keepsake, but neither she nor her film have ever been properly traced. One Beverly Oliver [see own entry] would later claim that she was the person in question and that her film was confiscated by law officers on the day, but this story has not been fully corroborated.

1 In the fullness of time, Rose Cherami will receive the dubious honour of having her ordeal featured in the opening sequence of Oliver Stone's (1991) movie "JFK" [IMDB entry YouTube it here WORLD HISTORIC].

2 On 1st March 1969, Shaw was acquitted in what, in hindsight, was a clear travesty of justice brought about by systematic subversion of the trial process by guilty government agencies and - in no small measure - by the cold-blooded execution of eyewitness after eyewitness.

Fry, Varian Mackey: American journalist Varian Fry [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a Harvard-educated foreign affairs journalist who took a strong anti-Nazi stance from 1935 onward, doing much to inform America of their antisemitic policies and practices, (b) for adding substance to his moral outrage by helping to establish the Emergency Rescue Committee (ERC) [Wikipedia briefing] in 1940 ...

**CAMEO - FRY AND THE ERC:** Fry duly set up an ERC cell in the Vichy French port of Marseilles, liaising with Allied intelligence agents and the French Resistance to pipeline refugees and downed Allied aircrew out to neutral Spain. "Clamouring at his door came anti-Nazi writers, avant-garde artists, musicians and hundreds of others desperately seeking any chance to escape France" (his Wiki, accessed 10th February 2023). More than 2200 successful extractions took place before he had to relocate his headquarters to Lisbon, Portugal, in September 1941, where he worked with the likes of spook-in-evangelist's-clothing Waitstill Sharp [see own entry] (Evica, op. cit. inf.).

... and (c) for returning to the United States in 1944 as an advisor to the Roosevelt Administration's War Refugee Board [Wikipedia briefing] ...

**ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM:** Note that it is standard intelligence practice (along with the usual medical, social, and legal technicalities) to monitor refugee movements very closely, in order (1) to detect enemy agents coming in, (2) to debrief genuine refugees for whatever they know, and (3) in so doing, to detect and recruit potential intelligence contacts - from the friends and families of those genuine refugees - still in harm's way.

Fry died in 1967, aged 59. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail see George Evica's (2006/2011) "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon].

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several people of this incident” (Marcades, p231 - see FURTHER READING below for the clickable citation and the RESEARCH ISSUE for the implications).
Fuerzas Armadas Rebeldes (FAR): See this Wikipedia briefing and the entry for John Webber.

Fuller/Pedley, Alison: [A.k.a. Alison Fuller Pedley] [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism"] British MSM professional since the early 1980s Alison Fuller/Pedley [LinkedIn biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. Her particular role since 1998 has been as "audience producer" for the current affairs programme Question Time. She does this via a secondary contractual arrangement as Full House Audience Management [see own entry] with the programme's producers Mentorn Media [see own entry], who are themselves under production contract to the BBC ...

RESEARCH ISSUE - CHECKS AND BALANCES: The present author - a systems professional and applied cognitive psychologist - is unclear how the two-stages of sub-contracting can possibly be compatible with the BBC Charter's requirement to maintain checks and balances over what its minions say and do. Because without a direct descending chain of command there can be no rising chain of feedback either. In short, it is a business model which leaves itself wide open to low-level penetration by agents provocateurs.

The first signs that Question Time's editorial impartiality was in peril came in late 2016, following viewer complaints ...

***** For what happened in 2016 see the entry for Pedleygate One *****

Following the BBC's 2016 rebuke, things remained relatively uneventful until the 31st October 2019 announcement of the Brexit Impasse General Election, whereupon the planted provocateurs started to reappear - see next the entries for (in rapid succession) Pedleygate Two and Pedleygate Three.

"Funk himself knew next to nothing about banking" (Higham)

Funk, Walther: Nazi era German economist Walther Funk [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for infantry service in WW1, being discharged wounded in 1916, (b) for developing a career as a financial journalist 1917-1931, (c) for moving into politics 1932-1933, specialising in economic policy, and therefore being close to the bankers presently implementing the recommendations of the Young Plan for the alleviation of the reparations burden imposed upon Germany by the 1919 Versailles Peace Treaty ...

ASIDE: We have explained the Young Plan in detail in the companion Timeline at 7th June 1929, so suffice it to note here that the main provisions of the agreement were (1) that Germany's total debt be reduced from the Versailles target of 132 billion gold marks to 121 billion, with 58 years to pay, and (2) that a new superbank - eventually the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] - is proposed, in order to administer the scheme with greater discipline than hitherto.

... (d) for being rewarded in 1933 with plum jobs in the newly elected Nazi establishment, firstly as a press officer working to Josef Goebbels, and shortly afterward being personally nominated by Adolf Hitler as one of Germany's two places on the inaugural board of directors of the abovementioned BIS (the other appointee being his future assistant at the Reichsbank, Emil Puhl [see own entry USEFUL PARALLEL NARRATIVE]), (e) for being appointed Reichsminister for Economics in 1938, thereby playing a pivotal role in the looting of Austrian gold following the Anschluss, (f) for replacing Hjalmar Schacht [see own entry USEFUL PARALLEL NARRATIVE] in 1939 as President of the Reichsbank, (g) for thereby pulling strings of various sorts in numerous shady bullion transactions during WW2 ...

To avoid duplication, this part of the Funk story is well enough covered in the entries for the <Bank for International Settlements (BIS)>, <Thomas McKittrick>, and <Kurt von Schröder> (the McKittrick entry clearly outlines Funk's part in the broader Nazi Gold heist).

To maintain flow of narrative, switch to those entries and return here when done.
... (h) for surviving the total destruction of the Reichsbank building in an American air raid on 3rd February 1945 [he and 5000 other bank employees were in the cellars at the time and reportedly suffered no casualties - Ed.], and for then authorising the removal of the staff to safer sites in Weimar and Erfurt and the notes and bullion to the tunnels of the infamous Merkers-Kieselbach Mine [see own entry], (i) for giving evidence at the Nuremberg Ministries Trial [Wikipedia briefing] in 1946, being eventually sentenced to life imprisonment for war crimes ...

**YouTube his testimony here** (2 hours SPECIALISING STUDENTS ONLY)

... (j) for being released on grounds of ill health in 1957, and (k) for beginning to feature in the histories in the 1980s, as the story of the Nazi Gold began to emerge in such works as Sayer and Botting (op. cit. inf.). He died in 1960, aged 69. **FURTHER READING:** For more on the banking scandal be guided primarily by Charles Higham's (2007) "Trading with the Enemy: The Nazi-American Money Plot, 1933-1939" [Amazon]. For supporting detail see also Ian Sayer and Douglas Botting's (1984/e2003) "Nazi Gold" [Amazon], Adam LeBor's (2013) "Tower of Basel" [Amazon] and (1997/2020) "Hitler's Secret Bankers: How Switzerland Profited from Nazi Genocide" [Amazon], and Glen Yeadon and John Hawkins' (2008) "Nazi Hydra in America" [Amazon].

**Future of Freedom Foundation** (FFF): Founded in 1989 by Jacob Hornberger the Future of Freedom Foundation [Homepage] is a right of centre but nevertheless generally sensible and trustworthy educational foundation. It maintains a valuable online archive of articles, as well as regularly publishing top quality YouTube documentaries - **Check one out now**.

**Gabaldon, Guy Louis**: WW2 veteran (U.S.M.C.) and hero, turned film actor and some-say right-wing activist with CIA and Mexico City connections Guy Gabaldon [Wikipedia biography] could fairly be described as "a short Latino", and appeared right out of nowhere in the histories to be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so inner sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination. [Our verdict - unconfirmed and not very frequently discussed online, so take a watching brief.]

**Gaevernitz, Gero von Schulze**:- **See Timeline at 3rd February 1945**.

**Gaffney, Frank J., Jr.:** Classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] as an "Other", lawyer Frank Gaffney [Wikipedia biography] founded the right-wing think-tank Centre for Security Policy (CSP) in 1988 and is one of the most skilled Witchfinder Generals on the Neocon lecture circuit - **YouTube a 2018 example**.

**Gaffney, George**: See the entry for the truly enigmatic June Cobb.

**Gage, Richard**: [Read firstly the entry for David Ray Griffin USEFUL CONTEXT] American architect Richard Gage [Wikipedia cravefully denies this man the courtesy of a biography, but there is enough out there to reward even the half-determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being in 2004 one of the first technical professionals (American or otherwise) to follow pioneer Truthers such as David Ray Griffin in coming to doubt the American government's official story of the September 11 Attacks [see Timeline 11th September 2001], seeing them instead as a massive "inside job" of controlled demolition by persons unknown from within the American Deep State, (b) for making it his business to contact like-minded doubters, duly establishing the campaigning group **Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth** (AE911) [see own entry COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE] in late 2007, (c) for thereby becoming one of the half-dozen go-to men for documentary makers ever since (here is an early contribution on camera ESSENTIAL VIEWING), and (d) for continuing to support and disseminate empirical research into the controlled demolition theory, culminating 6th February 2021 [first webinar transmission - Ed.] in a major three-part summative documentary-webinar, as follows ..
Part 1 - WTC7 (Salomon Brothers Tower)

(See also FURTHER VIEWING below)

[This piece includes a general introduction to WTC7; slo-mo video of the initial collapse of the East Penthouse, followed by the Main Penthouse, followed by the external framework as a whole; detailed plans, including of "Column 79", the official point of failure; detailed hypothesis testing; inconsistencies in media coverage indicative of a news shutdown after 24 hours; re-run of the rather embarrassing BBC announcement 20 minutes before the fact, thereby suggesting a heavily pre-scripted civil defence drill gone wrong; and a lot of explosives chemistry for both crude thermite and shaped-charge Nano-Thermite.]

Part 2 - WTC1 (South Tower) and WTC2 (North Tower)

[This piece includes details of construction methods and materials; the half-hearted official inquiries; the factors supporting the demolition thesis, each of which can be objectively challenged; details of previous high-rise fires worldwide (but never a collapse); the skills and forensics of controlled demolitions; chemical residues therefrom; the systematic exclusion of more than a hundred explosion eye/ear witnesses; extensive slo-mo work on "pile-driver" collapses; the core failure as indicated by the antenna falling before the external skin; the bomb-in-the-basement witnesses.]

Part 3 - The Twin Towers and Extreme Heat

ESSENTIAL VIEWING

[This piece reprises key sequences from Parts 1 and 2, in order to concentrate on the central thesis that the heavy steel core of WTC1 and 2 was attacked at a number of critical points by weapons grade Super-Thermite demolition charges, characterised by (1) copious white smoke and crackle but considerably less blast and noise than conventional high explosives, (2) copious liquefied steel, (3) a readily detectable chemical signature containing Manganese and Sulphur spectroscopy peaks not attributable to the structural steel, and (4) copious pure iron microspheres in the billowing dust.]

FURTHER VIEWING: At time of writing [= May 2021] Amazon Prime has for sale Dylan Avery's (18th June 2020) documentary entitled "Seven" [Amazon ESSENTIAL VIEWING], featuring the research of the University of Alaska at Fairbanks's J. Leroy Hulsey [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING]. This covers much the same material as Part 1 of the Gage video, but with greater technical emphasis on simulating the collapse and thereby reverse-engineering the sequence of steelwork failures. Hulsey's calculations indicated that the reason WTC7 came down so neatly into its own basement dumpsters was that there had been a simultaneous failure (Hulsey uses the term "global failure") of every core column in the building (24 of them) on fully eight out of the building's 47 floors (which, of course, is more or less what Dutch demolition engineer Danny Jowenko RIP [see own entry SUDDEN CONVENIENT DEATH] told us after just a glance at the video more than a decade earlier).

***** Candidate JFK Conspiracy Cheerleader *****

[Provided footsoldiers, collected subs, trumpeted the propaganda]

Gale, William Potter: WW2 veteran (U.S. Army special operations, Philippines, under General Douglas MacArthur) turned white supremacist tub-thumper Colonel/Reverend William Potter Gale [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the Religious Right's Christian Identity pressure group in 1956, (b) for attempting to break into politics in 1957, when he ran unsuccessfully for California Governor (Bevilaqua, 2013), and (c) for being closely associated in the early 1960s with General Charles Willoughby, Joseph Milteer, Billy James Hargis, and General Pedro del Valle, thus ...

"The Christian Defence League (CDL), the most influential of these groups, was led by the Reverend William Potter Gale. During the war Gale was an Army colonel and trained guerrilla bands in the Philippines. His superior officer was Charles Willoughby. By the late 1950s, Gale was recruiting veterans for his racial "identity" group, financed by a wealthy Los Angeles man. A leading CDL contact was Captain Robert K. Brown [see own entry], a special forces professional from Fort Benning, Georgia, [...] now publisher of Soldier of Fortune magazine" (Brussell, 2014, p32).
Gammons, Steve: Expert in U.S. military administration systems Steve Gammons [no convenient biography] was the historian interviewed (in 1992) by the La Fontaines for their 1996 book "Oswald Talked". Gammons initially identified the "Buff ID Card" card as "a dependent's ID", as routinely issued to the families of military personnel to entitle them to use on-base cafeterias, and the like. LHO could not have had one, he said, because, as a reservist, he would have been entitled to a reservist's card, and they were different - red card, picture centre not left. However, he added as an afterthought, the buff cards were occasionally issued to "civilian personnel requiring military identification overseas" (p74).

García Iñiguez, Calixto: Life-long Cuban freedom-fighter Calixto García [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having complemented his on-and-off front-line activities with off-and-on periods of targeted agitation from the side-lines. Based for much of his later life at 360 West 45th Street, New York City, he ran the Cuban Revolutionary Committee, where like-minded Cuban exiles produced pamphlets advocating independence and organised fund-raising events to support direct action by dissidents on the island itself.

ASIDE: A similar arrangement will exist after the 1959 Castro Revolution, only then it will be right-wing Cuban exiles in Miami and New Orleans plotting against their left-wing fellows on the island [check it out].

The Cuban Intellectual José Martí [see own entry] spent much of the 1880s and early 1890s with García, and being more of a politician than a military man turned the revolutionary committee into a full-scale political party, the Partido Revolucionario Cubano (PRC) [see 10th April 1892]. When the shooting war finally began, García initially commanded a brigade, and then became Commander-in-Chief of the entire rebel army. In this latter role he led a successful summer campaign in 1897 [see 13th March 1897].

García Granados, Jorge: Guatemalan politician-diplomat Jorge García Granados [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Guatemala's Ambassador to the United Nations in the late 1940s, (b) having then been a member of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine [see own entry] (and, indeed, the first of that committee's delegates to cast his vote in favour of the creation of the state of Israel), and (c) for having been the first Ambassador to Israel when Guatemala opened its Tel Aviv Embassy [it moved to Jerusalem May 2018 - Ed.].

Gardiner, Robert Hallowell, III: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] American lawyer turned proto-evangelist Robert Hallowell Gardiner, III [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career as a Boston lawyer 1880-1918, (b) for being increasingly involved in Episcopal church committees, promoting Sunday schools as a way of spreading the faith, (c) for eventually making it onto his church's General Board of Religious Education (GBRE) [no convenient briefing, but see Gardiner 1919 [full text online requires JSTOR registration]] around the turn of the century; likewise other influential committees, (d) for becoming thereby one of the driving forces in the 1910 Joint Commission on Faith and Order [Episcopal Dictionary briefing], which took it upon itself over the next few years to promote Christian ecumenism, (e) for falling foul of WW1 in August 1914 when a Joint Commission conference in Konstanz am Bodensee [map], Germany, had to be cancelled even as the delegates were still arriving, (f) for meeting instead in Panama City in February 1916 ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: It might be a productive exercise to check whether the choice of Panama City was entirely innocent. It was election year in Panama in 1916, and in June the Washington-backed candidate won - check out the Wiki. Given that this was the first golden age of the Banana Republic approach to State Department diplomacy [Wikipedia briefing; also see specifically the Timeline entry for 13th February 1903, then as directed], it must be suspected (until disproved) firstly that certain of the delegates must have been undercover intelligence personnel on a black op intervention in a foreign election, and secondly that subtle string pulling had steered that year's convention to the venue in question.

... (g) for liaising with John R. Mott [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE] in 1919 to align the work of the Protestant missions with that of the Russian Orthodox church as it struggled to maintain a foothold against the Bolsheviks in White Russia ...
LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: We have pointed out elsewhere that the Russian Orthodox Church had a presence in the White Russian population in Dallas, not least through de Mohrenschildt, but also thanks to Quaker busybody Ruth Paine. However, not all such White Russian communities came in as refugees from the 1917-1923 Russian Civil War (proudly seeing themselves as Godly Tsarists fleeing godless Reds), for there had been an earlier inflow as a result of the 1867 Alaska Purchase. Gardner's points of liaison during WWI were the White Russian Orthodox archbishops Paul Kulbusch and Vasily Bellavin. 

... (h) for helping to organise the 1920 Ecumenical World Conference in Geneva, (i) for being taken ill in April 1922, working on for a time when health permitted. He died in 1924, aged 68. FURTHER READING: For an excellent biography see John F. Woolverton's (2005) "Robert H. Gardiner and the Reunification of Worldwide Christianity" [Amazon]. For more on atheism in Soviet Russia during the period in question, see William B. Husband's (2000) "Godless Communists" [Amazon].

Garner, Dorothy Ann: Employed in the Scott, Foresman Company area of TSBD4, supervisor Dorothy Garner was watching the Presidential motorcade from a window when the shooting took place, in the company of fellow-workers Sandra Styles, Elsie Dorman, and Victoria Adams. She initially reported that in her opinion the shots had come from the west of TSBD, perhaps from the County Records Building. This being inconvenient, her evidence was not called by the Warren Commission. Garner died in 2012. Her evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview by author Barry Ernest, 2011 [read it now].

Garner, Jesse: New Orleans rental manager Mrs. [Jesse James] Garner is noteworthy in the present context as the landlady of LHO, Marina Oswald at 4707 Magazine Street in the period 9th May to 23rd/24th September 1963, and as a witness of the visit of Carlos Quiroga on or about 12th August 1963 with a fresh supply of FPCC pamphlets. Garner's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Trial of Clay Shaw testimony [read it now]; YouTube interview to camera.

Garrison, James Carothers: NOLA District Attorney, fearless crime-fighter, and late-life movie star Jim Garrison only entered the assassination story after LHO's links to New Orleans emerged during the Warren Commission enquiries. His investigations led to one Perry Russo, who told him he had once overheard an assassination planning meeting between Clay Shaw, David Ferrie, and LHO. This then prompted him to indict Clay Shaw (by then the only one of the three still alive) with conspiring to murder JFK. The trial took place in early 1969, and Shaw was declared not guilty. The investigation and trial was dramatised 20 years later by Oliver Stone's 1991 movie "JFK" [IMDB entry].

***** DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THIS STORY *****
***** IT IS ONE OF THE BIG JFK MYSTERIES *****

Garro de Paz Affair: [INDEXING STUB] We refer here to the possible black op intervention of Mexican author Elena Garro de Paz in the 1964 cover-up phase of the JFK conspiracy narrative. Study her story, and then - for the fuller picture - integrate that material with the entries for Silvia Duran, June Cobb, Charles Thomas, and the Mexico City Adventure.

***** MUCH MORE TO THIS WOMAN THAN MEETS THE EYE *****
"The Garro allegation is easy to dismiss - perhaps too easy" (Mary Ferrell Foundation)
"It could happen" (Stan Laurel)
Garro De Paz, Elena: [Read firstly the entry for the Garro de Paz Affair.] Mexican poet and writer Elena Garro de Paz [Wikipedia biography; Mary Ferrell Foundation database entry] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a well-connected figure in Mexican high-society, known to American diplomats in Mexico City as a "very useful if sometimes biased source of political gossip and personal history on significant Mexican personalities" (Charles Thomas [more on whom in a moment], quoted in Albarelli, op. cit. inf.), (b) for being interviewed 5th October 1964 by CIA operative June Cobb [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], and again 24th November 1964 by Clark D. Anderson [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] the FBI's Mexico City legal attaché...

For reasons which will become apparent, and in order to avoid duplication, we deal with these interviews, and their significance, in the entry for <Silvia Duran>.

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... (c) for being re-interviewed December 1965 through January 1966 by CIA trouble-shooter Charles Thomas [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], operating at the time under the alias of Charles Ashman (Russo, 1998), (d) for accordingly featuring large in Thomas's July 1969 (in the fullness of time tragic) whistleblowing letter to his Secretary of State ...

For reasons which will become apparent, and in order to avoid duplication, we deal with these interviews and with the whistleblowing letter in Thomas's own entry.

To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.

Readers unfamiliar with the HSCA's <Lopez Report> may also care to check out that separate entry before proceeding.

... (e) for in due course being the subject of a third wave of investigations in 1978 at the hands of the HSCA, thus ...

CAMEO - THE INFAMOUS "TWIST PARTY": Here is Newman's (op. cit. inf.) broad perspective on the CIA's Mexico City operations, and of the since much-discussed Twist Party ...

"By 1978, when the HSCA conducted its investigation into the Kennedy assassination, startling information had come to light concerning Oswald's social activities in Mexico City. 'The Committee [= the HSCA] believes that [...] a U.S. government agency [= the CIA] requested the Mexican government to refrain from aiding the Committee [...]'. This was especially so when the HSCA tried to dig into the sources of the persistent story about an Oswald affair with Silvia Duran [...] in case it might implicate] the Castro regime in the Kennedy assassination. The story began [...] at a twist (i.e., dance) party at the home of Silvia's brother, Ruben Duran. The source of the story was Elena Garro de Paz [see own entry], a popular playwright [...] and alleged] an affair between Oswald and Duran. It was the CIA's spy in the Cuban Embassy, Luis Alberu [see the entry for Silvia Duran], who finally convinced the station chief Win Scott [see own entry] that the affair was a fact. The documentary trail on the twist party, however, began with a June Cobb memo. She had been working as an informant for the CIA in Mexico City since 1961. [+++ CIA smear material against Cobb +++] On October 5, 1964, eleven days after the publication of the Warren Commission Report, 'the Lopez Report observed, Elena Garro de Paz's story alleging Lee Harvey Oswald's presence at a party in Mexico City attended by Cuban government personnel came to the attention of the Central Intelligence Agency' [...] and] identified the author of the October 5 report as June Cobb” (pp377-379).

And here is Gus Russo (op. cit. inf.), zooming in on the party itself, and the arrival of EITHER the REAL Lee Harvey Oswald OR ELSE one of the several proposed Oswald Look-Alikes ...

"First there is the question of Silvia Duran. [...] The initial stories revolved around the allegations of a Duran friend named Elena Garro [who] tells of a 'twist party' at [...] which she and her daughter Elenita were invited. To the best of her recollection, the party occurred on either September 30 or October 1st - two of Oswald's four 'missing days' in Mexico City. Party guests included numerous Cuban Embassy employees, including Consul Azcue. At one point, Azcue and Emilio Carballido [Wikipedia biography] a pro-Castro writer (and Castro agent) became involved in a heated discussion about President Kenned[,
coming] to the conclusion that the only solution was to kill him. Elena's cousin Silvia Duran attended the party and brought three Americans with her. When Elena attempted to speak with one of them [= Oswald], Silvia stepped in. To Elena, it was clear that Silvia had romantic designs on him.

Two months later, on the day Kennedy was killed, both Elena and Elenita recognised the assassin as the man at the party [...]. Garro first told her story on October 5, 1964 [...] to June Cobb Sharp, an occasional contact of the U.S. Embassy. According to Sharp, Garro had come to the conclusion that 'the party must have been set up by those Cuban individuals involved, and [by] some of their Mexican friends, so that they could provide an underground for Oswald after the assassination, in which there would be people who would recognise him and assist his escape'. Sharp passed the story along, and as a result, on November 24th Garro told the story to FBI LEGAT [= Legal Attaché] Clark Anderson [see earlier this entry] [then on] Christmas Day. 1965, she repeated the story to the American Embassy's Political Action Officer Charles Ashman [= Thomas]. This time, however, she added one new detail she had learned in the interim: 'Silvia Duran had been Oswald's mistress while he was there' (k4938-4956).

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| Now is the time, with Garro, Cobb, Duran, and Thomas fresh in your mind, to take a quick |
| look at the entry for Oswald's <Mexico City Adventure>, noting how their stories intertwine |
| to give either a truth which is stranger than fiction, or perhaps even vice versa. |
| To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done. |
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... (f) for returning to her former life as a minor Mexican socialite, dying in 1998, aged 81, and finally (g) for being dragged back (posthumously) into the limelight in 2013 when Albarelli broke the story of "the strange and sad saga of Charles William Thomas" [already dealt with above].

**FUTURE RESEARCH:** For what it's worth, our present verdict [= October 2021] is YES, it was the REAL Oswald, and YES, he went to the party, but only MAYBE on the question of sex with Duran. The problems here are (1) that Oswald never got to testify personally, (2) that the lady in question has (on some of the few occasions she has been cross-examined) denied that any intimacy took place, (3) that the lady in question presents in many respects, moreover, as up to her neck in a geopolitical intrigue of world-historic significance, and (4) that Oswald's girlfriend at the time - Judyth Vary Baker [see own entry, STAR JFK WITNESS] - says that Oswald told her on the telephone that he had bedded Duran in order "to get her cooperation, hoping for vital information and help from her" (Me and Lee, k10348). It remains for future research to determine who was intriguing whom. Interested readers may care to try their luck at the <Whodunnit> game in the entry for the Mexico City Adventure: simply decide on one of the suggested explanatory scenarios, or even design your own.


Garvin, James Louis: British journalist James Garvin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for making his name for himself from 1891 onward as a political columnist, (b) for thereby coming to the attention of newspaper magnate Lord Northcliffe, who made him Editor of his Sunday heavyweight The Observer in 1908, a position he would hold until 1942, (c) for staying in post when that paper was purchased in 1911 by William Waldorf Astor [see own entry], and again when it was passed down in 1915 to his son Waldorf Astor [see own entry], (d) for taking an anti-Asquith line in the Milner Group's prime ministerial coup of December 1916 [see 6th December 1916], (e) for staying close (socially and editorially) to the Astor circle through the post-war years, being a frequent visitor to Cliveden, the Astor family seat, and (f) for thereby being centrally involved as a leading figure in the "Cliveden Set" [see own entry] between Hitler's coming to power in 1933 and his showing his true colours with the 1938 Occupation of the Sudetenland [start at 30th January 1933 and follow the <Appeasement and the Cliveden Set> sub-thread]. Garvin was sacked by then-proprietor David Astor in 1942 for being overly supportive of Winston Churchill, and spent the rest of his life [d. 1947] as a columnist.
**RECOMMENDED READING:** Garvin is also noteworthy for the surviving correspondence between him and his son Roland, killed in action 23rd July 1916 on the Somme, which tells us a lot about the lives of upper class fathers and sons in those times. Check out Pottle and Ledingham (Eds.) (2009 [Amazon]). Very moving.


**CAUTION:** Lord Cecil's father, Lord Salisbury [see own entry] was known as Lord Robert Cecil until 1865 is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been private secretary to the Prime Minister (who just happened to be his dad) between 1886 and 1888, (b) developing his career as lawyer between 1887 and 1906, (c) entering parliament in 1906 as member for Marylebone East, a seat he would hold until 1910, (d) for being re-elected as member for Hitchen in 1911, a seat he would hold until 1923, (e) for being appointed Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in 1915, a position he would hold until 1919; also as Minister of Blockade between 23rd February 1916 and 18th July 1918 ...

**ASIDE:** For more about the need for a Ministry of Blockade in the first place, see the inset concerning contraband in the entry for Maurice Hankey. However the elephant-in-the-room question is whether there was any payola or insider trading involved in avoiding/profiting from said blockade, and our main discussion on this issue centres on the entry for Herbert Hoover [see own entry (and the onward timeline links)]. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

(f) for circulating the May 1917 discussion paper "Proposals for Maintenance of Future Peace" [full text online (scroll to Appendix C)], and for contributing to the resulting Philimimore Committee [see own entry]. (g) for accordingly being moved across to the Foreign Office in November 1918 to head a new League of Nations section, (h) for drawing on Alfred Zimmern's [see own entry] earlier memorandum on the subject in putting together the Cecil Plan [see own entry] for a post-war League of Nations [see own entry], and for speaking to same at the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, and (i) for spending most of the next 20 years active within the League. With the rise of the Nazis, he generally spoke in favour of conciliation spending most of the next 20 years active within the League. With the rise of the Nazis, he generally spoke in favour of conciliation until the occupation of the Rhineland in 1936, when he realised just how toothless the League actually was.

**Gatlin, Maurice B., Sr.:** New Orleans lawyer Maurice Gatlin [no convenient biography but see 1965 obituary] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for representing both Guy Banister and the Anti-Communist League, (b) for acting as high-level bagman/courier for the CIA (Hinckle and Turner, 1981/1992, p232), and (c) for jumping to his death 28th May 1964 from a Panama City hotel while being pursued to give evidence to the Warren Commission. Gatlin's death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses" [Amazon - SPECULATIVE BUT MUCH FOOD FOR THOUGHT].

**** MORE TO THIS MAN THAN MEETS THE EYE ****

**Gaudet, William George:** CIA gopher turned propagandist William Gaudet [Mary Ferrell Foundation subject file] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the "former State Department employee" (Carpenter, op. cit. inf., p51) who edited the Latin American Newsletter (reportedly a well-thumbed CIA resource) from the late 1940s onward, in which respect he was one of the longest standing tenants in the International Trade Mart (ITM) building, (b) for being a "casual contact" of the CIA 1956-1961 [confirmed in item (g) below - Ed.], (c) for having "many ties" to Guy Banister, (d) for knowing Oswald by sight, having observed him handing out his Fair Play for Cuba Committee leaflets in August 1963 (Waldron, op. cit. inf., p542), (e) for being in Mexico, and possibly in Mexico City itself, at the same time as Lee Harvey Oswald, having been issued 17th September 1963 with Mexican Tourist Card 824084, the one before that issued to Oswald ...

**ASIDE:** Gaudet was one ahead of Oswald in the queue at the Mexican Consulate in New Orleans. It was, he would later claim, "sheer coincidence". Waldron begs to differ, however, stating that "it's now clear that Gaudet was part of the 'tight surveillance' of Oswald following his return from the Soviet Union.
... (f) for testifying in 1975 that he had not encountered Oswald on the Mexico City trip. (g) for being confirmed as a CIA asset in that agency's evidence to the 1976 Church Committee Hearings [see own entry], (h) for himself claiming in a newspaper interview 15th January 1976 that he had worked for the CIA 1947-1969, (i) for repeating all this to the 1977 House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) ...

CAMEO - GAUDET IN THE HSCA REPORT: All items so far are from Church Committee and HSCA testimony. Newman (op. cit. inf.) specifically highlights the man's claim NOT to have crossed paths with Oswald WHILE in Mexico, referencing pp218-219 of the HSCA Report.

... (j) for being interviewed by researcher Anthony Summers in 1978, when researching Summers (op. cit. inf.), at which time he shrugged off all inconsistencies as coincidences ...

CAMEO - GAUDET IN SUMMERS: Here is what Summers has to add to the Gaudet story ...

"In the fall of 1963 [Gaudet] was Mexico-bound at the same time as Oswald. The author located Gaudet fifteen years later, living out his retirement at a seaside home in Mississippi. Pressed to explain how he came to be next to Lee Oswald on the list of applications for travel in Mexico, he said, '[...] it was pure coincidence [...]'. [...] On his September 1963 trip, he thought, he had merely passed through Mexico City in transit. [...] He said of his own CIA service, 'They told me frankly [...] that if something went awry they would never recognise me or admit who I was [...]'. Gaudet did not believe Oswald killed the President. He said, 'I think he was a patsy. I think he was set up on purpose'. Asked to explain, he subsided into silence" (pp306-309).

... and (k) for coming up again quite recently in Albarelli (op. cit. inf.) ...

Readers unfamiliar with the recovered diary of contract assassin (possibly the infamous QJ/WIN himself) <Jean Pierre Lafitte> should see the separate entry before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by the CIA station in Mexico City in the assassination attempts on Fidel Castro should see the <Mexico City Adventure> entry before proceeding.

CAMEO - GAUDET IN ALBARELLI:

Albarelli manages to breathe fresh confusion into the Gaudet story, by linking him not just to Mexico City, but also to contract assassin Jean Pierre Lafitte [see own entry MORE THAN USUALLY REVELATORY], thus (text from p299, datebook entry from photo-reproduction p863) ...

"... jottings in the datebook of Pierre Lafitte for the dates September 29 and September 30, 1963, [...] make it quite clear that he had advance knowledge about Lee Harvey Oswald's trip to Mexico City. The datebook for September 22, 1963, reads: Oswald - Mex City. GAUDET??" (pp299/863).

**** SO HAD GAUDET BEEN LYING ALL ALONG?? *****

"Gaudet's version of events fluctuated over the years, culminating with an adjustment to his initial story (that he had flown directly to Merida from New Orleans), to admitting that he had stopped off - for only a day - in Mexico City en route" (p361).

Gaudet died in 1981, aged 72. FURTHER READING: Gaudet's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [prepped but not formally called]; HSCA testimony [available on the Mary Ferrell Foundation database RECOMMENDED READING]. The implications of so many suspicious characters being in Mexico City at the same time are discussed in the <Mexico City Adventure> entry, if interested. For more concerning Gaudet's work with the ITM see the 51 mentions in and Donald H. Carpenter's (2014) "Man of a Million Fragments" [Amazon]. There are also 28 mentions in Lamar Waldron's (2005/2006) "Ultimate Sacrifice" [Amazon], a further 28 in Anthony Summers' (1980/2013) "Not in Your Lifetime" [Amazon], and 22 in Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK" [Amazon]. The HSCA page numbers are from John M. Newman's (2008) "Oswald and the CIA" [Amazon].
Gearhart, Ira: Chief Warrant Officer Ira Gearhart [no convenient biography] was in Car #4 of the motorcade with Emory Roberts, and carried "the football" [that is to say, the Presidential nuclear authorisation codes - Ed.]. after the shooting - as narrated by Steven Gillon in his 2009 book "The Kennedy Assassination" - such was the confusion that Gearhart had great trouble staying on the shirt-tails of those who might need him at any moment.

Geb, Colonel Ralph: WW2 veteran (USAF) Colonel Ralph Geb [no convenient biography] had featured in the online chatrooms since around 2010 as a possible identification for the man in the Mexico City Soviet Embassy photograph [YouTube the CIA surveillance images now].

Gedney, John Forrester: Bona fide innocent tramp John Gedney [no convenient biography] was one of the Three Tramps in the Mary la Fontaine documenting of the Three Tramps Thread.

Gehlen, Reinhard: WW2 veteran (Russian Front) Reinhard Gehlen [Wikipedia biography] operated the Nazi Wermacht's Fremde Heere Ost's spy network (field agents and intelligence database) within the (progressively expanding) Soviet Union during the second half of the war. When he offered to divert this significant resource to U.S. purposes he and his team were snapped up (see the entry for Frank Wisner), and he spent the period 1945-1956 working to the CIA. Gehlen was particularly fond of using social and ethnic groups as intelligence fronts, finding that this was a fertile recruiting ground for sympathetic minds. His pursuit of Eastern European refugees led, for example to the growth of the White Russian community in Texas.

Gelatin/[Gelitin] [Name change 2005 [the "Good Bad Boys"]: Founded in 1993, Gelatin/[Gelitin] [Wikipedia briefing; Website] is a four-man Austrian performance art troupe consisting of Alexander ["Ali"] Janka [no convenient biography], Florian Reither [no convenient biography], Tobias Urban [no convenient biography], and Wolfgang Gantner [no convenient biography]. The troupe stages up to half a dozen major events a year, but is noteworthy in the present context for taking part in a Summer 2000 takeover of the 91st and 92nd floors of Building #1, [Old] World Trade Center - the ill-fated North Tower - by arrangement with the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council [see own entry], as part of that organisation's rolling residency program for artists. One of the most widely reported performances was entitled "The B-Thing" [see own entry]. In a 26th September 2017 article, art critic Rachel Wetzler describes Gelatin as having "made juvenile antics their signature". She also takes a look at what they have been up to more recently ...

"[With] 'Blind Sculpture' in 2010, Gelatin staged an eight-day happening in the gallery, during which they constructed a sprawling assemblage out of assorted junk while wearing blindfolds and little else. A roving cast of assistants, including Urs Fischer and Liam Gillick, handed them things (materials, hammers, booze) and generally tried to prevent gruesome accidents from occurring, while the audience watched the abstruse performance from bleachers installed around the gallery’s perimeter. Their 2012 follow-up, 'The Fall Show', took an equally chaotic form: the artists created a maze-like arrangement of seventeen precarious sculptures on pedestals, each of which was outfitted with a lever that, when pushed, would send the work crashing to the ground. Each day, the gallery assistants were tasked with reassembling the battered pieces, which repeatedly cycled over the course of the exhibition from trash to sculpture and back again" (Wetzler, 26th September 2017, Art in America [online])

Gelfand, Alexander Israel Lazarevich: See the entry for Alexander Israel Helphand-Parvus.

General Board of Religious Education (GBRE): See the entry for Robert Hallowell Gardiner, III.

General Dynamics: Previously known as the Electric Boat Company, General Dynamics [Wikipedia briefing] was formed on 24th April 1952, with major facilities in Fort Worth, TX.

General Intelligence Service (GIS): [Sometimes General Intelligence Directorate] Founded in 1954 by President Nasser because Egypt had, until its independence as a republic, been an out-station of the British intelligence services, the General Intelligence Service (GIS) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for setting up the Al-Nasir Company [see own entry] as an import-export cover
operation, and (b) for conducting (and eventually losing) a running battle of wits with its Mossad adversaries, culminating in the wars of 1967 and 1973.

George, Peter Bryan: Welsh born WW2 veteran (RAF) Peter George [Wikipedia biography] wrote the 1958 best-selling thriller "Red Alert", in which a more than averagely hawkish ...

**ASIDE:** The publicity blurbs use terms like "mentally deranged". Not wishing to insult the genuinely deranged, we prefer the term "hawks" as explained in its Wikipedia etymology.

... USAF commander launches an unauthorised nuclear strike. The work was the inspiration for Stanley Kubrick's 1964 movie "Doctor Stranglove".

George, M. Waldo: Owner of the house at 214 West Neely Street, Waldo George [no convenient biography] rented the upstairs apartment to LHO and Marina Oswald from 2nd March 1963 to 2nd May 1963. Since the letting was not renewed he cleaned the apartment and padlocked it. He also checked the apartment again on the afternoon of 22nd November in case he had missed anything. Despite these two checks officer William Brookhart, when searching the property on 24th November, managed to turn up an American Bakeries pay stub in the name of James Jackson, the occupant before LHO. [Recent theories have suggested that Roscoe White had planted this evidence using a pass key.] George's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (by affidavit) [read it now].

German Christian Movement: See the entry for Bekennende Kirche (BK).

German Evangelical Synod: See the entry for Reinhold Niebuhr.

Gervais, Pershing: See the entry for Peter R. Whitney.

"Ghost Army": See the entry for Ralph Ingersoll.

Giancana, Salvatore ['"Sam [the Cigar]"']: [Mooney to close friends] Chicago-born Mafia don Sam Giancana [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being recruited by the CIA in September 1960 (along with Santos Trafficante) to direct gangland's impressive skills at arranging executions against a particularly troublesome political target of theirs, namely Fidel Castro, (b) for deputising his lieutenant Johnny Roselli to liaise with the CIA-appointed cut-out Robert Maheu, (c) for
confiding in his younger brother Chuck Giancana on or about 30th May 1966 that he had had a hand in the JFK assassination, thus ...

"... Forget about the fuckin' G-men ... I'm talking CIA. They're different. Like night and day. We've been partners on more deals than I have time to tell you about. [...] Mooney stood up from his chair, cigar in hand, and marched across the room. When he reached Chuck, he lowered his voice and hissed, 'Maybe this will help'. He fixed Chuck in a steely, impenetrable gaze. 'We took care of Kennedy ... together'" (Giancana and Giancana, 1992, p329).

and (d) for being himself executed CIA-gangland style in 1975, just before testifying to the Church Committee concerning these very arrangements.

RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing] and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.

Gibb, [Sir] 2019 Robbie Paul: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism".] British right-wing political aide turned MSM journalist [Sir] 2019 Robbie Gibb [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor, not his - Ed.]. His particular role has been as Director of Communications at Number 10 Downing Street since 2017.

***** MUCH MORE TO THIS MAN THAN MEETS THE EYE? *****
"If I'm CIA, where's my pension?"

Gibson, Richard T.: [CIA codename QRPHONE-1] [See firstly the entry for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC).] CBS newsmen turned CIA asset Richard Gibson [no convenient biography but much of value in the Newsweek link below] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having collaborated with perhaps-genuine lefty Robert Taber [see own entry] in early 1960 to publish the 6th April 1960 New York Times advertisement inaugurating the FPCC; also for writing positively about the newly elected (but unacceptably Communist) Congolese President Patrice Lumumba, (b) for a number of contacts - duly eavesdropped and memorandised - with CIA deep cover operative June Cobb [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] in around October 1960, thus ...

"CIA interest in the FPCC and the chief of its New York chapter, Richard Gibson, was underscored by Gibson's active involvement with Patrice Lumumba, the premier of newly independent Congo. Lumumba was 'viewed with alarm by United States policymakers because of what they perceived as his magnetic public appeal and his leanings toward the Soviet Union'. Gibson's support of Castro and Lumumba put him in a special category at the CIA: Both of these leaders had been targeted for assassination. Gibson spoke to June Cobb about the work 'his group' was doing for Lumumba [...]. He spoke about the FPCC leaders, such as Bob Taber, and about the FPCC's relationship with American Communists. [...] Through Gibson, the CIA learned important details of the policy, personnel, and Cuban financial backing of the FPCC [... seeing] the FPCC and Gibson as the instruments for a Castro-financed effort to foment insurrection in America" (Newman, 1995/2008, pp237-239).

... (c) for continuing to correspond with Cobb through 1961, and (d) for finally getting to tell part of his story in a 15th May 2018 Newsweek piece by researcher Jefferson Morley entitled "CIA Reveals Name of Former Spy in JFK Files - And He's Still Alive" [full text online] [on which much of the foregoing is based - Ed.].

Giesbrecht, Richard Elvin: Canadian businessman Richard E. Giesbrecht [no online presence other than in mentions of the following incident itself] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being sat in Winnipeg
International Airport's transit lounge 13th February 1964, and there (so the story goes) accidentally overhearing a conversation between two men nearby which suggested that they knew more about the assassination than had to that date been made public, (b) for reporting same to the authorities, and for then being thoroughly followed up over the ensuing weeks by the FBI and the RCMP, who allowed the story to be briefly aired in the media in mid-1964, and (c) for then having that story variously re-analysed over the next 50 years by assassination theorists. Giesbrecht died in 1990 aged 61.

To avoid duplication the remainder of the Giesbrecht story is told in the fully detailed entry for the [Winnipeg Airport Incident](#).


Gilroy, Charles Francis: Obscure CIA careerist Charles F. Gilroy [no online presence] is noteworthy in the present context for being interviewed by forensic historian Hank P. Albarelli, Jr. for his (2013) "A Secret Order" [Amazon], wherein he was introduced as a "former PBSUCCESS [see own entry] communications officer", thereby being able to profile a number of important CIA officers and their assets from that era, namely (in alphabetical order) [all those listed in bold have their own entries] ...

Charles Bohannan; Lucien Conein; William Harvey; Nestor ["Tony"] Izquierdo; Joe Koonitz; Harold ["Happy"] Meltzer; David Sanchez Morales; George Frederick Munro; Johnnie Roselli; Edward Lawton Smith; Napoleon Valeriano.

Gimpel, Martin: Although he had died of a heart attack in Chicago the previous year, Jack Ruby's friend and business associate since the 1940s Martin Gimpel [no convenient biography] was included by name on the Larry Crafard list.

***** THE GESTAPO'S MAN IN DALLAS (SERIOUSLY!!) *****

"The type of man who makes enemies (and rather enjoys it)" (Dulles)

Gisevius, Hans ["Tiny"] Bernd: German lawyer turned policeman (Gestapo, 1933-1936) turned intelligence officer/diplomat (Abwehr, 1936-1944) turned Operation Valkyrie plotter turned Operation Paperclip applications clerk turned Texas oil gopher and Dallas dark operative Hans ["Tiny"] Gisevius [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being attached 1939-1944 to the Abwehr hub at the German consulate [pic] in Bern, Switzerland, there being involved in some highly sensitive diplomatic operations ...

CAMEO - GISEVIUS THE MASTERSPY, 1943-1944: Gisevius's particular forte lay in cultivating contacts with similar diplomats in the embassies and legations of Germany's enemies. These contacts included the incomparable Allen Dulles. This informal network could then be used for a variety of purposes, such as intelligence gathering, false intelligence disseminating, or plain old-fashioned under-the-radar deal-making. We are told that in Dulles's calculation after the war "fully ten percent of German military intelligence operatives [...] were anti-Hitler" (Grose, op. cit. inf., p176), and that Gisevius was "a singular personage" in that category, thus ...

"Gisevius was an old-fashioned German industrialist, a reactionary, and a snob who regarded Hitler and his Nazi cronies as scum. Though trained as a lawyer, his civil service career led him into police work and criminal investigation for the Ministry of the Interior [...]. At the outbreak of the war Canaris took Gisevius into his apparatus and dispatched him to Switzerland as an Abwehr agent under diplomatic control. [...] This made him] just the sort of man Allen [Dulles} had been sent to Bern [pic] to cultivate - if he could do it safely" (ibid., pp176-177).

Once having made contact in January 1943, the two men therefore spent a lot of time testing out each other's bona fides, patiently treble-checking every snippet of information until in the end Gisevius became Dulles's main "solid source" (ibid., p194) (helped, perhaps, by his revealing early on in the relationship the location of the German rocketry station at HV Peenemünde [Wikipedia briefing; see also FURTHER READING below]). Dulles even arranged for his Zurich mistress, Mary Bancroft [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] to romance the German and report back all pillow talk. (Waller (op. cit. inf.) reassures us that it did not get that far - Ed.). British intelligence, meanwhile, remained highly suspicious of him. What seems to have most convinced Dulles...
of Gisevius's reliability was his assertion that he was not so much betraying his country, as saving it from the oiks and bully-boys who had taken it over; moreover, he consistently refused to pass on information which might worsen German casualties.

... (b) for contributing thereby to Dulles's involvement during the winter of 1943-1944 in what he codenamed "The Breakers", that is to say, the Operation Valkyrie Bomb Attempt [Wikipedia briefing] on Hitler's life, 20th July 1944 ...

CAMEO - GISEVIUS AND OPERATION VALKYRIE: Here, from Waller again, is the essence of Gisevius's part in the Valkyrie plot ...

"Throughout 1943 Dulles relayed to Washington bits and pieces of information he gleaned from Gisevius and others on the German dissidents. [...] By August Dulles was certain, based on his conversations with Gisevius, that retired [General Ludwig Beck [Wikipedia biography]] was considered in army circles 'to be the only person who possesses the necessary stature' to lead a military government after a coup [...] By the end of January, Dulles had a clearer picture of the conspiracy [...] and he cabled it to [...] Washington. In long talks at [the embassy in Bern] Gisevius tried to convince Dulles that halting Soviet expansion worldwide was now more important than winning the war. He pleaded for a peace deal with the west that would enable Germany's army to continue the battle in the east. Out of the question, Dulles replied. Roosevelt would not act behind Stalin's back. [...] For his part, OSS Chief Donovan [...] feared Gisevius was laying a trap. [...] On May 13, Dulles delivered a classified message to headquarters with the final details of the Breakers' plan. [...] Before he even discussed the plan with Dulles, Gisevius sent a message by courier back to Beck that the Allies would never agree to it [...] With Overlord just three weeks away, the Allies were not going to spend much time considering such a wild scheme. The conspirators couriered a message back to Gisevius: do nothing more with the Americans. The opposition would act on its own. [...] details of final preparations and the attack itself given ...]. On July 11, he boarded a train [...] to Berlin. When he arrived in the city he planned to disappear. [...] the bomb attack takes place and fails ...[" (Waller, 2015, pp204-211, heavily abridged)."

... (c) for having to go into hiding after the Valkyrie fail, (d) for then, on Dulles' authority, being smuggled false papers in January 1945, whereupon he was on the next train out to Bern [the fact that he survived Hitler's bloody reprisals made British intelligence more convinced than ever that he was a plant - Ed.], (e) for being recommended by Dulles as one of the forty or so "useful Germans" for exploitation after the war, now that Germany looked increasingly like ending up in the front line of a Cold War against the Soviet Union, (f) for thereafter working to Dulles in preparing the Nuremberg Trials cases against many of his old comrades, thus ...

CAMEO - GISEVIUS AT NUREMBERG: Here is Grose again, explaining how the Nuremberg Trials were subtly rigged from within ...

"Both in his reports to [Dulles] and in his stormy testimony at the postwar Nuremberg trials [...] Gisevius] is the primary source for many of the stories of early Nazi corruption [...] At Nuremberg the American prosecutor, Robert H. Jackson [Wikipedia biography], called him 'the representative of the German democratic forces', a wildly excessive claim, for Gisevius was neither a political force nor a democrat" (p252).

YouTube Gisevius giving evidence FOR PASSING INTEREST ONLY

Metta (2021) adds some detail concerning Gisevius's role in getting Nazi money man Hjalmar Schacht [see own entry] off a lot more lightly than he deserved, thus ...

"[...] once Hjalmar Schacht was to be judged before the High Court, an impressive volley of telegrams was sent to and from the State Department and the U.S. Embassies in Berlin and Zurich. The aim of these telegrams was to ensure the arrival in Nuremberg of Hans Gisevius. Having been literally catapulted into the Court, Hans Gisevius provided Schacht with a staged and entirely bogus defence which portrayed the German banker as a long-time opposer of Hitler" (p118).

... (g) for ending up working for Dulles at the American intelligence base at Wiesbaden-Biebach (in the Henkell & Co. champagne factory no less [map]) in Summer 1945, advising on which captured Nazis were to be trusted, and which not, (h) for living to tell his tale in his (1948/1998) memoirs "To the Bitter End" [Amazon], (i) for emigrating to the United States, arriving in Washington in 1950
lodging with CIA press officer Tom Braden [see own entry], and being "fed money" (reportedly "$5000 at a time") by Dulles, (j) for then moving south - specifically, to Dallas, Texas - in the era of the Operation Paperclip recruitment drive [see own entry], gaining employment in 1953 with Senator Prescott Sheldon Bush’s [see own entry] Dresser Industries [see own entry] ...

CAMEO - GISEVIUS'S STETSON YEARS, 1953-1957: Gisevius's duties at Dresser are still very much under-researched. His relocation may well turn out to have had something to do with the long-standing relationship between American banks and oil companies and the aforementioned Hjalmar Schacht (who, incidentally, is also reported as having got on well with none other than New Orleans’ Clay Shaw). Updates to appear here in due course. Dresser Industries was reorganised into the modern Halliburton [Wikipedia briefing] in 1998.

... and (k) for retiring to a lakeside villa in Switzerland in 1957, doing occasional interviews for TV documentaries through into the early 1970s (see, for example, the 2008 13-part TV documentary "Hitler's Bodyguard" [IMDB entry]. He died in 1974, aged 69. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail, see his aforementioned memoirs, Richard Bartholomew's (2018) "The Deep State in the Heart of Texas" [Amazon], Peter Grose's (1994) "Gentleman Spy: The Life of Allen Dulles" [Amazon], and Chapter 14 of Douglas Waller's (2015) "Disciples: The World War II Missions of the CIA Directors Who Fought for Wild Bill Donovan" [Amazon]. After 1945 the surviving HV Peenemünde scientists drifted off into the Cold War space race, the Russian ones to the Soviet research station at Podlipki, the American ones to Fort Bliss, El Paso TX. A quick look at the entries for Neil Mallon and George de Mohrenschildt may also be educational.

Gladych, Boleslaw Michal ["Mike"]: Polish-born WW2 veteran (RAF, later USAAF) turned CIA specialist/technical operative (hypno-assisted interrogation) turned psychotherapist Mike Gladych [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for drifting into the Projects Bluebird and Artichoke bioweapons program after the war.

Glasman, Joseph: British musician turned commercial branding maestro turned political vigilante Joe Glasman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for using his position as Head of Political and Government Investigations for the Campaign Against Antisemitism (CAA) [see own entry] to add that organisation's weight to the weaponised antisemitism campaign against Jeremy Corbyn 2016-2019. His views are illustrated by his 26th July 2018 piece on the Jewish News blog entitled "From Bistro to Bierkeller: Labour anti-Semitism" [full text online]; also by the December 2019 post-election video posted to FaceBook by Momentum Barnet - see Timeline 27th December 2019.

Glass, Carter: See the entry for C. D. Jackson.

Glass-Steagall Act: See the Timeline entry for 16th June 1933.

Glazebrook, Arthur James: Canadian bankers' wireman turned foreign exchange guru A. J. Glazebrook [1941 obituary] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being identified by Quigley (1949) as an "initiate" of Cecil Rhodes' Society of the Elite [see own entry] in 1902, (b) for promoting the Canadian branch of the Round Table Movement [see own entry] during the 1910s, (c) for founding the Bankers' Education Association in 1919, and (d) for becoming Secretary of the Dominion Institutes of International Affairs in 1927.

Global Engagement Center (GEC): The GEC is a U.S. State Department agency [State Department briefing; YouTube briefing] established in 2016 to "lead, synchronize, and coordinate efforts of the Federal Government to recognize, understand, expose, and counter foreign state and non-state propaganda and disinformation efforts aimed at undermining United States national security interests". Also, while it is at it, to do something about the present epidemic of "fake news".
GloCo Gas Station: In the present context we refer here to the gas station at 1502 North Zangs Boulevard, at the northern perimeter of his Oak Cliff beat, where J. D. Tippit waited in his patrol car between about 1254 and 1300hr 22nd November 1963.

Glover, Antoinette: 11-year-old Toni Glover [no convenient biography] witnessed the assassination from atop the water feature pedestal in the crook of the Houston-Elm turn. Because she remembers limo #1 being obscured by the concrete pillar 20 feet to the west at the time of the first shot her evidence has helped 2012 researchers triangulate that vehicle's position at that moment. (So sometimes what you cannot see is as valuable as what you can see!)

Glover, Everett D.: Dallas petrochemist Everett Glover [no convenient biography] had known the de Mohrenschildts on and off for about five years (thanks to shared tennis interests), and Ruth Paine for perhaps a little longer (thanks to shared choir interests). While visiting the de Mohrenschildt home some time in winter 1962-1963 conversation had turned to Marina Oswald, and he was told that she and her husband "were not getting along", and that the de Mohrenschildts were trying to find her somewhere safe to stay. Then on three or four similar occasions "somewhere in January [1963]" he actually got to meet Marina. After that he met LHO twice, the first time at a social gathering at the de Mohrenschildt home, and the second time at a follow-on gathering at his own home. Ruth Paine was included in the latter so that she would be able to meet fellow Russian speaker Marina. Glover's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Glueck, Nelson: See the entry for Stephen Penrose.

Goldberg, Arthur J.: Lawyer, politician, and OSS counterintelligence officer Arthur Goldberg [Wikipedia biography] ran behind-the-lines intelligence gathering and soft sabotage operations against the Nazis during WW2, and continued in much the same vein against the Soviets during the Cold War. One of his assets throughout this period was roving activist Irving Brown [q.v.]. In 1961 JFK appointed Goldberg Secretary of Labor. He then became Supreme Court judge, 1962-1965, and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, 1965-1968. He resigned the latter post in 1968 to return to private legal practice.

Golitsyn, Anatoly: Russian mid-echelon KGB intelligence agent turned maybe-defector turned Companion of the British Empire turned naturalised1984 American Anatoly Golitsyn [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for defecting 15th December 1961 from his post in the Soviet Embassy in Helsinki, being debriefed by none less than the CIA's Director of Counter-Intelligence James Jesus Angleton, and (b) for thereby providing sufficient circumstantial evidence to mark Britain's Kim Philby - one-time MI6 head at the British Embassy in Washington - as a long-standing Soviet mole. British readers may be interested to learn that it was Golitsyn who claimed not just that 1960s Prime Minister Harold Wilson was a KGB informer but that they had deliberately poisoned Hugh Gaitskell, his predecessor as leader of the Labour Party, to help him get the job in the first place.

Golz, Earl: American provincial newshound Earl Golz [no convenient biography but much to reward the resourceful browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being assigned by the Fates to cover the Kennedy motorcade for the Dallas Morning News, (b) for soon sensing a conspiracy and official cover-up, duly becoming the first newsmen to break the story of Thomas Eli Davis, III [see own entry COMPULSORY READING] ... To avoid duplication, this part of the Golz story continues in the <Thomas Eli Davis, III> entry. To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done. ... and (c) likewise for being the first, in a 10th July 1976 piece, to link Davis and Jack Ruby in pre-assassination gunrunning - again see the Davis entry for the details.

"... vain and cantankerous"* Steel, 1980, p123
Gompers, Samuel: English-born NYC-raised trade union activist Samuel Gompers [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having learned his craft in bucket shop cigar manufacturing in NYC 1863-1875, eventually becoming president of his local union branch, (b) for steering his union away from the overly radical political positions popular with many in those decades, and focusing instead on negotiating wage deals from a position of organisational strength, (c) for founding the Federation of Organised Trades and Labor Unions in 1881, rebadging same as the American Federation of Labour (AFL) [Wikipedia factsheet] in 1886, (d) for remorselessly growing to dominate the American industrial relations scene during the 1890s...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Cynical historians such as O'Connor (1964) routinely portray American trade unions as not so much "protectionist" of their due-paying membership but more as "protection racketing" employers and skimming [Wikipedia briefing] the workers' welfare insurance contributions. Such stories will abound half a century later in histories of Teamsters man Jimmy Hoffa [Wikipedia biography].

... (e) for campaigning against immigration for the simple reason that it kept his members' wages low, (f) for speaking out in favour of United States intervention against Spain (to protect the tobacco plantations, anyway) in the Cuban War of Independence [see 27th June 1896], (g) for being appointed by President Wilson to the Council of National Defense [Encyclopaedia.com briefing] in August 1916, where he chaired the Labor Advisory Board ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: In 1916 Europe was ablaze with anti-Capitalist strife, so it made sense to promote good labour relations back home.

... (h) for working for a short time in 1917 with Walter Lippmann [see own entry; also see Timeline 25th October 1918, and as then directed] on the Cantonment Adjustment Commission [see Emery (2018)], soon concluding that the former journalist "was a dangerous radical" (Steel, 1980, p123), (i) for backing Henry Hoover [see own entry] for the post of Food Administrator [see Timeline 3rd April 1917, then as directed], (j) for being headhunted into America's delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference [see 18th January 1919], where he advised on proposed post-WW1 labour relations provisions in the non-Bolshevik states of Eastern Europe, and (k) for working again with Hoover 1920-1924[dec'd] on removing "waste" from the American economy by Scientific Management [Wikipedia briefing] and higher union subscriptions for union welfare savings schemes. He died in 1924, aged 74.

Gonzalez, Virgilio R.: Anti-Castro Cuban exile Virgilio Gonzalez [Wikipedia biography] has been suggested as a member of S-Force and as having taken part in Operation Tilt in June 1963, and is mentioned in some theories as having been the shooter in a Dal-Tex Building shooting team. In 1972 he would be one of the five men arrested during the Watergate Investigations.

González Flores, Alfredo: See the entry for Federico Tinoco.

Goodman, Alan H.: Little known [but see this Ochsner Clinic memorandum], save that in 1963 he went first author to Mary Sherman on a paper entitled "Postirradiation Fractures of the Femoral Neck", in which publication he gave his affiliation as "United States Navy Submarine Base, Groton, Connecticut".  

ASIDE: Going first author to an established expert typically indicates that the expert is supervising research conducted toward a higher degree of some sort by a younger person. The Groton base is the U.S. Navy's principal eastern seaboard submarine base, and nearby Yale University Medical School occasionally contributes its expertise to the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory there - see Arkin and Handler's (1989 [full text online]) paper "Naval Accidents 1945-1988".


"Looked like a librarian but had the skills of a burglar" (Morley, 2008)

Goodpasture, Anne: [Alias Robert B. Riggs (presumably only in correspondence)] CIA senior staffer Anne Goodpasture [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW2 service with the OSS in Burma ...
Readers unfamiliar with the part played by <Ho Chi Minh> and the <Viet Minh> in shaping much of the 20th Century should then see the biographical entries for Ho himself, <Lucien Conein>, <Alfred T. Cox>, and <Paul Helliwell> also the Timeline entries for 27th January 1919 [DEEP CONTEXT] and 29th March 1945 [INTERESTING].

... (b) for transferring to the CIA in the late 1940s, quickly being assigned to James Angleton's [see own entry REVELATORY] X-2 [Wikipedia briefing ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE] counter-intelligence branch, (c) for assisting Angleton in his management [prior to the man's arrest by the FBI in 1957 - Ed.] of the Rudolf Abel Affair [Wikipedia briefing] ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: The Russian spy known until only recently as "Rudolf Abel" was in fact a Geordie [someone from England's industrial Tyneside - Ed.] of Russian parentage. He was arrested on 21st June 1957 after several years in the United States as a Soviet agent, and finally exchanged for the U-2 pilot Gary Powers [see own entry]. The full story is told in the linked Wiki and need not concern us here. However, it would be nice to know whether those who interacted with him at the height of the case - Goodpasture included - were aware of his background.

... (d) for being specifically praised in November 1955 by immediate boss Henry Hecksher [see own entry QUITE AN OPERATOR] for her recent good work against the Soviet Intelligence Services in Western Europe (Newman, op. cit. inf.) [we presume this is referring to the Abel affair - Ed.], (e) for then joining the staff of Winston Scott [see own entry ASSASSINATION MAIN CHARACTER], CIA Chief of the Mexico City Station, in 1957 ...

CAMEO - GOODPASTURE, LIBRARIAN OR SPOOK?: Lest it be presumed that Goodpasture was just a lowly clerk, note what Shenon (op. cit. inf.) has to say about her contribution to the Mexico City station ...

"Among his deputies in Mexico, few were closer to Scott that Anne Goodpasture. [+++ repeated biographies +++] [She] was sometimes confused for a secretary or a typist in the CIA office in Mexico City, and the sexism of that assumption always bothered her, she said. She was, in fact, a key deputy - Scott's 'Girl Friday' or 'right-hand woman', as she puts it. She was not a street spy - most of her work was done within the confines of the U.S. Embassy - but she knew spycraft" (p112).

... (f) for being promoted Scott's FI/D officer [this obscure technical term is possibly explained by the Mary Ferrell Database as "Foreign Intelligence Division" - Ed.] in 1957, and therefore perfectly placed to record the comings and goings of LHO (or someone impersonating him) in late summer 1963 ...

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by the CIA station in Mexico City in the assassination attempts on Fidel Castro should see the entry cluster for the <Mexico City Adventure> in general, and <June Cobb>, <Silvia Duran>, and <Elena Garro> in particular before proceeding.

RESEARCH ISSUE - GOODPASTURE AND THE "OSWALD TAPE": On 27th and 28th September 1963 Oswald visited both the Cuban consulate and the Soviet embassy in Mexico City. Both these sites were bugged and movements carefully monitored. Morley (2016, op. cit. inf.) explains Goodpasture's part in handling the resulting Oswald surveillance tapes as follows ...

"When the CIA's photo and audio surveillance monitors picked up on the curious actions of a man identifying himself as 'Lee Oswald' in September and October 1963, the reports were sent to Goodpasture. Thus Goodpasture became acquainted with Oswald's political views, personal history, and contacts seven weeks before JFK was killed. When first questioned by JFK investigators in the 1970s, Goodpasture said, in sworn testimony, that surveillance tapes of Oswald's phone calls had been erased before JFK was killed. In 1997, she changed her story. Testifying under oath, she affirmed she had handled an Oswald tape after the assassination [and] that Win Scott had 'squirrelled away' the Oswald tape in his home office safe. After Scott died suddenly in April 1971, Angleton flew to Mexico City and seized the contents of Scott's safe. The Oswald tape has never surfaced. According to the National Archives' online JFK database, the CIA has a 286-page file on Goodpasture's operational activities that has never been made public. It may shed light on Goodpasture's handling of the Oswald tape" (p22).

The important take-away point is that despite knowing all about Oswald seven weeks before the assassination nothing was done. This inaction is commonly taken as evidence of a CIA cover up, but until the true nature of Oswald's op is revealed this suspicion cannot be confirmed.

... (g) for very strangely NOT being called upon to testify by the 1964 Warren Commission (although perhaps not strangely at all, given that her ultimate boss Allen Dulles was on the panel), (h) for responding to Scott's untimely death in April 1971 by quickly tipping off Angleton to the existence of
the surveillance tapes and as-yet-uncleared book manuscripts at Scott's home address (which Angleton promptly came and collected), (i) for giving a sworn deposition to the HSCA on 20th November 1978...

**Read her HSCA Testimony here** (113 pages)

... and (j) likewise to the ARRB in 1995 ...

**Read her ARRB Deposition here** (157 pages)

Goodpasture died in 2011?, aged 85? [we mark these data ?? because she is difficult to pin down, even in death - Ed.]


**Gordon, John III**: ONI officer Lieutenant-Commander John Gordon III [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for the following tale, abbreviated from [Gus Russo's](http://www.amazon.com) (1998) book "Live By The Sword" [Amazon], thus ...

"... in 1961 something happened to John Gordon that caused permanent mental anguish, characterised by periods of isolation and hospital stays for nervous breakdowns [...] In the spring of 1961, in the wake of the Bay of Pigs disaster, Gordon became aware of a secret meeting at the Pentagon held to determine how to deal with the victorious Castro. [...]Those present included CIA Director Allen Dulles, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Chief of Naval Operations Arleigh Burke, and Attorney General Robert Kennedy. The result of this meeting was to direct certain Naval Intelligence officers in Guantanamo, Cuba, to oversee an intelligence plot against Fidel and Raul Castro. Burke [...] was on record as favouring the assassination plots. [...] It was in this spring of 1961 that Gordon, accompanied by his wife and two children, relocated to 'Gitmo'. He became the acting officer in charge of intelligence there. [...] According to his daughter Heather, John Gordon worked around the clock, pushing himself to the point of total exhaustion. John spoke fluent Spanish and was always having Cubans over to their home. [...] They] told Gordon's wife about plots to kill Castro [...] and to his dying day [John Gordon] felt that Oswald was hired by Cuba in retaliation. [He] would often tell his family 'that bastard Bobby got his brother shot'" (K1483-1517).

**Gorightly, Adam**: Self-styled "crackpot historian" Adam Gorightly [Homepage] has written on many things but is most noteworthy in the present context for his 2014 book "Caught in the Crossfire: Kerry Thornley, Oswald, and the Garrison Investigation", in which the possibility is discussed that Kerry Thornley played a greater-than-hitherto-suspected part in LHO's history, including, perhaps, as a body-double of convenience.

**Goss, Porter Johnstone**: CIA Directorate of Operations officer since about 1958 Porter Goss [Wikipedia biography] was involved in a number of missions against Cuba, working out of Miami much of the time. The literature identifies him as a likely member of the Operation 40 team.

**Gottlieb, Sidney**: [a.k.a. Joseph Scheider] Known more or less fondly as "The Black Sorcerer" Sidney Gottlieb [Wikipedia biography] was recruited into CIA "Technical Services" in 1953, and soon became an expert in the use of poisons and mind control in intelligence work and special operations. In this he reputedly inherited many techniques from Nazi scientists adopted by the U.S. during Operation Paperclip. The work was centred on Randolph AFB, San Antonio, TX, and was accounted for under the codename MKULTRA. Gottlieb's poisons cupboard included cardiac stressing agents capable of conveniently inducing heart attacks.

**Grace Commission on Federal Inefficiency**: Established by President Reagan's Executive Order 30th June 1982, the Grace Commission [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for being headed by long-term CIA asset J. Peter Grace [see own entry].
Grace, Joseph Peter, Jr.: American industrialist, proselytising right-winger, and "officer in a number of CIA front organisations" (Wilford, op. cit. inf., p187), J. Peter Grace, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for many years heading both the family firm, W. R. Grace and Company [see own entry] and the union-busting American Institute of Free Labor Development (AIFLD) [see own entry], (b) for supporting the 1941-onward U.S. propaganda offensive in Europe through involvement at board level in the National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [starts with own entry and then for a parallel narrative see the entries for C. D. Jackson and Frederick H. Osborn, Sr.,] working alongside the likes of H. J. Heinz, Henry Ford, II, Darryl F. Zanuck, and Cecil B. de Mille (Simpson, 1988), (c) for helping to rehabilitate Nazi fugitive (and I.G. Farben master-chemist) Otto Ambros [see own entry DISTINCTLY REVELATORY] in 1951, after the latter had served only three years of an eight-stretch handed down to him at the Nuremberg Trials, even to the extent of offering the man a position with his own company ...

CAMEO - GRACE AND THE NAZIFICATION OF AMERICA: Ambros’ USP for extraction was that he was a world expert on the manufacture of Sarin nerve gas and Buna synthetic rubber (Jacobsen, 2014). Yeadon and Hawkins (op. cit. inf.) go further, asserting that Grace had business connections of various sorts with Nazi industrialists Friedrich Flick [Wikipedia biography] and Fritz Thyssen [see the entry for Prescott Bush REVELATORY], and - even more ominously - post-war involvement as an accessory to the secret evacuation of looted Nazi treasure to South America.

... (d) for using his shipping line and airline to help the CIA in their South American black ops whenever he could ...

CAMEO - GRACE AND THE POWER OF PRAYER: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] Here is Wilford again, dishing the dirt ...

"In the Cold War struggle for South American hearts and minds, [...] the employment of missionaries by intelligence agencies was nothing new. [+++ instances of Protestant involvement in China, etc. +++] Catholic missionaries, however, offered the CIA the most tactical advantage in South America. [...] American missionaries from such Catholic societies as Maryknoll [Wikipedia briefing] and the Jesuits [Wikipedia briefing] travelled south with the twin aims of containing Communism and promoting development - and they willingly collaborated with intelligence officers in local CIA stations. [+++ example given +++] Although it lacked the liberal aspect of much post-war Catholic missionary work [...] Patrick Peyton’s [Wikipedia biography] Family Rosary Crusade [Wikipedia briefing] fit the CIA’s bill in several important respects. [...] Above all, the Crusade was very well planned and executed. [...] [Peyton] might well never have featured in the CIA’s plans for South America had it not been for the offices of [...] J. Peter Grace [...]. A firm believer in free enterprise and the ‘American way’, Grace was an officer in a number of CIA front organisations, including AMCOMLIB [see own entry REVELATORY] [...] and the American Institute of Free Labor Development [aforementioned]. Grace was also a devout Catholic who wielded immense power within the American church through his position as president of the eastern chapter of the U.S. Knights of Malta [...]” ...

ASIDE: Wilford is referring here to the American Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta [see own entry REVELATORY], a Catholic pseudo-religious mock-chivalric order, wherein he would have rubbed shoulders with fellow members [both listed as members on their respective Wikis, 2nd March 2022 - Ed.] James Jesus Angleton [see own entry REVELATORY] and Reinhard Gehlen [see own entry REVELATORY]. Bevilacqua (op. cit. inf.) names a number of Knights of Malta (but not explicitly Grace) who were also members of the mini-Bilderberg coven known as Le Cercle [see own entry REVELATORY]. Albarelli (2021) has him as actually the “first grand master” of the Maltese Order.

QUOTATION RESUMES WITHOUT A BREAK

... "[+++ how Grace and Peyton met and how CIA funding was requested +++] Dulles was favourably impressed, and in early December [1958] summoned Grace to Washington, where they met in the White House office of Richard Nixon. The Vice President [...] was similarly taken with the proposal [...]. Further meetings at Grace’s home in Manhasset, New York, took place early in 1959, leading to the project’s approval ‘on a pilot basis’ and a payment of $20,000 in seed money. [...] [Peyton’s] pilot crusade, which took place in the Chilean town of La Serena [...] was considered so successful that [...] the next target was soon revealed as Caracas, Venezuela, a city described by Peyton as ‘ready for revolution, very restless and disturbed’. [...] where they] delivered ‘a tremendous blow to the Communists
... (e) for being involved with the Alliance for Progress during the Kennedy administration, (f) for heading the Grace Commission on Federal Inefficiency during the Reagan administration, and (g) for sitting on the management board of the Council for National Policy. He died in 1995, aged 81. FURTHER READING: For more on how shady forces behind the scenes can corrupt not just a nation's foreign policy but that nation's democratic will in general, see Guman's (2004) article "The Right, the Cross, and the CIA: Immaculate Deception" [full text online - RECOMMENDED].

Grace, William Russell: See the entry for W. R. Grace and Company.

Grace Family, the: [INDEXING STUB] By "Grace Family" we are herein referring to (in birth date order)...

- William Russell Grace (1832-1904) [See the entry for W. R. Grace and Company]
- Michael P. Grace (1842-1920) [Wikipedia biography]
- Joseph Peter Grace, Sr. (1872-1950) [Wikipedia biography]
- Joseph Peter Grace, Jr. (1913-1995) [see own entry REVOLUTIONARY]
- Russell ["Derry"] D'Oench (1927-2001) [see own entry AN INTERESTING FELLOW]
- Ellen ["Puffin"] Gates D'Oench (1930-2009) [Wikipedia biography]

Graef, John G.: Employed as "director of our photographic department" at Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall, John Graef [no convenient biography] was LHO's supervisor during his time there (12th October 1962 thru 6th April 1963). Graef's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

***** "A MAN'S GOT TO DO WHAT A MAN'S GOT TO DO" (trad. [souces])  *****

Grainger, Scott: [Go firstly to the entry for Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth and work your way through the STUDENT EXERCISE - HOW TO DEMOLISH A SHOW TOWER ESSENTIAL PRIOR SKILL.] American fire protection engineer Scott Grainger [AE911 biography] is noteworthy in the present context for risking professional martyrdom [or worse: JFK witnesses were terminated by the dozen, remember, either literally or by targeted whispering campaign - Ed.] by standing alongside the University of Alaska at Fairbanks's veteran civil engineer J. Leroy Hulsey [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] during his recent figurative "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral", simply because it was the right thing to do. The "gunfight" on this occasion was the release of Dylan Avery's (2020) documentary entitled "Seven" [Amazon ESSENTIAL VIEWING], an account of a four-year-long research programme in Hulsey's department into the collapse of WTC7, the conclusion of which - meticulously documented in the Hulsey Report [full text online] - was that there had been a simultaneous failure (Hulsey uses the term "global failure") of every core column in the building (24 of them) on fully eight out of the building's 47 floors. This precision of time and place could - of course - not just happen, meaning (a) that the 9/11 Attacks had been an inside job, and (b) that if the 9/11 Inquiry said otherwise it was deliberately covering something up.

TECHNICAL ASIDE - HARD SCIENCE vs LEGAL PROOF: There is literally zero doubt in scientific terms that many tonnes of Nano-Thermite were set off in the four-dimensional vicinity of the World Trade Center on 11th September 2001. However it could be argued that the chemical residues came from an as-yet-unknown coincidental source, as, perhaps, if miscreant residents of at least one of the buildings [the residues are in the dust which carpeted Lower Manhattan, but that dust came from the three towers combined, so there is no proof that all three towers produced it - Ed.] had been illegally storing Nano-Thermite. This is all legalistic squirming, of course, for the prima facie common sense explanation is that all three towers were deliberately brought down by the stuff, and moreover that of the half-dozen superpowers possessing the technology only the United States itself would have had the required level of sustained security access.
Others who nobly stood at great personal risk alongside "Doc" Hulsey that fateful day were Roland "Alameda" Angle, Ed "Three Rivers" Asner, and "Kid" Kamal Obeid [see own entries, one and all].

Grammer, Billy R.: DPD officer Billy Grammer [no convenient biography] had been on DPDHQ Communications Room duty on the evening of 23rd November 1963 when a call came in from someone whose voice he knew, but could not quite place. The caller said, simply: "We are going to kill Lee Harvey Oswald in the basement tomorrow". Knowing that the transfer arrangements had not yet been made public, Grammer realised that this was not just another of the evening's crank calls and motioned for a nearby Lieutenant to come listen in ...

*****At this point divert and read the Henry Putnam entry.*****

Toward noon the next morning Grammer's wife woke him to tell him that someone named Jack Ruby had just shot LHO exactly as the previous evening's caller had predicted. And now at last Grammer could place that caller's voice - as far as he could tell, it had been Jack Ruby. Grammer's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

ASIDE: Hurt (1985) suspects that Ruby had been instructed by some higher villain to silence LHO in the only possible way, whereupon Ruby - unable to say no and stay living himself - tried to engineer a failed mission instead. In another police department, on another day, it might have worked.

Grant, Allan: LIFE Magazine society photographer Allan Grant [Wikipedia biography] teamed with reporter Thomas Thompson at the Paine House after the assassination, where they were the first newsmen to interview Marina Oswald [see one of his images].

Grant, Eva: Eva Grant [no convenient biography] was "certainly not with the underworld" Jack Ruby's older sister. Her evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission background testimony [Part #1; Part #2].

***** HARD RIGHT RACIST EXTREMISM (KLAN) ALERT *****

Grant, Madison: American lawyer turned campaigning Klansman Madison Grant [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for family roots in the Dutch Huguenot and English Puritan settlers of New England back in the 1620s, (b) for a comfortable upbringing and education, graduating from Yale University and Columbia Law School in 1890 ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing] and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.

... (c) for then developing an interest in environmental conservation, helping to found the Bronx Zoo and becoming Secretary of the New York Zoological Society in 1906, (d) for showing his true colours as special forces eugenicist by exhibiting an exotic human being - specifically, a Congolese pygmy named Ota Benga [Wikipedia biography] - in his zoo that same year, and (e) for fleshing out his eugenic theory in the 1916 book "The Passing of the Great Race" [Amazon], "an elaborate work of racial hygiene attempting to explain the racial history of Europe" (his Wiki), and including the explicit recommendation for the "elimination of those who are weak or unfit" (p46); even Adolf Hitler approved, it seems, reportedly writing to Grant that "The Book is my Bible" (the Wiki again). He died in 1937, aged 71, too weak or unfit to hang around and applaud the Holocaust.
Grassy Knoll: [a.k.a. North Knoll] The grassy rise north of Elm Street between the John Neely Bryan Pergola and the Triple Underpass. [Note that Dealey Plaza is symmetrical north over south, and that both knoll and pergola therefore have southern equivalents south of Commerce. However, only the north knoll is topped by a picket fence - Ed.]

"Grassy Knoll, The": The TV documentary by this name is dealt with as "The Grassy Knoll".

Graves, L. C.: DPD Detective L. C. Graves [New York Times obituary, 1995] was the officer who wrestled the gun from Jack Ruby in the moments after he had fired the shot which killed LHO.

Gray, Clive S.: See the entry for C. D. Jackson.


Grayzone, The: Since its inauguration in January 2016, The Grayzone [Homesite] has specialised in investigative journalism under the editorial direction of Max Blumenthal [Wikipedia biography]. For an example of the website's work we recommend its January 2019 article [full text online] exposing the deliberate and malicious creation of Juan Guaidó [see own entry] as a potential replacement for Nicolás Maduro [see own entry] as president of Venezuela.

***** NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE DOLLAR RESET OF 2021 *****

"Great Reset", The: This is the name given to a planned Currency Reset [see own entry] first announced at the 3rd June 2020 [see Timeline that date INCLUDES IMPORTANT VIDEO] meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) [see own entry], and more fully fleshed out at the 2021 Davos Conference of the world's financial movers and shakers [see Timeline 25th January 2021] ALSO INCLUDES IMPORTANT VIDEO]. At time of writing [= August 2021], the Great Reset is work in progress and developments are being closely monitored, so visit again soon ...

Great Student Debt Scandal (U.S.): [INDEXING STUB] We shall not be doing a full entry on this topic. However, some of the material cited in the entry for the Great Student Debt Scandal (UK) is tangentially relevant also to the $1.7 TRILLION (and rising) student loans crisis in the U.S. - check out the separate entry. Alternatively, try this Bloomberg YouTube Quickie. [THREAD = STOCK MARKET AND FINANCIAL SHARP PRACTICE]

Greely, Adolphus Washington: Civil War veteran, polar explorer, and career soldier Adolphus Greely [Wikipedia biography] was Chief Signal Officer for the U.S. Army between 3rd March 1887 and 10th February 1906, overseeing network provision and headquarters communications during the Spanish-American War [see 15th February 1898].

Green, Glenn A. ["Bud"]: American Restorationist preacher Glenn A. ["Bud"] Green [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as executive vice-president to George S. Benson [see own entry SUPERORDINATE NARRATIVE] during the early years of the National Educational Program (NEP) [dito]. A respectable 1959 source [full text online] described him as "a former United Press writer and editor", and credited him with exposing "the failure of Socialism to deliver on its promises to the working man—to all mankind". He also gets 12 mentions in a 1956 FBI memorandum entitled "BENSON, George Stuart - National Education Program = HQ 94-49268" [full 2007 FOIA'd text online FASCINATING AND HIGHLY REVELATORY].

Green Notebook: Notebook found among LHO's possessions at the Paine House from which there is much to be learned about his political beliefs, interests, obsessions, and perhaps [see the entry for Mike Howard] murderous intention - see selected pages here (courtesy of the Portal to Texas History website - RECOMMENDED).
Greener, Charles W.: Charles Greener [no convenient biography] was the owner of the Irving Sports Shop where Dial Ryder [q.v.] had drilled three holes for a telescopic sight mounting in "a 6.5 Italian" between 1st and 15th November. Greener gave a lot of background on the general problems of sighting cheap mail order rifles, etc., but becomes much more noteworthy when asked about the "hand loading" of 6.5mm ammunition. His shop did not do this, he said. Indeed "one of my suppliers had told him that the best person to go to for "6.5 Italian" reloads was a Dallas Southwestern Bell Telephone Company manager named Ray Acker [q.v.]. Greener's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now](the Acker material is at the end).

Greer, William Robert: Secret Service Agent Bill Greer [Wikipedia biography] was one of two SS agents riding the front of Limo #1 (i.e., Motorcade #2, counting from the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (driver's seat).

Grew, Joseph C.: See the entries for Gordon Auchincloss and World Commerce Corporation (WCC).

Grey, Albert Henry George [4th Earl Grey]1894: British aristocrat-politician and colonial administrator Albert Grey [Earl Grey]1894 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of the founding directors of the British South Africa Company [see own entry] in 1889, (b) for being identified by Quigley (1949) as one of the high-level Circle of Initiates in Cecil Rhodes' 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], (c) for being one of the original Rhodes Trustees [see own entry] in 1902, and (d) for serving as Governor-General of Canada between 1904 and 1911.

Griffin, Burt: Honest lawyer (later judge) Burt Griffin [no convenient biography] was an assistant counsel during the Warren Commission hearings. He would complain in the light of what subsequently emerged at the House Select Committee on Assassinations that he felt "betrayed" that the CIA had consistently and cynically lied to the Warren Commission, and by the fact that the FBI had been accessory to all the cover-ups.

***** ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS, WE THINK *****

Griffin, David Ray: American philosopher-theologian David Ray Griffin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being in 2003 one of the first established academics (American or otherwise) to come to doubt the American government’s official story of the September 11 Attacks [see Timeline 11th September 2001], seeing them instead as a massive “inside job” by persons unknown from within the American Deep State, (b) for setting out his suspicions in the (2004) book "The New Pearl Harbor: Disturbing Questions About the Bush Administration and 9/11" [Amazon ESSENTIAL READING] …

STUDENT QUICKIE EXERCISE: Is this guy pretending to be surprised by news he had been expecting anyway??

... (c) for making it his business to contact like-minded doubters, duly co-authoring the (2006) book "9/11 and the American Empire: Intellectuals Speak Out" [Amazon] with Peter Dale Scott [see own entry] and eventually helping to form the campaigning group Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice (STJ) [see own entry] over the winter 2006-2007, (d) for thereby becoming one of the half-dozen go-to men for documentary makers 2004-2018 ...
Here are some of his contributions on camera ...

ALL ESSENTIAL VIEWING

2007 "9/11 Let's Get Empirical" - YouTube it here
2009 "9/11, Time for a Second Look" - YouTube it here
2011 "The Toronto Hearings" - YouTube it here
2016 "The Demolition of Truth" - YouTube it here

... (e) for updating his book in 2008 as "New Pearl Harbor Revisited" [Amazon ESSENTIAL READING], and (f) for the summative (2017) book "Bush and Cheney: How They Ruined America and the World" [Amazon ESSENTIAL READING]. His contribution to the "Demolition" documentary is particularly far-reaching, for (as a theologian, remember) he makes the point that "Americanism" has all the hallmarks of a religious faith; it has become the issue of "ultimate concern", and a primary purpose of existing. He notes rather ruefully that the media at the time (specifically Fox News's Tucker Carlson) liked to defend the Bush-Cheney-Rumsfeld triumvirate against the nascent Truther movement as if they were a new Holy Trinity (vid. cit., @ 07:30). He later (vid. cit., @ 39:45) characterises large swathes of the population either as "paradigmatic people" (those most steadfastly set in their beliefs, regardless of the evidence) or as "wishful thinkers" (those who are so literally fearful of the truth that they reject it out of hand). His final substantive contribution to the piece (@82:40) is a hefty attack on American "Exceptionalism" in that it encourages hubristic misjudgements. Exceptionalism, he argues, has "gutted" the U.S. Constitution, done away with Habeas Corpus, allowed "extraordinary rendition" and torture, and encouraged "terrible debt". Americans now live, he says, in a "post-legal society" in which nobody is held accountable, and have lost all national self-respect.

Griffin, William Hayden: Dallas FBI Agent Will Hayden Griffin [no convenient biography] would be accused in April 1964 of having leaked the fact that LHO had been an FBI informant prior to the assassination. He denied the allegation strenuously and signed a witnessed statement to that effect on 4th May 1964.

ASIDE: Because the FBI subsequently officially confirmed that LHO WAS TOO an informer at the Dallas office, receiving $200 per month for his efforts, we must take the present denial to mean merely that it had not been Griffin who had let the cat out of the bag.

Griffin's boss Gordon Shanklin copied Griffin's statement the same day directly to J. Edgar Hoover, and eight days later Hoover told the Warren Commission the downright misleading: "at no time was he [LHO] ever an employee of the Bureau in any capacity, either as an agent or as a special employee, or as an informant". Griffin retired the FBI on 1st January 1978, and the affair was discussed in the Dallas Morning News on 20th February 1978 in an article by Earl Golz [read it now].

Grigg, [Sir] Edward William Macleay [Lord Altrincham]: British politician and colonial administrator [Sir] Edward Grigg [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a staffer for The Times before WW1, (b) for moving on in 1913 to become the Editor of The Round Table, (c) for serving with distinction on the Western Front during WW1, (d) for having served on Lloyd-George's staff between 1921 and 1922, (e) for moving back and forth between domestic politics and colonial administration between 1922 and 1939, and (f) for serving with the Ministry of Information between 1939 and 1940, and thereafter with the War Office until 1945. Quigley (1949) assessed him as "one of the most important members of the Milner Group" (p68).

Griggs, Ian: Long-term assassination researcher (and fellow Brit) Ian Griggs [Spartacus Educational biography] was the author of the 1997 paper entitled "The Four Faces of Harry D. Holmes", for more on which see the entry for Harry Holmes - AND IT'S WELL WORTH THE DIVERT.

Grinnan, Joseph P.: Right-wing activist Joseph Grinnan [no convenient biography] was the member of the Dallas chapter of the John Birch Society who designed the media protests against JFK in the run-up to his 22nd November 1963 visit. The most obvious outcome was the black-bordered full-page Welcome Mr. Kennedy advertisement in that day's issue of the Dallas Morning News. Grinnan's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Groden, Robert J: Photographic lab technician turned JFK author Robert Groden [Wikipedia biography] first entered the JFK story in 1969 when his employers were contracted to run off copies of the Zapruder Film, and he was part of the lab team. He instantly became convinced that the assassination had been a conspiracy and has continued his research ever since. His most original works are F. Peter Model and Robert J. Groden's 1975 book "JFK: The Case for Conspiracy", and Harrison E. Livingstone and Robert J. Groden's 1989 book "High Treason".

Groody, Paul Joseph: Forth Worth mortician Paul Groody [2010 obituary] reported years after the event that while holding LHO's body overnight 24th/25th November 1963 he had (a) allowed two "agents" access to the body for a short time, and then (b) had had to clean fingerprinting ink from the corpse's hands. He was also on hand at the body's 1981 exhumation. YouTube the full story.

Grossi, John Caesar: [a.k.a. Jack Bowen, John Leslie Bowen, etc.] As presented in the La Fontaine's 1996 book "Oswald Talked" convicted bank-robber with mob connections John Grossi [no convenient biography] was a co-worker of LHO during his employment at Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall. As a convicted felon he was an unlikely employee at a medium-security site [as, indeed, was LHO himself], and so could have been planted by someone to shadow him. Certainly the La Fontaine's report that Grossi "later claimed Oswald brought to work, and showed him, the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle he had supposedly ordered by mail under the alias 'A. Hidell'" (p112). More recently an online researcher has added to the enigma as follows: "I am sure it is just a coincidence that one of [Grossi's] aliases (last name) was the same as that gentleman itinerant minister that LHO met on the bus on his way to Mexico" (The Education Forum, Ostensibly Tim Gratz, 7th October 2007; Accessed 29th January 2018).

Grüngberg Archive: See the entry for Institute for Social Research (ISR).

Grüngberg, Carl: See the entry for Institute for Social Research (ISR).

Grynszpan, Herschel Feibel: See the Timeline entry for 7th November 1938.

Guerini, Antoine: Marseilles crime boss Antoine Guerini [Spartacus Educational biography] appears in the Christian David Corsican Hit Team Thread, which see. Guerini was assassinated in a local turf war on 23rd June 1967.

Guevara, Ernesto ["Che"]: Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara [Wikipedia biography] fought as part of the Cuban Revolution and was the victor of the Battle of Santa Clara, 1st January 1959, which led to the replacement of President Fulgencio Batista's U.S.-friendly regime by the already alienated regime of Fidel Castro.

Guide 223: See the entry for Robert E. Webster.

Guinn, Vincent Perrie: Vincent Guinn [University of California Obituary] was the university chemist who carried out the "neutron activation analysis" [Wikipedia technical briefing] on the bullets and fragments recovered from
the assassination scene and the bodies of JFK and John Connally. However, in his 1982/1993 book "Crime of the Century" Michael Kurtz notes enough anomalies in Guinn's results to judge them of dubious scientific value.

***** CLASS-DEFINING FALSE FLAG WAR STARTER? *****

Gulf of Tonkin Incident: [Read firstly the entry for False Flags, Poor Lulus, and Other Operational Entrapments.] The series of naval firefights now historicised as the "Gulf of Tonkin Incident" [Wikipedia briefing] took place off the coast of North Vietnam 31st July–4th August 1964, and (in many eyes) is noteworthy in the present context as a class-defining example of a pre-Internet, pre-social media, centrally exploited False Flag attack.

***** THIS INSET IS IMPORTANT *****

RESEARCH ISSUE - ARE FALSE FLAGS EASIER NOWADAYS?: Media professors around the world are still studying the dynamics of smart phones as tools of news delivery and political control. On the positive side, modern connectivity guarantees that news can spread at high speed. On the negative side, news distribution has become pathologically homogenised. Everything is nowadays in the hands of a few billionaire-owned media empires, and the message is therefore always the same. The news is not news at all, but rather a succession of cleverly pre-scripted press releases promoting the billionaires and their lackies.

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Research may well find, therefore, that there is no profession of journalism any more, and that both mainstream and social media have become civilisation-threatening propaganda tools for the suppression of the truth rather than its dissemination.

We have organised the body of this narrative under five headings, namely (1) Setting the Scene, (2) The Firefights, (3) Reprisals and Escalation, (4) Doubts and Confessions, and (5) Looking Back ...

(1) SETTING THE SCENE

Firstly, this is how "Indochina" fitted into the broader geopolitics of 1964 ...

Click here for a map of Indochina

Key: Note Mainland China (top centre) and Hainan Island (clearly marked), both Chinese Communist. Note then how close northern Burma/Myanmar (left), northern Laos (centre/L), and North Vietnam (centre/R) are to China. These remote borderlands have been playing host to American special forces since well before WW2. The Gulf of Tonkin is the crest of blue to the west of Hainan. More precise coordinates are given in the narrative as each specific location is introduced.

Following Vietnam's partition along the 17th Parallel in 1954, the U.S. did to Indochina what it had been doing to South and Central America since the 19th Century, that is to say, it systematically beat the Vietnamese into submission, often literally, always politically, in search of corporate advantage and military hegemony ...

BANANA WARS AND BAMBOO WARS: For the catalogue of interventions in Latin America start with the Cuban War of Independence [see Timeline 20th January 1891 (29 entries)], go on to the Spanish-American War [see Timeline 15th February 1898 (39 entries)], follow that with the Banana Wars [see Timeline 13th February 1903], and round it all off with 21st Century Venezuela [see Timeline 20th August 1962 (9 entries)]. For the parallel involvements in Indochina see Chennault's Various Air Forces [see Timeline 3rd June 1937 (35 entries)].

In South Vietnam, just as in all those other places, carefully selected local kakistocrats were created and exploited as a compliant bulwark against Communism ...

ASIDE - "KAKISTOCRACY": The combination of the Greek words for bad and government has been used for several hundred years [since 1644 in fact, but presently enjoying a distinct resurgence] to describe political incompetence or downright dishonesty in a ruling class. In the sense it is used here, kakistocrats are helped into power by the U.S. for their friendliness to the U.S., not for their interest in their own people.
American-approved puppet governments were then kept in power by cadres of military advisors and paramilitary "enforcers". And because South Vietnam was on the front line in the Cold War, there were 16,000 such advisors in South Vietnam by the time JFK took office, running an undeclared clandestine war against the Viet Cong [Wikipedia briefing] and their "Ho Chi Minh Trail" supply lines [Wikipedia briefing] ...

**CAMEO - THE 16,000 ADVISORS:** On several occasions in his writings, L. Fletcher Prouty makes the point that it takes a lot of support infrastructure to put a single special forces operative into the fray. He reminds us that according to no less an authority than their commander General Paul Harkins, 90% of the 16,000 U.S. advisors in Vietnam were involved in one way or another with providing the CIA with its rotary-wing airlift capability, thus ...

"The helicopter mushroom grew, and it generated greater demand of its own. Helicopter bases were soft and vulnerable targets. They needed vast supporting perimeter defences. These defences created a heavy demand for 'noncombatant' U.S. military personnel. [...] The helicopter is one of the most costly vehicles to maintain and operate. [...] The helicopter is a voracious consumer of engines, rotors, and spare parts - all of which had to be airlifted from the United States, halfway around the world. [...] All of these helicopter-related requirements cost heavily in men, money, and material things" (Prouty, 1992, pp114-116).

When JFK was inaugurated in January 1961, he inherited a national defence strategy which had been put in place during the 1950s by the nexus of intelligence and military command committees in the White House and Department of Defense (DoD) in Washington, the National Security Agency (NSA) at Fort Meade [MD], and the CIA (from late 1961) at Langley [VA]. However, after the disastrous Bay of Pigs Invasion in April 1961, when nobody accountable to the people seemed to know what was going on, he attempted to bring some order to things with National Security Action Memoranda #55 and #57 ...

**CAMEO - NSAM #55 AND #57:** Worried that the Bay of Pigs operation had been planned by the paramilitary CIA, and not centrally by the professional military at the DoD, NSAM #55, dated 28th June 1961, stated merely that JFK held the Joint Chiefs of Staff to be his "principal military advisors" - Read #55 for yourself here. NSAM #57, same date, addressed the responsibility framework for "paramilitary operations", and instructed that all large paramilitary operations should not just be *known about* by the DoD, but should actually be *their responsibility*, not the CIA's - Read #57 for yourself here.

This new emphasis on inter-departmental collegiality just about got the world through the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962, and, although it could not prevent covert operations in Indochina, it did at least bring a semblance of accountability via paper trail. One important class of operation was the collection of signals intelligence (SIGINT), and in February 1963 the first DESOTO patrol took place ...

**CAMEO - DESOTO PATROLS, SIGINT, AND ELINT:** "DESOTO" is an acronym compiled from the words "De Haven Special Operations off Tsingtao", so named after the use of the SIGINT-enhanced destroyer USS De Haven [Wikipedia shipography] against the Chinese Communists in 1962 [Wikipedia briefing]. The first such patrol in the Gulf of Tonkin was carried out by USS John R. Craig [Wikipedia shipography] in February 1963. The Tonkin patrols were particularly concerned with preventing North Vietnamese arms smuggling in fishing boats and junks (Paterson, op. cit. inf.), and with surveying North Vietnamese radar stations and coastal defences. SIGINT - intelligence derived from the **content** of signals - was monitored by the NSA at Fort Meade, from intercepts copied to it from ships, from the (790-staff) "Kit Kat" listening service at Hue's Phu Bai airport [map] in South Vietnam, and from the San Miguel station [map] at Manila in the Philippines.

**ASIDE:** Electronic intelligence, or ELINT, which is intelligence derived from the **mere presence** of signals becomes SIGINT as soon as it is remarked upon in a signal, and so requires no separate consideration.

By May 1963 the U.S. programme of covert operations against North Vietnam included U-2 overflights, psychological warfare, and both inland and coastal commando raids, administered by the 16,000 U.S. military advisors mentioned above. Then in his famous "Peace in Our Time Speech" of 10th June 1963 [YouTube it now ESSENTIAL AND LIFE AFFIRMING VIEWING] JFK went for a place in history
by deciding that enough was enough. Peace, the President boldly proclaimed, was "the most important topic on earth", and on 11th October 1963 he approved NSAM #263, authorising a staged withdrawal from Vietnam ... 

CAMEO - NSAM #263: The thrust of this presidential foreign policy directive was that 1000 of the 16,000 advisors were to be brought home by the end of 1963 (less than three months away), followed by the rest of them by the end of 1965. Read #263 for yourself here.

Unfortunately, JFK's peace died with him in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963, and LBJ was only four days into his presidency when he signed off on NSAM #273, undoing all his predecessor's good work at a stroke ...

CAMEO - NSAM #273: The thrust of this presidential foreign policy directive was that the situation in South Vietnam was deteriorating, and that NSAM #263 should accordingly be rescinded. Read #273 for yourself here. The advisors were to stay where they were, and things have been going downhill ever since.

As a result of this hardening of hearts, the programme of covert operations continued apace, and on 19th December 1963 - a month into LBJ's presidency - CINCPAC produced OPLAN 34A [Wikipedia briefing], as the guideline for operations the following year. This plan recommended that increasing pressure should be put on North Vietnam without delay. It also established a new Studies and Observations Group (SOG) [Wikipedia briefing] within MACV, to be codenamed MACV-SOG. Headed by "grizzled veteran" Colonel Clyde Raymond Russell [Military Hall of Honor biography, IMPRESSIVE RÉSUMÉ], MACV-SOG was formally established 24th January 1964 and 34A operations began February. The coastal raids often saw the deployment of PCF (Swift-class) [Wikipedia shipography] fast patrol boats manned by CIA-led South Vietnamese crews.

DOMINO THEORY REARS ITS UGLY HEAD

On 17th March 1964, in another historically significant development, NSAM #288 suddenly declared that South Vietnam was critical to the defence of the entire Western hemisphere ...

CAMEO - NSAM #288: The thrust of this long, detailed, and tightly argued presidential foreign policy directive was that South Vietnam had become the first domino in a rally, and had to be kept standing at all cost, thus: "We seek an independent non-Communist South Vietnam. [...] Unless we can achieve this objective in South Vietnam, almost all of Southeast Asia will probably fall under Communist dominance. [...] We are not [presently] acting against North Vietnam except by a very modest 'covert' programme operated by South Vietnamese (and a few Chinese Nationalists) - a programme so limited that it is unlikely to have any significant effect.” 12 detailed recommendations then followed. Read #288 for yourself here.

NSAM #288 moved things closer to outright war. In June 1964, Ambassador to South Vietnam Henry Cabot Lodge urged a bombing campaign against the north, and some high-ranking "doves" were replaced with "hawks". On 30th June 1964 Admiral Ulysses S. Grant Sharp, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] replaced Admiral Felt as CINCPAC, and at the same time MACV's General Harkins was replaced by General William C. Westmoreland [Wikipedia biography]. By August, the U.S. was ready to ride into town looking for a showdown.

(2) THE FIREFIGHTS

As usual, the CIA spearheaded the killing, sending a flotilla of four of its Swifts to carry out a 34A raid during the night 30th/31st July 1964. Two boats each were sent to the islands of Hon Me [map] and Hon Nieu/Ngu [map]. The DESOTO-equipped destroyer USS Maddox [Wikipedia shipography] was at this time half a day's sailing away, en route from her base on Taiwan. At around 1300hr 31st July, she reached the Vietnamese coast at the 17th Parallel, and duly turned onto her allocated north-north-westerly patrol route up the coast of North Vietnam. Her captain was Commander Herbert L. Ogier, Jr. [no convenient biography but a few obituaries], but the tactical play rested with the commander of her flotilla, Captain John Jerome Herrick [Wikipedia biography], who had come along for the ride. Her mission was
supported at a distance by the carrier USS Ticonderoga [Wikipedia shipography] standing off to the east. The seaplane tender USS Pine Island [Wikipedia shipography] was also at hand in case the need should arise to deploy her nuclear depth charges. We shall shortly be hearing from Commander Jim Stockdale [see own entry], one of the Ticonderoga's pilots, and Lieutenant John White [no convenient biography], the Pine Island's Nuclear Weapons Officer.

For the next 18 hours Maddox moved very slowly northward, her SIGINT operators (all 17 of them) dutifully combing the airwaves, and by dawn 1st August, she was off Bien Dong Point [map], still well south of the scene of the previous morning's CIA attacks. Only at sundown did she arrive between Hon Me and Hon Nieu/Ngu.

ASIDE: It is almost certain that the CIA raids and the DESOTO patrol had been carefully synchronised, so that the North Vietnamese radio and radar response to the former could be recorded in detail by the latter.

Maddox now turned away from the coast to spend the night 1st/2nd August beating slowly to the east. Unsurprisingly, the NVN coastal defences were by now in a high state of alert against intruders, and in the early hours of 2nd August SIGINT intercepts indicated that three vessels were on their way out. At 0600hr Maddox turned northward and increased speed to 20 knots.

ASIDE - THE PROBLEM OF TIME ZONES: For the remainder of this entry we shall quote all times to reflect G(off) = local, that is to say, Vietnamese time, and R(omeo) = Washington, or Eastern Standard Time. G time is 12 hours ahead of R time. Thus Maddox's 0600hr turn took place at G0600(2nd August)/R1800(1st August). We shall include explicit dates only when they change. For more on the problems of time zones in handling globally sourced SIGINT, see Hanyok, 2017 [full text online STRONGLY RECOMMENDED SOURCE]).

Maddox arrived near Hon Me around G0700(2nd August)/R1900(1st August). Three hours later, NSA warned CINCPAC and MACV that a force of three NVN P-4 torpedo boats [Wikipedia shipography] and two Swatow patrol boats [Wikipedia shipography] had been ordered to gather off Hon Me. Unaccountably, they failed to copy Maddox into the transmission ...

ASIDE: The P-4s were torpedo boats, specialised for use against much larger surface vessels, whilst the Swatows were submarine hunting patrol boats with long-range attack radar. It therefore made sense to deploy mixed squadrons such as that seen here, using the Swatows to vector the P-4s in to their targets. The detection of enemy radar as it searches for you is an important subset of that enemy's ELINT signature.

At G1144/R2344 the USMC monitoring detail at Phu Bai sent an alert of an imminent attack and this time Maddox was copied in. The attacking force was picked up on Maddox's radar at G1400/R0200 (now 2nd August), and the ship was called to general quarters at G1430/R0230. Surface contact was made ten minutes later to the east of Hon Me. Maddox engaged the lighter craft with long distance fire and Ticonderoga launched a flight of four F-8 Crusaders [Wikipedia briefing], one of which was piloted by the aforementioned Jim Stockdale. The planes arrived on the scene at G1530/R0330, by which time the NVN vessels were heading back to base. They chased them down, and their strafing runs left two of the three damaged and the third dead in the water. Maddox now turned to course south-south-east to retrace her steps, and, during the night 2nd/3rd August, made rendezvous with a second destroyer, USS C. Turner Joy [Wikipedia shipography], whereupon the two ships then resumed the DESOTO patrol.

A further CIA commando attack then took place during the night 3rd/4th August, by which time the two destroyers had arrived at "Point Delta" off Thanh Hoa [map]. This second CIA attack involved three Swifts and targeted a North Vietnamese radar station outside Vinh Son [map] on the promontory to the east of the village, we guess - Ed.] and barracks at Cua Ron [map]. At dawn 4th August the two destroyers were at the northern-most point of their patrol, in international waters. They now turned to the west, and made a daylight run back toward the coast. Peterson (2008) informs us not only that the weather had
deteriorated significantly, but also that both ships were experiencing partial radar problems. They reached the coast at around noon, and turned southwest to run parallel to the coast. At G1700(4th)/R0500(4th), with dusk rapidly approaching, they turned east again, heading for mid-channel. While they were on their way, Phu Bai warned twice of a possible imminent attack, and the first radar contact was made at G2000/R0800, when Maddox reported "two skunks" (surface contacts) and "three bogies" (air contacts) (Hanyok, op. cit.).

***** THE TONKIN "INCIDENT" PROPER *****

The next two hours proved somewhat hectic, as both ships manoeuvred wildly trying to dodge their own tails (literally, for their sonar operators were identifying their own propeller noises under hard rudder as incoming torpedoes), and one of the two - C. Turner Joy - hopefully blazed off hundreds of rounds at fleeting radar targets, thus ...

"The Maddox reported at 2040 that she was tracking unidentified vessels. Although the U.S. destroyers were operating more than 100 miles from the North Vietnamese coastline, the approaching vessels seemed to come at the ships from multiple directions, some from the northeast, others from the southwest. Still other targets appeared from the east, mimicking attacking profiles of torpedo boats. Targets would disappear, and then new targets would appear from the opposite compass direction" (Paterson, 2008, op. cit. inf.).

"Turner Joy reported that she sighted one or two torpedo wakes, then rang up full speed, maneuvered radically to evade expected torpedoes, and began firing in the direction of the unidentified blips" (Moise, 1996, pp178-179).

"The radar returns from both ships were not continuous trackings. Rather, they were mostly flashing returns, that is, they appeared on the scope, held for a few sweeps of the radar, then disappeared. Other targets would suddenly appear a few miles from the destroyers, hold for a while and then disappear. They came from all directions. As each return was logged, it was assigned a target designator, a single letter. One officer from the Turner Joy described the confusion of proliferating targets this way: "We were getting blotches on the radar screen - nothing real firm, so we were whacking away at general areas with proximity fuzes, hoping to get something" [...] The Maddox's main gun director maintained that the ship was never able to acquire any of the targets during the battle: he figured he was shooting at the high swells brought on by the storms. Ironically, during all of this latter action, the Maddox never fired a round; its radar never acquired another target after the initial one detected two hours earlier" (Hanyok, op. cit.).

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara was appraised of the situation at G2125(4th)/R0925(4th). Meanwhile Maddox called in air support, and again the job fell to Stockdale, only this time on his own. He arrived over the scene G2135/R0935 and, although he stayed on station for more than 90 minutes, was unable to observe any surface action. As he later rather curtly put it ...

"I had the best seat in the house to watch that event and our destroyers were just shooting at phantom targets" (Stockdale, 1984, p23).

"There was absolutely no gunfire except our own, no PT boat wakes, not a candle light, let alone a burning ship. No one could have been there and not have been seen on such a black night" (Stockdale, 1988, quoted in Roberts, 1994, K1572).

The alert was finally called off at G2335/R1135, and the provisional judgement on Herrick's bridge was that it might all have been a false alarm, the result of "overeager sonar operators" and choppy weather confusing the fire control radar, exacerbated perhaps by a genuine but undeveloped initial contact ...

CAMEO - DECISION MAKING IN TIMES OF STRESS: Herrick sent two signals to CINCPAC. The first at G0127(5th)/R1327(4th) very clearly stated that reports of contacts and torpedoes "appear doubtful", that "freak weather effects may have accounted for many reports", and that there had been "no actual visual sightings" of the enemy. He recommended "complete evaluation before any further action taken" (quoted in Paterson, 2008, op. cit. inf.). This was followed by a second signal at 0248hr in which, having spoken to more of the crew, he stated that there may have been genuine initial contacts in the area. Misjudgements at sea have, of course, long been the subject of Boards of Inquiry. However with the growth of the science of "cognitive ergonomics" during and after WW2, there came an increasing awareness of the need to diagnose cognitive
failures, in order that action could be taken to stop them happening again. Was the problem ultimately one of lack of training, for example? Or equipment failure? Or forgetfulness, misunderstanding, fatigue, etc., etc.? In our (now rather old) Companion Resource on Military Blunders, we describe no less than list eight categories of psychological error which might confound the effective command and control of a warship.


NESTED CAMEO - THE FITZGERALD AND JOHN S MCCAIN INCIDENTS, 2017: In summer 2017 two Arleigh Burke DDGs were damaged, with fatalities, in collisions with commercial traffic. The Boards of Enquiry reported 1st November 2017 that USS Fitzgerald [Wikipedia shipography] had suffered "]multiple failures by watch standers", and that "a major contributing factor to the [USS John S. McCain [Wikipedia shipography]] collision was sub-standard level of knowledge regarding the operation of the ship's control console". The 2017 enquiry report (op. cit. inf.) made much of the fact that the Fitzgerald's watch team "failed to provide situational awareness and input to the [OOD] regarding the situation" (p7). Standard watch team job definitions identify the QMOW watch station (op. cit., Figure 4) as the vulnerable pinch point for cross-system dataflow collation.

As of 2017, therefore, the most important cognitive ability is a phenomenon known as Situational Awareness (SA) [Wikipedia briefing], and one of the most difficult to avoid causes of poor SA is Cognitive Framing [Wikipedia briefing], because - in everyday language - it can lead you to see what someone had led you to expect to see.

After several hours of intense communication back and forth across the Pacific, Secretary McNamara met with the JCS at G0500(5th)/R1700(4th), and it was the judgement of those present that the inconsistencies in the reports from the ships at the scene could safely be disregarded, because the SIGINT trail from Phu Bai and San Miguel could be taken as evidence enough. This SIGINT trail - flawed though it was later shown to be - became "in the minds of the Secretary of Defense, the JCS, and the President, the 'smoking gun' evidence needed to justify the air strikes on North Vietnam" (Hanyok, op. cit.). At G1030/R2230 CINCPAC was therefore instructed to execute Operation Pierce Arrow [Wikipedia briefing], and Ticonderoga obliged, hitting a number of targets in North Vietnam, predominantly naval installations.

(3) REPRISALS AND ESCALATION

With Ticonderoga's attacks still in progress, LBJ went on national television at G1136/R2336 [YouTube that broadcast now], to tell the American people that North Vietnam had attacked U.S. Navy ships with torpedoes (presumed but untrue), and that he had authorised "limited and fitting" retaliatory airstrikes.

CAMEO - DOUBTS AS TO LBJ'S MOTIVATION: Historians have regularly detected unseemly haste in LBJ's response to the crisis, suspecting, in short, that he was grandstanding, thus ...

"Precisely why President Johnson ordered a retaliatory strike so quickly is not totally clear, especially when there was conflicting evidence as to whether it had actually occurred. Johnson was in the midst of a presidential campaign and his opponent, Republican senator Barry Goldwater from Arizona, a noted hawk, would have gained in the race if Johnson had hesitated or refused to retaliate. Johnson, even in his pose as a moderate relative to Goldwater, could hardly appear weak before a public audience demanding a counterstrike" (Hanyok, op. cit.).

The broader case for war was then duly debated in the U.S. Senate 7th August 1964 and on 27th August the Joint Chiefs issued a schedule of operations against North Vietnam to be conducted during September. This latter authorised both sundry coastal bombardments and inland sabotage missions ...

ASIDE: On 7th November 1964 the State Department produced a full summary of the October operations. This is now derestricted, and can be studied in Appendices #72 and #73 of The Pentagon Papers (op. cit. inf.), if interested.

***** THE VIETNAM WAR BEGINS *****

On 22nd February 1965 a sustained air offensive codenamed Operation Flaming Dart [Wikipedia briefing] was initiated, and a USMC vanguard force was warned for imminent deployment. Two weeks later,
8th March 1965, the first regular unit offloaded at Da Nang [map]. The military-industrial complex had got what it set out to get, and could now put its production lines on overtime and wait for the profits to roll in. Some 5000 Bell helicopters were lost during the war. The identities of the main Bell shareholders have never been published.

(4) DOUBTS AND CONFESSIONS

By the start of 1967, the United States had long since flattened all the easy targets in North Vietnam and was embroiled in an increasingly acrimonious no-holds-barred better-dead-than-red war of extermination. The earth had been scorched by napalm, poisoned with 20 million gallons of defoliant Agent Orange [Wikipedia briefing], and Curtis Le May's Strategic Air Command had dusted off its Third Reich air strategy and was now using it against unhardened Vietnamese villages. And as the body bags piled ever higher, so too did the rumours grow louder that the events of 4th August had been massively overstated. The United States, it was now being claimed, had started the war itself and then cleverly shifted the blame onto the other side. This sort of public criticism forced Secretary McNamara to convene a Vietnam Study Task Force headed by Leslie Gelb [Wikipedia biography] to check through the Pentagon archives looking for the truth. They met 17th June 1967 and after four years' work produced the "The Pentagon Papers" [Wikipedia briefing]. In the meantime, on 6th December 1967, the New Haven Register had published a letter from the aforementioned John White, Nuclear Weapons Officer aboard the USS Pine Island. Here is the nub of his accusation ...

"I recall clearly the confusing radio messages sent at that time by the destroyers — confusing because the destroyers themselves were not certain they were being attacked. Granted that some North Vietnamese motor torpedo boats were in the area and used harassing maneuvers, the question is this: Did they actually fire shells or torpedoes at U.S. warships? The answer is no. I learned this by speaking with the chief sonarman of the Maddox who was in the sonar room during the “attack.” He told me that his evaluation of the sonar scope picture was negative, meaning that no torpedoes were fired through the water, at the ship or otherwise. And he also said that he consistently reported this to the commanding officer during the “attack.” My naval experience as an antisubmarine warfare officer makes it clear that a chief sonarman’s judgment in such a situation is more reliable than that of anyone else on the ship, including the commanding officer. No one is in a better position to know than the chief, and in this case his judgment was that there was no attack. Yet the Pentagon reported to the President that North Vietnam had attacked us" (White, 1967, reproduced in White, 2014 [full text online]).

Secretary McNamara responded for the administration 21st February 1968 by testifying to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that in his opinion the SIGINT evidence was "unimpeachable".

(5) LOOKING BACK

Tonkin was a tipping point in history. It was the occasion when proper scrutiny finally died, and entire wars started on opportunistic pretext with scarce a word of journalistic protest. Indeed, the incident has gone on to become one of the class-defining False Flag Attacks of modern history [although in our assessment it is more of a Poor Lulu Attack - Ed.]. The ensuing war spawned countless books and movies, not least Francis Ford Coppola's (1979) "Apocalypse Now" [IMDB], and in recent years many unimpeachable retrospectives have appeared, including ...

(1) Paterson (2008): Lieutenant-Commander Pat Paterson [U.S. Naval Institute biography] gives a balanced matter-of-fact account of the incident in his (February 2008) paper "The Truth About Tonkin" [full text online], drawing our attention to a great deal of confusion in Washington in the hours prior to Secretary McNamara's meeting with the JCS.


(3) White (2014): See quotation and link in Section (4) above.

(4) Hanyok (2017): See link in Section (2) and the extracts in Sections (2) and (3).

Unsurprisingly, the incident also features large in the canon of Conspiracy Theory. One early such work was investigative journalist Jonathan Kwitny's [Wikipedia biography] (1 August 1984) book
"Endless Enemies: The Making of an Unfriendly World" [Amazon], which came to the following conclusion ...

"[the] incident was a put-up job, designed to sucker the North Vietnamese into providing justification for a planned U.S. expansion of the war, [...] The press was lied to, and so misinformed the public. We were all lied to" (op. cit.).

Even the far-from-anarchical L. Fletcher Prouty concluded likewise in his (1992) book "JFK: The CIA, Vietnam, and the Plot to Assassinate Kennedy" [Amazon], drawing attention to the inherent dangers in constantly provoking border incidents, thus ...

"These covert operations against North Vietnam were called in the words of presidential advisor Walt Rostow [Wikipedia biography], 'tit for tat' activities, but with a difference. Usually in a 'tit for tat' game, one party hits the other and the second party responds. In the Rostow context, the first party - the United States or South Vietnam - would strike covertly. Then, when the second party hit back, the United States would announce that it had been hit first and that it was legitimate to strike back" (op. cit., p325).

As for LBJ's "torpedoes", there were none. The best technical explanation comes from the NSA itself ...

"The sonar returns of the supposed torpedo attacks were later determined to be a result of the high-speed maneuvering by both U.S. ships. As we saw above, the first "evidence" of a torpedo launch by the enemy boats came from radar. When one of the radar tracks turned away to the south from a westerly heading, this was interpreted by the Americans as a torpedo launch. The sonar rooms in both destroyers were then alerted to a possible torpedo attack. Four crewmen aboard the Turner Joy thought they saw a "white streak" in the water as the ship turned. Both vessels had then gone into wild evasive maneuvers to avoid the torpedoes that were thought to have been launched against them. It was this high-speed gyrating by the American warships through the waters that created all of the additional sonar reports of more torpedoes. Every time one of the destroyers changed course, the sonar reported the distinctive high-speed sounds of torpedoes. Eventually, Herrick and the other officers realized what was happening: the rudders of the two ships had caused the high-speed returns when they reflected the turbulence of the ships' own propellers" (Hanyok, op. cit.).

So we are happy to give the last word to the always thoughtful Jesse Ventura, who wrote as follows in his Foreword to the 2011 reissue of Prouty's (1973/2011) book "The Secret Team" [Amazon] ...

"The further one looks into events such as the Gulf of Tonkin Incident or the Kennedy assassination, the more one can see the fingerprint of a Secret Team operating beyond public view and beholden to other actors. Prouty valued Buckminster Fuller's [Wikipedia biography] insights and worldview. In [his] last book, Critical Path (1981) [Amazon], he highlights how during the Age of Discovery, England, France, and Spain 'were simply the operating fronts of behind-the-scenes, vastly ambitious individuals who had become so effectively powerful because of their ability to remain invisible while operating behind the national scenery. [...] The real power structures were always the invisible ones behind the visible sovereign powers.' As it has been historically with all nations pursuing the path of empire, so it is now with the United States. [...] In the post 9/11 Homeland Security era we are witnessing such endemical governmental compartmentalisation and secrecy that the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing or even thinking [in] a country being operated ever increasingly by a Secret Team" (Ventura, 2011, op. cit., K104-127).

FURTHER READING: For more on the Vincennes incident use the link provided. For more on the Fitzgerald and John S. McCain incidents click here for an executive summary and then follow the onward links as you will. For more on the science of Situational Awareness see our (2003) paper "Situational Awareness in Effective Command and Control" [full text online]. For more on the science of confusion in the cockpit or on the bridge see our (2003) paper "Mode Error in System Control" [full text online]. We have only touched on the material contained in the Pentagon Papers, so if you need more see the The New York Times' (1971) collection thereof entitled "The Pentagon Papers: The Secret History of the Vietnam War" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]. There is also specialist SIGINT historian Robert Hanyok's long and meticulously detailed analysis of the NSA SIGINT archives entitled "Skunks, Bogies, Silent Hounds, and the Flying Fish" [full 2017 text online]. There has yet been
no confession as to the American Deep State's involvement in the 9/11 False Flag Attacks, but at the time of writing [= Feb. 2020], the clearest statement of the case to answer is David Ray Griffin's (2019) book "9/11 Unmasked" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]. One final word of caution: be on the lookout in all sources (even Hanyok's) for date and timing inconsistencies, gaps in the paper trail (because they might indicate documents deliberately destroyed??), mistranslations at Phu Bai (how did the listening station avoid using Vietnamese translators with Viet Cong sympathies??). The timings in our narrative come mainly Hanyok's NSA transmission timings.

Gulf War, 1990-1991: See firstly the composite Wikipedia Briefing, and then the separate entries for Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.


Guttmacher, Eliyahu/Elijah: See the entry for Hirsch Kalischer.

***** LITTLE-KNOWN ZIONIST AND GERM WARFARE BOFFIN *****

Haffkine, [Sir]1897 Waldemar Mordechai Wolff: [Ukrainian Cyrillic חֲבֶקִין by birth; variously transliterated as Haffkine or Khawkin] Born in the Tsarist Ukraine, biochemist-immunologist-Zionist [Sir]1897 Waldemar Haffkine [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present circumstances (a) for combining his student years in Odessa and St. Petersburg with a moral and sometimes physical stand against the antisemitic pogroms of the early 1880s, (b) for eventually being forced [there was a cap on Jewish promotions in Tsarist universities - Ed.] to relocate to Paris in 1889, quickly obtaining a research post in the Pasteur Institute, (c) for being the first, on 18th July 1892, to self-administer a cholera vaccine, (d) for repeating the demonstration in London in 1893, being immediately head-hunted by the 1st Marquess of Dufferin and Ava [Wikipedia biography], lately Viceroy of India, onto a sponsored medical mission to test his system of immunisation against cholera in that subcontinent, (e) for setting up the Bombay Institute - later the Haffkine Institute [Wikipedia briefing] - in the Byculla [map] suburb of Mumbai, and there, in 1896, deploying his vaccine to such good effect that Queen Victoria knighted him in 1897, (f) for then turning his attention to the plague, it having just broken out in Mumbai [see COVID Timeline 1st October 1896], developing a vaccine for this disease too [there are nine full text online PubMed publications on this subject in the period 1897-1915 if interested - Ed.]

HANSARD PROFILE: Hansard lists mentions of Haffkine a few times, starting in 1894 in debates on cholera in India, again in 1897-1898 on plague inoculation in India, and again in 1907-1911 following some adverse experiences with the latter programme. Check them all out here.

... (g) for taking time out from his medical career in 1898 to help broker a sensitive geopolitical proposition to the Ottoman Empire's Sultan Abdul Hamid II [Wikipedia biography] through the good offices of the (Muslim) Indian religious leader [Sir]1902 Sultan Mohammed Shah, Aga Khan III [Wikipedia biography] ...

***** PAY ATTENTION - THIS ONE'S STILL RUNNING *****

CAMEO - HAFFKINE AND ZIONIST PALESTINE: As explained in Syed B. Ahmad's (1973) paper "India and Palestine 1896-1947: The genesis of a foreign policy" [full text online (JSTOR registration required)], the Aga Khan had access to Sultan Abdul, and was persuaded by Haffkine to pass on an offer from senior Zionist figures to purchase the Ottoman province of Palestine from him, to serve as an Arab-Jewish joint homeland. Ahmad explains that the Aga Khan visited Paris "where he met Haffkine's friends, Rabbi Zadek Khan and Baron Edmond de Rothschild", and that Rabbi Khan then prepared the papers for transmission to Istanbul. The Sultan eventually declined the offer. For more of the detail see the Aneurin Timeline at 10th March 1896 and follow the onward pointers.

... (h) for thereby coming to the attention of the U.S. Marine Hospital Service (MHS) in 1900, when his vaccine was approved for use in the San Francisco Plague Outbreak [see COVID Timeline 11th March 1900],
(i) for "retiring" in 1914 or 1915 [accounts differ - Ed.], returning to wartime France, and settling in Boulogne, where he became "active in Jewish affairs" (Yivo Institute) ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: The Yivo Institute is probably alluding here to Haffkine's 1916 essay "A plea for orthodoxy" [full text online]. As far as Boulogne is concerned, we deem it highly unlikely that Haffkine was "retired" at all. We have seen his Boulogne address given as 17 Avenue Victor Hugo. This places him some 50 miles to the west of the WW1 Western Front as it snaked northward from Arras to Ypres, and a mere 2 miles to the north of the BEF's supply port and military hospital complex at Etaples. It is also a matter of record that the BEF's principal infectious diseases laboratory was administratively part of No. 13 General Hospital, housed for the duration in the Boulogne Casino [Wikipedia briefing]. The Casino laboratory was headed by [Sir] Sir Almroth Wright [see own entry], had future Nobel laureate [Sir] Alexander Fleming [see own entry] on the payroll, and liaised closely with Colonel David Harvey's [see own entry] Army Vaccine Department at the Royal Army Medical College, Millbank, London. Altogether there were eventually 97 bacteriologists available to the BEF on the Western Front, although the majority were attached to the 15 mobile laboratories closer to the action (Macpherson, 1923, op. cit. inf.). We mention all this because it is but a quarter of a mile between Haffkine's lodgings and Wright's lab - far too close for coincidence. In fact, one biography specifically credits Haffkine with helping out on a 1917 programme to deploy a TAB typhoid/paratyphoid vaccine developed at Millbank. For more contextual detail and some good photos see Michael Rauer's (?year) book "Yanks in the King's Forces" [full text online], and for the official history see Sir William Macpherson's (1923) book "Medical Services, Pathology" [full text online]. At time of writing [7th July 2020] we have seen no mention of Haskine being involved in the BEF's response to the 1918-1919 Spanish Flu Pandemic, although we suspect that it would have been all hands to the pumps in those months. We do know, however, that those who then ran the Bombay Institute headed the remedial effort in India.

... and (j) for helping to present the Rothschild Petition for a Zionist homeland in Palestine at the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference (Jewish Virtual Library [full text online]). Little is known about Haffkine's movements after that, with Hawgood (2007 [full text online]) mentioning merely more geopoliticking, thus ...

"From 1915 until 1927 Waldemar Haffkine lived in France at Boulogne (Pas-de-Calais) with his sister. He was interested in cultural and theological aspects of the Jewish religion and supported the Jewish emancipation movement that followed the First World War. In 1926–27 he visited the Ukraine and the Crimea in order to inspect Jewish agricultural facilities on behalf of the Universal Israelite Alliance [Wikipedia briefing]. In 1927 he moved to Lausanne in Switzerland and in 1929 placed his considerable savings in a fund to support religious schools for the training of Jewish youth in eastern Europe. After his death the Haffkine Foundation for the Benefit of Yeshivoth was founded" (op. cit.).

Haffkine died 26th October 1930 in Lausanne, Switzerland. FURTHER READING: For more on the 1918-1919 Spanish Flu Pandemic see COVID-19 Timeline 27th April 1915, and follow the onward pointers. For a contextual briefing on the Ukraine's role in the Russian Civil War see the long asides in the entry for Avraham Yarmolinsky in this companion resource, as well as Ernest Lederrey's (1920) report to the International Committee of the Red Cross entitled "La Situation Sanitaire en Ukraine" [full text online]. For the Zionists at Versailles see Levene (1993 [full text online (JSTOR registration required)]. For an account of the impact of Spanish Flu in the Ukraine see Vyacheslav Stefansky in "Pale Rider" [Amazon].

Haganah: [Hebrew = "Defence"] [Read firstly the Timeline entry for the Third Aliyah, 19th December 1919.] Founded in June 1920 in Occupied (that is to say, post-Ottoman but pre-Mandated) Palestine by newly migrated White Russian Zionist communities to protect themselves against hostility and violence from their new Arab neighbours following the fateful San Remo Conference [see Timeline 19th April 1920], the Haganah [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for many of its members having served with the Jewish Legion during the war [see Timeline 31st October 1917], (b) for continuing in its de facto role as Zionist "fire brigade" through the 1920s, intervening whenever the British security forces were unavailable or judged unwilling to turn out ...

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: The White Russian Jewish immigrants seem with some justification to have viewed the British as pro-Arab - see the entry for Lord Milner for more on this. RESEARCH ISSUE: The entry point for this facet of the Palestinian tragedy is the 1921 Congreve Circular [see Timeline 29th October 1921]
... (c) for seeing action in the 1929 Palestinian Uprising [see Timeline 24th July 1929], (d) for splitting off its hardest-liners in 1931 to form the Irgun [see own entry IMPORTANT COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE], (e) for maintaining its own more "restrained" [their term - Ed.] policy through the 1930s, acting in conjunction with British security forces to help quell the 1936-1939 Arab Uprising [ditto 15th April 1936], (f) for defying the immigration restrictions introduced by the British in the 1939 White Paper [ditto 23rd May 1939], and turning a blind eye toward the illegal immigration of 100,000 further White Russian migrants over the ensuing decade, (g) for staging the 1949 SS Patria Incident [ditto 25th November 1940], (h) for providing the British with a Jewish Brigade [Wikipedia briefing] 1943-1946, (i) for largely working with the British against the Irgun and other underground terrorist groups during the 1944 Irgun Revolt [ditto 1st February 1944], (j) for reconciling with the Irgun after WW2 in the Jewish Resistance Movement [see the entry for Menachem Begin], a joint independence movement which could successfully combine the non-political aspirations of all Jews everywhere with the religious and political zealotry of the White Russian Jews actually in Palestine [see the entries for Abraham Kook, the Mizrahi, the Bnei Akiva Youth Movement, and the Revisionist Zionist Movement ALL CONTAIN COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE], and (k) for being subsumed after independence into the broader Israel Defence Force (IDF). FURTHER READING: For more of the detail, see Chapters 9 through 11 of Colin Shindler's (2015) "The Rise of the Israeli Right: From Odessa to Hebron" [Amazon RECOMMENDED READING].

Hager, Steven: Journalist, film-maker, and assassination theorist Steven Hager [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 2017 book "Killing Kennedy: The Real Story", an attempt to distil a single conspiracy theory out of the many competing ones.


Haire, Bernard J.: Having come out of his shop next door but one to the Texas Theater to see why so many police cars had suddenly arrived, Dallas shopkeeper Bernard Haire [no convenient biography] chose to walk round the back to where it was less crowded, and there witnessed an LHO Look-Alike being taken out through the back door of the cinema and driven off in a police car. Indeed, he didn't even realise it was not LHO until 1987 when telling his story to researcher Jim Marrs, who then featured it in his 1987 book "Crossfire". Haire's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. Browse the Balcony Arrest Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Hall, Anthony [Baron Hall of Birkenhead]2016; [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism"] Careerist news journalist Anthony [Lord]2016 Hall [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role has been as Director-General of the BBC 2013-ongoing. For our own part, we note also that he has been on the board of the not-always-what-it-seems British Council since 2008.

Hall, George William: Aberdare-raised Swansea-based newspaper editor and gold mine promoter George William Hall [no convenient biography but see the Evans dissertation referenced below] is noteworthy in the present context for having demonstrated between 1895 and 1897 that the Western Australian Sons of Gwalia Mine [see 13th May 1897] had genuine long-term potential, being then bought out by Berwick, Moreing and Company [see own entry] and then floated to great fanfare on the London Stock Exchange in March 1898. For further details see Alwyn Evans' (2015 [full text online]) dissertation entitled "George W. Hall,
Newspaper Man and Goldfields Entrepreneur in Wales and Australia". Hall was proposed into the "No. 1 London" masonic lodge at the time of the 1898 flotation.

***** Candidate JFK Lowe - Echelon Conspirator and Possible Shooter *****
[Offered the contract; and ticks some of the necessary boxes]

***** A NIGHTMARE WITNESS, CONSTANTLY CONTRADICTING HIMSELF *****

We have therefore told his story in some detail in the hope that at least some of it will be true

"Skip is male, Mexican, 6'0" tall, 40-45 years, slender, and a loud mouth" [FBI papers]

Hall, Loran Eugene ["Skip"][1] [A.k.a. Lorenzo Pascillo, "Leopoldo"] 33-year-old pro-Castro mercenary turned anti-Castro mercenary squad leader turned anti-Castro fund-raiser (maybe more) [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having had a troubled upbringing ...

"After Army service in Germany from 1947-1952, Hall spent seven difficult years in Wichita, enduring a broken marriage, an arrest for bad cheques, and a new role as a police informer on local gambling activities. In 1957 he suffered a mental breakdown and spent six months in a VA hospital, and in March 1959, without warning, he left his parents' house and went directly to Cuba" (Kaiser, 2008, p34).

(b) for falling in with sharp end bad boy Frank Sturgis (at that time a pro-Castro mercenary) who put him to work in March 1959 training troops for a possible invasion of Nicaragua designed to destabilise the Somoza brothers' regime, only to be busted within days by Castro's security forces ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: As we have explained in detailed insets elsewhere [see Timeline 11th July 1958 IMPORTANT], Fidel Castro was, prior to overthrowing the Fulgencio Batista regime 1st January 1959, a popular rebel against a dictatorship so corrupt that even the United States could not work with it. Sure, Castro had the support of Cuba's communists, but neither he nor his new administration were communists. He thus had American mercenaries and CIA field operatives - Sturgis and Hall included - fighting for him, and he was cautiously feted during a state visit to Washington in April 1959. Then everything changed ...

"Castro was determined not to repeat the mistake of Guatemala. He made sure that the army and the press were under his tight control, even if it meant purging and alienating the middle class. He turned instead to the local Communist Party for support [...]. He nationalised the sugar plantations, making him a true communist in the eyes of American businessmen, and began to receive weapons from the Soviet Union. Ominously to the CIA, he also dispatched clandestine teams to stir revolt in Cuba's neighbours, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Haiti, and Nicaragua" (Thomas, 1995/2006, pp203-204).

"Hall claimed he trained a group of men on a farm known as La Lisa, located near Havana. Hall said the food for the trainees came from the Cuban Military Staff Headquarters, on the orders of Camilo Cienfuegos [Wikipedia biography]. [Hall] said he was arrested on April 8, 1959, by Cuban authorities, who alleged Hall was suspected of being an FBI agent" (FBI file dated 14th August 1964 released in 2017 [full text online]).

(c) for serving several months in a Cuban prison, reportedly coming to the attention of a VIP fellow prisoner, Mafia don Santos Trafficante, before being repatriated stateside in mid-summer 1959, (d) for then becoming an on-demand CIA asset with La Sambra [Spanish = "the Shadow"], his own commando unit, under the umbrella of Gerry Hemming's INTERPEN ...

ASIDE: Around this time Hall probably also went occasionally with Thomas Eli Davis, III on gun-running missions organised by Lester L. Logue (funds) and Jack Ruby (logistics).

(e) for increasingly turning his hand in late 1962 from field operations to doing fundraising lecture appearances for the John Birch Society, thus ...

"A capable and engaging public speaker, Hall became a favourite of the John Birch Society and other like-minded hard-right organisations, appearing at fund-raising dinners and delivering inflammatory speeches with titles like 'Cuba Betrayed' and 'Revolution Betrayed'. [...] By late 1962 (and continuing throughout most of
1963, Hall spent an increasing amount of time traversing the country [...] soliciting [...] wealthy donors sympathetic to the anti-Castro cause" (Gayle Nix Jackson, 2016, K327).

(f) for shuttling back-and-forth across America during 1963, taking in the Florida Keys, Miami, New Orleans, Dallas, and Los Angeles, raising funds one day and red-ball ing military logistics the next...

**ASIDE:** In his (2008) book "The Road to Dallas" [Amazon] forensic historian David Kaiser brings the various threads together as follows...

"In late 1962 Gerry Hemming was back in his home town of Los Angeles when he was contacted by Trafficante's former cellmate, Loran Hall. After meeting John Rousselot, a southern Californian congressman with ties to the John Birch Society, Hall and Hemming decided to return to Florida via Dallas and New Orleans, where Hemming had met with Cuban leaders the previous year. [...] When they reached Dallas [high-rolling right-wing activist Robert] Morris put them in touch with Lester Logue, a petroleum geologist who was also interested in conservative causes and became something of a financial angel for Hall and Hemming during the rest of 1963. Behind Logue, apparently, was H. L. Hunt [...]. Logue arranged for Hall and Hemming to meet with General Edwin Walker [...] but Walker provided no direct support. Logue gave Hemming and Hall hundreds of dollars on several occasions during 1963 [...]. Hall and Hemming proceeded to [...] Miami [... from where] he participated in several raids on shipping around Cuba in February and March 1963, and was wounded in the leg. [...] Hall returned to Dallas to recuperate and talked to Logue again [... who] gave Hall enough money to drive back to Florida. When he got there, Hemming introduced him to [John] Martino, who asked Hall if he might be interested in something bigger than a raid, backed by 'people' from Chicago and Miami. Martino outlined a plan to place demolition charges that could be detonated from remote locations at sites frequented by Castro, and a few days later, in April, he invited Hall, without Hemming, to a meeting at a Miami Beach hotel. There Hall found Trafficante [...] [Sam] Giancana, and [Johnny] Roselli. They promised Martino the $20,000-30,000 he said he would need, and according to Hall, Giancana gave Bayo $15,000 as a down-payment for equipment. Martino told Hemming that the assassination of Castro was the real objective of the raid" (Kaiser, 2008, pp161-163).

**CAMEO - PAWNING HEMMING'S 30.06:** In "late January" 1963 one of Hall's fund-raising trips took him and Hemming to Los Angeles. While there, Hemming had to pawn his Johnson M1941 and Bushnell Hunting Scope, the sniper's combo which some researchers suspect was used in the JFK shooting, and recovered at the scene. For the full story see Timeline 1st April 1961 and follow the forward pointers provided. In her (2016) book "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon] ISBN:9781302079 forensic historian Gayle Nix Jackson notes that the overlay in Dallas was in order to have the weapons properly serviced by "a gunsmith", during which time the caches were hidden away in Lester Logue's garage.

(g) for being involved with William "Rip" Robertson during the planning stages of Operation Tilt in the weeks leading up to its 8th June 1963 fail, (h) for flying to Los Angeles 4th September 1963, and then on 18th September 1963 for redeeming Hemming's sniper rifle (apparently without Hemming's knowledge or permission), (i) for driving back to Dallas in company with Lawrence Howard and Celio Sergio Castro [rapsheet], and delivering a trailer load of supplies to a safe house in Dallas [Lester Logue's garage again?? - Ed.], (j) for then allegedly (but strongly denied) being one of the three men who called at the Dallas home of Silvia Odio on Thursday 26th September 1963 (the others being Howard and "Leon"/William Seymour OR Oswald) ... 

**RESEARCH ISSUE - ODIO, YES OR NO:** There are TWO issues here, the first regarding the identities of the men who visited Ms. Odio, and the second regarding the date. Regarding the first issue, see OUR VERDICT below and Ms. Odio's entry. Regarding the second issue, we are here following Gayle Nix Jackson (2016) who notes that on the evening in question Ms. Odio was in a hurry to get out to a gala event in nearby Fort Worth, which event has been dated as a matter of record to 26th September.

(k) for bussing on to Miami 4th October 1963 (Hemming, 1994), arriving back in Dallas 12th October 1963, and for getting a night in jail 16th-17th October for possessing illegal barbiturates, (l) later on 17th October 1963 for picking up their consignment of arms and then calling in for a meeting with the aforementioned Lester L. Logue and five fellow businessmen (dealt with in the National Enquirer cameo further down this entry), (m) for being involved 30th October 1963 in the Jewfish Creek Incident [for the details see Timeline that date], (n) for returning to California "to work for a hospital supply group", (o) for coming under suspicion of being in Dallas 22nd November 1963, but given an alibi
by his wife as being at home in California, (p) for being tracked down and interviewed by the FBI 16th September 1964 ...

**RESEARCH ISSUE**: This was the interview in which Hall named his companions on the Silvia Odio visit as Lawrence Howard and William Seymour, assertions he will withdraw four days later, and again when interviewed in 1968 by the Garrison Investigation (see below) and in 1977 by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) (see below).

(q) for being subpoenaed December 1967 as a material witness to Garrison's case against Edgar Eugene Bradley, being mentioned by name in both the 16th February 1968 Turner Memorandum and the 19th March 1968 Boxley Memorandum ...

**CAMEO - HALL IN THE TURNER MEMORANDUM**: Here is what (possibly vexatious) Carol Aydelotte had to say about Hall in her Turner Memorandum evidence against Edgar Eugene Bradley ...

"[Mrs Aydelotte] said that Bradley was very close to an anti-Castro fighter by the name of Lorenzo Pascillo. I asked her if she knew any Anglo name for this man. She was not certain, but did finally come up with the phonetic resemblance to Loren [sic] Hall. At this time she was shown an assortment of photographs at which time she selected a recent picture of Loren Eugene Hall as being identical with the man she knew as Pascillo. She said that Hall is also very close to a man by the name of Roger Burr of North Hollywood. She said that she herself contributed prior to the assassination to Hall's campaign for funds in order to mount an invasion of Cuba by his own group from the Florida Keys. When he returned to the Los Angeles area following the assassination, she confronted him with where the funds contributed had gone. Hall explained that the CIA had confiscated all the supplies that he had bought with the funds. He further commented that he was in Texas at the time of the assassination" (Turner Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p2).

**CAMEO - HALL IN THE BOXLEY MEMORANDUM**: And here is what the (possibly vexatious) Dennis Mower added in his Boxley Memorandum evidence (we have not revisited material already covered in the Turner Memorandum) ...

"... [Dennis Mower] named a man, first name unknown, Banton, III, who he said is in the investment business as being Loran Hall's contact to South American arms company for delivery of weapons to Guatemala" (Boxley Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p3).

(r) for giving a detailed deposition to Jim Garrison 6th-8th May 1968 (Mellen, 2005, pp279-281), (s) for being featured with Garrison's blessing (now that his name was out anyway) in a National Enquirer write up 1st September 1968 [full text online] - FASCINATING STUFF] ...

**CAMEO - HALL (PER HIS NATIONAL ENQUIRER PIECE)**: Here are the first few column inches of what Hall had to say ...

'I turned down a $50,000 offer to kill President John F. Kennedy only five weeks before he was shot dead in Dallas, Texas. It came from right wing radicals who also had Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King in their kill list - a list which members of the Central Intelligence Agency helped form. [...] And these people were deadly serious. They were lunatic, fanatical right wingers - Klansmen and Fascists [...]. I have told [Jim] Garrison that there was a plot to kill President Kennedy. But I believe that the biggest plot of them all was the plot the U.S. Government set to cover up the assassination. The Government knows Lee Harvey Oswald was not the lone assassin. He was the patsy, the guy who gave his life so that members of a sniper team could escape. I doubt if he even fired a shot. [...] The offer of $50,000 to kill John Kennedy was made in Dallas, Texas, on October 17, 1963. I was in Dallas for two reasons. I had a meeting with right-wingers to discuss funds for La Sambra guerrilla raids. I also had to pick up a trailer load of guns, ammunition, and medical supplies for La Sambra. [...] The man who owner the office was a conservative, not a radical, and we were discussing how to raise money for the Cuban raids. One of the men, a fascist, stood up and said: 'Hell, I'd rather donate to a $50,000 pot to kill Kennedy' [this could easily have been General Edwin Walker - Ed.]. Then he turned to me and said: 'You kill Kennedy, and the $50,000 is yours'. I ended that conversation quick. I told him to forget it. I wasn't interested. I said I might break the Neutrality Act by attacking Castro, but I wasn't a traitor"

(t) for being named in 1975 by (possibly vexatious) FBI informer Harry Dean [see own entry] as one of two hitmen (the other being Eladio del Valle) hired by John Rousselot and General Edwin Walker to kill JFK ...
"[In] 1975, a man named Harry Dean, who claimed to have been a former undercover agent for the FBI and CIA, reported that in 1963 he had covertly infiltrated the John Birch Society, where he learned that Rousselot, in partnership with fellow arch-conservative Army General Edwin Walker, had hired two assassins, Loran Hall and Eladio del Valle, to kill President Kennedy in Dallas" (Albarelli, 2013, K5754).

(u) for testifying 5th October 1977 to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), confirming the Logue story but denying any visit to Silvia Odio, and (v) for being arrested (along with his three children) for operating an illegal drugs farm 1987-1989, claiming, in their defence, that they were part of a CIA operation not unlike the slightly earlier Iran-Contra Affair.

**OUR VERDICT:** The Odio denial is the pivotal moment in this tale, because EITHER Hall made the visit, admitted it (to the FBI) in 1964, and was then told by persons unknown to un-admit it four days later, OR he did not make the visit and was told by persons unknown to confess to it regardless. Our present judgement is that it was the OR not the EITHER. **There is therefore still much to learn from discovering who was giving Loran Eugene Hall his instructions.** In the end, however, as the aforementioned Gayle Nix Jackson points out (p336), the evidence against him has only ever been circumstantial. **FURTHER READING:** Kaiser (link above) devotes the whole of Chapter 11 to the Odio meeting, and makes many mentions of Hall. We also strongly recommend Gayle Nix Jackson's chapter on "The Gunrunners" as fact-filled and nicely up-to-date.

**Hall, Patricia Puckett:** See the entry in her maiden name, Patricia Puckett.

**Hall, Richard D.:** Working to the dictum that you should believe none of what you are told and only half what you see for yourself, investigative journalist Richard Hall [no convenient biography] maintains the well-respected Rich Planet social media site, which see.

**Halliburton:** The Halliburton story began in 1919 when rig engineer Erle P. Halliburton [Wikipedia biography] set up in business in 1919 as the New Method Oil Well Cementing Company. His company has now grown into the modern industrial conglomerate Halliburton [Wikipedia briefing]. Since a 1998 merger the conglomerate also includes Dresser Industries [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT], noteworthy in the present context for its 1996 patented thermite demolition system [Google Patents (US5532449)].

**Halpern, Sam:** Careerist CIA officer Sam Halpern [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked to Richard Bissell, William Harvey, and Desmond Fitzgerald in the agency's 1961-1963 operations against Fidel Castro [it was he, indeed, who chose the name Operation Mongoose - Ed.], and (b) for subsequently being interviewed by the 1975 House Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (The Church Committee). His Church Committee testimony was a model of honesty-with-discretion, and his version of events would be incorporated into many later histories. It was, for example, Halpern who popularised the (possibly over-stated) notion that much of the momentum for the anti-Castro operations of the early 1960s actually came from RFK rather than JFK.

**Hamas:** This was/is the Palestinian nationalist political party [Wikipedia briefing] founded in 1987 as an offshoot of the CIA-promoted Egyptian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood [q.v.], but then quickly becoming independent of mind and finance and subsequently frequently involved in anti-Israel direct action.

**Hamilton, Alexander:** Career politician Alexander Hamilton [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the United States' first Secretary of the Treasury. Appointed in 1789 he took advice from William Bingham [see own entry] concerning how best to approach the nation's "financing and debts" (Tearle, 2017). On 25th February 1791 he founded First Bank of the United States, and introduced a bimetallic coinage standard, that is to say silver and gold in the ratio 15:1
Hamilton, Nancy Perrin: Sometime heroin addict and prostitute, recently widowed, and soon-to-be-remarried [11th April 1964] manager-hostess at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club. Nancy Perrin Hamilton [no convenient biography, but for lots of background value, click here] was the widow of murdered gun-runner Robert Perrin [no convenient biography, but for lots of background value, click here]. Her testimony painted a dismal picture of DPD, claiming that fully half the force (as well as Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade) took "favourites" at the Carousel Club in the form of liquor, gambling, and girls [to see Wade's denial of any link with Ruby, click here]. Hamilton's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (under the name Nancy Perrin Rich) [read it now]; Interview to camera, by Mark Lane [YouTube it now].

Hampton, Fredrick Allen: American civil rights activist Fred Hampton [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the Chicago Black Panther Party (BPP) [Wikipedia briefing] member who was state assassinated by an FBI SWAT team during the night 3rd/4th December 1969 [see Timeline that date] for the crime of being asleep during a raid, and (b) for the posthumous honour of having, by his death, exposed the true nature of the FBI's COINTELPRO programme ...

ASIDE - COINTELPRO: Readers unfamiliar with the FBI's 1956 COINTELPRO initiative for proactively detecting left-wing sympathisers by creating seemingly left-wing entrapment organisations should check out the entry for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) before proceeding. The FBI used the programme to turn the pro-Castro FPCC into an anti-Castro operation, simply by collecting the names of its members. And in New Orleans, of course, it famously involved none other than Lee Harvey Oswald, who, as Turner (2001, pp174-175) puts it, was "conducting a dangle operation to identify Castro sympathisers". YouTube Oswald doing COINTELPRO leafleting here.

FURTHER READING: The Fred Hampton story is widely retold online, but if you need a quotable source see Jeffrey Haas' (2019) "The Assassination of Fred Hampton" [Amazon REVELATORY].

***** MINOR CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

Hanbury-Williams, Brigadier-General Sir John: Career British Army officer General Sir John Hanbury-Williams [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], and (b) for being mentioned in Chapter 8 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French move against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. General Hanbury-Williams, they note, used his position as military attaché to the Russian High Command at St. Petersburg to pass the necessary despatches to and fro. As such he was also deeply involved in arranging Kitchener's fatal trip to Russia [see 5th June 1916].

Hancock, Larry: Assassination researcher Larry Hancock (Spartacus Educational biography) was author of the 2006 book "Someone Would Have Talked".

"Al, I've never heard such crap!!" (Dulles)

Haney, Albert Richard: [Sometimes, irreverently, Zaney Haney] American careerist special forces operative Al Haney [Arlington National Cemetery tribute] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW2 service as an intelligence officer, as explains ...

"Haney [...] had begun an illustrious military intelligence career in 1941, after attending Northwestern University and Boston College. During World War II then Lieutenant Haney was stationed in Panama, where he headed a fifteen-member team of Counter-Intelligence Corps (CIC) [Wikipedia briefing] special agents charged with counterespionage and sabotage to protect the Panama Canal. Here [he] came into frequent contact with OSS and FBI agents who also operated throughout Central and South America" (Albarelli, 2009, op. cit. inf., p130).

... (b) for duties unknown 1945-1949 ¹, but sufficient to see him (c) promoted CIA chief of station in Seoul in around 1950, directing special ops into North Korea (and no doubt² also beyond the Yalu),
and in November 1952 for doing a personnel favour for then-DDCI Allen Dulles upon the serious wounding of his son, Allen, Jr., as follows ...

"In the spring and summer of 1952, Wisner's officers dropped more than 1400 Korean agents into the North. They sent back a flood of detailed radio reports on North Korean and Chinese Communist military movements. They were heralded by the CIA station chief in Seoul, Albert R. Haney, a garrulous and ambitious army colonel who boasted openly that he had thousands of men working for him on guerrilla operations and intelligence missions. Haney said he personally had overseen the recruitment and training of hundreds of Koreans. Some of his fellow Americans thought Haney was a dangerous fool [...] suspecting] the station chief had a payroll filled with people who were 'controlled by the other side'. So did John Limond Hart [The Washington Post obituary], who replaced Haney as the Seoul chief of station in September 1952. [+++ background details +++] Haney had presided over two hundred CIA officers in Seoul, not one of whom spoke Korean [...] and after three months of digging, Hart determined that nearly every Korean agent he had inherited had either invented his reports or worked in secret for the Communists" (Weiner, op. cit. inf., p62-63)

... (d) for being transferred to Frank Wisner's [see own entry] Western Hemisphere (WH) Division's operations in late 1953, playing a major part in 1954's Operation PBSUCCESS against President Árbenz of Guatemala [see 18th June 1954], as project director of the CIA's field force during that coup, thus (three sources, so with some overlap) ...

"To command the operation on the ground Wisner and Dulles selected Al Haney, a former Army colonel who had run CIA guerrilla operations into Korea. Haney was regarded as resourceful and aggressive, perhaps overly so. Haney immediately bumped up against E. Howard Hunt [see own entry]. 'They deserved each other,' said Enno Hobbing [see own entry], Haney's number two. 'They were both braggarts with two left feet.' [...] Haney's field headquarters was on an abandoned Marine air base in Opa Locka, Florida, in a suite of offices over a nursery.' ...

CAMEO - THE OPA LOCKA HEADQUARTERS: See the Wikipedia briefing here. See the corresponding satellite map here [pretty well centred, we think - Ed.].

... "Wary of Haney almost as soon as he hired him, Wisner did not want his field commander going 'in country' [and] blundering about Guatemala. The Berlin station chief, Henry Hecksher [see own entry INTERESTING IN HIS OWN RIGHT], was brought back and sent to Guatemala City [instead]" (Thomas, op. cit. inf., p115).

"[After Árbenz's removal, Haney prepared a dramatic account of the coup for President Eisenhower. ('Al,' said Dulles after hearing Henry rehearse it, I've never heard such crap.')" (Ibid., p124).

"He was young, bold, and enthusiastic about the possibilities of covert action. He set himself up in charge of what was by CIA standards a rather large headquarters. Located outside of Miami, on the Opa Locka air base, it was the site from which the operational direction and control of PBSUCCESS was exercised and from which Haney also managed personnel throughout Latin America. When the thirty people in the Miami headquarters were combined with the forty or more Americans in the field, the result was a sizeable operation by agency standards" (Richard M. Bissell, Jr. [see own entry], quoted in Cullather, op. cit. inf., p741).

"New York Times reporter Tim Weiner writes that Al Haney [was] 'one of the loosest cannons in the CIA's arsenal'. [...] Colleagues] report that Al Haney was less than fond of David Morales [see own entry], that the two men frequently clashed on proposed plans" (Albarelle, 2013, op. cit. inf., k4000).

... (e) for being redeployed to promote President Eisenhower's ultra-secret Overseas Internal Security Program (OISP) [Wikipedia briefing] ...

RESEARCH ISSUE - HANEY AND THE U.S. ASSASSINS' SCHOOL: Eisenhower approved the OIS "counter-subversion" program after the December 1954 - June 1955 NSC 1290-D Initiative on "Constabulary Forces" (Eisenhower Presidential Library). The program will later be scaled back by Congress in 1974 following adverse publicity, but it remains for future research to determine the extent to which it has since - even to the present day [= October 2021] - been reinstated. For more concerning the OISP see Doyle (2007 [full text online]).

... (f) for retiring the agency in 1972, and (g) for being interviewed by Albarelle in 1997. He died in 1998, aged 83. FURTHER READING: For more on the Korean operations see Tim Weiner's (2007) "Legacy of Ashes" [Amazon]. For more of the contextualising detail see Nick Cullather's (1999/2006) "Secret History: The CIA's Classified Account of its Operations in Guatemala,
Hanfstaengel, Ernst: See the entry for James G. McDonald.

***** DEEP STATE ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

Hankey, [Sir]1916 Maurice Pascal Alers [1st Baron Hankey]1939: British artilleryman turned civil servant Lieutenant-Colonel [Sir]1916 Maurice Hankey [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having served as a coastal defence analyst to the Admiralty's Naval Intelligence Department between 1902 and 1906, (b) for therefore being well qualified to take the Royal Navy's seat on the Committee of Imperial Defence (CID) [see own entry] between 1908 and 1912, (c) for becoming Secretary of same in 1912, a position he would retain until that committee's disbanding in 1938, (d) for editing a 1913 report on the most appropriate blockading of contraband should hostilities break out ...

ASIDE: The nature of contraband had been under discussion since 1911 by a CID sub-committee, and had been failure to embargo shipments of cotton which allowed massive tonnages of that material to reach Germany via neutral Holland and Scandinavia, there to be turned into munitions (not least guncotton and its derivative cordite). For more on this debate, compare the entries for Sir Cecil Hurst and Montagu Consett, following onward links to taste. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

(e) for thereby being well qualified to serve as secretary to Asquith's War Council in 1914-1915, then to Lloyd George's War Cabinet in 1916, then to the Imperial War Cabinet from 1917, (f) for being one of the first - in late 1914 - to recognise the potential of tracked armoured fighting vehicles on the battlefield, (g) for liaising in early 1915 with Mark Sykes [see own entry] during that officer's work on the De Bunsen Committee [see own entry] ...

ASIDE: By early 1917 Hankey had three assistant secretaries, namely Mark Sykes and the Milner men Leo Amery [see own entry] and William Ormsby-Gore [see own entry].

(h) for thereby being supremely well qualified to serve as secretary to the British delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry] (a role he would reprise at many further conferences through to 1937) ...

ASIDE: He was, it seems, warned off from accepting the post of Secretary General of the League of Nations [see own entry] by his Establishment controller Lord Esher [see own entry].

and (i) for heading the 1936 government working party looking into civil defence options in the event of a biological attack, for more on which see the entry for Porton Down. Hankey receives a lot of mention in Chapters 8 and 26 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In the first of these two chapters the authors are questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French move against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. It was Hankey, they note, who on 26th December 1914 drafted what is now known as the "Boxing Day Memo", a proposal by the War Council for intervention in and around the Dardanelles. The issue was duly raised with the Russian Chief of Staff in St. Petersburg on 30th December 1914, and the operation began two days later. In the later chapter the authors are making the case that the ousting of Asquith's Liberal Party administration in September 1916 was more a Secret Elite coup than a simple party political victory for Bonar Law's Conservative Party opposition. Hankey, they note - "the most skillful bureaucrat of his time" (Fromkin, 1989, p131) - was the Milner Group's spider in the Westminster web [our metaphor not theirs - Ed.], and following the Asquith Resignation [see own entry] on 5th
December 1916 was one of the first to sit down with Lloyd George to celebrate a much pre-meditated victory. His knighthood came through shortly afterward.


Hardie, Kier: Scottish-British trade union leader, turned left-wing politician Kier Hardie [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having grown up in Govan, the ship-building suburb of Glasgow, and for getting his first job (as messenger boy) aged only seven years, (b) for having become a trade union organiser for the local mining industry in 1879, (c) for unsuccessfully fighting the April 1888 General Election under an Independent Labour Party banner, (d) for becoming Secretary of the Scottish Labour Party in August that same year, (e) for successfully fighting the 1892 General Election, again under the Independent Labour Party banner, and for serving as member for West Ham South [London's Govan - Ed.] until 1895 (when he lost his seat for attacking the Monarchy), (f) for having helped form the Labour Representation Committee in 1900, (g) for having helped reconstitute said Committee as the modern Labour Party in 1906, (h) for leading the 29 left wing parliamentary seats gained in that year's General Election, and (i) for having strongly supported the anti-war movement in Britain until his death in 1915.

******** HISTORICAL MARKER - FIRST JEWISH EDITOR OF THE TIMES *******

Harding College: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE] Founded in 1924 by the merging of two earlier establishments, Harding College [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being named after Restorationist preacher James Alexander Harding [Wikipedia biography] (who had died only two years previously) ...

**QUICKIE - RESTORATIONISM, WHAT IT IS AND WHY IT APPEALS SO:** "Restorationism" is where Rightist secular politics meets fundamentalist religion. It is where entire avenues of human progress are systematically selected for denial, and pig ignorance substituted. The Wiki on the subject - read it here - is long, highly erudite, and way beyond the scope of the present work to explore in detail. Suffice it to note that Restorationism is not a single, discrete philosophical belief system, but rather a perverted state of mind which surfaces now and then to beguile the untutored, and whose precise theological focus changes over time. Thus it is perfectly possible for someone to be a Restorationist for X, whilst their grandparents might have been Restorationist for Y or Z. What the various historical periods of Restorationism have in common, however, is that to be a Restorationist for anything you have firstly - wholly by definition - to be not just a conservative but also a reactionary, as the following dictionary definitions demonstrate ...

Conservativism: A "disposition in politics to preserve what is established" (Merriam-Webster).

Reactionary: "A person who holds political views that favour a return to the status quo ante" (Wikipedia), that is to say, to how things used to be, because things were so much better then. Not merely shunning change, note, but regressing to an earlier point in time.

Restorationism: Restorationism is "the search for a purer and more ancient form of the religion" (Wikipedia). Restorationists are thus unashamedly backward-looking in their religious beliefs, even to the worshipping of graven images, the drowning of witches, and the lordy-lauding of sandals and gourds [allusion explained]. It is the reptilian brain [Wikipedia briefing] promoted beyond its ability to cope ...

**STANDING RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing] and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.
We first mentioned Restorationism in the companion *Timeline* back in the time of the Pilgrim Fathers [see 8th January 1621 and follow the threading provided *WORLD HISTORIC*]. The particular restoration then in question was that of the Jewish Diaspora [Wikipedia briefing] to the Holy Land. Puritans, in other words, were theologically Restorationists from the get go. The Wiki then adds six subsequent waves of subtly different Restorationism over the past two hundred-plus years, the first and the third being as follows ... 

The Stone–Campbell Restoration Movement [Wikipedia briefing] - a form of "Christian primitivism" dating from the 1840s onward in North America and Britain.

Christian Restorationism [Wikipedia briefing] - a 19th-century movement promoting the restoration of Jews to the Holy land, which later became known as Christian Zionism. (This is thus doubly Restorationist, because it is the 19th century harking back to the 17th, when the 17th was itself harking back a couple of millennia to the good old days in the Promised Land.)

James Harding was a Restorationist in the Stone-Campbell tradition, and Harding College was [and presumably the modern Harding University still is - Ed.] one of many such institutions across the United States promoting Anglo-Saxon Puritanism 300 years after the event (like cheering for Phlogiston in a chemistry lecture).

... (b) for graduating one James D. Bales [see own entry *IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE* in 1936, (c) that same year for supporting the work of its ever-crusading president George S. Benson [see own entry *IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE* in setting up the National Education Program (NEP) [see own entry *POSITIVELY REVELATORY*], and (d) for thereafter hosting the annual convention of the campaigning Harding College Freedom Forum [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser]. FURTHER READING: A full set of supporting readings is provided in the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching. Advanced students are recommended to the James D. Bales Project Archive at the University of Arkansas.

**Harding College Freedom Forum:** See the entry for Harding College.

**Harding, James Alexander:** See the entry for Harding College.

**Harding, James Paul:** High-flying print and televisual news editor James Harding [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being editor of The Financial Times and The Times 2003-2012, giving evidence on behalf of the latter to the Leveson Inquiry in February 2012, (b) for being director of BBC News 2013-2018 ... 

**ASIDE:** As such, Harding was one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.].

(c) for then going freelance as co-founder of Tortoise Media [Website], "the news equivalent of dipping your head in a cool, glacier-fresh stream on a scorching-hot day" (Website, 20th November 2019), and (g) for being mentioned in BBC whistleblower John Sweeney's [see own entry] 4th November 2019 letter [see *Timeline* that date].

**Hardinge, [Sir]1904 Arthur Henry:** See the entry for Hardinge Family.

**Hardinge, Charles [1st Baron Hardinge of Penshurst]1910:** British aristocrat and diplomat Charles Hardinge [Lord Hardinge]1910 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been "the close personal friend and most important advisor on foreign policy of King Edward VII" (Quigley, 1949, p25), (b) for thereby having been very influential in the King's 1903 charm offensive into France [see 1st May 1904], the result of which was the 1904 Anglo-French Entente Cordiale [see 8th April 1904], and (c) for having served as Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office between 1903 and 1920. Macgregor and Docherty (2017) describe him as a "proven Establishment man closely associated with the Secret Elite" (p86). See also Hardinge Family, next.

**Hardinge Family:** The Hardinges with whom we are here concerned are both grandsons of empire builder Henry Hardinge, 1st Viscount Hardinge (1785-1856) [Wikipedia biography], floruit 1828-1856,
namely [Sir]1904 Arthur Henry Hardinge (1859-1933) [Wikipedia biography] and (his cousin) Charles Hardinge [1st Baron Hardinge of Penshurst]1910 (1858-1944) [Wikipedia biography]. Here is a quick introduction ... 


Quigley makes much of these family connections, seeing the Hardinges as an integral part of what he calls the "Cecil Bloc" in British imperial expansion in the early 20th Century. He specifies job titles and dates a few pages later ...

"Arthur Henry Hardinge (Sir Arthur after 1904) and his cousin, Charles Hardinge (Baron Hardinge of Penshurst after 1910), were both aided in their careers by Lord Salisbury. The former […] rose to be Minister in Persia, Belgium, and Portugal (1900-1913) and Ambassador to Spain (1913-1919). The latter worked up in the diplomatic service to be First Secretary at the Embassy in St. Petersburg (1898-1903), then was Assistant Under Secretary and Permanent Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs (1903-1904, 1906-1910, 1916-1920), Ambassador at St. Petersburg (1904-1906), Viceroy of India (1910-1916), and Ambassador at Paris (1920-1922). Charles Hardinge, although almost unknown to many people, is one of the most significant figures in the formation of British foreign policy in the twentieth century. […] He was probably the most important single person in the formation of the Entente Cordiale in 1904 [see Timeline 1st May 1903 and 8th April 1904] and was very influential in the formation of the understanding with Russia in 1907 [see Timeline 31st August 1907]" (pp24-25).

Sir Arthur comes out of retirement to serve as Britain's Union-Buster-in-Chief at the time of the 1926 General Strike [see Timeline 25th September 1925].

Harel, Isser: "Father of Israeli Intelligence" Isser Harel [Wikipedia biography] was the second Director of the Mossad [q.v.] between 1952 and 1963, best known for the capture and extraction from foreign soil of fugitive Nazi Adolf Eichmann in 1960.

Hargis, Billy James: Evangelist and conservative political activist Billy Hargis [Wikipedia biography] founded the Christian Crusade religious cult in 1950, designed to appeal to the Religious Right [q.v.]. In 1959 his writings came to the attention of General Edwin Walker [q.v.], who helped spread them amongst the troops under his command.

Hargis, Robert: DPD motorcycle outrider Bobby Hargis [Dallas Morning News obituary, 2014] was riding inside-left of the four DPD motorcycles attached to limo #1, and had to ride through the spray of presidential blood and brain tissue after the Z313 head shot. Despite the fact that his orders were to stay with the limo, he then parked his motorcycle, drew his pistol, and ran up onto the railway overpass. Finding nothing but confusion he returned to his motorcycle and passed under the overpass to check out the situation beyond. Drawing a blank a second time he finally returned to the TSBD, where he took station at the southwest corner of the building to prevent unauthorised egress. [For Officer Hargis' testimony to the Warren Commission, click here: said deposition does not indicate how long it was before he was able to take station outside the TSBD.]

Hargraves, Roy: Roy Hargraves [Spartacus Educational biography] was an experienced CIA INTERPEN mercenary who would be placed in Dealey Plaza at the time of the assassination - YouTube him in Dealey Plaza now.

Harkins, Paul Donal: WW2, Korean War, and Vietnam veteran (U.S. Army) General1952 Paul Harkins [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for assuming command of the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) [Wikipedia briefing] 8th February 1962, thereby becoming the means by which CINCPAC (Admiral Harry D. Felt) could effectively command the 16,000 U.S. advisors in South Vietnam from his Headquarters in Hawaii, (b) for later complaining that only 10%
of those 16,000 were usefully available to him personally because the Army was simply paddock sweeping for the CIA teams up country...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** As was pointed out in the entry for the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, some 90% of the 16,000 U. S. advisors were acting in a support, logistics, and janitory role to the CIA's undeclared war, which was administered separately from Colonel Lucien Conein’s Saigon Military Mission (SMM), not from MACV Headquarters.

(c) on 24th January 1964 for setting up a branch within his MACV command called the Studies and Observations Group (MACV-SOG) [Wikipedia briefing], whose job it was to plan each month's operations, and (d) for stating after the war that he had never actually been told what the American military objective had been in all this (Prouty, 1992)!

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**Harkness, David V.:** 42-year-old DPD Sergeant David Harkness [no convenient biography] was at Main and Houston supervising the constables on crowd control in the area at the time of the shooting. Jumping on his three-wheeled command-post motorcycle he went down Main toward the Triple Overpass (following the direction of the crowds), and then veered back to Old Elm Street in front of the TSBD. Here he was told by Amos Euins that shooting had come from inside the building. He took Euins' name and address and at 1256hr rang in the report to Control. He then proceeded to seal off the building, himself and two others ("then", but not before seeing Euins into a police car) to the back of the building, and arriving squads under Inspector J. Herbert Sawyer at the front.

**ASIDE:** At this point in Harkness' Warren Commission testimony David Belin very conveniently obfuscates for several questions, until the witness leads him back to the issue of the back of the building.

At the rear of the building Harkness, like Joe Smith and Roger Craig before him, failed to detain "some Secret Service agents there". Sawyer next sent him to check out "a long freight [train]" presently blocking the back of the carpark, and here "we pulled some people off of there and took them to the station".

**ASIDE:** These "people" include the famous Three Tramps. In fact TWO long freights were shaken down in this period, by "several officers working in that area". Freight controller Lee Bowers performed an oft-overlooked service by keeping the two trains in place pending the search. By "the station" we understand DPDHQ, not the County Sheriff's Office, indicating that the Three Tramps were suspects and not witnesses, this being how things were organised at the time. Since the Three Tramps were guilty, and since they were quickly released without being followed up, we must suspect A MAJOR conspiratorial involvement at DPDHQ in the hour or so following their arrival there.

Sergeant Harkness' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Harrelson, Charles:** Texas born armed robber Charles Harrelson [Wikipedia biography] came to the attention of assassination researchers in September 1980 when he claimed during a struggle to arrest him on an unrelated charge to have been involved in the events of 1963. He quickly withdrew the assertion, but he had put himself in the research spotlight. He next appeared in Jim Marr's 1989 book "Crossfire", where he was tentatively identified as one of the (second set of) Three Tramps - follow the Three Tramps Thread for the images. Harrelson was interviewed by investigative journalists and researchers several times before his death in 2007, but consistently denied his involvement. The best anyone ever got was the grudging admission that "it sure looks like me". In Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination Harrelson was, with John Ernst and Clyde Foust, part of a three-man shooting team paid for by H. L. Hunt and assigned to the western end of the John Neely Bryan Pergola.

**Harri, Guto:** [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism".] British broadcaster turned public relations advisor to the mighty Guto Harri [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context
Harriman Family (Railways) at a Glance: The Harriman railways dynasty began in 1880 when patriarch Edward Henry Harriman [Wikipedia biography] bought out the bankrupt Lake Ontario Southern Railroad, reorganised it, and sold it on at a profit. Similar deals followed and by the time of his death in 1909 he had acquired control of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railways, and the Wells Fargo Express Company. His sons William Averell Harriman [see own entry] and Edward Roland Harriman [Wikipedia biography] continued the family tradition, jointly founding the investment bank Harriman Brothers and Company [see next] in 1927. This merged in 1931 with Brown Brothers and Company [see next] to form Brown Brothers, Harriman [Wikipedia briefing], thereby freeing Averell Harriman for a career as diplomat-politician. FURTHER READING: Brown Brothers, Harriman features quite significantly in the inset for <PRESCOTT BUSH AND THE NAZIS> in the entry for Dresser Industries.

Harriman, William Averell: Politician-diplomat and one of the heirs to the Harriman Family fortune [see own entry] Averell Harriman [Wikipedia biography] was U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union between 1943 and early 1946, and then to the U.K. through 1946. He went on to be Special Assistant to President Harry Truman (hence his presence in October 1950 at the Wake Island Conference [q.v.]), and was later Assistant Secretary of State in the Kennedy administration. Anthony Summers and Stephen Dorril assert in their (1987/2013e) book "The Secret Worlds of Stephen Ward" (a) that Harriman had definitely been a medical client of up-and-coming society osteopath Stephen Ward [q.v.] during his 1946 spell in London, and (b) that on JFK's London visit in June 1963 he possibly arranged for Ward to try his luck with the President's famously bad back.

Harris, Larry Ray: One time Oak Cliff mailman turned researcher at the JFKAIC.

Harris, Sheldon Howard: American investigative historian Sheldon H. Harris [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the researcher-author of "Factories of Death: Japanese Biological Warfare, 1932-1945, and the American Cover-Up" [Amazon]. For more on the issues raised in this book, see next the entry for Unit 731.

Harrison, John ["Jay"] F.: Korean War veteran DPD Detective (Criminal Intelligence Section) Jay Harrison [no convenient biography] was staking out the nearby Black Muslim Church [a meeting place for adherents to Malcolm X's Nation of Islam - Ed.] at the time of the shooting, but responded to the all-units call and was sent to guard the injured John Connally. On the morning of 24th he was at DPDHQ with fellow officer Donald Steele, and was in the vehicle basement at the time LHO was eventually murdered. Harrison then became a researcher in his own right, recording personal contacts with Patrolman J. D. Tippit, General Edwin Walker, Jack Ruby, George de Mohrenschildt, Ruth Paine, and Michael Paine. His work was featured in Glen Sample and Mark Collom's (1995) book "The Men of the Sixth Floor". During his researches Harrison reputedly accumulated a full ton of supporting papers, which were handed to fellow researcher Walt Brown after his death in 2005. Much to the concern of the research fraternity at large, this material has yet [January 2018] to be processed. Harrison's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview for book, Glen Sample, 1966.

***** Possible accessory to the Jack Ruby shooting *****

Harrison, William J. ["Blackie"]: DPD Detective (Juvenile Squad) William Harrison [no convenient biography] was on duty at the Dallas Trade Mart at the time of the assassination, and thus missed the
excitement in Dealey Plaza. However, on Sunday 24th November he was assigned to the basement lot of DPDHQ, where he helped disarm Jack Ruby following his shooting of LHO.

CONSPIRACY ALERT: In this latter respect researcher Anthony Summers (2013e) suspects that this was only after conspiring with Ruby and two other basement cops, Patrick Dean and George Butler, to get him into the basement in the first place! Harrison, Dean, and Butler were long-term frequenters of the Carousel Club.

Harrison's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

***** VERY MUCH ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS *****

Harritt, Niels: Danish chemist Niels Harrit [Wikipedia biography (Danish)] is noteworthy in the present context for his contribution to the work of the international Truther movement Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT], both in terms of meticulously peer-reviewed laboratory research and of appearances at scientific conferences and in 9/11 documentaries. The thrust of his forensic chemistry is that the 9/11 attacks left a massive 3000-death murder scene covered in hundreds of tons of totally inescapable chemical fingerprints, such as could only be produced by highly sophisticated "L3" military demolition munitions known as "shaped thermitic charges" [Wikipedia briefing].

QUICKIE - "L3" DEMOLITION TECHNOLOGY: The term "L3" is a house abbreviation of our own, not Harrit's and not in common usage. It is our shorthand for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory [Wikipedia briefing], the well-known American technological hot-house and state-of-the-art weapons contractor. We use it here only in the generic sense, that is to say, to refer to any such laboratory worldwide capable of this level of sophistication, the points being (1) that there are only a couple of dozen such facilities on the planet, and (2) that only major powers can afford to fund them. Click here to see a typical shaped thermitic charge U.S. Patent from the 1990s (there are dozens to choose from, and these are just the declassified ones). We do not, as yet, know which major power provided the charges used in 2001 in the World Trade Center.

FURTHER READING: Harrit's headline research paper is Harrit, et al. (2009 [full text online]), which see, and his final position is summarised in this 2016 YouTube conference presentation ESSENTIAL VIEWING. Note well the "red/grey chips" - they killed a lot of innocent people.

Hartmann, Thom: Assassination researcher Thom Hartmann [no convenient biography] was second author to Lamar Waldron on the 2005 book "Ultimate Sacrifice", in which it is argued that a CIA-backed coup - codenamed AMWORLD - to remove Fidel Castro from power had been due to take place on 1st December 1963, but had been turned by the intervention of rogue CIA man David Morales into an attempt on the American presidency.

Hartogs, Dr. Renatus: Psychiatrist Dr. Renatus Hartogs [no convenient biography] was Chief Psychiatrist at the Youth House in NYC in the early 1950s. In 1953 he had assessed LHO following referral there for truanting, and so was able to give background evidence to the Warren Commission in 1964. The Commission, in its turn, then used that as part of its cover story profiling of LHO as a lone nut. Hartogs' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission Testimony [read it here].

***** THESE FOLK HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI): Founded in suburban Massachusetts in June 1973 by recently headhunted Galician academic [b. 1919, Luka, Lviv Oblast, Versailles-constructed Poland] Omeljan Pritsak [Wikipedia biography], along with "other leading scholars in Ukrainian studies" (their Wiki, 2nd September 2023), the HURI's [Wikipedia briefing] corporate mission remains, now as then, "to advance knowledge of Ukraine in the United States and abroad through research, teaching, and publication, particularly in history, language, and literature" [website] ...

Readers unfamiliar with the ravages of war back and forth across Galicia over the past 300 years should see the INSET in the entry
for <Ivan Hrynokh> before proceeding.

KEY VOCABULARY - IRREDENTISM: Irredentism is "a political and popular movement in which its members claim, reclaim (usually on behalf of their nation), and seek to occupy territory which they consider 'lost' (or 'unredeemed'), based on history or legend" (Wikipedia, 18th September 2023). The standard reading on romanticised nationalistic aggression is Vamik Volkan's (2006) monograph "Killing in the Name of Identity" [Amazon ESSENTIAL READING].

RESEARCH ISSUE: Predictably enough, problems emerge whenever irredentism is allowed to replace simple national pride, for upon analysis it is nothing but a superiority complex in a species which has desperately few redeeming qualities. The superiority is always imagined; the grounds for it always fraudulent. Even more problems surface when irredentism is deliberately stirred up in a target population by a fifth column of paid agents provocateurs. The purpose of the present entry is to demonstrate that the 2022-2023 NATO-Russia War was certainly started in this way. However, it has not yet been calculated what proportion of wars, especially proxy wars, have been started with the aid of irredentist psy ops of that sort.

QUIICKIE - OMEJLAN PRITSKAK: Pritsak had a successful academic career at the University of Hamburg during the late 1940s through 1959, immersing himself in "Uralic-Altaic" studies [Moscow-hostile scholarship designed to radicalise the easily impressed against Communism]. In 1960, this earned him a lectureship in what was in effect Ukrainian Irredentism at the University of Washington. In 1973, he founded the HURI as herein described, being rewarded with a full professorship in 1975. In 1988 he founded the International Association of Ukrainists [not convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser]. He died in Boston in 2006, aged 87.

RESEARCH ISSUE: As in similar cases from that era, it would be nice to know for certain what government monies were secretly channeled into Pritsak's anti-Communist propaganda, and how they were disguised.

FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Zenon Kohut's (1988) "Russian Centralism and Ukrainian Autonomy" [Amazon] and Andrew Sorokowski's (Ed.) (1993) "The Ukrainian Research Institute: Twenty Years" [not available on Amazon; academic homepage].

"Harvey Lee": Possibly LHO or LHO Look Alike. See the entries for Richard Margeson and Lawrence Howard.

Harvey, William King: Lawyer turned FBI special agent turned early-years CIA officer and "very dangerous man" William Harvey [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for working obsessively to identify British mole Kim Philby in 1951, (b) for spending the next couple of years at the CIA's Berlin station, assisted, from 1953, by Ted Shackley, (c) for heading Richard Bissell's "Executive Action" program in the late 1950s, thereby necessarily cultivating contacts with jobbing assassins around the world ...

ASIDE: The phrase "Executive Action" means the act-of-war murder of uppity foreigners, up to and including disagreeable heads of state. Ironically, there is nothing more likely to bring the Western media to full screech than for those thus targeted even to think about returning the compliment. Amongst the assassins so cultivated was Lucien Sarti [see own entry].

(d) for being "one of only three officers privy to plans to send false defectors into the Soviet Union" in 1959 (Summers, 1980/1989, p528) ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: In this resource we take it as a Jeffersonian self-evident truth that LHO was a 1959 false defector, that is to say, an American patriot risking his life for the country he loved in ways he would never be allowed to reveal [see Timeline 16th October 1959].

(e) for therefore being a natural choice to be put in charge of Operation Mongoose's Task Force W after its authorisation 30th November 1961, quickly establishing a CIA snipers' school at Point Mary on Key LargoFL [map] (Op.cit.) and contracting with private investigator Robert Maheu [see own entry] to liaise with home-grown mobsters Johnny Roselli, Santos Trafficante, and Sam Giancana on how
best to resource the **ZR/RIFLE** schemes to assassinate **Fidel Castro** (Morrow, 1992, p146), (f) for then suggesting in his file notes as follows ...

"Among the notes for ZR/RIFLE that Harvey then scribbled to himself were: 'planning should include provisions for blaming Sovs or Czechs in case of blow. Should have phony 201 [a CIA file on any person of "active operational interest"] in RG [Central Registry] to backstop this, all documents therein forged and backdated'. In other words, in order to blame an assassination on the Communists, the patsy should be given Soviet or Czechoslovakian associations. [...] Harvey also reminded himself that the phony 201 'should look like a CE [counterespionage] file,' and that he needed to talk with 'Jim A.'” (Douglass, 2008, p144; confirmed by Hurt, 1985, p247; "Jim A.” = **James Jesus Angleton**).

(g) on 19th February 1962 for acting on orders from CIA Director **Richard Helms** to hire the professional assassin code-named **QJ/WIN** to help bring ZR/RIFLE to a satisfactory ending (Twyman, 1998), (h) for supplying a batch of poison pills to Roselli 21st April 1962 for onward transmission to an (ultimately unsuccessful) assassination squad in Cuba (Hinckle and Turner, 1981, p137), (i) for being replaced as head of program in November 1962 by **Desmond Fitzgerald** and for falling out "with a purple passion" with the chair of **General Maxwell Taylor's Special Group** *(Augmented)*, that is to say, **RFK**, (j) for being demoted in January 1963, but for continuing to work even more covertly through to March 1963 with Roselli on one final assassination-coup attempt against Castro ...

**ASIDE**: The team entered Cuba via the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay and were captured 9th March 1963 (Kaiser, 2008, p154).

(k) for then being exiled himself, so to speak, to the CIA's Rome Station, and (l) for featuring in early November 1963 in the darker of the two competing **Eugene Dinkin** [see own entry - IMPORTANT] narratives (CIA Inspector General's Report, 1967).

**Haskell, William Nafew**: American career **Legatus William Haskell** [*Wikipedia biography*] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a distinguished career 1917-1919 with the A.E.F. in France ...

Readers unfamiliar with the work of America's Relief Tsar (and hog market fixer) <Herbert Hoover> and his <American Relief Administration (ARA)> field missions in Poland, Eastern Europe, and White Russia during the <Russian Civil War> should see the Timetable entry for (and thread beginning at) <4th January 1919> before proceeding.

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED**: Hoover brought twenty years of ruthless insider dealing to relief duties in Europe. Having been personally selected for post-Armistice relief by **President Wilson**, the ARA field network now gave him "virtual control of the world's food supply" (Burner, *op. cit. inf.*, p115). The relief agency was also a cover for American intelligence operatives.

... (b) for then being appointed head of the ARA field mission into Europe in the period 1919-1923 ...

**CAMEO - HASKELL’S MILITARY RÉSUMÉ**: Haskell's ARA involvement is covered in detail in Liggett *(op. cit. inf.)* and Patenaude *(op. cit. inf.)*, but is conveniently summarised in the following clip from an Internet military résumé ...

"Major General William N. Haskell was born in Albany, New York, on August 13, 1878, and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in June, 1901. Rising steadily through the ranks, he became Colonel of the 69th Infantry Regiment of New York (now known as the 165th) in 1916. As commander of this regiment, he served on the Mexican Border until the regiment was sent overseas, at which time he served as Assistant Chief of Staff of the 77th Division, Assistant Chief of Operations of the II American Corps on the British Front, Assistant Chief of Staff and Chief of Operations of the IV American Corps, and, lastly, Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Operations of the Second American Army on the French Front. **Immediately after the Armistice, General Haskell was sent to Rumania by Relief Administrator Herbert Hoover to administer and supervise the distribution of more than $35,000,000 in food and other relief supplies furnished by the United States. During the 1919 Summer, representatives of Italy, Great Britain, France and the United States designated him as Allied High Commissioner to Armenia, where he remained more than a year, breaking the famine and putting the country on a self-supporting basis. Returning to the United States in September,
1920, General Haskell acted as Director of Sales of Surplus War Stocks to the domestic market and on credit to foreign nations, a task involving over a billion dollars. In August, 1921, he was asked by then Secretary of Commerce Hoover to head the mission of the American Relief Administration which went to Soviet Russia to alleviate the famine-stricken people of that suffering nation. General Haskell remained in Russia as Director General of all relief until July, 1923, dispensing food, clothing, medicines, etc., in excess of $70,000,000. Upon completion of this mission, General Haskell again returned to his native land to resume his career as an Army officer. In January, 1926, he resigned from the Regular Army to accept, as Major General, the command of the New York National Guard, a position which he has held uninterruptedly ever since” (full text online).

The above piece conveniently fails to record that in 1922 Haskell was suspected by Moscow of conspiring with White Russian archbishop Vasily ["Tikhon of Moscow"] Bellavin [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY] in a [highly successful - Ed.] plot involving British superspy Bruce Lockhart [ditto] to stir up anti-Bolshevik sentiment in the Baltic States. We have told the story of this now-famous plot elsewhere [see Timeline 29th January 1918, then as directed WORLD HISTORIC (CHECK THE NEWS)].

... and (c) for returning to Russia in 1931 for a final tour of inspection (Patenaude). He died in 1952, aged 74. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Walter W. Liggett's (1932) "The Rise of Herbert Hoover" [full text online] [it oozes grudge, but it is nevertheless supremely well referenced - Ed.] and Bertrand M. Patenaude's (2002) "The Big Show in Bololand" [Amazon]. For more specifically on the black ops side of relief work see Jonathan Schneer's (2020) "The Lockhart Plot" [Amazon].

Haslam, Dr. Edward T.: Assassination researcher Edward Haslam [Spartacus Educational biography] became interested in Dr. Mary Sherman's work at NOLA's Ochsner Clinic because his father had worked with her in the early 1960s. He published his findings in his 2007 book "Dr. Mary’s Monkey", the central thesis of which was that this clinic was one of 159 covert research centres available to the CIA, and specialised in biological weapons. The story is well trailed in an accompanying video promotion [YouTube it now]. Haslam also contributes on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

Hate Speech and Radicalising Preachers: [Read firstly the entries for Shamanism and Community Mysticism. Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching, and Strategy of Tension - ESSENTIAL FOR TUTORIAL SUPPORT] We refer here to the phenomenon of forthright public denunciation and scapegoating commonly observed in politically divided communities since time immemorial. But firstly ...

**CAMEO - THE PEJORATIVE ADJECTIVE IN CHIMPANZEEs**: Washoe [Wikipedia biography] was laboratory primatology's famous signing chimpanzee. She knew some 350 different signs, including those for <faeces/dirty> and <monkey>, which in isolation she could use fully appropriately to the context. But she could also create novel adjective-noun combinations, and on one occasion was observed doing exactly this, signing <faeces/dirty>+<monkey> in quick succession when confronted by an irritating macaque (Byrne, 2017 [full text online]). While not denying that this is merely "n-of-one" anecdotal evidence, we shall take it as established beyond doubt that the meme <SHITTY X> is very deeply rooted in the human psyche. Indeed, the urge to throw faeces at those we dislike works just as well with symbolic - that is to say, verbal - faeces, and this, in today's human menagerie, is what we know as "hate speech" ...

A formal definition of hate speech is "the construction of fear related to various real or imagined dangers, and the proposing of scapegoats allegedly responsible for those dangers" (simplified from Wodak, 2015, p1). The earliest example we have been able to locate is the 14th Century BCE Praise Hymn to Akenaten, where curses are routinely rained by priestly sycophants onto the Pharaoh's enemies. It is then but a short step between the palace High Priests of old, who had worked out how to live well by spinning words to serve their masters' power struggles, and the Mad Mullahs of the modern world, who do much the same thing ...

**ASIDE:** The class-defining "Mad Mullah" was a Victorian era Somali cleric named Mohamed Abdullah Hassan [Wikipedia biography], who talked his Dervish people up into a rebellion against European colonialists between 1899 and 1920. All it took were some "us" versus "them" memes peppered with a few religious allusions to give it some gravitas.
It is the political uses of hate speech which most interest us here, for the mind of the recently evangelised Dervish is the same as the mind of the recently radicalised Hitler Youth, or striking miner, or machete-wielding Jihadist. Someone has taught them their hate. The situation is, however, complicated when it comes to modern mullahs such as Abu Hamza [Wikipedia biography], by the distinct possibility - nay, certainty - that the loud-mouthed agitator you see on the news has actually been created **to order** - that is to say, deliberately and maliciously - as part of some covert Strategy of Tension. Not only has their hatred been taught, in other words, but it has also been paid for. Here are some of the research threads presently exercising Humankind's best brains ...  

**RESEARCH ISSUES - THE MEDIA-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX:** Academic interest in the use of the media to "brand" a politician and win elections arose after President Obama's 2008 pioneering victory in what was immediately termed the "Facebook Election" - see, for example, Zavattaro (2010 [full text online; JSTOR registration required]). By the time of the 2016 Trump election, however, hardware and software was exposed as not enough - instead you needed a strong hate speech message and a precisely defined sector of the electorate to deliver it to - see, for example, Kardas (2017 [full text online; JSTOR registration required] and his compelling notion of the "Media-Industrial Complex". Finally, for some idea of the richness of the issues awaiting investigation, see Daniel Allington's [see own entry] publications - [click here].


**Hatfield, Robert:** See the entry for Frank B. McGehee.

**Hathcock, Richard:** Los Angeles private investigator Richard Hathcock [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having once specialised in monitoring communist activities on California college campuses ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** Alerts students will recall that Guy Banister did the same for the New Orleans campuses.

(b) for keeping open house for roving picaroons ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** Again note the similarity to Guy Banister's office at 531 Lafayette Place, where Cuban exiles and intelligence operatives liked to mingle. Here is how FBI Special Agent Jerome K. Crowe [see own entry], wrote up his 23rd November 1963 emergency interview with Hathcock and his associate Roy B. Payne [see own entry] ...

"prior to Hathcock's present occupation, he was the proprietor of the Adventurers Corner, a shop at the corner of Sunset and La Brea, which sold articles from all over the world and was an unofficial gathering place for adventurers in this area" (Jerome Crowe, FBI report, 23rd November 1963).

(c) for having loaned Interpen commander Gerry Hemming $100 against "a 30 calibre Johnson, modified to semi-automatic operation, which I believe held nine rounds, and also was equipped with a 30 power Bushnell variable scope" (Richard Hathcock, HSCA affidavit, 9th March 1977) [check them out]. the sniper's combo which some researchers suspect was used in the JFK shooting, and
Hatzohar: See the entry for Revisionist Zionist Movement.

Havemeyer Family (Sugar) at a Glance: The Havemeyer dynasty began when New Yorker William F. Havemeyer [Wikipedia biography] learned the craft of sugar refining in the 1790s. The business was so profitable that a century later Henry O. Havemeyer [Wikipedia biography] was instrumental in setting up the American Sugar Refining Company as a monopoly trust, to control sugar production and pricing [check it out]. The Havemeyer's are noteworthy in the present context primarily as an illustration of the long and convoluted chain of added value between the remote plantations producing the raw material and the end user. Sugar also has a role to play, note, in the rise of organised crime during Prohibition, it being vital raw material for the bootlegging industry.

Hawkeye: The intelligence services codename for the CIA's photographic lab at Kodak Park, Rochester, NY [Wikipedia briefing]. [The entire Kodak Park closed down for redevelopment in 2007, and now leads only a virtual life within the Kodak Rochester Archives at the University of Rochester [contact details].]

Hawksley, Bourchier Francis: British/South African lawyer Bourchier Hawksley [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Cecil Rhodes' solicitor, (b) for continuing to act after Rhodes' death in 1902 for both his companies and the Rhodes Trust [see own entry], and (c) for having been a member of the Society of the Elect [see own entry] (Quigley, 1949).

Hay, John Milton: Diplomat-politician John Hay [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been U.S. Ambassador to Britain during the Spanish-American War [check it out], and for then having taken over from William Day as Secretary of State in its aftermath.

Hayek, Friedrich August von: WW1 veteran (Austro-Hungarian Army) turned political futurologist turned Liberty Theorist F. A. Hayek [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining London School of Economics as a lecturer in 1931, (b) for publishing the (1944) book "The Road to Serfdom" [Amazon - OPPORTUNISTIC DRIVEL], in which the thesis is advanced that Socialism will always be doomed to failure, so long as futurologists can be retained to say just that, (c) for - unsurprisingly - achieving such cult status on the political right that his ideas were adopted by chicken farming supremo [Sir]1988 Antony Fisher [see own entry] when setting out the corporate vision for his 1955 creation, the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) [see own entry], and (d) for his (1959) book "The Constitution of Liberty" [Amazon - CLASS-DEFINING NEOLIBERAL ÜBERDRIVEL].

Hazelwood, Denise: Assassination researcher Denise Hazelwood [no convenient biography] was the author of the 2016 book "Micro-Studies of an Assassination".

***** EDITOR OF WW1 PRIMARY SOURCES *****
***** APPROVER OF EVIDENCE *****
***** CREATOR OF CONVENTIONALISED NARRATIVE *****

Headlam[-Morley]1918, [Sir]1929 James Wycliffe: British civil servant [Sir]1929 James Headlam[-Morley]1918 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a propagandist-author between 1914 and 1917, producing intellectual propaganda such as "The History of Twelve Days" (1915 [full text online]), "The Dead Lands of Europe" (1917 [full text online]), and "The Starvation of Germany" (1917 [full text online]), (b) for then becoming the Milner Group's man in John Buchan's Department of Information between 1917 and 1918, (c) for then moving across to the Foreign Office in 1918, where he was Assistant Director of the Political Intelligence Department [see own entry] and helped with preparations for the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, (d) for helping to set up Chatham House in 1920, and (e) for collating, weeding, and editing government archives, thereby
helping Editor-in-Chief Harold Temperley [see own entry] produce the eleven volumes of the 1926 book "British Documents on the Origin of the War" [some volumes full text online].

Hecksher, Paul: See the entry for Thomas McKittrick.

Hechler, William Henry: Prussian Army veteran of the Franco-Prussian War turned British Christian clergyman William Hechler [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having preached an extreme "Restorationist" version of Christianity [Wikipedia briefing], that is to say, one which believed in a Second Coming preceded by (and therefore requiring) a restoration of the Jewish Diaspora to the Holy Land. His religiously motivated support for a Jewish restoration made him a natural ally in the lobbying carried out by pioneering Jewish Zionists such as Theodor Herzl [see own entry].

***** MORE TO THIS MAN THAN MEETS THE EYE *****
***** CANDIDATE ORGANISER OF BRIGADE 2506'S GUATEMALAN CAMP *****

"It all started with Bob" (Hancock, 2010)
"Is headquarters still in friendly hands?" (Hancock, 2012)

Hecksher, Henry D.: [A.k.a. Bob, Henry Boyson, Nelson L. Raynock, James D. Zaboth] German-born lawyer turned American careerist paramilitary Henry Heckscher [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW2 service with the U.S. Army and OSS as an intelligence officer, seeing action in Normandy and the advance into the Rhineland, (b) for post-war service with the Army of Occupation, interrogating senior Nazis, (c) being made head of counterintelligence in occupied Berlin in 1946, eventually making CIA Chief of Station there until replaced by William Harvey [see own entry] in 1952, (d) for helping to mastermind the abortive 1953 Berlin Uprising ...

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QUICKIE - BOB AND THE BERLIN UPRISING FAIL, 1953: The CIA's Berlin station 1945-1958 was known as the Berlin Operating Base (BOB) [Wikipedia briefing ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT]. The Berlin Uprising [Wikipedia briefing] was a summer 1953 flare-up of deliberately radicalised workers' rights organisations in Russian-occupied East Germany, protesting against government reforms which they had been provoked (by BOB) into believing were overly "Sovietised". As such, the CIA cynically exploited inter- and intra-class social tensions in Germany going back to 1919-1934 [see Timeline 4th January 1919 and then as threaded ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT], that is to say, by systematically inciting right-wing workers to look down upon their left-wing neighbours as essentially unpatriotic shirkers and benefit fraudsters. The East German authorities promptly clamped down hard on the protests. According to Hancock (2012 op. cit. inf.), Hecksher wanted to issue arms and weapons to the East Berliners but was overruled. Hancock also mentions that he was working at this time with another of William Harvey's favourites, a young David Morales [see own entry QUITE A GUY].

... (e) for being re-assigned later in 1953 to Operation PBSUCCESS against President Árbenz of Guatemala [see own entry], being recorded by Hancock (2012) firstly as having operated undercover in Guatemala "recruiting intelligence sources and assets including Army officers" (k489), and by Thomas (1995/2006, p115) as having facilitated the supporting "propaganda activities" in Guatemala City, "disguised as a coffee buyer in a straw hat and dark glasses", (f) for spending the rest of the 1950s fomenting similar bloody mayhem in the Far East and Indochina (especially in Laos), (g) for then being recruited by Richard Bissell [see own entry] and Tracy Barnes [ditto] in 1960 as part of their attempt to build a PBSUCCESS-style campaign to unseat (feet first if necessary) Fidel Castro ...

CAMEO - HECKSHER AND THE CUBA OP: The point about U.S. State Department operations of this sort (and there are lots of them to choose from, all the way back to the annexation of Hawaii [see Timeline 6th January 1895 then as directed] and Cuba [ditto 22nd February 1895]) is that you have to put a lot of effort into creating (most politicians are easily bought) an indigenous but U.S.-friendly Kakistocracy [Wikipedia briefing]. You then topple
the target regime, and replace it with your bought-and-paid-for puppet regime. With Cuba, the main contenders for the ALT-regime were already in exile in safe havens such as Miami and New Orleans, centred around such figures as Carlos Prio Socarras, Manuel Artime and Rafael "Chi-Chi" Quintero [see own entries]. With that background in mind, this from Bohning (op. cit. inf.) ...

"For Artime and Quintero, there were also regular monthly meetings with their CIA case officer, Henry Hecksher. Hecksher had been involved with the Bay of Pigs, and Quintero had first met him on Useppa Island [map] and later saw him in the Guatemala training camps. [...] [Quintero later recalled:] 'He talked to Artime very much about trying to get a brain trust behind him that would tell him what to do, how to do it, and when to do it'. The meetings, said Quintero, usually lasted two days and were held in various U.S. cities [four named], but never Miami" (pp195-196).

... (h) for remaining part of the American vipers' nest operating against Castro in the early 1960s in Mexico City ...

CAMEO - HECKSHER IN MEXICO CITY: Here is Hancock (2012) again, fleshing out the command team [all names have their own entries] ...

"Henry Hecksher also joined the Cuba project but his role is quite unclear; he was reported at training camps including the Brigade camp in Guatemala. It is likely that following the Bay of Pigs, he was assigned to covert intelligence activities in Mexico City. The project was to have a significant propaganda/psychological operations element (headed by David Phillips), a political action effort with Cuban exiles and groups (worked by Frank Bender, an alias for Gerry Droller, and Howard Hunt, both Guatemala alumni), a paramilitary effort to place armed groups inside Cuba (Jake Esterline), and an important counter-intelligence/training effort for special action exile groups (David Morales). As the effort mushroomed, a much more military element would be added (Jake Esterline, Colonel Jack Hawkins, Rip Robertson, and Grayston Lynch). Both Phillips and Morales had recently been in Cuba, Morales operating under a State Department cover and attached to the U.S. Embassy. Phillips was working as a CIA contract employee, totally undercover, with an alias at a public relations business. Both men had been forced to leave Cuba - Morales when his cover was blown [...] and Phillips when his activities with anti-Castro activists became known to Cuban intelligence" (k1130).

... (i) for then being involved in winding down both the program and the training camps after the Kennedy assassination, thus ...

"At CIA headquarters Sam Halpern [Spartacus Educational biography] remembered that after Johnson became president, 'the pressure gradually disappeared' [...] Henry Hecksher, their CIA case officer, 'sort of let us know,' said Quintero" (Bohning, op. cit., p238).

... (j) for moving on again in 1970 to become CIA station chief in Chile, where he oversaw destabilising black ops against leftist President Allende (albeit not being in post long enough to see his target deposed by Augusto Pinochet in September 1973), and (k) for retiring in 1971. He died in 1990, aged 79.

RESEARCH ISSUE: It would be nice, one day, to be able to identify the CIA operatives involved in the propaganda campaign 2015-2019 against the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition here in Britain.


Heindel, John Rene: U.S. Marine John Heindel [no convenient biography] served at Atsugi with LHO, and was well acquainted with him. His own nickname was "Hidell" [pronounced high-dell]. Heindel's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 19th May 1964 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Heinl, Robert Debs, Jr.: WW2 (USMC, Pacific) and Korean War veteran turned late-careerist military attaché (Haiti) and writer Robert Heinl [no convenient biography nor much available online] is noteworthy in the present context as the U.S. senior military advisor to the Haitian government during the late presidency of Francois ["Papa Doc"] Duvalier, and thereby probably fully aware of the CIA's
(unsuccessful) 1963 coup attempt against his host, and thus perhaps also an associate of CIA forward observer for this operation, George de Mohrenschildt. FURTHER READING: For more of the details, see the <Haiti> cameo in the de Mohrenschildt entry, and then Heinl's (2005) memoir "Written in Blood" [Amazon] (written jointly with his wife Nancy Gordon Heinl).

***** ONE OF THE FIRST BILDERBERGERS *****

Heinz, Henry John [''Jack''] II: American socialite-spy Jack Heinz II [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for the usual [for the sons of millionaires anyway - Ed.] Yale/Skull and Bones university experience in the late 1920s, (b) for then dividing his time between preparing to take over the family firm - the famous Heinz Company - and undertaking mysterious foreign jaunts...

CAMERO - HEINZ IN THE SOVIET UNION: In 1931, Heinz travelled with British diplomatic observer [spy] Gareth Jones [see own entry INTERESTING] on a fact-finding tour of the Soviet Union, at the height of the 1930-1933 famine known as the Holodomor [Wikipedia briefing]. His notes were written up upon his return as "Experiences in Russia, 1931: A Diary" [unable to trace online].

... (c) for taking over the presidency of the company when his father died in 1941, leading his company "through the challenges of World War II" (his Wiki [we are unclear what particular challenges these might have been - Ed]), (d) for being in at the 1949 establishment of the National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [see own entry REVELATORY], working there to Frank Wisner [see own entry MORE REVELATORY THAN MOST]...

CAMERO - HEINZ AND THE NCFE: Here is what Yeadon and Hawkins (op. cit. inf.) have to tell us about Heinz's work as an anti-Soviet propagandist...

"The seed money for the [NCFE] came from the same pool of recovered Nazi gold used to finance clandestine operations during the Italian elections. Frank Wisner received at least $2 million of recovered Nazi loot, which he then funneled into the accounts of the [NCFE]. [...] Allen Dulles and Wisner stacked the Committee's board of directors with prominent Americans [such as Peter Grace [see own entry REVELATORY]] of Grace Chemical and National City Bank, H. J. Heinz of the Mellon Bank and Heinz Ketchup fame, Henry Ford II, and Texas oilman George McGhee” (k11859-11878).

... and (e) for being on the early Bilderberg Group [see own entry ARCHITECTS OF THE NEOLIBERAL MELTDOWN] Steering Committee in the early 1950s, staying with them at least through until the mid-to-late 1970s when they snap off the Trilateral Commission [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC]...

CAMERO - HEINZ ACCORDING TO TUCKER: Tucker (op. cit. inf.) tells it as follows...

"The Trilateral Commission was created in July 1973 at the suggestion of Rockefeller during 'an earlier Bilderberg meeting', Forrest Murden [no convenient biography but plenty to reward the determined browser], a spokesman for the organisation, admitted in a telephone interview with me on Dec. 14 [presumably also 1973]. Murden [...] said he handles 'administrative duties' for the Bilderberg organisation in the United States on an 'at-cost' basis. [His address given] [...] The Trilateral Commission is an Asian-oriented counterpart to the Bilderberg organisation [...] and there is a heavy cross-membership among those two groups and the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) [Wikipedia briefing]. The CFR is broadly viewed as the U.S. auxiliary to the Bilderberg Group. [...] In two telephone interviews, Murden acknowledged his role [...] and] said, in both interviews, that 'Jack Heinz', head of the Bilderberg Steering Committee, was present in his office” (p291).


****** Candidate JFK Top-Management False Flag Conspirator ******
[Signed off on the concept; assembled the top team; signed the order; organised the cover up]
****** "Master of the plausibly deniable" ******

Helms, Richard McGarrah: WW2/Cold War veteran (U.S. Navy, then OSS) turned all-the-way-to-the-top CIA careerist Richard Helms [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been deeply involved with the 1945-1946 vetting of former Nazis as part of Operation
**Paperclip** [they executed some, but offered the useful ones sanctuary in the U.S. - Ed.], (b) for being made head of counter-intelligence in Germany 1946-1947, (c) for transferring to the newly established CIA in 1947, being stationed in Italy and specifically charged with interfering with the Italian Communist-Socialist Coalition Front in their 1948 General Election [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for being made Deputy Director of Plans (DDP) under Frank Wisner in August 1952, (e) for flourishing in the world of black ops and executive action throughout the 1950s, including the covert use of bioweapons ...

**CAMEO - HELMS AND MKULTRA**: Helms inherited a raft of Korean/Cold War programs, not least the [Projects Bluebird and Artichoke](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Projects_Bluebird_and_Artichoke) investigations of hypno-enhanced interrogation techniques. The final count was that there were 149 sub-projects with little managerial control, thanks to their highly classified nature. Being himself somewhat “gung-ho on mind control research” (Marcello, 2015, K440), Helms drew all these sub-projects together in 1953 under the MKULTRA umbrella. Helms' ideas were signed into policy by new-broom DCI Allen Dulles 13th April 1953 (St. Clair and Cockburn, 2017 [full text online]).

(f) for drawing on MKULTRA's richly furnished poisons cabinet in early 1960 in the Operation Mongoose operations against the life of Fidel Castro, (g) for supporting the direct action teams in the Bay of Pigs Invasion in April 1961, (h) for being appointed Deputy Director for Plans (DDP) 17th February 1962, with instructions to make Mongoose work "by whatever means", (i) for being in the top table advice loop during the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis - see Timeline 22nd August 1962, (j) for authorising Operation Tilt (another debacle) in June 1963, (k) for authorising the even more ill-fated September-November 1963 Operation AMWORLD (a.k.a. "C-Day"), during which period he liaised with RFK "almost every day" (Waldron, 2005/2006, p56), (l) for doing a great job in 1964 stonewalling the Warren Commission's requests for CIA testimony (Newman, 2008), (m) for being promoted DCI 30th June 1966, soon authorising another wave of mind control projects (Marcello, 2015), (n) for taking direct disruptive action in "late autumn of 1966" (Mellen, 2005, p26) against the far-too-promising Jim Garrison Investigation - see the entry for William Wood for details, (o) for taking direct disruptive action in 1972-1973 against the Watergate Investigation, (p) in much the same spirit of public non-cooperation, for seeing to it that the files relating to MKULTRA were well and truly purged, (q) for being replaced as DCI 2nd February 1973 by James R. Schlesinger, (r) for testifying to the Senate Committee on Intelligence (HSCIA) in 1975, the nub of whose report was that Helms had been complicit in seeing to it that "the Constitutional system for checking abuse of power has not been applied" - [YouTube his testimony here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wAGr6Q3Jpk), (s) for testifying to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) in 1978, being unable to explain out loud why LHO's 201 File was not opened until 9th December 1960 (Newman, 2008, p51), and (t) for giving an interview to camera 18th March 1994 - [YouTube it Now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wAGr6Q3Jpk).**FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail, see Thomas Powers' (1981) book "The Man Who Kept the Secrets" and Helm's (2003, posthumously, with William Hood) autobiography "A Look Over My Shoulder" [Amazon].

**Helphand, Alexander Israel Lazarevich [Parvus]**1900[^1]: [Previously Alexander Israel Lazarevich Gelfand, the “H” simply Westernising the Cyrillic “G”; adopted the nom-de-plume Parvus [Latin=small] in 1900, and so often seen nowadays as Helphand-Parvus] Tsarist White Russian revolutionary socialist Alexander Helphand [optional Parvus [Wikipedia biography]] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a colleague/fellow-agitator of Vladimir Lenin in turn-of-the-century Munich, printing the banned Marxist newspaper Iskra, (b) for thereby being sucked into the failed 1905 Russian Revolution [see 22nd January 1905], being arrested and sent to Siberia for three years, (c) for then relocating to Istanbul to become the agent of arms dealer extraordinary Basil Zaharoff [see own entry], (d) for visiting Berlin in March 1915 to present a paper to the German General Staff on the prospects of deliberately inflaming worker unrest in Russia, and thereby reducing the Tsarists' ability to continue the war ...

**ASIDE:** War games conducted by Sir Henry Wilson [see own entry] in 1911 had indicated that the Franco-British Entente would be unlikely to win a ground war against the Central Powers unless half the German Army was simultaneously diverted to a war in the east against Russia. The Allies therefore maintained both diplomatic and distinctly undiplomatic pressure (i) to get Russia into the war, and (ii) to keep her in it until
1917. The Germans did likewise to achieve the opposite, ‘feeding money to Russia through Parvus in order to create the greatest possible degree of chaos’” (Macgregor and Docherty, 2017, p457).

(e) for meeting Vladimir Lenin in Bern two months later, presumably planning some of the aforementioned chaos, (f) for possibly helping to arrange Leon Trotsky’s December 1916 trip to New York City - see the entry for Trotsky in NYC, and (g) for possibly meeting Lenin again in Stockholm 13th April 1917.

"I know only that what is moral is what you feel good after" (below)

Hemingway, Ernest Miller: American celebrity novelist, serial attention-seeker, and sometime spook

Ernest Hemingway [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context ...

EDITORIAL NOTE: This entry is concerned only with Hemingway's life on the fringes of political and military history. It is occasionally appropriate to mention his literary output and his celebrity doings, but does not pretend to be exhaustive in these more general aspects of the man's life. Much of the yellow highlighting you are about to see is to draw attention to Hemingway's involvements with the military intelligence community.

... (a) for getting a job in early 1917 as an apprentice journalist with The Kansas City Star, (b) for service as an American Red Cross ambulance driver on the Italian Front in 1918, getting seriously wounded for his pains, and later monetising those experiences in the 1929 novel "A Farewell to Arms" [Wikipedia briefing] ...

CAMEO - HEMINGWAY, AMBULANCE DRIVER-SPOOK: Hemingway's eyesight was not up to full military service, and so he joined the National Guard in late 1917 and ended up with the American Red Cross contingent in Italy. This may well have been when he drifted into amateur intelligence work ...

Readers unfamiliar with the A.E.F.'s use of the YMCA and the Red Cross as cover organisations for field intelligence agents should see the entry for <Boris Pash> before proceeding. Note especially the RESEARCH ISSUE therein.

Advanced students may also be interested in a lecture by Dartmouth College academic Barbara Will entitled "WW1, Red Cross Propaganda, and the Making of Ernest Hemingway", YouTube it here (73 mins.) MOST INFORMATIVE

Here is Dearborn (op. cit. inf.) with some helpful background (it is Christmas, 1917) ...

"Within a matter of weeks after his arrival in Kansas City in fall 1917, Ernest had signed up with the 7th Missouri Infantry of the National Guard, was issued a uniform […], and was participating in regular drills. […] Fellow reporter Ted [= Theodore B.] Brumback [no convenient biography] [had] enlisted with the American Field Service [see own entry ITSELF REVELATORY] in 1917 and spent four months driving an ambulance in France prior to signing on at the Star. He was eager to return to the war, but the AFS had begun to require a stricter physical exam. The American Red Cross, however, had recently begun sending ambulances and drivers to the Italian Front, and they were allowed to recruit only men otherwise ineligible for the armed services. […] They were] actively recruiting in 1918, and Brumback and Hemingway signed up, giving the Star notice that they would leave at the end of April” (p53).

Hemingway's detachment arrived at Bordeaux, France, on 1st June 1918, passed a couple of days in Paris, and arrived in Milan, Italy, a week later. They were immediately thrown into the bloody realities of war, when sent to the ruins of a nearby munitions factory where 35 workers had just been killed in an explosion and whose body parts now needed sweeping together for burial. Dearborn continues ...

"On June 9, Section 4 departed for the […] town of Schio [map] in the foothills of the Dolomites.[…] There Ernest and the other men [all now junior lieutenants - Ed.] took up their duties, which consisted of accompanying experienced men driving ambulances to dressing stations near the front, where they would collect the wounded and transport them to hospitals. […] In their ten days at Schio they also swam in the river and played a little baseball. When the editor of a monthly four-page newssheet for the drivers called Ciao [University of Tulsa archive] posted a notice soliciting new material, Ernest [submitted a] breezy piece on the Schio boys' doings ('This trench life is hell, Al' [excepts in Florczyk, op. cit. inf.]). But Hemingway and his friends itched for action. They were soon rewarded when their commander told them the Red Cross had established several rolling canteens near the Piave, then quite a hot spot. Men were needed there to run the canteens […]. The Red Cross drivers' job was really to lift morale, and they wore uniforms that looked like those of American officers in order to foster the illusion that the American army stood with the Italians in their fight. On July 1, Ernest and the others […] made
their way [...] to Fossalta [man] which was to be their base. [...] Rumour had it that the Italians were about to mount an offensive against the Austrians, and the first week of July along the Piave was tense. Around midnight on the 8th, Ernest was making his way to a listening post between the trenches and the Austrian line when the shelling began. A trench mortar [bomb [very likely from one of these] exploded close by]. When the air cleared, there were sounds of screaming and machine gun fire. Ernest saw that one of the men next to him was dead, and another had his legs blown off. Lifting the body of a third, badly wounded soldier, Ernest's legs bleeding from shrapnel, he staggered 150 yards to the Red Cross dugout. [...] On the way, machine gun bullets ripped into his right knee and right foot. He collapsed when he reached the dugout [and was] at first assumed to be near death. He lay there for two hours, in and out of consciousness, before Red Cross drivers took him to the dressing station” (pp58-59).

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: We leave it to readers to decide for themselves what a canteen officer is doing in a listening post out in Nomansland - for we doubt it was just delivering pizza. The official story is that he was taking chocolate to the men in the outpost.

... (c) for being awarded the Silver Medal of Military Valor for his "admirable spirit of brotherhood" under fire, (d) upon arriving back home for becoming a minor celebrity (one provincial headline read: "Has 227 Wounds, But Is Looking for a Job"), happily dining out on his stories, and trying without yet a lot of success to cultivate a living as a columnist-raconteur, (e) for finally getting expelled from the family home for "lazy loafing" (his mother; op. cit., p90), (f) for getting back into paid journalism as a trade magazine editor in Chicago, (g) for marrying one Hadley Richardson [there is a Wiki] in September 1921, (h) for relocating to Paris, writing features for the Toronto Star and falling in with avant-garde expatriates such as Ezra Pound, Gertrude Stein, and Alice B. Toklas ...

CAMEO - HEMINGWAY AT MIDNIGHT: Hemingway's time in Montmartre was featured in the 2011 Woody Allen movie "Midnight in Paris" [IMDB entry].

YouTube a clip here (3 mins)

GLORIOUS - ALLEN AT HIS BEST

... (i) for getting sent to cover the January-May 1922 Genoa Conference [Wikipedia briefing] for the Star, filing 15 stories about the issues at hand and nicely extending his circle of professional contacts ...

QUICKIE - THE GENOA CONFERENCE: The Genoa Conference was an attempt by British Prime Minister David Lloyd George politically to resolve the power vacuum which had plagued Central and Eastern Europe following the bloody internal civil wars in Germany and Russia during 1919-1921, and financially to force the new Soviet regime in Moscow to honour the debts it had inherited from the earlier Tsarist and Provisional Government regimes [Wikipedia briefing]. On the political side of this equation, the German Civil War [see Timeline 4th January 1919 then as threaded] had seen Germany's working class Rightists fall in behind its political and financial Establishment in a sustainedly vicious right-on-left White Terror [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC]. The old German-Russian Front had stayed relatively static during the war years 1914-1918, but had then been pushed massively eastward during 1918's Operation FAUSTSCHLAG [below] and it was back and forth across this arena, not least in the Baltic States and Ukraine, that the Russian Civil War had been waged 1919-1921 ...

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by the states of the Finland-Ukraine Corridor in Germany's WW1 Anti Bolshevik operations 1918, OPERATION FAUSTSCHLAG should see the five entries at 18th, 25th February, 13th March, and 10th, 28th April 1918

WORLD HISTORIC

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by these states in Germany's Anti-Bolshevik operations post-Faustschlag should see the entries at 22nd October and 1st November 1918

WORLD HISTORIC

Readers unfamiliar with <Admiral Mark Bristol>'s> South Russian Intervention in direct military support for the White Russians in the Ukraine MUST see the entry for 28th January 1919 before proceeding.

WORLD HISTORIC

Readers unfamiliar with the anti-Bolshevik program carried out by Russian Orthodox agent provocateur <Patriarch Tikhon> MUST see the entry for <Vasily Bellavin> before proceeding.

EXPLAINS SO VERY MUCH

On the financial side of things, the politico-military stand-off between Capitalism and Bolshevism was just a
thinly veiled creditors' meeting. The Tsar had run up large sovereign debts prior to his ousting in 1917, and the interim Provisional Government [Wikipedia briefing] had done likewise 1917-1921 in order to fund its combat operations against its Bolshevik fellow countrymen. Having then won that Civil War at great cost [see Timeline 19th November 1920](then as threaded), the Bolsheviks understandably lacked the inclination to pay interest on loans which for fully five years its enemies had used to fund field operations against them.

CAMEO - HEMINGWAY AT GENOA: Hemingway's time in Genoa is poorly documented in the biographies, but it is quite easy to piece together from the reports he filed with his editor. These have recently been compiled and republished in White (op. cit. inf.). Here are some indicative clips (note the inordinate amount of interest in what the Soviet delegation, led by Bolshevik foreign minister Georgii Chicherin [Wikipedia biography], was up to) ...

10th April 1922: "Genoa is crowded, a modern Babel with a corps of perspiring interpreters trying to bring the representatives of forty different countries together. The narrow streets flow with crowds kept orderly by thousands of Italian troops. The journalists, however, today deserted Genoa to see the Soviet delegation at Rapallo, a hot eighteen-mile ride, to interview Chicherin. [...] He saw the flocd of reporters in batches, speaking to them in their own languages. [...] He] said to me, 'Regarding all matters of debts, we come with our hands free, without committing ourselves. The rights of foreign capital will be perfectly secured but Russia will resist all attempts by consortiums to make Russia a colony.' [...] Questioned on the famine, Chicherin said: 'Four years of blockade made the famine' " (k2594-2603).

13th April 1922: "Italy realises the danger of inviting the Soviet delegation to the Genoa Conference, and has brought fifteen hundred picked military policemen [into the city] to crush any Red or anti-Red disturbance disturbance as soon as it starts. This is a farsighted move, for the Italian government remembers the hundreds of fatal clashes between the Fascisti [Wikipedia briefing] and the Reds in the past two years, and is anxious that there should be as little civil war as possible while the conference is in progress. They face a very real danger. Sections of Italy, principally Tuscany and in the north, have seen bloodyfino, murder, reprisals, and pitched battles in the last few months over Communism. The Italian authorities accordingly fear the effect on the Reds of Genoa when they see the delegation of eighty representatives from Soviet Russia amicably received and treated with respect. There is no doubt but that the Reds of Genoa - and they are about one third of the population - when they see the Russian Reds, will be moved to tears, cheers, gesticulations, offers of wines, liqueurs, [etc.], and other kindred Italian symptoms of enthusiasm. There will also be kissings on both cheeks, gatherings in cafés, toasts to Lenin, shouts for Trotsky [etc.], and general shouts of 'Death to the Fascisti!' That is the way all Italian Red outbreaks start. Closing the cafés usually stops them: [...] The Fascisti are a brood of dragons' teeth that were sown in 1920 when it looked as though Italy might go Bolshevik. The name means organisation, a unit of Fascisti is a fascio, and they are young ex-veterans formed to protect the existing government of Italy against any sort of Bolshevik plot or aggression. In short, they are counter-revolutionists, and in 1920 they crushed the Red uprising with bombs, machine guns, knives, and the liberal use of kerosene cans to set the Red meeting places afire [...] The Fascisti [...] were under the tacit protection of the government, if not its active support, and there is no question but that [...] they had a taste of unpunenalized lawlessness, unpunished murder, and the right to riot when and where they pleased. [...] The Fascisti make no distinction between Socialists, Communists, Republicans, or members of cooperative societies. They are all Reds and dangerous" (k2622-2650).

13th April 1922: "The Genoa Conference was to get down to the bedrock of its work today, with four commissions - political, economic, financial, and transportation - considering the experts' proposals which were laid before them in great detail at yesterday's sessions. [...] The Allied proposals regarding Russia were more drastic than had been anticipated. They included Russian recognition of Czarist and Provision Government debts and guarantees for non-aggression and for safety of foreigners in Russia. This was expected. But a French proposal for establishment of foreign tribunals within the borders of Russia and a measure of supervision over Russian internal affairs also was included in the experts' plan. It was to this last suggestion that Chicherin indicated Russia never would agree. [...] The Russian spokesman today prepared a list of counter-proposals based on the following program:

[ +++ two contextualising items +++]

(3) Russia will agree to recognise Czarist debts and those of the Kerenski regime, but will ask for a moratorium, and for payment of damage caused by attacks of Wrangel, Denikin, Kolchak, and other commanders, backed by the Allies in futile attacks against the Soviets.

(4) Russia will insist upon absolute sovereignty and will under no circumstances permit Allied supervision of her internal affairs. [...] Germany also will object to the Allied experts' proposals regarding finance, it was understood" (k2670-2678).

Readers unfamiliar with the [German WW1 Reparations](#) issue should see the entry for [Bank for International Settlements (BIS)](#), then as directed.

FAIR WARNING: You may be away some time.
17th April 1922: "Progress at Genoa waits on Russia. [...] The critical situation at Genoa today is that which concerns recognition by Russia of her debts, and recognition of Russia by the Allies. The political commission, of which the leading statesmen of the conference are members, has this matter in hand. The Soviet delegation here, which seemed on the point of capitulation, has been granted time to confer with the Kremlin, seat of the Bolshevik government at Moscow. This is unfortunate for progress, because the Soviet leaders at home are far more intransigent than those who have come into contact with Allied and European delegates and viewpoints here. The Russian difficulty, however, is that in their Court of Common Sense the West owes them money, not the other way around...

[+++ contextualising item +++]

(2) [When Russia] had secured tentative agreement by the Allies as to the justice of the counterclaims [...], made the bill so large that it outweighed the entire Russian war debt and left the Allies owing Russia money” (k2747-2756).

***** AT THIS JUNCTURE, WORD ARRIVES THAT THE *****
***** RUSSIANS AND THE GERMANS HAVE SIGNED THE *****
***** SECRETLY NEGOTIATED <TREATY OF RAPALLO> *****

QUICKIE - THE 1922 TREATY OF RAPALLO: The 1922 Treaty of Rapallo [Wikipedia briefing] was an agreement between Germany and Russia whereby both parties renounced all territorial and financial claims against each other. It was signed for the Russians by the aforementioned Georgii Chicherin and for the Germans by wartime industrialist [see Timeline 9th August 1914] and present foreign minister Walther Rathenau [Wikipedia biography]. The other delegations at Genoa were, to say the least, far from impressed...

18th April 1922: "France will take no further part in conferences at Genoa with either Russia or Germany, Louis Barthou [Wikipedia biography], head of the French delegation, declared today, if the treaty signed at Rapallo by Chicherin and Rathenau is not immediately abrogated. Allied leaders met at 11 o'clock. Other committee meetings were cancelled in view of the importance of the decision to be taken regarding the Russo-German pact. Well-informed observers declared the Allied leaders considered the Treaty of Rapallo jeopardises success of the entire conference [and Barthou holds it] to be in direct violation of the Treaty of Versailles” (k2785).

Etcetera...

... (j) while ensconced in Italy, for obtaining an audience with the leader of the Fascisti, one Benito Mussolini, reporting the encounter to the Toronto Daily Star, as follows...

24th June 1922: "Benito Mussolini, head of the Fascisti movement, sits at his desk at the fuse of the great powder magazine that he has laid through all Northern and Central Italy [...] 'The Fascisti are now half a million strong,' he told me. 'We are a political party organised as a military force.' [...] The Fascisti platform is one of extreme conservatism. [...] The question is now, what does Mussolini [...] intend to do with his 'political party organised as a military force'?" (k3199-3227). [In the event, Mussolini became the Italian Prime Minister on 31st October that same year, so Hemingway's question was quickly answered—Ed.]

... (k) for then being sent to Constantinople in September 1922 to cover the final stages of the 1919-1922 Greek-Turkish Proxy War [see Timeline at 15th May 1919, then as directed]...

CAMEO - HEMINGWAY AT CONSTANTINOPLE: Milton (op. cit. inf.) stresses that although Hemingway submitted a piece entitled "On the Quay at Smyrna" (Kalimniou, 1922 [full text online]) contains many quotations from this piece, if interested) he was never actually there. He submitted some two dozen reports to the Star from that region between 30th September and 14th November, growing increasingly confident in his grasp of international affairs. See the following, for example, concerning the flight of the Christian population during the occupation of Thrace, where hopeful Greek Irrendentism [see Timeline 3rd February 1919] had led them in 1919...

16th October 1922: "Thousands of Christians, many hungry and with all their earthly belongings packed on their backs, trudged out of Thrace today as the cross made way for the crescent. [...] Most of the trains in Thrace have been commandeered by the Greek government to carry soldiers, who will be loaded onto transports when they reach the ports. [...] Rodesto [modern Turkey - Wikipedia briefing], on the Balkan peninsular, was choked with refugees. [...] Four British and three French battalions were entering Thrace today on the heels of the departing Greeks” (k4008-4017).
... (l) likewise to Lausanne the following winter for the resulting (and long drawn-out) 1922-1923 Lausanne Peace Conference - see 24th July 1923 ...

CAMEO - HEMINGWAY AT LAUSANNE: Hemingway's time in Lausanne is poorly documented in the biographies, but again it is quite easy to piece together from the reports he filed with his editor. The dispatch of 10th February 1923 is particularly insightful, and comes from another one-to-one meeting with the head of the Russian delegation, Georgii Chicherin ...

"We came to Lausanne with one program,' Chicherin said to me. 'And we will leave it with the same program. The straits, both the Dardanelles and the Bosporus, must be closed to warships.' [...] 'As long as the straits are open [...] Russia is at the mercy of any nation that sends a fleet into the Black Sea. We can have no safety, no freedom to develop, no security from invasion" (k4538).

STOP PRESS: Somewhat spookily, precisely as the preceding paragraph was being composed [= 17th July 2023, early hours] a NATO drone was being deployed against the Kerch Bridge, Crimea, resulting in the tit-for-tat blockading of Ukraine's remaining seaports - check it out.

... (m) for a month's assignment in spring 1923 to the French-occupied Rhineland ...

CAMEO - HEMINGWAY ON THE RHINE: Hemingway reported from Paris between 14th and 21st April 1923, before touring the major hot spots in the Rhine region between 25th April and 16th May. The topic was France's military occupation of the Rhineland in order to secure German repayments of the reparations imposed upon her by the Versailles Treaty, and, as part of that operation, specifically the occupation of Offenburg ...

YouTube contemporary newsreel (6 mins.)

Here are some clips indicating the entirely financial nature of this police action ...

14th April 1923: "[+++ two excellent pages on French politics +++] France has spent eighty billion francs on reparations. Forty-five billion francs have been spent on reconstructing the devastated regions. There is a very great scandal talked in France about how that forty-five billions were spent. Deputy Inghies [sic; but actually Albert Inghels Wikipedia biography] of the Department of the Nord, said the other day in the Chamber of Deputies that twenty-five billions of it went for graft. [...] He was hushed up. [...] The point is that the eighty billions have been spent and are charged up as collectible from Germany [and if] France admits that any part of [that sum] is uncollectable she must issue paper francs to pay the bonds she floated to raise the money she has spent. That means inflation" (k4610-4629).

18th April 1923: "Léon Daudet [Wikipedia biography] [...] is the leader of the Royalist Party. He is also editor of L'Action Française, the Royalist paper. The Royalist party is perhaps the most solidly organised in France today. That is a surprising statement to those who think of France as a republic with no thought of ever being anything else. The Royalist headquarters are in Nîmes [and the Royalists have the solid support of the Catholic church. [...] Philippe, the Duke of Orléans, THERE ARE SEVERAL AND HEMINGWAY IS REFERRING TO THIS ONE: Wikipedia biography] is the Royalists' candidate for king [albeit] not allowed by law to enter France. There is a Royalist Fascisti called the Camelots du Roi [Wikipedia briefing]. They carry black loaded canes with salmon-coloured handles. [...] Newsboys who carry L'Action Française into radical districts without the protecting guard of Camelots are badly beaten up by the Communists and Socialists. In the past year the Royalists have received a tremendous impetus in some mysterious way. It has come on so rapidly and suddenly that from being more or less a joke they are now spoken of as one of the very strongest parties. In fact Daudet is marked for assassination by the extreme radicals [and an attempt on his life was made by an anarchist a month or so ago [killing] his assistant, Marcus Plateau, by mistake. General [Charles Mangin [Wikipedia biography], [...] nicknamed "The Butcher", is a Royalist. [...] He can always be seen in the Chamber of Deputies when Léon Daudet speaks. It is the only time he comes. Now the Royalist party wants no reparations from Germany. Nothing would frighten them more than if Germany should be able to pay in full tomorrow. For that would mean that Germany was becoming strong. What they want is a weak Germany, dismembered if possible, a return to the military glories and conquests of France, the return of the Catholic church, and the return of the king. [...] Their plan to accomplish this is to have the reparations kept at such a figure that will be unpayable and then seize German territory to be held 'only until reparations are paid'. The very sinister mystery is how they obtained the hold over M. Poincaré to force him to fall in with their plan" (k4641-4651).

21st April 1923: "French newspapers sell their news columns just as they do their advertising space. It is quite open and understood. [...] So the government pays the newspapers a certain amount to print government news. It is considered government advertising and every big French daily [five examples named] receives a regular amount in subsidy for printing government news" (k4697).

25th April 1923: "The French seized Offenburg in order to keep the great international railway line
open. The line runs straight from Basel in Switzerland through Freiburg, Offenburg, Karlsruhe, Cologne, Dusseldorf, to Holland. It was the main artery of communication and commerce in Germany. According to the French, their occupation was to insure the safe passage of coal trains on the main line between the Ruhr and Italy. [...] Germany denounced the occupation of Offenburg [...] as a breach of the Treaty of Versailles. The French replied by expelling the Burgermeister and some two hundred citizens who had signed the protest from the town. The Germans then informed the French that no more trains would run through Offenburg on the great main Rhineland railway. For almost two months now not a train has run through Offenburg. [...] No coal has gone through since the town was seized. [...] The Franco-German commercial war has settled down to a question of which government goes absolutely broke first” (k4765-4774).

At this juncture the famous issue of German hyperinflation comes up for discussion ...

5th May 1923: "One hundred and twenty-five dollars in Germany today buys two million and a half marks. A year ago it would have taken a motor lorry to haul this amount of money. [...] Now [it] fits easily into your pocketbook as twenty-five slim, crisp 100,000-mark bills” (k4962).

... (m) for a period in Spain later that year, growing fascinated with bullfighting, (n) for returning to Paris early in 1924, this time with an infant son in tow, working for a while for the prestigious Transatlantic Review, mixing increasingly with Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, and meeting one Pauline Pfeiffer [there is a Wiki] (o) for finally managing a full novel with his 1925-1926 "The Sun Also Rises" [Wikipedia briefing], (p) for thereafter enjoying the life of a spoiled celebrity, complete - when the world dared to ignore him - with downtimes of depression, (q) for divorcing Hadley in favour of Pauline in 1927, (r) for working on the aforementioned "A Farewell to Arms" 1928-1929, (s) for rebasing to Key West, Florida, for 1930, enjoying fishing trips into what is nowadays the Dry Tortugas National Park [map], the waters north of Havana, Cuba, working occasionally on a novel about bullfighting, and cultivating that popular picaresque persona of his by such things as hard drinking, shooting clays, and eating prawns whole, heads and all, (t) in 1931 for closely following the developing confrontation between left and right in Spain ...

CAMEO - BACK TO SPAIN: These were the events which brought about the Second Spanish Republic [Wikipedia briefing]. Hemingway and his pregnant wife spent June-September 1931 in Spain. He followed the situation very closely but seems to have been unable to find any outlet back home for political correspondent pieces (Dearborn, p301). Instead, he used the time to gather research material for the aforementioned bullfighting book.

ASIDE - NEWS ITEMS AS MILITARY INTELLIGENCE: The purpose of military intelligence is to know one's enemy better than they know themselves, and the purpose of counter-intelligence is to erode their confidence in their own judgement. To these ends, every agent in the field needs to be backed up by a team of combat-historians and clerk-collators reading newspapers and listening to speeches at desks far behind the battle lines. These are the Intelligence Analysts [UK government briefing] and in the days before computers they worked with the printed word and produced dossiers crammed full of snipped up newspaper clippings ...

See typical CIA dossiers (browse by keywords <CIA archiv>; 14 hits)

It must therefore be presumed that Hemingway’s reports from Genoa and Constantinople in 1922 [see Items (i-ki)] and from Lausanne and the Rhineland in 1923 [Items (l and m)] were clipped and filed away in the corresponding State Department or Defense Department archives. The question then is, whether he was aware of this. Was he truly "just a journalist", or was he to some greater or lesser extent a journalist-spook? Readers are left to select for themselves from the following (admittedly oversimplified) options ...

Type 1 Journalists (No Covert Agenda Of Any Sort): Type 1 journalists have no secret agenda personally. They do not work for client media of any persuasion, and - out of professional pride - do their best to report objective truths. They hold society at large to account, and are not afraid to tell truth to power. Such figures have been rare enough in history, and - since telling truth to power can prove hazardous to wealth - have disappeared altogether since the corporatisation of the media during the second half of the 20th century [Wikipedia briefing].

Type 2 Journalists (Employees Of Aligned Media): Type 2 journalists have the same agenda as the media barons who pay their wages, and their scribblings are sold on to the public in the interests not of the truth but of the whims and personal prejudices of their ultimate patrons. This was clearly to be seen in the selling of American aggression during the Spanish-American War [see Timeline 15th February 1898, following the threading provided]. Likewise during the descent into WW1 in the early 20th...
century, where it became known as Yellow Journalism (US)/Gutter Journalism (UK) [U.S. Office of the Historian briefing]. Like the Town Criers [Wikipedia briefing] of old, Type 2 journalists add nothing to the debate, and are often referred to as "talking heads", "stenographers", "announcers", "anchor(wo)men", etc. Needless to say, being funded by power they no longer do anything to hold power to account.

**Type 3 Journalists (Journalist-Spoops):** Type 3 journalists have been pre-briefed with a hidden agenda by an intelligence services case officer, because they can go where intelligence officers cannot. They become that case officer's eyes and ears in some focal trouble spot or far off war. Thus a journalist sent to cover a trade dispute might well have aided the Pinkertons in their vicious strike-busting by identifying the workers’ rights ringleaders [see, e.g., Timeline at 77th December 1874], and a journalist covering a war zone might be going out of their way to note defence works, unit identifications, troop numbers, etc. Unlike Type 2 journalists, those in Type 3 get more or less formally remunerated by the intelligence service concerned, and their careers (and those of their sons and daughters after them) may be quietly promoted on a quid pro quo basis as a result.

**Type 4 Journalism - Intelligence Agents Under Cover:** These are not really journalists at all, but instead professional spooks pretending to be journalists. For obvious reasons, their cover is usually "strictly protected". We have already mentioned W. Somerset Maugham and Hugh Walpole in this context (see the inset in the entry for the American Field Service (AFS) for the full justification here), but Upano (2003 [full text online]) provides a much richer discussion. See also the quite recent case of Daniel Pearl [Wikipedia biography].

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** As far as the present author has been able to establish from the published biographies, there is neither evidence nor accusation that Hemingway was anything more than a Type 1 (or moderately Type 2) journalist as defined above, whose pieces sold on merit alone and who had no communication directly into the military intelligence world. However, the Hemingway archives are extensive and still regularly trawled by fresh generations of doctoral students, as indeed are the intelligence service archives. It would therefore be nice one day to come across a dossier so crammed with Hemingway pieces that he might be raised to a Type 3 asset. As we shall be seeing in Item (ad) below, his involvement with Naval Intelligence during WW2 was totally explicit - a definite Type 3 involvement - so such a discovery would be far from surprising.

... (u) for returning stateside, becoming a father again; also for increasingly spending time in Cuban waters, (v) for pulling the bullfighting material together in 1932 as a dramatised thesis entitled "Death in the Afternoon" [Wikipedia briefing], being found "bitter" to the point of "petulant" by The New Yorker’s 1932 review of same ...

**CAMEO - BLOODLUST, DEATH, AND EL ESTOQUE:** In the event, Death in the Afternoon emerged as a dramatized technical thesis rather than as outright fiction. (It included fictional devices on occasions, so as to lighten the narrative, but it was not presented as a novel.) The following two clips will help indicate where Hemingway was coming from with his own frequently morbid "interest in death" (see second paragraph below) ...

"I know only that what is moral is what you feel good after and what is immoral is what you feel bad after and judged by these moral standards, which I do not defend, the bullfight is very moral to me because I feel very fine while it is going on and have a feeling of life and death and mortality and immortality, and after it is over I feel very sad but very fine. […] I have taken many people, both men and women, to bullfights and have seen their reactions to the death and goring of horses in the ring and their reactions are quite unpredictable. Women that I felt sure would enjoy the bullfights with the exception of the goring of the horses were quite unaffected by it; I mean really unaffected [and it] did not disgust or horrify them at all. Other people, both men and women, were so affected that they were made physically ill" (Death in the Afternoon, p2).

"There are two things that are necessary for a country to love bullfights. One is that the bulls must be raised in that country and the other that the people must have an interest in death. The English and French live for life […] and death] is an unpleasant subject to be avoided or, at best, moralized on, but never to be studied. Never discuss casualties, they say […] When the English kill they kill for sport and the French kill for the pot. […] However, any killing which is not for the pot nor for sport seems to the English and the French to be cruel. [+++ Spanish regional practices described ++++] The centre of bullfighting in Spain now, both as to the production of fighters and the greatest enthusiasm for the fight itself, is Madrid and the country around Madrid. Valencia comes next. […] At present a violent campaign is being conducted against it by certain newspapers with government subsidies, but so many people derive their livings from [the practice] that I do not believe the government will abolish it even if they felt themselves strong enough" (ibid., p170).
... (w) for assuaging his bloodlust in an African safari during winter 1933-1934 [Dearborn lists the killings on pp333-334, if interested - Ed.], (x) once back home, for commissioning a 38-foot cabin cruiser to be named Pilar [Wikipedia briefing and pics] and based (initially) at Key West, Florida, (y) for continuing to write, producing the novel "Green Hills of Africa" in early 1935; also for learning to hunt sharks in the Bahamas with a Tommy gun [apparently you can keep hitting them but unless you find their brain with a lucky shot they keep on coming - Ed.], (z) for continuing in like vein through to late 1936, when the civil war in Spain seriously diverted him ...

CAMEO - HEMINGWAY AND THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR: The long-simmering confrontation between the (Leftist) Spanish Republicans and General Franco's (Rightist) Nationalist-Monarchists finally boiled over into a shooting war - the Spanish Civil War [Wikipedia briefing] - on 17th July 1936. The Condor Legion [Wikipedia briefing] of Hitler's nascent Luftwaffe began to fly for Franco the following month (see Corum and Turner, 2020 [Amazon] on this, if interested), leading Hemingway to observe (quite astutely) that Spain was simply the "dress rehearsal for the inevitable European war" (Dearborn, p364). Now, more than ever (his biographers assure us), the Spanish war brought out the political animal in Hemingway. Thus …

"Until the Spanish Civil War [Hemingway] believed the writer must be above politics. [+++ discussion and examples +++] The development of Ernest's political consciousness, coming as it did in the midst of his awakening knowledge of events in civil war Spain, was swift and sure. By mid-December he was sending money to buy and outfit ambulances for the Spanish Republicans. [In correspondence] he presented his decision to go to Spain as a matter of conscience. […] He acknowledged that 'the Reds' might look bad, but they represented the people against their oppressors in Spain and the Fascists elsewhere" (pp365-366).

He therefore headed for the warzone, intent on making a difference once again - as in 1918 - as an ambulance driver …

"In November, Madrid was under siege. That month Walter Winchell mentioned Ernest's desire to go to Spain in his gossip column," (quotation suspended) …

ASIDE - PAY ATTENTION NOW!: Winchell [see own entry VERY RELEVANT!] was a Hearst man and colleague of Isaac Don Levine [see the click through in the Winchell entry ALSO VERY RELEVANT!!]. His gossip column was a cog in the complex machinery by which America's movers and shakers engineered consent for whatever best suited them financially.

(quotations resumed) “and as a result he was offered a way to get there. NANA, the North American Newspaper Alliance, founded by John Wheeler in 1922, […] offered Hemingway a persuasive deal. He would get $500 for a cabled story and $1000 for a 1200-word story written and mailed […]; other reporters were getting $15 or $25 an item’ (pp366-367).

ASIDE - PAY ATTENTION NOW!: The North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA) [see own entry for follow-up leads ALSO VERY RELEVANT] was a media conglomerate founded in 1922 by sports writer turned opinion former John Neville Wheeler [Wikipedia biography]. By the 1930s it was syndicating stories from the world's various trouble spots (hence their interest in Hemingway). There can therefore be little doubt that NANA clips reside in many archived intelligence dossiers, although NANA's relationship with the intelligence community will not become explicit the 1950s.

This ambulance device had, of course, all been done before [see item (b) above].

"The old free ambulance trick, eh …"

RESEARCH ISSUE - WHOSE MONEY AND AT WHOSE SUGGESTION?: From this point onward one must be deeply suspicious of Hemingway's motives, for he now looks to have become a full Type 3 Journalist. A spy. It would therefore be nice (1) to track the intelligence officers who recruited him into the intelligence and propaganda world (how accidental was his introduction to Gellhorn [next], for example), and (2) to check whether NANA were fully or partly reimbursed from some government intelligence slush fund. As noted at the outset, we shall continue to highlight thus any more or less obvious intelligence-style involvements.
... (aa) for cultivating an adulterous love affair with society biographer and hot blonde Martha Gellhorn [Wikipedia biography] in early 1937 [Dearborn makes a convincing case that Gellhorn went out of her way to get him, and succeeded - Ed.], (ab) for lending his name to the NYC-based group Contemporary Historians, presently producing a propaganda short under the title "Spain in Flames" [no IMDB entry], (ac) for travelling to Madrid in February 1937 (with Gellhorn following a few days later) …

**ASIDE:** We have seen and been impressed by the trailer for the 2012 movie "Hemingway and Gellhorn", covering both the civil war and the love affair, and have it high on our to-watch list. Readers with more time to spare may wish to get in first …

[YouTube the "Hemingway and Gellhorn" trailer here](2 mins.)

... where - the ambulances project having been sidelined - he adventured alongside NYT correspondent Herbert L. Matthews [Wikipedia briefing] (more on whom in due course) and also provided the narration for a second propaganda film entitled "The Spanish Earth" [IMDB entry] …

[YouTube the piece here](54 mins.)

**DESERVES BETTER RECOGNITION IN HISTORY**

... (ad) for returning home in May 1937 to find himself quite a celebrity, and for gradually writing up his experiences in Spain in the world classic novel "For Whom The Bell Tolls" [Wikipedia briefing], which would be published to acclaim in late 1940 and eventually filmed (in 1943) starring actor Gary Cooper [IMDB entry], (ae) for meeting with the U.S. Ambassador to Spain, Claude Bowers [Wikipedia biography] on 16th May 1938, giving him "a detailed analysis of the Republican Army, evaluating, for example, their armaments and the strengths and weaknesses of [their generals]" (p421), (af) for settling in the hills overlooking Havana, Cuba, in mid-1939 …

**ASIDE - THE FINCA:** The Finca Vigía property [Wikipedia briefing and map] was chosen by Gellhorn. The Pilar was moored a few kilometers away at Cojimar [map].

... (ag) for striking up a friendship with Time Magazine senior and soon-to-be WW2 state propagandist Ralph Ingersoll [see own entry AN INTERESTING CHARACTER] …

**CAMEO - HEMINGWAY AND THE PROPAGANDISTS:** Here is Dearborn again …

"The previous spring he and his brother Leicester [Wikipedia biography] had taken Ralph Ingersoll, long a Time editor and a founder of Fortune, out fishing on the Pilar in the waters off Cuba. Ingersoll was talking about starting a newspaper in New York to be called PM, which would be decidedly progressive […] and he] was looking, moreover, for reporters with a well-honed sense of the drama of the story they were covering […]. Leicester signed on immediately [see next item but wot]. […] Ernest did not sign on until that December, however, when Ingersoll agreed that he would cover the Chinese situation [see next item] for the newspaper" (p422).

Of his brother's involvement Reynolds (op. cit. inf.) adds as follows …

"In December 1939, Ernest told his brother Leicester about a young Englishman who 'had a title, a bank account, and a naval intelligence assignment'. […] Sir Anthony Jenkinson [Wikipedia biography] (see under Sir Anthony, 13th Baronet; b. 1912, d. 1989; biographer Connolly (2023) describes him as a 'wartime intelligence agent'] - Tony only to his friends - was a passably good writer with two adventure travel books to his credit by 1940. […] Now Jenkinson was looking for [adventurers] like Ernest and Leicester" (pp135-137).

Dearborn continues …

"In 1940, Leicester and a British friend, Tony Jenkinson, had cruised the Caribbean for several months in a schooner called the Blue Stream [no convenient shipography but much to reward the determined browser], on the lookout for any signs of Nazi activity. […] The U.S. was losing cargo ships at an horrific rate - 251 were sunk in the Caribbean alone [and so it] is not surprising that Americans like Hemingway were eager to do anything they could to stem these losses" (p427).

And Reynolds rounds off the story as follows …

"The amateur spies offered their observations to Naval Intelligence, at least on the American side of the water. Their work was not well received. Rear Admiral T. J. Wilkinson [probably in error for Theodore S.
[Wilkinson Wikipedia biography] wrote that, after careful study, the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) did not believe that Leicester was likely ever to collect any useful [intelligence] " (p138).

… (ah) for marrying Gellhorn 21st November 1940, and for taking a working honeymoon thanks to an expenses-paid commission (hers, not his) from Collier's Magazine "to cover the 'Chinese Army in action'" (p421) …

**CAMEO - THE HEMINGWAYS THROW RICE IN CHINA:** Hemingway accordingly negotiated a commission for himself from the aforementioned Ingersoll, to submit copy to his PM Magazine [again it would be nice to know if Ingersoll simply passed the expenses on to military intelligence -Ed.]. The pair visited Hong Kong for the nuptials, and then fact-found their way to Chungking in the far interior, where they had audiences with Chiang Kai-shek and Chou En-lai. The political sensitivity of those times is related by Dearborn as follows …

"Ernest would report on both meetings to Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthal, Jr. [Wikipedia biography], who was evaluating U.S. funding of the Chinese Nationalists. As reporters covering countries at war, Martha and Ernest were naturally seeking war intelligence, which did indeed greatly interest some in the Roosevelt administration, whom Martha knew through her friendship with the president and his wife. […] Hemingway's reports to PM were competent but nothing special" (p423).

… (ai) for thereby being approached in early March 1942 by "American officials in Havana involved in intelligence work" (Dearborn, p428), following which he and Martha spent two weeks in for Mexico City …

**CAMEO - THE HEMINGWAYS IN MEXICO CITY:** Dearborn suggests that their mission was to raise "an army of Republican exiles from Spain who would be shipped to North Africa to join Allied troops there" (p428). Nothing seems to have come of the visit.

… (aj) for thereby being recruited by the ONI's John Thomason [Wikipedia biography] to take on anti-submarine patrol and soft surveillance duties in the Antilles and Gulf of Mexico …

**CAMEO - THE HEMINGWAYS DO ASW:** When the United States entered WW2 in December 1941, their merchant marine - no longer protected by neutrality - suddenly became fair game for Nazi U-boats. Which made Hemingway's beloved Caribbean a warzone. His next adventure was therefore to sign himself and the Pilar up for duty as a makeshift anti-submarine warfare (ASW) [Wikipedia briefing] picket boat. He duly drew arms and supplies from the navy [he apparently really liked the grenades - Ed.] and drilled himself in boarding practice! The first patrol took place in July 1942. It is even possible that it was Gellhorn who got him the job. Dearborn again …

"The impetus behind Ernest's first intelligence effort may have been Martha's work on an article about possible Nazi spies in Cuba for Collier's. She had cleared the idea with editor Charles Colebaugh [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] in advance; it was a great story, and one that Martha, with her knowledge of the role fifth columnists had played in Spain, was ideally situated to write. But when she sent it in, in July 1941, the magazine rejected the article. In protest, she reminded Colebaugh that Nazi sympathisers in Cuba had the ability to tip off U-boats to the location of American ships carrying matériel to the U.K. […] Martha and Ernest grumbled for months about the story, casually continuing to keep track of Cuba residents they believed were Fascist sympathisers" (pp426-427).

**ASIDE:** For our part we suspect that Colebaugh was quickly warned off the story by the War Department censor, for they would already have had more professional agents working those sympathisers. Publicity would have been the last thing they needed.

Hemingway was, eventually awarded the Bronze Star in 1947 for distinguished war service.

… (ak) other than the above, for passing 1942-1943 getting drunk, letting off grenades, being too sozzled to write, and falling out of love with Martha, (al) for waving Martha goodbye (literally and figuratively) in September 1943 when Collier's sent her to cover the Mediterranean Campaign, (am) for being put forward for an intelligence post with OSS [apparently without his knowledge - Ed.], only to be turned down for being judged "too much of a lone wolf to take orders" (p443), (an) for instead getting a commission of his own as a war correspondent again, and being transferred to London in the weeks prior to the 1944 Normandy Invasion, (ao) after the landings, for tracking the American armies up across France, covering the Liberation of Paris that August, and eventually ending up embedded with
the 4th Infantry Division during the Battle of the Hürtgen Forest that November, (ap) for divorcing Gellhorn on 21st December 1945 and marrying one Mary Welsh [Wikipedia biography], one of Time-Life Magazines' London staffers, on 14th March 1946 …

***** THE EARLY COLD WAR *****

… (aq) for returning to the life of a (not-altogether likeable) civilian celebrity 1946-1958, with biographers increasingly noting distinct periods of mania and depression, (ar) for landing the 1954 Nobel Prize for Literature, (as) for being diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver in 1956, (at) for being in Cuba, during Fidel Castro's revolution …

***** THE CASTRO YEARS *****

CAMEO - HEMINGWAY AND THE CASTRO REVOLUTION: Having fought in one war and reported from close to the front in three others, the late 1950s were considerate enough to bring Hemingway's next war - the Cuban Civil War [Wikipedia briefings] - to him on his own front door (one bomb did indeed go off right outside Finca - Ed.). The fighting dated back to 1953 when Cuban rebels including (and ultimately led by) Fidel Castro gradually weakened and eventually deposed the unpopular President Batista and dismantled his fearsome and deeply corrupt police state. As luck would have it, Hemingway was able to renew his acquaintance with NYT roving asset Herbert L. Matthews [introduced in item (ac) above] …

QUICKIE - HERBERT L. MATTHEWS: Matthews' brief reappearance in the Hemingway narrative is nicely contextualized in the following clip from Dearborn …

"[The Hemingways] had a couple of pleasant visits: one was from Herbert Matthews, the New York Times reporter whom Ernest had first met in the Spanish Civil War. Matthews had next seen Ernest when he was covering Cuban politics in 1952. His biggest journalistic coup was locating and interviewing Castro in the Sierra Maestra in 1957, after Batista had declared him dead” (p607).

However the main source on Matthews' time with Hemingway, both in Spain in 1937 and Cuba in the 1950s, is Reynolds (Chapter 13), who profiles the relationship as follows …

"The friendship between Matthews and Hemingway that started in Spain had never faltered […]. Like Hemingway, Matthews felt the Republican defeat deeply. […] When Matthews landed in Havana again in February 1957, [he] was looking for one more great story. […] and when he got an early interview with Fidel Castro he knew he had a great scoop. […] Well informed and well read, [Castro] was mounting a serious challenge to Batista's regime. […] What Matthews said about Castro was likely to capture the heart of a man who had committed himself to the struggle against fascism during the Spanish Civil War: a charismatic revolutionary was fighting a right-wing dictator, someone both Matthews and Hemingway detested. Castro was a leftist and an anti-imperialist, but not a communist. He was saying many of the same things about politics that Hemingway himself had said over the past few years. […] As soon as he could, Matthews flew home […] and drafted a series of articles that first appeared above the fold on the front page of the Times' Sunday edition. The subhead declared, 'Castro Is Still Alive and Still Fighting in the Mountains'. The second article downplayed the role communists were playing in the opposition to Batista, while the third, in contrast, predicted that Castro's goal was […] to bring about thoroughgoing social change. The immediate impact was enormous […]. Matthews' articles changed Castro's image 'from hotheaded loser to noble rogue with broad ideals' and made him the leading figure in [Batista's] opposition. Overnight the reporter became a hero to Cubans who were fighting Batista, and to many Americans on the left. […] In 1957, Castro leveraged the advantage Matthews had given him. A natural expert at propaganda, he [made] his movement seem stronger than it was [and] the number of defections from Batista's camp rose. [+++ detail +++] [An anecdote concerning the killing of one of Hemingway's dogs featured in the NYT] on August 22” (pp229-234).

Matthews, Reynolds concludes, was accordingly "the man who invented Fidel” (ibid., p228). He is also the top candidate for the anonymous publicist referred to in Item (ax) below.

As for Hemingway, he did not (according to Dearborn) actually get to meet Castro until May 1960.

… (au) for investing in a $50,000 retreat in Ketchum, Idaho, in November 1959 [Wikipedia briefings], (av) for being warned off remaining in Cuba shortly after it was decided in Washington that Castro was not going to be the benign and Washington-friendly populist they - using Matthews and the NYT - had created, (aw) for rapidly going downhill both physically and mentally during 1960-1961, taking up residence in his Ketchum retreat, and - despite many electroshock sessions - eventually blowing his brains out with a shotgun [he managed both barrels simultaneously - Ed.] on 2nd July 1961, and (ax) [and this is the
for a brief posthumous mention which he gets in the 1963 memoirs of an obscure American middle-echelon hoodlum turned CIA field operative turned neofascist poster-boy named John Martino (see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY), thus …

EDITORIAL NOTE: Castro had visited NYC in April 1959 as the United States' blue-eyed boy in the Caribbean [see the NYT's Keller (2018 [full text online]) on this], then returned - now rebranded as a dangerous proto-Communist - for a longer visit in September 1960 [Wikipedia briefing]. On both occasions he spoke at the United Nations. If the biographies are correct, then the appearances with Hemingway must have after the 1960 trip.

"There was also an attitude of bewildered disappointment toward Ernest Hemingway, who had turned into such a vociferous propagandist for Fidel Castro and his Communist state. Hemingway had greeted Castro when the latter returned from the United Nations. They appeared on television together on several occasions, and Hemingway even appeared on a program with Juan Marinello, the nominal leader of the Cuban Communist Party. This great figure in world literature would tell his radio and TV audiences in fluent Spanish that the American people were being hoodwinked by their capitalist exploiters, that they were being told lies about Cuba by Wall Street, and that there was red freedom under Castro. [...] The Cuban Communists were planning to build a Hemingway museum at the time I left prison [* October 1963 [*] These Cubans felt that they had been betrayed by Hemingway and a well-known American publicist and correspondent. These two, I was told, had been part of the inner group which Castro had generally consulted before making big decisions [...]. These people, my informants believed, could not possibly have been dupes. They were insiders [...]. During the last phases of Castro's struggle for power [...] Fidel was very worried about the impact of [American kidnappings] on American opinion. The American publicist, who was part of his inside group, reportedly told him: 'don’t worry about American opinion. I make American opinion’ “ (Martino, op. cit. inf., pp317-319).

RESEARCH ISSUE: The hypothesis at this juncture is that - in both content and style - these are not the words of a two-bit hoodlum, but rather of his (probably Operation MOCKINGBIRD) ghostwriter Nathaniel Weyl (see own entry LOTS TO BE EXPLAINED).


Hemingway, Gregory: Youngest son of author Ernest Hemingway [see own entry], Gregory Hemingway [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for contact, possibly intimate, with David Ferrie during the latter's stop-overs in Miami in the early 1960s.

***** CONTRACT ASSASSIN IN DEALEY PLAZA *****

Hemming, Gerald Patrick, Jr.: U.S.M.C. veteran turned soldier of fortune and perhaps occasional CIA asset Gerry Hemming [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving in the Marine Corps 1954-1958, making sergeant, (b) for (perhaps) serving with LHO during the latter's time at Atsugi Naval Air Station ...

ASIDE: This contact has been proposed from time to time, but is comprehensively dismissed by Newman (1995/2008, p101) on the grounds that LHO served with First Air Wing (based at Atsugi), whilst Hemming was with Third Air Wing (based at Hawaii). Oswald was at Atsugi between September 1957 and September
1958 (start at Timeline 12th September 1957 and follow the sub-thread onward pointers). Of course their paths may well have crossed on special duties, or at large depots like El Toro - see next.

... (c) for (with greater certainty) making the acquaintance of LHO in early 1959, marking him as a possible intelligence operative, thus ...

"... early in 1959, while in Los Angeles, Hemming says he crossed paths with a nineteen-year-old Marine who was stationed in nearby Santa Ana. 'One day a Cuban who was coordinating the movement there called me aside [...] He said there was a Marine who'd come around, saying he was prepared to desert and go to Cuba to become a revolutionary. The Cuban asked if I'd meet with the Marine, check him out. I did ... It turned out to be Oswald.' 'What was your impression of him?' I asked. 'Did you feel he was sincere?' 'No, he didn't look like he was worth a damn, maybe just trying to create a scandal. I thought he might have been on the Naval Intelligence roll. You know, a penetrator. I told the Twenty-sixth of July leadership to get rid of him'" (Russell, 1998, p98; publishing a 1976 interview; confirmed by Hurst 1985, p243).

**ADISE:** This story first appeared in the magazine *Argosy* in April 1976, and is reproduced in greater detail in Newman (1995/2008, p104), if interested. Morrow (1992) identifies "the movement" in question as Rolando Masferrer's anti-Castro group SNFE, the Second National Front of the Escambré (pp208-209). LHO was indeed based in California at this time [see Timeline 22nd December 1958].

... (d) for fighting as a mercenary with Fidel Castro's rebel army February-August 1959, (e) for being arrested in an overnight raid at No Name Key 4-5th December 1962, (f) for having some contact in early 1963 with Big Oil-funded fellow mercenary Loran Hall [see own entry] (Kaiser, 2008, pp248-249), (g) in the run-up to the Assassination, apparently unable to get a direct CIA contract, for setting up of a small force of anti-Castro mercenaries based in Miami known as INTERPEN [see own entry], quite probably funded ultimately by Cuba's ex-President Carlos Prio Socarras, in exile nearby and flush with cash stolen from his country before he was deposed (Kaiser, 2008, p207; broadly confirmed by Baker, 2014, p189), (h) for therefore becoming of intense interest once authors started to place him in the crowd on Dealey Plaza on 22nd November 1963 ...

**ADISE:** Hemming was recorded as a suspicious man with a rifle case by three witnesses. He is also one of the six potential conspirators photographically placed in Dealey Plaza by Eaglesham and Schallhorn (2000 [full text online - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]). We find their photographic evidence pretty compelling, but please check for yourself.

... (i) for giving interviews to a number of forensic historians, including Dick Russell (in 1976 for Russell, 1992), Anthony Summers (in 1978 for Summers, 1980), A. J. Weberman, Jim Marrs (in 1991 for Marrs, 1989/2013), Judyth Vary Baker (in 2000 for Baker, 2014), and Greg Burnham (in ???? for the YouTube link below), and (j) for stating 11th March 2005 in one of his last interviews (for the weekly Florida newspaper *Solares Hill*), that he believed the JFK hit to have been underwritten by Ramfis Trujillo [Wikipedia biography], son of President Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, and one of Trujillo senior's senior intelligence officers Johnny Abbes García [Wikipedia biography] (Metta, 2018, p54). There is much to learn from from the ???? audio interview [online 2014, but original date unknown - Ed.] with researcher Greg Burnham concerning his years in Cuba - YouTube it here STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. See also his mention in the entry for Mitchell WerBell.

***** ACCESSORY TO CONSPIRACY, WW1 *****
***** WHITEWASHER OF WW1 PROFITEERING *****

Henderson, Sir Alexander, [Lord Faringdon]1916: British industrialist-politician Sir Alexander Henderson, Lord Faringdon [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Henderson, they note, had been sent to Scandinavia in late 1915 to investigate complaints from sources such as Montagu Consett [see own entry] that far too many commodities were being traded into Germany by profiteering Britons, despite being plainly destined for German munitions.
production. The contraband system, in other words, was simply not fit for the purpose of winning the war, just for the purpose of making money out of it.

**ASIDE:** Henderson was at the time on the **Shipping Control Committee** [see own entry]. Readers are recommended to the very long House of Commons debate on the topic "Control of Merchant Shipping" (*Hansard*, 17th February 1916 [full text online]). The issue of what was and what was not contraband continued to be much debated in both legislative houses during 1916.

Henderson's eventual report was not itself made public, but was summarised in the House of Commons Official Record by **Sir Edward Grey** on 26th January 1916 as showing that "the amount of leakage ... to the enemy is ... much less than might have been supposed". *Fixis fixandis*, a grateful Establishment duly ennobled Henderson as **Lord Faringdon of Buscot** [Wikipedia briefing and images] (Buscot Park having been the Henderson family seat since 1887). For some idea of how Henderson's 19th Century wealth has survived into the 21st Century, check out the following three links: **Witan Investment Trust** [Wikipedia briefing], **Henderson Group** [Wikipedia briefing], and (now worth £100 Billion) **Janus Henderson** [Wikipedia briefing]. Buscot Park, meanwhile, was handed over to the nation in the late 1940s to be maintained at public expense, and happily we can report that that national charitable giving has allowed the latest Lord Faringdon to continue in residence to this day [February 2019]. **[THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]**

**Henderson, [Sir]1937** Neville Meyrick: British career diplomat [Sir]1937 Neville Henderson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being appointed 28th May 1937 as British Ambassador to Berlin, a post he would hold until the outbreak of war., and - as an Appeaser at heart - for proving as such "a complete disaster; hysterical, self-opinionated, and unreliable" (Harold Macmillan, 1966).

**Hendrix, Hal:** Kansas City Star cub journalist turned **JM/WAVE** press liaison man Hal Hendrix [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being hired by *The Miami Times* in 1957, specialising in Latin American affairs, (b) for there cultivating (being cultivated by?) contacts in what would, in 1962, become **JM/WAVE**, "the largest CIA station in the world", at their South Miami base, (c) for being awarded the 1963 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting ...

**ASIDE:** The Pulitzer citation reads "for his persistent reporting which revealed, at an early stage, that the Soviet Union was installing missile launching pads in Cuba and sending in large numbers of MIG-21 aircraft". Older readers will remember with affection **Johnny the Shoeshine Guy** [reminder], who knew everything about everything, but only if you slipped him $10. Well Hendrix either got this snippet from the CIA or had a shoeshine guy who flew U-2s!! The CIA officer best placed to have authorised the release was **George Joannides** [see own entry].

(d) similarly for welcoming the overthrow of the President of the Dominican Republic 24th September 1963, 24-hours before it actually happened (Summers, 1980/1989), (e) similarly for being in a position at 1800hr 22nd November 1963 to give a detailed telephone briefing to fellow journalist **Seth Kantor** [see own entry], following the not-yet-out-there "Self-Portrait in Red", and (f) for oh-so-very-wisely not telling tales out of school to the **House Select Committee on Assassinations** in 1976.

**Henley and Partners:** Founded in 1997 as a "private client immigration consultancy", **Messrs. Henley and Partners** [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as a sort of dating agency for stateless billionaires and billionaire-less states; citizenship papers serve as proxy for a wedding ring. The partnership has in the past called upon the public speaking skills of BBC R4 Today presenter **Justin Webb** [see own entry].

**Herbert, Aubrey Nigel Henry Molyneux:** British aristocrat.WW1 veteran (Mons), diplomat, and spy **Aubrey Herbert** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being much travelled in the diplomatic service 1902-1910, (b) for being elected to Parliament in 1911, becoming friends with [Sir]1913 **Mark Sykes**, (c) for advising the Balkan Peace Conference 1912-1913, (d) for being
headhunted into the intelligence service in Cairo in early 1915, becoming friends with T. E. Lawrence [of Arabia], (e) for running naval intelligence out of Basra, Mesopotamia, in 1916, (f) for being involved mid-1917 in murky diplomatic efforts to drive a wedge between the Central Powers and the Ottoman Empire [see Timeline 18th July 1917], (g) for relocating to Rome later that year, coordinating intelligence ops against the Austro-Hungarians on the Adriatic Front, (h) for thereby getting to liaise with the Italian delegation at the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 18th January 1919], and (i) for continuing in intelligence ops (despite failing eyesight) through until the 1920s. He died in 1923 aged only 43.

***** THE MICE THAT (FINALLY) ROARED *****

Herd Immunity: The epidemiological term Herd Immunity [Wikipedia briefing] was popularised by University of Manchester bacteriologists Topley and Wilson (1923) [PubMed full text online], when writing up two animal laboratory experiments studying the spread of a deliberately induced Bacillus enterides [a.k.a. *B. aertrycke*, a gut/faecal bacterium in the Salmonella genus] infection in caged mice colonies. Both experiments involved colonies of 30 mice at a time, caged together, with different proportions of normally immunised and previously immunised animals. Six such colonies (A-F, 180 animals) were used in Experiment #1, and five (A-E, 150 animals) in Experiment #2. The two experiments differed in the way the infection was introduced: in #1, all animals were fed infected bread on day #1, whereas in #2, ten infected mice were rotated in pairs around the five cages on a daily basis (it follows that the results may be briefly summarised. [...] If we consider the two cages which contained both normal and immunised mice, we find that, in Cage C, the mortality was 60 per cent. among the normal and 50 per cent. among the immunised, while in Cage D it was 100 per cent. among the normal and 50 per cent. among the immunised. The time-relations of the deaths are of considerable interest. In Cages A and B, containing only normal mice, the deaths had practically ceased by the 24th day of the experiment. In Cage C, containing normal and immunised mice in the proportion of two to one, no deaths occurred after the 19th day. In Cage D, containing normal and immunised mice in the proportion of one to two, 25 per cent. of the total deaths occurred after the 24th day. In Cages E and F, 36-8 per cent. and 53-3 per cent. respectively of the total deaths occurred after the 24th day. There is similar evidence of delay, if we compare the deaths of the normal and immunised mice in the two cages which contained animals of both classes. It appears, then, that immunisation by intraperitoneal inoculation of a killed vaccine confers a definite, but by no means an absolute protection against infection [...]” (op. cit., pp244-246).

**EXPERIMENT 1:**

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**EXPERIMENT 2:**

"So far as was possible each cage was subjected to an equal risk of infection. In the result, a considerable epidemic was produced among the 30 normal mice leading to a mortality of 96-7 per cent. within 120 days, and a specific mortality of 70 per cent. Among the immunised mice there was no evidence of spread of specific infection. Although a total mortality of 60 per cent. occurred during 120 days, no death could be attributed to enteric infection. Among the population, half of which were normal and half immunised, an epidemic was produced of equal severity with that which occurred among the normal population. The total mortality was 100 per cent. and the specific mortality 53-3 per cent. It should, however, be noted that, while the specific mortality among the 15 normal mice was 667 per cent. that among the immunised was only 40 per cent” (op. cit., p247).

**DISCUSSION:**

"Active immunisation of mice, in the manner indicated, confers a definite degree of protection against subsequent infection by feeding. [...] It also confers some protection against mouse-to-mouse infection. There is some evidence that spread of infection occurs with difficulty among a population, each individual of which has been actively immunised. There is definite evidence that, among a population containing susceptible and immunised individuals, the relative immunity of the latter does not save them from infection and death, when epidemic spread occurs. It appears that a degree of immunity, which may save individual hosts when living among equally resistant companions, is rendered of no avail when they are surrounded by highly susceptible individuals of their own species. We have referred above to the need for a careful study of the factors determining the immunity of a herd as distinguished from the immunity of an individual” (op. cit., p248).
Nigh on a century later, the notion of herd immunity suddenly became a very fevered topic of conversation as the COVID-19 Pandemic began to take hold. The sudden interest was sparked by a series of press conference and individual interviews 9th-13th March by Premier Johnson and/or Britain's Chief Scientific Advisor [Sir] Patrick Vallance, during which "herd immunity" was mentioned as one of the factors being taken into account in a four-faceted government strategy for dealing with the emergency. The specific prediction was that herd immunity would help damp the pandemic down once the number of cases had reached 60 percent of the population, that is to say, some 40 million Britons. Before considering the wisdom of raising the subject at all with many of said 40 million listening in, watch the originals carefully ...

Unsurprisingly, Vallance's comments did not go down at all well with the population at large, who quickly worked out that even at a conservative one percent mortality [this being the word on the street at that juncture - Ed.] this meant 400,000 deaths. The British people grew instantly suspicious of government advisors contradicting each other and government speechwriters doing snip-and-paste with their scientists' wise words. The lab rats had decided they did not like being guinea pigs in what was at best a gigantic experiment with their lives, and at worst total incompetence ...

HINDSIGHT FIGURES, 8TH APRIL 2020: A month after the initial presser, figures from the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Database as at 1100hr 8th April 2020 allow us to compare progress of the pandemic in Greece (strict early lockdown and management, hence healthcare system not swamped; 81 deaths out of 1832 cases (4.4 percent mortality)), with Italy (loose early lockdown, hence healthcare system initially swamped; 17,127 deaths out of 135,586 cases (12.6 percent mortality)). The U.K., (no early lockdown and healthcare system seriously overloaded) scored 6159 deaths out of 55,949 cases (11.0 percent mortality). AND 11% MORTALITY ON THE GOVERNMENT'S 40 MILLION TARGET IS 4.4 MILLION DEAD. No surprise, therefore, that the University of Washington Institute of Health Metrics and The Lancet revealed that same day that the U.K. was shaping up to be the worst performing of the European nations in its handling of the crisis.

FURTHER READING: All the dates specified above have their own entries in the Companion Timeline, and those entries, taken together, provide a richer contextualisation of the advancing pandemic if required. We shall update this entry regularly as the pandemic burns itself out (Coronavirus willing), but in the meantime, as an alternative to the video sources above, check out Anya van Wagendonk's 15th March 2020 piece for Vox, entitled "The U.K. Backs Away From 'Herd Immunity' Coronavirus Proposal Amid Blowback" [full text online].

Heritage Foundation: See the entry for Paul Weyrich.

"Likely the most influential American Protestant in occupied Germany" (Woltering)

Herman, Stewart Winfield, Jr.: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT.] American Lutheran pastor and Allen Dulles intelligence asset Stewart W. Herman [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy for being one of the four spy-clergymen featured in Sutton (op. cit. inf.). Here, highlighting the world-historic political context, is Sutton's core bio (four very long passages, heavily abridged; note the three highlights in blue, which will receive particular mention when bringing this item to a close) ...

"In 1941 [President Franklin D. Roosevelt] identified 'freedom of worship' as one of four essential universal values at the core of the Allies' cause, one of his famous 'Four Freedoms'. Building on and expanding Woodrow Wilson's vision of the United States as the hope and salvation of the world, Roosevelt established a powerful religious rationale that helped shape the United States' global role into the twenty-first century. Securing freedom of religion around the world became a justification for American intervention abroad. American missionaries wanted and expected to be on the front lines of this new crusade. [+++ extraneous detail +++]
Stewart Herman, Jr. was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on August 4, 1909. His father served as the pastor of the city's historic Zion Lutheran Church [...]. After graduation he was ordained in the United Lutheran synod [...]. Herman was an excellent student, who believed that God had called him to help build the global Protestant faith. [...] In 1934 Herman earned a fellowship to do graduate work in France at the University of Strasbourg [...] but had no idea how challenging the next few years would be or how they would inadvertently make him an expert on the Nazi regime and on Germany's dissident underground. In Alsace-Lorraine, Herman honed both his French and German language skills [...] and treasured the time he spent debating the contours of the faith with fellow students and professors, and especially with famed theologian Albert Schweitzer [see own entry REVELATORY]. [...] In early 1935, he and some friends decided to take a weekend trip into the Third Reich [where he] was impressed by the hyper-nationalist celebration that marked voting day and then the passage of a referendum that brought the Saar territory on the German-French border back under German administration. [...] When Germany renounced the terms of the Treaty of Versailles in the spring of 1935, Herman lauded the move for its boldness and honesty. [...] During Herman's first spring break, in 1935, he went to Marseilles where he met [...].

Willem A. Visser 't Hooft [Wikipedia biography]. The energetic Dutchman, who later served as the founding Secretary General of the World Council of Churches (WCC) [see own entry REVELATORY], was among the vanguard of North American and European leaders working to train a new generation of students in an engaged, relevant form of ecumenical Protestantism. Herman could not have imagined at the time that exactly ten years later, he and Visser 't Hooft would serve together on a secret mission into Germany for Allen Dulles and the OSS. [...] In early 1936, Herman received a surprising invitation [from the council overseeing the American Church in Berlin [Wikipedia briefing] who] wanted to know if [he] could fill the church's pulpit that spring. [...] The church council invited Herman to Berlin to give a guest sermon and to discuss potential terms for a contract. [...] In February 1946, Herman packed up to move [...] to Berlin. But before settling in the capital, he decided to go on another quick adventure [...] to visit the Winter Olympic Games, where he [...] got a good look at Hitler. [...] As Herman's first official duty in Berlin, he gave the opening paper at a luncheon in honour of George Washington's birthday. He sat by Ernst Hanfstängel [see own entry REVELATORY], a close friend and confidant of Hitler, who compared the Nazi leader to George Washington. He also met American ambassador William Dodd [Wikipedia biography] [...]. Herman came to occupy a prominent role in the American expatriate colony, where he established networks that would serve him well in future years [...] and courted all of the elite Americans in the city, from the Ambassador to business leaders to bankers to movie people, including Jews. He asked the most important and influential people to serve him on his church board. [...] Ambassador Dodd, a historian before FDR dispatched him to Germany, agreed to serve as the honorary chairman of the church board. [...] Later, when FDR replaced Dodd with Ambassador Hugh R. Wilson [see FURTHER READING DESERVES GREATER SCRUTINY], Herman ensured that the tight relationship between the church and the embassy continued. [...] During his time in Berlin, the pastor witnessed firsthand Hitler's unprecedented, extraordinary persecution of the Jews. But he had little interest in getting involved. [...] He feared that if he aided Jews, local authorities would crack down on him and on the church. [...] He even refused to baptise one whom he had converted and mentored, fearing reprisals. [...] Others asked for help with visa applications for the United States. They think, he wrote, that 'America owes them a way out', [...] Herman's anti-Semitism discussed [...] Herman's indifference to the Jews who sought him out was consistent with how he dealt with other people in need [...] This lack of sympathy was not unique. His actions and attitude toward refugees and especially Jews matched that of many Americans back home. [...] American anti-Semitism discussed [...] Although Herman refused to help most of the Jews who came to him, he privately criticised the growing number of Nazi laws and regulations targeting Jews. [...] In the summer of 1938, he returned to the United States for a brief vacation and to visit family. [...] Roosevelt was furious about the Germans' overt persecution of Jews. In protest of Kristallnacht, he recalled Ambassador Hugh R. Wilson. Herman had come to know Wilson fairly well. The ambassador, Herman noted, was very interested in the 'church situation' in Germany and had been eager to pick Herman's brain about it. [...] Although Wilson's lack of personal spirituality disappointed Herman, the ambassador understood, perhaps better than Herman, the role that religion played in geopolitics. The two men would eventually cross paths again in OSS. Only after Kristallnacht did [he] finally start to recognise where Hitler's policies toward Jews were headed. [...] In fact,] Kristallnacht inspired an upick in the number of German Jewish Christians attending the American Church. [...] WW2 starts [...] The onset of war provided Herman with another new opportunity. With Europe plunged into chaos, the American embassy needed skilled translators, and in the fall of 1939 Herman joined the embassy staff. [...] His responsibilities at the embassy grew and evolved as the war progressed. Initially, he helped translate documents for government officials, and each day he dealt with stranded foreigners seeking American aid. A few months into the war, embassy and American Church leaders created what they called the American Emergency Relief Committee [no convenient briefing], and they made Herman its chair. The committee provided various services to those in German prisoner-of-war (POW) and internment camps. [...] The job allowed Herman to investigate wartime conditions around the country. [...] As the Nazi regime tightened its control over its citizens, it grew less tolerant of dissenting churchmen. [...] As summer turned to fall in 1941, Herman faced another crisis in the American Church because a number of Christian Jews had been regularly attending his services. [...] He told them that their presence endangered the congregation. That October, word came that the Nazis planned to transport those Jews still left in Berlin.
to Poland. Once again, some came to Herman for help. Their efforts were mostly in vain. 'As I can do nothing for them,' he admitted, 'I am probably unnecessarily gruff and ungracious'. [...] His primary complaint was having 'to listen helplessly to their whining, moaning, hand-wrangling despair'” ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a 'Controlling Behaviour' [Counselling Directory briefing] and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.

QUOTATION CONTINUES ...

... "On December 11 [1941] Hitler declared war on the United States. The German authorities gave Herman, the staff at the American embassy, and the American journalists still in town two days to pack their things [... and on the fourteenth, Herman and the rest of the Americans, led by George Kennan [see own entry], the embassy's first secretary, boarded a train for the Grand Hotel in the German resort town of Bad Nauheim [map]. Rather than serving interned prisoners of war, they were now the internees’ (pp29-58).

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"By Herman's second month in the Grand Hotel, boredom and depression had set in. [...] Finally the warring powers cut a deal to free Herman and his fellow prisoners [and they] left Bad Nauheim on May 12 for Lisbon, where they caught a ship back to the United States. On June 1, 1942, Herman arrived on American soil for the first time in years. [...] He inquired with friends in Washington about a government position, but didn't want anything bureaucratic or boring. [...] Herman's most important contribution to the Allied propaganda campaign during the first years of the American war was "It's Your Souls We Want" [Amazon] [...] part history of the German Church struggle, part analysis of the pseudo-religion of Nazism, and part call for the Allies to encourage Germany's dissenters to reconstruct the nation once the war was over. [...] During 1942, Herman met occasionally with Henry Smith Leiper [Wikipedia biography], a former missionary and now an executive in the Federal Council of Churches (FCC) [Wikipedia briefing], as well as a leader in the burgeoning World Council of Churches [aforementioned]. [...] The FCC was the most effective American organisation pushing ecumenical Protestantism as a means of securing peace. [...] Leiper told Herman that he was angling to have a Lutheran stationed in Geneva with the World Council of Churches [aforementioned] 'for post-war work' [...]. In early 1943 [he] accepted an invitation from the British Ministry of Information [Wikipedia briefing] to go on a preaching tour of England. The British Council of Churches [Wikipedia briefing], in collaboration with the Ministry of Information and the United States Office of War Information [Wikipedia briefing], sponsored the trip. [...] Herman’s U.K. itinerary was part ministry and part propaganda, [...] Herman returned from London to the United States on April 13, 1943, and rejoined his family [...]. In July 1943, he wrote Jack Lovell [very little online presence] a fellow internee from Bad Nauheim who was now working in the War Department. He asked Lovell a provocative question: Was the War Department getting 'all the information' that it needed from the Christian underground in Europe? If not, Herman thought he could help. [...] His letter piqued Lovell's curiosity. Lovell forwarded it to General George Strong [Wikipedia biography], the director of American Army intelligence [...]. It soon came to the attention of the OSS. [...] OSS investigators checked in with Herman's references, including Ferdinand L. Mayer [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser]. Before the United States entered the war, Mayer had served as the chargé d'affaires in the U.S. embassy in Berlin. Mayer had financially supported Herman’s church work [...]. Now a leader in the OSS, Mayer [became] a steadfast advocate for the use of religion in intelligence work [...]. Once Wild Bill's men realised what a valuable potential asset they had in Herman, a man who knew the German religious underground and had networked with church leaders all over Europe, they scrambled to enlist him [...] Herman finally arrived at OSS headquarters in November 1943. [...] OSS supervisors [gave him] two weeks of intensive training in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains [...] in the national park [...] which later became Camp David. There, Herman likely [for sure - Ed.] went through a brutal regimen of intensive training in combat, weapons, and survival skills. [...] Once he had graduated from the training class, Herman got to work. [...] At OSS headquarters in Washington, Donovan placed Herman in charge of the Central European desk overseeing Germany, Austria, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. One of the minister's more substantial jobs was to vet files on Americans of European descent and to conduct interviews to determine if the OSS could use them to infiltrate the countries of their families' origins. Herman also began interviewing German POWs held in the United States to see if they might be useful to the agency. Perhaps interned Germans could provide intelligence, or even return to their homelands as OSS agents” (pp145-154).

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It did not take long for Stewart Herman to impress the staff at OSS headquarters in Washington. Just a few months after joining the agency in late 1943, Donovan promoted Herman and dispatched [him to] report to the Western European Special Operations desk at the London branch. [...] The U.K. station was playing an ever-growing role in the OSS and in the wider war as the military began planning in earnest for the invasion of France. [...] As spring turned to summer in England, Herman and his small staff began interviewing potential agents [...]. [He worked parallel to another leading American ecumenist, Francis Pickens Miller [Wikipedia biography], to prepare for the invasion. Miller had served with the [YMCA] and then the Army during World War I [then] joined the World's Student Christian Federation (WSCF) [Wikipedia briefings], a major interwar organisation founded by American evangelist John R. Mott [see own entry INDICATIVE]. During this time, Miller developed a close friendship with Willem Visser 't Hooft [aforementioned], Herman's longtime friend. [...] Shortly after Pearl Harbour, Miller went to work for the Office of War Information and then the OSS. During World War I, he had earned the rank of colonel in the army. [...] By 1944 Miller, like Herman, was working for Donovan in the London Branch. One was charged with running secret operations into France, the other into Germany. [...] As D-Day approached, Herman continued fine-tuning possible operations for Germany [...] He wanted] to stay ahead of the troops in order to soften the ground for the incoming army [... experimenting] with various plans [+++ details given +++]. To facilitate better collaboration, the British provided Herman with his own desk at their spy agency. [...] Herman partnered with Allen Dulles on some of his projects. Dulles had left the United States in late 1942 for Switzerland, where he became the OSS's most important asset in Europe. [...] [example operations described +++] On some missions Herman collaborated with the OSS's labour branch. Donovan created the Labour Branch to work with the many underground labour union and Socialist trade groups scattered across Europe. [...] Herman had lunch with Arthur Goldberg [see own entry INDICATIVE], the head of the Labour Branch, many times in London, where they debated and planned numerous operations together. [...] In the end Herman's schemes for OSS action in Germany came mostly to naught [and] the OSS's Western European Operations leaders decided [...] that Herman's small team [should instead help] the Morale Operations (MO) desk craft 'subversive propaganda' for Central Europe. [...] One of Herman's goals was convincing German soldiers to leave their posts[, proposing, for example,] that the OSS drop forged papers that deserting soldiers could use [...]. Various OSS officers sought out Herman to vouch for the reliability of particular German religious leaders "(pp199-215).

NARRATIVE CONTINUES IN A NEW CHAPTER

"Herman met with Dulles that October (~1944) in London, where the two spent hours discussing German reconstruction [...]. Dulles suggested that Herman sever his official connection with the OSS and seek a position with the World Council of Churches [aforementioned], reaching out to the German churches in an 'unofficial mission' [...] [+++ details discussed +++] Herman officially quit the OSS on February 19, 1945 [and] married on April 5 [...]. That July he and [his wife] moved to Geneva for his new job working on refugee issues for the World Council of Churches. It was exactly what he and Dulles had planned months earlier. [...] Although Herman was now officially working for the WCC, the OSS secretly placed him back on 'duty' in August. His job was to travel across Germany, stopping in various cities to meet with religious leaders. [...] During the trip [...] he finally met Francis Pickens Miller [...] now with army intelligence, tracking the Russians' clandestine actions in Germany. Throughout the mission, Herman worked closely with Allen Dulles. [...] He also met with Donovan on various occasions [...] and General Dwight Eisenhower [...] In October 1945, a handful of the leaders of Germany's Protestant churches [...] met in Stuttgart [to] discuss the war and determine what role the churches had played in it and how they might move forward. Leaders from the WCC [...] believed that German Christians needed to take some responsibility for not doing more to stop it. The German church leaders at the meeting agreed [and] issued a declaration acknowledging that [...] they should have witnessed more courageously, prayed more faithfully, and loved more ardently. [...] Yet the very presence of Herman and other foreign leaders made the Stuttgart Declaration [Wikipedia briefing] contentious [because it] looked like an admission of guilt forced upon Germany by foreigners, exactly the same thing that had happened in Versailles after World War I. [...] Herman wrote a report summarising the proceedings for the World Council [and] sent a copy of the report to John Foster Dulles, at the behest of Allen [...]. [...] Over the next year, under the auspices of the WCC, Herman continued to use his secret connections with the OSS to get permission to travel [...] for with a cold war developing, the WCC was going to be on the front lines in defence of global ecumenical Protestantism and against 'godless' Communism. With Allen Dulles at the helm of the CIA in the 1950s [...] there could be no doubt that churchmen like Herman were going to be spies once again" (pp284-296).

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Readers are reminded that by the winter of 1944/1945, it had become painfully clear that the Russians were going to be in Berlin before the Allies, thus gifting Eastern Europe to Communism. The United States was therefore already putting in place political, economic, propaganda, espionage, and outright black operations calculated to erode this likely Soviet advantage in territory. In other words, the U.S.-Bolshevik confrontation of the 1917-1923 Russian Civil War [see Timeline 7th November 1917; then as directed] was about to kick off again, and the Germans were key to American victory.
DULLES AND RELIGION IN WW1

"Together with a senior State Department colleague, Hugh Wilson, Dulles' task in the Switzerland of 1918 had been to collect political information from Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. [...] The young diplomats Wilson and Dulles built up a network of European refugees and American expatriates who functioned, informally, as intelligence agents for the American embassy" (pp204-285).

DULLES AND RELIGION IN WW2

"Dulles came upon few ideas that merited close attention, but one suggestion caught his interest. Mrs. Emmy Rado [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], the wife of an émigré Hungarian psychiatrist, proposed that the Catholic and Protestant churches could be used as a base for German political reconstruction. She felt OSS could work effectively through the World Council of Churches [aforementioned] to aid anti-Nazi German clergymen [...]. Dulles was impressed. He also believed that Mrs. Rado [...] might prove useful in his future intelligence operations. He invited her to join his Bern team at the beginning of the new year [*** detail of German retreat and surrender ***] To continue the German church project Mrs Rado had begun in Switzerland, Dulles also bestowed OSS favours on Dr. Stewart Herman, a Lutheran pastor who had been minister of the American Church in Berlin before the war. In the fall of 1943, Herman had joined OSS in London as an advisor on German propaganda. After the surrender, he left [OSS] to join the staff of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Herman was given responsibility for helping rebuild the Protestant church in Germany. Dulles, who believed that strong religious institutions would be a counter-force to the growth of German Communism, provided Herman with travel orders, transportation, and accommodations which enabled the pastor, despite his unofficial status, to move freely through the country during the first months of the Occupation" (pp223/236).

And so it came to pass. OSS saw to it that Herman was inserted into the governing board of the World Council of Churches, and sent him into Germany a few days after the 1945 Nazi surrender, heading the Department of Reconstruction and Intra-Church Aid. In 1947 he transferred across to the newly formed Lutheran World Federation (LWF) [Wikipedia briefing], where he served as Director of Refugee Services 1948-1952 ...

SPECULATION AND RESEARCH ISSUE: The thrust of the three blue highlighted passages above is firstly that Herman knew Albert Schweitzer from old, and secondly that Herman was working with Dulles under cover of the World Council of Churches, cynically making use of obscure parochial Protestants to maintain an anti-Soviet intelligence network across Europe. Such networks require discrete channels of communication and movement, covert funding, trusted local operatives and sleeper cells, dead letter drops, cover operations, and innocent safe houses, all administered on a strict need-to-know basis in order to limit vulnerability in case of penetration. Given the amount of effort which Allen Dulles had put into building his Cold War network out of people suggested to him by Stewart Herman, we suspect not only that one of the safe houses and cover operations was Churwalden's, Albert Schweitzer College [see own entry ESSENTIAL ONWARD CONTEXT], but also that one of the network's tight-lipped sleeper operatives was that college's principal, Hans Casparis [dito].

In 1952, Herman returned to the United States to repeat the church-vs.-Communism experiment against the freedom-seeking countries of Central and South America, where Lutheran and other Protestant shock troops tended to be referred to as "Evangélicos", and the U.S. had long recognised that "our institutions can do more than gunboats" (cited in Burnett, 1989 [full text online (requires JSTOR registration)]). In 1964 he was rewarded with the presidency of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) [Wikipedia briefing], where he stayed until retiring in 1971. He died in 2006, aged 97.

FURTHER READING: For more from our main sourcework see Matthew Avery Sutton's (2019) "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon]. For more of Allen Dulles' more or less one-man war against Communism 1919-1962 see both Peter Grose's (1994) "Gentleman Spy: The Life of Allen Dulles" [Amazon] and Richard Harris Smith's (1972) "OSS" [Amazon]. We also found much of value in Ky Woltering's (2018) "'A Christian World Order': Protestants, Democracy, and Christian Aid to Germany, 1945-1951" [full text online]. For more on the decidedly murky Hugh R. Wilson see the separate entry.
Hermsdorf, Harry: [Undercover as Heinrich Heubner] WW2 veteran (U.S. Army and OSS) turned Operation PAPERCLIP talent scout turned CIA officer Harry Hermsdorf [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being known to CIA Director Allen Dulles, thanks to work well done for OSS during the war and in occupied Germany just after it ... 

CAMEO - HERMSDORF IN THE LATE 1940s: Albarelli (op. cit. inf.) introduces our man as follows ...

"Hermsdorf [...] had made his distinctive mark on the OSS - and a real name for himself - when he had become involved in assisting Fritz Kolbe [Wikipedia biography], a turncoat Nazi who had smuggled thousands of secret Third Reich documents to American intelligence officials in Switzerland. Allen Dulles, who was Kolbe's handler, called the risks Kolbe took 'incalculable'. Following the war, Hermsdorf became a close friend of Kolbe and helped the former spy secure employment with a private company in the United States" (k6580).

... (b) for the part he played in the recruiting of CIA asset June Cobb in late May 1960, thus (two slightly overlapping sources) ...

"Harry Hermsdorf, travelling under a fake Austrian passport issued to 'Heinrich Heubner' had briefly encountered Cobb a few weeks earlier while [...] meeting] Jorge Losada, editor of the Latin American magazine Vision. While having coffee with Losada in the Havana Hilton Hotel coffee shop, Cobb had stopped to greet Losada, and the editor had introduced her to Harry - whom Losada also knew only as Heinrich Heubner, a visiting European journalist" (Albarelli, k6843).

"On May 24, 25, and 26, the undersigned located and met June Cobb,' wrote Harry Hermsdorf, 'an American woman employed at the Ministry Office of Fidel Castro in Havana, Cuba'. In 1960 Hermsdorf worked in WH/4, which handled Cuban matters, and he was writing about the biggest catch of his CIA career: 'On 3 June Miss June Cobb, Aide to Fidel Castro in the Prime Minister's office, will arrive in New York City ostensibly for medical treatment. Money for her trip was given to her by the undersigned in Havana on 27 May 1960. No mention of REDACTED intelligence implication was made to her, although I have felt that she is probably aware that my purpose for talking with her in New York goes a little beyond normal routine employment.' It was rare that the CIA was able to arrange a meeting with someone who worked directly for Castro. And, at this time, the CIA department in which Hermsdorf worked was involved in plans to invade Cuba and assassinate Castro. [...] Hermsdorf also commented that Cobb needed 'a little more indoctrination'. She needed convincing that Castro was involved in 'Communist intrigue'." (Newman, 2008, pp106-107).

... (c) for then briefing her as to her intelligence gathering tasks 7th June 1960, prior to her returning to Havana, and for suggesting that she become increasingly "cozy" with the Cuban Communist leadership (Albarelli, 2013, k6898), and (d) for dying later that year [4th November] aged only 42.

FURTHER READING: For a complementary telling of the Hermsdorf-Cobb encounter see Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2013) "A Secret Order (Volume I)" [Amazon STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

***** A RARE SEEKER AFTER TRUTH *****

Hersh, Seymour Myron: American investigative journalist Seymour M. Hersh [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his first (1968) book, "Chemical and Biological Warfare: The Hidden Arsenal", and (b) for a succession of complacency-shattering exposés ever since, including the My Lai Massacre, the Watergate Conspiracy, Korean Air Flight 007, and Abu Ghraib; also for expressing considerable scepticism (at age 81) as to the honesty of the British government's official line on the 2018 Skripal Poisoning [see own entry]. STOP PRESS: Also, in an online posting dated 8th February 2023 [see Timeline that date], for openly accusing the U.S. security establishment of arranging the 2022 sabotage of the NordStream pipeline as a provocation in the NATO-Ukraine War.

Herut: See the entry for Revisionist Zionist Movement.

Herzl, Theodor: [Born Binyamin Ze'ev, in Budapest] Well-born Hungarian journalist-playwright and class-defining Zionist agitator Theodor Herzl [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for protesting European anti-Semitism in the mid-1890s, publishing "Der Judenstaat" [Amazon (free to Kindle at time of
writing]) in 1896, (b) for allying himself with the Restorationist Christian William Hechler [see own entry] in order to leverage the latter’s contacts into the court of Kaiser Wilhelm II, (c) for lobbying (in the end unsuccessfully) into the court of Sultan Abdulhamid II between 1896 and 1901, offering to consolidate Ottoman sovereign debt in exchange for Zionist settling rights into the Ottoman-occupied Holy Land, (d) for founding the World Zionist Organisation (WZO) [see own entry] in Austria in 1897, organising the First Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, and serving as president of the organisation through until his death in 1904, (e) for lobbying the Kaiser again in Constantinople in 1898 [see Timeline 15th October 1898], and (f) for agreeing to sound out congress on Britain’s Zionist Uganda Scheme [ditto 24th April 1903] (his death prevented him seeing the 1905 congress finally reject the notion [ditto 27th July 1905]). He died in Austria 3rd July 1904, aged 44, but his remains were reburied with due ceremony in Jerusalem in 1949.

Hess, Moshe/Moritz/Moses: See Timeline 1st July 1862.

***** Another of the Assassination's Top Ten Mysteries *****

Hester, Charles and Beatrice: Husband and wife spectators Charles and Beatrice Hester [no convenient biography] were part of the Zappruder Party, Beatrice because she was Zapruder's payroll clerk, and Charles by extension. As such the two of them had already been briefly filmed in Zapruder's pre-assassination footage [a few frames between the clip of Lillian Rogers [q.v.] and the famous assassination footage - Ed.]. At the time of the shooting they were at the top of the Grassy Knoll by the bench at the eastern pedestal of the John Nealy Bryan Pergola [Zapruder being atop the western pedestal]. They therefore do not appear in the main Zapruder Film. They are however very clearly to be seen in a number of other still and moving images, with Charles, at one point, even looking through the pergola windows into the parking area beyond. Charles Hesters' evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; FBI Interview, 25th November 1963 [read it now]. Beatrice Hester's is as follows: FBI Interview, 25th November 1963 [read it now]. The Hesters' narrative extends to no more than 100 or so substantive words, and over the decades most authors have simply copied the author before with little improvement and occasional inaccuracy. After the assassination, the couple promptly disappeared without trace, and a perfectly reasonable dislike for publicity is only one of several possible explanations for this.

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Hester, Robert Joseph and Edna Louise ["Pat"] Hilley: [Read firstly the entry for the Backyard Photographs, noting that none was officially found until 23rd November, and that the figure-blank matte did not surface until 1992!] As reported by Jim Marrs in his 1989 book "Crossfire", husband and wife businessmen Robert and Pat Hester [no convenient biography] were approached by the FBI [led probably by the Secret Service - Ed.] on >>22nd<< September 1963 to make available their photographic developing lab [implicitly Fritz and Helen Holland's National Photo Company shop at 930 West Jefferson Boulevard?] to reproduce copies of the Backyard Photographs, including one described as a >>figure-blank matte<<. One of their daughters, 18-year-old Vicky Diane Hester (who appears fleetingly in the histories as Vicki/y Mayne [q.v.]) will be further reported as having assisted in the lab, and as having seen important images.


Hibbat Zion: See the entry for Hovevei Zion.

Hickey, George W., Jr.: Secret Service Agent George Hickey [Wikipedia biography] was in limo #2 in the Presidential motorcade, rear seat, left side, armed with a loaded AR-15 assault rifle. Much to his annoyance he featured in Bonar Menninger's 1992 book "Mortal Error", which argued that it was an unintentional shot from said AR-15 which struck JFK in the head.
FOOD FOR THOUGHT: We see no value whatsoever in this particular line of argument. Indeed, in pure counterintelligence terms, the more crackpot ideas you can get into the discussion space, the more effectively you will be subconsciously discrediting the genuine workers. Which is probably why modern social media is as viciously fractured as it is - WW3 is being fought in the mind, right now [January 2018]. WW4 will be the nuclear one which finishes us all off!

So no, it was not Hickey, not Greer the driver, not Jackie the wife, not aliens, not a directed energy weapon, not the Federal Reserve, not the Hutchinson Effect, not the religious right (although close), not the Jews, not the Illuminati, not the Mossad, not even Al Q'aeda; not any of these comic book villains. Rather the hit was the work of professional assassins, and very probably lots of them, paid for - as always - by rich folks for the benefit of rich folks, and coordinated by legal but shady secret societies and cabals, not least Skull and Bones. In short, Hickey has a place on the WW3 Online Now Thread.

Hickey, Thomas F.: See the entry for Howard Burris.

Hicks, James: Dealey Plaza bystander-perhaps-hit-team-radio man James Hicks [no convenient biography], a surveyor by profession, would be questioned by Jim Garrison on 11th January 1968 concerning his recollection of the assassination. He was, he said, on the Grassy Knoll at the time and witnessed two shooters and a "'56 model Pontiac" backed in just behind the picket fence, with one shooter kneeling in the boot and the other stood beside it. He heard four shots in all and saw damage inflicted to the Stemmons Freeway Sign below the John Neely Bryan Pergola. Read the full text interrogation here. However modern histories tend toward the view that Hicks was highly scripted in his testimony, and could not have seen what he describes from the positions he was photographed in. We must therefore be on our guard for a coordinated counter-story. Significantly, perhaps, Hicks would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so outer sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination.


"Hicks, William": See the entry for Stephen Penrose.

Hidell, Alek James: This was the name on the false Selective Service Id Card - not the genuine Buff Id Card - found in LHO's wallet at the time of his arrest on 22nd November 1963 at the Texas Theater. As such it fitted with evidence which would emerge over the ensuing days that he had mail-ordered the Smith and Wesson Revolver on 27th January 1963 and the Mannlicher -Carcano on 12th March 1963 under that name. Both the weapons, however, were delivered to a Post Office Box held in LHO's real name. The name comes up in the literature again - as an "A. J. Hidell, P.O. Box 30016, New Orleans" over-stamp on some of the Fair Play for Cuba leaflets found in NOLA on 16th June 1963 (the USS Wasp pamphletting) and 8th August (the Casa Roca pamphletting) [see Getty image] (but not the 16th August Trade Mart pamphletting, when the overstamp had been changed to read "L H Oswald, 4907 Magazine Street"). Hasan Yusuf's (2012 [FULL TEXT ONLINE]) paper "Oswald and the Hidell Id" gives a detailed dissection of the rifle purchase and the wallet.

Hierarchy of Oppression: This is the phrase coined by Twitter commentator "Buddy Hell" 18th February 2020 to describe the mindset of civil rights lawyers who are selective as to the minorities they choose to represent, and who - by implication - pursue substantive recompense for their efforts rather than any system of ethical philosophy.

"This is a sorry tale to tell" (Burgess)

High Commission for the Refugees (Jewish and Other) Coming from Germany: [But seen in various short forms] Established by the League of Nations 26th October 1933 [see Timeline that date], the High Commission for Refugees from Germany [no convenient briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for
having tried with no great success to organise the mass emigration of German Jews after the rise of the Nazis in 1932-1933. Based in Geneva, Switzerland, the commission's first director was American academic James G. McDonald [see own entry], although he seems to have been persistently buttonholed by Britain’s Norman Bentwich [see own entry] ..."The Board of Deputies wanted to be sure that McDonald was briefed on the British Jews' expectations of the High Commission. There was some lingering resentment that an American had been appointed High Commissioner ahead of their nominee, Robert Cecil. They were especially aggrieved that their organizations had not been consulted before McDonald’s appointment was announced. As far as British Jewish organizations were concerned, the League Council made its decision only to secure the financial backing of wealthy American Jews, ignoring British Jewish interests and their financial support for German Jews and the Jewish refugees from Germany. Bentwich therefore briefed McDonald on the position of the British Jewish organizations, informing him that their preference for High Commissioner was Cecil, and that they had been both surprised and disappointed with the speed of McDonald’s appointment. It was therefore essential, Bentwich advised McDonald, that he establish good relations with the British organizations from the start. This would depend on how much he was prepared to cooperate with them. In other words, Bentwich informed McDonald that the British Jewish organizations expected McDonald to represent their interests and that they would have a strong influence over his work. Bentwich was therefore less interested in learning how McDonald intended to proceed than he was in setting out the groundwork for asserting British influence over him before he devised his own agenda” (Burgess, 2016, p56 [full text online, link below]).

McDonald resigned 31st December 1935 "with little to show for his efforts" (op. cit., p4). FURTHER READING: In the absence of a convenient briefing see instead Greg Burgess’ (2016) "'The League of Nations and the Refugees from Nazi Germany: James G. McDonald and Hitler’s Victims" [full text online], which more than adequately sets the scene.

Hilferding, Rudolf: Dealt with in the entry for Hjalmar Schacht.

Hill, Christopher: Charity worker with intelligence service contacts Christopher Hill [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as seemingly heading the Church World Service (CWS) [see own entry] in Greece at the time of Spas Raikin’s escape through the Iron Curtain (Raikin, 1991/2001, p12)

Hill, Clinton J.: Secret Service Agent Clint Hill [Wikipedia biography] was one of four SS agents riding the running board of Limo #2 (i.e., Motorcade #3, counting from the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (left side, front). Because he was Jacqui Kennedy's nominated bodyguard he reacted instantly to the shooting and is famously seen running forward to limo #1 and riding the trunk [see second image in bio]. Hill's evidential profile is as follows: Official report, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; interview to camera 2013 [YouTube it now].

Hill, Gerald ["Jerry"] Lynn: 34-year-old DPD Sergeant Gerald Hill [no convenient biography] was at his desk in DPDHQ at the time of the shooting, and, accompanied by fellow officer Jim Valentine and a Dallas Morning News reporter named Jim Ewell, immediately drove in plain clothes to Dealey Plaza to give support. Once there he accompanied Captain Will Fritz, some homicide detectives, and some Sheriff's deputies on the first major shakedown of the TSBD. They drew a blank on TSBD7, but when they came down to TSBD6 he was close at hand when "someone" [conventionally, Sheriff's Deputy Luke Mooney] yelled "Here it is" from the area by the easternmost window since generally known as the Sniper's Nest. There he saw "three spent shells". He told the deputies to preserve the scene until the CSI boys arrived, and went down to the street. Shortly afterward the call came in that an officer was down in Oak Cliff and he was sent to the new scene accompanied by Lieutenant Calvin Owens, Assistant District Attorney Bill Alexander, and the aforementioned reporter, Ewell. After handling the .38" shells at this scene he then made off again to the sighting at the Texas Theater where he helped search the balcony before supporting Maurice McDonald's arrest of LHO. Later that day he gave an interview to audio which contextualises most of what you have just read - YouTube it now.
**ASIDE:** Note how quickly LHO - still uncharged - has been patsified. His defection and his Russian wife are mentioned, he is falsely described as having admitted to being an "active Communist", he is accused of having "resorted to violence before", and described as "very arrogant". And he closes by adding: "I firmly believe we got the man that killed the President of the United States".

Officer Hill's contribution now needs to be just as firmly set into the broader perspective, thus ...

"Gerald Hill found – was virtually in contact with or very near the vicinity of – every piece of potentially incriminating evidence against Lee Harvey Oswald that day with three exceptions: the pristine bullet allegedly found on a stretcher at Parkland hospital that became known as CE 399, aka: the Magic Bullet; bullet fragments found in the presidential limousine; and the so-called backyard photos in which Oswald is seen posing with a rifle, a holstered pistol, and some propaganda pamphlets” (Burnham, undated, AssassinationOfJFK.net, 18th February 2018; emphasis added).

So we should not be too surprised to find that Hill is one of the sub-conspiracy of DPD officers proposed by researcher **Bill Simpich** [q.v.] in the last couple of years. Similarly, in his 2014 essay "Gerald Hill and the Framing of Lee Harvey Oswald" researcher **Gokay Hasan Yusuf** makes the observation that Officer Hill ...

"... was the only DPD officer who was on the sixth floor of the Texas School book depository building following the assassination, was allegedly at the murder scene of DPD officer J.D. Tippit [...], was at the Texas theater when Oswald was arrested for Tippit's murder, and was inside the unmarked DPD car which escorted Oswald to DPD headquarters following his arrest. Finally, and most significantly of all, Hill had possession of the revolver (WCE 143) which Oswald allegedly used to kill Tippit, inside the car as Oswald was escorted to DPD headquarters."

**BLUE VEIN OF CORRUPTION:** By any theory of jurisprudence Hill's bona fides in a number of chains of evidence need to be very carefully explored. As at the time of writing [February 2018] this exploration is still going on.

Hill's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interviews to audio as above.

**Hill, James:** Dallas Barman **James Hill** [no convenient biography] was on duty in the bar of the Cellar Club during the unauthorised and wholly against procedures SS Night Out, 21st-22nd November 1963. He will be told to keep his mouth shut.

**Hill, Octavia:** British social reformist **Octavia Hill** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for in 1865, by strength of personality, managing the Paradise Place, Marylebone, social housing experiment on behalf of philanthropist **John Ruskin** [see own entry], (b) for being so successful at this that by the 1890s she had several thousand tenants on the books, (c) for recognising that the protection of recreation areas was an integral part of successful town and country planning, and (d) for bringing all these threads together in 1893 by becoming one of the three main organisers of the **National Trust** [see own entry], nowadays Britain's best-known eleemosynary protector of otherwise unadopted beauty spots.

**Hillenkoetter, Roscoe Henry:** WW1 and WW2 veteran (U.S.N.) turned Cold War intelligence senior, Admiral **Roscoe Hillenkoetter** [Wikipedia biography] was in 1947 the inaugural Director of the newly founded CIA. It thus fell to him to field popular and political criticisms that the CIA had failed in its intelligence gathering role at the time of the North Korean "surprise attack" on 25th June 1950. When dragged before a rapidly convened meeting of Senator **Henry Bridges’** Appropriations Committee his response was as follows ...

"Admiral Hillenkoetter told the Committee that the duties of his agency 'did not, in his view, include evaluation of the information it passed on'.” (Stone, 1952/2014e, §479).
It was, others concluded, more of a military disgrace than Pearl Harbour had been. Hillenkoetter stayed in post until returning to navy service on 7th October 1950, and only later would it emerge that the CIA had known of the threat all along, and had deliberately done nothing about it - see now the "Silence of Seoul".

Hine, Geneva L.: Credit controller Geneva Hine [no convenient biography] was alone in her office on TSBD2 at the time of the assassination, moving to her window only at the last moment. She was later positive that the shooting came from within the building. Hine's evidential profile is as follows: Interview with DPD [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Hinkle, Warren James, III: Political journalist Warren Hinckle [Wikipedia biography] was Editor-in-Chief of the magazine Ramparts between 1964 and 1969, during which time he covered such anti-war topics as CIA dirty tricks, burning draft cards, and the indiscriminate use of napalm in Vietnam. For two of its more famous specific exposés, see now the entries for Sol Stern and David Welsh.

Hitchens, Christopher: Anglo-American journalist (fl. 1990-2010) Christopher Hitchens [Wikipedia biography] was classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] as one of those curious beings, a "former Trotskyite" turned foreign policy hawk.

Hitchens, William Lionel: British industrialist Lionel Hitchens [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Chairman of Cammell Laird Shipbuilders [see 14th September 1912] between 1912 and 1940, (b) for having as a result become involved as advisor to Lloyd George and the Imperial Munitions Board during the 1915 Shells Crisis [see 27th March 1913], and (c) for having also gravitated toward Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry].

Ho, Chi Minh: Leader of the Viet Minh independence movement 1941-1954, victor of the pivotal Battle of Dien Bien Phu in 1954, and since then President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam Ho Chi Minh [Wikipedia biography] had helped establish the Viet Cong freedom army in South Vietnam on 20th December 1960, together with the Ho Chi Minh Trail [Wikipedia briefing] by which they were supplied. He would not become particularly widely known in America until after the assassination of JFK, when LBJ was free to ramp up U.S. support for the South Vietnamese.

Ho Chi Minh Trail: See Ho Chi Minh.

***** MORE TO THIS MAN THAN MEETS THE EYE *****

Hobbing, Enno R.: [CIA codename GPAZURE] U.S. Army WW2 intelligence officer turned deep strike propagandist Enno Hobbing [Wikipedia biography (French)] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW2 service with 5th Armoured Division during the advance into Germany [picture], (b) for being "deeply involved" through to the late 1940s with Operation PAPERCLIP [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT], thus ...

CAMEO - HOBBING AND THE ROCKETMÄNNER: The first Nazi scientists to be whisked out of Europe after the war were Hitler's atomic weapons researchers and the Peenemünde rocketry experts. Here is how the story of some of the rocketeers was told in Frederick I. Ordway, III, and Mitchell R. Sharpe's (1979) "The Rocket Team" [Amazon] ...

"The fourth element of the team left Landshut on a train January 11 [= 1946]. Their escort was First Lieutenant Enno Hobbing, a strapping and friendly American officer who spoke perfect German. In Munich several well-known scientists slated for duty with the Army Air Corps at Wright Field joined the group. They included Dr. Alexander Lippisch [Wikipedia biography], designer of the Me163 jet fighter [Wikipedia briefing], and Dr. [Theodor] W. Knacke [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], a pioneer in the design of parachutes. In Munich the men spent the night at Hotel America, an army transient camp filled with homeward-bound U.S. soldiers. On the following day Hobbing took them on through Paris and to Le Havre [... They] docked in New York on February 3 [and] once in Washington, they were transferred to army vehicles and were driven to Fort Hunt, a small intelligence post outside the city. [...] On February 21, they finally entrained in a special railway car for their new
homes in the deserts of New Mexico and Texas. Two days later they arrived in El Paso, and the Peenemünde team was complete in Texas" (pp316-317).

... (c) for using an arranged position as Berlin bureau chief for CIA-friendly *TIME Magazine* as cover at around this time (Weiner, 2007) ...

**CAMEO - HOBBING IN IRAN, 1951:** According to his Wiki, one of the trips Hobbing conducted at *Time*'s expense was to Iran in 1951, during the feasibility stages of the 1953 Mosaddegh Coup [*Wikipedia briefing*].

Readers unfamiliar with the Eisenhower Administration's practice of deposing uppity foreigners in their own back yards, should view Stacy Wallach's (2013) "Eisenhower Class 3" before proceeding - [YouTube it here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50:30) (Hobbing is on screen in Guatemala at 50:20-50:30).

... (d) for taking part in 1954 in Operation PBSUCCESS against President Árbenz of Guatemala [see 18th June 1954], assigned as second-in-command to Albert Haney's [see own entry] CIA paramilitary advisors, and working closely [see the Wallach video above!] with the U.S. Ambassador in Guatemala City (and economic warfare specialist since WW2), John Peurifoy [*Wikipedia biography*], (e) for having at his disposal one of the Western Hemisphere Division's hard men, David Morales [see own entry SCARY] ...

"While Al Haney was Morales' ultimate superior on the ground in Guatemala, Morales also reported to CIA officer Enno Hobbing, another greatly overlooked character in the Oswald saga. Morales may have met Hobbing earlier in post-war Germany, where Hobbing worked for the Agency undercover as a journalist. [...] On his experiences with Hobbing, Morales would later tell a close colleague that he had 'a deeper respect' for Hobbing [than for Haney] because 'Enno had some real experiences in dicey situations'" (Albarelli, *op. cit.* inf., k4000-4018).

... (f) for resigning full-time Agency work in 1955, in favour of deep penetration intelligence gathering and propaganda ops, (g) in this new guise, for contributing tear-jerking fictions toward the propaganda offensive in Hungary in support of the (failed) 1956 Hungarian Revolution [*Wikipedia briefing*] (Mary Ferrell Database), (h) for assignments unknown 1956-1959, punctuated by occasional pieces on espionage for popular magazines [see, for example, this 1 September 1957 piece for *Esquire Magazine*], (i) for being put in charge of the Latin-American Information Center (LAIC) [see own entry REVELATORY] in October 1960, complete with a CIA personal codename GPAZURE [Mary Ferrell Database entry] ...

**CAMEO - GPAZURE, LAIC, AND NEW ORLEANS, 1962:** In their (1995/e2017) "Thy Will Be Done: The Conquest of the Amazon" [*Amazon*], Gerard Colby and Charlotte Dennett write as follows, concerning a major propaganda offensive in Latin America conducted in the early 1960s at the instigation of Nelson Rockefeller ...

"Representatives of fifteen companies met with the State Department and the U.S. Information Agency in October 1960 to discuss 'an organized counterattack' against the arguments of both communists and nationalists who were opposed to more U.S. holdings in Latin America. Out of these deliberations came an organizing group that set up the Latin American Information Committee (LAIC) [...]. LAIC's executive director was Enno Hobbing, who switched back and forth between the CIA and Time/Life assignments" (p395).

The above-referenced Mary Ferrell Database entry further notes that LAIC was given the CIA corporate codename ZR/AWARD. It also cites released U.S. government correspondence from December 1961 and early 1962 indicating that LAIC's Hobbing attended a CIA progress meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans [*Wikipedia briefing and picture*] some time in May 1962.

**ASIDE - THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS:** Interestingly, the NOLA Roosevelt was owned by Seymour Weiss [see own entry], thus making it part of the International Trade Mart [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] empire. Even more interestingly, it was a frequent venue for promotional events organised by Clay Shaw (Carpenter, 2014).

... (j) for operating in Mexico City 1962-1963 with LAIC/Operation ZR/AWARD (Albarelli, *op. cit.*) ...

**CAMEO - GPAZURE, ZR/AWARD, AND THE COUNCIL FOR THE AMERICAS, 1963:** The Business Group of Latin America (rebranded 1970 as the Council of the Americas) [*Wikipedia briefing*] was founded
by David Rockefeller in 1963 at the request of President Kennedy to help counter the influence of Castroism in Latin America. Here are Colby and Dennett again (quoting Seymour Hersh) ...

"The CIA’s liaison to Rockefeller’s group, Enno Hobbing of Guatemala coup fame and Richard Aldrich’s [no convenient biography - the Wiki is for his father] Latin American Information Committee, later became the group’s top operations officer under its new incarnation, the Council of the Americas" (p737).


Hocking, William Ernest: See the entry for Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions (SVM).

"Hodge, Margaret": This is the display name for a Twitter user active 2019-2020, purporting, but not easily proven, to be the Labour Party MP Margaret Hodge [see own entry]. With social media as a whole, readers are cautioned that men, women, software "bots", lobbying groups, and/or paid public relations representatives can publish more or less with impunity under just about any name.

Hodge, Margaret Eve [Lady Hodge]2004. [Née Oppenheimer] [Read firstly the entry for "Hodge, Margaret"]: British local councillor turned parliamentary politician [Lady]2004 Margaret Hodge [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being elected Member of Parliament for Barking in 1994, (b) for serving as Chair of the Public Accounts Committee 2010-2015, (c) for inheriting significant holdings in the family-run steel business Stemcor [see own entry], (d) for supporting Liz Kendall in the 2015 Labour Leadership Campaign, (e) for supporting attacks on new Labour Leader Jeremy Corbyn 2015-ongoing, (f) for leading the Hodge Inquiry and Report into Boris Johnson’s then-struggling Garden Bridge Project, recommending in April 2017 that it be aborted [Wikipedia briefing].


Hoffman, Virgil Ed: Deaf-dumb signer Ed Hoffman [Spartacus Educational biography] was spectating the motorcade from the shoulder of the Stemmons Freeway just short of the Triple Underpass. He witnessed a rifleman run west along the back of the picket fence, and pass his weapon to an accomplice, who immediately stripped it down and concealed it. He was unable to communicate effectively to officers as they arrived because they knew no sign language. Hoffman died in 2010, and his evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interviews to camera, several, both convinced and otherwise.

Hoke, John Lindsay: [Brother-in-law of Ruth Paine] American "writer, naturalist, and inveterate tinkerer" John Hoke [Washington Post obituary, 2011] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the husband of CIA psychometrician Sylvia Hyde Hoke [see own entry], and thus also the brother-in-law of Ruth Hyde Paine [see own entry], and (b) for featuring in a small way in James DiEugenio’s (1992/2012) "Destiny Betrayed: JFK, Cuba, and the Garrison Case" [Amazon], to the effect that he worked for the Agency for International Development (AID) [see own entry; Wurlitzer Rules apply]. He is separately reported as being a "communications resources specialist", and a CIA asset with <TOP SECRET> clearance.
Hoke, Sylvia Hyde: [Older sister of Ruth Paine] American government psychologist Sylvia Hyde Hoke [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a CIA psychometrician-ergonomist with <SECRET> security clearance at Langley 1955-1963 (Douglass, 2008), and (b) for having been visited by her sister Ruth Paine during September 1963, just prior to the latter's drive to New Orleans to bring Marina Oswald back to Irving (ibid.).

Holbrooke, Richard Charles Albert: [Surname Anglicised from parental Goldbrajch] American-born (b.1941 NYC, to Eastern European Refugees) diplomat turned for many years oiler-of-the-wheels-of-state for the Bilderberg Group [see own entry] Richard Holbrooke [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the U.S. diplomatic service in 1962, specialising initially in the confrontation in Vietnam, (b) for being re-assigned in 1970 to the Morocco station of the U.S. Peace Corps [Wurlitzer Rules apply], (c) for resigning the diplomatic service in 1972 and taking post as Managing Editor of the magazine Foreign Policy, holding it until 1976, (d) for moving on in 1976 to become campaign coordinator for national security affairs to Jimmy Carter in his run for the presidency, (e) for being duly rewarded in early 1977 with the post of Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs in the Carter Administration, holding that post until January 1981, (f) for becoming an advisor to Lehman Brothers in 1981, rising to M.D. 1985-1993, (g) for advising the successful Clinton Presidential Campaign in 1992, being rewarded as Ambassador to Germany 1993-1994, as Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs 1994-1996, and as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations 1999-2001, and (h) for being appointed Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan by President Obama in 2009. As his diplomatic influence grew, he also acquired a number of highly profitable private equity directorships. He was also a prominent member of the Bilderberg Group [see own entry] (being a regular attender for nearly 40 years) and of Zbigniew Brzezinski's Trilateral Commission [see own entry]. He died in 2010, aged 69.

Holland, [Sir]1912 Alfred Reginald Sothern [1st Baronet]1917: British South African [Sir]1912 Sothern Holland [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked in the South African civil service between 1894 and 1914 (The Peerage website), thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for being invited 16th November 1914 onto the War Office's Advisory Committee on Explosive Services to help bring Britain's chemical industry onto a war footing, (c) for being made Deputy Director-General of Explosives Supply in 1915, as part of Lloyd George's new Ministry of Munitions, with similar reassignments through until 1918, (d) for becoming Controller of the Cultivation Division in the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries' Food Production Department [National Archives briefing] in 1918, and (e) for becoming a Rhodes Trustee [see own entry] in 1932.

Holland, Brent: Online broadcaster Brent Holland [no convenient biography] hosts the Night Fright Show and was author of the 2014 book "The JFK Assassination: From the Oval Office to Dealey Plaza".

Holland, David Chapman ['Fritz'] and Ellen E.: Photographic technicians Fritz and Ellen Holland [no convenient biography] were proprietors of the National Photo Company shop at 930 West Jefferson Boulevard (7 blocks west of the Texas Theater). They would be mentioned in Harrison Livingstone's 2006 book "The Radical Right and the Murder of John F. Kennedy" as having been associated in some way with Robert and Pat Hester [q.v.], and as having been involved in some way with the processing of various photographs after the assassination. But this is a very poorly cross-validated part of the histories so caution is needed.

Holland, S. M. ['Skinny']: Union Terminal signals supervisor Skinny Holland [no convenient biography] witnessed the shooting from the parapet of the Triple Overpass, directly ahead/above the motorcade. He reported a first shot puff of smoke from the trees by the picket fence, but by the time he got there all that remained were a lot of footprints behind the fence. He would later complain that investigators deliberately played down what he had seen, and failed to interview his eight co-workers (McLaren, 2013). Holland's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren
Commission testimony [read it now - RECOMMENDED]; Interview to camera, 1966, Mark Lane [YouTube it now - RECOMMENDED].

**Hollis, Sir Roger Henry:** [Read firstly the entry for Colin Coote.] Journalist turned MI5 officer Roger Hollis [Wikipedia biography] was Director General of MI5 between 1956 and 1965, and therefore directly responsible for the failed January 1961 honeytrap operation against Russian Embassy naval attaché Yevgeny Ivanov [q.v.]. According to Anthony Summers and Stephen Dorril's (1989/2013e) book "The Secret Worlds of Stephen Ward", he then - when the resulting Profumo Affair [q.v.] got out of control - disavowed the operation and helped the mainstream media (Coote included) crucify Stephen Ward [q.v.] instead. [On the tangentially relevant issue of whether Hollis was all along a Soviet masterspy himself, check out Batvinis (2015).]

**Holmes, Harry Dean:** 58-year-old Harry Holmes [no convenient biography WHICH IS A GREAT SHAME] had put in some 40 years with the U.S. Postal Service when the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 was delivered through one of the P.O. Boxes he supervised. As presented in the La Fontaine's 1996 book "Oswald Talked" he then more or less had to plead incompetence when quizzed about the paper trail for that purchase, because there was no trace of the all-important receipt signature counterfoil - the application "Part 3" - required under Federal gun law (known to be under crackdown in 1963).

**ASIDE:** The Post Office of necessity had separate procedures for small mail (which went into an actual "box") and heavy mail (where an advice note was put in the box, and the consignment itself went into a central storeroom). No testimony was taken from counter staff as to any recollections they might have had of the pick-up (Summers, 2013e).

By 1997, however, a more convincing explanation was out, namely that Holmes had deliberately and knowingly perjured himself, albeit for the very highest of motives: basically his country had asked him to do it. The clearest exposition of what might actually have happened is in a 1997 paper by Ian Griggs [read it now]. It may or not be relevant that Holmes watched the motorcade through binoculars from the 5th Floor of the Terminal Annex Building on the south side of Dealey Plaza, which, the present author notes, is just above the location of the South Knoll gunman proposed in 2012 by Sherry Fiester. It may or may not also be relevant that according to the Warren Commission's Exhibit 2064 [read it now ABSOLUTELY RIVETING], Holmes - clearly no run-of-the-mill postal clerk - was part of a four-person interrogation of LHO between 0925hr and 1110hr on Sunday 24th November 1963, and took precise notes of the questions set and the answers given (as recorded in said Exhibit). The other three members of the interrogation team were Captain Will Fritz, FBI Special Agent Forrest Sorrels, and SS Inspector Thomas Kelley of the Presidential bodyguard. LHO was shot to death by Jack Ruby eleven minutes after the interrogation finished. It may or may not also be relevant that Holmes seems already to have been present at Special Agent Sorrels' top-top-top-secret frame-by-frame viewing of the not-yet-doctored Zapruder Film on the evening of 22nd November 1963. Holmes' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission [perjured] testimony [Part #1; Part #2]. Holmes is also named in Denise Hazelwood's (2016) book "Micro-Studies of an Assassination" as the most likely culprit for fabricating the $21.45 money order by which LHO was framed for paying the Mannlicher-Carcano, but which was number-sequence a year or so AFTER the shooting, not eight months before!

**Holt, Chauncey ["Percy"]:** [a.k.a. John O'Malley] Having spent most of the 1950s doing CIA dirty work Kentucky born one-time high-wire artist Chauncey Holt [Spartacus Educational biography] found himself in the front-line of the JFK assassination conspiracy, being identified by Jim Marr's 1989 book "Crossfire" as one of the (second set of) Three Tramps - follow the Three Tramps Thread for the images. Before that he had worked to the CIA's Phil Twombly on the framing of LHO, as part of which patsification exercise he bought the Mannlicher-Carcano - see the LHO Patsification Thread. He was interviewed by John Craig on 19th October 1991 [read transcript now]. He was also interviewed in 1997 by the Dutch researcher Wim Dankbaar to whom he stated that the Mannlicher-Carcano was scarcely an assassin's weapon of choice because "you'd be better off with a bow-and-
Rod Mac Kenzie( and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination places him as radio man to the Picket Fence shooters. We recommend the several lengthy Wim Dankbaar videos - click here to start; the interview has also been incorporated into Dankbaar’s (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view said documentary itself on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

Hood, James: Dallas Morning News advertising photographer Jim Hood [no convenient biography] accompanied Jerry Coley to the top of the Pergola steps at "a little after" 1300hr, saw the now congealing pool of blood, dipped his finger into it and tasted it to confirm it was indeed blood, and then took a photograph of it, thus entering the Blood or Cola Thread. Hood was killed in an unexplained light plane crash a few years later.

Hook, Sidney: NYC-born academic philosopher, prominent Cold War anti-Communist, and proselytising CIA asset Sidney Hook [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his contributions to the Psychological Strategy Board (PSB) during the Korean War, including consultancy work for DCI Walter Bedell Smith (Wilford, 2008, p77) (his advice was important, he argued, because "we have lost one round after another to the Kremlin" (Ibid.)).

Hooke, Richard M.: California-based JFK researcher Richard M. Hooke [Facebook Homepage] is the ghosting author in Rod Mac Kenzie( and Hooke)'s 2016 book entitled "The Men That Don't Fit In".

Hooker, Edward Gordon: American socialite Edward G. Hooker [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the adolescent son of Winifred "Betty" Cartwright Hooker at the time of her 1936 divorce from Roland Hooker. As such he was by birth already in the social circle his stepfather Dimitri von Mohrenschildt was entering when he married Betty in 1937. Baker (2009) sets the scene ...

"During the summer [of 1938?] [George de Mohrenschildt], [Dimitri von Mohrenschildt], and [Betty Hooker von Mohrenschildt] headed for the Hooker summer cottage in Bellport, Long Island. In Bellport they had some houseguests: [Janet Lee [Bouvier]m.1928-div.1940 / [Auchincloss]m.1942-wid.1976 ] and her daughter, the future Jacqueline Kennedy. A long-lasting friendship ensued. Jackie grew up calling de Mohrenschildt 'Uncle George' and would sit on his knee. [...] 'We were very close friends,' de Mohrenschildt explained to [Warren Commission assistant counsel Albert] Jenner. 'We saw each other every day'" (p128).

Hooker is also noteworthy for having been prep school roommate to George H. W. Bush 1939-1942, and for a failed business joint venture 1950-1951 with step-uncle George de Mohrenschildt, trading oil leases. He died of a heart attack in 1967, aged 43 years.

Hootkins, William: 15-year-old Dallas schoolboy William Hootkins [Wikipedia biography] was interviewed by the FBI after the assassination because he was being taught Russian by Ruth Paine. Indeed it is even possible that Hootkins was the "14-year-old kid" referred to by LHO's Irving barber Cliff Shasteen as having talked leftist views while they were having their hair cut a few weeks before the assassination [we await all volumes of Greg Parker's "Lee Harvey Oswald's Cold War" with interest to see if we have read his hints accurately - Ed.]. Hootkins would later feature in blockbuster movies/TV series such as "Star Wars" (as the fighter pilot Porkins), "West Wing", "Young Indiana Jones", and "Taxi". He also played a genuinely impressive Winston Churchill in the 1981 British TV series "Lloyd George" (a role he now [January 2018] shares with Oliver Stone's Oswald, actor Gary Oldman). Hootkins died 23rd October 2005, aged 57 years.

***** THE HUSTLER PRESIDENT *****

Hoover, Herbert Clark: Mining engineer, turned mine speculator, turned eleemosynary commodity broker, turned political miracle worker, turned politician President[31st, 1929-1933, Rep.] Herbert Hoover [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a mine surveyor in the American High Sierras [see 7th January 1896] and Western Australia [see 13th May 1897] at a time that fortunes
were being made by stock market speculation informed by mine surveyors' reports, (b) for joining Bewick, Moreing and Company (BMC) [see own entry], specialists in mine surveying, mine management, and the promotion of mining stocks for investment bankers, (c) for having relocated to Tientsin in 1898, there to play a leading role in what was adjudged by a British High Court in 1905 (and again, after appeal, in 1907) as the phrasing at this point is ours. [Ed.] as close to highway robbery as it is possible to get without wearing a black mask and brandishing a flintlock, (d) for having gone back to Australia in early 1902, there to promote the Great Fingall Mine [see 20th January 1902], (e) for having spent enough time in South Africa in 1904 to do more than just deliver a couple of lectures on the pros and cons of using cheap immigrant labour, (f) for having settled in London in 1905, there to be one of the lucky few who made a fortune in the Golden Horseshoe Fraud of 1905 [see 25th April 1905], (g) for having travelled the world between 1906 and 1913 doing likewise, opportunity by opportunity, (h) for having been appointed by President Wilson to manage food relief to poor little Belgium after the outbreak of WW1 [see 10th October 1914], (i) for having continued his charitable workings through into 1919 and beyond in support of Allied interference on the side of the White Russians in the Russian Civil War, while at the same time masterminding the sweep-up/bowdlerising of diplomatic archives from across Europe into what is now the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, (j) for serving as Secretary of Commerce ("and Assistant Secretary of everything else"), 1920-1928, (k) for being sworn in 4th March 1929 as 31st President of the United States, just in time to oversee America's response to the Buraq Uprising in Mandated Palestine during that summer [see Timeline 23rd August 1929], and (l) for going on to steer the United States through the Great Crash of 1929 [ditto 29th October 1929], whereupon - in that he was himself blessed with an insider trader's mindset - he was totally unable to comprehend that the root of the crash lay in exactly the behaviours he himself had championed, thus ensuring that the ensuing Great Depression was far worse than it otherwise might have been. Future Reading: For more on the generics of mining securities fraud see Ian Klaus's (2014) "Forging Capitalism" [Amazon]. For more on commodities profiteering and blockade-running in WW1 see E. Keble Chatterton's (1932) "The Big Blockade" [Amazon]. And for more on the industrialisation of charitable giving see Isaac Shola's (2020) "The Greatest Mass Fraud Ever" [Amazon].

***** MAJOR CONSPIRATOR, BUT ONLY AFTER THE EVENT, WE THINK *****

Hoover, John Edgar: As founder Director of the FBI in 1935, and still in post until 1972, the name of J. Edgar Hoover [Wikipedia biography] appears at many points in assassination histories, both official and alternative. The main accusations against him by alternative theorists are (1) that his FBI punched heavily to the left when dealing with crimes across the political spectrum, (2) that his secretive Division Five often broke the law (if only by failure properly to manage the doings of loosely associated third parties or ex-employees such as Guy Banister), (3) that having signally failed to prevent the assassination of JFK his FBI then conducted a cover-up of galactic proportions, complete with selective interrogation, intimidation, the destruction or concealment of evidence, perjury, and tacit acceptance of CIA and Mob executions …

Aside: Interestingly, it has even been suggested that Hoover himself was silenced by one of Sidney Gottlieb's cardiac arrhythmia potions when he died of a conveniently timed heart attack on 12th December 1973. His death is accordingly one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses" [Amazon].

... and (4) that he personally maintained blackmail files on everybody he could, in order to be able to coerce their cooperation if ever necessary. Hoover's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now], Note also that it was Hoover who inadvertently "outed" George H. W. Bush as a significant CIA personage by referring to him as "George Bush of the CIA" in a memorandum to the State Department dated 29th November 1963. There is also a National Archives audio tape from that same day of a telephone conversation between Hoover and LBJ. This conversation touches at one point on the issue of ballistics, with Hoover explaining that two of the bullets fired in Dealey Plaza would not be available as evidence because they had "splintered". A clip from this archive has been incorporated into Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released)
documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view said documentary itself on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED (the clip is at 39 minutes in); alternatively, click here to listen to the full 20 minute conversation on YouTube]. We give the last word to historian Noel Twyman ...

"Of all the major participants in the assassination, Hoover stands out singularly as one person lacking redeeming human qualities. [...] I searched the literature and found nothing good about his character except that he was devoted to his mother and [his boyfriend - Ed.] Clyde Tolson and loved his dog. If there was something likeable about him, I haven't found it" (Twyman, 1998 [Amazon], K19725).

***** BREAKING - OCTOBER 2019 *****

*** OSWALD WAS A GOVERNMENT AGENT ***

Horan, Mike D.: This from FaceBook 10th October 2019, from believed genuine Judyth Vary Baker, concerning one "Mike [D.] Horan" [no convenient biography] ...

"In 2014, a care-giver, Mark Froiland, and longtime researcher Gary Severson, interviewed former CIA agent MIKE HORAN, who then wrote in his shaky hand these important words: 'oswald)Seen him from a distance - said by his superiors - one of our top men, can be used anywhere. Oct. 26, 2014 St. Paul, MN'. [...] On the back of this statement from MIKE HORAN, as witnessed by Gary Severson and Mark Froiland, Gary Severson, the witness, additionally wrote these words: 'Mark Froiland is an acquaintance of mine for the past 20 years. Mark has been involved actively since the mid-1960's. He has been a home care worker for many professional people including ex CIA agents who provided Mark wit insights into the murder of JFK.' signed 'Gary Severson 10/26/14'. Gary gave me this signed statement in November, 2014, at our JFK Conference, but it was a small note, lost in the many papers involving the conference, until, reviewing those files, saw this important piece of evidence and am sharing it with you now. Mike Horan may still be alive -- I don;t know-- but Gary told me Mike was adamant that he had seen Lee Oswald and that he had been told that Lee was CIA."

The posting concludes with Baker suggesting that the Mike D. Horan in question might be the Mike Horan who worked in the office of the Deputy Attorney General (and future Secretary of State), William P. Rogers, back in 1954.

Horkheimer, Max: See the entry for Institute for Social Research (ISR).


Horne, Douglas: As Chief Analyst for Military Records for the Assassination Records Review Board, 1995 through 1998, Douglas Horne [Spartacus Educational biography] acquired an in-depth understanding of many of the personages listed in the present resource. He has passed on this knowledge in his 2009 book "Inside the Assassinations Records Review Board" [YouTube promotion - RECOMMENDED] and its 2013 follow-up "JFK's War With The National Security Establishment" [YouTube promotion - RECOMMENDED]. The coordinating thesis is that it was JFK's foreign policy, wrongly perceived by the military-industrial complex as a threat to national security, which got him killed. The 2009 work is about the best source on the Medical Cover-Up Thread that we have been able to find.

Horowitz, David Joel: A ferocious left-winger in his youth thanks, he explains, to his Communist parents, David Horowitz [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 1965/1967/1971 best-seller "From Yalta to Vietnam: American Foreign Policy in the Cold War", an anti-establishment exposé of the antics of the CIA in spearheading U.S. foreign policy during the Cold War. After 1976 he moved politically to the right, and prospered.

"Rabbi Isaiah Horwitz was a religiously inspired Zionist" (Sokolow)

noteworthy in the present context (a) for a steady early career as Ashkenazi rabbi in a number of mid-European cities ... Readers unfamiliar with the cult-sect-church distinction should check out the separate entry for <Sacred Mysteries> before proceeding (VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE).

... (b) for becoming Chief Rabbi [= Christian archbishop, Islamic imam, pagan archdruid, etc.] of Prague in 1614, at a time when Kabbalism [see own entry] was transitioning from sect to church within Judaism, (c) for relocating to the Jewish enclave at Jerusalem in 1621, (d) for moving on again in 1625, to the Hasidic hothouse community at Safed ...

See the inset concerning Safed in the entry for Hasidism, returning here when done ...

... (e) for using his time in the Holy Land to compile his preachings as "Shnei Luchot HaBrit" [Hebrew = "Two Tablets of the Covenant"; acronymically, Shelah] (since available in English as "Two Tablets of the Covenant" [Amazon]), and (f) for Shelah being posthumously selected as a useful resource by the Sephardic scholar Menasseh Ben Israel [see own entry] during the latter's campaign for the Readmission of the Jews into England [see Timeline 1st July 1644]. Horowitz died at nearby Tiberias in 1630, aged about 75. His impact is still being assessed by scholars: this is what Sokolow had to say about him ...

"[Horowitz] was rabbi in Frankfurt-am-Main, Prague, Posen, and Cracow, and then went to the Holy Land [...]. His [Shelah] is a work of remarkable erudition [...]. [...] He combined moreover a rare religious ecstasy and [Kabbalistic] visions with progressive ideas on education [...]. His manuscript was brought to Amsterdam and published there, with additions by his son David, who was also a distinguished scholar. This book seems to have impressed Menasseh so much that he published a translation of part of it [...] evidently for Marranos, for whom a great many prayer-books and religious tracts were published at that time in Spanish and Portuguese" (I.23).

Horowitz seems to have a prodigious number of descendants also in the clergy (including the 21st Century's Daniel M. Horwitz [see many publishers' blurbs]). FURTHER READING: There is little to help non-specialist readers. Miles Krassen's (1978) "Isaiah Horowitz" [Amazon] offers translations of his writings, if interested.

Hoskins, Harold B.: See the entry for William A. Eddy.

Hosty, James Patrick, Jr.: FBI agent James Hosty [Wikipedia biography] had been assigned on 11th March 1963 to monitor returned defector LHO and his Russian wife Marina Oswald. In June 1963 Hosty's interest in Marina prompted LHO to visit his office in Dallas, and leave a note - since lost - purportedly asking that all questioning be arranged through him.

ASIDE: Some theorists have pointed out that Hosty was a specialist in firearms trafficking crime, and therefore may have been working LHO as an FBI undercover asset, maybe even keeping tabs on New Orleans persons of interest such as Guy Banister.

After the shooting Hosty sat in on LHO's interrogation at DPDHQ, and conducted early interviews with Marina and Ruth Paine. After LHO's murder Hosty's boss Gordon Shanklin ordered him to destroy all evidence of the June visit. Hosty published his memoirs in a 1996 book entitled "Assignment: Oswald". Hosty's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Dramatised Mock Trial testimony, 1992 [YouTube it now]; Book promotion to camera, C-SPAN2, 1996 [YouTube it now].

Houma Heist: We refer here to the 22nd August 1961munitions "theft-with-keys" from the Houma LA premises of oil exploration giant Schlumberger Corporation [see Timeline that date]. The operation was to collect a large consignment of arms and explosives left over from the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and was ordered by Guy Banister reputedly under the authority afforded by Letters of Marque signed by Attorney General RFK. The team on the night comprised (denied) Sergio Arcacha Smith, (definitely) David Ferrie, and (admittedly) Gordon Novel, with help from Layton Martens [see own
entry] and Carlos Quiroga [see own entry]. Author Gus Russo provides a lot of the detail in his 1998 book "Live by the Sword". He explains that some of the consignment was routed to Richard ["Ricardo"] Davis's [see own entry] Christian Democratic Movement (MDC) [see own entry] training camp at the "Lumberjack School", Lacombe [map], some to the nearby Covington camp, and the rest stored temporarily in Banister's offices at the Newman Building [531 Lafayette/544 Camp] prior to being trucked across to Miami (Russo, 1998). It was Banister's lawyer's later testimony to the Garrison Investigation which introduced the Letters of Marque defence. Russo adds ...

"Schlumberger served as a small arms depot for the CIA. It permitted a bunker it leased for storing blasting supplies to be used as a cache for ammunition, bomb casings, and other military items, some of which were shipped abroad - presumably to CIA staging areas in Guatemala or areas elsewhere within striking distance of Cuba. The arms were shipped in crates bearing the markings 'Schlumberger' and 'machinery'. [...] Some of the weaponry was to have been used in the Bay of Pigs Invasion. The government's fumbling of the invasion upset the firm, which subsequently decided to terminate its contract with the CIA" (Russo, 1998, K3536).

The rest of this story can be accumulated from the separate entries for Sergio Arccha Smith, Gordon Novel, Carlos Quiroga, and David Ferrie.

1 There were probably several earlier occasions as well, here conflated.

House, Edward Mandell: American "back-stage politician" "Colonel" Edward M. House [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for gaining early experience getting Texas governors elected (four of them) during the 1890s and 1900s, (b) for thereby getting onto the campaign team of presidential hopeful Woodrow Wilson in 1911, (c) for master-minding Wilson's successful 1916 second-term presidential campaign ...

ASIDE: Historians have noted that House may have been guilty of liaising a bit too closely during 1916 with the head of British intelligence in NYC, Sir William Wiseman - see that entry (third inset).

and (d) for being included in the American delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference. For remorselessly leveraging his contacts in this way he has been described as the "Puppetmaster" of those times.

"House of Langley": One of Steven Hager's (2017) several sobriquets for the CIA. More specifically, he quips, the place where the search for the long-lost Babushka Film might most profitably begin.

House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA): Set up by the U.S. House of Representatives in September 1976 to investigate the killings of JFK and Martin Luther King the HSCA [Wikipedia briefing] went back over the ground covered by the Warren Commission, and, for the JFK killing, eventually granted that more than one assassin had probably been involved and that there had been a conspiracy, albeit just a little one.

Hovevei Zion: [Hebrew = "lovers of Zion"; variously transliterated as Chovevai Zion / Chovevé Zion, and sometimes alternatively Hibbat Zion; we follow Wikipedia in using the modern transliteration Hovevei Zion] [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching COMPULSORY SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] Emerging in and after 1881 in Jewish communities worldwide as a network of religious fundamentalist/political preacheries, the Hovevei Zion Movement [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a response to the systematic antisemitic pogroms of Tsar Alexander III [see Timeline 15th April 1881], selling the idea to frightened Jewry that things would be a whole lot better if they could only get back to their "Promised Land", (b) for obtaining funding in 1882 from Baron [French nobility] Edmond James de Rothschild [see own entry] for a second land purchase in Ottoman Palestine, and for setting up a pioneering proto-Zionist settlement at Rishon-le-Zion [see own entry] [nowadays the State of Israel's fourth largest city - Ed.] ...

ASIDE: The first settlement, also funded by Baron Edmond, had been at Petah Tikva [see own entry] four years earlier. We use the descriptor proto-Zionist because the term Zionist was not in general usage until the founding
of the Odessa Committee [see own entry] in 1890 and the First Zionist Congress in 1897 [see Timeline 29th August 1897].

... (c) for being invigorated in 1884 by the forceful White Russian (Tsarist Poland) proto-Zionist activist Leon Pinsker [see own entry], and for growing in reputation and headcount for the rest of that decade, (d) for holding an assembly in Katowice, Poland (but at the time German) 6th November 1884 [see Timeline that date], (e) for establishing a British chapter in 1890 headed by Colonel Albert Goldsmid [see own entry USEFUL CONTEXT], and (f) for reorganising its central secretariat as the Odessa Committee [see own entry] that same year. FURTHER READING: For more of the general background see Chapters X and XI of Fannie F. Andrews' (1931) "The Holy Land Under Mandate" [Amazon]. For more on Goldsmid see Chapter 2 of Ronald Sanders' (1983) "The High Walls of Jerusalem" [Amazon] and/or Judith Rice's (2010) "I am Daniel Deronda" [full text online (courtesy of The Jewish Magazine)].

Howard, Larry N.: Dallas assassination guru Larry Howard [no convenient biography] was Director of the JFK AIC [Assassination Information Centre], West Side Mall, Dallas, part love-of-the-subject research centre, part tourist trap. This expertise got him called in 1990 as historical advisor to the production team for Oliver Stone's movie "JFK" [see his IMDB entry], and the renewed public interest sparked by the movie got him involved in the publishing of Glen Sample and Mark Collom's 1995 book, "The Men on the Sixth Floor". Howard died in 1993.

Howard, Lawrence John, Jr.: [a.k.a. Alonzo Escuido] Los Angeles based Mexican-American CIA asset Lawrence Howard, Jr. [Spartacus Educational biography] was a member of INTERPEN and one of the three men who met with Silvia Odio on 25th September 1963 (the others being Loran Hall and William Seymour). He may also at some stage have met "Tex", "a white male, late 20's, 5'6" to 5'9", slender build, 135 pounds, with former military service and a rotten disposition", who would later appear in the histories as "Harvey Lee" (see the entry for Richard Margeson). Howard would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so inner sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination.

Howard, Mike: SS agent Mike Howard [no convenient biography] claimed to have seen LHO's Green Notebook complete with an "I WILL KILL ..." page [q.v.] (which - so say - was subsequently torn out) Sadly, Howard "has form" with white lie story planting, having on 9th February 1964 (with official approval) buried Marguerite Oswald's forthcoming appearance before the Warren Commission with an engineered false newpiece [read it now]. The missing page purportedly listed four targets of LHO's murderous intent, namely Governor John Connally, James Hosty, General Edwin Walker, and Richard Nixon. [Our verdict -chaff.]

Howard, Thomas: According to researcher Bill Sloan in his 1993 book "Breaking the Silence", after the 24th November 1963 arrest of Jack Ruby a reporter for the Long Beach Press Telegram named Bill Hunter, together with another newsmen named Jim Koethe, visited Jack Ruby's flat along with Ruby's flatshare George Senator in the presence of three of Ruby's lawyers, Jim Martin, Tom Howard [Spartacus Educational biography], and C. A. Droby, ostensibly to find a photograph of Ruby which the newsmen could use. Senator had been at DPD all afternoon and was no doubt feeling under some strain, but it is not apparent that anything deeply sinister happened on that occasion. Nevertheless within two years the two reporters and one of the lawyers had either been murdered or else died very conveniently. We may safely presume that these three continued to probe just a little too deeply. Howard died of a perhaps convenient heart attack 27th March 1965. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

Hromada: See Companion Timeline at 15th November 1919.

Hrynokh, Ivan: Born of Ukrainian blood in Lviv (map), Austro-Hungarian Galicia, in 1907, Ivan Hrynokh [Wikipedia biography] lived his life as a continuity White Russian in his dealings with the Soviet
Union (to Galicia's east) but as a Ukrainian nationalist in his dealings with Galicia's Poles [so anti both Moscow and Warsaw - Ed.]. Which all calls for a quick history lesson ...

***** THE HISTORY OF MUCH OF THE MODERN WORLD *****

***** IN A SINGLE CITY *****

QUICKIE - LVIV: Galicia has long been to Eastern European geopolitics what Alsace-Lorraine once was to Western Europe - fought over periodically and then occupied by whoever happened to win that fight the last time around. It is a land with roots back in the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth [Wikipedia briefing] three centuries earlier, and then in the Pale of Settlement [Wikipedia briefing] during the expansionary years of Tsarist Russia. It was accordingly a melting pot of Polish, Jewish, and Ukrainian tribal ethnicities, intermingled with whatever DNA past invaders had intruded. And having been born in 1907, Hrynokh was unfortunate enough to see his homeland change geopolitical alignment half a dozen times during his lifetime, each time painfully. Here, condensed from the city's Wiki [check it out FASCINATING], are the main stages in that history ...

1772 - After a long and complicated dispute the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth was divided up in a three-way tug-of-war between Prussia, Russia, and the Hapsburg Empire, with the Vienna First Partition Treaty [Wikipedia briefing] ceding Galicia to Vienna.

FIRST ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: It is long-standing diplomatic convention that IF a nation is unlucky enough to lose a province or an overseas possession in a fair fight, and then formally signs it away in the ensuing sensible peace treaty THEN the victor becomes free to move in his own people. This changes that province/possession’s ethnicity BUT RARELY TOTALLY [even the Native Americans weren’t totally cleansed - Ed.], and this - simply put - creates disadvantaged and aggrieved minorities.

REMEMBER NORTHERN IRELAND & PALESTINE

(And in practice it is rarely either a fair fight or a sensible treaty.)

SECOND ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: It is devilishly easy for a malign third force to radicalise an estranged community against its neighbours.

REMEMBER TIBET, CUBA, THE UYGHURS, & UKRAINE

The use of governments in exile is a particularly effective way of giving your favoured faction a psychological focus and spurious legitimacy.

REMEMBER TAIWAN, UKRAINE, & VENEZUELA

THIRD ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: The sending of fifth-column operatives to stir things up from within gives the radicalisation an added edge and can easily bring about coups or proxy wars.

REMEMBER INDOCHINA ITALY UKRAINE GUATEMALA IRAN CUBA TUNISIA LIBYA EGYPT SYRIA and the many many more

1848 - Galicia revolted against the Habsburg Austrian Empire. They did not get independence as such, but became better recognised in Vienna as a distinct ethno-religio-linguistic entity, predominantly Polish (historical legacy), but with significant Ukrainian and Yiddish minorities.

1867 - The Habsburg Empire was rebadged as the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and Galicia became its eastern bastion against an increasingly hostile Tsarist Russia - check it out (it's the pink bit just right of centre) ...
1867-1914 - In the run-up to WW1, Austria-Hungary became increasingly part of Greater Germany - hence the frequently seen Lemberg, the Germanic name for Lviv. The 1910 census provides an indicative snapshot of the mix of ethnicities living there at the time Hrynokh was born. This from the Wiki, verbatim ...

"The city [...] served as a meeting place of Ukrainian, Polish, Jewish and German cultures. In Lviv, according to the Austrian census of 1910, which listed religion and language, 51% of the city's population were Roman Catholics, 28% Jews, and 19% belonged to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Linguistically, 86% of the city's population used the Polish language and 11% preferred the Ukrainian language. The province of Galicia became the only part of the former Polish state with some cultural and political freedom, and the city then served as a major Polish political and cultural centre. [...] Similarly, the city also served as an important centre of the Ukrainian Patriotic Movement and culture, unlike other parts of Ukraine under Russian rule, where, prior to 1905, all publications in Ukrainian were prohibited as part of an intense Russification campaign. The city housed the largest and most influential Ukrainian institutions in the world [+++ examples given +++]. Lviv was a major centre of Jewish culture, in particular as a centre of the Yiddish language, and was the home of the world's first Yiddish-language daily newspaper, the Lemberger Togblat" (accessed 28th April 2023).

September 1914 through June 1915 - Galicia was one of the first Austro-Hungarian provinces to fall to the Tsarist armies in WW1, but was liberated by a successful counter-offensive in summer 1915. It then remained Austro-Hungarian through until the Central Powers collapsed in November 1918. However it was not at that time repossessed by the Russians, since they had stood down their armies following the 1917 Russian Revolution.

ASIDE: Readers unfamiliar with the Tenth of President Wilson's <Fourteen Points (for peace after WWI)>, should note that the United States had promised "Autonomy for ethnic minorities within Austria-Hungary". For the full context start with the companion Timeline at 7th January 1918 and then follow the creation of Poland and Czechoslovakia during and after the <Versailles Peace Conference>.

Late 1918 - The collapse of the Central Powers in November 1918, and the ensuing Versailles Peace Talks saw the breaking up of Austria-Hungary for ever. With Poland and Czechoslovakia already slated for independence, the Ukrainian faction in Lviv tried pre-empting Versailles and declared the West Ukrainian People's Republic [Wikipedia briefing] in November 1918. The Poles then fought back with a short and bloody counter-coup in which ethnic Ukrainians and Jews were driven out in what became known as the Lviv Pogrom [Wikipedia briefing]. Lviv thus became essentially part of Poland. The borders of the new Poland were drawn up at Versailles by the British diplomat Harold Nicolson - see Timeline at 29th January 1919 and - for a centennial re-appraisal of the inevitable mess - see Szlanta (2019 [full text online HIGHLY INFORMATIVE]).

1920 - When Poland then went to war against the Bolsheviks in the U.S.-sponsored Polish-Soviet War [see Timeline at 24th April 1920], the city was besieged, but managed to hold out. The Russians were quickly beaten in the field and Poland was officially granted Galicia in the 1921 Treaty of Riga [Wikipedia briefing]. (This was not a fair fight, however, for Poland was Washington's Central European sweetheart and heavily supported in food and matériel.)

1921-1938 - Thanks to inward migration of Poles from the Polish heartland, the city prospered into one of Poland's largest provincial centres. Poles remained the ethnic majority, with now 25% Jews and perhaps 10-12% Ukrainians, however the social and political rights of the Ukrainian minority were gradually eroded and the Ukrainian branch of the Greek Orthodox Church was de-recognised.
EDITORIAL NOTE: The subject of this entry, Ivan Hrynokh, was - as we shall shortly be seeing - an ethnic Ukrainian priest in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, hence his arrest in 1938 by the Poles.

1939 - Things changed again when Hitler and Stalin jointly and by prior agreement invaded Poland in 1939, the city falling (as fair conquest?) to the Soviets after only three weeks.

1939-1941 - The Soviets duly absorbed Galicia into an enlarged Ukrainian SSR. With memories of 1920 still rankling, wholesale deportations of Poles began, along with bloody reprisals such as that at Katyn Forest [Wikipedia briefing] in May 1940. In early 1941, meanwhile, Ukrainians with Nazi sympathies who had fled to Poland to escape the advancing Russians started to be recruited into the Nachtigall Battalion [see own entry REVELATORY].

1941-1944 - When Hitler invaded the Soviet Union in 1941, Galicia was occupied by General Von Rundstedt's Army Group South [Wikipedia briefing] within the first few days and leftists of all ethnicities were quickly and systematically exterminated. The rightists who remained then collaborated with the Nazi occupiers at ethnic cleansing. A faction of fascist-minded Ukrainians - the Organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) [Wikipedia briefing] - attempted to establish a Vichy-style collaborationist administration. The Nazis were unimpressed, however, and imprisoned OUN leaders Yaroslav Stetsko [see own entry ***** MASSIVE PARALLEL NARRATIVE *****] (Stetsko was famously the Nazi even Hitler was afraid of!!) and Stepan Bandera [Wikipedia biography STILL THE POSTER-BOY OF UKRAINIAN NAZIS AT TIME OF WRITING]. For the next three years, Galicia remained simply a Nazi-occupied territory in which every racial and political faction - if they survived at all - hated every other.

1944 (Spring) - The Red Army methodically swept the Nazis from Central Ukraine in the first half of 1944 [Wikipedia briefing], but ran out of steam just short of Lviv ...

YouTube summary of this offensive(12 mins.)

(Lviv is shown as Leopolis, on the north-western edge of the map)

1944 (Summer) - The Red Army then liberated the rest of White Russia in their Operation BAGRATION (The Destruction of Army Group Centre) [Wikipedia briefing]. The Lviv front was attacked in late June 1944, and the city was entered by the victorious Soviets on 27th July ...

YouTube QUICKIE on this offensive(2 mins.)

There remained few residents alive to welcome the liberation. For example, only a couple of hundred of Galicia's 120,000 Jews had survived (the future Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal being one of them) and the many Ukrainians fighting for the Nazis - both in Wehrmacht and SS units - had already fled westward.

February 1945 - Stalin, Roosevelt, and Churchill met at Yalta to decide how the great powers were going to carve up post-war Europe this time around.

See contemporary Pathé newsreel(4 mins.)

One of Stalin's points of insistence was that Galicia should be re-incorporated as Western Ukraine into his recently liberated Ukrainian SSR. Many Galician Poles duly fled to Poland, and leftist Galician Ukrainians who had fled eastward during the Polish period or the Nazi occupation were encouraged to go home and resettle their lands.

ASIDE: We track the movements of the Ukrainian Nazi units in Yugoslavia - notably the West Ukrainian 14th SS Grenadier Division (SS-Galizien) - in the entry for Operation KEELHAUL, if interested.

1945-1953 - During the remainder of Stalin's life, Ukrainianism was formally discouraged in all three parts of Ukraine, namely (from west to east) Galicia, Kyiv, and the Donbass [just as Welshness had at one time been formally punished in Wales - Ed.]. West Ukraine was just an oblast of the Ukrainian SSR, and the Ukrainian SSR was just another SSR within the broader Union of SSRs. Overly nationalistic institutions such as the Ukrainian religion were heavily legislated against. The Wiki refers to this as "Russification", and explains the clampdown this way ...

"With Russification being a general Soviet policy in post-war Ukraine, in Lviv it was combined with the disestablishment of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church [...] at the state-sponsored Synod of Lviv, which agreed to transfer all parishes to the recently recreated Ukrainian Exarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church."

More ominously, not being too far behind the Iron Curtain, Galicia was recruited as a natural pawn in the great post-war chess game of United States interference in European affairs ...

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by the Ukraine as part of Soviet White Russia in the United States' Cold War black ops, 1945-1990 should see the entries for
1953-1990 - The decades following Stalin's death led eventually to the break-up of the USSR. West Ukraine helped promote the anti-Moscow line via covertly funded organisation of purposely radicalised dissidents known as the People's Movement of Ukraine (RUKH) [Wikipedia briefing].

1991 - With the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, Lviv became capital of the Lviv Oblast of the newly independent, and theoretically unaligned, republic called, just, Ukraine.

1991-2014 - Ukraine began its years of independence carrying a large legacy of Sovietness, but incessant Americanisation saw to it that Ukrainian nationalists were preferentially promoted within society, government, and the new national psyche, leading eventually to the 2014 Euromaidan Revolution and the reprisal Russian Annexation of the Crimea ...

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by <Victoria ["Potty Mouth"] Nuland> in project managing the CIA-orchestrated 2014 <Maidan Coup> should see her entry before proceeding DEEPLY REVELATORY.

ASIDE: We have already dealt with these linked events in the Timeline - see the entry for 23rd January 2023 for a rapid update, then as threaded. The threading will then track through the 2014-2022 descent into war, stringing together the events listed below ... 

2014-2022 (February) - In September 2014 France and Germany mediated the Minsk I Accord between Kyiv and the ethnically Russian would-be break-away states of the Donbass Region. This failed to prevent Ukrainian military incursions into said region, which peaked in early 2015 with the Battle of Debaltseve. The Ukrainian drubbing in this campaign prompted urgent further talks, leading to the February 2015 Minsk II Accord. Unfortunately seven further years of Ukrainian Minsk Violations followed, carefully choreographed by Nuland, during which the Ukrainians built up their army, retooled it where possible to NATO interoperability standards [this was easier for training and general organisation than for equipment, due to Ukraine possessing a large legacy of Soviet armour and missile systems - Ed.], and staged blatant border provocations against the ethnic Russians east of the Donetsk River.

2022 (February) In the end, with Ukrainian troops massing on the border for what looked like another incursion, Russia's President Putin decided - like Popeye once used to - that he'd had all he could stands and couldn't stands no more. During the ensuing NATO-Russia War, Lviv, being an important railway hub between NATO member Poland and the various sectors of the front, is often targeted for its munitions in transit and Western intelligence assets.

**YouTube a Russian missile attack here** (just a clip.)

In January 2023 the supposedly honest brokers of the Minsk protocols, France and Germany, finally came out with the Minsk II Confession, confirming in interviews that the 2014-2015 talks had just been playing for time to allow Ukraine to build up its army and further adopt NATO standards. This confession is covered in detail in the Timeline - see the entry at 23rd January 2023 EXPLAINS A LOT. Suffice it to note here (having raised the issue above, that any treaty signed in bad faith is destined for history's black museum.

UPDATES WILL APPEAR HERE AS THE WAR RUNS ITS COURSE

***** AND NOW, BACK TO IVAN HRYNOKH *****

***** ALL DATED EVENTS BELOW SHOULD BE CAREFULLY *****

***** CROSS-INDEXED TO THE ABOVE TIMELINE *****

Against that convoluted historical backdrop, Hrynoch is noteworthy (a) for entering the Greek Orthodox priesthood in 1932, thus becoming a second-class priest to a second-class people, (b) for pushing back against Polish persecution of the ethnic Ukrainian minority, and thereby getting himself arrested by the Polish authorities in 1938 and sent to a detention camp, (c) for being released following the Nazi defeat of Poland in September 1939 and - finding himself now more politically at one with the occupiers - for becoming chaplain to the aforementioned Nachtigall Battalion. (d) for thereby being on the spot when the Nachtigalls liberated (or captured [depending whose colours you happen to be wearing - Ed.]) Lviv on 29th June 1941, hearing Stetsko read his aforementioned Act of Ukrainian Independence
the following day, and blessing the occasion in a chaplain's address of his own, (e) for presumably being carefully kept out of the loop when elements of his battalion celebrated with a little recreational Jew killing over the ensuing week ...

**CAMEO - BEHIND THEIR PADRE'S BACK:** The following clip from Brayard (2015 [full text online]) suggests 4000 Jews were liquidés in a "bullet Shoah" (that is to say, execution on the spot and without the expense of a concentration camp) ...

"Selon le mémorial de Yad Vashem et ses archives à Tel-Aviv, environ 4 000 Juifs ont été liquidés par les Ukrainiens du Nachtigall dans des pogroms autour de Lvov dans ce qui sera dénommée la Shoah par ball."  

... (f) when his battalion was stood down a couple of months later, for returning to civilian activism, and by 1943 for helping to organise the Ukrainian Supreme Liberation Council (UHVR/ZPUHVR) [see own entry EXPLAINS SO VERY MUCH], serving on its presiding council w.e.f. 1944 ...

This part of the Hrynokh story continues in the <Operation AERODYNAMIC> entry.  
To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.

... (g) for eventually settling in Munich, where he taught theology at the Free Ukrainian University [Wikipedia briefing], and (h) for remaining active in the UHPR until 1980, including managing the Ukrainian propaganda sheets Suchasna Ukraina (Contemporary Ukraine) [no nodal briefing but many mentions] and Suchasnist (Today) [see Bellezza (2019 [full text online (paywalled)] on this; we have included a CAMEO on this publication in the entry for Prolog Research FASCINATING STUFF]. He retired in 1980 and died in 1994, aged 86. FURTHER READING: Please see the comprehensive reading lists included in the linked entries.

Hughes, Carol: TSBD office worker Carol Hughes [no convenient biography] was alone in her office at the time of the shooting. She had been spectating at her window and remained there, thus witnessing none of the internal comings and goings. Hughes' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; FBI statement, 20th March 1964 [read it now].

"I'm worried about this country right now"

Hulsey, John Leroy: [Read firstly the entry for Richard Gage ESSENTIAL CONTEXT.] University of Alaska at Fairbanks civil engineer J. Leroy Hulsey [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for researching (2015-2019) and publishing (3rd September 2019 draft / 7th March 2020 final) the Hulsey Report [full text online], a technical report into the structural causes of the free-fall collapse of WTC7 at 1720hr 11th September 2001 (a full seven hours after the collapse of the much better known Twin Towers). Hulsey's simulations and calculations indicated that the reason WTC7 came down so neatly into its own basement dumpsters was that there had been a simultaneous failure (Hulsey uses the term "global failure") of every core column in the building (24 of them) on fully eight out of the building's 47 floors (which, of course, is more or less what Dutch demolition engineer Danny Jowenko RIP [see own entry SUDDEN CONVENIENT DEATH] told us after just a glance at the video more than a decade earlier). Hulsey then helpfully explained his methods and findings to camera in Dylan Avery's (18th June 2020) documentary entitled "Seven" [Amazon ESSENTIAL VIEWING]. Not being a chemist, however, and quite rightly not wishing to go beyond his data, he does not stress the obvious fact that (aside from a magic wand) only a vanload or two of weapons grade Super-Thermite demolition charges could have so rapidly liquefied so many tons of structural steelwork at the moment the building - in the words of its owner - was "pulled".

**Hulsey Report:** See the entry for J. Leroy Hulsey.

**Human Ecology Foundation:** Founded in 1954 as a research front for the CIA by Harold G. Wolff [see own entry] of Cornell University's Department of Psychiatry, the Human Ecology Foundation [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for becoming a centre of excellence in the theory and practice of brainwashing and drug-assisted interrogation.
Human Right to Peace: The idea that there is a self-evident Human Right to Peace [UNESCO briefing, 1997] first became explicit in the late 1990s thanks in part to the tireless work over the preceding 20 years of the American-Swiss human rights guru Alfred-Maurice de Zayas [see own entry].

Humes, Commander [U.S.N.] James Joseph, MD: Military pathologist Commander James Humes [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of the three military medics who performed the JFK autopsy at the Bethesda Hospital between 2000hr on 23rd September 1963 and 0030hr on 23rd, and perhaps a follow-up examination of the brain injury some hours/days later. Browse the Medical Cover Up Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story. Humes' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; House Select Commission on Assassinations testimony [read it now]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony [read it now].

Hunt, Dorothy: Long-term CIA employee and wife of E. Howard Hunt, self-confessed mid-level architect of the JFK assassination, Dorothy Hunt [Spartacus Educational biography] reportedly attempted to blackmail then-President Richard Nixon with potentially harmful revelations. She never got the opportunity to do this, however, because on 8th December 1972 she was killed in a politically highly convenient and technically highly suspicious air crash (reportedly the FBI got to the wreckage before the fire crews!).

Hunt, Everette Howard, Jr.: Once thought to be one of the (second set of) Three Tramps - follow the Three Tramps Thread for the images - CIA officer E. Howard Hunt [Wikipedia biography] was officially taken to task for his part in the 1972 Watergate Conspiracy. More recently it has been asserted in Rod Mac Kenzie's( and Hooke)'s 2016 book "The Men That Don't Fit In" that he was on station in Dealey Plaza on the day, controlling Frank Sturgis' shooting team on the picket fence. Hunt died of natural causes on 23rd January 2007, shortly after making a detailed deathbed confession to his son Saint John Hunt, who subsequently published the material in his 2012 book "Bond of Secrecy".

Hunt, Haroldson Lafayette, Jr.: Texas oil baron H. L. Hunt [Wikipedia biography] - whose story inspired not just the 1980s TV series Dallas, but also its anti-hero J. R. Ewing - was accused by Madeleine Brown, LBJ's long-term mistress, of having attended a meeting of senior assassination conspirators on the evening of 21st November 1963 at the home of Clint Murchison, Sr.

"With recognition comes opportunity" (Profile PR's USP)
"A bit of an old-style chinless wonder"

Hunt, Jeremy Richard Streynsham: [STUB] Well-born [his Wiki describes the family as "landed gentry" with an old East India Company fortune; he was born in 1966, to soon-to-be Admiral Nicholas Hunt, later knighted] British Conservative politician Jeremy Hunt [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for managing to survive the upbringing and education characteristic of the military wing of the British upper class (he was at Oxford with both Boris Johnson and David Cameron), (b) for then going into business in 1991 with one Mike Elms [LinkedIn profile] ...

CAMEO - HUNT AS BUSINESSMAN, 1991-2005: The pair cultivated and monetised media contacts as "personal profile engineers", building up the Profile PR public relations agency [modern homepage (under new management)]. They then moved into "education", founding Hotcourses Limited [Wikipedia briefing] in 1996, to develop the marketplace for inter-continental content marketing, that is to say, selling soft politico-religious publishing into third world countries, thereby (and inevitably) working closely much of the time with organisations with agendas of their own ...

Readers unfamiliar with the term <"Religious Right"> should check out the separate entry on that subject before proceeding, noting especially what it has to say about <William Gale Potter>, <General Charles Willoughby>, and <Jerry Falwell>, (VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE)

TWO ELEPHANTS IN THIS ROOM: There are two main bodies of influence eager to tap into foreign minds, namely (1) the religious right, and (2) the intelligence community. Under the first heading we have missionaries of all persuasions, from the Elmer Gantrys of old to Evangelicals for Trump [PBS briefing]. For example, at time of writing [= 23rd November 2022] Hotcourses specifically
mentions the Nazarene Theological College [Wikipedia briefing] in their promotional material [check it out], and they - as part of the World Methodist Council - proudly peddle their wares into intellectual battlefronts such as Korea and China. Hotcourses also liaise under contract with the British Council [check it out] - and no mention of their operations can be complete in the context of an encyclopaedia of conspiracy theory without including suspicions that that organisation has (on occasions, at least) acted as a cover for espionage. We have already raised this possibility a couple of years ago under the entry (in a Companion Resource) for the roving Cambridge biochemist Joseph Needham - click to be transferred (alternatively, to save diverting, here is the meat of what we said on that occasion ... "According to its originating architect (the intelligence professional in pinstripes [Sir] Reginald W. A. Leeper [Wikipedia biography; see also FURTHER READING below]), the British Council was created expressly to deliver pro-British "cultural influence" on behalf of the Foreign Office. In everyday English this means that Leeper was a spy-master, the British Council was a cover, and British Council emissaries often had covert as well as overt missions.")

We hasten to add that Hunt personally might well have known nothing about this aspect of his company's operations, it being common intelligence practice to take advantage of "useful idiot" resources whenever they can for the simple reason that they then genuinely have nothing to reveal under interrogation.

ANOTHER ELEPHANT, DIFFERENT ROOM: In fact, there is a third - even darker - way in which a perfectly innocent globetrotting corporate entity can be used to camouflage its employees' misdoings, and that is by transporting predatory sexual abusers into fresh hunting grounds. Here we note without pursuing the matter that one of Hothouses' associates was disgraced British Airways pilot Simon Wood (1958/9-2013) (The Times obituary [paywalled]) (Ward, 2013 [full text online]).

For whatever reason, Hothouses thrived and the company was sold on in 2017 for £30 million, of which Hunt received slightly less than half.

... and (c) for then entering politics in 2005 ...

CAMEO - HUNT AS POLITICIAN, 2005-PRESENT [= Nov. 2022]: Hunt was elected to Parliament in 2005 as the member for South West Surrey. He was then promoted to Secretary of State for Health and Social Care in the Cameron Administration, serving 2012-2016. He then retained that position under Theresa May 2016-2018, switching finally to Foreign Secretary 2018-2019. He was then side-lined during the Johnson Administration 2019-2022, only to be made nobody-else-available Chancellor of the Exchequer 14th October 2022, a position he still holds at time of writing [= 19 November 2022].

FOURTH ELEPHANT, THIRD ROOM: Hunt's years as Health Secretary were pivotal in the covert privatisation of Britain's National Health Service (NHS). Leys and Player (op. cit. inf.) and El-Gingihy (op. cit. inf.) offer particularly clear accounts of the methods used, the sums extracted, and the consequent erosion of the nation's healthcare.

So, all things considered, Hunt is a bit of an old-style chinless wonder, but not a spy (at least not wittingly); and if a conspirator of any sort it would merely be as state-appointed auctioneer in the disposal of the NHS. Pretty much your average Tory in other words. FURTHER READING: No serious biography of Jeremy Hunt has yet [as at November 2022] been published. Electronic sources are plentiful but tend to focus on his period as Health Secretary during the early years of the NHS sell-off, and we leave readers to research this for themselves from Colin Leys and Stewart Player's (2011) "The Plot Against the NHS" [Amazon READ IT AND WEEP] and Youssef El-Gingihy's (2018) "How To Dismantle the NHS in 10 Easy Steps (2nd Edition)" [Amazon READ IT AND WEEP]. The book "Everything I Know About Healthcare by Jeremy Hunt" [Amazon], whilst amusing and with a practical purpose, consists entirely of blank pages. The Google keywords "British Council" "espionage" returned 128,000 hits when entered by the present author 20th November 2022. For more on the risks posed by the religious right see Randall Balmer's (2006) "Thy Kingdom Come: How the Religious Right Distorts the Faith and Threatens America" [Amazon READ IT AND PRAY].

Hunt, John: Box-trawling assassination researcher John Hunt [no convenient biography] was the author in 2006 of two noteworthy papers, both supporting the accusation that the chain of custody for bullet CE-399 en route from Parkland to Bethesda was fatally - and deliberately - corrupted, in order to frame LHO in the eyes not just of the Warren Commission, but of the world. The two papers are "The
Mystery of the 7:30 bullet" [read it now] and "Phantom Identification of the Magic Bullet: E. L. Todd and CE-399" [read it now]. Browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Hunt, Saint John: Son of E. Howard Hunt, and recipient of his father's deathbed confession in 2007 Saint John Hunt [no convenient biography] proceeded to edit his father's material into the 2012 book "Bond of Secrecy". His father's principle admission was that he had helped organise the assassination, and the principle denial was that he had actually been in Dallas on the fateful day. For a flavour of the content check you this radio interview to promote same [YouTube it here].

Hunt, William Henry: Lawyer-politician and President James Garfield's Secretary of the Navy between 1881 and 1882, William Hunt [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having taken advice from Theodorus Mason on the need for centralised collation of political and technical intelligence in ensuring the future effectiveness of the U. S. Navy. His response was to set up a small Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) and put Mason in charge of it.

Hunter, William Bradley: According to researcher Bill Sloan in his 1993 book "Breaking the Silence", after the 24th November 1963 arrest of Jack Ruby a reporter for the Long Beach Press Telegram named Bill Hunter [Wikipedia biography], together with another newsman named Jim Koethe, visited Jack Ruby's flat along with Ruby's flatshare George Senator in the presence of three of Ruby's lawyers, Jim Martin, Tom Howard, and C. A. Droby, ostensibly to find a photograph of Ruby which the newsmen could use. Senator had been at DPD all afternoon and was no doubt feeling under some strain, but it is not apparent that anything deeply sinister happened on that occasion. Nevertheless within two years the two reporters and one of the lawyers had either been murdered or else died very conveniently. We may safely presume that these three continued to probe just a little too deeply. Hunter was killed 23rd April 1964 in the Press Room at Long Beach Police Headquarters by a policeman playing who-can-draw-his-gun-fastest. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

**** MINOR CONSPIRATOR, WW1 ****

Hurst, Sir Cecil James Barrington: British Foreign Office legal advisor Sir Cecil Hurst [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Hurst, they note, had been involved in the 1911-1913 discussions concerning contraband rules - see the entry for Maurice Hankey - and had argued against their including cotton. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

Hurt, David John: A telephone subscriber named David John Hurt [no convenient biography] was one of the two "John Hurt"s who were found to match the two Raleigh, NC, telephone numbers on LHO's DPD telephone call slip (the other being Henry W. Hurt [q.v.]). Henry W. Hurt turned out to have quite a background in intelligence operations, but declared he had no prior relationship to LHO. Browse the Raleigh Call Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Hurt, Henry Charles, Jr.: "Rural Virginia" based "investigative reporter" Henry C. Hurt, Jr. [Spartacus Educational biography] was the author of the 1985 book "Reasonable Doubt: An Investigation into the Assassination of John F. Kennedy". Here is a recent assessment of this work (Amazon online feedback, Ostensibly from Christopher K. Halbower, 2nd October 2009) ...

"Henry Hurt's 'Reasonable Doubt' is an overview of the JFK assassination. Hurt was a researcher for the book 'Legend: the Secret World of Lee Harvey Oswald' by Edward Epstein. Hurt's research involved little more than contacting US Marines who knew Oswald. After providing research for Epstein, Hurt set aside the JFK case.” [Accessed 29th January 2018]

Hurt also included an interview of Robert Easterling [q.v.].
Hurt, Henry W.: A telephone subscriber named Henry W. Hurt (no convenient biography) was one of the two "John Hurt"s who were found to match the two Raleigh, NC, telephone numbers on LHO's DPD telephone call slip (the other being David John Hurt). Henry W. Hurt soon convinced investigators that he was "a person of no interest" to them. Browse the Raleigh Call Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Hussey, Marmaduke [Baron Hussey of North Bradley]1996: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism".]. British right-wing print journalist turned controller of state broadcasting Marmaduke [Lord]1996 Hussey [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role was as the Conservative Party's selection for Chairman of the BBC 1986-1996 [the rot started within days of his moving in - Ed.].

Hyde, Henry Baldwin, II: During WW2 Henry Hyde [no convenient biography but a helpful New York Times obituary] was recruited into William J. ["Wild Bill"] Donovan's OSS in 1942 by Allen Dulles. He then became Chief of OSS intelligence gathering operations in France, and his efforts in recruiting a network of agents went a long way toward securing the success of the 1944 D-Day Invasion. He then replaced Dulles as Chief of OSS in Switzerland, before returning to civilian life in 1947. His divorced first wife Marie Hyde [q.v.] just chanced to be in Minsk on 10th August 1961 when LHO just chanced to cross in front of her lens. As far as the present author has been able to establish, there is no short genealogical relationship between Hyde and Ruth Paine's father William Avery Hyde, although the families do share a common ancestor.

Hyde, Baroness Marie Emilie ["Mimi"] de la Grange: Divorced first wife of retired OSS divisional chief Henry Hyde, II [q.v.]. Marie Hyde [no convenient biography] is here presumed to be the "Marie [?Loretta] Hyde" who was in Minsk on 10th August 1961 as a "tourist" who had become separated from her couriers in Moscow and who was presently in company with (genuine) tourists Monica Kramer and Rita Naman, "desirous" of returning with them to Warsaw. Before the group left Minsk she took photographs of passer-by LHO. She gave no affidavit to the Warren Commission, although her two companions did. The photographs presently [February 2018] on the web seem to be those of her companions not her own.

Hyde, Ruth Avery: See the entry for Ruth Hyde Paine.

Hyde, Sylvia Ludlow: See the entry for Sylvia Hyde Hoke.

Hyde, William Avery: Insurance underwriter William Hyde [no convenient biography, but see LaMonica (1997 [Full Text Online - AN INTERESTING READ])] was father of Sylvia Hoke and Ruth Paine, and father-in-law to John Hoke.

I.G. Farben: Start with the Wiki, then browse on <Farben> herein.

Iklé, Fred Charles: Professor of political science during the 1960s Fred Iklé [Wikipedia biography] was appointed in 1973 to head the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. He then became Undersecretary of Defense for Policy between 1981 and 1988. He was also one of the members of the House's National Commission on Terrorism [q.v.] between 1999 and 2000.

Imperial Munitions Board of Canada (IMB): Set up in Canada in 1915 under the chairmanship of Joseph Flavelle [Wikipedia biography], the Imperial Munitions Board of Canada (IMB) [see own entry] liaised with the procurement departments in Westminster on how best to manufacture munitions in Canada
without attracting too many accusations of profiteering. One of the Board members was the Milner Group's resident banker, Robert Brand [see own entry]. [THREAD = WWI INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

Independent Service for Information (ISI): See the entry for C. D. Jackson.

"Info-Prostitutes": This term was coined by Judyth Vary Baker [see own entry] and Edward Schwartz [see own entry] in their 2017 book "Kennedy & Oswald" to describe the well rewarded counter-intelligence work of carefully selected establishment authors in peddling lies and deceptions to the public whenever genuine researchers get just a touch too close to the truth.

Information Council of the Americas (INCA): INCA [see DeBenedictis] was the organisation founded on 15th May 1961 by Alton Ochsner, with financial help from Clint Murchison, as a right-wing propaganda organisation against the Castro Regime in Cuba.

Information Digest: See the entry for John H. Rees.

"There is no such thing as objective journalism" (himself, quoted in Conant)

Ingersoll, Ralph McAllister: American Deep State propagandist Ralph Ingersoll [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning his trade while editor of The New Yorker 1925-1930, (b) for being then head-hunted by Henry Luce's TIME-LIFE Publications, where he helped shape their new Fortune Magazine, (c) for moving across to Marshall Field III's [see own entry] rival PM Magazine in 1940, there to take a strong line in favour of United States involvement in the European war, and thereby getting to work closely with British intelligence on framing and placing Interventionist [= pro-war] propaganda ...

EDITORIAL NOTE: The following CAMEO draws on the scholarship of Spartacus Educational's John Simkin, who cleverly weaves together what we know from long-standing WW2 reference works with recent academic research. The full original is here, if needed ...

CAMEO - INGERSOLL AND THE ENGINEERING OF CONSENT: In the late-1930s, Americans were divided between Isolationists [Wikipedia briefing] (those who had no particular beef with - and often loudly cheered for - the Nazis) and Interventionists [Wikipedia briefing] (those who - for whatever reason - saw the Nazis as America's enemy). Thus it came to pass that in mid-1940, after the Fall of France, Britain's War Cabinet initiated a secret charm offensive to ensure that the latter faction prevailed. Here is how Simkin explains this charm offensive, and Ingersoll's part in it ...

"Winston Churchill became prime minister in May 1940. Churchill realised straight away that it would be vitally important to enlist the United States as Britain's ally. Randolph Churchill, on the morning of 18th May, 1940, claims that his father told him "I think I see my way through.... I mean we can beat them." When Randolph asked him how, he replied with great intensity: "I shall drag the United States in." Churchill appointed William Stephenson [see own entry REVELATORY] as head of the British Security Coordination (BSC) [see the CAMEO in item (e) of the entry for C. D. Jackson WORLD HISTORIC]. [...] Jennet Conant [in Conant (2008, op. cit. inf.)] argues that Ernest Cuneo [see own entry AN INTERESTING CHARACTER], who worked for [BSC] was 'empowered to feed select British intelligence items about Nazi sympathizers and subversives' to friendly journalists such as Ingersoll, Walter Winchell [see own entry ANOTHER INTERESTING CHARACTER] [and 11 others named] who 'were stealth operatives in their campaign against Britain's enemies in America'."

In fact, the Conant work deserves quoting in greater detail: here she is, profiling the resulting world historic psy op ...

"By the advent of the war, Winchell was a powerhouse widely feared because of his penchant for exposing the private lives of important public men [...] and inaugurating a regular feature called 'The Winchell Column vs. The Fifth Column'. A typical Winchell column would contain several dozen separate references to individuals and events, ranging from minor celebrity sightings [example given] to an impassioned denunciation of Nazi sympathisers [...] . While there were a number of prominent American journalists sympathetic to the British plight, Lippmann [Wikipedia biography], Pearson, [Wikipedia biography], and Winchell went beyond publishing Ministry of Information handouts to actively aiding the cause whenever they could, and they were in close contact with British intelligence. [+++
supporting detail +++] Cuneo had such close ties to the BSC that he [...] had his own code name - CRUSADER - and was empowered to 'feed' select British intelligence items [...] to Pearson, Winchell, and other hand-picked outlets. At the time he was actually ghost-writing many of Winchell's columns and radio broadcasts, which parrotted the British propaganda line of the day. For the BSC, journalists like Ingersoll, Lippman, Pearson, Reid [Wikipedia biography], and Winchell, and the facilitator Cuneo, were stealth operatives in their campaign against Britain's enemies in America” (pp53-55).

One of Ingersoll's propaganda works was his 1941 "Report on England" [Amazon].

… (d) for headhunting novelist-spook Ernest Hemingway [see own entry A FASCINATING TALE] into intelligence work in late 1941, as Dearborn (op. cit. inf.) explains …

"[Ingersoll] was looking, moreover, for reporters with a well-honed sense of the drama of the story they were covering [...]. Ernest did not sign on until that December, however, when Ingersoll agreed that he would cover the Chinese situation for the newspaper. [+++ detailed arrangements +++] Ernest's seven articles, and an interview with Ingersoll, would run the second and third weeks of June [=1942], after he was back in the U.S.” (p422).

... (e) for joining the U.S. Army and being put to work on psy ops such as that concerning the "Ghost Army" [Wikipedia briefing A WORLD HISTORIC MILITARY DECEPTION], and (f) for returning to writing after the war, producing such autobiographical works as "Top Secret" [Amazon] in 1946. He died in 1985, aged 84. FURTHER READING: For more of the WW2 background see Jennet Conant's (2008) "The Irregulars: Roald Dahl and the British Spy Ring in Wartime Washington" [Amazon] and Rick Beyer and Elizabeth Sayles' (2015 [full text online HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]) "The Ghost Army of World War II". For a formal biography see Roy Hoopes' (1985) "Ralph Ingersoll: A Biography" [Amazon].

For more on the Hemingway association see Carlos Baker's (1969) "Ernest Hemingway" [Amazon], and Mary V. Dearborn's (2017) "Ernest Hemingway" [Amazon].

Ingram, Gordon: See the entry for Mitchell WerBell.

Ingram, Hiram: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Hiram Ingram [no convenient biography] was a friend of murdered witness Roger Craig, and died of sudden onset cancer on 4th April 1968. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong’s (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

Institute for the Study of War (ISW): Founded in May 2007 by the well-connected Kimberley Kagan [see own entry], the ISW [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as a Necon think tank designed to publicise "ongoing military operations and insurgent attacks" worldwide. Their/her first "backgrounder" was dated 10th June 2007 (read it here), and similar works have continued with superficial scholarship to probe various aspects of modern warfare ever since, albeit - as the name suggests - usually more in the interests of war than peace, and sometimes - this being how Neoconservatism works - lacking the self reflection and free and fearless exchange of ideas required for truly scholarly debate. FURTHER READING: For selected indicative readings see the ISW website here.

Institute of Current World Affairs (ICWA): Dealt with as an inset in the entry for Charles R. Crane.


Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR): Founded in Atlantic CityNJ in September 1924 by banker Jerome D. Greene [Wikipedia biography] with Rockefeller Foundation funding, the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a British delegation strongly influenced by the Milner Group (Quigley, 1949/1981), and (b) for being roundly criticised at the
height of the Cold War by right-wingers such as "Taiwan Tony" Kubek [see own entry] for being so riddled with Communists that it was unable to do its job properly.

***** THE IfSG QUACKS LIKE A DUCK, SO IT IS HERE TREATED AS SUCH *****

Institute of Statecraft and Governance (IfSG): Founded in Scotland in 2006 by intelligence service Christopher Donnelly [see own entry] and Daniel Lafayeedney [see own entry], the Institute of Statecraft and Governance (IfSG) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a British taxpayer-funded charity [ca. £2 million per annum - Ed.], (b) for operating its laughingly-named Integrity Initiative [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] propaganda machine, and (c) for being assessed by commentator Craig Murray as follows ...

"So what do we have here? We have a programme, the Integrity Initiative, whose entire purpose is to pump out covert disinformation against Russia, through social media and news stories secretly paid for by the British government. And we have the Skripals’ MI6 handler, the BBC, Porton Down, the FCO, the MOD and the US Embassy, working together in a group under the auspices of the Integrity Initiative. The Skripal Case happened to occur shortly after a massive increase in the Integrity Initiative’s budget and activity, which itself was a small part of a British Government decision to ramp up a major information war against Russia" (2018 [full text online - SHORT, FULL OF NAMES, AND HIGHLY INFORMATIVE]).

RECOMMENDED READING: There is also a great deal of value in McKeigue et al's (2018 [full text online]) briefing paper.

Institute on Technical Cooperation: Founded by Neil Mallon [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] in around 1952 as a short-duration project within his Dresser Industries empire, the Institute on Technical Cooperation [no convenient briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a stereotypical CIA front organisation, and (b) (as a favour for Allen Dulles) for providing convenient cover employment 1952-1954 for the good-Nazi Hans ["Tiny"] Gisevius [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] (Adamson, Vol. I, Pt. 1, 1996 [Amazon] [CAUTION: Although we generally trust Adamson's archival research there is little triangulating evidence available for this particular story - Ed.]).

Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales y Economicas (IISE): [CIA organisational cryptonym LIHUFF] Established in Mexico in around 1955 the IISE [Mary Ferrell Database entry but little else online from that era; CAUTION: the name seems to have been recycled] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as one of the many third world student and labour organisations subverted by the CIA (or related U.S. thought police operations) during the Cold War, and (b) for being tracked a few times in CIA Mexico City files under the cryptonym LIHUFF in the years 1962-1965. FURTHER READING: For a general review of U.S. propaganda operations against students and workers in foreign countries see Chapters 3 and 6 of Hugh Wilford's (2008) "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon]. For operations out of Mexico City see Chapter 18 of John Newman's (2008) "Oswald and the CIA" [Amazon].

Integrity Initiative: See the entry for the Institute of Statecraft and Governance (IfSG).

International Association of Ukrainianists: See the entry for the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI).

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD): Set up in 1944 at the Bretton Woods Conference [see 1st July 1944], the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development [Wikipedia briefing] was one of the five inter-coordinated components of the broader World Bank [see own entry].

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC): Founded in 1863 in Geneva, Switzerland, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) [Wikipedia briefing] soon emerged as probably the all-time most respected humanitarian aid agency. Our present interest in the organisation is restricted to the separate entries for British Red Cross, American Red Cross (ARC), and American Red Cross Mission, 1917.

International Confederation of Free Trade Unions [ICFTU]: See the entry for CIA Front Organisations.

International Credit Bank of Geneva: [not to be confused with Bank of Credit and Commerce International] See the entry for Tibor Rosenbaum.

International Derrick and Equipment Company (IDECO): See the entry for Neil Mallon.

International Development Association (IDA): Foreseen in 1944 at the Bretton Woods Conference [see 1st July 1944], and finally fully established in 1960, the IDA [Wikipedia briefing] is one of the five inter-coordinated components of the broader World Bank [see own entry].

***** VERY VERY VERY IMPORTANT *****

International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA): [Read firstly the IHRA inset in the entry for Ruth Smeeth.] Founded in 1998 by Swedish premier Göran Persson [Wikipedia biography], the IHRA [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for the eight paragraphs of the 28th January 2000 Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust (IHRA-2000) [full text online], as reproduced below. It speaks for the entirety of Humankind in promoting reflection and mutual understanding. The sole mention of antisemitism is highlighted thus ...

(1) The Holocaust (Shoah) fundamentally challenged the foundations of civilization. The unprecedented character of the Holocaust will always hold universal meaning. After half a century, it remains an event close enough in time that survivors can still bear witness to the horrors that engulfed the Jewish people. The terrible suffering of the many millions of other victims of the Nazis has left an indelible scar across Europe as well.

(2) The magnitude of the Holocaust, planned and carried out by the Nazis, must be forever seared in our collective memory. The selfless sacrifices of those who defied the Nazis, and sometimes gave their own lives to protect or rescue the Holocaust's victims, must also be inscribed in our hearts. The depths of that horror, and the heights of their heroism, can be touchstones in our understanding of the human capacity for evil and for good.

(3) With humanity still scarred by genocide, ethnic cleansing, racism, antisemitism and xenophobia, the international community shares a solemn responsibility to fight those evils. Together we must uphold the terrible truth of the Holocaust against those who deny it. We must strengthen the moral commitment of our peoples, and the political commitment of our governments, to ensure that future generations can understand the causes of the Holocaust and reflect upon its consequences.

(4) We pledge to strengthen our efforts to promote education, remembrance and research about the Holocaust, both in those of our countries that have already done much and those that choose to join this effort.

(5) We share a commitment to encourage the study of the Holocaust in all its dimensions. We will promote education about the Holocaust in our schools and universities, in our communities and encourage it in other institutions.

(6) We share a commitment to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust and to honour those who stood against it. We will encourage appropriate forms of Holocaust remembrance, including an annual Day of Holocaust Remembrance, in our countries.

(7) We share a commitment to throw light on the still obscured shadows of the Holocaust. We will take all necessary steps to facilitate the opening of archives in order to ensure that all documents bearing on the Holocaust are available to researchers.

(8) It is appropriate that this, the first major international conference of the new millennium, declares its commitment to plant the seeds of a better future amidst the soil of a bitter past. We empathize with the victims' suffering and draw inspiration from their struggle. Our commitment must be to remember the victims who
perished, respect the survivors still with us, and reaffirm humanity's common aspiration for mutual understanding and justice.

The issue of antisemitism was then addressed more fully 11th June 2015 at a follow-on conference in Budapest, Hungary, where delegates put together the following "Working Definition of Antisemitism" (IHRA-2015)" ...

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

This rather bland Working Definition was then further expanded 26th May 2016 at a follow-on conference in Bucharest, Romania, where delegates signed off on the following 11-point "Illustrative Examples of Antisemitism" (IHRA-2016). There are now six mentions of the State of Israel, highlighted thus, and the codification - at point (4) - of the offence of "Holocaust Denial" [Wikipedia briefing] ...

(1) Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.

(2) Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.

(3) Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.

(4) Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).

(5) Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.

(6) Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.

(7) Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.

(8) Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.

(9) Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.

(10) Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.

(11) Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

The IHRA-2016 examples make it automatically more or less antisemitic to support, say, the people of Gaza in their long-standing confrontation with the State of Israel. Unsurprisingly, therefore, IHRA-2016 went down badly in countries like Britain, where there was significant grass-roots sympathy for the sufferings of the Palestinian people. IHRA-2016 remains under heated discussion to the present day [December 2019]. FURTHER READING: For an intelligent and informative commentary see Rebecca Gould's 7th September 2018 piece in Prospect entitled "The IHRA's Definition's Imprecision Makes It a Threat to Free Speech" [full text online]. For more on the British political right's sustained and patently coordinated weaponisation of antisemitism against Jeremy Corbyn and the British Labour Party, >>>>> up to and including the 2019 General Election (GE2019)<<<<<<, see Ian Hernon's (due January 2020) book "Antisemitism and the Left" [Amazon].

International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU): See the entry for CIA Front Organisations.
International Monetary Fund (IMF): Set up in 1944 at the Bretton Woods Conference [see 1st July 1944], the International Monetary Fund (IMF) [Wikipedia briefing] opened for business on 27th December 1945.

International Trade Mart (ITM): [This entry draws heavily from the scholarship of Ensenat (1974 [full text online - AN EXCELLENT SOURCE FOR ANYONE TRACKING BACK THROUGH NEW ORLEANS' BUSINESS LEADERS])] The ITM was a one-stop shop for potential importers and exporters through the port of New Orleans, akin to a permanent international exposition with much of the floorspace leased to advertisers (the concept had in fact proven successful in 1943 with International House one block away, and there were many common investors and directors). ITM was situated initially in a 5-story corner site at Camp Street and Common Street. Recently demobbed Clay Shaw was nominated General Manager on 19th January 1946 and oversaw the necessary refurbishment. The premises opened for business in January 1948 and the concept worked well for a decade. However by the early 1960s ITMs' financial state was "precarious".

INTERPEN: [Contraction of International Penetration; all names have their own entry] Founded in 1961 by Gerry P. Hemming [see own entry], INTERPEN [Spartacus Educational briefing] was a paramilitary unit based in Florida's Everglades and responsible for a spate of guerrilla raids against Fidel Castro's Cuba. Members included: Manuel Aguilar; Remigio Arce; Ed Collins; Oscar Del Pinto; Bernardo de Torres; Loran Hall; Roy Hargraves; Lawrence Howard; Robert E. Johnson; William Seymour; and Dick Whatley.

LEST IT GO UNNOTICED: Most of the above names will pop up as snipers, spotters, or radio men in the Dealey Plaza operation. De Torres, in particular, has been mentioned as a prolific executioner of witnesses during the Garrison and HSCA inquiries.

Funding came from exiled Cuban politicians from the pre-Castro era, notably Roland Masferrer and Carlos Prio, topped up by run-out-of-town mobsters such as Santos Trafficante. They operated initially out of Florida, but transferred north of Lake Pontchartrain in the vicinity of CovingtonLA [map] after the 1962 law enforcement crackdown in the Keys, their arrival being noted in the New Orleans Press by columnist Bill Stuckey [see own entry]. The Covington camp was duly busted by the FBI on 31st July 1963, and the organisation as a whole went dark after the Assassination.

**** "OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB ..." ****

Iran-Contra Affair: [Read firstly the entry for the 1982 Boland Amendment at 21st December 1982.] The Iran-Contra Affair was a complicated foreign policy shenanigan from the mid-1980s which resulted in the 1986 Tower Commission [see 1st December 1986] and separate Senate and House Congressional Investigations in 1987 [see 5th May 1987]. The story began with the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran, when the pro-U.S. Shah of Iran [see own entry] was overthrown by the Islamic Fundamentalist Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini [see 1st February 1979]. This totally upset the geopolitical situation in (to the south) the Middle East and (to the north) the whole of Transcaucasia [Wikipedia briefing], and the U.S. Congress duly imposed strict economic sanctions and an arms embargo. The region was further destabilised when Saddam Hussein launched an offensive across the Shatt Al Arab waterway at the beginning of the Iraq-Iran War [see 22nd September 1980], and by 1981 the Reagan administration was beginning to fear a beaten Islamic Iran drifting into the Soviet bloc. The Iranian crisis also coincided with a problem closer to home in Nicaragua, where since 1st December 1981 the U.S.-backed Contras [see own entry] (the Waffen SS of the ousted Somoza regime) were fighting a right-wing war of attrition against the Sandinista government of Daniel Ortega [check him out], and fighting it, moreover, with smuggled out American tax dollars and ex-PLO war supplies captured from tourists in the Middle East (or so the first fall-back official story goes).

CAMEO - ARMS TO THE CONTRAS: Throughout his 1983-1985 term as National Security Advisor (NSA) Robert McFarlane [Wikipedia biography] and newly promoted National Security Council (NSC) staffer Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North [see own entry] used a CIA front company named Stanford Technology Trading Group International (STTGI) [Wikipedia briefing] to keep illegal arms transactions off the record. Under this (or similar) cover McFarlane arranged for contacts in Israel [remember that according to Rubenberg, 1986,
there were 300 Israeli advisors in Guatemala in 1982 - Ed.] to make at least two (May 1983 and May 1984) arms deliveries to the Contras, cover-storied as recovered from PLO terrorists. He then personally appealed to the Saudis in July 1984 for financial assistance for the Contras, and came away with the promise of $1 million a month.

**STOP PRESS - THE CONTRAS, IN 2018:** The Contras of the 1980s were disbanded at the end of that decade. However the target of their hatred, President Daniel Ortega [check him out] regained the Nicaraguan presidency in 2007 and remains in post [October 2018]. With elections due in 2019 he is right now the target of a new type of covert operation; a future war; a settling of old scores; a war fought - like the famous Arab Spring uprisings - through social media. Thus we saw, in April-May 2018, clashes between leftist and rightist demonstrations resulting in a reported 309 dead by high summer [**You Tube a typical anti-Ortega report** (you will not see much else in a controlled right-wing media offensive)]. These things do not just happen. They are being directed from a command post somewhere in the reactionary West, by a new generation of cyber-commanders. So there will one day be a Conspiracy Theory of the Electronic Overthrow of Daniel Ortega, whereupon you will be able to say that you heard it here first. **RESEARCH ISSUE:** Advanced students may find some value reading Jack London's (1908) "**The Iron Heel**" [see 24th August 1908], specifically the episode in Chapter 10 on the suppression of writings, the "branding" of dissenters, the caricaturing of those whom you wish to destroy, and mob rule as the H-weapon of political debate. It is 110 years since London described this dystopian nightmare, but with e-delivery and e-surveillance behind it the trickery seems to be working better than ever.

Support for the Contras ceased to be just a covert intelligence community operation on 6th January 1984 ([Walsh Report]) when President Reagan gave carte blanche to do "whatever you have to do" to help the Contras (because they were "the moral equivalent of our Founding Fathers"). Henceforth the operation would still be covert, but covert with the approval of the President.

**ASIDE:** Not that it was a very well-kept secret, for on 7th May 1984 TIME Magazine quite happily reported that "Israel funnels arms to the Contras through the Honduran army. Israeli intelligence agents have helped the CIA train the Contras, and retired or reserve Israeli army commandos have been hired by shadowy private firms to assist the rebels" (Jamail and Gutierrez, 1986).

During 1984 the waters were muddied even more by a spate of hostage takings in Lebanon, many by Iran-sponsored terrorist groups [Wikipedia briefing]. Amongst those taken was the CIA's Beirut Head of Station William F. Buckley [Wikipedia biography], kidnapped by a Hezbollah snatch squad 16th March that year.

**ASIDE - NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION DIRECTIVE #138:** This NSDD was drafted 26th April 1984 by the aforementioned Oliver North. The Homeland Security Digital Library describe it [1st November 2018] as still largely classified, but state its thrust as follows: "reportedly permitted the CIA and the FBI to form covert operations teams and to use military special operations forces to conduct guerrilla-style war against guerrillas, pre-emptive operations, retaliation, expanded intelligence collection, and when necessary, killing of guerrillas in 'pre-emptive' self-defense. States that sponsored terrorists (Iran, Libya, Syria, Cuba, North Korea) could be targeted ...".

When he took over as the new National Security Advisor 4th December 1985, Admiral John Poindexter [Wikipedia biography] advised President Reagan that it might be possible to cut a quid pro quo arms-for-hostages deal with Iran, and his predecessor McFarlane was appointed as that deal's globetrotting ambassador. It also made good sense to extend North’s remit to cover both Nicaragua and Iran. What the Iranians needed most were TOW anti-tank missiles and HAWK anti-aircraft missiles.

**ASIDE - TOW MISSILES:** The acronym TOW stands for <tube launched, optically tracked, wire-guided>, and refers to anti-tank missile technology first deployed in the early 1970s, in which (due to the unsophisticated electronics of that era) track correction instructions are issued externally by joystick. In other words, the missile operator watches the hot spot of the missile’s exhaust and steers it left-right/up-down. This gives much longer effective striking ranges than the WW2 bazooka or the RPG-7. See **YouTube tutorial** (watch for the trailing wires).
Here are some of the shipments mentioned in the Congressional investigations (the Pentagon subsequently topped up Israeli stocks) ...

**CAMEO - DELIVERING THE TOWS AND HAWKS:** On 20th August 1985 a consignment of 96 TOW missiles was flown from Israel to Iran (Walsh Report).

**CAMEO - DELIVERING THE TOWS AND HAWKS:** On 14th September 1985 a further consignment of 408 TOW missiles was flown from Israel to Iran (Walsh Report).

**CAMEO - DELIVERING THE TOWS AND HAWKS:** On 24th November 1985 a further consignment of 18 HAWK missiles was flown from Israel to Iran (Walsh Report) (the report goes into a lot of interesting detail concerning the many days of procedural difficulties making this delivery - Ed.).

On 3rd November 1986 the Lebanese newspaper Al-Shira'a finally broke the story, and ten days later President Reagan went on television from the Oval Office to give the bare bones official explanation, which was that only "modest deliveries" had been made because it had been his administration's judgement that the strategic costs of not making them outweighed the possible peace dividend - YouTube it now. The Tower Commission [see 1st December 1986] reported 27th February 1987, and the Walsh Commissions in November. The core observation was that under President Reagan the NSC, strictly only an advisory and coordinating body, "at times became operational, taking on primary responsibility for the execution of the Iran and contra covert operations" and all too keen to call on "private parties and third countries to do the Government's business". [THREAD = THE SHAPING OF THE MODERN WORLD] [THREAD = THE BECKETT EFFECT IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY]

"Our eagle, our sacred, kindly tribune" (Zhabotinsky)

**Irgun:** [Sometimes acronymically Etzel] [Read firstly the entry for the Haganah ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT.] Founded in 1931 following a schism within the command hierarchy of the Haganah [see introductory reading], the Irgun [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the attack dog of the White Russian Zionist immigrants into Palestine in the first half of the 20th Century. During the 1930s they operated alongside Betar [see own entry], sharing training facilities and rallies with them in Poland (Shindler, op. cit. inf.), but became considerably better known after Betar's Menachem Begin [see own entry IMPORTANT PRIOR CONTEXT] was allowed into Palestine as part of the Free Polish Forces [see own entry] in May 1942. Indeed, Begin became head of the Irgun in October 1943, and led it during its 1944 programme of infrastructure bombings and targeted assassinations against the British administration [see Timeline 1st February 1944]. After the war the organisation remained the sharpest thorn in Britain's flesh, not least for its bloody bombing of the King David Hotel [dito 22nd July 1946], while across the Atlantic Hillel Kook's [see own entry USEFUL COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE] Bergson Group methodically campaigned for, and received, American backing for an independent State of Israel [see Timeline 4th October 1946]. During the 1947-1948 Palestinian War [dito 30th November 1947] the Irgun turned its sights from the British onto the Palestinian Arabs at large, but - with an eye to imminent statehood - they also created a political wing in the form of the Herut Party [see own entry]. Finally, during the 1948-1949 Arab-Israeli War [dito 15th May 1948 (this is the same war as 1947-1948, save that the Zionists have now become the State of Israel)], they fell out with the Haganah over surrendering a large arms shipment, occasioning the 1948 SS Altalena Incident [dito 20th June 1948], and coming close to civil war with David Ben Gurion and the official Israeli Defence Force (IDF). FURTHER READING: For more of the detail, see Chapters 9 through 11 of Colin Shindler's (2015) "The Rise of the Israeli Right: From Odessa to Hebron" [Amazon RECOMMENDED READING].

Isaacs, Barnett: [a.k.a. Barney Barnato] East London prizefighter - music hall tumbler turned billionaire \(^1\) - is noteworthy in the present context (a) for abandoning the East London entertainment industry and turning up in the Cape Colony diamond fields of the mid-1870s as a small claim miner, (b) (presumably with covert financial support) for growing rapidly by acquisition to found the Barnato Diamond Mining Company in 1880, (c) for having retail diamond contacts in London's Hatton Garden, and (d) for doing a mega-deal in March 1888 with rival Cecil Rhodes \(^2\) De Beers Company, with a view to keeping diamond production down and therefore retail diamond prices high. Also (e) for the very strange manner of his death. It seems that in early 1897 Isaacs' business empire was going through a bad patch, and he had begun to suffer from a "mind unhinged" (although press comment at the time wondered whether it was just "a dodge of Barney's", designed to drive the stock market down). His family therefore decided to take him back to Britain, keeping a close eye on him at all times. They relaxed their guard on the evening of 14th June 1897 as their liner was passing Majorca, and Lo! over the side he went. Rapid action by the ship's crew picked up the (a?) body but attempts to resuscitate him failed. The rumours now changed to his nephew murdering him (although a switcheroo would not have been difficult, either, given a suitable and unsuspecting body double). Isaacs/Barnato "was not otherwise distinguished than for his wealth" (Sydney Morning Herald, 16th June 1897, p7).

\(^1\) More money would be made if the result was somehow "unexpected", know wot I mean, Guv?

Isaacs, Harold Robert: [Read firstly the entry for Paul Scott \(\text{HEAVY GOING, BUT IMPORTANT SCENE-SETTING.}\)] American China station journalist turned author turned suspiciously over-promoted political commentator Harold R. Isaacs \(\text{[Wikipedia biography]}\) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career summarised in a 1967 Congressional Record \(\text{[= America's Hansard - Ed.]}\) entry as follows …

"Harold Isaacs' employment record, as reported in 'Who's Who in World Jewry' (1965), is as follows: Reporter, N.Y. Times, 1926-30; city editor, China Press, Shanghai, China, 1930-1931; city editor, Havas News Agency, Shanghai-NY, 1935-1940" (Congressional Record \(\text{[full text online]}\); the author was shiner of light into dark places Representative John H. Rarick, Wikipedia biography, who, four years later, similarly ‘outed’ the Bilderberg Group - see separate entry).

... (b) for writing up his experiences in Shanghai in his 1938 book "The Tragedy of the Chinese Revolution" \(\text{[Amazon \text{(Preface by Leon Trotsky, no less)]}}\), (c) for covering events in Indochina for CBS and Newsweek 1940-1950, (d) \text{for thereafter carefully cultivating the enfant terrible side of his academic persona}, joining MIT's influential Department of Political Science on 20th August 1953 as their resident Communist apologist while working at the same time with hawk Walt Rostow \(\text{[see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE]}\) in developing MIT's Center for International Studies (CENIS) \(\text{[Wikipedia briefing]}\) as a political influence centre \text{for the U.S. far right} ...
**ASIDE:** This was, of course, the time of the *McCarthy Witchhunts* [see, for example, the entry for *Robert Morris WHOLLY INDICATIVE*], when careers could be and were destroyed at the drop of some right-wing zealot’s hat, regardless of the facts of the case.

Readers unfamiliar with the psychology of witch-frenzy may care to watch some experts at work in this *YouTube skit* before proceeding.

It is therefore no surprise to learn from the abovementioned *Congressional Record* piece that CENIS was "established with CIA funds and does research with federal grants to finance those projects upon which decisions of our high government officials are based" (Rarick, *op. cit.*; confirmed by Document 1080 below).

... (e) for being mentioned a couple of times in the 1964 *Warren Commission Report*, specifically, in that report's appendicised Document 942 [full text online, courtesy of the Mary Ferrell Foundation] and Document 1080 [full text online, courtesy of the Mary Ferrell Foundation RECOMMENDED READING] ...

***** NOTE THIS NEXT BIT CAREFULLY *****

**CAMEO - ISAACS AND DOCUMENT 942 (THE PAUL SCOTT ACCUSATIONS):** We have already covered this material in detail in the entries for Marilyn Murret [IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE] and Paul Scott [anno]. To save tiresome cross-browsing, here - for readers needing just a quickie - is what we said ...

"*Warren Commission Document 942 says that it had been alleged that Marilyn Dorothea Murret (Oswald’s cousin) was linked in some manner with the apparatus of Professor Harold Isaacs.* [...] This document describes Isaacs as a disillusioned leftist intellectual who had become a professional anti-communist [...] The report was the result, no doubt, of Isaac's name being linked to the JFK assassination by two sources in 1964. *One [...] was a right-wing reporter named Paul Scott who was convinced that Isaacs was a ‘... mastermind of the communist movement [...]’ [...] who was being supported in his efforts by members of Johnson's cabinet, including Rusk, McNamara, Rostow, Cleveland, and Yarmolinsky. He also accused Robert Kennedy of hiring a Communist speech writer, and linked Rusk to the British spies, Burgess and MacLean. In addition, he indicated that reliable sources had linked Prof. Isaacs and Marilyn Murret [...]. The FBI prepared a report on Murret also dated May 7, outlining her extensive travels around the world beginning in 1959, and also drew up a report on Isaacs dated May 22, entitled 'Re: Marilyn Dorothea Murret', although no connection between the two was established" (Bartholomew, *op. cit. inf.*, k3162-3207).

**CAMEO - ISAACS AND DOCUMENT 1080:** The 22nd May document referred to above appears in the final Commission Report as Document 1080 [full text link above]. It contains a number of character references from as early as 1931, from colleagues whose identities have been redacted. His status as a long-term employee of CENIS, recognised as "endowed to a great extent by the United States government", was noted, as was the fact that he spent much of his time 'on study in India' (Document 1080, 1st sheet). Murret had been in India "for nine months dat[...]

... (f) for then remaining one of the more obscure characters in American political histories until 2018, when Document 942 and the issues it raised were featured in the Bartholomew book. He died in 1986, aged 75. **FURTHER READING:** For supporting detail see firstly the archival documents themselves, then the linked entries (and beyond if necessary), and then Richard Bartholomew's (2018) "*The Deep State in the Heart of Texas: The Texas Connections to the Kennedy Assassination*" [Amazon]. For some context to his early years in China see also Peter Rand's (1995) "*China Hands*" [Amazon FASCINATING STUFF]. For more on Cold War anti-Chinese politicking see Charles A. Willoughby S [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL] (1952) "*The Shanghai Conspiracy*" [Amazon (this work contains specific allegations against Isaacs with his Communist hat on)]. *The Mary Ferrell Database* offers advanced students a number of further entries for Isaacs.

**Isaacs, Myer Samuel.** American lawyer *Myer S. Isaacs* [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating from New York University School of Law in 1862, specialising in property law, (b) for then combining law and journalism (he helped edit his father's paper, *The Jewish Messenger* [Library of Congress briefing], (c) for being inspired by the difficulties faced by Jewish immigrants.
to found in 1859 (still only 18 years old) the Board of Delegates of American Israelites [Wikipedia briefing], as a campaigning and common purpose group, (d) for serving as Secretary of same through until 1876, meanwhile helping to coordinate the United Hebrew Charities [Wikipedia briefing], (e) for being offered the Presidency of the Baron Hirsch Fund [Wikipedia briefing] during their efforts in and after 1882 to provide aid to Jewish immigrants from Russia and Romania, and (f) for authoring numerous influential Zionist polemics 1875-1886 [Center for Jewish History archive]. He died in 1904, aged 63.

Isaacs, Rufus Daniel: Lawyer, judge, Liberal Party politician, Attorney General, Chief Justice, and Viceroy of India, [Sir]1910 Rufus Isaacs [Lord Reading]1914 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having successfully defended Herbert Hoover on charges of civil liability for debt following one of his partner's Anthony Rowe's fraud during the Great Fingall Consolidated Fraud of 1902 [see 20th January 1902], (b) for having unsuccessfully defended C. Algernon Moreing [see own entry] on civil charges of contract irregularities in the Kaiping Coal Field Fraud [see own entry; see 20th March 1898ff], (c) for (now as Attorney General) having successfully destroyed the position taken by the Captain and officers of the SS Californian in the 1912 Board of Trade Inquiry into the Titanic disaster [YouTube 2012 dramatisation], (d) for having figure-headed the 1915 Anglo-French Financial Commission [Wikipedia briefing]...

ASIDE - THE HALF BILLION DOLLAR LOAN: The Commission landed in New York City 10th September 1915 and discussed an Allied credit facility with a consortium of U.S. banks headed by J. P. Morgan and Company. A loan of half a billion dollars, at the time the biggest ever, was agreed 28th September.

... and (e) for having been Ambassador to the United States 1918-1919.

Ishii, Shiro: See the entry for Unit 731.

***** MAJOR CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

Isvolsky, Count Alexander Petrovich: Imperial Russian diplomat Alexander Isvolsky [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been his country's Foreign Minister during the negotiations which led to the 1907 Anglo-Russian Entente [see 31st August 1907], and (b) for being mentioned in Chapter 1 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry] as an active participant in the Milner-Rothschild Conspiracy [see own entry].

Itkin, Herbert: [CIA codename Portio] WW2 veteran (U.S. Army, perhaps military intelligence) turned lawyer turned professional deep penetration informer for both the CIA and the FBI Herbert Itkin [no convenient biography but some detail of value in the CIA clipping referenced below] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for gathering evidence in a number of labour union fraud cases in the 1960s, (b) for undertaking "20 trips or more to Europe for the government" as well as "many times" to the Dominican Republic, and (c) for being a contact of international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt (Mellen, 2012, K647). Further Reading: Check out the 15th December 1969 NYT piece "Itkin's Story" (CIA Archives [full text online]).

"It's Not Fascism When We Do It": This social media and blogosphere tagline became popular as a party political jibe in around 2006 as the American left started to respond to the Neocon [q.v.] agenda unrolling in the second George W. Bush administration.

"I WILL KILL ...": See the entry for Mike Howard.

Izquierdo, Nestor ["Tony"]: Anti-Castro Cuban exile Tony Izquierdo [Spartacus Educational biography] features in James Fetzer's version of the assassins' order of battle, being placed in the Dallas Uranium offices (a CIA front company) on the third floor of the Dal-Tex Building, armed with a Mannlicher-Carcano. Fetzer credits him with two misses and one successful rear headshot.
Jabotinsky, Ze'ev: Dealt with herein as Zhobotinsky.

***** MUCH MORE TO THIS MAN THAN MEETS THE EYE *****
***** DID MUCH TO PERSUADE AMERICA INTO WW2 *****
!!!!! CANDIDATE TOP TABLE CONSPIRATOR, JFK COVER-UP !!!!!

Jackson, Charles Douglas: American deep state propagandist C. D. Jackson [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being recruited by press baron Henry Luce [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] in 1931 to strengthen his TIME Magazine editorial team, (b) for rising to become an important part of Luce's rightist network of think tanks and pressure groups as it flourished during the 1930s, (c) for eventually getting the top job at Luce's Council for Democracy [Spartacus Educational briefing] in 1940, (d) for helping to deliver Luce's 1941 American Century [Wikipedia briefing] propaganda offensive to end America's neutrality and Non-Interventionism [Wikipedia briefing] ...

CAMEO - JACKSON AND THE "AMERICAN CENTURY" PROJECT: The term American Century was first used by Luce in a 17th February 1941 piece in his LIFE Magazine, and called for the United States to enter the war on the side of the British and the Free French ...

ASIDE - THE COLLAPSE OF THE BRITISH APPEASEMENT MOVEMENT: As explained in the entries for Nancy Astor and the Cliveden Set, it was not until after 24th October 1937 that the British Establishment started to lose its enchantment with Adolf Hitler and Nazism. German diplomatic sources soon detected this hardening of Britain's editorial line and Joseph Goebbels' Propagandaministerium duly launched a charm counter-offensive designed to keep the United States on friendly terms. This was the operation Luce and Jackson were put on retainer to demolish.

ASIDE: Coincidentally, one of the operatives Goebbels sent across the Atlantic was future Warren Commission star witness George de Mohrenschildt [see own entry ESSENTIAL PARALLEL NARRATIVE], although he seems to have realised quite quickly which side his bread was buttered, and was soon getting on famously with America's right-wingers in general and - being from Belarus himself - the White Russian expatriate community in particular.

For more on the Anglo-American Establishment's liking for Nazism, see next the entries for Charles Crane (U.S.), Prescott Bush (U.S.), and Geoffrey Dawson (U.K.).

The Luce-Jackson propaganda offensive helped to spawn the American Empire as we know it today, operating from the outset "for such purposes as we see fit and by such means as we see fit". The American Century editorial line would famously be reborn in the mid-1990s as "PNAC" - Paul Wolfowitz's [see own entry] Project for the New American Century [Wikipedia briefing WORLD-HISTORIC, NO LESS].

... (e) for thereby becoming active also in the Anglo-American Fight for Freedom (FFF) Committee...

CAMEO - JACKSON AND THE IMPOSITION OF "LIBERTY": The Fight for Freedom Committee is formally recorded as being the brainchild in May 1940 of one William Allen White [see own entry AN INTERESTING CHARACTER]. Its full name was Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies (CDAAA) [Spartacus Educational briefing DEEPLY REVELATORY], and its main target was the Germanophile America First Committee (AFC) [Wikipedia briefing]. Goebbels' Stosstruppen in the abovementioned charm offensive. The FFF's membership included Ulric Bell [Spartacus Educational biography ANOTHER INTERESTING CHARACTER], Allen Dulles, Luce himself, Dean Acheson [see own entry], Carter Glass [Wikipedia biography], and Henry P. Van Dusen [ANOTHER INTERESTING CHARACTER see the entry for Reinhold Niebuhr], plus selected tame newspaper editors. But as Simkin stresses in the CDAAA's Spartacus piece, they fell short of preaching direct military intervention in the war, and this encouraged the British to set up a special ops group of their own ...

ASIDE: The British effort to strengthen pro-British sentiment in the United States came in the form of [Sir] William Samuel Stephenson [see own entry HELLUVA STORY] notorious British Security Coordination (BSC) [Wikipedia briefing]. This clandestine propaganda and black ops service was set up in offices in NYC's Rockefeller Center in May 1940, as an out-station of the British Embassy in Washington. Reporting ultimately to Prime Minister Winston Churchill, it was run by Britain's Secret Intelligence Service (SIS)'s foreign desk - better known as MI6 - and was tasked with intelligence gathering, promoting British interests, and generally stage-managing pro-British editorial among Americans. Stephenson - codename "Intrepid" - a Canadian businessman-turned-Whitehall-asset, had
... (f) for formally joining the OSS in 1943, (g) for moving up in 1944 to become Deputy Chief of the Psychological Warfare Section at SHAFF, (h) after the war, for being appointed Managing Director of *Time-Life International* [Wikipedia briefing], loudly calling Hallelujahs in support of Washington's never-ending intelligence operations and contributing significantly in the fullness of time to *Operation MOCKINGBIRD* [see own entry] ...

**CAMEO - JACKSON AND OPERATION MOCKINGBIRD:** Albarelli (*op. cit. inf.*) explains Jackson's part in this major CIA assault on the American intellect as follows ...

"As an expert in propaganda and psychological operations [...] Jackson is now widely viewed as the central player in establishing the bedrock for this nation's propaganda and psychological warfare programs, inclusive of the CIA's notorious Operation Mockingbird, a covert program begun in the early 1950s and overseen by Frank Wisner (Directorate of Plans), Allen Dulles [...], and Cord Meyer [see own entry] (Office of Policy Coordination). The operation acted to recruit prominent American journalists to promote the CIA's positions on various policies and activities. Mockingbird also covertly funded [...] journals and magazines to publish articles written to influence the media and populations of other countries [...] At the top of the list of the Mockingbird network in the 1960s were *TIME* and *LIFE* Magazines, *Reader's Digest*, and [the] *Washington Post* newspaper“ (p98).

... (i) for heavily promoting the operations of the *National Council for a Free Europe (NCFE)* [start with own entry and then for a parallel narrative see that for Frederick H. Osborn, Sr.] ...

**CAMEO - JACKSON AND THE NCFE:** As early as 1946 Jackson received a status report from General Robert McClure [Wikipedia biography], chief of psychological warfare at SHAFF 1944-1950 (and subsequently in Washington 1950-1952), informing him as follows ...

"We now control 137 newspapers, 6 radio stations, 314 theatres, 642 movies, 101 magazines, 237 book publishers, 7384 book dealers and printers, and conduct about 15 public opinion surveys a month, as well as publish one newspaper with 1,500,000 circulation ... run the AP of Germany, and operate 20 library centres” (quoted in Evica, 2001/2011, k383)

Given such a flying start, the NCFE is a contender for the title of *The Greatest PsyOp in Human History*, fomenting anti-Communist dissent amongst émigrés from Soviet-occupied Eastern Europe - countries such as Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, and Albania - especially those who still had handy relatives and friends "behind enemy lines". It worked through satellite operations such as (all have their own entry) *Free Europe Press*, *Free Europe University in Exile*, and *Radio Free Europe* (RFE). It was conceived in the same year that the remnants of the wartime OSS were reorganised into the modern CIA, and operated under State and War Department direction with Congressional, private, and nefarious funding streams. The CIA ran its field ops worldwide, while the NCFE gave covering fire in Europe using the media outlets just listed. Herbst (*op. cit. inf. [Volume I]*) explains it this way ...

"In June 1949, Allen Dulles and Bill Donovan established the National Committee for a Free Europe. The board included such anti-Communist notables as General Dwight Eisenhower, Henry Luce and C. D. Jackson from *LIFE* Magazine, the *Mellon Bank*, and Texas oilman George [C.] McGhee [see own entry AN EXTREMELY INTERESTING FELLOW]. It was a CIA front, and along with the *American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism* (AMCOMLIB) [see own entry], it funded anti-Communist European émigrés and financed significant propaganda efforts against the Soviets, much of which came from outside channels, including Nazi gold which Dulles had confiscated after the war” (pp171-172).

***** HOLLYWOOD WATCHES ITS WORDS *****

Wilford (*op. cit. inf.*) adds that one of Jackson's roles within the NCFE was to ensure that movie industry scriptwriters incorporated American state propaganda into their screenplays, thus ...

"A more usual approach was for government officials to intervene unobtrusively in commercial film productions, ensuring the insertion of material that displayed the United States in a favourable light, and deletion of what did not. A cache of anonymously written letters dating from early 1953 discovered among the C. D. Jackson records at the Eisenhower Presidential Library reveals a CIA agent based in Hollywood's *Paramount Studios* who is engaged in an astounding variety of clandestine activities on the Agency's behalf. [+++ examples given +++] One lengthy letter records an attempt to persuade Billy Wilder [Wikipedia biography] that a movie he planned to direct about the illegitimate Japanese baby of a..."
G.I. would prove ‘a wonderful piece of propaganda ... for the Connies’. [+++ anecdote about the movie High Noon +++] Not all of this agent's actions were destructive: another strong theme in the letters is the author's desire to counter adverse publicity about U.S. race relations by having films depict African Americans mixing on equal terms with whites. [+++ examples given +++] By piecing together clues in the letters [...] film historian David Eldridge [University of Hull staff homepage] has established that the CIA's man in Hollywood was in fact Luigi G. Luraschi [see own entry REVELATORY], a longtime Paramount executive and, in 1953, head of foreign and domestic censorship at the studio" (pp120-121).

... (j) for being in at the birth of the influence group of neo-Nazi European aristocrats, vengeful renegade White Russians, war-mongering industrialists, and Wall Street money men later known as the Bilderberg Group [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] ...

**CAMEO - JACKSON AND BILDERBERG:** Albarelli fills us in on this facet of the story ...

"Jackson oversaw the broadcast service Radio Free Europe [see above]. In 1952, he served as speechwriter for General Eisenhower's first run for president, placing him in close proximity to two characters of particular interest, adman Rosser Reeves [see own entry] and U.S. Ambassador to NATO and former OSS agent Charles Spofford [Wikipedia biography]. Both Spofford and Reeves appear in the private papers of Pierre Laffite [see own entry REVELATORY PARALLEL NARRATIVE] in the context of money. Around the same time, Jackson also helped cofound the Bilderberg Group, the oft-reviled annual conference of international elites [...] and global corporatists. The ground floor Bilderberg Steering Committee included Robert D. Murphy [mentioned in the entry for William A. Eddy BOTH INTERESTING FELLOWS], as noted, a great friend of Ike Eisenhower and roving diplomat who had been in league with Jackson in North Africa" (p96).

... (k) for crossing swords in 1951 with the Free Trade Union Committee (FTUC)'s [see own entry REVELATORY] Jay Lovestone [see own entry REVELATORY], who apparently wanted a greater say in NCCE operations (Jackson saw to it that he did not get it) [see Wilford, Chapter Three, for the full story - Ed.], (l) for moving on from the NCCE in 1954 to become Eisenhower's Special Assistant for International Affairs, (m) for helping to channel CIA dark funds to the propaganda magazine *Partisan Review* [Wikipedia briefing], (n) for serving on the Board of Trustees of the Boston Symphony Orchestra during the years in which it engaged in apparently innocent concert tours of Europe, whose unwritten purpose was reportedly to heighten the brow of the American image abroad, (o) for similarly shaping the work of a young Gloria Steinem [Wikipedia biography] at the Independent Service for Information (ISI) [Wikipedia briefing (mentioned) MORE INTERESTING STUFF] in the late 1950s ...

**CAMEO - JACKSON AND THE ISI:** Here is Wilford again [we relate the ISI story in some detail, absent a detailed Wiki - Ed.] ...

"It was the fall of 1958 and [...] Gloria Steinem was having difficulty finding a rewarding job. Dazzlingly bright and talented, just returned from a year-and-a-half-long scholarship trip to India [...], the twenty-four-year-old [...] was reduced to sleeping on the floors of friends' apartments as she hunted for work in New York. Then came a call from Clive, S. Gray [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], a young man she had met in Delhi [...]. Some former officers of the NSA had just created an organisation to encourage attendance by young, non-communist Americans at a youth festival being held the following summer by the communists in Vienna. Was she interested in running it? [...] The ISI was a CIA operation from beginning to end. Spectacularly staged festivals celebrating the themes of international peace and friendship were a crucial element in the communist campaign to capture young hearts and minds [...]. The fact that the [1959] Vienna World Festival of Youth and Students was being planned by the new head of the KGB [...] was some measure of the importance it was accorded in the Kremlin. [...] The 1959 rally [...] greatly increased the scope for such activities [...], hence the need for other measures to ensure attendance by anti-communist American students. [Harry] Lunn [no convenient biography, but see Bumiller (1980)], [Paul E.] Sigmund [no convenient biography but a very great deal to reward the determined browser], and [Len] Behchick [ditto] were all working directly for the CIA when they organised the ISI. So too was Gray, whose real purpose in India was talent-spotting potential agents in the student movement. As for Steinem herself, [...] she began asking questions about the ISI's funding, and the undercover CIA officers explained that [those] subsidising the venture were in fact pass-throughs for secret official funds. With staff, accommodation, and funding in place, the ISI now set about preparing the festival counteroffensive. [+++ details given +++] A key contact for Steinem in her ISI publicity work was the former psy-war supremo, Time, Inc., executive C. D. Jackson, who had secretly volunteered to coordinate a massive anti-festival propaganda campaign on the CIA's behalf, involving Radio Free Europe [aforementioned], Time reporters, and Austrian cabinet ministers. [The two]
met in late January at Jackson's Rockefeller Center office [...]. 'He was blustery, a name-dropper [...]', she recalled. 'An asshole - no a king-sized asshole'. [+++ details of collaboration given +++] Steinem and Bechick were extremely successful at placing non-communists on the official U.S. delegation and obtaining credentials for others to travel independently. However, there were some [...] who were too well known as anti-communists to be seen flying to Vienna on the plane chartered by the ISI. It was to fund the extra travel expenses of four such individuals that Jackson secured a donation from [...] 'several business leaders of my acquaintance'. [One of the lucky recipients was] Zbigniew Brzezinski [see own entry REVELATORY] [...]. [+++ details of festival given +++] Steinem presided over an International News Bureau, which became the most important source for western news coverage of the event and prompted a formal complaint from the Soviet ambassador to the Austrian government [...]. [...] Having sneaked into the Soviet encampment, Zbigniew Brzezinski (the son of Polish diplomat) walked openly among its Russian residents deliberately bumping into them and saying in Russian, with a heavy Polish accent, 'Out of my way, Russian pig!' in a deliberate attempt to stir ill feeling between the Russian and Polish contingents (pp141-146).

Herbst (op. cit. inf. [Volume 2]) goes on to explain the role played by corporate lawyer, banker, and founding father to the World Brotherhood [see own entry EXPLAINS A LOT], John J. McCloy [see own entry EXPLAINS A LOT], in this operation...

"In the summer of 1959, as Lee Harvey Oswald prepared for his defection to the Soviet Union [...], the World Youth Festival was held in Vienna, Austria [...] and the CIA saw it as an opportunity to recruit foreign nationals from Asia and Africa and bring them into the Western camp. [...] Meanwhile, right-winger C. D. Jackson recognised the festival's importance. 'This is the first time commies have held one of these shindigs on our side of the Iron Curtain,' he said, 'and what goes on, how it goes on, and what the follow-up will be is, I think, extremely important'. [...] Eisenhower agreed. [...] Jackson's first step was to approach the always available John McCloy and ask him to write an article about the U.S. occupation of Germany and what the Americans were doing to reconstruct that country. [...] He agreed to write the article [...] in a newspaper distributed by [...] Gloria Steinem, the future women's rights activist. When Jackson first contacted McCloy in the autumn of 1958, he and Cord Meyer had already agreed that the CIA would provide secret funding to an 'informal group of activists' who would go to the festival as an 'alternate' American delegation. [...] Jackson helped her obtain contributions from various U.S. corporations, but most of the money came from the CIA, which Jackson managed in a 'special account'. McCloy was involved because he could get the financing to Vienna unnoticed [thanks to his position in Chase Manhattan Bank]. [...] Meanwhile Steinem continued her work for the Youth Festival [...] [screening] candidates, often young professionals, on behalf of C. D. Jackson [but also including] U.S. Army recruits based at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas [...] who grew their hair long enough to pass as students and went to Vienna [...] to disrupt the festival" (p358-362).

... (p) for supporting the "Russian refugee journalist" Sol Levitas' [Wikipedia biography] centrist political magazine The New Leader [Wikipedia briefing] ...

CAMEO - JACKSON AND THE NEW LEADER: Wilford yet again...

"Although never commanding a large audience - its readership was heavily concentrated in the New York labour movement and similar circles in western Europe - The New Leader did enjoy a reputation as an important centre of anti-Soviet expertise and activism. Its editors and chief contributors were consulted frequently by government officials such as George Kennan [see own entry], Allen Dulles, and C. D. Jackson. [...] The National Council for a Free Europe [aforementioned] provided the publication with an annual grant of $25,000 [...] and the magazine survived the 1950s only because the CIA wanted it kept alive, for intelligence and propaganda purposes" (pp229-230).

***** THIS IS THE REALLY INTERESTING BIT *****

***** FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION *****

... (q) for largely masterminding the handling of <Marina Oswald> in the days following the Kennedy assassination ...

CAMEO - JACKSON AND THE KENNEDY COVER-UP: Herbst (op. cit. inf. [Volume 1]) tells it as follows...

"Russian-born Isaac Don Levine [see own entry REVELATORY] was a post-World War II editor of an anti-Communist monthly periodical called Plain Talk [Wikipedia briefing]. [...] He likely had intelligence connections. In 1951 he was hired by Frank Wisner to develop a secret program to export Russian and Ukrainian émigrés into Germany from other countries. [...] In 1963, Levine was LIFE Magazine's
representative in Dallas [...]. After the assassination, he obtained exclusive access to Marina Oswald [see own entry], Lee's wife, and C. D. Jackson [...] directed the taping of Marina's story and had local Russian émigré Ilya Mamantov [see own entry REVELATORY] transcribe it. Before Marina testified before the Warren Commission on February 3, 1964, Levine spent an entire week with her, which one informed source characterised as witness coaching" (pp190-191).

... and as his swansong (r) for using Time-Life International to control access to the famous <Zapruder Film> in the weeks following the Kennedy assassination ...

Readers unfamiliar with the assassination weekend sequence of events surrounding the Zapruder Film should check out the entry for Dino Brugioni before proceeding.

CAMEO - JACKSON AND THE ZAPRUDER FILM: Here is Albarelli again ...

"[...] C. D. Jackson - who most researchers believe, justifiably, was a trusted, longtime CIA asset - played a central role in taking possession of the original, infamous Zapruder motion picture film [...]. By Monday following the assassination, Richard B. Stolley [see own entry], an editor for LIFE Magazine who had arrived on the scene within hours of Kennedy's murder, had purchased all rights to the film from Abraham Zapruder on behalf of his employer. Inexplicably, Dallas authorities failed to seize the film as evidence in a crime, and Stolley's boss at TIME-LIFE, C. D. Jackson, in an arrogant act of impudence, decided that the film be 'withheld from public viewing' “ (p96)

Jackson's exploits came to an abrupt end when he died of cancer in 1964, aged 62. FURTHER READING: For more on the use of cultural and movie industry resources as instruments of state (and deep state)¹ propaganda (and occasional specific black ops) see Hugh Wilford's (2008) "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon]. For more specifically concerning Jackson's part in the Kennedy cover-up see Albarelli's (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK" [Amazon]. For the Vienna Festival story and its broader ramifications for East-West relations see Walter Herbst's (2021) "It Did Not Start with JFK (Volume 2)" [Amazon]; for more on the Marina Oswald story see same, Volume 1 [Amazon].

¹ The distinction here being that state propaganda is funded by Congress, deep state propaganda by private, frequently criminal, routinely untaxed, and always off-the-record interests.

Jackson, Donald: Journalist Donald Jackson [no convenient biography] wrote the 21st February 1964 LIFE Magazine article in which LHO was painted with the loner-misfit persona which the official version of the assassination story demanded.

Jackson, Douglas L.: DPD motorcycle outrider Douglas L. Jackson [no convenient biography] was riding outside-right of the four DPD motorcycles attached to limo #1. He was not called to testify before the Warren Commission.

Jackson, Gayle Nix: American assassination researcher Gayle Nix Jackson [homepage] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as grand-daughter of Dealey Plaza bystander Orville Nix [see own entry JFK CLOSE-UP EYE-WITNESS), shooter of the second of the three important home movies of the assassination (the other two being that by Abraham Zapruder [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC (ALBEIT CLIPPED AND RETOUCHED)] and that by Babuschka Lady [see own entry PROBABLY HIGHLY REVELATORY (IF IT IS EVER LOCATED)]), (b) as author, a lifetime later, of the (2014) "The Missing JFK Assassination Film: The Mystery Surrounding the Orville Nix Home Movie of November 22, 1963" [Amazon] ...

CAMEO - "THE MISSING JFK ASSASSINATION FILM": This book recounts the history of the Nix family's decades-long (and at time of writing [=January 2023] still not fully resolved) battle with the Washington authorities to recover what she describes as the missing "camera original" from her grandfather's Dealey Plaza home movie of the assassination. It is a tale of sustained government contempt for the constitutional principle of a whole truth and nothing but.

YouTube the censored version of the Nix film here (brief)

... and (c) as editor of the 2016 collection of essays "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED], and furthermore as the author of five of that book's nine essays ...
CAMEO - "PIECES OF THE PUZZLE": *Pieces* presents a number of hitherto never fully developed lines of assassination research. Here are the chapter topics and their onward links (all names - *including the rifle* - have their own entries) ...

**Chapter One (by James Wagenvoord):** Wagenvoord, who in 1963 had been a young sales executive with *LIFE* Magazine, recalls how the media responded to the assassination.

**Chapter Two (by Steve Roe):** Roe explains how Dallas - never a notably Bohemian city to start with - had drifted rightward even by Texas standards in the fifteen years prior to the assassination, becoming "a festering cauldron of hate, politics, and extremism". The chapter is thus a valuable resource for students of such organisations as the *National Indignation Convention* and such individuals as General Edwin Walker.

**Chapter Three (by Jackson herself):** In this chapter Jackson looks at the work of Larrie Schmidt as the local "influence peddler" for the Conservative Right in Dallas in the early 1960s. She reports "over 100" interviews with the man, and places him firmly in with the anti-Castro Cubans (who were themselves, of course, firmly in with the CIA).

**Chapters Four and Five (by Jackson herself):** In Chapter 4, Jackson looks in microscopic detail at General Walker's involvement in said Conservative Right, and in very probably staging a false flag attack upon his own person, later to be blamed on Lee Harvey Oswald. In Chapter 5, she turns to Robert Alan Surrey, another associate of General Walker, a Minuteman extremist, and a member of the American Nazi Party. **UNDERSTANDING GENERAL WALKER HAS LONG BEEN RECOGNISED AS A KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE ASSASSINATION.**

**Chapters Six and Seven (by Jackson herself):** In Chapter 6, Jackson looks at the Cuban exile community in Dallas, featuring Carlos Prio Socarras, Robert McKeown, and Silvia Odio, and noting the synergy between these vehemently anti-Castro Hispanic exiles and Texas' indigenous right. In Chapter 7, she looks at the part played in all the above by Father Walter J. Machann, confessor and close friend of the aforementioned Silvia Odio. **UNDERSTANDING ANTI-CASTROISM HAS LONG BEEN RECOGNISED AS ANOTHER KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE ASSASSINATION.**

**Chapter Eight (by Doug Campbell):** This chapter tells the story of CIA black operatives Gerry Hemming and Loran Hall, and the Johnson 30.06 Semi-Automatic Rifle. **RAISES SOME FASCINATING ISSUES AND POSSIBILITIES.**

**Chapter Nine (by Chris Scally):** This chapter present a valuable 61-item detailed chronology of the "chain of custody events surrounding the Nix film, explaining who did what and when, starting the week before the assassination when Orville Nix bought the camera and proceeding point by point all the way through to August 2016. **PRICELESS REFERENCE DETAIL.**

In short, Ms. Jackson is to be congratulated for making assassination issues vivid again to the grandchildren of those who [like the present author] personally remember exactly where they were when the news from Dallas reached them back in '63. Respect!

**Jackson, Murray:** Some time patrol partner of J. D. Tippit, and last-minute substitute for the rostered DPDHQ radio despatcher on 22nd November 1963, Murray Jackson [no convenient biography] was Channel 1 despatcher at the time of the assassination, and thus the voice on any log audio tapes. One of his most contentious decisions was in deciding which officers should be placed on patrol in "central Oak Cliff" at a time of a major incident downtown. In the event he assigned two cars - Ronald Nelson and J. D. Tippit - to that district as "outermost units", making the call at 1245hr.

**ASIDE:** In her 1967 book "Accessories After the Fact", assassination researcher Sylvia Meagher points out that this despatch was not available to the Warren Commission until Spring 1964, and more or less asserts it to have been falsified. [And if it was faked it would have needed a specialist laboratory to do it - Ed.]

Neither Tippit nor Nelson acknowledged the call - itself a very rare operational occurrence - and Nelson's later recollections were inconclusive as to whether or not he actually received it (Hurt, 1985). One online commentator recently put it like this: "Murray Jackson as far as I'm concerned is a liar" - [YouTube him now and decide for yourself.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=example) Jackson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].
Jackson, Robert Hill: Photographer Bob Jackson [Wikipedia biography] was one of the motorcade press car photographers, but chanced to have his camera empty at the time of the shooting in Dealey Plaza. He was luckier 48 hours later when he did manage to get a trigger shot of Jack Ruby wasting LHO in the basement of DPDHQ.

Jacobsz, Ryan: South African born Ryan Jacobsz [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having published a 27th August 2018 piece on the Conservative Home website under the self-explanatory title "To win the next election, the Conservatives must make better use of their activists" (Jacobsz, 2018 [full text online - RECOMMENDED]), (b) for having stood (presumably with insufficient activists to hand) as one of three unsuccessful Conservative Party candidates in the 2nd May 2019 local elections for Hessle Ward, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, (c) for apparently working in some respect for/with Young Enterprise [Charity No. 313697; see own entry] [unable to confirm because LinkedIn profile ryan-jacobsz-32131233 has now gone offline - Ed.], and (d) with practised aggression for raising the anti-Semitism issue in a question from the audience during the 22nd November 2019 edition of BBC Question Time ...

ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT - THE SMEETH-WADSWORTH INCIDENT: Jacobsz reminded the panel of the 30th June 2016 confrontation referred to elsewhere in this reource as Smeehtgate [see Timeline that date]. This confrontation took place at the press conference at which human rights advocate Shami Chakrabarti presented the results of the Chakrabarti Inquiry into anti-Semitism in the Labour Party. At one point in these earlier proceedings the microphone passed to minority rights activist Marc Wadsworth [see own entry], who (with his own agenda) complained that he had seen reporters from the right-wing The Daily Telegraph colluding in a to-him-unacceptable way with Labour M.P. Ruth Smeeth, adding angrily, “so you can see who's working hand in hand” (ITV video - YouTube it now[secs 15-28]). Smeeth promptly rose and swept from the room in a Political Flounce (clearly seen in this clip, of unstated provenance - YouTube it now).

ASIDE: Note the stage directions from the unidentified aide? toward the end of the 46-second clip.

Then, as the conference broke up, the leader of the Labour Party Jeremy Corbyn - presently burdened by no confidence vote [see Timeline 26th June 2016] - made his way with difficulty through the milling throng of delegates, and was buttonholed for precisely 16 seconds by Mr. Wadsworth, the former politely embarrassed and the latter seemingly pleased with his day’s work (check it out on this Jewish News video [best audio track we could find - Ed.]).

Against the background of that 2016 confrontation, here is Jacobsz’ contribution to Question Time more than three years later - YouTube it now [Express newspapers edit], and here is a transcript, carefully re-accumulated from a number of partial YouTube edits. Jacobsz makes two misleading remarks, which we have highlighted thus and FACT CHECKED on the spot ...

"JACOBZ: ... I’m willing to give you the benefit of the doubt in terms of maybe people are doing it in your name and are not supported by you. But I looked at a video of Ruth Smeeth online, where she was [in?at?] a press conference with you, and there she is - Ruth Smeeth, a Jewish M.P. was heckled out of that press conference - it’s online, it’s on YouTube - and there you are at the end of that press conference chatting happily to that same heckler.

OUR FACT CHECK: In our opinion, the term "chatting happily" does not objectively describe Corbyn's engagement with Wadsworth when exiting the conference room. He was neither happy nor chatting. Taking one's leave take 16 seconds, not chatting. But watch the second of the Prior Context videos above, and decide for yourself.

I don't buy this whole 'nice old grandpa'. I see that video and that tells me all I need to know. And I'm terrified for my daughters 'cause I see what you do in that video. And I don't understand how you can say you stand up for human rights and free speech when that's how you support a Labour M.P. [=Smeeth] at a Labour press conference. I think it's disgraceful.

<LIGHT APPLAUSE>

CORBYN: Nobody should suffer any abuse, in public life or privately - clear.

JACOBZ: Watch the video!

CORBYN: Nobody should suffer abuse, and many women Labour M.Ps, Ruth Smeeth included, and others, have suffered the most unbelievable levels of abuse, and it was a Labour M.P. - Jo Cox - who was murdered...
because she stood up in public life. I simply say to you that bad behaviour, misogyny, racism in any form, is absolutely not acceptable in any form whatsoever in my party or in our society.

<LIGHT APPLAUSE>

JACOBZ: Then why - and it's online - why were you talking happily and with a smile on your face to that same heckler when she's been heckled, in tears, at the press conference. Why would Labour M.P.s - female M.P.s - need bodyguards at Labour conferences?" (Excerpt from BBC Question Time, 22nd November 2019, transcribed 28th November 2019 by the present author from a number of partial YouTube sub-edits).

Even before he had finished speaking, Jacobsz had been rumbled by alert viewers for being almost a regular on the show, in contravention of BBC impartiality guidelines - [click here to see his four appearances]. FURTHER READING: Check out investigative journalist Douglas James for his 23rd November 2019 piece in Dorset Eye entitled "Ryan Jacobz: The Tory Plant that BBC Question Time Cannot Get Enough of" [full text online]. As to the BBC's part in all this, see the entry for Pedleygate Three.

Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall: Security-rated printing and photographic works at 522 Browder Street, Dallas, where LHO was employed as a "cameraman trainee" between 12th October 1962 and 6th April 1963. The Warren Commission took testimony from three other employees of the company, namely John Graef (LHO's supervisor"), Dennis Ofstein ("employee") and Robert Stovall (President of the company). The company reportedly also employed - some have suggested as LHO's shadow - John Grossi.

ASIDE: It may or may not be relevant that some of the "photographic work" referred to above was on the incoming U-2 photoreconnaissance photostock (Summers, 2013e, p185).

Jameson, [Sir]1911 Leander Starr [1st Baronet]1911: Scottish physician practising in South Africa Leander Starr Jameson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having abandoned doctoring for colonial administration in 1891, becoming Administrator of Mashonaland and room-mate/confidant of Cecil Rhodes, (b) for leading the abortive 1895 Jameson Raid, the eponymous False Flag operation against the ethnically Dutch (but exceptionally rich) Transvaal [see Timeline entry for 29th December 1895], (c) for being exonerated by the 1896 Commission of Inquiry, (d) for being one of the seven original Rhodes Trustees [see own entry] at the time of Rhodes' death in 1902, (e) for serving as Prime Minister of Cape Colony between 1904 and 1908, generally supporting the Milner Group's proposals for a union of South Africa, (f) for returning to Britain in 1912 as a senior member of said Group, and (g) for thereby earning mention in Chapter 26 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are making the case that the ousting of Asquith's Liberal Party administration in September 1916 was more a Milner Group coup than a simple party political victory for Bonar Law's Conservative Party opposition. Jameson, they note, was by 1916 a member of Milner's Ginger Group [see own entry], the very cabal by which the coup was masterminded.

Janin, Louis, Snr.: American mining engineer Louis Janin, Snr. [no convenient biography, but see Spence (1996 [full text online]) for background] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a mine surveyor in the days when being a mine surveyor could make you a very good living and where - if you were inclined to bend the rules a little - you could make a lot of money on the side, and (b) for having been senior partner in Louis Janin Mining Consultants [see own entry], and (c) for having, in 1896, introduced an eager young geology graduate named Herbert Hoover [see own entry] to the highly profitable mine surveying profession [see ??th January 1896].
Janney, Peter: Assassination researcher Peter Janney ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Janney)) began researching the love affair between JFK and Mary Meyer in 1976, gradually assembling enough material for his 2012 book "Mary’s Mosaic: The CIA Conspiracy to Murder John F. Kennedy" ([Mary Meyer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Meyer), you see, was the divorced wife of Cord Meyer, the CIA’s Head of Covert Action at the time, and therefore a very bad man to make an enemy of - Ed.). Meanwhile in 2009 he also chanced to interview NPIC’s Dino Brugioni, the CIA’s veteran photoreconnaissance expert, and the official responsible for the production of Briefing Boards - see the entry for Dino Brugioni for more on this.

January, Wayne: Charter-pilot Wayne January ([no convenient biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wayne_January)) happened to be in/near the tower at Dallas Redbird Airport [Q.V.] at around 1330hr 22nd November 1963, and upon noting that a private aircraft was oddly delaying taking off, reported same to the FBI, who interviewed him on 29th January. The fuller story would not appear until Matthew Smith’s 1993 book "Vendetta", when it emerged that the aircraft in question - a second-hand C-53 transport - had been undergoing an overhaul throughout 1963, probably on behalf of Cuban exiles. The Cuban pilot had arrived for acceptance trials on 20th November, and in conversation had warned of an impending assassination attempt against JFK. The delay taking off on 22nd is easily interpreted as awaiting fleeing assassin teams.

Jarman, James Earl, Jr.: 34-year-old order checker James Jarman ([no convenient biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Jarman)) was with Harold Norman and Bonnie Ray Williams at the TSBD5 window directly under the Sniper's Nest, it not being possible to safely access TSBD6 because it was being refloored by outside contractors at the time. Unlike Norman he did not recall the sound of cartridges hitting the TSBD6 flooring above. Jarman's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 23rd November 1963 ([read it now](https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/); Warren Commission testimony ([read it now](https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/)).

JA Worldwide: [JA=Junior Achievement] Founded a century ago, and with worldwide headquarters in Boston [Website](https://www.juniorachievement.org/) MA, JA Worldwide is noteworthy in the present context generally for its impressive network of tax exempt NGOs across six continents, including in some very politically troubled places, and specifically for inspiring the creation of Young Enterprise in Britain in 2014.

Jenkins, Friend W.: U.S. Navy junior officer Lieutenant Friend Jenkins ([no convenient biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Friend_Jenkins)) is noteworthy in the present context for having been Intelligence Officer aboard USS Maine on her final voyage ([see 25th January 1898](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maine_%28ship%29)). Reportedly he survived the explosions which tore the bow off the ship, but failed to make it topside before she settled onto the seabed.

Jenner, Albert E., Jr.: American lawyer Albert E. Jenner, Jr. ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert_E._Jenner,_Jr._)) is noteworthy in the present context primarily as the Assistant Counsel to the 1964 [Warren Commission](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warren_Commission); also, tangentially, for being described by (of all people) by international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt as "a sneaky bastard".

"One of U.S. intelligence's last important secrets"

Jennings, Asa Kent: American Methodist pastor turned unlikely war relief superhero Asa K. Jennings ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asa_K._Jennings)) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a conventional pre-WW1 career in the American YMCA, (b) for thereby ending up in Europe 1917-1918 when the YMCA shipped out with the doughboys to help administer the humanitarian logistics effort ... Readers unfamiliar with the AEF's use of the YMCA and the Red Cross as cover organisations for field intelligence agents should see the entry for <Boris Pash> before proceeding.

Note especially the [RESEARCH ISSUE](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asa_K._Jennings) therein!!

... (c) for continuing these duties 1919-1922 during the U.S.-led intervention in the [Russian Civil War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Civil_War) [see Timeline 1st January 1919, then as threaded], and (d) for thereby ending up in September 1922 in the port-city of Smyrna/Izmir as hundreds of thousands of refugees from the failed Greek invasion of Western
Anatolia [see Timeline 15th May 1919, then as threaded] (and hundreds of escaping spies, no doubt) gathered there to escape the advancing and vengeful Turkish Army ...

CAMEO - RIGHT MAN, RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME: Here from Milton (op. cit. inf.) is an indication of Jennings' humanitarian work during the Smyrna crisis ...

"A devout Methodist minister from New York, Asa had worked for the YMCA in several foreign countries [... and] had come to Smyrna with his wife and two sons in order to take up his appointment as Boys' Work Secretary. [...] When the killings began in earnest, he was urged to follow the example of his fellow Americans and retreat to the safety of one of the destroyers in the bay. [...] Instead he hoisted the American flag over the two properties that he had appropriated and told the marines on shore to bring pregnant women and orphaned children into his care. Within hours, he had more than 1000 people in what he labelled - somewhat unfortunately - his 'concentration camps'. His work won him no plaudits from the American navy. Commander Halsley Powell [no convenient biography] [...] told him that his humanitarian work was 'irresponsible'. [+++ he saves a drowning girl +++] By Tuesday, 19 September, the humanitarian crisis on the quayside had become a sanitary crisis as well. Corpses had lain on the cobblestones for almost a week and were in an advanced state of putrefaction. Many of the refugees were suffering from fevers and acute diarrhoea, a result of living off contaminated water and food. [+++ gruesome detail +++]" (pp352-354).

He then approached the Turkish authorities, who granted him permission to take out women and children, but not men of military age. The remainder of his contribution is well brought out in the videos below.

Jennings died in 1933, aged 56. He then (e) featured posthumously in a rather propagandistic 1945 cinema short entitled "Strange Destiny" [IMDB entry] ...

YouTube the 1945 piece (10 mins.) RATHER DATED

... an honour which (f) will repeated in 2022 in the documentary "Smyrna - Paradise is Burning" [IMDB entry] ...

YouTube the 2022 piece (48 mins.) MUCH OF VALUE

FURTHER READING: For more about the man see Lou Ureneck's (2015) "The Great Fire" [Amazon]. For more about the city see Giles Milton's (2008) "Paradise Lost: Smyrna 1922 - The Destruction of Islam's City of Tolerance" [Amazon].

***** "The new Tory poster boy" *****

Jenrick, Robert Edward: British lawyer-politician Robert Jenrick [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for taking a determined stance against antisemitism in Britain, using his position as Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government "to insist" in September 2019 that "all universities and local authorities [...] adopt the IHRA definition at the earliest opportunity" (op. cit.) ...

ASIDE - THE IHRA DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM: We have ourselves given qualified approval to the antisemitism guidelines issued by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) [see own entry IMPORTANT]. They are, however, far from contractually watertight within themselves, and bound moreover to create division in the students/residents in the universities/boroughs on the receiving end, which is anti-something-even-bigger. TO BE CONTINUED POST-COVID.

and (b) for being short-strawed onto Good Morning Britain 1st April 2020 in order to defend the Conservative government's handling of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and, once in the hot seat, for unforgivably fluffing the statistics relating to the deliberate shortage of intensive care ventilators [see Timeline 1st April 2020].

Jerome, Jerome Klapka: British playwright-novelist turned WW1 propagandist turned French Army (attached) ambulance driver Jerome K. Jerome [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for recording with some clarity the thoughts of a typical Briton dwarfed by events ...

"I heard of our declaration of war against Germany with cheerful satisfaction. The animal in me rejoiced. It was going to be the biggest war in history [...] Men all around me were throwing up their jobs, sacrificing their
careers. I felt ashamed of myself, sitting in safety at my desk, writing articles encouraging them, at so much a thousand words” (Jerome, 1926, *My Life and Times*, pp272-273).

(b) for being one of those recruited by Wellington House [see own entry] in September 1914 to write anti-German propaganda, especially concerning German "frightfulness" ...

"The newspapers had roped in most of us literary gents to write them special articles upon the war. The appalling nonsense we poured out, during those hysterical first weeks, must have made the angels weep [...] It became necessary to stimulate the common people to prolonged effort [and] the Atrocity stunt was let loose" (*op. cit.*, p273-274).

(c) and then for being further selected later that year to help persuade the United States into the war on Britain's side ...

"A member of the Cabinet had suggested to me that I might go out to America to assist in English propaganda. On the ship, I fell in with an American Deputation returning from Belgium. They had been sent there by the United States Government to report upon the truth - or otherwise - of these stories of German frightfulness. The opinion of the Deputation was that, apart from the abominations common to all warfare, nineteen-twentieths of them would have to be described as 'otherwise'. It was these stories of German atrocities, turned out day by day from Fleet Street, that first caused me to doubt whether this really was a 'Holy War'. [...] The Deputation published their report in America. But it was never allowed to reach England" (*op. cit.*, p274-275).

and (d) for enlisting in 1916 (at age 55) as a volunteer French Red Cross ambulance driver on the Western Front, twenty miles west of Verdun, later confessing ...

"During the actual fighting, Hague Conventions and Geneva Regulations get themselves mislaid. The guns were eating up ammunition faster than the tramways could supply them, and the ambulances did not always go up empty. Doubtless the German Red Cross drivers had likewise their blind eye" (*op. cit.*, p289).

Ironically this cynical smuggling of arms in sheep's clothing nearly claimed his life in 1915, thus ...

"I was on the *Lusitania* the last voyage she made from New York to Liverpool, before she was torpedoed. We were loaded to the Plimsoll Line with war materials [...] Those who talk about war being a game ought to be made to go out and play it. They'd find their little book of rules of not much use" (*op. cit.*, pp289-290).

**Jewish Colonisation Association (JCA):** Founded as a company in 1891 by German financier Baron Maurice de Hirsch [see own entry] the JCA [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the principal early agency offering place-of-safety relief to the millions of Jews in Tsarist White Russia presently at risk at that time from Tsarist antisemitism. The company had a capital of 50million Francs, and was articulated to undertake "on a large scale the colonisation of Argentina and other American territories with Russian Jews". Hirsch was the principal stockholder.

**Jewish Home Party:** See the entry for Mizrachi.

**Jewish Labour Movement (JLM):** Founded in 1903 and affiliated with the Labour Party since 1920, the Jewish Labour Movement (JLM) [Homepage] is noteworthy in the present context for (from their website) ...

"The Jewish Labour Movement is a membership organisation of Labour supporting members of the Jewish Community. A formal affiliate of the Labour Party in the Uk since 1920, JLM campaigns within the party and the wider community to support labour values within the UK, Israel and Internationally. In addition to the UK Labour Party, the Jewish Labour Movement is also affiliated to the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Zionist Federation of the UK, and organise within the World Zionist Organisation alongside our sister party in Israel, Havodah - the Israeli Labor Party. Our membership is made up of Parliamentarians, Councillors, activists, Party members and Party supporters. We are run by and on behalf of our members."

The movement wound itself up in 2004 at the height of the *New Labour* experiment, but reformed in 2015 to oppose Jeremy Corbyn's stunning rise in popularity with the electorate at large [he remained
unpopular within his parliamentary party due to the preponderance of Blairites therein. Pro-Corbyn conspiracy theories surfaced on social media during the 2019 General Election campaign, concerning the JLM’s actual source of funding. [THREAD = THE DEATH OF DEMOCRACY] [THREAD = THE BATTLE FOR HEARTS AND MINDS]

**Jewish Leadership Council (JLC):** [Read firstly the entry for “The Lobby.”] Founded in 2003 by lawyer Henry Grunwald [Wikipedia biography], the Jewish Leadership Council (JLC) [Wikipedia briefing; Charity No. 1115343 (see last filed accounts)] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for briefing against Jeremy Corbyn in the 2015 Labour Party Leadership Election, (b) for then taking a leading part in the antisemitism offensive against same during his substantive leadership 2015-2019, and (c) for continuing with this offensive - to fatal effect - during the 2019 British General Election Campaign.

**Jewish National Council (JNC):** [Hebrew=Va’ad Le’umi] Founded in response to Arab-Jewish tensions in British-occupied Palestine at the time of the San Remo Conference [see 19th April 1920], the Jewish National Council (JNC) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having as its first chairman the White Russian priest-politician Abraham Kook [see own entry], and (b) for spending the next 28 years putting together the "virtual non-territorial state" (see the Wiki) within Mandated Palestine which would eventually evolve into the 1948 State of Israel.

**Jewish Resistance Movement:** See the entry for Menachem Begin.

**Jewish Theological Seminary of America:** See the entry for Louis Marshall.

**JFK, The Uncomfortable Truths, U.S. Gun-Running:** [INDEXING STUB] Here is a cluster of entities and events which, taken together, indicate the extent of clandestine U.S. government support for armed incursion against uppity foreigners in general, and Fidel Castro in particular ...

THE ENTITIES: (browse within this file)
L. Robert Castorr; Ed. Coyle; Thomas Eli Davis, III; Frank Ellsworth; Fort Hood Arms Thefts; Loran Hall; Nancy Hamilton/Rich; Richard A. Lauchli, Jr.; Lester L. Logue; Rod MacKenzie; John Masen; Lawrence Miller; Robert Perrin; Jack Ruby

THE EVENTS: (clicking the date will switch you to the companion Timeline) ...

The Jewfish Creek Bust (30th October 1963)

**JFKAIC:** See under Larry Howard.

**Jiang Jieshi:** See the entry for Chiang Kai-Shek.

**JM/WAVE:** CIA codename for the facilities in and around Florida from where Ted Shackley oversaw both military and psychological operations against the Castro Regime and other Central American players [Wikipedia briefing]. The facilities were centred on the disused Richmond Naval Air Station, 15 miles or so southwest of downtown Miami, but included many rural and coastal training areas. All up, JM/WAVE formed the largest CIA base outside of CIAHQ at Langley, MD. Indeed, intelligence services seem to have been Florida's largest industry at the time. In 1963, a subordinated command called LORK [see own entry] was established within the installation, specifically to administer the ill-fated Operation AMWORLD [see own entry].

**Joannides, George Efythron:** [codenames "Howard" and Walter Newby] At the time of the assassination CIA C/PW [=Chief of Psychological Warfare], Miami, George Joannides [Wikipedia biography] was financing the anti-Castro front organisation Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE), a group which, in turn, had significant prior contact with LHO as part of the LHO Patsification Thread. Joannides subsequently acted as the CIA's liaison officer on the House Select Committee on Assassinations, making sure that said operation remained in the shadows.
ASIDE - "TRUTH" VS. "WHOLE TRUTH": In his 2013 (e)book "Not in Your Lifetime" Anthony Summers uses the Joannides case to make an historically fundamental point about honesty and the way the world is run. Joannides got up at the House Select Committee on Assassinations and testified that he had been unable to "find any records indicating the name of the DRE's control officer" (p435). This simple "truth" concealed the fact that that officer was he himself (which had been the question put to him), and that he had already had anything incriminating removed from the archive before his search!

ONE OF THE FIRST JFK CONSPIRACY AUTHORS
"Notorious Marxist well-poisoner" (His Gestapo file)

Joesten, Joachim: German-born American from 1948 leftist journalist Joachim Joesten is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a Communist activist in Germany in the late 1920s/1930s, being described in his Gestapo file as "a notorious Marxist well-poisoner" for having dared criticise Nazi militarism, (b) for fleeing to the United States via Sweden in 1940, working for a while for Newsweek magazine before becoming a freelance specialist in current affairs, (c) for being naturalised in 1948, (d) for acquiring a reputation as a quite prolific modern historian, with such works as (1960) "Nasser: The Rise to Power" [Amazon] and (1963) "They Call It Intelligence: Spies and Spy Techniques Since World War II" [Amazon], (e) for being in the first wave of Kennedy assassination authors, visiting Dallas in late 1963 and setting out his findings in "Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy" [Amazon] in 1964 (beating the Warren Commission Report into the bookshops by six months) ...

***** JOESTEN'S DIRTY DOZEN MARKS OF CONSPIRACY *****

CAMEO - JOESTEN'S CORE CONSPIRACY (1964 VERSION): Joesten's contribution to JFK Conspiracy Theory was (1) to argue that the killing was far too complex to have been the work of any "lone nut", (2) to point to a veritable procession of contradictions as the law enforcement and intelligence communities covered up weeks of individually bungled fragments of a colossal frame-up, (3) for highlighting Texan right-wingers such as General Edwin Walker and his henchmen as likely conspirators, (4) for drawing attention to the far-too-good-to-be-true Ruth Paine, (5) for raising doubts as to the Mannlicher-Carcano as the murder weapon, (6) ditto the number of shots fired, and the wounds inflicted, (7) for a lengthy critique of the official account that Patrolman J. D. Tippit had been an innocent victim of circumstance, (8) for emphasising LHO's likely links to both the CIA and the FBI (the whole of Chapters 14 and 15, respectively), and (9) for noting the interests of Texas oilmen such as H. L. Hunt in terminating the Kennedy presidency.

... (f) for continuing in like vein with (1967) "Marina Oswald" [Amazon], (1967) "The Garrison Enquiry" [Amazon], and (1968a) "How Kennedy Was Killed" [Amazon] ...

CAMEO - JOESTEN'S 1968a ASSASSINATION THEORY: Joesten's 1968a contribution to JFK Conspiracy Theory was (10) to emphasise the part played by the aforementioned H. L. Hunt in funding right-wing activist groups, and (11) for highlighting the part played by Larry Crafard [see own entry] as an LHO Look-Alike.

... and (g) for following on with (1968b) "The Dark Side of Lyndon Baines Johnson" [Amazon] ...

CAMEO - JOESTEN'S 1968b ASSASSINATION THEORY: Joesten's 1968b contribution to JFK Conspiracy Theory was (12) for noting the potential role of LBJ in any underhand dealings by his friend and backer H. L. Hunt.

Every single one of Joesten's 12 points has been regularly revisited by later Conspiracy Theorists.

John Birch Society: Founded 9th December 1958 in Indianapolis by Robert W. Welch and Revilo Oliver, the John Birch Society [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a class-defining example of a conservative advocacy group supporting anti-communism and limited government [think California F-Scale, and then some - Ed.], (b) for being named after military intelligence officer John Birch [Wikipedia biography], killed in action behind enemy lines in China 25th August 1945, whom they regard as the first American casualty of the Cold War, (c) for being pronounced "un-American" by J. Edgar Hoover in 1959, and closely monitored as a result, (d) for being frequently mentioned in the assassination literature as one of the cluster of right-wing organisations with a claim to have
organised the assassination of JFK, and (e) for still going strong - see Homepage, campaigning to "awaken sleeping patriots" and take the United States out of the United Nations.

John Neely Bryan Pergola: This famous Dallas structure [Wikipedia image] was erected in 1940 during the broader remodelling of Dealey Plaza.

Johnson 30.06 Semi-Automatic Rifle: We refer here to the particular Johnson M1941 [Wikipedia briefing] semi-automatic rifle, with Bushnell Hunting Scope [readily browsable], which in "late January" 1963 was given as collateral against a $100 loan made by slightly murky Los Angeles private investigator Richard Hathcock [see own entry] to INTERPEN commander Gerry Hemming. Hemming had purchased the weapon in Miami in 1961 [see Timeline 1st April 1961], and had reputedly used it on raids into Cuba, including the April 1961 Bay of Pigs Invasion (Twyman, 1997). The weapon was strip-inspected and test fired by Hathcock's assistant Roy B. Payne [see own entry], whose technical opinion was as follows ...

"I would say that this weapon properly sighted in would put a hole in a dime at 500 yards. The bullets would be fired as fast as one could pull the trigger. Ten seconds, ten rounds, or less" (Roy Payne, HSCA affidavit, 9th March 1977).

YouTube a test firing here
And another Bushnell Scope demonstration

In her (2016) book "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon] forensic historian Gayle Nix Jackson adds that the weapon had been "modified by weapons expert Mitch WerBell, III, 'specifically to lay down long-range, accurate cover fire during the Bay of Pigs Invasion" (p328). The weapon was subsequently redeemed 18th September 1963 by Loran Eugene Hall "and 'a fat Mexican fellow' (almost certainly Lawrence Howard)" (Hancock, 2010, p381). Assassination theorists have therefore quite regularly placed this rifle in the hands of a hypothetical connoisseur sniper in Dealey Plaza, especially following the 1975 discovery of a 30.06 cartridge case on the roof of the County Records Building!

Johnson, Gladys J.: Dallas cafe-owner Gladys Johnson [no convenient biography] was LHO's landlady at 1026 North Beckley Avenue between 14th October 1963 and 22nd November.

ASIDE: Do not confuse with Earlene Roberts, who was the housekeeper at that address, and employed as such both for the owners and the roomers. Both ladies testified to the Warren Commission.

Her 40-year-old daughter Fay Puckett [Dallas Morning News obituary, 2008], a photographer with studios across the street from the Texas Theater, witnessed LHO's removal from the scene after his arrest. Her 11-year-old granddaughter Patricia Puckett used to play with LHO [see separate entry for details]. Mrs. Johnson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (as "Mrs. Arthur Carl Johnson") [read it now].

Johnson, Lyndon Baines: Texas businessman-politician LBJ [Wikipedia biography] was VPOTUS until 1438hr, 22nd November 1963, whereupon he was sworn in as POTUS. He has been cited as a major conspirator in many alternative theories of the assassination [see, for example, Barr McClellan].

Johnson, Marvin: DPD Detective Marvin Johnson [no convenient biography] was out making an unrelated arrest at the time of the shooting, but became free to attend the TSBD by about 1300hr, joining others already searching TSBD6. Here he saw the three cartridge cases discarded under the east-most window. Also a heavy brown paper sack nearby "about the same shape as a rifle case would be". Also the debris from a chicken lunch over at the western end, second window. Johnson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. Browse the Heavy Paper Wrapping Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.
Johnson, Priscilla: See the entry for Priscilla Johnson McMillan.

Johnson, Robert Emmett: [several aliases and noms-de-plume] Korean War veteran (U.S.M.C. Press Attaché) and long time Miami-based CIA operative and hitman now on Castro's case Robert Emmett Johnson [Spartacus Educational biography] entered the assassination narrative as a probable member of INTERPEN after the failure of the Bay of Pigs Invasion. However, his deeds would remain very "dark" until his name started to be mentioned in the early 2000's by researcher James Richards as a potential Dealey Plaza shooter.

Johnston, [Sir]1896 Henry ["Harry""] Hamilton ["Little"]: British explorer turned colonial administrator (Nyasaland [=part modern Malawi and Zambia]) [Sir]1896 Henry Johnston [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been identified by Quigley (1949) as one of the high-level Circle of Initiates in Cecil Rhodes' 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], that is to say, Britain's late-19th-Century deep state. According to Quigley (1949), he fell from his master's grace in 1894 for refusing to support a Jameson-like raid into the Manyika region of Portuguese East Africa.

Joint Army-Navy Committee on Welfare and Recreation (JANC): See the entries for (firstly) Frederick H. Osborn, Sr. and (then) Arthur W. Page.

Joint Commission on Faith and Order: See the entry for Robert Hallowell Gardiner, III.

Joint Press Reading Service: Founded in or before July 1951, the Joint Press Reading Service [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] seems to have been an intelligence service support group responsible for translating technical and popular written material from behind the iron curtain - see specimen output from the CIA website.

Joint Vision 2020: [Frequently abbreviated as JV2020.] On 30th May 2000 the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff released a Department of Defense strategy report under the title "Joint Vision 2020: America's Military - Preparing for Tomorrow" [full DTIC text online]. The report profiled the geopolitical landscape in 2020, and dovetailed this with estimates of the U.S. military's appropriate response. The core thesis of the resulting 20 year imperial war plan was the call for the U.S. to aim for "full-spectrum dominance" on any foreseeable battlefield by being simultaneously "persuasive in peace, decisive in war, [and] preeminent in any form of conflict". One of the main strategic objectives was then to achieve "information superiority", defined in the report as "the capability to collect, process, and disseminate an uninterrupted flow of information while exploiting or denying an adversary’s ability to do the same". No specific adversaries were mentioned, and the authors were identified by office not name. The CJCS at the time was General Henry H. Shelton [Wikipedia biography]. Among the authors contributing anonymously to the report either directly or by way of their earlier writings were Paul Wolfowitz [q.v.] and Scooter Libby [q.v.] (Scott, 2007). EDITORIAL NOTE [12th September 2021]: A sub-thread of JV2020 Progress Reports has now been incorporated into the Companion Project Aneurin Timeline, starting at 4th May 2021.

Jones, Gareth Richard Vaughan: Welsh foreign service diplomat [= spook, establishment] in journalist's clothing Gareth Jones [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a highly promising scholar 1923-1929, gaining degrees in languages including Russian and forging a contact network into the recesses of the League of Nations, (b) for taking up journalism in 1929 as a freelance correspondent for The Times and other newspapers, (c) for specialising in foreign affairs, travelling widely in Russia and Germany, (d) for thereby being a shoe-in in 1930 for a job as foreign affairs adviser to the ageing Lloyd George, a job which, according to his Wiki, "also included some travel abroad" (accessed 22nd October 2022) ...
LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Lloyd George had serious form when it came to people "travelling abroad" in the interests of destabilising Moscow's border states, viz., the famous Bruce Lockhart Affair [see Timeline at 29th January 1918 WORLD HISTORIC].

... (e) for thereby being right there on the spot during the Soviet Union's descent into famine in 1930 and again at that famine's height in 1931, his reports in The Times helping to bias public opinion in the West against Sovietised economic theory in general and collectivised farming in particular, and again in 1933 ...

CAMEO - GARETH JONES AND THE HOLODOMOR: According to his Diaries website (below) Jones shared his 1931 visit with the American groceries magnate Jack Heinz, II [see own entry], who subsequently published his own account of their travels ...

Read Jones' original diaries here

Here is some indicative copy filed by Jones two years later (two clips; the // in the second clip is re-sequence from p25 for best flow) ...

"What are the causes of the famine? The main reason for the catastrophe in Russian agriculture is the Soviet policy of collectivisation. The [earlier predictions] that collectivisation of agriculture would be the nemesis of Communism has come absolutely true." (Charles Rivers Editors, op. cit. inf., p3).

"[...] On April 27 [1933], the Svoboda // a Ukrainian-language newspaper published and distributed in the United States // reprinted an article originally published in the Daily Express in London. The story in question, titled 'Ukraine in the Claws of Terrible Hunger', was authored by Gareth Jones, the secretary of Prime Minister David Lloyd George, who had conducted business in Kharkiv on multiple occasions between 1930 and 1933. The deterioration of the city in the span of four years was mind-boggling. Upon Jones' arrival in 1930, he marvelled at the vibrancy of the blossoming metropolis. [...] But by] 1933, Kharkiv - which had now shot to the top of the list of hardest-hit regions, followed by Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Odessa, Vinnytsia, and Donetsk - lay in utter shambles. [...] Gone were the dazzling smiles and infectious warmth that once exuded from the city's residents. In their place were hundreds upon hundreds of cadaverous beggars and children, totting alarmingly distended bellies that contrasted with their rake-thin limbs and protruding ribs, sifting through dirt and rubble for morsels and coins. The poor souls that loitered in the deserted train stations, Jones observed, turned to dark humour as a coping mechanism. 'The populace laughs at the Soviet regime,' Jones wrote - 'laughs bitterly because of its terrible slavery and its slow death by starvation'. [...] The month of June alone reportedly claimed 1 million lives" (pp35-36 //25).

Having visited Russia for a third time in March 1933, Jones returned to Berlin to prepare his report. Here, courtesy of his Wiki, is a clip of what he now felt able to add ...

"I walked along through villages and twelve collective farms. Everywhere was the cry, 'There is no bread. We are dying'. This cry came from every part of Russia [...] I tramped through the black earth region [the area of the Russian Federation around Voronezh and Kursk - see Wikipedia briefing and map] because that was once the richest farmland in Russia and because the correspondents have been forbidden to go there to see for themselves what is happening. In the train a Communist denied to me that there was a famine. I flung a crust of bread which I had been eating from my own supply into a spittoon. A peasant fellow-passenger fished it out and ravenously ate it" (syndicated press release 29th March 1933, quoted in Wikipedia, accessed 19th February 2023).

While in Berlin, Jones even got to meet Nazi propaganda chief Josef Goebbels on 23rd February 1933 to pass on his observations. Goebbels thought he was a thoroughly nice chap - again see the Diaries website below.

... (f) for undertaking one "fact-finding" mission too many, getting himself kidnapped and murdered by Mongolian "bandits" in 1935, by factions and for reasons never firmly established, and (g) for being little discussed for nigh on eight full decades, until rediscovered by Gamache (op. cit. inf.) and having his diaries mounted on a 21st century tribute website - link below. FURTHER READING: For a quick introduction see Charles Rivers Editors' (2020) "The Holodomor" [Amazon]. For a definitive biography see Ray Gamache's (2013/2018) "Gareth Jones: Eyewitness to the Holodomor" [Amazon RECOMMENDED]. For a detailed academic account of the famine, and Western media coverage of it, see James E. Mace's (1988) "The politics of famine" [full text online (paywalled) Fascinating]. For more specifically on the black ops side of "travelling abroad" see Jonathan Schneer's (2020) "The Lockhart Plot" [Amazon]. Jones' diaries from his years in Russia are available on the garethjones.org tribute site - click here [Fascinating].
Jones, Robert E.: Based in Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, the Commanding Officer of the Texas administration of the 112th Military Intelligence Group, Colonel Robert Jones [no convenient biography], had between eight and twelve plain-clothed intelligence officers in Dallas on the day of the assassination, who would, if challenged, be able to show Secret Service IDs. The 112th's own file on LHO (which was opened as a perceived counterintelligence risk after his Fair Play for Cuba Committee activity in August) linked him to the name "A. J. Hidell", and Colonel Jones informed the FBI of this straight away.

***** VERY MUCH ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS *****
***** EXPERT ON SKYSCRAPER COLLAPSE DYNAMICS *****

Jones, Steven Earl: [Go firstly to the entry for Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth and work your way through the STUDENT EXERCISE - HOW TO DEMOLISH A SHOW TOWER ESSENTIAL PRIOR SKILL.] American nuclear physicist (Brigham Young University) Steven E. Jones [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his specialist contribution to the work of the international Truther movements Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911) [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] and Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice [ditto]. His particular fortpé has been in (a) developing the 9/11 Thermitic Demolition Theory [see own entry and Timeline 22nd September 2005], and (b) defending same in the face of full-ferocity propaganda and intelligence services ops designed to discredit the idea. His most recent social media appearance seems to be in the 2019 video entitled "Nanothermite" - YouTube it here ESSENTIAL VIEWING.

TECHNICAL ASIDE - HARD SCIENCE vs LEGAL PROOF: There is literally zero doubt in scientific terms that many tonnes of Nano-Thermite were set off in the four-dimensional vicinity of the World Trade Center on 11th September 2001. However it could be argued that the chemical residues came from an as-yet-unknown coincidental source, as, perhaps, if miscreant residents of at least one of the buildings [the residues are in the dust which carpeted Lower Manhattan, but that dust came from the three towers combined, so there is no proof that all three towers produced it - Ed.] had been illegally storing Nano-Thermite. This is all legalistic squirming, of course, for the prima facie common sense explanation is that all three towers were deliberately brought down by the stuff, and moreover that of the half-dozen superpowers possessing the technology only the United States itself would have had the required level of sustained security access.

Jones, Thomas: Rhymney-born civil servant and for a period "one of the six most important men in Europe", Tom ["T. J."] Jones [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet under four prime ministers between 1916 and his retirement from the post in 1930, and for having recorded (as much as he was allowed to) these experiences in his "Whitehall Diary" (Jones, 1969, 1971). Rose (2000) also has him as a repeated visitor to Nancy Astor's Cliveden House events in the late-1930s during the various attempts to reach a peaceful accommodation with Adolf Hitler, and so by virtue of the timing here we may count Jones as a peripheral member of the Cliveden Set [see own entry].

Jones, William Penn, Jr: Texas local newspaper editor Penn Jones [Wikipedia biography] was editor/owner of the Midlothian Mirror, one of the first journals to carry material beyond the officially approved narrative. His researches soon convinced him that the assassination had involved a large team of professional assassins, and that the wet work had then extended to any inconvenient witnesses.

***** ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS, WE THINK *****
***** DEMOLITION PROFESSIONAL *****

"... then they very rigorously, very quickly placed charges" (@1:25 in the video)

Jowenko, Danny: [Go firstly to the entry for Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth and work your way through the STUDENT EXERCISE - HOW TO DEMOLISH A SHOW TOWER ESSENTIAL PRIOR SKILL.] Dutch demolition engineer Danny Jowenko [no convenient biography but a great deal to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the context of the 9/11 Inquiries (a) for a 22-minute interview to camera in early 2007 ... YouTube it here
[The "linear cutter charge" referred to at 2:10 could be taken as referring EITHER to a high brisance explosive shaped charge OR to a low-brisance, and therefore more precisely focused, Nano-Thermite shaped charge.]

(b) for confirming his judgement in a follow-up audiotaped telephone conversation 22nd February 2007 [YouTube it here], (c) for clips from these interviews regularly being incorporated into subsequent documentaries, and (d) for his death in a car accident 16th July 2011 [official verdict accidental death, but, hey, you know conspiracy theorists ...].

**Judge, John Patrick:** Investigative journalist, "tireless activist for open government", and "exemplar earthing" John P. Judge [no convenient obituary] delivered the 9th September 2004 conference presentation entitled "The 9-11 Omission Report", an alternative take on the then recently published 9/11 Commission Report, in which many alleged deceptions within the earlier document were laid bare - [YouTube it now].

**July 26th Movement:** Founded in late 1955 in Mexico by Fidel Castro, Raúl Castro, Che Guevara, Juan Almeida, and a couple of dozen other exiled Cuban dissidents, the July 26th Movement [Wikipedia briefing] was so named to commemorate their movement’s failed 26th July 1953 attack on the Moncada Army Barracks [Wikipedia briefing]. They regrouped and then made their way back to Cuba aboard the M.Y. Granma, landing 25th November 1956. Government troops were waiting for them and all but 18 of the rebels were either killed in the ensuing firefight or captured and later executed. The 18 escaped up into the remote Sierra Maestra mountains, from where they mounted a series of guerrilla operations so well targeted against government corruption that the rebels soon had the Cuban populace onside and saw their support starting to grow. By the end of 1958 a full-scale revolution was in progress and on 1st January 1959 [President Batista] fled the country along with seven years' takings.

**Junta Revolucionaria (JURE):** The left-of-centre anti-Castro organisation founded by Manolo Ray Rivero on 23rd July 1962 [HSCA briefing paper].

**Kaack, Milton R.:** New Orleans FBI Agent Milton Kaack [no convenient biography] was described in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked" as having been asked by Dallas Agent James Hosty on 29th July 1963 to try to locate LHO in New Orleans. Kaack made a number of on-foot calls on 5th August, finally discovering that LHO was now at 4905 Magazine Street. This search was not brought to the notice of the Warren Commission.

**Kabbalah/Kabbalism/etc.:** The Kabbalah [Wikipedia briefing] was, until 1965, just an ancient belief system at the esoteric end of the rich spectrum of Judaistic religious cults and sects, but has evolved since then into a popular brand of celebrity occultism. We shall begin at the beginning, and work in distinct phases ...

**PHASE ONE - SOME ESSENTIAL BACKGROUND**

The ancient Kabbalah probably began life three to four thousand years ago as a fringe cult amongst the Hebrew Tribes [Wikipedia briefing] of the Fertile Crescent [Wikipedia briefing] ...
As things turned out, both branches of Hebraic religion - Judaism and Christianity - had to tread carefully, for the established religion throughout the Roman Empire was that of the Roman pantheon and regional deities such as Judaism's [JHWH] were only permitted if they did not threaten the imperial order of things (which they frequently did). Thus ...

Mithraism on Hadrian's Wall - YouTube orientation and introduction

As the centuries went by, these gabbalistic cults survived the Dark and Middle Ages thanks to their ability - the clue is in their name - to stay out of sight. The humanist Richard Carrier [Wikipedia biography: and see FURTHER READING below] has studied the evolution of the Christian scriptures in this period, and the doubts he raises about the "historicity" of the Bible need to be carefully born in mind in the remainder of this entry. Here is a typical presentation ...

Historicity of Religious Narrative - YouTube lecture INTELLECTUAL DYNAMITE

Whatever their particular history, the Jewish cabbalas eventually crystalised via regional variant proto-Kabbalistic sects into a full Kabbalistic revivalist church ...

QUICKIE - THE ZOHAR: First appearing in the 13th Century, The Zohar [Hebrew = "radiance, splendour": Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the religious work which connects the various cabbalistic practices of pre-13th Century Diasporic Jewry with the more consistently formalised Kabbalah which followed. It is known to have influenced the Kabbalah's founding father Isaac Luria [more on whom below] in the mid-16th Century and later mystics such as Abraham Azulai [see own entry]. It also helped inspire Menasseh Ben-Israel's [dito] proto-Zionist propaganda campaign against the English Puritans in the mid-17th Century.

PHASE TWO - FROM CULT TO SECT

The first Kabbalistic stronghold was at Safed in the Holy Land [map] where a small contingent of refugees from the Spanish and Portuguese Expulsions sought sanctuary during the 1490s [see Timeline 31st March 1492 and 5th December 1496]. Their leader seems to have been one Joseph Saragossi [Wikipedia biography], thus ...

"Safed, under the guidance of Joseph Saragossi, developed into a Jewish centre almost as important as Jerusalem; and its Jewish population was increased to ten thousand. With this Sephardic immigration from Spain came the Jewish mysticism of the Kabbalah" (Andrews, 1931, p145).

Saragossi was followed in around 1535 by Joseph Karo [see own entry], Karo in around 1548 by Moses ben Jacob Cordovero ["The RAMAK"] [Wikipedia biography] (note the part played by "heavenly voices" in his story), and Cordovero in 1570 by the aforementioned Isaac Luria ["The ARI"] [see own entry], nowadays commonly identified as the father of Kabbalism in general and of the Lurianic Kabbalah [Wikipedia briefing] in particular. Luria arrived in the town, as tradition has it, on the very day of Cordovero's funeral 27th June 1570, experiencing a convocation! Cordovero's funeral 27th June 1570, experiencing a convection!

Readers unfamiliar with the term "Millennarian" should check out the separate entry on that subject before proceeding

The first world-historical test of Kabbalism then came half a century later, and the key personalities in this part of the narrative were - in the west - the aforementioned Menasseh Ben-Israel, and - in the east -a larger-than-life False Messiah [Wikipedia briefing] named Sabbatai Zevi [see own entry] ...

CAMEO - 1666, THE APOCALYPSE THAT FAILED TO SHOW: While Kabbalism had been growing in strength in the Holy Land during the 1520s-1530s, one Solomon Molcho [see own entry] had been a travelling preacher around the Mediterranean [it was he who had recruited and trained Karo - Ed.]. He particularly liked preaching an imminent Second Coming, a body of dogma which made much of the associated notion of the Lost Ten Tribes [see own entry], and appealed greatly to the Protestant Religious Right [see own entry] in England and the
Netherlands. Based in Amsterdam and with his own printing presses, Menasseh accordingly saw the opportunity to cultivate contacts with Oliver Cromwell's kingless administration in England [King Charles I led his armies in the field until late 1646, was under house arrest 1647-1648, and then beheaded 30th January 1649 - see Timeline that date], where he found sympathetic ears for such theories. His mission was made somewhat easier when news arrived of the 1648 pogroms in the Ukraine [see Timeline 27th May 1648], and in 1655 a sympathy vote duly approved the Readmission of Jews into England [see Timeline 4th December 1655]. Meanwhile, in 1650 a Millenarian movement known as Sabbateanism [see own entry] had been growing in popularity among the Kabbalists in Palestine, proclaiming a Messiah and a 1666 Doomsday. Further Study: There are more than a dozen entries in the Companion Timeline tracing Menasseh's efforts - start at 1st June 1606 and follow the onward pointers provided through to 15th September 1666 when the Ottoman sultan decided that Sabbateanism was a fraud and imprisoned its Messiah.

**Phase Three - From Sect to Regional Church**

After the Ottoman clampdown and the damp squib of the 1666 Doomsday, Kabbalists went underground again for close on a century, until re-popularised - this time predominantly in Eastern Europe - by revivalists such as [all have their own entries] the Italian mystic Moshe Luzzatto (fl. 1727-1746) and the White Russians Elijah of Vilna (fl. 1755-1797) and (fl. 1730-1760) Israel ben Eliezer ["Baal Shem Tov"]. In its mature form - no longer just a sect, but now the beating heart of the church known as Hasidic Judaism [see own entry] - its mysteries looked like this ...

**The Kabbalah - YouTube orientation and introduction**

- Gematria - YouTube introduction
- Tzadik - YouTube introduction

**Editorial Note - 1730-1945 and the Holocaust**

For reasons which will become apparent, and in order to avoid duplication, we continue this history of the Kabbalah 1730-1945 in the entry for Hasidic Judaism. To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.

**Phase Four - Toward the New Order**

As we just saw in the divert, the heartlands of Hasidic Kabbalism - in effect, the White Russia of the Russian Civil War - were unfortunate enough to be sandwiched during WW2 between Hitler's war machine and Stalin's, and duly bore the brunt of the Nazi Holocaust. After the war, their numbers were so reduced that they became just one sect among many in the highly politicised, and politically hard line, "orthodox" Judaism which characterised the birthing struggles of the modern State of Israel [start at Timeline 29th November 1947 and follow the threading provided]. It is now customary to refer to this militarised Judaism as Haredi Judaism ...

**Editorial Note -**

For reasons which will become apparent, and in order to avoid duplication, we continue this history of the Kabbalah 1945-1965 in the entry for Haredi Judaism. To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.

Kabbalism then re-entered the narrative in 1965 when one Philip Berg [Wikipedia biography], a priest of the old school by background [Ukrainian stock - Ed.], founded the Kabbalah Centre [Wikipedia briefing] in California, to pursue "outreach teaching in New Age style" (Wikipedia, 28th July 2021). Berg's enterprise quickly acquired a high-profile celebrity following and earned for itself the epithet "the McDonald's of spirituality". It was followed in 1991 by the latter-day White Russian Michael Laitman's [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] Bnei Baruch [Wikipedia briefing], a Kabbalism dissemination centre. Today, therefore, after four thousand years on the road, this is how the very ancient and the very modern presently [= July 2021] Share an identity and a dream ...
Celebrity Kabbalah - YouTube introduction

**FURTHER READING:** For more on comparative religion as a topic in itself, see the aforementioned Stark and Bainbridge, and then come right up to date with Malcolm Jeeves and Warren S. Brown's (2017) "Neuroscience, Psychology, and Religion" [Amazon]. For a general source see Jonathan Garb's (2020) "A History of Kabbalah" [Amazon]. For more specifically on the Sabbatean episode see Juan Gutierrez' (2019) book "Conversos and the Sabbatean Movement" [Amazon]. For the evolution of religious mysteries as just folk tales with attitude, see Richard Carrier's (2014) "On the Historicity of Jesus" [Amazon]. Other than that, get Googling ...

Kaffke, Robert: See the entry for George Evica.

Kagan, Kimberley Ellen: [Née Kessler] American campaigning Neocon Kimberley Kagan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an impressive student career at Yale in the late 1990s/early 2000s, (b) for being fast-tracked due to family connections into important consultancy positions in rightist influence groups, (c) for founding the Institute for the Study of War (ISW) [see own entry SUPERORDINATE NARRATIVE] in 2007 to promote Neocon correct thinking worldwide, (d) for contributing regularly to that institute's publications and presentations, drawing on time spent "in the field in Iraq and Afghanistan 2007-2012, and (e) for compiling (and contributing to) the 2010 collection of essays entitled "The Imperial Moment" [Amazon MUCH FOOD FOR THOUGHT] ...

**AMERICA'S "IMPERIAL MOMENT" - HAS IT BEEN OR GONE?:** The first six essayists presented in this book are established university professors, with Kagan - very much the bright young thing - taking a convenor's role in a seventh, summative, essay. The issue, of course, is whether the U.S. Empire has yet to peak, or is past its peak. Here is the Amazon blurb, with [biographical inserts thus] ...

"In a provocative study on comparative empire, noted historians identify periods of transition across history that reveal how and why empires emerge. Loren J. Samons [academic, University homepage] on Athens and Arthur Eckstein [academic, Wikipedia biography] on Rome examine classical Western empires. Nicholas Canny [academic, Wikipedia biography] discusses the British experience, Paul Bushkovitch [academic, University homepage] analyzes the case of imperial Russia, and Pamela Kyle Crossley [academic, Wikipedia biography] studies Qing China's beginnings. Frank Ninkovich [academic, no convenient biography] tackles the actions of the United States at the turn of the twentieth century, which many view as imperial behavior. What were the critical characteristics that distinguished the imperial period of the state from its pre-imperial period? When did the state develop those characteristics sufficiently to be called an empire? The authors indicate the domestic political, social, economic, or military institutions that made empire formation possible and address how intentional the transition to empire was. They investigate the actions that drove imperial consolidation and consider the international environment in which the empire formed. Kimberly Kagan provides a concluding essay that probes the historical cases for insights into policymaking and the nature of imperial power. n (accessed 14th April 2023)

The work is nicely reviewed in a 2012 paper by another scholar-lobbyist, Ion Marandici [professional homepage] entitled "Ab Imperio" [full text online], if interested.

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** At time of writing [= April 2023], the BRICS Nations [Wikipedia briefing] are regularly being depicted as successfully recruiting the unaligned nations of the world against a precipitously failing U.S. Empire ...

**YouTube a typical (Cuban) piece to this effect** (17 mins.)

Moreover, some very traditional American Republicans, whose loyalty to their historic Constitution is beyond reproach, seem to be becoming more willing to risk their careers criticising the damage being done to their beloved nation by the Neocon takeover ...

**YouTube a typical piece to this effect** (21 mins.)

The present author does not pretend to know who is likely (to borrow the Neocon terms) to prevail and dominate.
Unless we have got lost in the Wikis, Kagan appears to be the sister-in-law of fellow Neocon Robert Kagan - immediately below - and thereby double sister-in-law to the architect of the present Ukrainian debacle, Victoria ["Potty Mouth"] Nuland [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC].

***** (END OF?) WORLD HISTORIC LOBBYIST *****

Readers unfamiliar with the denomination <Neocon> should thoroughly study NOT JUST the defining characteristics set out in the separate entry, BUT ALSO the nature of the people involved, as listed in the entry <Ron Paul's List of Neocons>.

Kagan, Robert: Comfortably born second-generation American (from White Russian [= Lithuanian] immigrant stock) political journalist and Neocon lobbyist Robert Kagan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an impressive student career 1977-1983 (Yale, Harvard, American), (b) for thereby slipping easily in 1983 into a position as foreign policy advisor to a Congressman, (c) for thereby being on hand when Secretary of State George P. Schultz needed new blood on his speech writing and policy planning teams, (d) for setting time aside to date and marry another of Schultz's juniors, one Victoria ["Potty Mouth"] Nuland [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC], in 1987, (e) in 1997 for co-founding with William Kristol [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC] the Project for the New American Century (PNAC) [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC] foreign policy lobby group, and for generally placing its rationalisation of hard right American Exceptionalism [Wikipedia briefing] at the disposal of the so-called "Vulcans" [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC], that is to say, politicians such as Donald Rumsfeld, Dick Cheney, Paul Wolfowitz, and Scooter Libby, (f) for thereby getting himself classified 10th July 2003 within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC] under "Leo Strauss students and philosophical adherents", and described as a "key player in designing our new strategy for pre-emptive war", (g) for remaining an influential Neocon in the early years of the George W. Bush administration, (h) for throwing his weight 2009-2017 behind the (PNAC-clone) Foreign Policy Initiative (FPI) [Wikipedia briefing], and (i) for continuing as an author and columnist to the present day [= February 2023].

FURTHER READING: For more from Neoconia during the 1990s see James Mann's (2004) "Rise of the Vulcans: The History of Bush's War Cabinet" [Amazon WORLD HISTORIC].

Kaiping Coal Field Fraud of 1898-1901: Centred roughly 70 miles east of Tientsin/Tianjin, the Kaiping Coal Field [Wikipedia briefing; Google maps] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having employed some 100,000 workers (20,000 directly and 80,000 indirectly) at the turn of the 20th Century (making it the biggest single commercial enterprise in China), and (b) for having been the object of some extremely one-sided Western redevelopment negotiations between 1898 and 1901 - see 20th March 1898ff. It is worth of the order of £5 Billion in today's money, and is owned by the Chinese Crown. Leading the Western predators is Bewick, Moreing and Company [see own entry], and those whom that company represents ...

"Others besides Moreing and his British associates knew the value of the Kaiping Mines. The Rothschild interests had agents in China on the look-out for mineral concessions, and numerous German and Belgian scouts also were in the field" (Liggett, 1932, p73).

Kaiser, David: Assassination researcher David Kaiser [no convenient biography] was author of the 2009 book "The Road to Dallas", which includes an analysis of Central American (that is to say, not merely Cuban) power politics in the years leading up to the assassination.

Kaiser, Henry J.: American industrialist Henry J. Kaiser [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for building a small fortune from sheer hard work 1898-1913, (b) for starting up a construction company in 1914, hustling for ever larger government contracts, (c) with help from lobbyist Thomas G. Corcoran [see own entry], for winning the 1937 Bonneville Power Scheme [Wikipedia briefing] against stiff competition from the rival Alcoa Corporation, (d) for making a killing production lining Liberty Ships in WW2 at great speed [one from plates to launch in five days!! - Ed.] at his several Kaiser Shipyards, (e) for diversifying into subscription medical care schemes, initially for his workforce, under the name Kaiser Permanente [Wikipedia briefing], and (f) for returning to peacetime tooling as the...
Kaiser-Frazer Motor Company [Wikipedia briefing]. He died in 1967, aged 85. His Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) [Wikipedia briefing] remains active as a neoliberal think-tank [generically speaking, these are not necessarily good things - Ed.] to the present day.

Kale, Samuel: See the entry for George de Mohrenschildt.

***** INFLUENTIAL PROTO-ZIONIST *****

Kalischer, Zvi Hirsch: [Alternatively, Tzvi, Zevi, etc.] [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching COMPULSORY SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] Prussian-Polish (b. 1795, Leszno [map]) preacher-scholar Hirsch Kalischer [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for developing the thesis in pamphlets written during the 1850s that the Holy Land - then part of the Ottoman Empire - should be resettled by Diaspora Jews, (b) for encouraging thereby the establishing in 1860 of Chaim Lorje's [see own entry] Association for the Colonisation of Palestine [see own entry and Timeline 1st July 1860], (c) for collating his early writings into the 1862 book "Derishat Tzion" [= "Seeking Zion": see Myers (2003) RECOMMENDED], and for circuit preaching this message more broadly across Germany, (d) for going co-author 15th February 1867 with fellow polemicist Eliyahu/Elijah Guttmacher [YIVO Institute biography] on "Appeal to our Brethren", "in which the Jews of England in particular were passionately urged to support 'the colonisation, cultivation, and improvement' of the 'abandoned, devastated, sacred soil'" (Andrews, op. cit. inf., p288), and (e) for encouraging the Alliance Israélite Universelle [see own entry] to establish the Mikveh Israel [see own entry] in 1870. He died in 1874, aged 79. FURTHER READING: For more on Kalischer's niche in the history of the Balfour Declaration [see own entry], see Chapter X of Fannie F. Andrews' (1931) "The Holy Land Under Mandate" [Amazon].

Kantor, Seth:WW2 (U.S.M.C.) veteran turned Dallas Times Herald journalist Seth Kantor [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for associating professionally with Jack Ruby for his underworld savvy, (b) for being in one of the press coaches in the 22nd November 1963 motorcade, (c) for staying hot on the tail of the presidential limousine in its desperate race to Parkland Hospital, (d) for there chatting briefly with Ruby, who also happened to be there, while history unfolded around them, (e) for being but a few feet from LHO at the instant Ruby silenced him 24th November 1963, (f) for testifying to both these encounters 2nd June 1964 to the Warren Commission [read it now], and (g) for then being told by the Warren Commission Report that he must have been mistaken about the Parkland encounter, because Ruby - whose memory was patently more reliable - had assured the investigation that he had not been there.

Karamessines, Thomas Hercules: New York born lawyer and WW2 OSS Greek Desk veteran Tom Karamessines [Wikipedia biography] was CIA Chief of the Athens Station until 1953, and then Chief of the Rome Station from 1959 until - according to Jefferson Morley's 2016 book "CIA and JFK" - he was appointed in January 1963 to the newly formed SAS [= "Special Affairs Staff"] in the Directorate of Plans. Morley asserts that his duties there were to ensure the plausible deniability of all CIA operations. SAS were thenceforth copied in to all substantive communications, including his protégé George Joannides' project to "make some use of Oswald" as it unfolded in August 1963 in New Orleans.

Karine A Incident: See the entry for Operation Noah's Ark.

Karo, Joseph ben Ephraim: [Read firstly the entries for Kabbalah and Hasidism.] Spanish-born (b. Toledo, 1488) proto-Zionist Joseph Karo [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being expelled from Spain in the 1492 persecution [see Timeline 31st March 1492], aged only 4, and (b) for ending up in 1535 at the Sephardic centre at Safed, where he became a respected lawyer-priest.

"The most esteemed journalists are precisely the most servile. For it is by making themselves useful to the powerful that they gain access to the 'best' sources."

Katzenbach Memorandum: See the entry for Nicholas Katzenbach.

Katzenbach, Nicholas: Deputy Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach [Wikipedia biography] would be responsible for the 25th November 1963 secret briefing to LBJ's advisor William Moyers. This briefing, now known as the Katzenbach Memorandum, famously recommended that it was in the national interest to pin the crime on LHO, no matter that he had been innocent. Here are some of the exact words ...

"The public must be satisfied that Oswald was the assassin; that he did not have confederates who are still at large; that the evidence was such that he would have been convicted at trial" (Katzenbach Memorandum, as cited in Kurtz, 1982/1993, p24).

The upshot was the creation of the entirely with-prejudice Warren Commission four days later.

Katz n' Jammer's Bar: See 544 Camp Street.

Kay, Everett: Miami Police lieutenant Everett Kay [no convenient biography] was the officer who set up William Somerset's wire sting against right wing conspirator Joseph Milteer in Miami, the result of which was that the route of JFK's motorcade through Miami on 18th November 1963 was significantly altered.

Keeler, Christine Margaret: Christine Keeler [Wikipedia biography] was the lure procured for MI5 by Stephen Ward [q.v.] in July 1961 for its honeytrap operation against Russian Embassy naval attaché Yevgeny Ivanov [q.v.], but who then simultaneously conducted an affair with Secretary of State for War John Profumo [q.v.]. She remained a minor celebrity until her death in 2017.

Keenan, Steve and Larry (Twins): See the entry for George Evica.

Keith, James: Assassination researcher Jim Keith [no convenient biography] was the author of the 1997 book "Mind Control, World Control", a work which includes the transcript of an interview with the mysterious David Bucknell.

Keith, Minor Cooper: Railroad engineer cum plantation owner Minor Keith [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been involved from 1871 with the construction of the San José-Limón Railway in Guatemala [see 18th August 1871]. The line was not fully completed until 7th December 1890, but by then Keith had diversified into banana plantations, using the railway to get his product down to the coast. He is also noteworthy for merging his trading company with the Boston Fruit Company [see own entry] in 1899 to create the United Fruit Company (UFCO) [see own entry].

Kellerman, Roy H.: Secret Service Agent Roy Kellerman [Wikipedia biography] was one of two SS agents riding the front of Limo #1 (i.e., Motorcade #2, counting from the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (passenger's seat). He was Acting SAIC [=Special Agent in Charge] of the SS White House Detail, in the absence of Jerry Behn.

Kelley, Thomas J.: Secret Service Inspector Thomas Kelley [no convenient biography] was responsible for the effective performance of the Presidential SS bodyguard. Kelley's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2]; House Select Committee on Assassinations testimony [read it now].

Kelly Case: See the inset in the entry for Dimitre Dimitrov.
Kenan, Isaiah Leo: Canadian-American lawyer and journalist Isaiah L. Kenen [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being inspired by his Ukrainian-born father Emmanuel to actively promote the Zionist cause in America, (b) for representing the newly founded State of Israel at the United Nations in the late 1940s, and (c) for founding the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in the early 1950s.

Kenin, Steve and Larry (Twins): See the entry for George Evica.

Kennan, George: American explorer George Kennan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been one of the surveyors for the Russian-American Telegraph Company, spending 1864-1866 in the wilds of Siberia, (b) for earning, from this and similar expeditions, a reputation as an authority on Russia, (c) for becoming a campaigner against Tsarist autocracy between 1886 and the 1917 October Revolution, and (d), having forgotten to be careful what you wish for, continuing to campaign against Bolshevik autocracy thereafter.

Kennan, George Frost: Career diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service [the field service arm of the State Department - Ed.] George Kennan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having as a tyro diplomat spent 1931-1933 in Riga, Latvia, studying the Soviet Union and learning to speak Russian, (b) for having then transferred to Moscow under U.S. Ambassador William C. Bullitt [see own entry], (c) for relocating to the Berlin Embassy in 1938, where he was tangentially involved in the occasionally successful attempts to evacuate Jewish children from Nazism [see the entry for Stewart Herman for the fuller story], (d) for relocating to the Lisbon Embassy - a known intelligence hub - in 1942, (e) for relocating to the London Embassy - another intelligence hub - in 1944, (f) for a second spell of duty at the Moscow Embassy later in 1944 to work under W. Averell Harriman [see own entry], (g) while in Moscow for producing the 1946 "Long Telegram", the 1946 paper "The Sources of Soviet Conduct", and the 1947 "X-Article", which - taken together - were the design documents for the United States' Cold War policy of "containment" of the Soviet Union, (h) for being appointed in May 1947 to George Marshall's new State Department body, the Policy Planning Staff (PPS) [Wikipedia briefing REVELATORY]; also for an attachment to the National War College, Washington, to advise Secretary of Defense James Forrestal [see own entry] ...

CAMEO - THE PPS POLICY IN A NUTSHELL: The essence of the Policy Planning Staff's position on things is clearly stated by Wilford (op. cit. inf.) as follows ...

"Throughout our history, private American citizens have hanked together to champion the cause of freedom for people suffering under oppression", noted Keenan in a crucial planning paper of 1948. "Our proposal is that this tradition be revived, specifically to further American national interests in the present crisis". (p6 [astute readers will already have noted that the all-important term "under oppression" is not objectively defined - Ed.]).

... (i) for thereby getting to mastermind the consequent interference in early-/mid-1948 fixing the national elections in former allies Italy and France ...

CAMEO - KENNAN AND THE PERVERSION OF EUROPEAN CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTY: Herbst (op. cit. inf.) explains this breath-catching geopolitical impudence as follows (a long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"The Truman administration [...] publicly began a global propaganda program to demonstrate the evils of Communism to the world. Privately, however, Truman authorised U.S. intelligence to carry out secret programs as long as there was no potential for repercussions against the United States. Kennan supported this covert approach. Early in 1948, he called for 'organised political warfare' against Communism and established groups that would create 'resistance to tyranny in foreign countries'. Kennan wanted to accomplish this by having U.S. intelligence train Soviet bloc refugees to instigate resistance against Communist regimes. [...] Kennan's call to resist Communist tyranny culminated with NSC 10/2 [see the entry for Operation BLOODSTONE for the details here], the first official directive to authorise covert operations [...] provided that plausible deniability had to be maintained. President Truman approved NSC 10/2 in June 1948 and created a new organisation named the Office
of Special Projects [Wikipedia briefing] to engage in the activities outlined in the document. Including Special Projects in the name was not vague enough for some, so the NSC quickly changed it to the Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) [same Wiki]. [...] The State Department ran OPC. Not surprisingly, George Kennan became overseer of all covert operations [and] chose OSS veteran Frank Wisner [see own entry REVELATORY] to head OPC. [+++ more background given +++] The main reason the NSC created OPC was the Italian national election in April 1948, which was in danger of being lost to the Communists. [...] It all started in March, a month before the election [... when] James Angleton [see own entry REVELATORY] flew from Rome to Washington to meet with Allen Dulles. [...] The Vatican was willing to do whatever it could to sway the election. [+++ details given +++] Meanwhile, the Truman administration had already funneled $350 million to the Vatican Bank [Wikipedia briefing] to create Catholic Action [Wikipedia briefing], an organisation designed to thwart the atheistic Communists [...]. However, more was needed because fifty percent of Italians supported the Communists. This was why it was the Mafia that Wisner, Dulles, Donovan, and Angleton turned to once again [Mafiosi named]. [...] In the months leading up to the election, $65 million of black money [...] was deposited into the Vatican Bank [who then used it to purchase] mob muscle from religious organisations, including Catholic Action, which nurtured the relationship between the Vatican and the Sicilian Mafia. [...] With the Pope's blessing [hired mobsters] physically beat Communist candidates, smashed left-wing political gatherings, and intimidated voters. On Election Day [they] stuffed ballot boxes and bribed voters with freshly laundered drug money. [...] The onslaught was too much for the Communists to deal with, and the Christian Democrats remained in power. [...] France was faced with the same problem trying to prevent a Communist takeover of their government at the same time as Italy. The French Communist Party (PCF) [Wikipedia briefing] was part of General Charles de Gaulle's forces in exile during World War II. After the war, de Gaulle was elected president but resigned in January 1946 [...] opening the door for the PCF [...]. In response, Bill Donovan instituted a plan under cover of [the World Commerce Corporation (WCC)] [see own entry REVELATORY] to form private paramilitary resistance groups made up of former American, British, Canadian, and French operatives, which partnered with the Service d'Ordre [see own entry]. [...] Wealthy industrialists secretly funded [them] in the name of keeping Western Europe free of Communism" (pp164-171).

... (j) for then going after Moscow itself with Operation BLOODSTONE [see own entry], signed off by President Truman on 18th June 1948 ...

**CAMEO - KENNAN AND THE ÉMIGRÉS:** Here is Wilford again, introducing an entire chapter dedicated to the clandestine use of defected refugees either against the Soviet Union directly, or else against its Eastern European satellites ...

"As George Kennan and other ‘determined interventionists’ discussed possible means of [...] rolling back the Soviet empire in a campaign of liberation, they kept coming back to the same idea: the possible usefulness to their cause of the numerous exiles from the Communist world now living in the west. [...] By the summer of 1946, the War Department was systematically spiriting away to the United States Germans who had desirable ‘technical’ expertise (and often terrible records as war criminals) in a secret operation codenamed [Operation PAPERCLIP [see own entry REVELATORY]]. Kennan and his fellow interventionists now advocated taking a similar approach to the many thousands of eastern-bloc citizens who had fled Communist rule. Kennan proposed the creation of a political warfare school to train exiles in 'air support, communications, local security, counter-intelligence, foraging, sabotage, guerrilla tactics, field medicine, and propaganda'" (pp29-30).

Simpson (op. cit. inf.) adds ...

"By the summer of 1948, Truman and Marshall had delegated personal responsibility for political oversight of all peacetime clandestine operations to George Kennan [...] (control of espionage and counterintelligence, however, remained outside the diplomat's purview). [...] The policy framework for clandestine operations involving exiles from the USSR, in short, was to encourage each of them to attempt to seize power in his or her homeland but to attempt to decline responsibility for having done so. [...] No distinctions were to be made in the extension of aid to the various exile groups. The practical implication of this decision [...] is clear: The United States would indeed support the veterans of the Vlasov Army [Wikipedia briefing], the eastern SS collaborators, and other groups that had permitted themselves to become pawns of Berlin during the war" (pp89-91).

The BLOODSTONE program seems to have been significantly scaled down following the bloodily abortive 1956 Hungarian Uprising [Wikipedia briefing; see also the Wisner entry referred to above].

... (k) for drafting the 1950 Kennan Memorandum [see own entry REVELATORY], to the effect that South American dictators were, in short, more acceptable to Washington than were South American
communists, (l) for eventually falling foul of political enemies and thereby being side-lined in 1953 to a career-break post at Princeton, where, already close to retirement age, he would remain until 1961, lecturing and writing, (m) for re-entering public life in 1961 as U.S. Ambassador to Yugoslavia during the Kennedy administration, (n) for speaking out during the mid-1960s against the United States' "preoccupation" with Vietnam, which (having grown older and wiser) he now saw as eroding U.S. international standing rather than promoting it, and (o) for taking a similar critical line for another four decades of war, up to and including Iraq in 2003. He died in 2005, aged 101 years.

**FURTHER READING:** For the standard autobiography see his highly acclaimed (1951/2012) "American Diplomacy" [Amazon]. For a warts-and-all third-party account see Christopher Simpson's (1988) "Blowback: America's Recruitment of Nazis and Its Destructive Impact on Our Domestic and Foreign Policy" [Amazon]. For more on the policy of Containment per se see both Simpson and John Wilkinson's quickie "Containment and the Cold War" [Amazon]. And for the cynical exploitation of émigrés during Kennan's time on the PPS see both Hugh Wilford's (2008) "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon] and Walter Herbst's (2021) "It Did Not Start with JFK (Volume 1)" [Amazon].

**Kennan Memorandum:** Internal State Department memorandum produced 29th March 1950 by security advisor George F. Kennan [see own entry] on the question of United States best strategy in Latin America given the rise of communist influence there. Click here to study a transcript - some interesting points, thoughtfully argued.

**Kennedy, Steve and Larry (Twins):** See the entry for George Evica.

**Kennedy, Joseph Patrick:** American entrepreneur-politician-diplomat Joseph Kennedy [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for early success in motion picture production and distribution, (b) for early success when diversifying into the Merchandise Mart concept [Wikipedia briefing], (c) for having very skilfully played the stock market during the 1929 crash and in the early 1930s, shorting stocks due to receive bad news and buying alcohol as Prohibition came to a close.

**ASIDE - ALLEGATIONS OF SHARP PRACTICE:** Kennedy stands accused by Kessler (1996) of using the financial press as witting or (far less likely) unwitting "shills", that is to say, for publishing positive comment when he was bulling a particular stock, or negative comment when he was shorting one. Kennedy certainly featured large in the 1932 Senate transcripts investigating stock market manipulation as factors behind the 1929 Great Crash. He also featured in the "Pecora Hearings" [see 4th March 1932] into the part played by shills and syndicates in the Redmond, Libbey-Owens-Ford, and related frauds.

(d) for having reinvested some of his gains as campaign donations to Franklin D. Roosevelt during the 1932 presidential, (e) for having been rewarded by FDR in 1934 by being appointed Chairman of the newly created Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) [the agency responsible for searching out the very market loopholes Kennedy had so effectively been exploiting - Ed.], again in 1937 as Chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission, and yet again 18th February 1938 as U.S. Ambassador to Britain, (f) for getting in with the Cliveden Set [see own entry] while in Britain, and for playing the stock market with diplomatically privileged inside information in the run-up to WW2, (g) for pulling strings and greasing palms in getting his son JFK into Harvard in 1936, elected to Congress in 1946, and elected to the Senate in 1952, (h) getting friendly with J. Edgar Hoover and Allen Dulles during a period on President Eisenhower's Intelligence Advisory Board, and (i) pulling more strings and greasing more palms in getting JFK the Democratic Party's 1960 presidential nomination.

***** DEEP STATE ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****
***** DEEP STATE ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR *****
***** CLIVEDEN SET ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, WW2 *****

**Kerr, Philip Henry, [11th Marquess of Lothian]**: High-born British colonial administrator turned statesman's aide turned journal editor turned minor statesman turned major diplomat Philip Kerr [Lord Lothian] [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked in the
South African civil service during the 1900s and for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for thereby becoming involved between 1905 and 1910 in moves to create a Union of South Africa out of the patchwork of erstwhile colonies (not least, Transvaal, for it sat upon a pile of gold and diamonds), (c) for helping to set up the Round Table Movement [see own entry] upon his return to Britain in 1910, and for serving between 1910 and 1916 as the first editor of the Round Table Journal, (d) for a subtly inflammatory 1910 article therein entitled "Anglo-German Rivalry", (e) for being headhunted as a private secretary to Lloyd George in 1916, a post he would retain until 1921 [the secretariat was housed in a marquee in the gardens of 10 Downing Street - Ed.], (f) for thereby getting to be part of the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry],

ASIDE: Kerr was involved, for example, in the two meetings of the G10 which set the Russia agenda at those talks [see Timeline 16th and 24th February 1919]. Generally he argued for a tough but not vindictive award of reparations against Germany (Rose, 2000). However the sum was talked up by the French negotiators, and Kerr "was burdened by his Versailles guilt-complex ever after" (ibid., p111).

(g) for helping at the same time to give shape to the Versailles Covenant [see own entry] by which the League of Nations [see own entry] as a prototypical world government was created ...

ASIDE: The notion of a supranational world government for the settlement of international disputes was by no means novel at that time, but with the stench of death still drifting in off the battlefields there was at last good reason to sign up to such an experiment. As things unfolded, however, the United States had a change of administration and did not take its place on the League, nor - ultimately - were many wars actually prevented by it.

(h) for helping at the same time to give shape to the British Commonwealth [see own entry] as a sensible federal evolution of the British Empire ...

ASIDE: Many of the ideas of a federated empire had already been run up the flagpole in the early Round Table years, 1909-1911, with the Union of South Africa being held up as a successful paradigm.

(i) at the same time for helping give shape to the Palestinian Mandate [see own entry], (j) for being appointed Secretary to the Rhodes Trust [see own entry] in 1925, a position he would hold until 1939, (k) for being involved in the Commonwealth Relations Conferences of the 1930s, (l) for being involved in the 1934 Ethiopia Crisis [see own entry], (m) for being a major player in the 1930-1938 Appeasement Era Debate [see own entry]. (n) for being caught near centre stage in late 1937 when Claud Cockburn [see own entry] turned the spotlight on the "Cliveden Set" [see own entry], (o) for helping the Cliveden Set harden its line on appeasement after the 1939 Nazi Spring attacks [see own entry] had made Hitler's true intentions abundantly apparent, and (p) for being appointed British Ambassador to the United States in June 1939, a position he would hold until his death in December 1940. Quigley classifies Lothian as a member of the Milner Group's inner core Society of the Elite [see own entry]. Lothian also deserves recognition for finding the time at the height of one crisis to resolve another, namely by helping to found the National Trust [see own entry] in 1937, a wizard wheeze whereby Britain's landed aristocrats could claim Housing Benefit of sorts from the British taxpayer. His Executors duly avoided death duties on his own Blickling Hall when he himself died. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

Khashoggi, Adnan: Saudi Arabian businessman turned arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the brother-in-law of Harrods-famed Mohamed Al-Fayed, and thereby the uncle of Dodi Fayed, the once-for-a-time boyfriend of the Princess of Wales ...

CAMEO - KHASHOGGI AND AL-FAYED: The early years of the Khashoggi/Al-Fayed business empires are described by Mellen (2012) as follows ...

"[Born in Alexandria,] Mohamed Fayed grew up to be a gifted salesman, as he peddled everything from Singer sewing machines to Coca Cola. His fortunes changed when he was rescued from oblivion by Adnan Khashoggi, arms dealer and future billionaire [...]. Khashoggi's father was the personal physician to King Abdul-Aziz Ibn Saud, the founder of modern Saudi Arabia [and for many years a close
associate of British spy-diplomat Jack Philby - Ed]. Khashoggi hired Mohamed Fayed at his company, Al-Nasir [no convenient briefing], ostensibly to make 'furniture deliveries'. Soon Fayed was making 'side deals'. Based in Saudi Arabia, Al-Nasir publicly was a rice and cotton brokerage. In 1963, CIA recorded that Al-Nasir was a 'cover firm for the Egyptian Intelligence Service'. Mohamed Fayed had become a senior Egyptian intelligence officer, as the Egyptian service mirrored CIA. Just as CIA co-opted commercial enterprises as covers through which to manoeuvre and conceal its activities, as well as to plant its agents, the United Arab Republic used Al-Nasir for its own illegal transactions, particularly those with France. [...] Among Al-Nasir's 'trading company' projects was the shipment of arms through Suez Canal ports to South Africa for distribution in African countries for use by 'anti-European' (anti-colonial) insurgents" (K2454-2462).

Bower (1998) adds ...

"Fayed's salvation in 1952 was Tousson El Barrawi, a friend whose father manufactured tarbrushes, the red fez hats popular in monarchist Egypt [King Farouk's monarchy had been deposed that summer - Ed.]. Barrawi and a seventeen-year-old friend of his, Adnan Khashoggi, who lived in the apartment above him, had decided to start a business and sought an employee. Fayed's introduction to Khashoggi, a schoolboy from Saudi Arabia, was to change his life. [...] Khashoggi's new business, established in collaboration with his cousin Anas Yassin, required an employee in Jeddah to oversee the importation and delivery of [furniture and luxury goods]. Fayed used his humour, charm, and unobtrusive servility to win the Bedouins's trust" (pp. 9-10).

(b) for falling out with Al-Fayed in 1958 over the latter's unauthorised withdrawal of £100,000 from the business, (c) for then profiting immensely (not least in commissions from the Lockheed Corporation) from Saudi Arabia's soaring oil revenues, indulging himself with the purchase of the 281-foot yacht Nabila, "the most opulent yacht afloat", (d) for being one of the middle-men in the 1984-1985 Iran-Contra Affair, and (e) for then falling from grace during the ensuing decade, being left a mere mono-millionaire by the mid-1990s.

Kiderlen-Waechter, Alfred von: German diplomat-politician Alfred von Kiderlen-Waechter [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been German Foreign Minister at the time of the Agadir Crisis [see 1st July 1911]. The histories now routinely hold him to blame for a diplomatic ploy - the sending of a gunboat to protect economic interests in Morocco - which went badly wrong.

Kielhau, Wilhelm: See the entry for Thomas McKittrick.

Kiesinger, Kurt Georg: WW2 civil servant Kurt Kiesinger [Wikipedia biography] was a senior radio propagandist for Joachim von Ribbentrop's Foreign Ministry, and thus worked in close core narrative liaison with Josef Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry. After the war he entered politics.

Kilgallen, Dorothy Mae: Having - probably as a dupe, herself - played a part in the "Great UFO Hoax" by spreading dumbed down cover-up stories during the early 1950s, society columnist turned investigative journalist Dorothy Kilgallen [Wikipedia biography] had been publicly exploring flaws in Jack Ruby's testimony when she was found dead from a convenient sedatives overdose on 8th November 1965. Her death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

Killion, Charles Lewis: WW2 veteran (U.S. Army) and latterly FBI Special Agent Charles L. Killion [Washington Post obituary] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being duty officer at the FBI's Firearms Lab 22nd November 1963, (b) for receiving from a Secret Service courier a more or less pristine slug which had been recovered from a gurney at Parkland Hospital ...

CAMEO - THE MAGIC BULLET FOUND: This is the notorious "Magic Bullet", recovered not from the President's body at the Bethesda Autopsy but from a public corridor outside the emergency room at Parkland Hospital by Darrell C. Tomlinson and O. P. Wright, senior hospital managers doing post-tornado clean-up. Its all-important "documented chain of evidence" is thus rooted NOT in the crime itself, BUT RATHER in the chaos which followed it. Indeed, the gurney incident will be pointedly dramatised in Oliver Stone's (1991) movie "JFK", wherein the slug is clearly shown being "planted" by Jack Ruby as part of his conspiratorially tick-listed attempt on behalf of persons unknown to frame LHO for the assassination. This would fit nicely
with the story told by Hurt (1985 [Amazon]) that accessories before the fact Manuel Rivera and Robert Easterling had harvested a number of used-but-intact Mannlicher-Carcano slugs by firing the weapon into a water butt [see their separate entries].

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** How interesting it would be should some of the other pre-fired 6.5mm slugs suddenly turn up, all matching the grooving of the murder weapon in the National Archives!!

... (c) for having a telephone conversation with fellow SA James Sibert [see own entry] on the evening of 22nd November ...

**CAMEO - THE KILLION-SIBERT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION:** Sibert was presently at Bethesda observing the Kennedy autopsy. He made the call to the Lab because the pathologists had just discovered that the wound in Kennedy's back was only two-inches deep and contained no slug, leading him to wonder whether an exotic round - specifically, an “ice bullet” - might have been involved. Sibert discusses this on camera in Wim Dankbaar’s [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

... and (d) for being one of the three-man FBI Lab ballistics team (the others being Robert Frazier and Cortlandt Cunningham) who examined limo #1 after it had been flown back to DC.

**Kim, Il-Sung:** [Read firstly the entry for Korean War.] Long time resistance leader against the Japanese occupation of Korea Kim Il-Sung [Wikipedia biography] became (at Moscow's behest) the first head of state of the newly constituted Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 9th September 1948, and remained as such throughout the ensuing war and then until his death in 1994.

**Kim, Jong-II:** This guy ...

North Korean dynastic politician Kim Jong-II [Wikipedia biography] inherited the various roles of presidency on and around the death of his father Kim Il-Sung on 8th July 1994, and remained in power until his own death on 17th December 2011.

**Kim, Jong-Un:** This guy ...

North Korean dynastic politician Kim Jong-Un [Wikipedia biography] inherited the various roles of presidency on and around the death of his father Kim Jong-II on 17th December 2011, and remains in power at time of writing [March 2018].

**King, John J.:** [Not to be confused with fellow Denver oilman John McCandish King CEO of King Resources] Denver oilman John J. King [no convenient biography] bought the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 from Marina Oswald as beneficiary of her husband's Estate for $10,000 down in 1965 (Wheeler, 1965 [full text online]), at a time that the weapon was still in the custody of the authorities. That October, however, the Senate approved, and LBJ countersigned into law, an Act requiring the weapon be kept
in the National Archives, where it remains to this day [February 2018]. When sued for possession by King in 1979 the government pointed out that because LHO had ordered the weapon under a false name - an offense under gun law - it was already forfeit as government property when Marina Oswald took King's money. Browse the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**King, Colonel Joseph Caldwell:** Long-standing CIA officer Colonel Joseph King [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 1959 King Memorandum, which see.

**King Memorandum:** The document now routinely referred to as the King Memorandum [briefing and full text online] was sent 11th December 1959 by Colonel Joseph King in his role as CIA Chief, Western Hemisphere, to CIA Director Allen Dulles, recommending that Fidel Castro needed to be assassinated. Dulles took the suggestion to the NSC who approved Operation 40 to do that very thing. See next Tracy Barnes.

**Kinney, Samuel A.:** Secret Service Agent Samuel Kinney [no convenient biography] was one of two SS agents riding the front of Limo #2 (i.e., Motorcade #3, counting from the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (driver's seat). He had arrived at Love Field in a cargo C-130 at 0605hr, with limo #1, and been briefed by Forrest Sorrels (SS Dallas) and Winston Lawson (SS White House Detail). From his vantage point immediately behind limo #1 he reported seeing gun smoke from the direction of the Grassy Knoll, and [but only by much later hearsay] reportedly confessed to putting a bullet on the stretcher at Parkland Hospital. He was also the agent who washed out limo #1 at Parkland. Kinney's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 30th November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to audio, Vince Palamara 1994 [YouTube it now].

**Kinsley, Eddie:** Ambulance driver Eddie Kinsley [no convenient biography] was one of the two crew of the Dudley M. Hughes Funeral Home ambulance (the other being Clayton Butler) used to recover the body of J. D. Tippit from the 10th Street scene of his murder.

**Kintner, William Roscoe:** Careerist U.S. Army officer, veteran of both Omaha Beach and Pork Chop Hill, and specialist in Russian Communism William Kintner [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having published the 1950 masterpiece of hypernoia "The Front is Everywhere: Militant Communism in Action" [Amazon] ... ASIDE: Kintner followed this up with a dozen similar titles through - then in his eighties - to a history of the Israelites in 1996. To see these go to the Amazon link above and click through by author.

(b) for working his way up the command hierarchy in the far-from-Constitutional Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI) [see own entry] between 1955 and 1969, and for then serving as its Director through to 1982, (c) for working with the Richardson Foundation's Frank R. Barnett [see own entry] on a 21st May 1960 roadshow presentation in New Orleans [see Timeline that date] at which he made the (possibly downright untrue) observation that Communists were spending as much on propaganda in Latin America as the United States was spending worldwide (Shinley, 1998 [full text online]), (d) for generally preaching that the Cold War strategy of peaceful co-existence with the Soviets needed to be replaced by a greater determination [to use the modern phrase - Ed.] to prevail, (e) for attending the 20th July 1962 "Truth Tapes Dinner" organised by Alton Ochsner's Information Council of the Americas (INCA) (Ibid.), (f) for retiring into the diplomatic service by serving as U.S. Ambassador to Thailand 1973-1975, at the height of the United States' involvement in Indochina, and (g) for being - you could not make it up - appointed 1986 to the board of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) [see own entry].

**Kipling, Rudyard:** British journalist turned poet ("If", 1910) and novelist ("The Jungle Book", 1894) Rudyard Kipling [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been one of the
many great minds recruited in September 1914 to contribute positive writings to Charles Masterman's War Propaganda Bureau [see own entry].

Klausner, Joseph: Russian (Tsarist Lithuania, fled White Ukraine, migrated Occupied/later Mandated Palestine) right-wing politician and activist Joseph Klausner [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for establishing the Pro-Wailing Wall Committee [Wikipedia briefing] in 1929 [see Timeline 24th July 1929], thereby helping to provoke the Buraq Uprising of ethnic Palestinians the following month [ditto 23rd August 1929].

Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc.: This is the Chicago-based sporting goods shop which mail-ordered the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 to "A. Hidell" at P.O. Box 2915 in Dallas. The FBI duly had them going through their paperwork early on 23rd November 1963. See next William Waldman for the details of the ordering process, and Mitchell Scibor for what happened to the microfilmed documentation.

Kline, Milton V.: See the entry for Projects Bluebird and Artichoke.

Klines, Thomas Gregory: See the entry for Thomas Clines.

KMAG: See Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG).

KMT: See the entry for Kuomintang.

Knebel, Fletcher: Ohio born journalist turned author Fletcher Knebel [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 1962 national security thriller "Seven Days in May" (subsequently filmed under the same name in 1964 [IMDB entry]). Knebel is on record as claiming to have got the idea of a pro-war U.S. military coup in an interview with General Curtis LeMay in late 1962, at which time he got the distinct impression that LeMay judged JFK a dangerous coward. According to Douglas Horne in his 2013 book "JFK's War with the National Security Establishment", JFK read a personally gifted copy when it first came out, agreeing that "it could happen", but "not on my watch". He underestimated the hawks amongst his Chiefs of Staff. [See also Burris Memorandum and "Doctor Strangelove".]

Kocache, Moukhtar: Lebanese-born, Paris-raised, Hebrew-speaking Muslim, and (in 2001) six years or thereabouts a New Yorker Moukhtar Kocache [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the officer responsible for a succession of Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) [see own entry] artists' residencies programs in the period 1997 to 2001. In lieu of a formal biography, here is one of Kocache's own About-the-Author paragraphs from a 2012 online piece entitled "Setting the Record Straight" ...

"Moukhtar Kocache was Program Officer at the Ford Foundation until January 2012. Born in Lebanon and raised in France, he lived for almost fifteen years in the USA before joining the Foundation in 2004 and moving from New York to Cairo. He works on the development and sustainability of arts and cultural spaces, networks, and service infrastructure. His grantmaking supports small to mid-sized organizations and focuses on creativity, discourse, arts education and cultural development in Egypt, occupied Palestine and Lebanon with some programming in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Moukhtar also programs and manages a cluster of grants that support alternative and emerging media platforms and media reform agendas, as well as a cluster of grants that support the development of local philanthropy in the MENA region. From 1998 to 2004, he was Director of Programs and Services at the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, a leading arts council in the USA where he ran residencies, public art programs, exhibitions, festivals and support services to artists and arts organizations. He has undergraduate and graduate degrees in political science, art history and nonprofit management. A trained and practicing arts manager and curator, he has lectured and taught at museums, universities and nonprofit venues internationally. His current interests include the sustainability of independent creative platforms, cultural and social justice philanthropy, political philosophy and policy, film as a medium of self-representation, and the stuff that falls through the cracks" (Kocache, 2012 [full text online]).
Koch, Fred Chase: Self-made millionaire Texas oilman Fred C. Koch [Wikipedia biography] was a founding member of the John Birch Society.

Kodak Rochester Archives: When the Kodak Corporation closed down its Kodak Park works in Rochester, NY, it passed its corporate library over to the Kodak Rochester Archives at the University of Rochester [contact details].


... ostensibly to find a photograph of Ruby which the newsmen could use. Senator had been at DPD all afternoon and was no doubt feeling under some strain, but it is not apparent that anything deeply sinister happened on that occasion. Nevertheless within two years the two reporters and one of the lawyers had either been murdered or else died very conveniently. We may safely presume that these three continued to probe just a little too deeply. Koethe was killed 21st September 1964 by a karate chop, and remains officially an unsolved murder. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

Kohlberg, Alfred: American commodity trader (textiles) and lifelong anti-Communist Alfred Kohlberg [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a frequent business traveller into Nationalist [= pre-Communist] China before and during WW2, thereby quickly getting himself signed up as an intelligence asset of convenience in the United States' wars against BOTH of their Nationalist host's enemies, namely (on the one hand) the Japanese, and (on the other) Mao Zedong's Chinese Communists ...


It may also help to skim the 36 entries for <Chennault's Various Air Forces> in the Timeline 3rd June 1937 through 11th August 1960.

CAMEO - KOHLBERG AND THE CHINA LOBBY: The American "China Lobby" consisted of influence groups of businessmen and on-the-make politicians of the 1920s and 1930s, who systematically supported Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government, the Kuomintang (KMT) [Wikipedia briefing]. Albarelli (2021, op. cit. inf.) explains Kohlberg's part in this, properly emphasising his links to U.S. master-propagandist Isaac Don Levine [see own entry ESSENTIAL PARALLEL NARRATIVE], as follows ...

"Levine was an influential member of 'a group of like-minded contributors that published a regular stream of alarmist analysis of the 'dangers' to the U.S.A. of the Soviet Union and China after its 'fall' to the Reds in the late 1940s'. Levine, who would later become a nationally syndicated columnist and editor of the monthly anti-Communist magazine Plain Talk, was soon very much involved in the 'China Lobby', as it became known. As such, he was the beneficiary of the financial activism of textile industrialist Arthur Kohlberg, who made his fortune in bogus Irish linen products being produced in China. Known as the 'China lobby man', Kohlberg [...] was the primary financier of what was on the surface an ad hoc collaboration of anti-Communist American business interests. The purpose of the lobby was [...] to defend and advance the regime of Chinese leader Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who members of the lobby
believed was 'the hope of a Christian and democratic China'. [...] Kohlberg was also chairman of the American China Policy Association [see own entry HIGHLY INDICATIVE], with Levine and Clare Booth Luce [see own entry FASCINATING IN OWN RIGHT], wife of magazine magnate Henry Luce [ditto], serving as prominent members of his board. Kohlberg and Levine were also the organising members of the American Jewish League Against Communism (AJLAC) [see own entry ALSO HIGHLY INDICATIVE], as was Roy Cohn [see own entry], lawyer and counsel to Joseph McCarthy's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations [...]. As such, McCarthy was another recipient of funding and advice from Alfred Kohlberg. [...] A close friend and advisor to Massachusetts businessman Robert Welch [see own entry A WORLD HISTORIC VILLAIN], cofounder of the Birch Society [see own entry DESTROYER OF PRESIDENCIES], Kohlberg served on the original national council of the Birch Society" (pp696-698.)

... and (b) for thereby being part of the behind-the-scenes politicking in 1948 to have the U.S. intervene overtly and militarily in support of the Chinese Nationalists ...

**CAMEO - KOHLBERG AND THE KMT:** Samson (op. cit. inf.) touches briefly upon Kohlberg in his biography of Flying Tiger Claire Chennault [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC], as follows ...

"[On 5th August 1948] the State Department issued a White Paper on China, edited by Philip Jessup [Wikipedia biography], deputy U.S. delegate to the United Nations. [+++ background +++] The White Paper, consisting of 1054 pages, outlined all the Nationalist Chinese failures over past years and all the supposed reasons why the United States should no longer support Chiang's government. The timing of the document was extremely damaging and jarred the morale of the Nationalists. It could only aid the Communists in their conquest of China. Jessup rejected a strong plea from Chennault [to this effect]. The American China Policy Association, Inc., of New York, whose president was William Loeb [Wikipedia biography] and which boasted of a large membership of Republicans and other conservatives - such as Clare Booth Luce [see own entry REVELATORY] and Max Eastman [Wikipedia biography] - immediately published an analysis of the White Paper in which it pointed out a long list (thirty-nine) of discrepancies. Its vice president, Alfred Kohlberg, sent them to Chennault. In the statement [...] the ACPA charged among other things [+++ selected items detailed +++]. The statement wound up by saying: [...] 'The whole Truman Doctrine [U.S. Office of the Historian briefing] for the containing of Communism us put in jeopardy by this partisan performance by our State Department'. Chennault, elated that someone in the States agreed with him, wrote Kohlberg on August 26, thanking him" (K7062-7105).

The State Department nonetheless had its way. The Nationalists were rudely driven offshore onto the island of Taiwan, and the resulting Taiwan Stand-Off [Wikipedia briefing] continues to the present day [see, for example, the Timeline entry for 1st-2nd August 2022].

Kohly, Mario Garcia: Well-born pre-Castro Cuban investment banker and politician Mario Kohly [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a significant figure in pre-communist Cuban society ...

**CAMEO - KOHLBERG AND THE CUBAN REVOLUTION:** Here is Morrow (op. cit. inf.) on the man and what he stood to lose when Fidel Castro came to power ...

"Known to certain Cuban political factions as the next president of Cuba, he enjoyed valuable patronage from certain members of the Eisenhower administration's elite inner circle. He and his wife were established members of the Cuban aristocracy and prominent in the Cuban banking, financial, and political arenas. [...] A distinguished statesman and diplomat, Kohlberg was also one of the most illustrious members of Cuba's investment banking elite. [...] He] was Cuba's premier trade and financial representative to the international community at large and major American energy-related industries in particular. [...] When Castro 'nationalised' Cuban industries, the Cuban economy was devastated. [...] Billions of dollars in assets were confiscated. [...] Kohlberg brought suit against Castro's government on behalf of both Cuban and foreign interests. [...] He wanted to return stability to the Cuban economy and re-establish Cuba as a viable economic power [...] and this] translated into one overriding directive: destroy Castro's communist regime and oust the dictator from Cuban soil" (pp6-7).

... (b) for thereby becoming part of the Cuban Exile Movement in the U.S. [Wikipedia briefing], quickly crossing paths with American deep state functionaries and assets such as soldier of fortune Mitchell
**WerBell** [see own entry **REVELATORY**] and special equipment technician **Robert D. Morrow** [see own entry **AN INTERESTING FELLOW**] ... 

**CAMEO - KOHLY AND WERBELL**: Here is Hancock *(op. cit. inf.)* on the first of these relationships ...

"WerBell was making contacts and even extending his influence and expertise to a group of influential individuals in Washington. [...] I was asked by my corporate attorney [name] if I would be interested in undertaking a project for a friend of his, **Marshall Diggs** [Wikipedia biography] [...] so it happened that at the present Diggs had [a] client [Kohly] who required my communication expertise. [+++ details of the meeting +++] In his excellent English, and with his sophisticated, political manner, Kohly [...] convinced me to help him and the members of his Cuban resistance movement engineer Castro's political demise. [...] Within a week I was making feverish plans to supply Kohly's Miami resistance forces with communications gear and more. His men were successfully raiding Cuba daily. They were tough. Kohly was also [...] and we both grew to trust each other implicitly" (pp3-9).

Morrow and Kohly collaborated on a number of projects from mid-1959 through late-1964, supplying communications equipment and jamming devices, and becoming ever closer to CIA seniors such as **Tracy Barnes** [see own entry **REVELATORY**] and the CIA's coterie of mobsters.

... (c) for having his ambitions for the Cuban presidency dashed when JFK pipped Richard Nixon to the post in the November 1960 election, (d) for funding a private anti-Castro guerrilla force in Cuba's **Escambray Mountains** [map], at times up to 300-strong, (e) for becoming part of the CIA's August 1961 through May 1963 scheme to destabilise the Cuban economy by flooding it with high quality forged currency, (f) for being convicted in April 1964 on counterfeiting charges, and (g) for jumping bail and spending the remainder of his life as a (one presumes perfectly comfortable) fugitive from justice. Kohly died in 1975, aged about 75. **FURTHER READING:** In order of mention, see **Robert D. Morrow**'s (1992) "First Hand Knowledge: How I Participated in the CIA-Mafia Murder of President Kennedy" [Amazon] and Larry Hancock's (2010) "Someone Would Have Talked" [Amazon].

**Kolomoyskyi, Ihor Valeryovych:** [STUB] Ukrainian billionaire oligarch **Ihor Kolomoyskyi** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being named on 7th February 2023 as having created the persona of, and as having then eased the election of, Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelenskyy**. *See Timeline that date* for the contextualising detail.

**Kook, Abraham Isaac:** [Read firstly the entries for **Religious Right** and **Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching**] White Russian (Tsarist Lithuania) Zionist priest-activist **Abraham Kook** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career a provincial rabbi 1997-1904, promoting a fundamentalist version of Judaism and, in 1902, founding the **Mizrachi** [see own entry] religio-political pressure group, (b) for being head-hunted in 1904 into Ottoman Palestine as rabbi of the 2000-strong Jewish enclave in **Jaffa** [map], (c) for being promoted in 1924 to be the Chief Rabbi for all the **Ashkenazi** [= White Russian] Jews in Mandated Palestine, and (d) for using that position to encourage and support Zionist dissidence, both verbal and substantive, such as the 1929 **Palestinian Uprising** [see Timeline 24th July 1929].

**** WHITE RUSSIAN SHOWS HOW TO GET BREXIT DONE *****

**Kook, Hillel:** [A.k.a. *Peter H. Bergson* during his time in the United States 1940-1948] White Russian (Tsarist Lithuania) Zionist activist-paramilitary **Hillel Kook** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the nephew of priest-politician **Abraham Kook** [see own entry], (b) for joining the **Haganah Militia** [see own
entry] in 1930, in the aftermath of the 1929 Palestinian Uprising [see Timeline 24th July 1929], (c) for moving into the breakaway Irgun [see the entry for Menachem Begin] in 1931, (d) for working his way up the Irgun command hierarchy during the mid-1930s, eventually becoming their P.R. man in 1937, (e) for a fund-raising tour into Poland in 1937, there getting involved with Ze’ev Zhabotinsky’s [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT] Revisionist Zionist Movement [see own entry DITTO], (f) for accompanying Zhabotinsky on a similar expedition to the United States in early 1940, (g) for staying on in America after Zhabotinsky’s death there, operating under the pseudonym Peter H. Bergson to establish the Bergson Group [American Experience briefing], (h) for his efforts alongside the Revisionists’ Eliahu Ben-Horin [see own entry INCLUDES COMPLEMENTARY DETAILS] in 1943 to bring the issue of independence to the fore in the United States, using such highly publicised stunts as the Madison Square Garden Pageant [see Timeline 9th March 1943] and the Rabbis’ March (ditto 6th October 1943), (i) for continuing the Bergson Group campaign after the war, until (j) relocating to the newly independent State of Israel in 1948 to take up a career as politician with the Herut Party [see own entry]. He died in 2001, aged 86. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail, see Chapters 11 and 12 of Colin Shindler’s (2015) "The Rise of the Israeli Right: From Odessa to Hebron" [Amazon RECOMMENDED READING].

Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG): KMAG [Wikipedia briefing] was the U.S. advisory force (including a G-2 intelligence presence) to the Republic of Korea's military between 1948 and 1950, at which point it was absorbed into equivalent Eighth Army HQ structures.

Korean War: [For best effect read firstly the entry for Chinese Civil War.] The Korean War, 1950-1953 [Wikipedia briefing] was a U.S.-led United Nations police action designed to establish South Korea and - by extension - Formosa [nowadays Taiwan] as U.S. client states in the defence of the Pacific Rim between Alaska to Australia (there being a worrying gap between the established clients, the Philippines and Japan). The official story was that the North Koreans started it with a "surprise attack" across the 38th Parallel on 25th June 1950.

THE STORY SO FAR: The Korean peninsular has been much fought over down the centuries. It emerged as a single nation in 676CE as Goryeo [Westernised as Korea]. It was then annexed by Japan in 1910. It remained thus occupied until 1937 when it became the launching pad for the Japanese invasion of Manchuria - China's northernmost province - to the north and west.

ASIDE: WW2 is often seen as beginning in 1937 with the Japanese invasion of China, but that invasion can only be properly understood in the context of the then-ongoing Chinese Civil War - hence the read firstly above. The Japanese never made a concerted effort against the Chinese heartland to the south and west, preferring to secure Manchuria and turn their imperial ambitions southward toward Indo-China and the Philippines - thus exposing their left flank to the U.S. forces centred on Pearl Harbour, Hawaii.

By mid-1945, however, Stalinist Russia - having defeated Nazi Germany - was able to mount a strong Far Eastern offensive, and arrived overland in Korea from the north at much the same time that the U.S. amphibious forces arrived from the south. With significant input from Dean Rusk, the 1945 ceasefires duly established a border between the two armies of occupation along the 38th Parallel, and the respective military administrations then turned their efforts to preparing right-thinking civilian administrations to take over. The right-thinking (i.e., Stalinist) Democratic People's Republic of Korea was formally established north of the 38th Parallel on 9th September 1948, headed by the Kim family. The first head of state was Kim Il-Sung [q.v.].

ASIDE: Kim Il-Sung remained in power until his death in 1994, whereupon he was replaced by his son Kim Jong-II (who famously puppet-starred in the 2004 movie "Team America"), who remained in power until his own death in 2011, whereupon he was replaced by the present [March 2018] leader Kim Jong-Un.

The right-thinking (i.e., pro-U.S.) Republic of Korea was formally established south of the 38th Parallel on 15th August 1948, headed by the Rhee family. The first president was Syngman Rhee [q.v.]. For the ensuing two years what happened in the north-south confrontation in Korea simply followed the broader Washington-Moscow confrontations of the world at large. Except that meanwhile ...

ASIDE: To the south-west, in the Chinese heartland, the years 1945-1949 saw the Chinese Civil War turn decisively in favour of Mao Zedong's Communist Revolution, resulting in the corrupt and unpopular (U.S.-client) Nationalists under Chiang Kai-Shek being driven into exile on the Island of
Formosa (Taiwan). More significantly, however, with Stalin withdrawing his armies from North Korea and Manchuria this meant that the lands across the Yalu River from North Korea now became not Japanese, not Soviet, but Chinese again; and Maoist to boot! And in many U.S. eyes that constituted even more of a threat than Stalin had been! Note, however, that the timing was such that the post-occupation government in North Korea remained much more influenced by Moscow than Beijing.

Now read on ...

Here, from Bruce Cumings's Preface to the 2014e re-release of Isidor Stone's 1952 book "The Hidden History of the Korean War", is a fuller summary of the official narrative ...

"[The official story] presents the war as a simple sequence: in June 1950 the North Koreans, at Stalin's order, suddenly attacked an innocent and defenceless Republic of Korea; the Truman administration responded by invoking the collective security procedures of the United Nations in a 'police action' designed to restore the status quo ante [...] General Douglas MacArthur accomplished that task by the end of September, after a brilliant amphibious landing at the port of Inch'on. Thereafter, things went awry, as MacArthur sought to unify Korea through a march into the North, soon bringing Chinese 'hordes' into the fighting; Truman [dismissed] his recalcitrant field commander in April 1951. Ceasefire talks soon began, but seemingly minor issues, like prisoner of war exchanges, kept the war going until July 1953. It ended in a stalemate that left Korea divided into two states, as it had been before the war began" (§185).

The official story is far from being the whole truth and nothing but the truth. For that we must turn instead to the "model of honest inquiry" given in Isidor Stone's 1952/2014e book "The Hidden History of the Korean War". Here, inserted in the form of editorial corrections into a draft manuscript, are Stone's main criticisms ...

"[The official story] presents the war as a simple sequence: in June 1950 the North Koreans, at Stalin's order, suddenly [it was seen coming] attacked an innocent [not entirely] and defenceless [not entirely] Republic of Korea; the Truman administration [led by a core of hawkish conspirators] responded by invoking [railroading would be a better description] the collective security procedures of the United Nations in a 'police action' designed to restore the status quo ante [not so - South Korea henceforth a U.S. frontier state] [...] General Douglas MacArthur accomplished that task [nobody is really sure what MacArthur took his task to be] by the end of September, after a brilliant amphibious landing at the port of Inch'on. Thereafter, things went awry, as MacArthur [but working to whom??] sought to unify Korea through a march into the North, soon [by careful calculation] bringing Chinese 'hordes' [not an accurate military assessment] into the fighting; Truman [dismissed] his recalcitrant field commander in April 1951. Ceasefire talks soon began, but seemingly minor issues, like prisoner of war exchanges, kept the war going until July 1953. It ended in a stalemate that left Korea divided into two states, as it had been before the war began [need to state the human costs]" (§185).

Stone, indeed, saw his history of the war not as chronicling the war per se, but rather as "a study in war propaganda" (§394). We have developed this aspect of the war in the entry for Korean War Dirty Tricks, which see.

Korean War Dirty Tricks: [Read firstly the entry for Korean War.] In his 1952/2014e book "The Hidden History of the Korean War" the investigative journalist Isidor Stone chronicled the selective truths and downright lies by which the U.S. duped the United Nations into supporting what was, initially, no more than the long-standing war between the U.S. political right and Stalin's Soviet Union. The opening confrontation with Soviet proxy North Korea then rapidly evolved into an out-and-out intervention on the side of Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalists in the Chinese Civil War [q.v.]. Here are the two specific dirty tricks by which this was all brought about ...

(1) The North Korean "Surprise Attack", 25th June 1950: The North Korean "surprise attack" of 25th June 1950 was no surprise to the U.S. intelligence community. For example, the South Korean Defence Minister told a press conference on 10th May 1950 that North Korean troops were gathering north of the 38th Parallel "and that there was imminent danger of invasion" (op.cit., §502). However this and a dozen similar warning signs were simply suppressed [Stone calls it "the Silence of Seoul"], thus allowing the semblance of surprise to be claimed before the United Nations when their political and military assistance was sought. Moreover, when the fighting started the State Department simply supported the surprise narrative by reading from a pre-
scripted set of notes (Senate Appropriations Committee minutes, 5th June 1951). It therefore only took two days for the U.S. Seventh Fleet to be ordered (27th June) into the Straits of Taiwan to protect the Chinese Nationalists. The U.N. placed its contingents under a U.S.-led "Unified Command" on 7th July.

(2) North Korean Invincibility: The U.S. position on the initial North Korean advance was that the north was externally resourced (i.e., by the Soviet Union), and was attacking in such strength that there was no alternative but for the U.N. to fall back to a defensible "perimeter" around the port of Pusan, at the very southern tip of the Korean peninsula. In truth, there was an orderly withdrawal (a) to overstretch the north's lines of communications and (b) to allow reinforcements time to arrive. The counter-attack against those lines of communication at Inch'on in September [Wikipedia briefing] duly brought about a rapid northern collapse, followed by a more or less total rout which saw U.N. forces sweep northward through North Korea all the way to the Chinese border by late October.

A second wave of dirty tricks then brought the Chinese Communists into the war early in November, thus ...

(3) Communist Chinese "Hordes": Washington had been directly supporting the Chinese Nationalists in their civil war against the Chinese Communists - the People's Liberation Army (PLA) - since early 1942 [see the entry for American Volunteer Group ("The Flying Tigers")], and had - as noted above - moved its Seventh Fleet into position to protect the Nationalists on 27th June 1950. The narrative throughout October was then that Chinese "hordes" were gathering in Manchuria to come to the aid of the collapsing North Koreans. Factually, the PLA did indeed enter North Korean territory from mid-October onward, in order to throw a defensive perimeter around the many economically vital hydroelectric complexes along the Yalu River. These movements were deemed sensible and reasonable by the individual United Nations contingents as a "buffer zone". Nevertheless U.S. contingents repeatedly bombed and attacked into this buffer zone (North Korean territory) and northward across the Yalu River (Chinese territory). There followed "one of the most offensive acts of international lawlessness of historic record" (General MacArthur, 6th November 1950) when the PLA fired back. The U.N. then fell back before the hordes until the line re-established itself on 38th Parallel in late December.

RESEARCH ISSUE - HOW MANY HORDES MAKE A DIVISION?: Contemporaneous propaganda made much of the PLA's profligate use of infantry - the famous "hordes". These were consistently characterised as illiterate, poorly trained, conscripts hurled willy-nilly against U.N. defence lines. The memoirs of those westerners who actually fought them reveal a significantly different picture. In Brian Parritt's (2011) book "Chinese Hordes and Human Waves" the frontal attack is explained as a battalion-level assault tactic not un-akin - mutatis mutandis - to the German WW1 development of shock troops. The companies in question were brought very close to the objective in secret, often by tunnel, and focused their attack on a single high-value position. They were well supported by mortars and artillery (to the extent that it was available), and included organically integrated teams of assault engineers. The use of bells and whistles at the last moment was to break the defenders' morale. The truth, as Parritt witnessed it at first hand, is that the PLA infantryman was "a first class soldier", in an army which had been continually in action for over twenty years. Parritt's job as an artilleryman was to have his guns pre-registered on the likely attack points, with an ammunition supply chain backing him up at a moment's notice whenever circumstances demanded. His people did their job with ruthless efficiency and the Chinese likewise. Those who wrote and published the propaganda, on the other hand, slept in scented sheets well out of harm's way.

Korengold, Robert J. ["Bud"]: See the entry for Aline Mosby.

Kostin: See the entry for Valeriy Kostikov.

"Listen, some gringo is here ..." (himself, of Oswald, per Nechiporenko)

Kostikov, Valeriy Vladimirovich: [Lee Harvey Oswald's "Comrade Kostin"] Soviet consular official [= KGB officer] Valeriy Kostikov [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career still poorly documented in Western histories, (b) for entering the assassination narrative in 1963 when either Lee Harvey Oswald or an Oswald Imposter [or quite possibly one and then the other! - Ed.] spoke to him (for purposes yet to be convincingly explained) at the Russian Embassy in Mexico City on 27th and 28th September (and perhaps also by telephone on 1st October), ostensibly to discuss obtaining a Soviet re-entry visa ...

LOTS OF IMPORTANT PRIOR CONTEXT
It is less than a year since the Cuban Missile Crisis, and Mexico City is pretty much on the front line of the resulting intelligence war. The Mexican government is a Washington stooge and cooperates with the CIA when asked to. The Soviet Consulate in Mexico City maintains good relations with the Cuban Consulate. The local CIA station (more on whom below) is in the U.S. Embassy. All three compounds employ local Mexicans, whose ultimate loyalty might have been easily bought. It is, in short, akin to Cold War Berlin, but in Spanish.

Readers unfamiliar with the comings and goings of Lee Harvey Oswald (or perhaps someone impersonating him, for stories differ) at the Cuban and Soviet Consulates in Mexico City between 27th September and 1st October 1963 should study the entry for the <Mexico City Adventure> in its entirety as well as the detailed timeline in the entry for <Silvia Duran> either before proceeding or when first needed.

(Note that it is not impossible that Duran - a Mexican citizen working in the Cuban consulate - may have been a Western intelligence plant of some sort.)

The three Russian officials who interacted with Oswald in Mexico City were the consul, <Pavel Yatskov>, vice-consul <Oleg M. Nechiporenko>, and counter-intelligence specialist Kostikov himself. A guard - <Ivan Obyedkov> - is occasionally also named.

The CIA station at the American embassy is headed by <Winston ["Win"] Scott>, and <David Atlee Phillips> has an office there. They are assisted by Girl Friday Administrator <Anne Goodpasture>, and translator <Boris Tarasoff>. The U.S. ambassador is <Thomas C. Mann>.

... (c) for becoming headline material in the United States as early as Saturday 23rd November 1963, as Nechiporenko (op. cit. inf.) - writing in 1993 - now explains ...

"It seems that by the end of Saturday, Valeriy's name began appearing in the mass media as the representative who had received Oswald during his visit to the Soviet embassy in Mexico. We immediately understood that this was evidently the result of his telephone conversation with Silvia Duran from the Cuban consulate being intercepted by the CIA station. We still did not know that Oswald has told his wife, Marina, about 'Kostin', which is how he remembered the surname Kostikov [...]. This is the name to which [Oswald had] referred in the letter he had sent to the Soviet embassy in Washington and in the rough draft of his manuscript which the FBI turned up in a search of his belongings. The resident [= the ambassador] ordered [Kostikov] to be brought to the embassy for the time being [...]. On Sunday morning [+++ they all watch <Jack Ruby> silencing Oswald on live TV +++] At first completely numb, we suddenly began to talk all at once. All our comments boiled down to one clear conclusion: This was a conspiracy" (pp107-108).

OPEN QUESTION - OSWALD AND THE KGB: Readers are reminded that Lee Harvey Oswald, a Marine Corps radar operator on the U-2 overflights support team [see Timeline 12th September 1957 ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT] and experienced in field intelligence work undercover [see Timeline 20th June 1958 DITTO], "defected" to the Soviet Union on 16th October 1959, At time of writing [= February 2023], it remains considerably more likely than not that this was a top secret FALSE DEFECTION; that is to say, that Oswald was a loyal anti-Communist American pretending to be a disaffected pinko.

Readers unfamiliar with the story of Lee Harvey Oswald's defection to the Soviet Union should check out the Timeline entry for 16th October 1959 before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the cat and mouse games played by intelligence services using <false defectors> as double agents should see the entries for <Aline Mosby>, <Marilyn Murret>, <Paul Scott>, and <Gene Boster>.

Assuming for the moment that Oswald had indeed been a false defector on a countreintelligence op, then only one or two of America's most senior counter-intelligence chiefs would have known this, and in the eyes of 200 million other Americans - including lower ranking intelligence staff - Jack Ruby did what needed to be done. It will later be alleged that Kostikov was an officer of the KGB's Department 13, that is to say, the department responsible for overseas direct action projects such as sabotage and assassinations. This allegation, however, (while perhaps containing elements of truth) will be treated herein as a deliberate "dead cat" counter-counter-intelligence op designed to distract from the false defector theory.

... (d) for duly appearing in 1979 in the Mexico City segment of the HSCA Report, usually referred to as the <Lopez Report> ...

ASIDE - KOSTIKOV IN THE LOPEZ REPORT: Published as an appendix to the broader HSCA Report [full text online] and compiled by staffers Edwin Lopez [no convenient biography] and Dan Hardway [no convenient
biography but much recently of value in Meek (2020 [full text online REVELATORY]), the Lopez-Hardway Report [check it out here MAJOR ASSASSINATION REFERENCE RESOURCE] deals with the HSCA's particular investigations in Mexico City. Kostikov is sometimes suspected of being the "Comrade Kostin" [see own entry and Fonzi (1993)] referred to in a letter from Oswald to the Soviet Embassy in Washington dated ten days before the assassination [Mary Ferrell Foundation briefing INTRIGUING]. Nevertheless, there are only four mentions of <Kostikov> and none of <Kostin> in this 2003 release of the Lopez Report.

... (e) for still being little known in 1992, with the best-selling Russell (op. cit. inf.) mentioning only the following ...

"The Warren Commission Report mentioned Kostikov only in passing as 'one of the KGB officers stationed at the embassy'. No comprehensive information about Kostikov's credentials was submitted to the Commission until the CIA finally sent a report to counsel Rankin a week before the [final report] went to press. Likewise, the [HSCA] Report glossed over the Kostikov incident, leaving out any mention that he even worked for the KGB" (p315).

... (f) for finally being properly contextualised in 1993 when the erstwhile vice-consul, Oleg M. Nechiporenko [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE] published his memoirs (already quoted from above) ...

**CAMEO - KOSTIKOV IN NECHIPORENKO**: Here is what Nechiporenko has to say about Kostikov's part in Russia's three-man consular engagement with Oswald in 1963 ...

**FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 1963:**

"Our jobs in the consulate were merely a cover. In fact, all three of us worked for KGB foreign intelligence [...]. The head of the consular office, Pavel Yatskov [Warren Commission briefing (CE2764)], and I were from the same subdivision - foreign counterintelligence - responsible for security abroad. Therefore, whenever we had any dealings with a foreign visitor, and especially with an American, that involved a consular matter, we would view that individual through that specific lens of our intelligence interests [...]. As I approached the small building that housed the consular division. I saw a stranger, apparently twenty-five to twenty-seven years old, standing on the steps and leaning against the doorpost. [...] The first impression I had of this stranger was his aloofness. He seemed to be looking beyond me, absorbed in his thoughts, and did not even react as I approached him. [+++ detail +++] Is this the gringo you're talking about? I asked Valeriy. Valeriy nodded. 'He keeps saying the FBI is after him and that he lived for a while in the Soviet Union'. [...] Valeriy opened the door to the reception area and invited the stranger into the office. Without mentioning my name he introduced me as the vice-consul [and] beat a hasty retreat" (pp68-69; Kostikov having now left the room, this quotation continues in Nechiporenko's entry, if interested).

**SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 1963:**

"Weekends were free. On Saturday mornings we would participate in intense volleyball games in the embassy grounds until lunchtime. [...] On Saturday September 28, 1963, a serious volleyball match was scheduled between the diplomats and a combined team from the military attaché and the trade mission. Essentially, it was a match between two rezidenturas - the KGB and GRU, military intelligence [...]. All three of us, employees of the consulate, played for the 'diplomats'. [...] Pavel Yatskov was the first to show up at the embassy on this Saturday morning. He arrived around ten [...] Soon thereafter the senvry on duty knocked on the door and said he had a visitor [...]. Pavel ordered the sentry to bring the visitor to the office. [...] He later recalled him as 'a' thin subject, of medium height and nondescript appearance, age twenty-five to twenty-seven [...] and carelessly dressed in a grey suit. His pale features and the extremely agitated look on his face were especially noticeable.' [...] Valeriy picks up the story: 'I arrived about nine-thirty in the morning with my wife and daughter. [...] The American who visited us the previous day [...] was dishevelled, rumpled, and unshaven. He had the look of someone who was hounded and he was much more anxious than the day before, [...] At this point, Oswald, on his own initiative, turned to me and quickly began to retell his story [1] [...]. He reported that he had been discharged from the U.S. Army a few years before, had travelled to the Soviet Union as a tourist, where he remained for political reasons, and had lived for a while in Belorussia, where he married a Russian and returned to the United States. He even dropped some hints that he had supposedly carried out a secret mission. He announced that he was a Communist and a member of an organisation that defended Cuba [2], [...] Oswald again, as he had the day before, tried to support [his story] by showing various documents. [...] Oswald repeated his desire to quickly obtain a visa to the USSR [...] motivated by the fact that [...] he was constantly under surveillance, even persecuted" (pp75-77).

[12] Nechiporenko is at this point quoting from Kostikov's earlier Russian accounts of events. The organisation "that defended Cuba" was the famous FPCC - the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.
SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER-WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 1963:

Nechiporenko writes only about events on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th September 1963. He thus totally avoids the mysterious telephone contact on Tuesday 1st October. See item (g), where a different author covers this angle to the story.

***** TWO MONTHS LATER, AFTERNOON OF THE ASSASSINATION *****

FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 1963 (Nechiporenko speaking):

"[Having heard news of the killing] I ran back inside and turned on the radio: 'President of the United States John F. Kennedy has died in a hospital in Dallas [etc.]'. One of our diplomats said that a suspect had been arrested, but he could not recall the name. [...] Suddenly, Valeriy, his eyes bulging, flew into the office. 'Oleg, they just showed the suspect in Kennedy's death on TV! It's Lee Oswald, the gringo who was here in September!' [...] We dashed out of the consulate toward the embassy, where the entire staff gathered around a television set [...] 'There, surrounded by police was the suspected assassin. Valeriy and I looked at each other. Neither of us had any doubts. It was he, Lee Harvey Oswald. We could not take our eyes off the television set. When the report ended, we went outside and again exchanged a long, silent glance before exclaiming in unison: 'Holy shit!' [...] Soon a coded cable marked 'Top Priority' was dispatched to Moscow reporting that the alleged assassin of President Kennedy had been recognised by us. [...] Oswald had been in our 'field of vision' for only two days in September, and then only for a total of approximately two and one half hours. [...] Of the three of us, Valeriy had had the greatest opportunity to observe him. He first met Oswald on September 27, during which time he spoke with him for about ten to fifteen minutes, and then spent practically the entire second session with him" (pp102-104).

... (g) for featuring in 2008 in both Kaiser (op. cit. inf.) and Morley (op. cit. inf.) as follows ...

CAMEO - KOSTIKOV IN KAISER: Kaiser summarises the main events as follows ...

"Neither the Warren Commission in 1964 nor the HSCA in 1977-78 managed to get any authoritative information from the Soviet Union about these transactions. But thanks to the collapse of Communism, we may now pick up the story with the help of a KGB officer who was serving in the Soviet Consulate at the time, Oleg P. Nechiporenko, whose memoir, Passport to Assassination, appeared in 1993. As Nechiporenko explained, Oswald arrived at the Soviet Consulate at around 12.30 p.m. and initially saw another consular office-cum-KGB agent, Valeriy M. Kostikov. Oswald said nothing about Cuba but described his previous life in the Soviet Union and his marriage, complained that he was under surveillance by the FBI, added that they were persecuting his wife, and asked to return to Russia. Since Nechiporenko was a counter-intelligence specialist, Kostikov handed Oswald off to him. +++ extraneous detail +++ And he mentioned that he wanted to go to Cuba first, in case the Soviet Union refused to admit him. [...] Nechiporenko then escorted him out. Oswald - upset by the difficulties he was encountering [...] - decided to try a bluff. Late that afternoon, possibly after checking into the Hotel Commercio and taking a nap, he returned to the Cuban Embassy, which was now closed, and demanded to see Silvia Duran again. A doorman brought him to her, and he announced that he had secured the Soviet visa [...]. Duran decided to call the Soviet consul [who told her they] would call back. Another Soviet called back twenty minutes later. According to Nechiporenko, it was Kostikov. [+++ transcript of Duran-Kostikov telephone call +++]" (pp269-270).

CAMEO - KOSTIKOV IN MORLEY: Morley comes at the events under discussion from the point of view of the CIA's Mexico City station chief Winston "[Win"] Scott [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE]. This is the first major assassination history to cover events on Tuesday 1st October. It also names the Russian guard Obyedkov and introduces the CIA's Mexico City systems woman - part filing clerk, part Superwoman - Anne Goodpasture [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE]. Here is the core of Morley's analysis, expressed in two clips, one relating to events before the assassination, and the other relating to events after it (when Kostikov was suddenly a person of very great interest) ...

CLIP #1: REMEMBER THAT THIS OSWALD IS NOT NECESSARILY THE REAL ONE!

"That next day, Tuesday, October 1, Win learned that an American named Lee Oswald had just paid a visit to the Soviet embassy. He had called the Soviet military attaché [...] at 10:30 in the morning and said, in Russian, 'Hello, I was at your place last Saturday and I talked to your consul. They said that they'd send a telegram to Washington, and I wanted to ask you if there is anything new'. The Russian
My name is Oswald. Johnson (The Man Who Knew Too Much, who clearly senses YES that something dy's successor, gent' and the... The CIA tape of the Oswald call was marked 'ur-op. cit. inf.

In Miami, [DRE leaders] called their CIA contact n Win's office to listen to the radio and watch television. At CIA-Mexico: Winston Dallas: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy"

Nechiporenko order of mention) FURTHER READING

... and (h) for featuring in 2010 in Hancock (op. cit. inf.), who clearly senses YES that something much deeper was going on, BUT that it was a home-grown conspiracy and not a Soviet one ...

CAMEO - KOSTIKOV IN HANCOK: For Hancock, Kostikov was merely a distraction in a much deeper drama, thus ...

"The apparent Oswald-Kostikov association was the subject of extensive and anxious cable traffic between the Mexico City Station and CIA headquarters in the twenty-four hours following the assassination. It suggests a good deal of confusion among different CIA groups and perhaps indicates that a security operation involving Oswald was in play and unknown outside the CIA's CI/SIG (counter-intelligence) group. [...] There is every indication his role was an extension of his performance in New Orleans, a dangle to the Cubans and Russians. [...] What may have been promoted as a brilliant counter-intelligence operation against the Cubans may have become a huge problem for the CIA on November 22" (p104).

Kriebel, Hermann: WW1 veteran (Bavarian Army) turned right-wing coupster (in Hitler's failed Munich Putsch, 1923) turned Nazi diplomat Hermann Kriebel [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been one of the German delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference [see 18th January 1919], (b) for having reportedly departed Versailles mumbling - in effect - "Don't think you've heard the last of this!", (c) for having taken over from Max Bauer [see own entry] on the 1927-1938 German Military Mission [see ?7th November 1927], and (d) for having been German Consul in Shanghai between 1933 and WW2.


Kristol, William: Classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] under "Leo Strauss students and philosophical adherents", and described as a "key player in designing our new strategy for preemptive war", Bill Kristol [Wikipedia biography] was an influential Neocon [q.v.] in the early years of the George W. Bush administration.

Krivitsky, Walter Germanovich: [Born Samuel Ginsburg] Western Galician ...

ASIDE - ON THE "WHITENESS" OF GALICIA: Krivitsky was born to Jewish parents in 1899 in Podwołoczyska [map], Western Galicia [Wikipedia briefing], at that time an ethnically Polish but administratively Austro-Hungarian province in the borderlands where Polish, Hungarian, and Ukrainian ethnicities start to overlap. Following the collapse of Austria-Hungary in 1918 the Versailles Peace Treaty reassigned Western Galicia to the newly created Republic of Poland. So by that token, Krivitsky became both politically and ethnically Polish. However, Galicia then fought against the Bolsheviks in the 1920 Polish-Soviet War [see Timeline 24th April 1920], rendering it an ally of the White Russians in the Baltic States and the Ukraine. So by that token, he was a White Russian ally. Except that he worked behind White lines as a Red Army spy. Except that he might have been a double agent. Read on ...

... army officer turned counter-revolutionary propagandist and celebrity defector Walter Krivitsky [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the Bolshevik Party at 18 years of age in 1917, seeing it as a way of defending his "suffering race" against Tsarist antisemitism, (b) for then becoming a member of the feared Cheka Secret Police [Wikipedia briefing], operating as an agent behind White Russian lines during the 1919-1921 Russian Civil War and the aforementioned Polish-Soviet War, (c) for popping up again in 1923 in the Rhineland following the French occupation of that region, with orders to stir up unrest amongst German Communists ...

ASIDE: Pleading poverty, the Germans had fallen behind with their reparations payments, and the French had occupied the Ruhr with a mind to collecting what was due to them directly from the mines and factories there. Since the Red Army was no friends of the French (who had garrisoned Odessa against them in the Civil War), it therefore made a lot of sense to stir up the German workforce against them.

... (d) for being part of a 1929 Stalinist plot to destabilise the dollar by flooding the United States with counterfeit $100 bills, (e) for being awarded Russia's Order of the Red Banner in 1931 for services rendered, (f) for being transferred to The Hague, Netherlands, in 1933, ostensibly as liaison officer with the West but probably also building up Soviet spy networks in Western Europe ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Kern (op. cit. inf.) reminds us that these would have been the networks which - in Britain's case - gave us the likes of Donald Maclean and - see below - Anthony Blunt, respectively the famous First and Fourth men in the Cambridge Spy Ring [Wikipedia briefing].

... (g) for coordinating the Soviet spy network in Spain during the Civil War of 1936, (h) for deserting his post in 1937 and going into hiding in safe houses across France, (i) for then defecting to the United States aboard the November 1938 sailing of the liner Normandie, (j) for being put in touch during his debriefing by U.S. intelligence services with renegade Russian David Shub [Wikipedia biography] and
American master-propagandist Isaac Don Levine [see own entry] EXPLAINS SO VERY MUCH, (k) for becoming associated with the decidedly murky Committee for Cultural Freedom [Wikipedia briefing] in high summer 1939, (l) for reportedly tipping off British intelligence in September 1939 that one John Herbert King [Wikipedia briefing] was a highly placed Soviet mole in their organisation, (m) with Levine's backing, for writing up his experiences for public consumption in the heavily promoted 1939 potboiler "I Was Stalin's Agent" [full text online] ...

Readers unfamiliar with the ferocity of pre-WW2 anti-Soviet propaganda should see the entry for <Isaac Don Levine> before proceeding.

RESEARCH ISSUE: "I Was Stalin's Agent" is a detailed critique of life in Stalin's Russia in the mid-to-late-1930s. It is also a professionally skilled work of anti-Soviet propaganda. It would therefore be nice to know whether Krivitsky offered the work or whether Levine commissioned it from him in order to further his own agenda.

... and (n) for departing this world on 9th February 1941 in what might have been an arranged suicide in an NYC hotel room. It has been suggested that Blunt found out it had been Krivitsky who had fingered King and passed this information on to Moscow, whereupon Stalin sent a hit team. Krivitsky was 41 years old at the time of his death.

Readers unfamiliar with the cat and mouse games played by intelligence services using <false defectors> as double agents should see the entries for <Aline Mosby>, <Marilyn Murret>, and <Paul Scott>.

OUR VERDICT: You can play this man's history and death many ways. Here is the most obvious, and a perfectly feasible alternative ...

(1) The Standard Explanation: Superficially, Krivitsky presents as a genuine intellectual Bolshevik turned against Moscow by the later excesses of the Stalin era, then silenced by one of Stalin's wet teams for exposing the British mole.

(2) The Double Agent Explanation: Alternatively, he might just as easily have been a double agent as early as his time behind the lines in 1920, then silenced by Stalin when the penny finally dropped.

FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see this Spartacus Educational biography [EXCEPTIONALLY THOROUGH] and Gary Kern's (2004) "A Death in Washington: Walter G. Krivitsky and the Stalin Terror" [Amazon RIVETING].

Krock, Arthur: [Read firstly the entry for Operation Mockingbird.] Commentator for the New York Times and "Veteran CIA-mouthpiece and messenger-boy".

Kroll, Inc.: This was the WTC security firm appointed after the 1993 bombing and still in place at the time of the 9/11 False Flag Attacks [q.v.].

Kroll, Jules B: Businessman Jules Kroll [Wikipedia biography] was Chief Executive of Kroll, Inc. [q.v.] during its 1993-2001 provision of security services for the WTC.

Krulek, Victor Harold ["Brute"]: Careerist U.S.M.C. officer and veteran of the China Station (1937-1939), WW2, the Korean War, and Vietnam General Victor Krulak [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving in Shanghai 1937-1939, (b) for likewise during WW2, (c) for likewise during the Korean War, (d) for taking over Marine Corps training 1956-1959, (e) for being elevated to the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) shortly after the Bay of Pigs Invasion (Prouty, 1992, p139), as Special Assistant for Counterinsurgency and Special Activities, (f) for personally briefing Bradley Ayers [see own entry] in early 1963 as to the requirements of his "sensitive undercover operation" against Fidel Castro, thus ...

"In the fall of 1963, Krulak oversaw a programme whereby Army officers were assigned to the CIA to help train Cuban exiles in southern Florida. [...] Also working with those exiles was a 'Col. Roselli' - actually mob boss Johnny Roselli, who was working on the CIA-Mafia Castro assassination plots at the time for Miami
CIA Operations Chief David Morales, [...] He told them: ] "You will have to sever all ties with the Army [...] . You will become undercover agents for the Central Intelligence Agency" (Waldron, 2005, pp85/82).

(g) for undertaking a fact-finding tour of Vietnam 6th-10th October 1963, thus getting to advise JFK and later LBJ on Vietnam policy, (h) for serving as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific (FMFPAC) 1964, and (i) for retiring 1968 to head the allegedly CIA-asset (source) Copley News Service [Wikipedia briefing], and to write. His (1984) book "First to Fight: An Inside View of the U.S. Marine Corps" [Amazon] was a best-seller in its genre.

Kubek, Anthony ["Taiwan Tony"]: [Read firstly the entries for Robert Morris and Larrie Schmidt.] WW2 veteran (U.S. Navy, Far East) turned Dallas academic Anthony ["Taiwan Tony"] Kubek [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW2 service in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific, (b) for submitting advisory papers to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in the early 1960s, generally critical of past and present attempts to stem what he saw as the spread of Communism, (c) for being one of the Dallas hard right contacts arranged for Larrie Schmidt by Robert Morris during winter 1962-1963, and (d) for authoring the (1963) book "How the Far East Was Lost: American Policy and the Creation of Communist China, 1941-1949" [Amazon], in which he blames firstly the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) [see own entry] for having been riddled with Communists during the critical years before and during WW2, secondly General George Marshall in the late 1940s for allowing himself to be persuaded by political pressure from above not fully to resource Chiang Kai-Shek against Mao’s Communist Revolution, and thirdly politicians like JFK for going "soft" on Communism in the early 1960s.

Kuhn, Loeb and Company: Founded in New York City in 1867 by Abraham Kuhn [Wikipedia biography] and Solomon Loeb [Wikipedia biography], Kuhn, Loeb and Company [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as one of the three principal conspirators in moves 1906-1913 toward an American central banking system, and as a major participant in the 1910 Jekyll Island Conference [see 20th November 1910].

Kulbusch, Paul ["Platon"]: White Russian (b. Estonia, 1869) Russian Orthodox cleric Paul ["Platon"] Kulbusch [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming Bishop of Tallinn [map] on 31st December 1917, at the height of the war with Germany and in the weeks when the Russian Revolution in Petrograd, 200 miles to the east was descending into all-out Tsarist-Bolshevik civil war, (b) for thereby being party to the spiritual stiffening of the 1918-1919 Berlin-fomented anti-Bolshevik Estonian War of Independence [Wikipedia briefing; see also Timeline 3rd January 1919 and the works cited] …

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: The Estonian War of Independence was stirred up by the Germans as part of Operation FAUSTSCHLAG [Wikipedia briefing VITAL PARALLEL NARRATIVE], the much larger (and generally uncontested) German 1918 advance on the Eastern Front, designed to capitalise quickly on the 1917 collapse of the Tsarist Russian military. Estonia was accordingly just one sector of a much longer front, stretching down from the Arctic circle in Finnish Lapland all the way to the (still simmering as we enter 2022) Donbas [Wikipedia briefing and map]. Here is a Wikimap showing the territory acquired by the Germans at this time (albeit they only held it until the Armistice, when - with Allied connivance - it was handed over to the local White Russian armies) …

Key: The colour highlighting shows the German-occupied buffer states from Estonia down to the Black Sea. Given that Finland (not coloured in because little real fighting took place in the north until after the Armistice) is in the process of becoming a German foederatus state, the effective final front line runs from Rostov-on-Don in the south all the way to the Arctic. The German advance into Finland took place 1st March 1918 at the invitation of Carl Mannerheim’s puppet White Finnish Administration. Odessa is well-defended and manages to hold out until 13th March 1918 - see Timeline that date. The Donbas is situated at the most easterly point of the advance. At time of writing (= 2nd January 2022), NATO and NATO-sympathetic right-wing factions in all of these states except Belarus continue to destabilise the region against influence from Moscow, effectively dating the Russian Civil War 1917-2022 ongoing.
... (c) for being arrested 2nd January 1919 when the Bolsheviks recaptured Tartu from the Whites, and for being executed for treason 12 days later, and (d) for serving as a convenient martyr for right-wing Estonians through until the present day.

**Kuomintang (KMT):** Founded as an anti-Western Chinese Nationalist Party in the dying years of the Chinese Emperors, the KMT [Wikipedia briefing] lost its progressive wing to the break-away Communist Party of China (CPC) in 1927 and within weeks the two sides had begun the Chinese Civil War [q.v.]. For the ensuing 21 years the KMT was Chiang Kai Shek's gradually diminishing administration until - despite significant U.S. financial and military support, it was eventually driven into the sea to take up exile on the island of Formosa [modern Taiwan]. The KMT remains one of the main political parties in the modern Republic of China on Taiwan.

**Kupcinet, Irving and Karyn [father-daughter]:** See the entry for H. Keith Thompson.

**Kupferschmidt, Paul:** See the entry for Aline Mosby.

**Kurtz, Michael L.:** Historian Michael Kurtz [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 1982/1993 book "Crime of the Century", a review of the Warren Commission and the House Select Committee on Assassinations investigations, and of the competing conspiracy theories. In what he described as the first "full-length scholarly study" of the assassination he identified three assassins, and three, perhaps four, shots. He suggested that Fidel Castro had been the prime mover. In 1982, he wrote in 1993, he had been strongly pro-conspiracy; and what he had discovered during the intervening 11 years had made this conviction even stronger.

**Labour Friends of Israel (LFI):** Founded in 1957 at the Labour Party Conference, Labour Friends of Israel (LFI) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as an advocacy forum "seeking to strengthen the bond between the Labour Party and the Israeli Labor Party" [Wikipedia briefing]. Its membership presently [=November 2019] includes about 80 past or extant Labour M.P.s. Unsurprisingly, therefore, it has since 2015 followed the path carved out by other pro-Israel pressure groups in campaigning and briefing against the rise of Jeremy Corbyn. For much of this period anti-Corbynite Labour M.P. Joan Ryan was in the forefront [actually mistyped forefront, but this makes better sense in fact - Ed.] of the attack. FURTHER READING: For recent negative comment see, for example, Asa Winstanley's [see own entry] 13th June 2017 piece for the (pro-Palestinian) The Electronic Intifada entitled "How Labour Friends of Israel Tried to Undermine Jeremy Corbyn" [full text online]. For recent positive
comment see Lee Harpin’s [see own entry] 28th September 2019 piece for the Jewish Chronicle entitled "Labour Friends of Israel pull Labour conference promotional stand over security fears" [full text online].

Labour's Longest Days: [Read firstly the entry for Shadow Cabinet Mass Resignations.] Here we are referring to the more or less daily maliciously engineered crises which between June and September 2016 saw Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn installed more firmly rather than less as leader of the parliamentary party that at any point since his election to that post 12th September 2015 [see Timeline that date, and then follow the <Corbynism> sub-thread], It also saw a spontaneous awakening of grassroots Labour Party membership, with more than 100,000 new members joining en masse. FURTHER READING: For more on these events see Mark Perryman’s (2019) collection of edited papers entitled "Corbynism From Below" [Amazon].

***** HATE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA *****

Labour Party Treachery Report: [Read firstly the 21 entries in the <Weaponised Antisemitism in British Politics> sub-thread in the Companion Timeline ESSENTIAL FOR TUTORIAL SUPPORT.] We refer here to the 860-page report of an internal Labour Party inquiry into the management of antisemitism in the party, which leaked late Easter Saturday 11th April 2020 [see Timeline that date], and which to date [four days later - Ed.] has yet to be formally published. The report was reportedly stonewalled by newly elected party leader Keir Starmer, then offered to The Guardian, who saw insufficient value in it, and then picked up by Sky News. Here, clipped from secondary coverage by Middle East Eye, is the gist of the accusations ...

"... the report, entitled 'The work of the Labour Party's Governance and Legal Unit in relation to antisemitism, 2014-2019', said there was no evidence that the complaints process had been hindered as a result of current or former staff being 'motivated by antisemitic intent'. The report, which drew on thousands of emails and WhatsApp communications, accused the Labour Party’s former general secretary Iain McNicol, and other senior figures of providing 'false and misleading information' to Corbyn’s office in relation to the handling of antisemitism complaints, which meant 'the scale of the problem was not appreciated' by the leadership ..."

The report was very quickly recognised as political dynamite once allegations started to emerge that senior Constituency Labour Party (CLP) staffers had exploited empty allegations of antisemitism as convenient ammunition against the previous leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) Jeremy Corbyn, even to the extent of deliberately "throwing" - secretly sabotaging - the 2017 and 2019 General Elections. The clip continues ...

"The report claims McNicol and staff in the governance and legal unit 'provided timetables for the resolution of cases that were never met; falsely claimed to have processed all antisemitism complaints; falsely claimed that most complaints received were not about Labour members and provided highly inaccurate statistics of antisemitism complaints".

By midday Easter Sunday 12th April 2020, the party rank and file (who pay the CLP’s wages and canvass tirelessly in all weathers to elect as strong a PLP as possible) had predictably gone into meltdown, and were leaving the party in as-yet-unreported numbers. Starmer’s only response was to announce an inquiry into the leaking of the report of the first inquiry, and to enlist the very best libel lawyers to ensure that neither libel nor data protection law had been transgressed. Amongst those whose political reputations were going to need rescuing were Starmer himself, Iain McNicol, Tom Watson, Emilie Oldknow, and various top teamers from the Unison and GMB trade unions. One of the holders of a leaked copy of the report was political columnist Owen Jones, whose preliminary judgement was that "I can honestly say I’ve rarely read anything more shocking". Footnote: The report also confirmed that "Brickgate", the suspected political False Flag Attack 12th July 2016 in Wallasey constituency, was now confirmed as exactly that. We have therefore added Wallasey to the list of examples in the entry for False Flags, Poor Lulus, and Other Operational Entrapments, which see.
Lactantius: [Familial name: Lucius Caecilius Firmianus] Roman court scholar Lactantius [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for converting to Christianity in or about 300 CE, only to lose his status shortly afterward in Diocletian’s Edict Against the Christians [Wikipedia briefing], (b) for having enough of a reputation for Constantine I (The Great) to appoint him Latin tutor to his son in around 309 CE, (c) for gradually convincing the new emperor that the state should behave less harshly toward its Christians - presently in hiding, of course - for the simple reason that their God helped win wars, (d) for thereby being single-handedly responsible for the Christian God getting the credit for the Roman victory in the Battle of the Milvian Bridge three years later [see Timeline 312 CE], (e) ditto for the lifting of the Diocletian persecution by the Edict of Milan the year after that [ditto], and (f) ditto again for the consequent flowering of Roman Catholicism and all its schismatic variants over the coming 1800 years, and all the wars, Crusades, and inquisitions carried out ever since in the name of the Christian Religious Right [see own entry ESSENTIAL ONWARD CONTEXT]. For example ...

The "Gott mit Uns" meme

To cut a long story short, every death in every war since the Milvian Bridge has been in part due to Lactantius's self-interested cultism.

Lafayeedney, Daniel: [STUB ENTRY] [Previously Daniel Edney] British intelligence consultant Daniel Lafayeedney [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context as one of the founders of the Institute of Statecraft and Governance (IFSG) [see own entry], nowadays one of Britain's foremost purveyors of state-funded right-wing propaganda and disinformation.

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***** CANDIDATE JFK CONSPIRATOR (CIA CONTRACT ASSASSIN) *****

[Reportedly half of the two-man wet team at Frank Olson's murder in 1953]
[Reportedly the QJ/WIN asset for Patrice Lumumba's assassination in 1961]
[Reportedly in the thick of things for Operation AMWORLD, 1962-1963]
[Reportedly in the front-line teams in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963]

"An obscure man" (Albarelli)
"It's a name you should keep in mind" (Wojculewski)
"The best chef in New Orleans" (Clay Shaw)

Lafitte, Jean Pierre: [A.k.a. Jean Pierre Voyatzis] [Read firstly the entry for June Cobb ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT, noting especially her association with the Federal Bureau of Narcotics (FBN).] Corsican French jack-the-lad turned Federal Narcotics Bureau (FBN) and CIA deep cover operative and contract assassin Jean Pierre Lafitte [no convenient biography but see Simkin (2010 [full text online]) quoting from Frewin (2010 [full text online])] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early life of dockside crime in Marseilles, France ...

CAMEO - LAFITTE MEETS SPIRITO: Lafitte became friends at this time with fellow villain François Spirito [see own entry ESSENTIAL AS PARALLEL NARRATIVE]. Albarelli (2021, op. cit. inf.) gives us a quick glimpse into that shared past ...

"[Lafitte] encountered other boys his age, nearly all of whom were equally busy on the wrong side of the law. Among his closest companions were François Spirito, who had come to Marseilles from Naples, and [+++ three others named +++], all Corsicans" (p188).

... (b) for poorly documented WW2 service, including, reportedly, with OSS, (c) for turning up in 1951 as an undercover agent for the FBN, reporting to George Hunter White [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], (d) for standing accused by at least one source of being involved in the poorly faked suicide of Fort Detrick biowarfare expert gone off-message Frank Olson [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] ...

CAMEO - LAFITTE AS KILLER OF FRANK OLSON: Frank Olson was professionally killed in a faked suicide 28th November 1953, pushed from an NYC hotel window while under the influence of LSD. The case
was re-opened half a century later by forensic historian Hank P. Albarelli, Jr., and featured in his (2009) "A Terrible Mistake" [Amazon]. This work was reviewed in its turn by Frewin (2010 [full text online]), from which the following summative clip is taken ...

"On Thursday 19 November 1953 Olson attended a meeting at Deep Creek Lake with several of his colleagues and was slipped LSD laced with a ‘truth drug’ before being interrogated. He began to display strange behaviour, extreme anxiety, and feelings of paranoia. The loose cannon was now ricocheting about like the ball in a pinball machine. He was taken up to New York to see the CIA-approved Dr Abramson who seems to have realised that there was going to be no easy fix here. Then it was decided that Olson should be taken away to a secure CIA-approved asylum and the forcible removal of Olson from the Hotel Statler was entrusted to two ‘goons’. Things got out of hand in the hotel room and Olson was precipitated out the window with the goons probably thinking, they’ll thank us for this (indeed, they might even have been instructed to do same). The two goons were Pierre Lafitte and Francois Spirito” (p7).

The Black Assassins blog (2018 [full text online]) adds more of the background ...

"On the night that Olson was found dead. The Statler Hilton had a special new bellboy on the job with access to the hotel rooms’ passkey. It was Jean Pierre Lafitte. Lafitte was the Corsican (French Connection) Mob was descended from the notorious French Masonic late 18th century Lafitte brothers [...] of New Orleans. They were slave boat runners and pirates. Jean Lafitte was a deep cover CIA, FBI, and Federal Bureau of Narcotics contractor since 1952 [...] and] just happened to be working as a bellman at the Statler Hotel the night Frank Olson crashed through the security glass window and dropped to his death. In 1953, Lafitte had been working undercover doing lowly work in several New York hotels, probably for the FBN, certainly for the notorious Colonel George White.”

... (e) for standing accused of being the QJ/WIN [see own entry] asset responsible in 1961 for the CIA assassination of Congolese prime minister Patrice Lumumba (Albarelli, 2009), thus ...

"Lafitte was in the Congo at the very time that the CIA had slated Patrice Lumumba for assassination [...]. Was Lafitte the never-identified CIA assassin WI/ROGUE? It appears likely that he could have been, or, at the very least, that he was quite close to QJ/WIN and WI/ROGUE” (p430).

... (f) for reportedly associating that same year with Thomas Eli Davis, III [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], (g) for being implicated in the CIA's Operation AMWORLD [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], with time spent in the command hubs at both New Orleans and Mexico City ...

**CAMEO - LAFITTE IN NEW ORLEANS, PRE-ASSASSINATION:** Here is Frewin again (all names set in bold [and what a cast list they make!] have their own entries) ...

"On May 9, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald applied for work at the William B. Reily Coffee Company in New Orleans. Reily was a rabid anti-communist who gave financial support both to Sergio Arcacha Smith’s Crusade to Free Cuba Committee and Ed Butler partially CIA-funded propaganda outfit, the Information Council of the Americas (INCA). The Reily vice-president, William Monaghan, was a former FBI agent and was a charter member of INCA. New Orleans’ DA Jim Garrison believed that Reily’s was part of a special clandestine U.S. intelligence apparatus, a view bolstered somewhat by Gerry Patrick Hemming’s claim that William Reily had worked for the CIA for years. Oswald worked for Reily May through July, 1963 and H. P. Albarelli (investigative journalist, A Secret Order, A Terrible Mistake) notes that "around the time of JFK assassination Lafitte too was working for the Reily company." (p11).

... (h) for rather predictably going very dark after the assassination, his QJ/WIN contract (not his person) being "terminated amicably" 24th April 1964 (ZRRIFLE review memorandum) [full text online], turning up [assuming it was the same guy - Ed.] in the fashionable quarter of New Orleans as a celebrity chef at the Plimsoll Club [Louisiana Weekly, historical from 2017] (to the point of being described by none other than Clay Shaw as “the best chef in New Orleans”[i]) [TIME Magazine, 19th December 1969], and (i) for resurfacing in the late 1960s as a social intimate of mobster Johnny Roselli [see own entry], a couple of years before persons unknown caught up with him (in 1976) and launched him into the sea off Miami (in pieces, tucked sardine-style into an oil drum) ...
"To the extent that anyone became close to him, Roselli was also quite close with Jean Pierre Lafitte [QJ/WIN], mostly due to his fondness for fine food and wine. Roselli was introduced to Lafitte by George Hunter White, who had first encountered Roselli in Chicago in the late 1940s. There is some evidence that Roselli occasionally would pass information to White, either directly or through Lafitte, who, on several occasions in the late 1960s and 1970s met with Roselli in Las Vegas" (k7933).

Lafitte seems to have retired from the CIA in 1973. **FURTHER READING:** For more on the Olson murder see the three Albarelli books linked above. For more on her own and Lee Harvey Oswald's experiences of the Reily safe house see Judyth Vary Baker's (2010) "Me & Lee: How I Came to Know, Love, and Lose Lee Harvey Oswald" [Amazon]. For more specifically on George Hunter White see Stan Wojculewski's (2013) "Danger, Drugs, & Dirty Work: The George Hunter White Story" [Amazon].

**La Fontaine, Ray and Mary:** [Jointly, the *La Fontaines*] Researchers-Authors of "Oswald Talked: The New Evidence in the JFK Assassination", first published 1996. Their key proposals are as follows (roughly in Chapter order)...

1. That on the basis of some hitherto overlooked arrest records the *Three Tramps* were entirely innocent hoboes, specifically Gus Abrams, Harold Doyle, and John Gedney. [Because it has since transpired that there were TWO sets of three tramps, we assess this line of evidence as a deliberate counterintelligence operation to take the heat off the other - very, very, suspicious - three, namely Charles Harrelson, Chauncey Holt, and Charles Rogers - follow the *Three Tramps Thread*.]

2. That during the late evening of 22nd November 1963 LHO had confided to fellow prisoner John Elrod that he had seen another inmate before, in a motel room, where he had received cash from a certain Jack Ruby to drive a blue Ford Thunderbird loaded with stolen guns. *At a stroke, this evidence made the lone nut assassination theory totally untenable.*

3. That there were major inconsistencies in the contents of LHO's wallet and his use of the Hidell alias.

4. That George de Mohrenschildt and Ruth Paine had been setting LHO up for a year prior to the assassination.

5. That the goings-on in New Orleans had indeed been pivotal, just as Jim Garrison had been saying since 1969. Also that John Masen and Jack Ruby were not just bit part players in the flow of illegal arms out of U.S. military armouries and into anti-Castro hands: rather, they were in it up to their necks. Also that the July 1963 Pontchartrain Raid had really put the spark of murder into Cuban exile eyes. Also the part played by Silvia Odio.

6. That we still had a lot to learn about FBI Agent James Hosty’s interest in the Oswalds, not least because after two of the occasions that Hosty got in touch with LHO he went straight out and did significant things involving P.O. Boxes. On the first occasion he went and ordered a Mannlicher-Carcano using a box he had opened in late 1962, and on the second occasion, on 1st November 1963, he opened a new box and immediately mailed self-patsifying letters to the American Communist Party and the American Civil Liberties Union. See the entries for P.O. Box 2915 and P.O. Box 6225, respectively - **WELL WORTH THE DIVERT.**

7. That LHO was not merely an FBI informer (as has often been claimed), but that - in his eyes at least - he was acting as an FBI asset - a sort of "Junior Crimestopper" (p163). Also that LHO had, via James Hosty, got a warning through to J. Edgar Hoover in DC, who had duly issued a national alert to "all SACs" [=Special Agents in Charge] in the early hours of 17th November 1963. Also that this had all subsequently been meticulously suppressed.

**Lala, Michael:** New Orleans newsmen Mike Lala [Legacy.Com obituary] conducted the WDSU-TV radio interview with LHO which helped establish the pro-Communist LHO during the latter's time in NOLA. Browse the LHO Patsification Thread to assemble the various parts of the story.

**Lamanna, Carl:** Research microbiologist Carl Lamanna [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context(a) for working at Louisiana State University 1942-1943, (b) for moving on to perform highly classified biological warfare research at Camp Detrick 1943-1948...
ASIDE: PubMed lists 10 publications to <Lamanna C> in these years on the topic of botulism toxin, so we guess that it must be poisonous, no?

(c) for moving on to Johns Hopkins' School of Hygiene and Public Health 1948-1957 [two more publications on botulism and one on anthrax], (d) for moving on to Berkeley's Naval Biological Laboratory 1957-1961 [many more on both botulism and anthrax, including Lamanna (1959), under the title "The Most Poisonous Poison"], (e) for becoming an advisor to the Army Research Office, Arlington VA, 1961-1974 [a few more on botulism and anthrax, plus some new ones besides], and (f) for moving on to the Food and Drugs Administration, Washington, 1975-1985 [three more on botulism, and one each on diphtheria and cholera].

A NOTE OF REASSURANCE: Nervous readers will be reassured to learn that the weaponisation of bioscience is for civil defence purposes, that is to say, in case the other guy uses it first. Nervous readers will not, however, be pleased to learn that the same was once said of gunpowder.

Lamb, Harold: See the entry for Stephen Penrose.

Lamont, Corliss: Civil liberties activist Corliss Lamont [Wikipedia biography] had been an enthusiastic supporter of the Castro Revolution since 1959, and was the author of the pamphlet "The Crime Against Cuba", a copy of which was in LHO's possession during his interview with Special Agent John Quigley on 13th August 1963.

Lamont, Thomas W.: Journalist turned banker Thomas Lamont [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been one of the participants in the 1910 Jekyll Island Discussions [check it out], during which it was conspired to introduce a central bank into American finance. The following year he became a partner in J. P. Morgan and Company [check them out].

La Motta, Gino: According to Mac Kenzie (and Hooke), Gino la Motta [no convenient biography] was an underworld hitman-cleaner, skilled, so it is reported, in disposing of gangland cadavers into fairground hotdogs! More mustard, anyone?

Landis, Paul: Secret Service Agent Paul Landis [no convenient biography] was one of four SS agents riding the running board of Limo#2 (i.e., Motorcade #3, counting the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (right side, rear). His evidential profile is as follows: Agent's Report, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Lane, Mark (JFK Researcher): Arguably the grandfather of JFK research Mark Lane's [Wikipedia biography] best-selling 1966 analysis of the flaws in the Warren Commission's investigations was entitled "Rush to Judgement". For a taste of his style (fighting for his professional life against hostile questioning) follow the link in the entry for William F. Buckley.

Langan, Joseph P.: See the entry for June Cobb.

Langelle, Russell A.: See the entry for Popov's Mole.

***** CIA MASTERMIND IN DEALEY PLAZA *****

***** MISUNDERSTOOD HERO OR VERY CLEVER VILLAIN?? *****

Lansdale, Edward Geary: WW2 OSS veteran and senior CIA staffer since the early 1950s Colonel Edward Lansdale [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning his craft with OSS during WW2 and in the Philippines 1945-1953, (b) for transferring to Indochina in 1953, as an advisor to the French in their war against the Vietminh, (c) for thereby being appointed chief of the CIA's Saigon Military Mission (SMM) [see own entry] 1st June 1954, (d) for directing SMM's program of counterinsurgency operations 1954-1957 ...

(e) for transferring to Washington in 1957 as Deputy Assistant Director for Special Operations, (f) for being assigned to General Maxwell Taylor's Special Group (Augmented) (SGA) [see own entry] shortly after the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and for thereby being appointed 11th May 1961 as Operations Officer for Operation MONGOOSE [see own entry], the 4th November 1961 plan to topple Fidel Castro by covert operations - assassination if necessary - now that frontal assault had failed. (g) for initiating Operation NORTHWOODS [see own entry] 5th March 1962, (h) for retiring 31st October 1963, eased out, he would later submit, by political enemies, (i) for observing developments in Saigon 1st-2nd November 1963 from his vantage point in Washington ...

**CONTROVERSY #1 - THE 1963 NGO DINH DIEM COUP:** The President of South Vietnam, Ngo Dinh Diem, was executed by his own generals in an armed coup 1st-2nd November 1963. There is little doubt (i) that the coup was encouraged locally by Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge together with senior CIA officer Lucien "Lou" Conein [see own entry], or (ii) that Diem could have been extracted alive had the will existed to do so. See the Timeline for the fuller narrative. In this telling of the story (for example, by Boot, 2018), Lansdale was completely left out of the loop, and actually mourned the loss of an old friend (he and Diem went back to 1954).

and (j) three weeks later, for being photographed in Dealey Plaza minutes after the JFK assassination, studiously trying not to look suspicious - check it out [it is Lansdale, but of course this photo could have been faked by the Rochester boys - Ed.] ...

**CONTROVERSY #2 - THE 1963 JFK COUP:** Enter Chief of Operations for the Joint Staff 1962-1963, Fletcher Prouty [see own entry], who had (i) openly been promoting a coup d'état explanation of the JFK assassination since 1975, and (ii) significantly influenced Oliver Stone during the making of his 1991 movie "JFK". In the movie itself and during the ensuing public outcry, Prouty repeatedly describes Lansdale (who had died in 1987 and could not defend himself) as masterminding attempts not just on Castro's life, but Kennedy's as well. The establishment - most recently in Boot (2018) - has since generally poo-hooed the very thought.

So insofar as Lansdale is concerned, the JFK jury remains out, and the decision we must each make is whether this life-long political tarantula had in 1963 suddenly decided to correct its ways, or whether it had simply grown so wily, so meticulously scheming, that it could do what it liked, with impunity.

**** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

**Lansing, Robert:** American lawyer-politician Robert Lansing [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for practising international law in the early 1900s, (b) for becoming an advisor on same to President Wilson in 1914, (c) for being made Secretary of State 24th June 1915 in the wake of the sinking of RMS Lusitania [see Timeline 7th May 1915], (d) for setting up the State Department's Bureau of Secret Intelligence [Wikipedia briefing] on or around 14th August 1916 ...

**ASIDE:** It may or may not be entirely coincidental that Lansing's nephews were Allen Dulles and John Foster Dulles. The former pops up rather conveniently in the U.S. Embassy in Berne, Switzerland, speaking to Lenin on the telephone only hours before the latter's Kaiser-friendly return to Petrograd [see Timeline 8th April 1917], and then went on to more or less single-handedly dominate American intelligence for the ensuing four full decades. The latter was protégé of Wilson's financial advisor Bernard Baruch [Spence, 2017 [Amazon]), and went on to become one of the primary architects of the Korean War and a dozen political coups in South and Central America, Indochina, and the Middle East [see Timeline 18th June 1954].

... (e) guided by reports from his new intelligence network, for presiding over American foreign policy through to his retirement in 1920 ...
POLITICAL SOCCER (FINAL SCORE) - LANSING 2, DAY 1: Whereas an earlier Secretary of State, William R. Day [Wikipedia biography], had presided over the kerching! dismembering of the ancestral Spanish Empire during the Spanish-American War [see Timeline 10th December 1898], Lansing easily bested him. In his period of tenure the United States masterminded the dismembering of (1) the ancestral Habsburg Empire, and (2) the ancestral Ottoman Empire (including Palestine). A third endeavour - the dismantling of the Russia Empire - was attempted, but the game had to be abandoned because all 22 players (and millions more besides) had been done to death. We allude here to America's support for the Whites on both the Western and Eastern fronts of the 1918-1922 (locally 1925) Russian Civil War - see the insets in the entries for John L. Magruder and DeWitt Poole for detailed context. Every single one of the White nations was laid waste by war, disease, and starvation during the Civil War, and has been played in proxy confrontations ever since. At time of writing [= January 2021] the Western buffer states are (from north to south) Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, and the Ukraine. All six are either full or “interoperating” members of NATO. The southernmost two presently enjoy a particularly “strained” relationship with the neighbouring Russian Federation.

Lansing died in 1928, aged 64.

Lansky, Meyer: Havana based until the 1959 fall of Batista Meyer Lansky [Wikipedia biography] thereafter ran the Lansky Syndicate from Las Vegas.

Lanuza, Jose Antonio: Anti-Castro Cuban exile Jose Lanuza [no convenient biography] was a DRE activist in the Miami area. Along with Carlos Bringuier in New Orleans, Lanuza helped disseminate LHO's PRO-Castro credentials to the mainstream media in the late afternoon of 22nd November 1963, hitting the national headlines the following morning. This places him firmly on the LHO Patsification Thread.

***** AND THE MORAL OF THE TALE IS??? *****

Lardner, George, Jr.: Careerist Washington Post journalist George Lardner, Jr. [Investigating Power biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the last person known to have spoken with David Ferrie prior to his death at time and in manner unknown during the night of 21st-22nd February 1967 ...

ASIDE: Lardner had arrived in New Orleans on the evening of 20th February, on an assignment to interview Ferrie concerning his part in the ongoing Jim Garrison Investigation [see Timeline 17th February 1967]. His testimony would be that he arrived at Ferrie's house by taxi without an appointment at around midnight 21st-22nd February 1967, was let in, and did not leave until just before 0400hr. At that time Ferrie seemed to be “in good spirits”. Lardner initially reported seeing a pill bottle on top of Ferrie's piano, but failed to mention a large number of others clustered in plain sight on the coffee table in front of him. Judyth Vary Baker accordingly finds his testimony “fishy”, doubting that he ever gained access and noting that the Coroner ended up having to adjust his medical opinion as to time of death in order to fit Lardner's account [for the full and precise reasoning here, see Baker (2014, pp 418, 423-425 and 488-490) - Ed.].

ASIDE - ON UNWITTING ACCESSORIES TO MURDER: Lardner's movements in his 30 or so hours in New Orleans prior to midnight 21st February are unrecorded. Remember that false witnesses are not overly difficult to obtain in advance of a staged event, provided that they can be bribed, blackmailed, spun a national interest line, or otherwise induced. They frequently "just happen to notice" some pivotal piece of "salted" evidence. Some are then quickly eliminated after they have done their bit, in order to ensure their silence. The remainder - not surprisingly - stay remarkably quiet once it dawns upon them that if they put one word out of place they might well be next for the chop.

(b) for thereby being one of the first journalists to get the news of Ferrie's death into print [the story went out on the wire just before 2100hr 22nd February, to hit the morning editions on the 23rd - Ed.], (c) for concluding in a follow-up article 24th February (already an expert after fully three days on the case) that in his opinion Garrison had been conducting a "witch hunt" against Ferrie and the other alleged JFK Conspirators, (d) for engaging in a high-class slanging match with Oliver Stone in the early 1990s, concerning the accuracy of the latter's movie "JFK", and (e) for winning one of the 1993 Pulitzer Prizes for his work investigating his own daughter's 1992 murder in Boston at the hands of an abusive ex-boyfriend.
ASIDE - "THE STALKING OF KRISTIN": Tragically, Lardner was destined to experience at first hand the all-too-real consequences of a justice system abandoned - precisely as it had been in New Orleans - by honest men; where the guilty simply assembled a bodyguard of liars [apologies to Winston Churchill and Anthony Cave Brown - Ed.] while the innocent (save for a brave-foolhardy few) turned the other way. On 30th May 1992 his 21-year-old daughter Kristin was murdered by an abusive ex-partner, who should by rights have been behind bars at the time. Driven by parental grief he dug into the background of the murderer's case, eventually unearthing a fatal sequence of dozens of justice system deficiencies or mistakes. He set down these findings in his 1995 book "The Stalking of Kristin" [Amazon], and then undertook a personal crusade against the "disjointed system of justice" that left her murderer free to stalk her. The moral of the case is very clearly stated in his book, and should concern us all ...

"Our tolerance of crime, particularly violent crime, seems to know no bounds. We shrug it off until it happens to us. And when society is confronted with too much of it to ignore, it blames itself more than the perpetrators. It talks of long-range solutions, of saving the next generation with the same kind of social programs that failed to save the present one. We look for excuses to do anything but hold people accountable for their conduct. In the process, we normalize criminal behaviour. Instead of being outraged by it, we learn to live with it" (Lardner, 1995; bold emphasis added).

Lardner retired from journalism in 2004. Judyth Vary Baker's "Ferrie" - a book which might just as reasonably have been entitled "The Stalking of David" - appeared in 2014.

Larkin, Joseph J.: See the entry for Emil Puhl.

Larsen, Rolf L.: See the entry for June Cobb.

Lashbrook, Robert Vern: [a.k.a. Robert V. Wittstock] CIA careerist Robert Lashbrook [no convenient biography but a great deal to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as Assistant Director of the CIA's Chemical Branch in the early 1950s (Albarelli, 2013), and (b) as the (ranking) travelling companion of biochemist Frank Olson on the latter's fateful last business trip ...

CAMEO - LASHBROOK ON THE 12TH FLOOR: Lashbrook features centrally in Olson's highly suspicious death in the early hours of 28th November 1953 - for the full story see Olson's own entry.

Lateer, James W.: Forensic historian James W. Lateer [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as author of the (2017) book "The Three Barons" [Amazon - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED], an analysis of the part played by three high-born European immigrants (to wit the Barons George de Mohrenschildt, Charles A. Willoughby, and Werner von Braun) in bending the foreign policy of the United States to their own ends. The work is particularly innovative in that it performs complex statistical content analyses of the best-selling JFK histories, thereby enabling works of disinformation to be named and shamed and estimates of the relative likelihood of competing conspiracy theories to be drawn up.

Latin-American Information Center (LAIC): [Sometimes seen as Committee; CIA organisational codename ZR/AWARD] Founded in October 1960 ZR/AWARD, the LAIC [Mary Ferrell Database entry; see also the ASIDE in the entry for Enno Hobbing ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], is noteworthy in the present context (a) as one of a number of anti-Communist pressure groups funded by the likes of David Rockefeller [compare and contrast Alton Ochsner's Information Council of the Americas (INCA) ILLUSTRATIVE], (b) for being directed from 1960 by senior CIA asset Enno Hobbing [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], and (c) for being rebadged as the Business Group for Latin America in 1963 (Mary Ferrell Database) (and thereby in turn as the Council of the Americas (COA) [Homepage] in 1970). The Mary Ferrell entry identifies documents for 1962-1963 (pre- and post-Assassination), which clearly indicate the nature of LAIC's secretly Washington-funded anti-Communist activism in Mexico against Cuba, and the entries for 1964 indicate similar involvement in Chile, swinging elections and subverting genuine trades union organisations. Hobbing was the senior executive of the cover organisation in NYC (in its various guises) through until the mid-1970s, and according to his Wiki a "key person" in the operations to oust Chilean President Allende in 1973.
Laughlin, Harry Hamilton: American small-town schoolteacher turned campaigning racial eugenicist Harry H. Laughlin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being taken out of obscurity in 1910 when headhunted by eugenics hard-liner Charles Davenport [see own entry AN INTERESTING CHARACTER] to be superintendent of his Eugenics Record Office (ERO) at Cold Spring HarborNY, (b) for using his influence to promote compulsory sterilisation legislation in the United States ...

CAMEO - LAUGHLIN AND COMPULSORY STERILISATION IN THE U.S.: (From his Wiki) By 1914, twelve U.S. states had passed sterilisation laws of some sort, but they were generally "not employed with sufficient vigour". To make the laws more effective, Laughlin compiled and published a Model Eugenical Sterilisation Law [Truman State University briefing] in 1922. This helped a further 18 states join the sterilisers. Sterilisations continued until the 1970s, by which time some 60,000 persons had been thus processed. The Nazis used the Laughlin model for their own "defectives", passing their own law in 1933 and processing an estimated 330,000 persons during their twelve years in power.

Lawrence, Jack: Dallas used-car salesman Jack Lawrence [Spartacus Educational biography] was - in his version of events - on his way to work at the time of the shooting, but late, and then further delayed by the post-shooting traffic jams. He would become one of the assassination's pendulum shooters, swinging from innocent to guilty in successive theories. He first entered the narrative in the early afternoon on 22nd November 1963. He had been absent, along with a demonstrator car, during the morning, and when he finally turned up at about 1300hr fellow workers reported strange behaviour on his part to the police. The car was later found in the parking lot behind the Picket Fence. He may or may not have been a visitor to the Carousel Club and a friend of Jack Ruby's flatshare George Senator.

Lawson, Winston George: Trained in counterintelligence work at the CIC Counterintelligence School, Fort Holabird, MD, [Wikipedia factsheet] and with experience interrogating Korean War prisoners, SS Special Agent Winston Lawson [Spartacus Educational biography] was in charge of the SS White House Detail operations on the ground in Dallas. In this role he organised offloading of limo #1 at Love Field, assigned the agents to their positions, and was personally driver of the motorcade pilot car. Lawson's evidential profile is as follows: Report, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Leavelle, James Robert: WW2 veteran and experienced DPD officer Jim Leavellle [Wikipedia biography] was the right arm escort to LHO (the one in the light suit) when Jack Ruby murdered him at 1121hr 24th November 1963.

Le Cercle: [Initially Cercle Pinay] Founded in 1952-1953 by French Prime Minister Antoine Pinay [Wikipedia biography], Le Cercle [Wikipedia briefing WELL WORTH TWO MINUTES] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for its headline vision of establishing a European Religious Right pressure group, (b) for thereby being held up by some as an example of a covert influence group similar to the slightly later Bilderberg Group [see own entry ESSENTIAL ONWARD CONTEXT], (c) for being attended in its heyday by dark intelligence men such as James Jesus Angleton and Reinhard Gehlen, as well as by more visible policymakers such as Henry Kissinger, Margaret Thatcher, David Rockefeller, and Shimon Peres, along with influential hangers-on such as [all have their own entries] Ted Shackley, Zbigniew Brzezinski, William Colby, and William Casey, and (d) for being the subject of too many 21st Century conspiracy (and counter-conspiracy) theories to go into here. It is not clear how active the group is at time of writing [= August 2021], because the most recent mentions we could find are in (1) a 22nd July 2019 piece by John Johnston in Politics Home entitled "Top Tories Face Questions over Links to Secretive Foreign Affairs Group" [full text online COMPULSORY READING], and (2) a 13th May 2021 piece by Gary Jordan entitled "The Dark Fascist Connections of the UK's Vaccine Minister, Nadhim Zahawi" [full text online OUCH!]. We are specifically unable to report whether 2017 chair Kwasi Kwarteng [Wikipedia biography] remains in post, because his Wiki fails to report he had ever been appointed.
Lechuga, Carlos: Journalist turned diplomat Carlos Lechuga [Spartacus Educational biography] was Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations at the time of the Attwood Mission [q.v.].


Léderrey, Ernest: Swiss Army officer Ernest Léderrey [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for heading the 1919 International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) relief mission to war-torn Ukraine at the height of the Russian Civil War [see Timeline 15th November 1919], (b) for being one of the officers commanding the security detachment during the 1932 Geneva Incident [Wikipedia briefing], when 13 (mostly innocent onlookers) were killed, and (c) for compiling on behalf of the British War Office the (1955) book "Germany's Defeat in the East" [Amazon].

Ledezma, Antonio: Venezuelan lawyer-politician Antonio Ledezma [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Mayor of Caracas between 2008 and 2015, representing the anti-Chávez Fearless People's Alliance [Wikipedia briefing]. He was arrested 19th February 2015 on suspicion of conspiring with US agents provocateurs to stage a coup against President Maduro, but escaped his house arrest late in 2017 and flew into exile in Madrid.

Lee, Arthur Hamilton [Baron Lee of Fareham]1918 [1st Viscount same]1922: British soldier-politician Arthur Lee [Lord Lee]1918 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been military attaché at the British Embassy in Washington in 1899, marrying money while there and getting on famously with Theodore Roosevelt, (b) for entering parliament in 1900 as member for Fareham, a seat he would hold until 1918, (c) for gifting his home - Chequers - to the nation for the enjoyment of the incumbent prime minister, (d) for becoming Secretary to Lloyd George in 1915, and (e) for being mentioned in Chapter 26 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are making the case that the ousting of Asquith's Liberal Party administration in September 1916 was more a Secret Elite coup than a simple party political victory for Bonar Law's Conservative Party opposition. It was at Lee's Westminster home, they note, that the plotters used to meet!!

"Lee, Harvey": Possibly LHO or LHO Look Alike. See the entries for Richard Margsen and Lawrence Howard.

Lee, Vincent Theodore ['Ted']: [Read firstly the entry for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC).] Centre-left activist Vincent Lee [no convenient biography, but believed detailed in ARRB archive] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for establishing the Tampa chapter of the FPCC in mid-1960, (b) for then moving to NYC to take over the head office of said committee from Richard Gibson [see own entry], (c) for thereby being the official who signed LHO's membership card on 29th May 1963 following the latter's letter dated 26th May 1963 asking for membership and (although already printing his own) requesting distributable literature, and then (d) for effectively disowning LHO a fortnight or so later because he was distributing his own literature in the name of a New Orleans chapter which had not yet been approved centrally. Lee's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 20th May 1964 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Leeser, Isaac: German-born (b. Neuenkirchen [map], 1806), American adopted (emig. RichmondVA, 1824) proto-Zionist preacher Isaac Leeser [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming an Ashkenazi priest in a Sephardic Jewish parish in PhiladelphiaPA in 1829, (b) for there self-publishing "The Jews and the Mosaic Law" [Amazon] in 1833, and for subsequently expanding
his printing house as the **Jewish Press of America** [see Singerman (1984)], (c) for helping to found the **Hebrew Education Society of Philadelphia** in 1848, and (d) for heading the **Congregation Beth-El-Emeth** 1857-1868. In his middle and later decades he was a force to be reckoned with in promoting and defending Jewish civil rights at a time when the Jewish population in the United States was doubling every ten years or so. He died in 1868, aged 61.

**Lees-Smith, Hastings Bertrand:** British Liberal Party politician **Hastings Lees-Smith** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the Member of Parliament who on 30th July 1917 read out in the House of Commons **Siegfried Sassoon**'s famous "statement of wilful defiance of military authority", one of the first attempts to draw public attention to the empty sacrifice of front-line soldiers in WW1 [see Sassoon's entry for the full story].

**Leiper, Henry Smith:** See the entry for Stewart W. Herman.

**LeMay, General Curtis Emerson:** Hero of the WW2 U.S. strategic bombing offensives against Germany and Japan - including the **Pax Atomica** attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki - and father of the post-war Strategic Air Command, USAF General **Curtis LeMay** [Wikipedia biography] was reportedly in Canada at the time of the shooting. He despised JFK as an appeaser (apparently he liked to mumble under his breath at meetings that it was "Munich all over again"), and is known in the histories for his concept of the "Sunday Punch" first strike.

**Le Mesurier, James Gustaf Edward:** Retired British Army officer, turned mercenary, turned Mother Teresa of the blessed kevlar, **James le Mesurier** [no convenient biography] was the founder in 2014 of the **White Helmets** [q.v.], for which selfless act he would be honoured by the Queen with an OBE in 2016.

**Lemnitzer, Lyman Louis:** General **Lyman Lemnitzer** [Wikipedia biography] was Supreme Allied Commander for NATO at the time of the shooting.

"**Leon**": Possibly LHO under cover or perhaps an **Oswald Look-Alike** doing patsification. See the entry for Silvia Odio.

**Leopold II of Belgium:** King **Leopold II of Belgium** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having initiated the construction of the Brialmont Rings at Liège [see 5th August 1914] and Namur [see 20th August 1914], and the "**National Redoubt**" at Antwerp [see 16th August 1914], (b) for placing Belgian banks front and centre in the **Kaiping Coal Field Fraud** [see own entry; see 20th March 1898ff], and (c) for having been the CEO and only shareholder in an entire country - the Congo Free State - which, modern opinion holds, he pillaged with little moral restraint.

"**Leopoldo**": See the entry for **Bernado de Torres**.

**Leveson Inquiry and Report, 2011-2012:** Announced 13th July 2011 by **Prime Minister David Cameron**, the **Leveson Inquiry** [Wikipedia briefing] was a response to a serious of serious failings by elements of the British MSM in the mid-2000s, culminating in the 2007 News of the World phone tapping scandal [Wikipedia briefing]. The inquiry was headed by **Sir Brian Leveson** [see own entry], and the resulting 2000-page **Leveson Report** [Executive Summary online - LENGTHY BUT RECOMMENDED] contains 92 specific recommendations, sub-divided into recommendations for press self-regulation (47 items), enhancements to data protection law (27 items), relationships with police (7 items) and politicians (3 items), and matters of "few hands" ownership (8 items).

**Leveson, [Sir]2000 Brian Henry:** Senior British lawyer (and esteemed Liverpudian) **[Sir]2000 Brian Leveson** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for overseeing the 2011-2012 **Leveson Inquiry** [see own entry].
Levine, Isaac Don: White Russian (b. 1892, Mazyr, Belarus) American[1911-1981] field reporter turned columnist turned vociferous anti-Stalinist fulminator Isaac Don Levine [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning his trade as a reporter in the mid-1910s with The Kansas City Star and later The New York Tribune, (b) thanks to his Russian language skills for getting to cover the Russian Revolution for the Tribune, (c) for thereby being one of the first to get a history of these events into print with his 1917 "The Russian Revolution" [Amazon: the revolution in question is the February Revolution, not the better known October one, the book having been put to bed in around September 1917], (d) for being involved in 1921 in setting up the support committee for the death-row anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti [covered in detail in the entry for Eugene Lyons], (e) for a successful career through the 1920s and 1930s for the Hearst publishing empire [Wikipedia briefing], (f) working with fellow White Russian Walter G. Krivitsky [see own entry INTERESTING] in 1939 to promote an anti-Stalinist editorial line, (g) for propagandist writing 1939-1945, including screenplays and the 1943 book "Flying Crusader: The Story of General William Mitchell, Pioneer of Air Power" [Amazon], (h) for being on the board of Alfred Kohlberg’s [see own entry REVELATORY] American China Policy Association [ditto], (i) for joining the board of Clifford Forster’s [see own entry REVELATORY] American Friends of Paix and Libérté [ditto] in its mission to stir up anti-Communist sentiment in post-war France, (j) for further working with Kohlberg on the American Jewish League Against Communism (AJLAC) [Wikipedia briefing], (k) for likewise supporting Operation QKACTIVE [see own entry REVELATORY] ...

CAMEO - LEVINE AND THE EARLY COLD WAR: Albarelli (op. cit. inf.) explains how Levine's propaganda role during the late-1940s, resulted in his being described in a 1951 State Department Policy Planning memo as "among the leading and more extreme of the hate-Stalin-and-do-something-about-it-at-once school" (p458). He continues ...

"Levine was an influential member of a group of like-minded contributors that published a regular stream of alarmist analysis of the 'dangers' to the U.S.A. of the Soviet Union and China after its 'fall' to the Reds in the late 1940s. Levine, who would later become a nationally syndicated columnist [...], was soon very much involved in the 'China Lobby', as it became known [...] an adhoc collaboration of anti-Communist American business interests [...] to defend and advance the regime of Chinese leader Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who members of the lobby believed was 'the hope of a Christian and democratic China' " (p696).

... (l) for being a member of the American Committee for the Liberation of the Peoples of Russia (AMCOMLIB) [see own entry REVELATORY] in the early-/mid- 1950s, (m) for authoring the 1959 book "The Mind of an Assassin" [Amazon], a psychological study of the man who had assassinated Leon Trotsky two decades earlier, and (n) for thereby being hurriedly head-hunted in the closing days of November 1963 to act as a Russian-speaking safe pair of hands to act as emergency handler for Lee Harvey Oswald's widow Marina Oswald, thus ...

CAMEO - LEVINE AND THE EARLY KENNEDY COVER-UP: Herbst (op. cit. inf. [Volume 1]) tells it as follows ...

"Russian-born Isaac Don Levine [see own entry REVELATORY] was a post-World War II editor of an anti-Communist monthly periodical called Plain Talk [Wikipedia briefing]. [ He] likely had intelligence connections. In 1951 he was hired by Frank Wisner to develop a secret program to export Russian and Ukrainian émigrés into Germany from other countries. [...] In 1963, Levine was LIFE Magazine's representative in Dallas [...]. After the assassination, he obtained exclusive access to Marina Oswald [see own entry], Lee's wife, and C. D. Jackson [...] directed the taping of Marina's story and had local Russian émigré Ilya Mamantov [see own entry REVELATORY] transcribe it. Before Marina testified before the Warren Commission on February 3, 1964, Levine spent an entire week with her, which one informed source characterised as witness coaching" (pp190-191).
Levine died in 1981, aged 89. **FURTHER READING:** For the supporting detail see Walter Herbst's (2021) "It Did Not Start with JFK (Volume 1)"[^amazon] and Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK"[^amazon].


**Lewis, David Franklin:** Bit-part player in the JFK conspiracy David Lewis [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for working occasionally as gopher for Guy Banister, often paired with Jack Martin, (b) for helping to defend the United States by working as a baggage handler on the Mexico Arrivals stand at New Orleans bus station ...

**ASIDE - HOW SO?:** Surprising though it might seem, he was being paid by the government to note the baggage-tag name and address of any suitcases which felt unduly light, for these were likely to belong to smugglers, black marketeers, or Cuban spies (Baker, 2010). How clever was that!

(c) for being introduced to/dining with LHO and Judith Vary Baker 28th April 1963, shortly after Baker's arrival in New Orleans, and (d) for giving a televised interview to NBC News 19th February 1967 - YouTube it now. **RECOMMENDED READING:** Check out his entry in "Nodule 24" [full text online].

**Lewis, John Llewellyn:** American trade union leader John L. Lewis [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early life in Lucas, Iowa, as a coalminer then trade union delegate in the United Mine Workers (UWM) [Wikipedia briefing], (b) for getting himself hired in 1911 by trade union firebrand Samuel Gompers [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE], eventually becoming acting president of the UWM in 1919 and calling a major strike that November, (c) for becoming full president of the union in 1920, and thereafter implementing a program of hard-line anti-Communism ...

**ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM:** The position consistently taken in the present resource is that the primary justification for the survival of trade unionism in the United States is to attract monies into workers' benevolent and pension schemes, from where it can be systematically bilked - see the entry for Jimmy Hoffa for the detailed argument here.

... (d) for acquiring thereby the reputation as a despotic but patriotic union man, (e) after the Great Depression for being appointed in 1933 to divers well-placed committees within the National Recovery Administration (NRA) [Wikipedia briefing], generally preaching not socialism but what he termed "competitive capitalism", (f) for making it onto the top team of union leaders which in November 1935 founded the Committee for [later Congress of] Industrial Organization (CIO) [see own entry THIS IS IN FACT THE MORE IMPORTANT NARRATIVE, SO FEEL FREE TO DIVERT] as a constituent member of the broader American Federation of Labour (AFL) [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE], (g) for positioning the CIO behind President Roosevelt's 1936 successful re-election campaign, (h) for being expelled from the AFL on 13th April 1938, and resigning the CIO in 1940, (i) for speaking out during 1940-1941 against the United States joining the European War, and (j) for returning to union life 1945-1960 as now merely an ageing firebrand. He retired in 1960 and died in 1969, aged 89. **FURTHER READING:** For a biography see Robert H. Zieger's (1988) "John L. Lewis: Labor Leader" [Amazon].


[^amazon]: Amazon
[^wiki]: Wikipedia biography
Liddy, George Gordon Battle: FBI Agent (1957-1962) turned lawyer G. Gordon Liddy [Wikipedia biography] would feature in the 1972 Watergate Affair. He becomes relevant to the JFK assassination because Frank Sturgis' deathbed confession asserts that he killed J. D. Tippit as part of a conspiracy to incriminate LHO.


Liggett, John Melvin: For whatever reason, "highly skilled embalmer" John Liggett [no convenient biography but lots of value here] was called away from a family funeral at Restland Cemetery, Dallas, at about 1330hr on 22nd November 1963 and taken aboard Air Force Two. His life then took a turn for the worse: his wife divorced him, he was arrested on 28th March 1974 for attempted murder, and then - perhaps conveniently - shot while attempting to escape custody on 14th February 1975.

Liggett, Walter William: American investigative journalist Walter Liggett [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having set up the American Committee for Russian Famine Relief (ACRFR) [see 3rd December 1921] because he believed that Herbert Hoover's government sponsored committee was deliberately withholding aid from Soviet centres of need, and (b) for then being author of the 1932 grudge-publication "The Rise of Herbert Hoover" [full text online] it oozes grudge, but it is nevertheless supremely well referenced - Ed.). He was done to death 9th December 1935 in a drive-by execution commissioned by one of the villains he was then investigating.

LIHUFF: See the entry for the Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales y Economicas (IISE).

Likud: See the entry for Revisionist Zionist Movement.

Lindsay, Franklin A.: [Read firstly the entry for William Eddy IMPORTANT PRIOR CONTEXT.] American WW2 special ops professional turned post-war defence industry executive and specialist on (and in) the Ukraine Franklin A. Lindsay [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating from Stanford University in 1938, (b) for war service with William J. ["Wild Bill"] Donovan's [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] OSS in Yugoslavia, as liaison officer in Tito's mountain headquarters ...  

CAMEO - THE U.S. IN YUGOSLAVIA, 1942-1946: Firstly a little historical catch-up ...  

QUICKIE - YUGOSLAVIA, 1942-1946: We have already provided a key-points history of Yugoslavia for the years in question in the entry for Operation KEELHAUL ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT. This now further compresses as follows (see the original for the supporting Wikis and more of the detail) ...

Between 1919 and 1941 Yugoslavia had been an artificial nation, set up by the Versailles Peace Conference out of the ruins of the defeated Austro-Hungarian Empire, and consisting of a mish-mash of centuries-old ethnic and religious rivalries with many an ancient score to settle. This all came to a head in early 1941 when Axis Yugoslavia defected from the Berlin camp to the Moscow camp, prompting an immediate occupation by the Wehrmacht and Waffen SS in the Balkanfeldzug. King Peter II was spirited away to exile in London, leaving a Royalist resistance army - the Chetniks - to harass the occupation forces from mountain hide-outs. Before long, however, a second - leftist - guerrilla force - the Yugoslav Partisans - emerged under the command of Josip ["Tito"] Broz, similarly waging guerrilla war on both Nazis and Chetniks alike. In 1944 the U.S., after giving the matter much thought, finally decided to support Tito's anti-Nazi partisans despite the fact that they were pro-Moscow.

Smith (op. cit. inf.) explains Lindsay's involvement in all this as follows ...

"[By January 1945 it was apparent that] a provisional government was to be established which would clearly be controlled by the Partisan political council, with only token representation for the King. [...] There was no longer any doubt that Šubašić was being eclipsed by Tito's dynamism or that Moscow was becoming primus inter pares [= “first among equals”] of the Allied powers in Yugoslavia. [...] Like Mihailović before him, Peter turned to the United States in desperation. Bernard [Yarrow]1922, prev.
Yaroslavzow [Wikipedia biography], a Russian émigré had been sent to London by Donovan as OSS liaison with the exile governments of Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Yugoslavia. Yaroslavzow kept in close touch with both Šubašić and the King [...] but by the end of 1945, Tito had shifted Šubašić from Prime Minister to Foreign Minister and then to house arrest. [...] In May 1945 Thayer [see below] had been replaced by 29-year-old Lieutenant-Colonel Franklin Lindsay, a veteran of behind-the-lines service in southern Austria" (pp158-161).

... (c) for subsequently being in at the birth of the modern CIA in 1947 ...

**CAMEO - LINDSAY AND THE OSS-CIA TRANSITION:** Here is Smith again ...

"In the fall of 1944, at the request of President Roosevelt, General Donovan submitted a secret memorandum to the White House authorising the creation of a permanent American intelligence service. [...] While Donovan's proposal was still under consideration in official circles, his memorandum became the centre of a political storm [being denounced by some as] a 'super-spy system' [...] At the beginning of April 1945, Roosevelt decided to revive the Donovan proposal. But a week later, the President was dead. His successor, Harry Truman, wanted no part in a peacetime 'Gestapo'. On September 20, 1945, he issued an executive order disbanding the [OSS, whose] organisation was then dispersed among the other agencies of the government. The remains of the Secret Intelligence and Special Operations branches were transferred to the War Department and placed under the command of Donovan’s Deputy Director for Intelligence, General John Magruder [see own entry REVELATORY]. [...] By February 1946, Magruder had already resigned in protest against the dismemberment of his intelligence unit [...] The Research and Analysis Branch of OSS was meanwhile shunted off to the State Department [under] Alfred McCormack [Wikipedia mention] [...] On April 23 [1946] Colonel McCormack resigned. His successor, Colonel William Eddy [...] was given the task of dismantling the R&A group as an integral unit and assigning each geographical division to the regular State Department desks. [...] The White House soon approved the creation of a National Intelligence Authority and a subordinate Central Intelligence Group [...] The following year, Congress provided for the creation of a Central Intelligence Agency [...] The new CIA was a strange mixture of professional military officers and civilian OSS veterans (who soon became the dominant force in the Agency). The two principal operating divisions were the Office of Policy Coordination (OPC), assigned the task of political subversion, and the Office of Special Operations (OSO), responsible for espionage and intelligence collection. James Angleton [see own entry ESSENTIAL ONWARD CONTEXT], chief of OSS counter-intelligence in Rome, and William K. Harvey (ditto) directed OSO. Frank Wisner (ditto), OSS chief in Istanbul and Bucharest and Allen Dulles' top aide in Germany, became chief of OPC. He was assisted by Franklin Lindsay" (pp363-366).

... (d) by virtue of his expertise in the Southern European theatre, for being part of 1949's embarrassingly abortive Operation VALUABLE [Wikipedia briefing] in Albania ...

**CAMEO - LINDSAY AND THE ALBANIA FAIL:** Here is Powers (op. cit. inf.), recording Lindsay's part in the story ...

"The most ambitious of [CIA penetration] efforts had been directed against Albania beginning in 1949, when the British SIS made contact with a resistance group in the central mountains [...] hoping to] overthrow the Communist government of Enver Hoxha [Wikipedia biography]. The British, as usual, were short of funds, so they invited the Americans to join the operation. A base was established on the British island of Malta, and an ambitious plan was drawn up by Frank Lindsay, chief of the OPC's East European Division [...] to train Albanian émigrés, build an agent network inside the country in collaboration with the resistance group already there, and eventually to initiate open warfare, [...] Later, after Albanian agents were killed or arrested with eerie efficiency as soon as they landed on Albanian soil by boat or parachute, it was argued that the operation failed because it had been compromised by the Russian agent Kim Philby [see own entry]. [...] But a more important cause of failure was the ambitious scope of the operation" (pp44-45).

... (e) for becoming formally responsible as deputy chief of the OPC for signing off on Operation QKACTIVE [see own entry] in September 1950 [see the entry for the American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism (AMCOMLIB) for more on this] ...

**CAMEO - LINDSAY AND CONTAINMENT:** Specifically, Lindsay helped to recruit suitably sympathetic "émigrés" as part of implementing George Kennan's [see own entry ESSENTIAL PARALLEL NARRATIVE] state-strategic policy on "Containment", thus ...
"As George Kennan and other 'determined interventionists' discussed possible means of not only containing the spread of communism but also rolling back the Soviet empire in a campaign of liberation, they kept coming back to the same idea: the possible usefulness to their cause of the numerous exiles from the communist world now living in the west. [...] By the summer of 1946, the War Department was systematically spritig away to the United States Germans who had desirable 'technical' expertise (and, often, terrible records as war criminals) in a secret operation codenamed [Operation PAPERCLIP] [see own entry REVELATORY]. [...] How, though, to harness this 'potential secret army'? Various suggestions were considered. Kennan proposed the creation of a political warfare school to train exiles in [guerrilla tactics]. Two veterans of the OSS, Stanford-educated guerrilla specialist Franklin Lindsay and State Department-trained Sovietologist Charles Thayer [Wikipedia biography], came up with a plan 'to extract for U.S. advantage disaffected foreign nationals from Soviet-dominated areas'. [...] The resulting program, Operation BLOODSTONE [see own entry REVELATORY] echoed its predecessor [Operation] PAPERCLIP [ditto] by admitting a number of war criminals" (Wilford, op. cit. inf., pp29-30)

... (f) for being further mentioned by Simpson (op. cit. inf.) in the context of a targeted counter-espionage assassination program named Operation OHIO [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser REVELATORY], thus ...

Readers unfamiliar with the name <L. Fletcher Prouty> - the Donald Sutherland character in the movie "JFK - should check out that entry before proceeding

CAMEO - LINDSAY AND OPERATION OHIO: This is what Simpson has to tell us [we relate the OHIO story in some detail, absent a detailed Wiki - Ed.] ...

"The question of U.S. use of former Nazi collaborators in assassinations is important. [...] Few subjects are more deeply clothed in mystery than this one [...]. All that can be said with certainty is that such murders did take place and that in some cases former Nazi collaborators were instrumental in carrying them out. [...] The concepts of maintaining 'plausible deniability' for the actual murder and of the expendability of the killers themselves are a key to understanding U.S. assassination techniques. [...] Several organisations of former Nazi collaborators were ready to undertake such slayings on a major scale. Covert operations chief Wisner estimated in 1951 that some 35,000 Soviet police troops and Communist Party cadres had been eliminated by guerrillas connected with the Nazi collaborationist OUN/UPA in the Ukraine since the end of the war [...]. These shotgun-style killings and guerrilla actions account for the large majority of murders carried out with U.S. assistance in Europe during the Cold War. It is inappropriate, of course, to lay responsibility for all these deaths at the feet of the CIA ... although these widespread shotgun-style slayings served as cover for a smaller number of specific individual assassinations that appear to have been directly ordered by U.S. intelligence officers. Former Nazi collaborators made excellent executioners in such instances [and suspected double agents were the most common targets for execution. [...] 'We kept personnel at several air bases around the world for these types of missions,' says Colonel Prouty, who was responsible for U.S. Air Force air support of CIA missions overseas, including the delivery of agents to their targets and subsequent evacuation measures. 'Some of these guys were the best commercial hit men you have ever heard of. [They were] mechanics, killers. They were Ukrainians, mainly, and Eastern Europeans, Greeks, and some Scotsmen. [...] None of them were American citizens.' Prouty asserts that teams of such 'mechanics' were used in cross-border infiltrations [etc.]. Many of the Eastern Europeans, he says, were Nazi collaborators during the war. [+++ examples of these operations given +++] Other people were murdered gangland-style during Operation OHIO [...]. Ohio employed a squad of Ukrainian ex-Nazis to carry out at least twenty murders in a displaced persons camp at Mittenwald, south of Munich. [...] 'We were just out of World War Two, and we were using those [wartime] tactics', says Franklin Lindsay, the former CIA/OPC paramilitary expert. '[...] one tended to operate in the same way as in wartime'. Lindsay, however, rejects the term assassination as a description of CIA/OPC practice during his tenure there" (pp126-128).

... (g) for retiring from the CIA in late 1952 and joining the Ford Foundation [Wikipedia briefing] ...

CAMEO - LINDSAY'S CONTRIBUTION ASSESSED: Thomas (op. cit. inf.) reflects on Lindsay's contribution to the CIA's formative years ...

"Frank Lindsay represents a beginning and an end [...] to the covert attempt to roll back Communism. During World War II, Lindsay had [...] fought bravely and well with the Partisans against the Nazis in the mountains of Yugoslavia. He was a believer in the power of guerrilla warfare. [...] When Wisner formed OPC, he asked Lindsay to [...] run his European operations. [...] Lindsay helped set up 'stay behind' groups in Western Europe and to launch the Albanian operation. But as time went on Lindsay began to realise that covert action was not working against the Communists. [...] The stuff that had
worked against the Germans did not work against the Russians, who seemed impervious. It was time to back off and think this business through. For half a year in 1951, Lindsay toured the CIA stations of Europe [finally realising] that the people of Eastern Europe were just too worn out by the last war to rise up and start another one. [...] He also realised that the Communist security services were hardly the crude peasants some of his colleagues made them out to be. In practice, they were more efficient than the German Gestapo. [...] Wisner was willing to listen. He agreed to Lindsay's proposal to set up a 'murder board' to shut down the least successful operations. Lindsay's change of heart and the creation of the murder board might have marked a turn at the CIA away from high-risk covert action to more carefully conceived and executed operations [but after his retirement] the CIA became more bold and reckless [making] the early days of OPC seem innocent and tame by comparison" (pp70-72).

... (h) for organising the funding whip-round in 1955 which kept Sol Levitas' [see the entry for C. D. Jackson] centrist political magazine The New Leader [ditto] in publication, (i) for becoming president of the Itek Corporation [Wikipedia briefing] in 1962, (j) for heading President Nixon's CIA-reorganisation taskforce in 1968, and (k) for being interviewed (by Simpson) 25th January 1985. He died in 2011, aged 95.


**Ling, Walton:** See the entry for Operation KEELHAUL.

**Ling Electronics:** Avionics manufacturer based in AnaheimCA, and now part of the Data Physics Corporation. Noteworthy in the present context as one-time workplace of JFK assassin Mac Wallace.

**Lintorn-Orman, Rotha Beryl:** Comfortably born British dogmatiste Rotha Lintorn-Orman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for pre-WW1 involvement in the creation of the Girl Guides as a worthy adjunct to the Boy Scouts, (b) for war service in the Women's Voluntary Service and British Red Cross, including, for a period, supporting the Salonika Front [see 5th August 1915, then as threaded] ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** Hard evidence is predictably difficult to come by, but it was reported that Red Cross ambulances in WW1 used to take ammunition "up the line" every time they were sent to collect the wounded - see the entry for Jerome K. Jerome, volunteer ambulance driver, who confesses to doing exactly that. Similarly with W. Somerset Maugham [see own entry], who spent time as a Red Cross ambulance driver on the Western Front before transferring to Petrograd as a very senior intelligence operative. Humanitarian/state propagandist Hugh Walpole [Wikipedia biography] was another Red Cross volunteer with a covert brief.

... (c) for drifting into right-wing politics after the war, eventually setting up the British Fascisti [see own entry] in 1923 by way of tribute to Benito Mussolini's Italian fascists, and (d) for refusing to merge into Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists (BUF) [see own entry] hard on its formation in 1932, because - she complained - it was not fascist enough for her liking. She died in 1935, aged just 40.

"Little Lynn": See the entry for Karen Carlin.

**Little, Malcolm:** Birth name of the human rights activist Malcolm X.

**Livingstone, Harrison Edward** Assassination researcher Harrison E. Livingstone [no convenient biography] was the author of the 1993 book "Killing the Truth: Deceit and Deception in the JFK Case".
Livingston, R. W. ["Rusty"]: DPD Crime Lab Detective Rusty Livingston [no convenient biography] spent the afternoon/evening of 22nd November 1963 in DPDHQ, busily booking in and collating new items of evidence as they arrived. This included maintaining safe copies of documents and photographs. This forensic archive would then remain largely undiscussed for 30 year, until finally it came to the notice of his nephew Gary Savage, who helped him present it in their jointly authored 1993 book "JFK: First Day Evidence".

"Lobby, The": This eight-part series of half-hour current affairs documentaries under the title "The Lobby" [IMDb entry] was made by the Al-Jazeera Media Network [Wikipedia briefing], and first broadcast in January 2017. At the time of writing [= December 2019] the full series is available as a single three hour piece on YouTube - View it now - or, if you browse carefully, as separate parts. Presented/narrated by ex-U.S.M.C. Clayton Swisher [see own entry], Al-Jazeera's head of investigations, the series is noteworthy in the present context for making public a lot of secretly filmed encounters between wired up undercover reporter "Robin Harrow" [nom-de-guerre] and various players in the circle of influence of political officers based in Israel's London Embassy ...

KEY VOCABULARY - "BDS MENTALITY": On behalf of the State of Israel's Ministry of Strategic Affairs [Wikipedia briefing], and sanctioned also at presidential level, the Israeli Embassy in London has of late been legitimately concerned with how young Britons regard Israel. This meant countering any what they term "BDS Mentality" in British public opinion, that is to say, any calls to "Boycott, Divest, and Sanction" Israel, Israeli tourism, Israeli products, Israeli cultural contacts, etc.

Here, listed in alphabetical order of surname, are all those focally featured in the documentary, either in the interviews, Swisher's coordinating narrative, or the supporting graphics ...

AIPAC: Luke Akehurst; BICOM: Richard Brooks; City Friends of Israel: the Fabian Society; Jewish Labour Movement (JLM); Labour Friends of Israel (LFI); Jeremy Newmark; the Piniker Centre; Ella Rose; Michael Rubin; Joan Ryan; Adam Shapira; Union of Jewish Students (UJS); Robbie Young

Appearing for the plaintiff are the highly respected commentator Peter Oborne [see own entry], who speaks for (what is left of) Britain's unaligned Establishment, and pro-Palestinian investigative journalist Asa Winstanley [see own entry]. In Oborne's view "it is outrageous interference in Britain's politics". Embassy political officer Shai Masot [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] tirelessly promotes his country's case throughout. FURTHER READING: We note "The Lobby" primarily for its coverage of the relationship between the Embassy and (then) Member of Parliament Joan Ryan [see own entry], who has useful-idioted the 2015-2019 campaign against Jeremy Corbyn as if it were her own idea (to pursue the Ryan line of inquiry a little further switch to the companion Timeline and follow the sub-thread <Weaponised Antisemitism in British Politics> [17 entries as at 12th December 2019 - Ed.]). OUR VERDICT: To the present author's ear, "Robin Harrow" is never seriously convincing, and, if he'd conversed with us the way he converses with each of his "marks", we would have smelled "set up" within seconds and started casually looking for the hidden camera. So Masot, definitely, and perhaps several of the other marks must have known they were being grilled, yet played along anyway. That is the way of these things, we suppose. Treat the documentary as suspicious, therefore, in all respects.

Lockhart. [Sir][1943] Robert Hamilton Bruce: Scottish [self-proclaimedly, "there is no drop of English blood in my veins"] diplomat-spy turned journalist-propagandist [Sir][1943] Robert Lockhart [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving as Vice-Consul1912-1915/Consul1915-1917 in Moscow, (b) for thereby being headhunted in January 1918 to bolster Britain's diplomatic presence in Bolshevik Petrograd, in which capacity he doubled as a high-level intelligence operative, (c) for being accused of conspiring with famed state assassin Sidney Reilly [see own entry] in mid-1918 to assassinate Lenin, only to be spy-swapped before his trial [see Timeline 14th August 1918]; the trial of accessory conspirators began 25th November 1918; Lockhart and Reilly were sentenced to death in absentia - Ed., (d) for trying his hand in banking in the mid-1920s, (e) for turning instead to Beaverbrook journalism in 1928, and (f) for publishing the best-selling "Memoirs of a British Agent" [Amazon] in 1932. He is also noteworthy, although it is difficult to be precise as to years,
for having sufficiently briefed his son Robin Bruce Lockhart [Wikipedia biography] for the latter to profit from the father's exploits from a later generation of readers (not to mention TV viewers to the present day), under the "Reilly, Ace of Spies" franchise [Amazon (book); Amazon (video)].

Lodge, Henry Cabot, Snr.: Well born and of independent means lawyer-politician Henry Cabot Lodge, Snr. [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for earning Harvard's first ever doctorate in political science in 1876, (b) for having been a close associate of Theodore Roosevelt [see own entry] in their early careers as politicians (although for his part he later confessed that he "hated political conventions"), (c) for having "a brutal streak" (Thomas, 2010), (d) for coining the term "Large Policy" as a euphemism for Imperialism, (e) for his anti-British stance in the Venezuela Affair [see Timeline 2nd July 1895], (f) for NOT being selected to accompany President Wilson to the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 13th December 1918], and for thereby being able to devote his full attention to briefing against that delegation's handling of progress in general, not least the Russian Intervention and the League of Nations negotiations, and (g) for leading the attack against the former in mid-February 1919 [see Timeline 14th February 1919] and against the latter later that same month [see Timeline 26th February 1919]. He died in 1924, aged 74. His grandson, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. [Wikipedia biography], will feature large in Senatorial and diplomatic roles during the Cold War.

Loeb, William III: See the entry for the American China Policy Association (ACPA).

***** INFLUENTIAL ZIONIST MYSTIC *****

Loew [ben Bezalel], Judah[, of Prague]: [Variously Löw, Löwe, Loeww, Levai; also, acronymically, the Maharal] [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching COMPULSORY SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] White Russian (b. between 1512 and 1526, Poznan, Kingdom of Poland) proto-Zionist cabbalist Judah Loew[, of Prague] [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having grown up in a wealthy rabbinical family, getting his own parish at Mikulov, Moravia, [map] in 1553, (b) for retiring said parish in 1588, by then an expert Kabbalist in Hasidic Judaism [see own entry], to resettle in Prague, (c) for meeting the Holy Roman Emperor Rudolf II [Wikipedia biography] in 1592 to brief him on the Kabbalah, and (d) for being promoted Chief Rabbi of Poland in 1592. During his mature years, he wrote a number of scholarly treatises on Judaism [listed in the Wiki - Ed.]. He died in 1609, aged 80, but his teachings survived in the hands of younger disciples as "Polish Hasidism" [Wikipedia briefing]. He also influenced 20th Century White Russian Kabbalist-Zionists such as Abraham Kook [see own entry]. One of his descendants was Hirsch Kalischer [see own entry]; others, it is reported, possibly include some of the key workers in the history of computing and artificial intelligence in the U.S. - not least the father of cybernetics, Norbert Wiener [more on him (scroll down to Section 5)].

***** 'TWIXT OIL AND UNDERWORLD *****

Logue, Lester Lloyd: Geologist turned millionaire Texas oilman Lester L. Logue [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a member of the John Birch Society, (b) for being an associate of Californian Bircherite Congressman John Rousselot as well as international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt, (c) for very possibly being close to the Texas Army Reserve Military Intelligence units whose role in the JFK assassination has still to be more than hinted at, (d) for reportedly being associated in some capacity with the very shady Thomas Eli Davis, III, gun-runner (and close, therefore, to Davis' bagman, Jack Ruby) ...

CAMERO - LOGUE (PER ALBARELLI): In his (2013) book "A Secret Order" [Amazon] Hank P. Albarelli notes that Davis "did some work" for Logue ...

"Lester L. Logue according to FBI documents, was a Dallas, Texas-based petroleum geologist who became a multi-millionaire in the oil business. That [Thomas] Davis, who claimed to have performed 'field geology work', would know Logue is not the least surprising. However, that Logue also had extensive dealings with other soldiers of fortune deeply emmeshed in today's accounts of JFK's assassination, and who were acquainted with Davis, tells an entirely different story" (op. cit., K5746).
(e) for funding the mercenary team of Loran Eugene Hall and Gerry Hemming during their 1963 black ops against Cuba, and for on occasions safehousing their weapons (Gayle Nix Jackson, 2016), (f) for being one of the six businessmen visited by Hall 17th October 1963, at which meeting he was famously offered (and apparently declined) $50,000 to "blow Kennedy's ass off", and (g) for alleging that Hall was in Dallas on the day of the assassination (ibid.).

Lomax, James A.: DPD Officer James Lomax [no convenient biography] was patrol partner to Earle Brown, but seems content to have let his partner to do the talking, and he was not openly quizzed as to the issue of smoke seen or smelled, despite that being an "inconceivable omission" (McLaren, 2013). Lomax's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

London Declaration: See the entry for St. James's Palace Declaration.

Long, John Davis: Lawyer-politician John Long [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Secretary of the Navy at the time of the Spanish-American War [check it out]. As a lawyer he freely confessed that he did not know the front of a ship from the back, and so left the technical aspects of the job to Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt [q.v.].

Long, Russell Billiu: American lawyer turned Congressman Russell B. Long [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW2 war service (U.S. Navy, North Africa, Italy, France) 1942-1945, (b) for being elected Senator from Louisiana in 1948, a position he would hold until 1987, and (c) for reputedly tipping off New Orleans DA Jim Garrison that the 1964 Warren Report had failed adequately to reflect glaring evidence of an assassination conspiracy involving that city. Long is played (at around 24 minutes in) by Walter Mathau in Oliver Stone's (1991) movie "JFK" [IMDB entry].

López Arellano, Oswaldo Enrique: Right-wing Honduran soldier-businessman-politician President[1963-1971; 1972-1975] Oswaldo López [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having come to power in a coup the year after the previous incumbent had tried raising taxes on the United Fruit Company.

Lopez Report: So named after its senior author Edwin Juan Lopez [no convenient biography], the Lopez Report [Wikipedia studiously mentions neither Lopez nor Mexico in its entry for the HSCA Report] is the informal title for the sections of the 1978 House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) Report pertaining to LHO's trip to Mexico City. The report was classified for fifteen years, and even at time of writing [=February 2023] Sections of it remain classified and what has been released is not easy to navigate. The primary reference sources are these ...

1993 release - check out full text online FASCINATING (note the frequent redactions and unresolved codenames)

2003 release - available as "Oswald, the CIA, and Mexico City: The Lopez-Hardway Report" [Amazon]

The report is noteworthy in the present context (a) for including testimony from (and breaking for the first time her operational alias Joyce H. Pineinch) Viola June Cobb [see own entry WHOLLY FASCINATING AND ASSASSINATION PIVotal], and (b) for bringing into the limelight players such as Silvia Duran [ditto], Valeriy Kostikov [ditto], Charles Thomas [ditto], and Eusebio Azcue [ditto].

Lord Beaverbrook: See the entry for Max Aitken.

Lord Cecil: See the entry for Gascoyne-Cecil, Edgar.

Lord Elgin: See the entries (by context) for EITHER Bruce, Thomas [7th Earl of Elgin] OR Bruce, James [8th Earl of Elgin].
Lord Harlech: See the entry for Ormsby-Gore, William.

Lord Lothian: See the entry for Kerr, Philip.

Lord Norwich: See the entry for Alfred Duff Cooper.

Lord Revelstoke: See the entry for the Baring Family.

Lord Salisbury: See the entry for Gascoyne-Cecil, Robert.

Lord Selborne: See the entry for William Palmer.

Lorenz, Ilona Marita: One time lover of Cuban revolutionary leader Fidel Castro but based in Miami since 1960 Marita Lorenz [Wikipedia biography] had been touted by Frank Sturgis in 1961 on behalf of the CIA to poison Castro. She then came forward in 1977 with stories of LHO's involvement with Sturgis in summer 1963, testifying as such to the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Lorenzo-Luaces y Vilaseca, Enrique: Cuban exile turned CIA asset Enrique Lorenzo-Luaces y Vilaseca [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a member of the influential Lorenzo-Luaces family, dispossessed and exiled by the Castro Revolution, (b) for later stating in a January 1964 interview with U.S. Army intelligence that in May 1961 he met fellow CIA asset Robert Taber [see own entry] in a bar in Havana, Cuba, and was introduced to LHO. This event is rarely mentioned in the literature. Even the highly reliable Peter Dale Scott only manages the following 15 words in his (2013) book "Oswald, Mexico, and Deep Politics" [Amazon] ...

"FBI #836: Enrique Lorenzo-Luaces y Vilaseca saw Robert Taber of FPCC with Harvey Oswald"

... to which Simpich (2009 [full text online]) adds ...

"Meanwhile, during that same month [=May 1961], something very odd was going on in Havana. Dr. Enrique Lorenzo Luaces told Army Intelligence that Taber introduced him to 'Lt. Harvey Oswald, an arms expert' while having drinks at Sloppy Joe’s, better known as the 'Sardi's for spies'. When the FBI interviewed Taber, he denied knowing Oswald. A popular position to take, especially since the common wisdom is that Oswald was continuously in the USSR between 1959 and 1962."

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** The source document is on the Mary Ferrell Database at pages 88-89 of FBI 62-109060 JFK HQ File, Section 43 [check it out]. It is dated 28th January 1964 and refers to an "enclosed army communication" for the original detail. Sadly the enclosure is NOT included in the archive copy. **Anybody??** A "Lorenzo Luaces" is also listed in the National Archives as a member of the President's Committee on Ethnic Affairs 2nd October 1976 but no address or affiliation is offered.

***** INFLUENTIAL PROTO-ZIONIST *****

Lorje, Chaim: [Alternatively as Chayyim Lurie] [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching COMPULSORY SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] Polish (b. 1795, Leszno [map]) preacher-scholar Chaim Lorje [Encyclopedia.Com biography] is noteworthy in the present context for founding the Association for the Colonisation of Palestine 1st July 1860 [see Timeline this date]. **FURTHER READING:** For the fuller politico-religious context, switch to the [Companion Timeline at 13th July 1838] and follow the <Zionism Pre-WW1> threading.

LORK/LORK: [Read firstly and thoroughly familiarise with the entry for Henry Heckscher ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT.] The CIA cryptonym LORK[E] [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] was used in the second half of 1963 to refer to a top secret subordinated command within the CIA's much larger JM/WAVE base in Miami. It was formed specifically to support Operation AMWORLD [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], but with a smaller, more carefully selected, team, and it liaised
closely with Cuban exile paramilitaries headed by Manuel Arttime [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], thus ...

"[AMWORLD] had its own separate operations staff within a separate area in Miami (designated as LORK), and in Mexico City the only officer designated to organise safe houses and related activities for AMWORLD was David Phillips. AMWORLD activities, especially the recruiting and operational activities of Arttime, were intended to be totally deniable in terms of United States sponsorship and funding. The AMWORLD head and Arttime case officer was Henry Hecksher, designated as H/H on AMWORLD documents and serving as special assistant to Desmond Fitzgerald" (Hancock, 2010, p98).

Lost Ten Tribes: See the entry herein for Christian Identity, and then the entries in the Companion Timeline threaded <Zionism Pre-WW1>, starting 1st June 1606.

Louis Janin Mining Consultants [no convenient briefing, but see Spence (1996 [full text online])], a mine surveying partnership headed up by Louis Janin, Snr. [see own entry] and regularly used by "the Rothschilds and the Guggenheims" (Liggett, 1932 [full text online], Chapter 4).

Lovejoy, Esther Pohl: American physician and suffragist Esther Pohl Lovejoy [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1894, developing her skills in general practice in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, (b) for becoming director of the Portland Health Board in 1907 (the first American woman to hold such a position), (c) for undertaking a sabbatical tour of Europe in 1909, (d) for serving with the Red Cross during the A.E.F.'s deployment in Europe 1917-1919 ...

Readers unfamiliar with the AEF's use of the YMCA and the Red Cross as cover organisations for field intelligence agents should see the entry for <Boris Pash> before proceeding. Note especially the RESEARCH ISSUE therein.

... (e) for thereby showing up in the Balkans war zone at the time of the 1919-1922 Greek-Turkish War ...

CAMEO - LOVEJOY IN THE BALKANS: We include the story of Lovejoy's first-hand experiences of the famous Smyrna Massacre in the Companion Timeline at 9th September 1922. Note especially the propagandistic nature of the publicity her deeds were given.

... (f) for writing up her adventures thus far in her 1927 memoir "Certain Samaritans" [Amazon (rare)], and (g) for spending the rest of her life promoting women's careers in medicine and medical philanthropy. She died in 1967, aged 97.

Lovelady, William Nolan: 26-year-old one time receiver of a stolen gun Billy Lovelady [Spartacus Educational biography] was at the top of the steps of the TSBD front entrance, being clearly identifiable in the background of the Altgens6 photograph (by virtue of which he is sometimes referred to as "Doorway Man").

ASIDE: There was a major controversy during the 1970s as to whether Doorway Man was Lovelady or LHO, and whether Altgens6 had been doctored. In this controversy it became important to know what colour/pattern shirt both men had been wearing at the time. David Lifton has recently (2012) discussed this case online and reminds everyone (a) that both men appear in a snippet of newsreel taken on the 3rd Floor of DPDHQ at 1403hr 22nd November 1963 (LHO having just been arrested a few minutes previously at the Texas Theater), (b) that this film shows what they were wearing, and (c) that the House Select Committee on Assassinations had taken this evidence into account in 1977 when judging that Doorway Man was Lovelady. He also reminds modern readers that only SUSPECTS were processed at DPDHQ; the WITNESSES were processed at the County Sheriff's Office.

Lovelady died 14th January 1979. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].
Lovestone, Jay: One time head of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. (1919-1929) Jay Lovestone (Wikipedia biography) abandoned the left in 1929 and joined forces with David Dubinski [see own entry] in the 1930s promoting a just-left-of-centre form of trade unionism. In 1943 he became director of Dubinski's International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU) [see own entry], and in 1944 joined the Free Trade Union Committee (FTUC) [see own entry], from where he worked with Irving Brown [see own entry] to mastermind many field operations in France and Italy during and after the war, with a view to keeping Stalinists out of their trade union hierarchies, and generally peripheralising [read "beating up"] far-left influence. FURTHER READING: For much more of the detail see Hugh Wilford's (2008) book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon], using the many index entries.

Lovett Committee: See the entry for Robert A. Lovett.

Lovett, Robert Abercrombie: Very comfortably born American banker-politician Robert A. Lovett [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being born into the Robert S. Lovett [Wikipedia biography] family fortune (railways) in 1895, (b) for graduating from Yale in 1918, complete with membership of the Skull and Bones secret society, (c) for WW1 service 1918-1919 (U.S. Navy, air squadron, Lieutenant-Commander), (d) for marrying into the Brown banking fortune in 1919, before completing his law studies at Harvard 1919-1921, (e) for joining Brown Brothers, Harriman [see own entry] as a junior partner in 1926, (f) for being head-hunted by Secretary of War Henry Stimson in 1940, to advise (as one of his several "wise men" [Wikipedia briefing]) on air affairs, being promoted Assistant Secretary of War for Air in April 1941 and thereafter generally masterminding the massive wartime expansion of America's air forces 1941-1945 ...

QUICKIE - STIMSON'S "HEAVENLY TWINS": Seagrave and Seagrave (op. cit. inf.) explain the Stimson set-up as follows ...

"By Pearl Harbour, Stimson was already in his seventies. He managed his vast wartime responsibilities by delegating authority to four assistant Secretaries of War: [first two names] and two dynamos Stimson called his Heavenly Twins - John McCloy [HIGHLY REVELATORY] and Robert Lovett. What they all had in common was their close relationship to the Harrimans and Rockefellers, +++ details +++ Working for Secretary of War Stimson, Lovett, and McCloy became midwives at the birth of America's postwar national security establishment, which was closely interwoven with the financial community" (p189).

... (g) for masterminding specifically the targeting of German citizens in their homes rather than the factories in which they worked, in order to minimise losses incurred by American shareholders in said factories ...

Readers unfamiliar with the American funding of German industry during the mid- to late-1930s should see the entries for <Prescott Bush> [yes, those Bushes], <John J. McCloy>, and the <Bank for International Settlements (BIS)> before proceeding.

CAMEO - THE FORGOTTEN CONSPIRACY (WHO NOT TO BOMB): Yeadon and Hawkins (op. cit. inf.) note links to Prescott Bush and allege what amounts to financial high treason, as follows ...

"[T]he Department of War, and particularly the air command, had an unusually high number of members from the Yale Aviation Unit and the Skull and Bones. These individuals all had extensive ties to Wall Street firms, which had a history of doing business with the Nazis. They were well positioned to influence the target selection in the air campaign against Germany. Lovett was a lifelong advocate of what amounts to terror bombing, the bombing of civilian centres. The air campaign against Germany left eighty percent of the homes destroyed. Factory production was only reduced by twenty percent [and not all of that] by bombing. [...] Robert Lovett and Prescott Bush were both Bonesmen employed by Brown Brothers, Harriman [see own entry, then as directed, and thence that for Prescott Bush] [...] one of the main firms on Wall Street to have extensive dealings with the Nazis. The deals with the Nazis were so extensive at Brown Brothers, Harriman that Prescott Bush had 23 firms seized from him for trading with the enemy. [+++ details +++] Before the firms were seized, Prescott Bush hired the Dulles brothers to conceal the Nazi ownership in these firms. This [...] was treason by both Bush and the Dulles brothers [+++detail given +++]" (k299-316).
... (h) for also being one of the team who from mid-war masterminded the location and recovery of the notoriously enigmatic Nazi Gold ...

"[SEAGOON, AGHAST] The gold I stole, stolen?" (The Goon Show, 14th December 1954)

**CAMEO - LOVETT AND THE BLACK EAGLE TRUST (NAZI GOLD, AND HOW TO KEEP IT):** Those who saw "Kelly's Heroes" when it first hit the screens in 1970 will have been aware for more than fifty years that purely military objectives can become blurred when there is gold in the offing. However we would have been wrong to think it was all just fiction writers' fevered imagination, for there was gold - lots of it - and there is less than convincing evidence that all of it was properly accounted for. The Seagraves explain America's game plan in all this (two clips, with minor duplication)...

"Stimson's special assistants on this topic were his deputies John J. McCloy [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY] and Robert Lovett, and consultant Robert B. Anderson [Wikipedia biography], all clever men with outstanding careers in public service and banking. [...] Their solution was to set up what is informally called the Black Eagle Trust. [+++ background +++] If the gold was kept secret, prices could be kept at $35 an ounce, the dollar would remain strong, and currencies pegged to gold would be stable. Meanwhile, the black gold would serve as a reserve asset, bolstering the prime banks of Allied countries, strengthening the governments of those nations" (pp26-27).

"Washington's [official] figure for recovered Nazi gold still is only 550 metric tons. But Anderson knew better. One of his business associates saw photos in Anderson's office of an American soldier 'sitting on top of stacks of bullion that Hitler had stolen from Poland, Austria, Belgium, and France [...]'. The same source said he was taken to the courtyard of a convent in Europe where 11,200 metric tons of Nazi looted bullion had been collected. After the Nazi defeat, the OSS and other Allied intelligence organisations searched Germany and Austria for art treasures and looted gold. Soviet troops and special units did the same in the Russian zone. More is known of what happened to the recovered art than to the recovered gold."

**ASIDE:** The crucial point here is that gold can be remelted and thereby rendered untraceable. Artworks, on the other hand, have an absolute identity and are easier to trace.

"When one hundred tons of Nazi gold were recovered from a salt mine near Merkers, Germany, the truck convoy carrying it to Frankfurt vanished; it was said to have been hijacked, but the more likely explanation is that this gold was among the bullion stacked in the convent courtyard. The reason for all this discretion was a top secret project sometimes called Black Eagle, a strategy first suggested to President Roosevelt by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and his wartime advisors, [McCloy] (later head of the World Bank), [Lovett] (later Secretary of Defense), and Robert B. Anderson (later Secretary of the Treasury). Stimson proposed using all recovered Axis war loot (Nazi, Fascist, and Japanese) to finance a global political action fund. Because it would be difficult if not impossible to determine who were the rightful owners of all the looted gold, better to keep its recovery quiet and set up a trust to help friendly governments stay in power after the war. This was informally called the Black Eagle Trust [...]" [referring to Nazi bullion marked with an eagle and swastika [...]. According to some sources, the Black Eagle Trust could only have been set up with the cooperation of the most powerful banking families in America and Europe, including the Rockefellers, Harrimans, Rothschilds, Oppenheimer, and Warburgs, and others" (p187).

... (i) for being selected 22nd October 1945 to chair the Lovett Committee [no convenient briefing, but see the final report below], looking into the problems of how best to replace the OSS in a still unsettled world ...

**QUICKIE - LOVETT AND THE BIRTH OF THE CIA:** We have already explained in its separate entry how the World Commerce Corporation (WCC) was a covertly funded interim organisation which bridged the special ops gap between the abrupt shutting down of the OSS in September 1945 and the inauguration of the CIA in September 1947. The Lovett Committee simply studied the minutiae and helped to scope the replacement organisation - read the full Lovett Committee Report here (courtesy of the CIA archives). Baker (op. cit. inf.) explains it this way ...

"Before there was an [OSS] (July 1942-October 1945) or a Central Intelligence Agency (founded in 1947), corporations and attorneys who represented international businesses often employed associates in their firms as private agents to gather data on competitors and business opportunities abroad. So it was only to be expected that many of the first OSS recruits were taken from the ranks of the oil companies, Wall Street banking firms, and Ivy League universities, and often equated the interests of their high-powered business partners with the national interest. [This] thus made perfect sense to the CIA, which was comfortable taking orders from such Wall Street icons as Henry L. Stimson, Robert A. Lovett, William "Wild Bill" Donovan, John Foster Dulles, and Allen Dulles" (pp14-15).
... (j) for returning to Brown Brothers, Harriman in December 1945, (k) for being head-hunted as Under Secretary of State 1947-1949, working to Secretary George C. Marshall ...

**QUICKIE - LOVETT AND THE BIRTH OF NATO:** In 1948, Lovett and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Arthur H. Vandenberg [Wikipedia biography] worked together on the wording of the "Vandenberg Resolution" [Wikipedia briefing], by which the United Nations would establish NATO.

[Read the Vandenberg text here (courtesy of the NATO bookshop)]

... (l) for returning to civilian life with Brown Brothers, Harriman in 1953, only to be called upon in 1956 to reprise his 1945 work [see (i) above] ...

**QUICKIE - THE 1956 BRUCE-LOVETT COMMITTEE:** In 1956, Lovett (who, it will be recalled, had helped scope the CIA in the first place) and diplomat David K. E. Bruce [Wikipedia biography] produced a critical analysis of how, under DCIs such as Allen Dulles, the CIA had been flagrantly exceeding its brief. In his biography of Allen Dulles, Grose *(op. cit. inf.)* stresses that the Lovett and Bruce were properly concerned that the CIA should not remain the private army it had become, thus (nested quotations are from the report) ...

"'No one, other than those in the CIA immediately concerned [...] has any detailed knowledge of what is going on.' Covert actions were in the hands, Bruce and Lovett asserted, of 'a horde of CIA representatives [...] who must be doing something all the time to justify their reason for being'. [...] Any of these CIA men were 'politically immature'. Mindful of recent experiences in Iran [Wikipedia briefing] and Guatemala [see Timeline 18th June 1954], they concluded: The CIA, busy, monied, and privileged, likes its "kingmaking" responsibility. The intrigue is fascinating [...] and no charge is made for "failures" [...]. [...] For any given project, they said, final pro forma approval from outside the agency came only at informal luncheon meetings. [...] The report concluded with a call for 'unentanglement' of our involvements, and a more rational application of our activities than is now apparent" (pp446-447).

... and (n) for largely avoiding new challenges during the 1960s due to failing health, eventually dying in 1986, aged 90. **FURTHER READING:** For more on the Bonesmen in both WW1 and WW2 (including their part in the above-mentioned Forgotten Conspiracy) see Glen Yeadon and John Hawkins' (2008) "Nazi Hydra in America" [Amazon] and Peggy and Sterling Seagrave's (2006) "Gold Warriors: America's Secret Recovery of Yamashita's Gold" [Amazon]. For more context to the 1956 Bruce-Lovett Committee see Chapter 16 of Peter Grose's (1994) "Gentleman Spy: The Life of Allen Dulles" [Amazon]. For more on the close relationship between banking and intelligence work in the 20th Century, see Russ Baker's (2009) "Family of Secrets" [Amazon]; for more historical examples see the entry for Baring Family (Bankers and "Merchants of War") at a Glance.

Low, [Sir Toby]1957 Austin Richard William [1st Baron Aldington]1962: British soldier1934 turned lawyer1939 returned soldier1939-1945 turned politician1945-1962 turned serial company director Lord Aldington [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for war service in the Mediterranean Theatre, winning the DSO in Greece and becoming in 1944 the youngest Brigadier in the British Army, (b) for being assigned to V Corps for its 1944-1945 push to liberate the northern provinces of Yugoslavia, (c) for thereby being involved in the since-controversial Operation KEELHAUL [see own entry ESSENTIAL PARALLEL NARRATIVE], (d) for being elected to Parliament[Cons., Blackpool North] in the June 1945 General Election, (e) for getting a directorship in 1946 in Grindlays Bank [Wikipedia briefing], (f) for being promoted during the 1951-1955 Churchill Administration, serving at the Ministry of Supply and the Board of Trade, and then as Privy Counsellor, (g) for being knighted in 1957. (h) for continuing to mix political and commercial roles through the 1960s and 1970s, and (i) for conducting a successful libel suit in 1989 against Nikolai Tolstoy [see own entry REVELATORY] (albeit having to die to get his money [it was paid to his estate two days after his death - Ed.]), when the latter was adjudged to have misrepresented his role in the post-KEELHAUL massacres. He died in 2000, aged 86.

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC): Founded in 1973, the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) [Homepage history] is the outcome of a philanthropic collaboration between David Rockefeller Sr [see own entry], Chase Manhattan Bank, and various New York State and City civic
agencies, whose common mission was/is "to serve, connect, and make space for artists and community". The Council was headquartered in the low-rise Building #5, [Old] World Trade Center, between the late 1990s and 1st September 2001, when the adjacent high-rise Building #1 - the North Tower - collapsed on top of it. At the time of the 9/11 Attacks, one Liz Thompson [no convenient biography] was Executive Director, and one Moukhtar Kocache [see own entry] was program director, both of whom were involved in granting residencies to artists and performers wanting to use WTC spaces and resources. For example, the "World Views" [see own entry] project offered space in the unoccupied 91st and 92nd Floors of the North Tower.

Lowrie, Donald Alexander: American aid worker cum spook turned behind enemy lines special operative Donald Lowrie [THIS MAN, NOT THIS MAN] is noteworthy in the present context for popping up in the histories sheep-dipped[*] as (apparently) an ex-YMCA humanitarian worker in Marseilles, then-Vichy France, at the same time that Varian Fry [see own entry FASCINATING] was smuggling out fugitives from the Nazis under the umbrella of his Emergency Rescue Committee (ERC) [ditto] ...

CAMEO - LOWRIE AND THE ERC: Evica (op. cit. inf.) explains this murky association this way ...

"Though Lowrie maintained connections to the YMCA, at the time Fry made contact he was associated with the international student colony at the University of Paris. With the help of the Lowrie contacts and others, Fry began a European Underground Railway for cultural refugees. [...] He] had accepted Varian Fry's false YMCA identity (created by U.S. intelligence in New York)" (k2328-2346).

The Holocaust remembrance community offers even greater precision, placing him as an important member of the Nimes Committee [read as neem; Wikipedia briefing (French)] ...

"Dr. Donald Lowrie worked for the North American and later the world service of the YMCA. Lowrie worked with a number of other relief agencies in the French internment camps. He helped set up the YMCA relief activities in the unoccupied zone of Vichy. He worked closely with Czech diplomat in Marseilles Vladimir Vochoc [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] to distribute illegal passports. Later, Lowrie helped Jews escape the French Foreign Labor Battalions by setting up a protected area. Lowrie also obtained visas from other diplomats, including Cambodian, Portuguese and Mexican. These documents helped Jewish refugees flee to Switzerland. Lowrie also helped with an attempt to rescue Jewish children who lost their parents when they were deported in 1942" (holocaustrescue.org, accessed 10th February 2023).

Lowrie died in 1974, aged 84. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see George Evica's (2006/2011) "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon]. His papers are available in archive here. [*] Readers unfamiliar with the term sheep-dipped will find it mentioned in the entry for Fletcher Prouty and explained in the Timeline at 20th June 1958.

Luby's Restaurant Affair: We refer here to the events at an eatery near the Southern Methodist University in Dallas in April 1963, when Michael Paine [see own entry] trawled the student body for likely Communist sympathisers on behalf - presumably - of the FBI or cognate agency. See the inset to the Paine entry for the details.

Luce, Clare Boothe: [Born Ann Clare Boothe] American socialite turned author turned pillow-talk war correspondent turned politician turned diplomat turned Rent-a-Patriot right-winger Clare Boothe Luce [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for marrying her first millionaire in 1923, (b) for enjoying some success as a journalist-playwright, becoming Managing Editor of the Vanity Fair 1933-1934, (c) for marrying her second millionaire - the TIME-LIFE Magazine publisher Henry R. Luce [see own entry] - in 1935, (d) for having a truly mixed bag of lovers in her "open" marriage to Luce, including [see own entries] fourth-richest man in America Bernard Baruch, presidential sire Joseph P. Kennedy, the very murky G-2 Far East Command General Charles A. Willoughby, the downright evil Allen Dulles, and an attaché at the British Embassy in Washington destined to become a household name in later life ...
CAMEO - THE ROALD DAHL ROMANCE: This delightful story is told in the above Wiki. It is only nine lines, and is well worth the extra click.

... (e) for touring wartime Britain as a roving correspondent for LIFE Magazine 1939-1940 [Kennedy, Sr., was U.S. Ambassador at the time and clearly kept her entertained - Ed.], (f) for helping her husband to set up the Council for Democracy [Spartacus Educational briefing], a lobbying group against America isolationism and neutrality [hence Dahl’s interest - Ed.], (g) for touring the Burma-China Theatre 1941-1942 [Willoughby doing the honours on this trip - Ed.], (h) while there, for apparently being smooth-talked into sponsoring one of Claire Chennault’s [see own entry] Flying Tigers ...

ASIDE: Although Chennault’s is the name usually associated with the famed Flying Tigers, the operation was as much the brainchild of the Curtiss-Wright aircraft salesman William Pawley [see own entry]. Unfortunately, neither Pawley’s nor Chennault’s biographies say much about Luce, nor vice versa. Her dispatches - articles for LIFE Magazine - were, of course, highly censored. More recently, Peter Dale Scott devotes an entire chapter of “Dallas ’63” (op. cit. inf. to Pawley, but this is primarily concerned with his later role in the anti-Castro movement, which we expand upon below.

... (i) for venturing into politics, becoming (Republican) Representative for Fairfield County, Connecticut, 1943-1947, combining her Congressional duties with a further spell as roving correspondent, this time through the ruins of Europe, (j) for beginning to preach the perils of Communism as soon as the war was over, becoming increasingly strident through to 1952, (k) for being rewarded with the U.S. Ambassadorship to Italy 1953-1956 ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: All Ambassadors have to work alongside the intelligence professionals sharing their premises, but are only tangentially briefed as to the gory details. In Italy at this time, the intelligence community was busy with Operation Demagnetise [see own entry], a portfolio of grey and black ops going back a decade, and designed to prevent Italy being attracted into Communism.

... (l) for joining the American Security Council (ASC) [Spartacus Educational briefing] in 1955, sharing a boardroom with hawks such as Douglas Macarthur and (possible regicide) Curtis LeMay, (m) for thereafter contributing regular pieces to William F. Buckley, Jr.’s [see own entry] National Review, (n) for stepping forward after Fidel Castro’s Cuban Revolution in 1959 to support the now famous Cuban exile movement ...

CAMEO - LUCE AND THE CUBANS, 1961: Histories of the JFK Assassination routinely note the enmity of the Cuban exile community toward Kennedy, following his refusal in 1961 to support the CIA-backed Brigade 2506 [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT] in the Bay of Pigs Debacle ...

Readers unfamiliar with the failed CIA coup in the <Bay of Pigs> should not really begin their adventure here. Ideally you should go browse the sixty or so hits for <Bay of Pigs> herein. Alternatively, just take a quick look at the exiles at work in the following clip from Oliver Stone’s (1991) movie “JFK”, and you should get the general idea ...

YouTube David Ferrie and the Cuban Exiles [mins 6-8] TRULY REVELATORY

Luce was particularly supportive of AMSPELL, the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE) [see own entry], at this time.

... (o) for being specifically taken to task for her hawkish stance 31st December 1961 by pacifist Thomas Merton [Wikipedia biography], thus ...

“... from October 1961 (shortly after the Berlin Crisis) to October 1962 (just after the Cuban Missile Crisis), Merton wrote letters on war and peace to a wide circle of correspondents [including] Clare Boothe Luce [... He] collected over a hundred of these letters, had them mimeographed and bound, and sent them out to friends in January 1963. He called this informal volume of reflections 'The Cold War Letters'. In his preface to these letters, Merton identified the forces in the United States that threatened a nuclear holocaust: '... this country has become frankly a warfare state built on affluence, a power structure in which the interests of big business, the obsessions of the military, and the phobias of political extremists both dominate and dictate our national policy. It also seems that the people of the country are by and large reduced to passivity,
confusion, resentment, frustration, thoughtlessness, and ignorance, so that they blindly follow any line that is unravelled for them by the mass media” (Douglas, 2008, p11).

... (p) clearly unmoved by Merton's call for Christian charity, for funding the 1962-1963 Alpha 66 Offensive [see own entry], the next round of CIA-coordinated Cuban terrorist raids ...

**ASIDE:** Although only, it seems, until Dulles phoned to tell her to "get out of that boat business" (Carrozza, 2012, p255).

... (q) in some tellings, for reportedly being the conduit for the deliberate leaking of reports from "her boys" in the DRE to the effect that Soviet missiles were being installed in Cuba ...

**CAMEO - LUCE AND NUCLEAR GEOPOLITICS:** The Cuban Missile Crisis [see own entry] first went public 10th October 1962 when Senator Kenneth Keating [Wikipedia biography] reported having learned that Soviet technicians were building launch sites for IRBMs [= "Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missiles"] on Cuba. Luce later confided to CIA Director William Colby [see own entry] that "it was me who fed the missile stuff to Keating" (Carrozza, 2012, p252).

... (r) for helping to set up the pressure group Citizens' Committee to Free Cuba (CCFC) [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] 10th April 1963, working once again with William Pawley, (s) for backing Barry Goldwater's unsuccessful 1964 presidential campaign (Scott, 2015), (t) for helping the CIA in 1975 to obstruct the work of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) [see own entry] with a dead cat story \(^1\) incriminating LHO ...

**CAMEO - LUCE AND THE CUBANS, 1975:** Here is the basic story, courtesy, to begin with, of Anthony Summers in his (1989) "Conspiracy" [Amazon] ...

"Late on the night of the assassination, goes the story, the telephone rang in the New York apartment of Henry Luce [...]. The call was for his wife, Clare Boothe Luce, and was from a Cuban exile she knew well. Like other wealthy Americans, Mrs. Luce had long supported the anti-Castro movement and says she funded one of the motorboats used by exile commandos on their raids against Cuba. The man calling her now was one of her protégés, and he was calling from New Orleans. His story, says Mrs. Luce, was that he and two comrades had met Oswald during the summer and that he tried to infiltrate their Free Cuba cell. Oswald offered his services to help kill Castro, but the exiles had not trusted him. They eventually discovered he was a 'Communist' and a member of Fair Play for Cuba. He took pictures of his street actions and made tape recordings of Oswald talking about Cuba within his 'Communist cell'. [...] Then, she says, the voice from New Orleans launched into a familiar litany, saying Oswald had boasted he was 'a crack marksman and could shoot anybody - including the President or the Secretary of the Navy'. Finally, says Mrs. Luce, her caller told her, 'There is a Cuban Communist assassination team at large, and Oswald was their hired gun'. Mrs. Luce, whom I interviewed in 1978, asserts that she instructed her caller to give his information to the FBI [only to learn later that they] had merely seized the 'Oswald' tapes and pictures and told the exiles not to repeat their story" (Summers, 1989, pp420-421).

Peter Dale Scott (op. cit. inf.) adds that she gave her informant the pseudonym 'Julio Fernandez' [see FURTHER READING below], and that she had passed everything on personally to the aforementioned William Colby by telephone 25th October 1975.

... (u) now in her mid-seventies, for being a founder member of the 1976 Committee on the Present Danger [see own entry], working yet again with William Pawley, and finally (v) for backing Ronald Reagan's 1976 (unsuccessful) and 1980 (successful) presidential campaigns. She died in 1987, aged 84. **FURTHER READING:** For more on her affairs, see Sylvia Jukes Morris's (1997) "Rage for Fame" [Amazon]. For more on the American deep state in general during her lifetime, and the 1975 events in particular, see Peter Dale Scott's (2015) "Dallas '63: The First Deep State Revolt Against the White House" [Amazon ESSENTIAL CONTEXT]. And for a triangulating version of the 1975 goings on (including the possible true identity of "Julio Fernandez"), see William Kelly's (2008) "Julio Fernandez" [full text online].

\(^1\) Dead cat stories are deliberate time wasters, maliciously designed to muddy the waters of an investigation.
Luce, Henry Robinson: Media magnate, long-standing Skull and Bones member, and willing ally of Western intelligence movers and shakers since WW2 and of the CIA specifically since the Cold War, Henry Luce [Spartacus Educational biography] had owned the TIME Magazine/LIFE Magazine stable since the 1930s, and must be presumed to have approved Charles Jackson's purchase of the Zapruder Film.

***** FAKER OF FAKE NEWS *****
****** ACCESSORY TO GRAND THEFT (BULLION) *****

Lugard, [Dame]1918 [Lady]1928 Flora Louise: [Née Shaw] British children's author and pro- Establishment propagandist [Dame]1918 [Lady]1928 Flora Shaw [Lugard]1928 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being Colonial Editor of The Times during the 1890s, spending much time in South Africa and Britain's other "white" colonies, (b) for generally extolling the virtues of the British Empire under the by-lines "F. Shaw" or "Miss Shaw", (c) for thereby gaining Cecil Rhodes' confidence to the extent that she knew of the 1895 Jameson Raid months in advance, and had been sexing up her reportage to exaggerate (and even totally invent) the "grievances" of the Transvaal Uitlanders (Quigley, 1949), (d) for testifying before, but being exonerated by, the ensuing Parliamentary Select Committee, (e) for duly being assessed by Quigley (1949) as "probably a member of the Rhodes secret society" (p101) and a member of the Milner Group outer circle, (f) for marrying Sir Frederick Lugard [see own entry] in 1902, and (g) for founding the War Refugees Committee [see own entry] in August 1914, and for leading the necessary fund-raising thereafter. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING] [THREAD = CALLERS OF INNOCENTS TO WAR]

Lugard, [Sir]1901 Frederick John Dealtry [1st Baron Lugard]1928: Veteran of the Afghanistan (1878-1880), Sudan (1884-1885), and Burma (1885) wars, and subsequently colonial adventurer-diplomat in the service of trading companies across Africa, [Sir]1901 Frederick [Lord]1928 Lugard [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been High Commissioner of Nigeria between 1897 and 1906, Governor of Hong Kong between 1907 and 1912, and Governor of Nigeria between 1912 and 1919, (b) for enthusiastically supporting the work of Chatham House after 1920, and (c) for being the Milner Group man on the Permanent Mandates Commission between 1922 and 1936, generally stonewalling any attempts to restrict Zionist influence (Quigley, 1949).

Lundahl, Arthur ["Art"] Charles: WW2 veteran (U.S.N.), CIA photoreconnaissance expert since 1953 and founder of the CIA's National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) [Wikipedia briefing] in 1961 Art Lundahl [Wikipedia biography] was still Director at NPIC when, at some time mid-afternoon of Saturday 23rd November 1963, he was asked to produce Briefing Boards of still images from the recently acquired Zapruder Film. He immediately called his Bulletin Board man, Dino Brugioni, asking him to get a small team together. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Luraschi, Luigi G[??]: London-born (1906, into the Italian restaurant trade) American (from 1929) Luigi G. Luraschi [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for moving up from restaurateur to hotelier to translator to head of subtitling for Adolf Zukor's [see own entry] Paramount Pictures [see indexing entry for sideways links] in NYC, (b) for moving across to the West Coast in due course to take charge of Paramount's foreign distribution, (c) for liaising with Washington during WW2 so as to ensure that the studio's output was safely morale enhancing and on message in its treatment of Japan and Germany, (d) for continuing to do so during the early Cold War, save that the target of soft propaganda had now turned to the Soviet Union ...

CAMEO - LURASCHI, STATE PROPAGANDIST: Dick (op. cit. inf.) explains it this way ...

"In 1953, during the height of the Cold War, Luraschi was put in charge of foreign and domestic censorship at the studio. A devout Catholic and militant anti-Communist, Luraschi used his position to furnish the CIA with information about forthcoming releases with racial or ethnic stereotypes that could discredit the United States in the eyes of the international community" (k1836-1849).

RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's
A more usual approach was for government officials to intervene unobtrusively in commercial film productions, ensuring the insertion of material that displayed the United States in a favourable light, and deletion of what did not. A cache of anonymously written letters dating from early 1953 discovered among the C. D. Jackson records at the Eisenhower Presidential Library reveals a CIA agent based in Hollywood's Paramount Studios who is engaged in an astounding variety of clandestine activities on the Agency's behalf. One lengthy letter records an attempt to persuade Billy Wilder [Wikipedia biography] that a movie he planned to direct about the illegitimate Japanese baby of a G.I. would prove 'a wonderful piece of propaganda ... for the Commiss'. Not all of this agent's actions were destructive: another strong theme in the letters is the author's desire to counter adverse publicity about U.S. race relations by having films depict African Americans mixing on equal terms with whites. By piecing together clues in the letters [...] film historian David Eldridge [University of Hull staff homepage] has established that the CIA's man in Hollywood was in fact Luigi G. Luraschi [see own entry REVELATORY], a longtime Paramount executive and, in 1953, head of foreign and domestic censorship at the studio" (pp120-121).


***** INFLUENTIAL KABBALIST-ZIONIST *****

Luria, Isaac: [Born Yitchak ben Schlomo Lurya Ashkenazi; affectionately also Ha'Ari ('the lion')! [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching COMPULSORY SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] Jerusalem-born Kabbalist and proto-Zionist shaman-occultist Isaac Luria [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for early studies of the Zohar [Wikipedia briefing], together with a reclusive and self-absorbed lifestyle ...
Lurianic Kabbalah: For both context and clickthrough, see the entry for Isaac Luria.

Lurie, Chayyim: Dealt with herein as Chaim Lorje, which see.

Lusk Committee: See the entry for Archibald Stevenson and/or the Timeline for 26th March 1919.

Lutheran World Federation (LWF): See the entry for Stewart W. Herman.

Luxemburg, Rosa: Polish-German left wing political activist Rosa Luxemburg [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being radicalised as a Marxist in the early 1890s as a student (of politics and stock market crashes) in Zurich, Switzerland, (b) for becoming part of the editorial team which in 1893 founded the Sprawa Robotnicza [Polish = "The Workers' Cause"] newspaper [Wikipedia briefing], with the editorial intention of radicalising the Polish working classes, (c) for co-founding the Social Democratic Party of Poland and Lithuania (SDKPIL) [Wikipedia briefing] in 1893, and for closely aligning it with the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for consistently arguing in those years that Poland would only achieve independence if leftism defeated capitalistic imperialism in Germany, Austro-Hungary, and Russia simultaneously, (d) for relocating in 1898 to Berlin, and consistently preaching against German militarism as exploiting those who had to do the dying, (e) for therefore being heartbroken when, in Summer 1914, it proved so perfectly easy to persuade the German working classes to go to war, (f) for therefore co-founding Die Internationale [Wikipedia briefing] in April 1915, writing seditious anti-war pamphlets which went out under the signature "Spartacus" (because he famously liberated slaves), and for naming their group the Spartacus League [Wikipedia briefing], (g) for being imprisoned for these ideals in June 1916, (h) for being freed 8th November 1918, and playing her part in the early weeks of the German Revolution [see Timeline 16th December 1918, then as directed], and (i) for being trapped by a government mob during one of these demonstrations, and bludgeoned to death [see Timeline 1st June 1919].

Luzzatto, Moshe Chaim ["The Ramchal"]: Italian-born (b. Padua, Republic of Venice, 1707) scholar, occultist, alchemist, and Kabbalist fringe-preacher Moshe ["The Ramchal"] Luzzatto [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for claiming a divine vision in 1727, which, being adjudged heretical by the Christian authorities, got him banished from Italy, (b) for dividing his time 1735-1743 between cutting diamonds and writing religious treatises in Amsterdam, and (c) for relocating to Acre in the Holy Land in 1743. He died in 1746, aged 38 or 39.

***** VERY MUCH AN EXTREMIST'S EXTREMIST *****

Lynch, Charles Conley ["Connie"]: [1912-1972] Texan-born WW2 veteran (U.S. Army, cook) turned evangelising pastor, turned West Coast protofascist turned fully-fledged Klansman and all-round white supremacist Charles Lynch [no convenient biography but much background in his Findagrave obituary, which see] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being ordained into the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian after the war, (b) for helping to promote the National States' Rights Party (NSRP) in 1958, (c) for making himself thoroughly at home in the uncompromising - and often downright murderous - politics of that era, thus ...

"A rabidly, avowed anti-African-American and anti-Jewish fiery spokesman and chieflain of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan, Lynch gained nationwide notoriety for his hate-filled, fanatical, violence-provoking speeches to hostile white racist mobs amidst hotbeds of racial turmoil in the Southern United States during the Civil Rights Era of the late-1950s and 1960s. Lynch was also a member of the now-defunct Christian Defense League, the paramilitary Minutemen and a state organizer for the NSRP. A sinister-impish-featured man with a somewhat cleft chin, he often wore a black Kentucky colonel bow tie and a Confederate flag vest with his suit or Klan robe. He called himself a 'war hero' and a 'Jap killer.' 'I believe in violence!,' he once told a white
crowd in 1964, 'All the violence it takes to scare the niggers (African-Americans) out of the country or to have 'em all six feet under!'” (from his Findagrave obituary).

and (d) for being arrested July 1964 for complicity in the St. Augustine FL Riots [Wikipedia briefing].

**Lynch, Grayston:** WW2, Korean War, and Laotian War veteran (U.S. Army special forces, retired 1960) turned CIA asset **Grayston Lynch** [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the CIA in 1960, being based at the JM/WAVE Station in Miami and contributing to projects such as **Operation Mongoose**, (b) for being in the first wave of attack craft in the April 1961 Bay of Pigs Invasion, (c) for subsequently helping to spread the opinion that the invasion would not have failed had JFK not vetoed air support (Hersh, 1997, p275), (d) for generally fading back into the shadows until being one of the nine persons identified by **Bradley Ayers** in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the JFK assassination was put together, and (e) for writing the (1998) book "Decision for Disaster: Betrayal at the Bay of Pigs" [Amazon].

**Lyons, Eugene:** White Russian (b. 1898, Uzlyany, Belarus) turned childhood New Yorker turned Russian affairs journalist-activist with intelligence connections **Eugene Lyons** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW1 service with the U.S. Army's Students Army Training Corps 1917-1918, (b) for demobilising into work as an apparently leftish journalist, joining the (genuinely) leftist **Workers Defense Union (WDU)** [Wikipedia briefing] at its creation in deep winter 1918-1919 ...

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** It would be nice, when time permits, fully to exclude the suspicion that Lyons was an undercover Army Intelligence operative tasked with surreptitiously informing on and subverting a left-wing workers' rights organisation, for that alternative explanation sits far more comfortably with the facts of the man’s subsequent career as set out below. Superficially, however, the story is that Lyons was a genuine admirer of Communism until he got the opportunity to observe it at first hand (complete with a face-to-face interview with Joseph Stalin himself) in the early 1930s.

... (c) for becoming the WDU’s publicity officer in 1918, and editor of its **Workers Defense Bulletin** [no convenient briefing but some archive coverage online], (d) for moving on to other journalistic and copy-writing jobs after the war, eventually travelling to Naples as a Federated Press news hound ...

**CAMEO - LYONS AND THE GALLEANISTS:** During what turned out to be a six-month-or-so stay in Naples, Lyons worked with author-query-spy **Norman Heggem Matson** [no significant biography and little to reward even the determined browser] on the Sacco-Vanzetti Affair ...

**QUICKIE - THE SACCO-VANZETTI AFFAIR:** Nicolo Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti [Wikipedia joint biography] were Italian immigrant anarchists - **Galleanisti** [Wikipedia briefing] - accused of double murder during a 15th April 1920 bank robbery in Braintree, Massachusetts. They were sentenced to death 14th July 1921, but the suspicion was that the trial was not a fair one under the Constitution, due to a wave of anti-immigrant hysteria in the mainstream media. The trial judge was one **Webster Thayer** [Wikipedia biography] [VERY INTERESTING]. When the appeals system failed to overturn the verdicts, a Defense Committee was set up on their behalf, which Lyons loudly promoted.

... (e) for returning stateside in 212, becoming one of many American liberals sensing a miscarriage of justice and campaigning for Sacco and Vanzetti’s defence, (f) for becoming editor in 1922 of the **Friends of Soviet Russia (FSR)**'s [Wikipedia briefing] monthly magazine **Soviet Russia Pictorial** [University of Pennsylvania archives], thereafter working closely with the **Communist Party of the U.S.A. (CPUSA)** [see own entry], (g) for becoming a correspondent for the Soviet news agency **Tass** in 1924, (h) for thereby getting a six-year posting to Moscow 1929-1934 as correspondent for United Press, (i) for reportedly falling out of love with the Stalinist version of Communism, (j) for returning stateside in 1934 to write up his experiences in a number of books, culminating in The Red Decade [Amazon], (k) for war service unknown 1942-1945, and (l) for Cold War service as both an editor at Reader's Digest and as a director of **American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism (AMCOMLIB)** [see own entry REVELATORY]. He died in 1985, aged 86.
Lyttelton, Alfred: Well-born British politician and colonial administrator Alfred Lyttelton [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Secretary of State for the Colonies between 1903 and 1905.

Maag, Victor: See the entry for Hans Casparis.

Mabley, Jack Arnold: WW2 veteran (U.S. Navy) turned journalist turned local radio show host Jack Mabley [Wikipedia hagiography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for arranging that Glenview Naval Air Station, Chicago, should host the 1960 five-day convocation of Fred Schwarz's Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC), (b) for publishing articles in the Chicago Daily News 25th and 26th July 1960 criticising the John Birch Society for rather extremely accusing President Eisenhower of being some sort of closet Communist, and (c) for being a "close friend" of Chicago mobster and significant JFK conspirator Richard Cain. FURTHER READING: Despite his association with Cain, Mabley is rarely mentioned in the assassination histories: indeed, most of what there is to see is in Peter Dale Scott's (2015) book "Dallas '63" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED].

Mabra, W. W. ["Mo"]: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Mo Mabra [no convenient biography] was standing with Orville Smith on Main Street outside the Criminal Court at the time of the shooting. He then ran to the railway yard and parking lots beyond the Grassy Knoll intending to search the area, but was told by a DPD officer that "Nobody came this way". He then escorted a witness to the Sheriff's Office and stayed there. Mabra's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 27th November 1963 [read it here]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Macarthur, General Douglas: WW1 and WW2 veteran, production manager for the first ten months of the (First) Korean War, and fanatical anti-Communist General Douglas Macarthur [Wikipedia biography] had met with JFK in 1961, at which meetings he had criticised the Bay of Pigs Invasion and counselled against any build up of U.S. forces in South Vietnam.

McCarthy, Joseph Raymond: WW2 veteran (U.S.M.C.) and Senator from Wisconsin since 1947 Joseph McCarthy [Wikipedia biography] had been the political and media cheerleader for the anti-Communist movement in the U.S. during the early 1950s. His "witch hunts" set the scene for the Cold War over the ensuing decade.

Maccabeans, The: See the entry for Order of Ancient Maccabeans.

Macgregor, Jim: Scottish physician turned forensic historian Jim Macgregor [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as co-author (with Gerry Docherty [see own entry]) of two alternative histories of WW1. The first, published 2013, is entitled "Hidden Histories" [Amazon], in which the part played by a select and highly discrete coterie of American, British, French, and Russian bankers, industrialists, aristocrats, and royalty in railroading the world into WW1 during the famous 1914 July Crisis [see 29th June 1914]. The second, published 2017, is entitled "Prolonging the Agony" [Amazon] and describes the part played by bankers and industrialists [those whom we know today as "the military industrial complex" - Ed.] in deliberately prolonging that war once started.


***** A VERY, VERY STRANGE TALE *****
"A study in contradictions" (Jackson)

Machann, Walter Joseph, Jr.: Dallas-borne [9th July 1934] parish priest turned public health administrator with probable intelligence connections [Father]1957-1963 Walter J. Machann [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being ordained in 1957 and
assigned to Dallas' Sacred Heart Catholic Church, (b) for thereby acquiring project management responsibilities in March 1962 for the Dallas branch of the Church's broader Cuban Catholic Relief Program.

***** THE DALLAS CUBANS *****

QUICKIE - CUBAN CATHOLIC RELIEF: As far as we have been able to establish, the Cuban Catholic Relief Program was founded to minister to the religious and welfare needs of the Cubans fleeing to the United States 1958-1960, to escape the Cuban Revolution. These exiles hated (and were hated by) the Castro regime, being demographically and politically conservative, and their number included many displaced politicians, land-owners, racketeers, fugitive war criminals, and so on. And because they were predominantly Roman Catholics, it fell to the dioceses of the southern states to step forward to welcome them. These dioceses - with Dallas, Miami, and New Orleans leading the way - gathered Hispanics to their bosom and no-doubt entertained each other with anti-Castro anecdotes. It was all very much a blood feud, and one which was destined to continue to the present day - [here they still are, in 2016]...

YouTube latter day Exiles celebrating Castro’s death in 2016

Unsurprisingly, the Cuban exiles were then immediately infiltrated by the U.S. intelligence community as a handy recruiting ground and cover organisation for black ops against the common enemy, Fidel Castro. An exile named Joaquin Insua - an FBI informant - managed the admin for Father Machann from an office in the Lakewood Shopping Centre.

***** MACHANN, THE BASICS *****

DRAMATIS PERSONAE: Here are the characters who feature in the Machann story. All have their own entries, but we shall not routinely cross-index them, unless for some reason their entry is more than normally revelatory. To start with, you will need to be familiar with the <Odio-Oswald Encounter> in September 1963 as well as with the entries for <June Cobb> and <Loran Hall>. Then, in alphabetical order, we have:

- Frances Allison (mother of subject);
- Alpha 66; "Angelo"; Hugh Aynesworth; Carlos Bringuier; The Castorrs; Rogelio Cisneros; Lucille Connell (lover of subject);
- Fermin de Goicoechea, a.k.a. George Perrel; the DRE; Reinaldo Gonzales; James Hosty; the Insuas; Thomas Kelley; "Leon";
- "Leopoldo"; Patti Link; Henry Luce; Mary Machann (sister of subject); John Martino; Amador and Sarah Odio; Sarita Odio; Silvia Odio (lover of subject);
- Larrie Schmidt; Richard Stolley; Marianne Sullivan (lover of subject); The Surreys; Patsy Swank; Tommy Thompson; Bishop Thomas Tschoepe; Antonio Veciana; and General Edwin Walker.

MACHANN'S LIFE, SUMMARISED: This entry covers an 88-year timespan, but can be organised into phases as follows...

1934-1957 EARLY YEARS, DALLAS

Born 1934 to a 1931 Miss Universe contestant; Dallas Jesuit School early 1950s.

1957-1963 (late) PRIEST, DALLAS

Parish priest 1957; became close to the inflow of Cuban exiles after 1960, probably as an FBI informant; confidant of Silvia Odio; went AWOL just before the assassination, possibly defrocked for Thornbirding; suffered some sort of mental breakdown when hearing of the JFK shooting.

1963 (late)-1965 STUDENT, NEW ORLEANS

Tracked down to New Orleans and thoroughly interrogated by assassination investigators as a material witness; student in New Orleans' Loyola University; also University of Mexico; also Tulane University, New Orleans degree in Sociology and Philosophy.

1966-1970? WEST PALM BEACH & ON THE ROAD IN EUROPE

1966 moved West Palm Beach; week of lust with Marianne Sullivan; 1967? LBJ Roving Fellowship - potentially doing some spying on the side - on tour of Europe (Soviet Union, Czech Republic, Baltic States, returning via Hamburg and Spain); possible association with American University sites in Scandinavia; gets a Finnish wife.

1970?-1975 PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, NEW JERSEY

Columbia University, Masters in Public Health; perhaps NYC prison service?

1976-1988 WHO ADMINISTRATOR, FAR EAST

... (c) for being sufficiently close to the anti-Castro Cubans to have spoken the welcome at a 1st October 1963 book promotion lecture organised by the John Birch Society (JBS) on behalf of mobster-turned-fascist John Martino [see own entry AN INTERESTING FELLOW], (d) for thereafter going AWOL from his flock and friends for reasons never fully explained (and much discussed below), (e) for reportedly suffering some sort of stress collapse when hearing of the assassination, (f) for eventually being tracked down and interrogated by the Secret Service investigation teams (again much discussed below), (g) for nevertheless not being asked to give evidence to the Warren Commission in 1964, despite getting a mention in documents appended to the final Warren Report (often as McChann, McKann, or MacHann) ...

Read example mention here (Secret Service report)

**ASIDE:** Note that Machann is described in this report as being of Polish extraction: this turns out to be on his father's side, as explained by the man himself in his interviews with Gayle Nix Jackson - see below. It must also be quite a way in the past, because his father, Walter J. Machann, Sr., was born in Dallas 31st January 1910. Here, from the online community in 2010, is a summary of the 1963-1964 interrogations ...

"Inspector [Thomas] Kelley [see own entry and his HSCA testimony] of the Secret Service interviewed Father Walter McChann on April 30, 1964. Fr McChann had been chaplain of the Dallas Cuban Catholic Committee [above] since 1961, and the following year, had been given the responsibility of running the resettlement office. The main focus of this work was in assisting the exiles in finding jobs, and in providing relief in the interim. McChann was interviewed as this work brought him into regular contact with Sylvia Odio. A report on the interview was sent to the Warren Commission on May 5, 1964, and was entered into the records as Commission Exhibit 2943 [full text online FASCINATING]. The part of the report of interest here goes as follows: He [McChann] first made contact with Heitman [Dallas FBI] when it came to his attention that one of these Cuban refugees was extorting money from some other Cubans, was making false promises to the Cubans, was a disruptive influence in the Cuban community and was considered by Father McChann to be a "political Cuban" rather than a Cuban who was interested in receiving assistance from the Committee. He could not recall the name of this Cuban but he believes the Cuban is still employed at Parkland Hospital. Mrs [Lucille] Connell [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE] was interviewed by the FBI on Nov 29, 1963. This report is contained in Commission Exhibit 3108 [full text online]. Connell had been a volunteer with the Cuban Catholic Committee, and had befriended Sylvia Odio as a result" (Greg Parker, 30th May 2010 [source], accessed 10th April 2023).

... (h) for largely falling out of the narrative 1964-1993, (i) for then re-surfacing on camera 16th September 1993 (with 2013 rerun) in the Frontline PBS documentary "Who Was Lee Harvey Oswald" [IMDB entry] ...

**CAMEO - MACHANN ON CAMERA, 1993:** This three hour Frontline documentary includes many valuable witness cameos, including the following (precisely 38 words) from ex-Father Machann: "I think I can pin a date to this conversation with Silvia. It was the day on which I spoke to her about her attending a charity event at which Janet Leigh was going to appear in Dallas."

**YouTube this rare glimpse of Machann in the flesh here** (175 mins. pre-positioned at 6180s)

Machann's recollection is important because it helps place Lee Oswald's movements in the hours prior to his Mexico City Adventure.

***** THE ODIO-OSWALD ENCOUNTER *****

... (j) for featuring in 1994 in Marianne Sullivan's [little online presence] lurid but purportedly factual "Kennedy Ripples" [Amazon], causing him to be cold cases in 1996 by La Fontaine and La Fontaine (op. cit. inf.) ...

**CAMEO - MACHANN AND HIS WOMEN:** Still billed on Amazon as "the true story of a young Dallas housewife caught in an abusive marriage, who falls madly in love with her parish priest", Ripples helps profile Machann as more sinner than saint. Yet while its value as courtroom evidence is zero (being little more than hearsay), its value as encyclopaedic evidence is greater because it helps shape a welter of fragments into a more
convincing guiding narrative. The La Fontaines, for example, a well-respected research team, will discuss and quote from *Ripples* in their Chapter Nine history of Silvia Odio, making much of Machann's assassination day "collapse". Here is how they introduce Machann ...

"Father Machann's disappearance was somehow connected to the assassination of the president. Marianne believed he had heard, perhaps in confession from one of the refugees, perhaps from his mistress Silvia, something about the impending event. This wasn't an absurd or uncommon opinion, it should be noted. Even Colonel [Robert] Castorr [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE] (who, as Father Machann believed, had some sort of intelligence interest in the Cubans) speculated that the priest had learned something he shouldn't have. Machann was at his mother's Dallas home on the day of the assassination, the mother would later reveal, and Colonel Castorr had heard, probably from [her], that the father 'went to pieces' in hearing the telecast. This reaction, the Colonel agreed, showed [...] that 'it had to be something that he knew prior to the assassination" (La Fontaine and La Fontaine, op. cit. inf., p268).

Machann's mental balance does not seem to have improved much when a jealous Sullivan tracked him down in West Palm Beach three years later and treated him to a week of sexual bliss (direct quotations are highlighted below in blue, thus) ...

"On a Tuesday, November 22, 1966, exactly three years after the [assassination], Marianne was stepping off a plane in West Palm Beach, body faint with excitement. He was waiting. [...] Between their elaborately described bouts of lovemaking [...], they went shopping [+++] extraneous detail [++] But even three years after the terrible days in Dallas, Marianne's love life was haunted by [Silvia Odio] (who had moved to nearby Miami [...]). One morning, while the father was away playing his ritual morning tennis game, Marianne compulsively began going through his things [only to find] inside the frayed, stained glossy photo flaps, a picture of Silvia'[and a card from her saying] 'I won't let you go. I love you'. [...] Meanwhile, in the same old wallet with Silvia's picture, Marianne had found a mysterious photo of Father Machann himself. It showed Michael [1], his head shaved. Michael thin, emaciated, in a strange shirt [...] with a black card bearing white numbers [...]. Michael in prison? [...] a government Agent ... or an inmate?" (ibid., pp269-271).

[1] Sullivan has Machann as Michael. This photo has never been explained. Perhaps it was taken during his interrogation (cf. Lee Oswald's white-on-black arrest photo).

The Fontaines then note that Sullivan's story raises two significant directions for further inquiry ... 

"The pursuit of the elusive Father Machann ends unhappily for Marianne [...] Happily for us, her fixation on the priest leads past two important pieces of information that are worth our serious attention. One she reveals in her book; the second she gave to Mary [Fontaine] in an interview. [...] The first important piece of information, reported in *Kennedy Ripples*, is an incident that allegedly happened to *Marcella Insua* [see the entry for Joaquin Insua] late one Tuesday - October 1, 1963 [...]. It was on that first October Tuesday that Silvia moved into her Davis Street apartment, that Martino gave his book talk at the Town Hall in Highland Park, and of course that Father Machann, who had been on the Town Hall stage with Martino, was seen publicly in Dallas for the last time. [...] That night, Marianne Sullivan writes: Marcella receives visitors after her return home [from the Town Hall talk by Martino]. Already in bed, she answers the door bell with trepidation, due to the late hour. Two men state they are in a hurry as their 'American Friend 'Lee' is waiting in the car and will she please tell them the whereabouts of Silvia Odio as they had found her apartment empty. Inoently, Marcella explains Silvia's move that very day to an apartment in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas; [...] Sullivan's second piece of information] didn't have much to do with her theme, Father Machann, but with Silvia's sister at the University of Dallas, Sarita" (ibid., pp271-273).

Here is how the La Fontaines then draw the various threads together ...

"A few weeks before the assassination, [Machann] had mysteriously dropped out of sight, perhaps from a breakdown [...]. Some weeks later, after the assassination, he quietly left town and has not lived in Dallas since, though returning occasionally to visit his mother. He was last seen (in 1993) in Bangkok. [...] In April 1964,] the Secret Service had launched an all-out search for the unusual padre, who was rumoured to have bedded a number of women parishioners during his tenure as assistant pastor [in] Dallas. After agents failed even to identify the father in Miami (where he had received his training as a Cuban refugee adviser), Secret Service Inspector Thomas Kelley [above] managed to locate Machann in New Orleans, interviewing him on Thursday April 30 [1964]. The former Dallas priest (he was now on indefinite leave) had been attending classes at Loyola University, and was, as he told Kelley, a frequent visitor of Silvia's uncle, Dr. Agustin Guitart [see own entry INTERESTING FELLOW], a physics professor at the university. Guitart, it may be recalled, happened also to be a friend of Carlos Bringuier [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL], and had attended the New Orleans court hearing of Lee Harvey Oswald following his 'street scuffle' with Bringuier [... the previous summer. [...] To Kelley,] Machann had been in a position to be a valuable informant. [...] In his capacity as [priest], the clean-cut father had
been a popular figure with refugees. He knew virtually everyone in the Dallas exile community, and everyone knew him. [...] That the father had often been cajoled as well by ladies of the flock wasn't hard to believe. He was twenty-nine [...], tall, and movie-star handsome. [...] He had dimples; he was intelligent; he was polite; he was perfect. [...] Of all his female admirers, however, the most spectacularly beautiful was Silvia Odio, the 1963 arrival who was said not only to have been one of his mistresses, but (as the story is told today by those who remember) his true love, the only one he really cared for. For all its good works, the Cuban Relief Committee of Dallas had been abruptly disbanded immediately after the president's murder, by which time [Machann], though still in town, was nowhere to be found. He had reportedly taken shelter at his mother's house, and was there on the Friday of the assassination - when he, like Silvia that day, was said to have suffered a collapse. [...] That Silvia had been a conquest of Machann's (or vice versa, perhaps) had already been reported to authorities by her old socialite confidante, Lucille Connell [aforementioned]. [...] Toward the end of December 1963, while the priest was still lying low in Dallas, Silvia had spoken to him about the Cubans who had supposedly shown up 'Leon Oswald' in September [... later naming them as] codename Leopoldo [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE] and Eugenio Cisneros [ditto” (ibid., p254).

***** THIS IS WHERE THE STORY REALLY STARTS *****

... and (k) for then going dark again until (l) getting heavily featured (367!! hits) in Gayle Nix Jackson's (2016) book "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED SOURCE] ...

***** THE MACHANN CASE RE-OPENED *****

CAMEO - MACHANN IN "PIECES OF THE PUZZLE": Jackson covers Father Machann in detail in Chapter Seven of her book, including long transcripts from a series of interviews with the man in 2015. Here are the key points of her story (a long extract, heavily abridged) ...

"Machann's thoughts on his times in Dallas are guarded. As the priest and leader of the Cuban Catholic Relief Program, it was his job to find jobs, housing, and clothing for the hundreds of displaced Cubans who came to Dallas [...]. It is of note that Time/Life, as well as the Warren Commission, felt Machann's experiences and remembrances were of the utmost importance to their investigations into the murder of JFK. He was friends with Silvia Odio, the vivacious woman whose family was once friends with Castro. [She] proclaimed that Lee Harvey Oswald came to her home during a time the Warren Commission believed Oswald was in Mexico. They determined she was lying and questioned Machann as to his knowledge of Odio and the incident. Machann knew many other people who played peripheral parts in the JFK Assassination [and many of his] files are still classified or redacted. He has been interviewed by the Warren Commission, Frontline, and now me” (p15).

"Enter Antonio Veciana and Reinaldo Gonzales of yet another anti-Castro group, Alpha 66, that was also funded by the CIA. In 1961, these men planned an elaborate assassination attempt against Castro [+++ details +++] Castro's secret police got wind of the plan and thwarted it [...]. Veciana and his mother fled to Miami the day before the planned assassination attempt, leaving the others in the lurch. Gonzales hides out at a farm on the outskirts of Havana [owned by] Amador and Sarah Odio [HSCA briefing (him)]" (p251).

"There is no doubt that Silvia and her sister Annie recognised Lee Harvey Oswald, but did their other sister, Sarita [...] who had been involved with the DRE at the University of Dallas along with her friend Fermin de Goicoechea, a.k.a. George Perrel [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE]. Father Machann's sister also attended this university and was friends with Sarita and Silvia. [...] Sarita and Silvia were to attend the meeting at the Trade Mart [the next stop for the Kennedy motorcade after Dealey Plaza - Ed.] that fateful day along with Father Machann's sister Mary. They wanted to plead with President Kennedy to help get their parents released from Castro's imprisonment. Needless to say, the hostility was in the air not only from the WASP-ish movers and shakers of Dallas, but the anti-Castro Cubans as well. AND IN BETWEEN IT ALL? THE FATHER CONFESSOR, WALTER MACHANN” (pp259-260; final emphasis original).

"Father Walther J Machann is an enigma to students of the JFK assassination. Rarely interviewed and seldom seen, Machann treasures and protects his privacy. He was 29 years old when JFK was murdered. He was and still is, at age 83, charming and handsome. [...] He] was not only a favourite of the dislocated Cubans in his parish, but a favourite of many women including Marianne Sullivan Rahmes, Lucille Connell, and Silvia Odio as well. [...] Like most people on the periphery of the JFK assassination, Walter Machann is a study in contradictions” (p268).

***** THE McCOMBS ARCHIVE EXPLAINED *****
Jackson illustrates those contradictions by referring to work by fellow researcher Wallace Milam [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], an expert witness on the Holland McCombs Archive [University of Tennessee homepage] …

**QUICKIE - HOLLAND McCOMBS:** The University of Tennessee maintains a research archive of the papers of newspaperman Holland McCombs [Wikipedia biography], LIFE Magazine's Texas editor during the years in question. Readers unfamiliar with media baron <Henry Luce> and his "American Century" Project should see the entry for (Luce's main man propagandist) <C. D. Jackson> before proceeding.

"Colourful, profane, witty, married six times, McCombs was Henry Luce's favourite bureau chief. [...] Luce fell in love with Texas and promptly created LIFE's San Antonio bureau, making McCombs its chief. On the day Kennedy was assassinated, McCombs [ditto] quickly flew to Dallas, meeting Richard Stolley [see own entry] and Tommy Thompson [ditto] there. Patsy Swank [ditto] [...] had learned about the Zapruder Film and told McCombs [who] swiftly sent Stolley and Thompson to procure the Zapruder film for LIFE magazine. In further JFK lore, McCombs was friends with [...] assassination suspect Clay Shaw and funneled [...] Hugh Aynesworth details on the Garrison Case [...]. That the LIFE investigation of the JFK assassination was never completed could point to McCombs' friendship with Shaw [...] and Milam's research revealed that LIFE magazine was interested in Machann, Odio, and Connell and the knowledge they may have had to the assassination. The files are extensive. They point to untold stories of Mafia-supplied money, anti-Castro Cuban involvement in the assassination, and hint that Machann and his close friends know more about the assassination than has been investigated. [...] The following is but a small sample of the subjects and facts the LIFE team was researching found in McComb's files …

One of their investigators interviewed Silvia Odio. She explained how her wealthy family was one of Castro's chief backers and she knew Castro well. [...] She was used by Castro as a courier, to deliver code messages and pick up money and information from points in the U.S. When the Odio family realised he was a Communist in Democratic clothing, they turned against him [whereupon he] seized all the Odio property and had the parents jailed. The children all fled Cuba, running to the United States and Puerto Rico.

After seeing Oswald on television, Silvia collapsed and was taken to hospital in Irving. Early Saturday morning, the day after the assassination, Marianne Sullivan Rahmes went to visit her, which terribly alarmed Silvia. She cried, 'If you can find me, they can find me,' referring to the other two visitors to her home, Leopoldo and Angelo.

There were Castro Communist cells who wanted General Walker killed and were looking for someone to kill him.

Silvia told the LIFE investigator that she confided in Father Machann regarding the visit of Oswald, Leopoldo, and Angelo. They want to question Machann as to a package Silvia or any Cuban refugee gave him to keep. They spoke with Machann's mother, who told them her son was 'on sick leave'.

[+++ two bullet-pointed items skipped +++]

Their investigations found that Lucille Connell 'seduced' Father Machann. She was close to him, even taking him along to Harvard to visit her son. She was a big civic doer in Dallas in the Mental Health organisation and they feel she is the one who got the job for Machann in mental health in New Orleans.

Their file on Marianne Sullivan Rahmes talks about her work with Father Machann in Cuban Relief and how very, very fond she was of [him] and how jealous she was of Silvia Odio and Lucille Connell. The file states she was friends with Machann's mother and once had notes, files, pictures, and materials on the Cuban refugees she suspected were part of the assassination. She knew something about the money from 'Cuba' and the Odio package containing $150,000 from Juan [Johnny] Martin and the syndicate to hire someone to kill the President. Father Machann was supposed to unwittingly be custodian of this package. There is a question as to whether Machann or Marcella Insua (Machann's secretary) had this package. The Insuas visited at Machann's home often, and he at theirs. Another wealthy socialite, Patti Link, was aware of the package and persuaded Insua to move to a more expensive apartment. Link paid the difference in rent for Insua to ensure the package stayed concealed and for Insua's safety.

[+++ two further bullet-pointed items skipped +++]

The investigative team was told that Machann was forced out of the church because a local Communist woman, Lucille Connell, had gotten him drunk and seduced him” (pp268-271).

***** END OF THE McCOMBS ARCHIVE SUMMARY *****

***** FIRST JACKSON-MACHANN INTERVIEW FOLLOWS *****
The first interview runs to ten pages of transcribed dialogue (pp275-284), and includes the following questions and answers (Machann's own words are colour highlighted in grey, thus) ...

ON HIS JESUIT UPBRINGING AND VOCATION ...

Readers unaware that Lee Harvey Oswald's cousin was a Jesuit priest OR that on 27th July 1963 Oswald had given a talk at a Jesuit seminar should both see the entry for <Eugene Murret> and note the content of <Warren Commission Exhibit 2649> [full text online] before proceeding.

"He then tells me he went to the University of Mexico, Loyola, and Tulane. He also got a degree from Columbia after he moved to New York. He went to high school at Jesuit in Dallas and I make a mental note of that [...] having) read somewhere that Jesuits were helpful to the CIA thanks to one of the Dulles brothers being a Jesuit priest (actually John Foster Dulles' son Avery Dulles [see own entry] - Ed.). [...] GAYLE: How did you become the head of the Dallas Catholic Cuban Relief Program? MACHANN: Bishop Tshoepel (?) [actually Thomas Tschöp - Wikipedia biography] appointed me. He knew I spoke Spanish and had done well at the University of Mexico. I was young and energetic. I think he felt I would be the right person for that job" (p275).

ON THE WOMEN OF THE PARISH ...

#1 LUCILLE CONNELL: "She was one to remember. I don't know if she came from a wealthy family background, but she was married to a wealthy CPA [not explained, perhaps Certified Public Accountant] She was also very interested in mental health" (p276).

#2abc THE ODIO SISTERS: "Silvia was one of the Cubans from a wealthy family, in fact, I heard that her Dad was one of the wealthiest men in Cuba. Silvia [...] liked attention and nice things [...] but she was prone to nervous breakdowns. She was highly excitable, but also very strong [...] and outgoing, unlike her sister Sarita. [...] Sarita went to the University of Dallas and was here with their younger sister [= Annie Lauri Odio], who was in high school. She was engaged to a Swedish man. [...] Sarita was very quiet [...] the opposite of Silvia" (p277).

"He is very tight-lipped about Silvia Odio and Lucille Connell, yet there is a gleam in his eye when he speaks of both of them" (p286).

#3 MARIANNE SULLIVAN: "I don't know if you would call her a stalker, but she was definitely a nymphomaniac! That she was. She [...] just latched on to me. I really don't want to talk about it" (p284).

ON GENERAL WALKER ...

"I knew of him, but I never met him” (p278).

ON HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH JOHN MARTINO (WHOM MANY SOURCES SAY HE INTRODUCED AT THE 1st OCTOBER 1963 BOOK PROMOTION MEETING) ...

"That must be a made-up story. I never knew a Johnny Martino” (p279).

RESEARCH ISSUE: It was a public meeting organised by the John Birch Society to promote Martino's latest book. What local reportage took place which might throw light on this discrepancy in the accounts?

ON HIS PERSONAL BACKGROUND ...

"I'm Polish on my father's side, Irish on my mother's side. I feel more a descendent of my father - my mother and I fought a lot. [...] I was the eldest son. She had already decided I would be a priest as soon as I was born” (p291).

CONCERNING HIS TIME IN THAILAND, AND HIS FAMILY ...

"I also worked for WHO (the World Health Organisation) overseas. When I was in New York I was having a hard time finding a job. I had put in applications to many overseas jobs and WHO just happened to hire me. I moved to Thailand and lived there many years. In fact, I had my son there. Yes, I have a son. He was born in 1983. Unfortunately, his mother died when he was seven of dengue fever. [...] He did a few tours in Iraq and came back a different man” (p281).

WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT EVER TRIED TO RECRUIT HIM ...

"No, but I did have to get some sort of clearance before I went to Thailand. And no, they never offered me a job” (p281).

ON WHY HE WAS INTERVIEWED SO QUICKLY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION ...

"[After the assassination] they came to interview me. I never understood why. [+++] Jackson explains that it was because he knew the Odios and the Warren Commission were unsure whether and when
Oswald actually visited her given that it might have clashed with the known dates of his trip to Mexico City. Oh, I see. That is why the Frontline people kept trying to pin me down on dates. [+++ he repeats the Janet Leigh anecdote +++] And I remember that Lucille and Silvia were going to this event and I felt slighted. I wondered why they didn't ask me to go [...]. So I told the Frontline people [on video above] that's how I remember the date” (pp281-282).

EDITORIAL NOTE: Advanced students wishing to explore the relevant event timings will need to plough through the separate entries for the <Silvia Odio Incident> and the <Mexico City Adventure>. These, in turn, will take you off on a number of tangents, so you may be away some time. The point is that for Oswald to have visited the Odios in Dallas on the evening of 25th September 1963 AND caught the following morning's bus out of Houston for Toledo he would have to have had accomplices. If, on the other hand, it all happened on 28th September 1963, then the "Oswald" who was in Mexico City was not the real one. And he was.

ON THE INSUAS AND THE ODIO PACKAGE ...

EDITORIAL NOTE: We have already heard how Holland McCombs' LIFE Magazine investigation (which never made it to press, remember, and which nowadays gathers dust in a university archive) made much of the "package" which Machann may for a time have given safe keeping for Silvia Odio, and which may or may not have contained a $150,000 bankroll to hire a high-class shooter to "kill the president". RESEARCH ISSUE - THE ODIO-MACHANN PACKAGE: The main source on the package is Lucille Connell's testimony to the Warren Commission, a link to which (together with other crosslinks and leads) will be found in the separate entry for <Odio-Machann "Package">, which see if interested. It is a mystery which remains to be resolved. As to WHICH president they might have been wanting to kill, it might as easily have been JFK (for failing to support the Bay of Pigs Invasion) as Castro. In the event, Machann says little on these allegations, save (1) to explain how the Insuas came on the scene, and (2) to hazard his own guess at what said package might have contained ...

"In 1962, after Father Machann was appointed head of the Dallas Cuban Catholic Relief Program, his office manager was put in place. Machann says he didn't hire the man Joaquin 'Papa' Insua. Insua's daughter Marcella also helped, as well as teaching Parish school classes and working part-time at Neiman-Marcus. One of her students was James Hosty's son. The Insuas were related by marriage to the Odios. Joaquin Insua not only kept the books for the Cuban Catholic Committee, but was an FBI informant as well" (p267).

"[I didn't hire Insua.] I don't know who did, but I would think it was someone from the Diocese. [...] Mr. Insua kept our books so he knew about all the money we took in and gave out" (p278).

"I don't [know]. But [...] many of these Cubans came from rich families and I'm sure they had expensive items they brought over with them but hid from others. Maybe that's what Silvia had in her package" (p283);

***** END OF FIRST INTERVIEW *****

***** CORRESPONDENCE AND SECOND INTERVIEW *****

The Jackson-Machann exchange continued on and off by email [Pieces pp285-289], followed by a second face-to-face interview in August 2015, in which additional material was forthcoming, as follows ...

ON WHY HE LEFT THE PRIESTHOOD ...

"At the time of this writing, he has not told me why he left. There are clues in Silvia Odio's testimony to the Warren Commission and to Gaeton Fonzi. Odio says Machann was having some 'personal crises' in regards to his faith” (p287).

ON WHAT HE DID AFTER LEAVING DALLAS ...

Readers unfamiliar with the use of superficially innocent organisations such as the American University network or the WHO as covers for intelligence ops should see the entries for <Stephen Penrose> and <CIA Front Organisations> before proceeding.
"I went to New Orleans, got a degree in Sociology and Philosophy, and later to New York City. Someone recommended me to work as a resident manager to a mental health halfway house in New Orleans. Some were schizophrenics [...]. The idea was to mainstream them. [...] I did that for a year and a half or two. I also took some graduate work at Tulane in Anthropology and Political Science. [...] After attending meetings for the National Association for Mental Health, I worked in Florida. I lived in West Palm Beach where the rich people were. [...] LBJ had a program that would give you a fellowship in Beirut, Sweden, or other places where there were American Universities. I travelled throughout Russia with a travel group. It was a break in the Cold War. [...] I bought a Volkswagen in Hamburg in 1968 and drove all the way through the Baltic States, the Czech Republic, and the Coast of Spain. I was sleeping in the car and eating just to stay alive. I ran out of money and had to come back home. [...] Later, I got a job in New Jersey temporarily in the Mental Health field and fortunately [...] I got into Columbia and got an MPH (Master of Public Health). [...] And after that, one of my professors hired me in health service administration. I [...] worked for five years in disease control in NYC. Later, in 1975, [...] I had settled down, had a Finnish wife, and one day I got a telegram [presumably from the WHO-W stated, but no trace online and on p293 her name says Bangladesh, so presumed typo] [... We left in January of 1976, the 2 of us went to New Delhi, then Geneva, the February 1st we were in Bangkok, [... It was very third world. It was a fascinating experience [and] I spent 12 years there. [+++ there is a poorly explained timeslip at this point +++] 3 years in Sri Lanka, then I decided I couldn't do the work I wanted to do, so I took an early retirement [...]. We had a Danish general who was very progressive, and he took Thailand as his model country. I worked closely with him. Self-managed primary healthcare. But the bureaucracy became too great. [...] [While with the WHO] I was in a management position. I had to be the medium between the budget people and the technical people. I wasn't a scientist" (pp290-293).

**ASIDE - THE WHO IN THAILAND AND SRI LANKA:** As far as we have been able to reconstruct from Machann's often rambling recollections, he served with the WHO in Thailand for nine years (1976-1985) and then in Sri Lanka for three years (1985-1988). The "Danish general" in question is undoubtedly the Director General of the WHO between 1973 and 1988, one Halfdan Theodor Mahler ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halfdan_Theodor_Mahler)), who made a name for himself by helping to implement the WHO's 1978 Alma Ata Initiative ([Wikipedia briefing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primary_Health_Care)). Machann describes the initiative as "self-managed primary healthcare", and we do indeed find this listed in the medical literature under the keyword [PHC]. Here, for example, is Jones ([op. cit. inf.](#)) on the subject as recently as 2020 ...

"Various factors coming together in the 1970s resulted in a new conceptual framework for healthcare delivery, when Primary Health Care (PHC) was launched onto the global stage at the WHO Alma Ata Conference in 1978. PHC [...] was needed to deal with the tremendous disparities in healthcare provisions and health outcomes between rich and poor countries [...]. For Halfdan Mahler [...], 'the necessity to proceed with implementing primary health care is part of a wider necessity to seek social justice [calling] into question the effectiveness of vertical special campaigns targeted against specific diseases. The example of China’s barefoot doctors and socialist medicine in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR) provided alternative visions of healthcare. PHC has been described as a ‘comprehensive philosophy of development’, and one that represented a ‘shift in thinking that saw health not merely as a result of biomedical interventions but also an outcome of social determinants’ " (pp2-3).

The introduction of PHC increased demand for healthcare administrators, which is presumably why Machann was headhunted away from his job in NYC in late 1975. Note that Thailand at the time had the misfortune to be situated in one of the frontline sectors of the Cold War. Indeed its remote northern provinces fell within the CIA's infamous "Golden Triangle" ([Wikipedia briefing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Triangle)) and the drug abuse in the region conveniently brought the WHO teams right up against the southern border of Communist China. See Suwanwela, et al. (1979 [PubMed entry (abstract)]) for details of the WHO/UN/Thai programme against drug abuse in the hill tribes of these borderlands during Machann's time in that part of the world. **RESEARCH ISSUE:** The present author fails to understand why PHC should have caused Machann to resign.

**ON HIS MOTHER ...**

"He speaks a lot about his Mother and it seems that most of his memories are bittersweet. He said she was 'Miss Oak Cliff' in a beauty pageant and competed in Galveston against Dorothy Lamour and placed ahead of her. The second time I went to see him, he showed me the picture of her with the other contestants" (P287).

**ASIDE:** This turns out to have been the Sixth International Pageant Of Pulchritude, held in GalvestonTX on 16th June 1931. Having been born in New Orleans, Lamour competed as Miss New Orleans, but the pageant archives do not show her making the last seven. Miss Oak Cliff is listed in said archive ([Miss Universe 1931 - Wikiwand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miss_Universe_1931)) as one Frances Allison - [seen here, centre screen, on the event](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miss_Universe_1931)
Modern genealogy websites confirm that Machann’s mother was indeed the said Ms. Allison (b. 6th December 1913; d. 5th April 2003).

**ON HIS SON ...**

"He said his son was in the service and did two tours, one in Iraq [...]. He said his son is trying to find his way in the world, his place, and looking for peace. He couldn't decide what he wanted to do with his life, maybe write ... he tried to make it in the U.S. but is now back in Thailand ..." (p287).

**ON HIS WIVES ...**

[At the time of his retirement from the WHO] "My Finnish wife and I had separated. [...] I had made the acquaintance of a Thai lady and before we got married she had gotten pregnant. She joined me in Sri Lanka and brought our son with her [...]. He did well in school. [...] Anyway, I had political troubles with the Indian bureaucracy and took early retirement and went back to Texas. They wanted me to go to Bangladesh, but I didn't want to. We lived in Arlington for two years [before going] back to Thailand. [...] In Sri Lanka, we had only been there for a year, my wife came down with Dengue Fever and died. It all happened so quickly. [...] She got sick on a Friday and passed away on Monday. There was no known cure" (p293).

**ASIDE:** See Halstead (1988) for details of the Dengue pandemic in those years.

***** END OF THE JACKSON MATERIAL *****

Machann died 3rd August 2022 (source), aged 88. **OUR COLD CASE VERDICT:** In preparing this entry we have formed three specific suspicions. The first is that during his time in the priesthood Macghann was fortuitously well placed to be sucked into the web of FBI informants surrounding the Cuban exile community as they arrived in Dallas in and after 1960. Our second suspicion is that his 1967-1968 LBJ Fellowship tour of Eastern Europe would have included structured observation duties and a CIA handler. And our third suspicion is that his 1976-1988 WHO duties in Thailand and Sri Lanka would have included similar soft intelligence gathering on the side. Until more is discovered about what he was up to between "going dark" on 1st October 1963 and having his breakdown on assassination day (not to mention what that intriguing mug-shot was all about), both judge and jury will remain perplexed.

**FURTHER READING:** The main sourceworks are Ray and Mary La Fontaine's (1996) "Oswald Talked: The New Evidence in the JFK Assassination" [Amazon] and Gayle Nix Jackson's (2016) book "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED SOURCE]. For more on the Jesuit Connection see the entry for Eugene Murret, following the pointers provided therein. For more on Halfdan Mahler's transformation of third world healthcare see Margaret Jones' (2020) "Striving for Equity: Healthcare in Sri Lanka from Independence to the Millennium, 1948-2000" [downloadable]. For the rivalry between Rockefeller Foundation Americanised healthcare and the less profitable indigenous alternatives promoted by the WHO see Warren (1988 [full text online (paywalled)]) and Birn and Fee (2013 [full text online]). And for more on CIA black ops in Thailand see M. H. Burton's (2019) "Quiet Spy, Secret War" [Amazon].

Machen, John Gresham: See the entry for Carl McIntire.


Mac Kenzie, Roderick A. ["Mac"], III: [a.k.a. Ward Alexander] Printer-forger turned circus artiste turned emergency room auxiliary and, when not thus occupied, gun-runner to Cuban mercenaries, mobile Id Card workshop, and "wet worker" for the underworld Rod Mac Kenzie [no convenient biography] hit the headlines in 2016 with the publication of his memoirs in Mac Kenzie( and Hooke) [YouTube extracts of the man himself promoting same]. He was trained in Id Card forgery at the "CIA Seals and Flaps School" [Buy the Manual!], Fort Dietrich, MD, and proudly asserts that his Id Card forgeries were the best you could get. He applied the skills acquired during a period supplying false Id Cards for DISC.
We may therefore confidently assume that any Grassy Knoll conspirators with CIA credentials were carrying false Rod MacKenzie identities. And they seemed to have worked flawlessly - see the entries for Gordon Arnold, Bernard Barker, Roger Craig, and Mo Mabra.

After the assassination (if not earlier!) he made himself a new identity - as one Ward Alexander - before going very dark for 50 years. He remains active on FaceBook (under his real name) to this day [December 2017].

MacLean, Donald Duart: British diplomat but Cambridge-raised Soviet spy Donald MacLean [Wikipedia biography] began feeding secrets to the Russian intelligence service from his position in the U.K.'s Paris embassy in around 1938. He then did the same from Washington, DC, between 1944 and 1948. After three further years with the Foreign Office in London he defected to the Soviet Union in 1951.

Maclean, Fitzroy: See the entry for Operation KEELHAUL.

MacNeil, Robert Breckenridge Ware: Montreal born NBC journalist Robert MacNeil [Wikipedia biography] was in the motorcade Press Bus at the time of the shooting. Upon hearing the shots he ran firstly to the Grassy Knoll, and then on to the TSBD, where, at around 1233hr, he asked a man where the nearest telephone was, receiving the reply, "Better ask inside". It will later be suggested that the man was LHO making good his escape from the building - [YouTube the fuller story].

MacQueen, Graeme: American philosopher-engineer and expert witness on the stability of high-rise steel structures in fires Graeme MacQueen [AE911 promotion] is noteworthy in the present context (a) generally for a number of contributions to 9/11 Truther documentaries, and (b) specifically for going first author to Tony Szamboti [see own entry] on the 2009 paper "The missing jolts: A simple refutation of the NIST-Bazant collapse hypothesis" [see Timeline 14th January 2009], in which attention is drawn to the absence in the frame-by-frame video analyses of all three of the World Trade Center towers of the joltings and hesitations characteristic of accidentally falling structures.

MACS-9: Acronym for Marine Air Control Squadron 9 [Wikipedia briefing]. This is the U.S.M.C. unit, stationed between 1955 and 1971 at Santa Ana and El Toro, CA, where LHO was assigned upon returning in late 1958 from his deployment to Atsugi, and where, probably in the first half of 1959, he reportedly got to know fellow Marines David Bucknell and Kerry Thornley.

MACV-SOG: See the entry for John K. Singlaub.

Maddow, Rachel: Contemporary MSNBC political commentator Rachel Maddow [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as a useful example of a 21st Century opinion former - utterly mainstream but apparently radical. Click here to see her at work.

"Never in the history of gunfire has there been a bullet this ridiculous" ([ JFK", the movie])

Magic Bullet: [a.k.a. CE-399] This is the everyday name for Warren Commission Exhibit CE-399, the more or less undamaged 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano slug which was - but only in Arlen Specter's official story, not in reality - recovered from the gurney used to transport Governor John Connally from limo #1 into the emergency room at Parkland Hospital. Discarding the official line that the Connally bullet had already passed through JFK's body, and then guided by the alternative narrative in Josiah Thompson and Gary Aguilar's "The Magic Bullet" (and other sources as shown), here is a step-by-step account of bullet XCE-000, the true projectile, which starts with the rifle which fired it, traces it through Connally's body all the way to the FBI Labs at DC, and ends with CE-399 the bullet in the National Archives. Problems and inconsistencies - and there are many - are highlighted [THUS] as soon as they occur ...

STEP 1: At Z235 a shooter on TSBD6 [identified in recent accounts as Mac Wallace] fires bullet XCE-000 from a still unidentified rifle [in recent accounts a .30-06 scopeless bolt-action rifle], hitting JC in the back,
spinning, axially stable (i.e., not "toppling"), and undeformed. It passes through him demolishing his 5th rib and lacerating his right lung on the way, and then exits his front with reduced velocity, unknown spin, some instability (toppling), and undeformed [IT SHOULD BE DEFORMED]. However, being undeformed, at least it leaves no metal fragments in the chest [THERE ARE FRAGMENTS IN THE CHEST].

STEP 2: XCE-000 then hits JC's right wrist, shattering the radius bone, and then exits with only residual velocity, unknown spin, significant instability, and undeformed [IT SHOULD BE DEFORMED]. However, being undeformed, at least it leaves no metal fragments in the wrist [THERE ARE FRAGMENTS IN THE WRIST].

STEP 3: XCE-000 then strikes JC's left thigh about six inches above the knee, being stopped by, but not fracturing, the femur. It is still largely undeformed [IT SHOULD BE DEFORMED]. Because the leg muscles at this point are at their thinnest, the bullet is quite loose and ready to fall out spontaneously.

STEP 4: Mrs. Connally comforts her husband all the way to Parkland Hospital where he is taken out, put on a gurney, and wheeled to the emergency room where he is transferred onto the operating table. JC later recalls hearing the sound of something hitting the floor during this latter manoeuvre [HENCEFORTH WE ARE ASSUMING THAT THIS IS XCE-000] and then seeing a nurse pick whatever it was up and put it in her pocket [WE CAN JUST ABOUT RELY ON CONNALLY'S RECOLLECTION DESPITE THE GRAVITY OF HIS WOUNDS BECAUSE IT WILL EVENTUALLY BE GIVEN WITH GREAT CERTAINTY].

STEP 5: This nurse - whom, for reasons which will shortly become apparent, we are going to name as NOT Audrey Bell - shows XCE-000 to bystanding Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade, no less, who will later recall "I told her to give it to the police". [SHE MAY OR MAY NOT AT THIS PRECISE JUNCTURE SEAL IT IN AN EVIDENCE ENVELOPE]. She collars bystanding JC aide Bill Stinson, presently talking to uniformed Texas Ranger Bobby Nolan, and Stinson says "Give it to him" (i.e. Nolan) [BY THIS JUNCTURE THE ITEM IS SEALED IN AN EVIDENCE ENVELOPE].

STEP 5A: Nolan in due course returned to DPDHQ, and handed the envelope in to Captain Will Fritz's office. He reports "They told me it was a bullet" and initialled and dated the evidence envelope. If this envelope actually contained the true projectile then this was the last anyone would see of it.

STEP 6: Back at Parkland, the gurney is recycled to a corridor, and left. Shortly afterwards passing maintenance engineer Darrell Tomlinson tidies the gurneys and places it on a gurney for when everybody was less busy.

STEP 7: Tomlinson gives XCE-001 to nearby Parkland security officer O. P. Wright, who later recalls that it is not greatly deformed and has a pointed tip [CE-399 DOES NOT HAVE A POINTED TIP; 30-06 ROUNDS DO]. Persons unknown at the FBI and the Warren Commission later deliberately suppress this contradictory evidence.

ASIDE: Because of Geneva Convention rules against dum-dum bullets most rifles can fire either "military load" - full metal jacketed rounds which pass through bodies with reduced deformation - or "hunting load" - soft point jacketed rounds which fragment within the target the better to take it down. The "stopping power" of any firearm is maximised when all the kinetic energy in its projectiles is expended within the target.

STEP 8: Wright handed XCE-001 on to SS Agent Richard Johnsen, who later passed it up his chain of command to head of the White House SS detail, Jerry Behn, who later passed it up to SS Chief James Rowley [MIGHT BE SWITCHED HERE], who later passed it to FBI Agent Elmer Todd, who initialed it, and sent it to the FBI Lab's ballistics man Robert Frazier. By the time it arrived, the pointed XCE-001 had either already, or soon would, become the round-nosed CE-399.

STEP 9: During June the following year, with the Warren Commission busily accumulating the papers it wished to see, the FBI conducted an internal audit of the chain of possession outlined in STEP 8 above, summarising their findings in a formal Memorandum dated 7th July 1964. This memorandum deliberately overstated Tomlinson's, Wright's, and Nolan's identifications, ignored all references to pointed rounds, and included reassuring reports apparently from an investigating agent named Bardwell Odum.

MEANWHILE, back at Parkland ...
STEP 10: Senior Nurse Audrey Bell came out of Trauma Room One, where JFK had now been pronounced dead, and attended JC's ongoing treatment. One of her jobs was to place into evidence envelopes any projectile fragments from wounds. This she did, passing fragments from chest and wrist (but not thigh) to the aforementioned Elmer Todd, who passed them to the aforementioned Robert Frazier (who needed them because the total weight of all the fragments should equal the known factory weight of the round in question).

STEP 11: When interviewed long after the event, Tomlinson, Wright, Nolan, Bell, and Odum [see their separate entries] all gave less than totally confirmatory (and in some instances directly contradictory) accounts to that put forward in the aforementioned FBI Memorandum, exposing it as nothing short of precisely targeted case-pivotal institutional perjury [BUT WE DO NOT KNOW THE CHAIN OF DECEPTION FROM THIS POINT UPWARD].

For a quick visual accompaniment to this story - YouTube Bob Harris now. Then browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story (the total weight of which does not - sadly - yet equal the truth).

***** ENTER SMART MUNITIONS OF THE SOUL *****

Maginn, Simon: Horror author turned social media commentator Simon Maginn [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as an example of a middle-of-the-road justice-for-all-threat-to-nobody leftist British intellectual who was smeared in his home country by the propaganda forces of a foreign power. His offence? Nothing more than to have spoken his mind entirely within the boundaries of Britain's very precise laws against Inciting Ethnic or Racial Hatred [Wikipedia briefing]. His punishment? To be "taken out" with the same dispassionate precision as any drone strike on a Taliban commander [Wikipedia briefing]. So which of our enemies was it? Russia? China? Nothing so straightforward, for it was the State of Israel, long-believed to be a friend! For the details see Timeline 27th November 2019.

***** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

"The debate over 'who lost China' was partisan and bitter" (Yu)

Magruder, John L.: American WW1 veteran (artillery, Western Front) turned careerist staff officer John L. Magruder [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for transferring to the China station after WW1, where he served 1920-1924 and 1926-1930 as associate (later substantive) military attaché at the American Legation in Beijing ...

ASIDE – 1925, ONE HELL OF A GAP YEAR: Magruder spent 1925 doing similar work at the American Embassy in Bern, Switzerland. This was more than just a pleasant Alpine break, however, for Bern was in those years the United States' principal anti-Bolshevik special ops hub. It was, for example, the Embassy where, eight years previously, a young duty officer had taken a call from a Russian dissident named Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov, better known to history as Lenin ...

CAMEO - AN OPPORTUNITY MISSED: The United States declared war on the Central Powers on Friday 6th April 1917, driving floods of stranded Americans - tourists, businesspeople, diplomats - out of Germany and Austria-Hungary into neutral Switzerland. It was accordingly all hands to the pumps at the Visa Desk in Bern. But it was Easter Weekend, and by the Sunday the Embassy officials needed a break. Therefore when the official in question took a phone call from Lenin seeking an immediate interview, he refused to make the time available out of hours (the fact was, he would later explain, that he had a hot date). Only years later would it emerge that Lenin then turned for help to the German Embassy instead, who rapidly approved his transit to St. Petersburg. In hindsight, it was an historically expensive missed opportunity for the Allies, because once in St. Petersburg Lenin helped bring about the Russian Revolution, and - as Germany had hoped that it would - took Russia out of the war against them. That duty officer was none other than Allen Dulles, future Director of the CIA 1953-1961, enemy of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and approver of truth as a member of the Warren Commission 1964-1966. His brief encounter with Lenin was a story Dulles "never tired of repeating" (Helms, 2003, p59), and he never again failed to make time to cultivate a possible intelligence contact. More details in Murphy (2007-2011 [CIA full text online]).

By 1925, Bern and Beijing faced identical problems, namely that the Reds had defeated the Whites in the broader Russian Civil War [see Timeline 16th July 1918, and then as directed]. Lenin had died the previous year, the Bolsheviks were mopping up the remnants of the White Russian collapse, and Beria, already making a name for himself in Georgia, would soon be put in charge of the OGPU secret police and throw his weight behind...
the most ruthless of the Politburo contenders, Joseph Stalin. Magruder duly found himself defending American interests in Beijing, whilst Dulles - now in charge at Bern - was doing the same in Europe. Between them they watched over events in two enormous swathes of the Northern hemisphere, a western element (monitored by Dulles in Bern) stretching from Finland in the north via the Ukraine to the Middle East, and an eastern slice (monitored by Magruder in Beijing) stretching from Lake Baikal in Siberia down to French Indochina. The Cold War would in due course be fought in these lands, with displaced White Russians flocking to whoever hated the Reds the most, which just happened to be the United States in the west and the increasingly imperialistic Japanese in the east. Here is how a contemporary historian summarised the White Russian migrations after their failed civil war campaign in Siberia...

"... the Émigrés, the survivors of the eastern White Russian armies, who escaped to Mongolia, Manchuria, China, and Japan, after the White collapse. Indeed, their senior surviving commander, Semyonov, would go on to aid the Japanese against the Chinese in the early 1930s (Stewart, 1933/2009).

It may or may not be relevant that an earlier European fugitive - a certain Baron Adolf Tschepppe-Weidenbach [Wikipedia biography] - had emigrated to the United States early enough to have anglicised his name as Charles Willoughby and have a distinguished career in the A.E.F. during WW1. After the war he transferred to intelligence work, eventually becoming theatre G-2 to Douglas Macarthur from the fall of Japan through the Korean War. White Russians, too, including dispossessed landowners like our old friend George de Mohrenschmidt, ended up in homes away from home in the United States, loudly peddling their anti-Communist credentials. One such White Russian enclave was in the Dallas area, where they were placed under observation by intelligence assets including Ruth Paine, who famously even learned to speak Russian for that very purpose.

... (b) for posting and duties unknown 1931-1937 (that is to say, during the first six years of the Sino-Japanese War [see Timeline 18th September 1931 and forward pointers], a period which includes the Jouett Mission [see own entry] To strengthen the Nationalist Chinese Air Force - see the several sidenotes in the entry for John M. Birch), (c) for posting and duties unknown 1937-1941 (the period of all-out war between Japan and China and of Claire Chennault's AVG's undeclared war between the United States and Japan [see Timeline 3rd June 1937], (d) for being selected by the Combined Staff in September 1941 to command the newly authorised American Military Mission to China (AMM or telegraphic AMMISCA) [see own entry and Timeline 3rd July 1941], ostensibly to administer the Lend-Lease negotiations between China and the United States ...

CAMEO - THE MAGRUDER BRIEF: Magruder's terms of reference were carefully phrased at the highest politico-military level. His mission was explicitly "[to] advise the Chinese Government in all military matters, particularly in the use of Lease Lend credits or Lease Lend material", but also more open-endedly to cultivate the strategic relationship between the two countries (Yu, op. cit. inf.). Again, this will have meant keeping tabs on the White Russian fascists in the Far East, especially where they had been recruited by expansionist Japan as their "Manchurian Mafia" (Stephan, 1978, p63).

... (e) for arriving in theatre at the beginning of October 1941, quickly establishing an intelligence collection and collation office in the Nationalists' fall-back capital at Chungking which quickly came on stream after the Pearl Harbour attack, (f) for reporting in early 1942 that the Nationalists were not just poorly prepared for their wars in general, but often seemed more interested in fighting their 1927-2021 [ongoing – Ed.] Civil war against the Chinese Communists than their 1931-1945 war against the Japanese, (g) for spending time back in Washington alongside OSS chief William ["Wild Bill"] Donovan during 1943, (h) for being the man in the hot seat when Captain-chaplain John M. Birch, OSS operative, was killed by Communists during the competitive land grab which followed the mid-August surrender of the Japanese, (i) for being promoted head of the new-but-short-lived Strategic Services Unit (SSU) [Wikipedia briefing] as OSS was rapidly demobilised in late 1945...

CAMEO - FROM OSS TO CIA, 1945-1947: Basically, the task of intelligence analysis went to the State Department, and Magruder's field agent and special ops structures went with him back to the War Department. A major new overseas headquarters was set up in Frankfurt-am-Main, Western Germany, in preference to Bern.

... (j) for then helping to turn the SSU into the more permanent Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in 1947, (k) for being in the audience at the 1950 Berlin Conference at which WW2 British propaganda operative Arthur Koestler [Wikipedia biography] called for a crusade against international

**Maguire, James Rochfort:** British-Irish lawyer-politician J. Rochfort Maguire [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been identified by Quigley (1949) as Cecil Rhodes' "most intimate friend" (p48) during their time together at Oxford, and therefore almost certainly a member of his 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], that is to say, Britain's late-19th-Century deep state, and (b) for having been a director of the British South Africa Company [see own entry] between 1898 and his death in 1925.

**Mahan, Alfred Thayer:** Civil War veteran and career U.S. Navy officer Alfred Mahan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his tireless promotion of the navy as the foremost instrument of the nation's geopolitical and economic development. Specifically, he produced a book and a number of highly influential papers during the 1890s, playing to the Expansionist ears of politicians such as James Blaine and Theodore Roosevelt [q.v.]. His writings on Hawaii [check it out] will help justify the United States' annexation of that hitherto independent kingdom in 1893 [check it out], and his later writings on Cuba [check it out] and Panama [check it out] uncannily presage not just a series of U.S. armed interventions in those exact same places (Cuba in 1898, Panama in 1903), but also the entirety of the so-called Banana Wars [check it out]

"The pleasant gaze of a Rotarian Santa Claus" (Hinckle and Turner)

"Helped change the face of Las Vegas" (NYT obituary)

"A no-good dishonest son of a bitch who stole me blind" (Howard Hughes)

**Maheu, Robert Aimee:** [We believe that sources which give Maheu's middle name as Aimee are mistaken - Ed.] Maine-born FBI man turned private investigator with CIA credentials turned well-connected hustler Robert Maheu [Wikipedia biography; Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for first appearing in the histories in the "latter part of World War II and the late 1940s" as an FBI agent working to Guy Banister [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL] at his Chicago FBI office (Morrow, *op. cit. inf.*, p29n), (b) for then setting up as a private detective in 1954 with [so his story goes, anyway - Ed.] $4600 he won from fellow FBI agents at a crap game (Schumacher, *op. cit. inf.*), (c) for immediately attracting some high rolling clients such as (c.i) billionaire recluse Howard Hughes, and (c.ii) whoever it was that feared Aristotle Onassis enough to set the special ops dogs on him ...

**CAMEO - MAHEU AND SAFEGUARDING THE ARAMCO CONTRACT:** We tell the Onassis story at some length in the Onassis entry, which see. Maheu, in this instance, was acting as a Mr. Fixit on behalf of a deep state consortium of profitereing Americans - hybrid businessmen-spooks many of them - determined that foreigners should not be allowed to steal a piece of their action.

**CAMEO - MAHEU AND HOWARD HUGHES:** In the late 1950s/early 1960s Maheu was on the senior staff of billionaire recluse Howard Hughes, managing his casino operations in Las VegasNV. Key points in this story pop up now and then in the Maheu-Mob cameo below, and therefore need not be duplicated here.
... (d) for then being sucked into that most flat-footed of all CIA-commissioned assassination ops, namely the repeatedly failed attempts on the life of Cuban president Fidel Castro ...

EDITORIAL NOTE: Most of what we know about Maheu is what he himself has told us, either in his testimony to the 1975 Church Committee and in his slander case against Howard Hughes, or else in his (1992) memoirs “Next to Hughes” [see (f) below]. There are also many third party accounts, but these tend simply to regurgitate that same testimony.

CAMEO - THE MAHEU-CIA-MOB CONNECTION: Here is the Morrow clip again, in full, with some more of the early history ...

"Throughout the latter part of World War II and the late 1940s, Guy Banister was Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago FBI office. Twelve years later, one of Banister's former agents became the CIA's assassination coordinator whose assignments sometimes involved working with the Mafia's assassination coordinator, Sam Giancana [see own entry REVELATORY]. This former FBI agent turned CIA assassin was Robert A. Maheu" (p29n).

Hinckle and Turner [op. cit. inf.] then link Maheu to the now well-known CIA-Mafia operations against Fidel Castro, in which mobster Johnny Roselli [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL] played a large part and President John F. Kennedy got caught in the crossfire ...

"Robert Maheu had been a contract employee of the CIA from the mid-fifties. Like most CIA operatives, he was loath to talk about even what he had for breakfast while on a CIA expense account. But in 1974 Bob Maheu broke his silence about the Mafia-CIA joint venture to do in Castro in the same forum that Johnny Roselli chose - in court. [+++ details of his case against Howard Hughes +++] [+++ details of the CIA's Castro assassination attempts +++] In this high purpose, Maheu recruited the gangster and introduced him to his friends in the CIA [in September 1960]. The price for the star-spangled contract on the life of Fidel Castro was $150,000, plus expenses“ (pp23-25).

Hinckle and Turner even helpfully detail the CIA top-team behind the operation ...

"... it appears that the first man in the CIA to suggest killing Castro was Colonel J. C. King [Wikipedia biography], the chief of the Western Hemisphere Division. King had plotted unsuccessfully the previous year, 1958, with William ["Flying Tiger"] Pawley [see own entry MAJOR DEEP STATE HONCHO] to head off Castro before he came to power. [...] King and Pawley had Eisenhower's ear, and they convinced Ike that Castro was a communist [...]. [+++ details of anti-Castro ops +++]. [Allen] Dulles took King's suggestion to the crafty Richard M. Bissell, Jr. [see own entry REVELATORY], his trusted deputy director for plans [...]. Bissell was a rising star in the CIA [and] readily agreed with King's recommendation that Castro be 'eliminated'. [...] The following month Bissell asked Colonel Sheffield Edwards [see own entry REVELATORY], chief of the Office of Security, to find someone capable of assassinating Fidel Castro. [...] Colonel Edwards suggested that syndicate members who had operated casinos in Havana might be willing and able to carry out the assignment. Jim [P.] O'Connell [Wapo obituary], who worked under Edwards, suggested Robert Maheu to make the approach. Maheu was on a $500-a-month retainer. The agency also covered his office rent so that [...] 'I would be available to them as situations arose'. [+++ examples of such "situations" +++] When O'Connell tapped him for the Castro job Maheu was working practically full time for Howard Hughes. Several years before, Hughes had hired Maheu to, among other personal tasks, keep an eye on his lady friends. The relationship had expanded to the point where Hughes asked Maheu to drop his other clients and move to Los Angeles at $500,000 a year. This time Maheu's job was, as Maheu discreetly described it, to be 'an adviser in the political and government arena’" (pp29-32).
part in the Castro assassination plot. He is also indexed no less than 406 times in Geoff Schumacher's (2008/2020) "Howard Hughes: Power, Paranoia, and Palace Intrigue (2nd Ed.)" [Amazon].

***** END OF THE WORLD HISTORIC EVENTS *****

Readers unfamiliar with Ukrainian history during and since WW1 will find a concise end-to-end account in the Timeline entry at 11th July 1928.

Maidan Coup: [INDEXING STUB] Here is a cluster of entities and events which, taken together, record the substance and long-term geopolitical impact of the Maidan Coup [no convenient briefing (not in any of the languages we can manage anyway)] ...

YouTube tutorials ...

The coup itself
Zelensky and Blackrock
Blackrock according to Bloomberg
Cargill according to Bloomberg
"Monsanto's War in Ukraine"

Own entries for ...

Robert Kagan
Victoria ["Potty Mouth"] Nuland

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FURTHER READING: For more concerning the Western manufacturing of the 2014 Ukrainian crisis see Oliver Boyd-Barrett's (2016) "Western Mainstream Media and the Ukraine Crisis" [Amazon].

Maimonides: See the entry for Kabbalah.

Malcolm, [Sir]1938 Dougal Orme: British civil servant [Sir]1938 Dougal Malcolm [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked in the South African civil service during the 1900s and for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for being tempted away from the Diplomatic Corps in 1912 to join the British South Africa Company, a Rhodesian mining company.


***** CAUTION *****

POSSIBLY SUSPICIOUS CONVERSION OF WAR HERO AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICER TO COMMUNIST POLITICIAN

Malone, Cecil l'Estrange: WW1 veteran (Royal Navy), turned Centrist politician, turned WW1 peace negotiator, turned WW1 (Extra Time) international diplomat, turned East End Communist politician Cecil Malone [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been one of the pre-war Royal Navy's pioneer seaplane pilots, (b) for his wartime promotion to command the seaplane carriers HMS Engadine [Wikipedia shipography] and HMS Ben-my-Chree [see inset below], (c) in the latter role for having masteredmind history's first successful air-dropped torpedo attacks, ...

ASIDE: Browse <seaplane> in the Companion Resource for an indication of Malone's involvement in the Gallipoli Campaign

(d) for having rounded off his military career with no little flourish with a spell in the Planning Department of the Admiralty in 1918, followed by another as Air Advisor in the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see 18th January 1919], receiving a swift O.B.E. for his troubles, (e) (just after his months at the Admiralty) for having diversified into politics as Liberal Party M.P.
for Leyton East following the General Election 14th December 1918, (f) just after his months at Versailles) for having in late 1919 participated in a fact-finding tour of the Russian Civil War zone, meeting such Soviet commanders as Leon Trotsky, and (g) for having been so impressed by this latter experience that he turned pro-Communist and "crossed the House" to became Britain's first Communist Member of Parliament. Not everyone, neither at the time nor since, believed his "conversion" to have been genuine.

**ASIDE:** Changes of political affiliation by British intelligence community operatives are extremely rare. Indeed the only other case we can think of is that of Erskine Childers [see own entry], who ran guns for the Irish Volunteers in between periods of intensely loyal service to the Empire [see 26th July 1914]. Coincidentally (or not) both Childers and Malone ate in the same wardroom during the Gallipoli Campaign [see 10th June 1915]. Childers, indeed, was the central (visible) player in the 1914 Howth Gun-Running [see 26th July 1914], an incident viewed by Docherty and MacGregor (2012) as a deliberately staged Secret Elite [see the entry for Cecil Rhodes] pretext for a pre-emptive British declaration of war against Germany, only rendered unnecessary at the last minute by the German invasion of Belgium.

Mamantov, Ilya Alexander: Russian WW2 refugee, turned research geologist with various Texas oil companies, and part-time Russian tutor for the local community. Ilya Mamantov [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Marina Oswald's translator from the afternoon of the assassination. He therefore had to think about every question put by the interrogator, and every answer given by Mrs. Oswald. He also had to repeat the whole thing when the written statement was presented for signature. He had been called in by 488th MID's Jack Crichton [see own entry] at around 1655hr, having just spent 25 minutes on the phone to the FBI reporting that he had been acquainted with TV suspect LHO.

Mandelson, Peter [Baron Mandelson]²⁰⁰⁸: [Often, disparagingly, the Prince of Darkness] Political spin doctor, campaign manager, and politician in his own right [Lord]²⁰⁰⁸ Peter Mandelson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock as Director of Communications 1985-1991, allowing the Labour Party to make some improvement in the 1987 General Election, (b) for entering Parliament as the member for Hartlepool in the 1992 General Election, (c) for masterminding Labour's highly successful 1997 General Election campaign, being promoted to Cabinet level in Tony Blair's first administration, (d) for serving as European Commissioner 2004-2008, (e) for pronouncing that the Labour Party had become unelectable again after Jeremy Corbyn's September 2015 Leadership Election victory, (f) for campaigning as a Remainer in the 2016 Brexit Referendum, and (g) for being mentioned in BBC whistleblower John Sweeney's [see own entry] 4th November 2019 letter [see Timeline that date].

Mannlicher-Carcano C2766: At the time of writing [February 2018] the official version of the assassination narrative remains as it has always been, namely that JFK was killed by LHO firing a 41-inch-long variant of a 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano [Wikipedia technical briefing] with item stamp C2766. An article by Keith Wheeler in the 27th August 1965 edition of LIFE Magazine entitled "Cursed Gun - The Track of C2766" [online at Google Books - FASCINATING] goes through this weapon's provenance in some detail, from Italy to Louis Feldsott's Crescent Firearms, Inc. (and, indeed, through to its 1965 owner). And here's a curious thing ...

"Another curious point is the failure by investigators to find a single Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge other than those, including a live round still in the rifle, discovered at the scene. No extra cartridge was ever found on Oswald or in his possessions. No evidence was found that he ever purchased ammunition at all. If he was the assassin, his only ammunition was at the scene - the cartridge shells lined up as evidence in the assassin's lair. There is no official explanation as to where Oswald supposedly got his four cartridges" (Hurt, 1985, p384).

Other missing elements are gun-oil and pullthrough [small rectangles of cloth for oiling and chimney sweeping the barrel - Ed.] (Summers, 2013e). Browse the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.
Mannlicher-Carcano Charger Clip: A charger clip is a metal pressing designed to hold rifle cartridges - in the case of the Mannlicher-Carcano six of them - in readiness for rapid loading into a weapon's magazine. When needed, the bolt is drawn back and the clip pushed into the magazine from above, by which action it will compress a feeder spring beneath the lowermost round. When the bolt is returned to the firing position it pushes the topmost round out of the clip into the breech. When the bolt is re-opened, a claw at the front of the bolt brings the spent cartridge case with it until it hits a stop, whereupon it is flipped clear of the weapon (that is to say, "ejected"). The feeder spring, meanwhile, pushes the next round to the top of the charger clip so that the process can be repeated. When all the cartridges have been fired the empty clip can be dropped out for re-charging. YouTube a demonstration here. Over the years many histories have asserted that no clip was found with Mannlicher-Carcano C2766, which would - if true - have reduced it to being a manually fed weapon rather than a magazine fed one, with a firing rate of maybe one shot every 5 seconds. For the likely resolution of this debate, click here.

Manning, [Cardinal]\(^{1875}\) Henry Edward: British Roman Catholic clergyman [Cardinal]\(^{1875}\) Henry Manning [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been identified by Quigley (1949) as one of the high-level Circle of Initiates in Cecil Rhodes' 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], that is to say, Britain's late-19th-Century deep state. However, he died the following year having never been an active member of it.

Manual, Mac: [Sometime Mack] See the WOW, JUST WOW! entry for Francis Frugé.

Mao, Zedong: [previously transliterated as Mao Tse-Tung] Leader of the Communist Party of China (CPC)'s People's Liberation Army for all but the first few days of the Chinese Civil War [see 12th March 1925ff], Mao Zedong [Wikipedia biography] would become head of the replacement-state People's Republic of China (PRC) on 1st October 1949, and stay in post until his death on 9th September 1976.

***** "I had the son of a bitch killed" *****

Marcello, Carlos: Arriving in the U.S.A. as a 1-year-old Carlos Marcello [Wikipedia biography] worked his way down in the New Orleans underworld until, in the late 1940s, he got to the very bottom as the local Godfather. LHO knew of him as a boy because his mother Marguerite Oswald had once dated his driver. David Ferrie was often his pilot. He reportedly became a sworn enemy of the Kennedys during interrogation by RFK in 1959, and many theories - not least his own (as a sick old man), Davis (1990), and Blakey and Billings (1993) - credit him with ordering the JFK hit.

Marchetti, Victor L.: When consulted by Grover Proctor for his (from-)1980 research into "Oswald's Raleigh Call", one time CIA Assistant Deputy Director Victor Marchetti [Wikipedia biography] identified the telephone numbers on LHO's DPD telephone call slip as a field agent's emergency contact numbers. Browse the Raleigh Call Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.


Margeson, Richard Monroe: Richard Margeson [no convenient biography] was the FBI informant who reported on 14th April 1975 having associated on and off with Lawrence Howard, Jr. [q.v.] in Los Angeles, CA, during 1962 - check out full text online. At the time Howard was raising funds for anti-Castro purposes, and on one occasion came accompanied by "a hit man, in his late '20s, 5'6" - 5'9", slender, 135 pounds, former military and a rotten disposition", who went by the name "Lee Harvey".

Margin Calls: [Read firstly the entry for Collateralised Debt Obligations and Securitisation ESSENTIAL CONTEXT.] A Margin Call [Wikipedia briefing] is a dealer's ad hoc request for additional funds from an investor following a reappraisal
of the risk. This can cause acute financial embarrassment to the investor, especially if s/he/it is highly leveraged. Margin Calls are involved in both the 2021 Archegos Meltdown [see Companion Timeline 26th March 2021] and Britain's September 2022 Pension Fund Crisis [ditto 28th September 2022]. Markets keep their ears to the ground for news of emerging margin calls, in case they are themselves exposed to the same risk. Indeed it is not uncommon for margin calls to trigger a domino rally within a particular security or class of securities. The practice of signing up to Margin Calls is featured in the 2011 movie of the same name [Wikipedia filmopic], wherein the part they played in triggering the 2008 Great Crash is explained, and fair warning given as to the perils of unregulated financial markets.

"Marked Card": [A.k.a. "barium meal", "canary trap", etc.] In confidentiality-testing investigations of any sort - commercial, social 1, and spookdom (especially the latter) - where unauthorised "leaks" are suspected, a "marked card" [no convenient briefing but a very great deal to reward the determined browser] is a deliberate and often miniscule error of detail or assertion casually introduced by the mole-hunter into the everyday business of the organisation concerned. This can be done in a conversation, perhaps, or in correspondence, or by doctoring files and archives. Downstream nodes are then closely monitored for leakage of precisely that error, whereupon study of contacts and distribution lists allow the source of the leak to be identified. Marked cards are accordingly a major tool in Counterintelligence [Wikipedia briefing] operations, and appear with monotonous regularity in detective and spy fiction - check out this Wiki. In the context of the Kennedy assassination, the literature frequently suggests that the wholly inaccurate description of the wanted assassin's height and weight may well have been deliberately planted false information - see the ASIDE on "Planted Untruths" in the entry for Peter Dale Scott.

1 Readers may be entertained by the use of marked cards of sorts in the courtroom confrontation between footballers' wives Rebekah Vardy and Coleen Rooney. The latter, suspecting the former of selling confidences to the trash media, invented "marked card stories" of her own and sure enough they did indeed get published - check it out.

Markham, Helen Louise: Oak Cliff resident Helen Markham [Spartacus Educational biography] was the only full-facial witness to the shooting of Patrolman J. D. Tippit. She then fainted, was taken to Parkland Hospital to recover, and then to DPD, where she identified LHO as the assailant in a (procedurally flawed) line-up. Inconsistencies in her testimony were soon detected by Mark Lane - YouTube his derision now. Markham's evidential profile is as follows: Interview to camera [YouTube it now]; Warren Commission testimony [1st try; 2nd try; third and most important try].

***** Candidate JFK Footsoldier and Shooter *****
[Targeted to silence LHO; killer of Officer Tippit; went very dark 1963-2007]

Marlow, Gary Eugene: [id. 2007] Highly obscure JFK player Gary Marlow [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] may be catalogued in the present context (a) for being a friend of #1 Candidate JFK assassin [head shot with a frangible bullet from the Grassly Knoll - Ed.] James Files - see photograph of the two together, (b) for being tasked with executing Patsy LHO as he arrived at the prearranged rendezvous point - the Texas Theater - to await extraction, (c) for somehow crossing paths with, and killing, DPD Patrolman J. D. Tippit, (d) for being profiled as such - but not named - by Files in a 2003 interview with researcher Wim Dankbaar, and (e) for being identified and named online in 2007, shortly after his death.

Marlowe, Vaughn: [A.k.a. Vaughn Snipes] Korean War veteran (U.S. Army Intelligence) turned (perhaps feigned) left-wing activist Vaughn Marlowe [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the Secretary of the Los Angeles chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), and (b) for featuring in Dick Russell's (1992) book "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [Amazon] as an occasional contact of Richard Nagell.

Marranos: Mildly derogatory historical slang [Wikipedia etymology] for that element of Sephardic Jewry cast out by antisemitic edict from Portugal [see Timeline 5th December 1496], to settle in the marginally safer havens of England (notably London and Bristol) and the Netherlands. Unsurprisingly, many Marranos
remained religiously observant Jews, but worshipped in secret. And equally unsurprisingly, many of their persecutors suspected exactly that, and continued the persecution.

Marrs, James Farrell, Jr: Crusading journalist and best-selling conspiracy author [Jim Marrs Wikipedia biography] lent his investigative skills to the JFK conspiracy movement in his 1989 book "Crossfire: The Plot That Killed Kennedy". Amongst the key areas of disagreement were ...

Doubts as to LHO's involvement in the death of Patrolman J. D. Tippit.
The role of oilmen angered by JFK's plans to withdraw the oil-depletion allowance.
The role of the military-industrial complex eager to milk a future war in Vietnam.
The role of the CIA irritated by JFK's refusal to back the Bay of Pigs Invasion.

The fact that a near word-perfect manuscript was rejected by all the major publishing houses, one after another, just about says all that needs to be said! Marrs died 2nd August 2017, but not before he had delivered a 5th September 2015 lecture, coincidentally in Dallas, in which he sorted the 9/11 cover-up as well. Sure it was a conspiracy, he said, the biggest in history; but it was conceived, enacted, and concealed by the U.S. government with the pre-assured connivance of the mainstream media. Just like 1963 - [YouTube it now].

Marshall, Henry H.: Just doing his job good guy Henry Marshall [Spartacus Educational biography] was an investigator for the Agricultural Administration Agency (AAA), and was murdered 3rd June 1961 for getting too close to the truth in Billie Sol Estes' Cotton Allotment Scam, allegedly on the orders of LBJ, and allegedly by Mac Wallace.

Marsh and McLennan Companies, Inc.: This was the financial services and management consultancy whose data centre and forensic accountants were unlucky enough to have been struck by a direct hit by "American Airlines Flight 11" [q.v.].

Marsh Crisis Consulting: This was the subsidiary of Marsh and McLennan Companies [q.v.] managed from WTC2 by Paul Bremer [q.v.].

Martello, Francis L.: New Orleans police lieutenant Francis Martello [no convenient biography] was the officer who interrogated LHO on 10th August 1963 following his arrest the previous day. It was during this interrogation that LHO requested to speak to an FBI agent - see the entry for John Quigley. Martello's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (includes a long extract from Quigley's report) [read it now].

Martens, Layton Patrick ["Kid"]: [a.k.a. Kid Layton] 20-year-old jazz musician Kid Martens [various online obituaries available] was a roommate of David Ferrie at the time of the assassination, having met him while in his Civil Air Patrol squadron in 1958. He was also acquainted with Clay Shaw and Guy Banister, but had not heard of LHO until the assassination. He was subsequently indicted by Jim Garrison for perjury [charges later dropped]. He became an actor in the late 1980s and died of somewhat convenient heart failure on 18th March 2000, aged 57 years, while apparently researching his own book on the New Orleans tales.

Martí Pérez, José Julián: Cuban poet, political activist, author, and - so it is said - unwitting lyricist for the song Guantanamera, and grandfather of the actor Cesar Romero, José Martí [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been "The Apostle of Cuban Independence" between 1881 and his death in battle in 1895. He is instrumental in starting the Cuban War of Independence in 1894 [check it out] only to be killed in action 19th May 1895 at the Battle of Dos Ríos [check it out], aged 42 years. His writings will inspire a later Cuban revolutionary - Fidel Castro.

Martin, Patrolman Billie Joe: DPD motorcycle outrider B. J. Martin [no convenient biography] was riding outside-left of the four DPD motorcycles attached to limo #1, and, after the shooting, stayed with the
limo all the way to Parkland Hospital. Officer Martin's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Testimony at the trial of Clay Shaw, 14th February 1969 [read it now].

**Martin, Captain (DPD) Frank M.:** Police Captain with the DPD's Juvenile Bureau [no convenient biography] was on crowd control in the basement of DPDHQ at the time of the Jack Ruby murder, but was not a close witness. Captain Martin died from cancer 17th June 1966, aged 56 years. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses". His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it here].

**Martin, Jack:** New Orleans private detective [Spartacus Educational biography] was an associate of Guy Banister and David Ferrie. As such he was destined to become one of Jim Garrison's most important early informants in unravelling at least some of the threads of the JFK assassination conspiracy.

**Martin, James:** Dallas attorney [no convenient biography] was one of Jack Ruby's lawyers.

**Martin, Nancy:** Archivist for the Kodak Rochester Archives at the University of Rochester.

**Martin, Shirley:** [Néé Harris] Oklahoma-based [Spartacus Educational biography] became an assassination researcher by volunteering her time to Mark Lane. She carried out a number of early witness interviews, including Jean Hill (but not Mary Moorman because she was at the time too scared to talk), Marguerite Oswald, Ruth Paine, and Acquila Clemons. She met with Vincent Salandria in 1965. She finally toned down her researches after her daughter Victoria Martin died from injuries sustained in a road traffic accident on 8th September 1967.

**Martinez, Eugenio:** Cuban exile since the Castro Revolution [Spartacus Educational biography] seems to have taken part in Operation Tilt in June 1963 and is mentioned in some theories as having been a spotter for shooter Virgilio Gonzalez in a Dal-Tex Building shooting team.

**Martinez Gomez, Reinaldo:** Cuban exile [no convenient biography] was interviewed in 2007 at age 81 by Anthony Summers and G. Robert Blakey, and named one Herminio Diaz Garcia as having been involved in some way on the day.

**ASIDE:** We have seen it rumoured that the Cuban exile shooting team was based at the Dallas Trade Mart, and therefore took no part in the main event.

**Martinez, Ruth Anne:** [Sometimes the "girl in the polka dot dress"] In Rod Mac Kenzie( and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination CIA-accredited hit-woman and reportedly a Black Widow in bed Ruth Martinez [no convenient biography] was the radio operator for Mac Wallace's shooter team on the 6th floor of the TSBD. Sample and Collom (1995) suggest she was synchronising with the shooters at the picket fence. Browse the Collins Radio Thread and the Shooter Teams Thread to accumulate all the fragments of Martinez' story.

***** CANDIDATE JFK CONSPIRACY AS "FACILITATOR" *****
***** TWO CUBAN EXILE Shooters NAMED *****
[self-confessed liaison between Cuban exiles, CIA, and rightist action groups]

"Mafia associate" (La Fontaine and La Fontaine, *op. cit. inf.*)

"Martino knew that President Kennedy was going to be killed in Dallas" (below)

"I never knew a Johnny Martino" (below.)

**Martino, John (and son Edward and wife Florence):** American middle-echelon hoodlum turned anti-Castro counter-revolutionary (caught and punished) turned CIA field operative turned neofascist poster-boy [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early
life of crime 1935-1955, running illegal gambling, doctoring slot machines to house advantage, and loan sharking, (b) for thereby being headhunted in July 1958 to work for mob godfather Santo Trafficante's Deauville Casino in Havana, Cuba, there to rub shoulders with the likes of Lewis McWillie [see own entry] and President Batista's (very) hard man José Castaño Quevedo [Cubarchive biography] ...  

CAMEO - MARTINO AND CASTAÑO: Martino (op. cit. inf.) explains his association with Castaño as follows ... 

"[Castaño] was Chief of Operations of Batista's special political police organisation, the BRAC, or Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities [Wikipedia briefing]. Castaño frequented the Deauville casino and we soon struck up an acquaintance. He impressed me as a dedicated professional soldier of the best type. [+++ background detail +++] His business was to ferret out anti-democratic activities. During World War II, this meant concentrating on catching Nazi agents. Thereafter, it was a matter of uncovering the secret organisations of Cuban Communism and of Soviet espionage in Cuba. [He did this] under three different Cuban presidents [...]. He received special training at the FBI Academy in Quantico. I was told in Cuba that Castaño was regarded by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover as one of the five men in Cuba who really knew the details of the Red network there" (p8).

... (c) for being arrested in mid-1959 by the newly victorious Fidel Castro for helping anti-Castro elements flee justice, serving three years in prison [his 13-year-old son, Edward, was arrested with him, but quickly returned to his mother, Florence, in Miami - Ed. ...  

Readers unfamiliar with the CIA's "Kill Fidel" campaign should start with the entry for <Operation MONGOOSE> and then see the contextualising entries for <Operation TILT>, <William D. Pawley>, <Alpha 66>, and <Loran Hall> before proceeding. 

... (d) upon his release to Miami in August 1962 for falling in with the shocktroops of Operation MONGOOSE, the CIA's self-authorised contract on Castro's life ...

***** THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS TAKES PLACE *****

... and on 8th June 1963 being part of the insertion team in the CIA black op known variously as either Operation TILT or the Bayo-Pawley Affair ...

CAMEO - MARTINO AND THE BAYO-PAWLEY AFFAIR: Operation TILT involved landing a CIA special forces team at night on a remote Cuban beach, there to meet up with anti-Castro guerrilla fighters in order to extract two Russian defectors with nuclear secrets [other perhaps more plausible explanations are available - Ed.]. The key organisers (only one of whom - Bayo - actually went in with the shore party) included campaigning millionaire William D. Pawley [see own entry GOES WAY BACK], his yacht Flying Tiger II, jobbing mercenary Gerry Hemming [see own entry INTERESTING PARALLEL NARRATIVE], possible Dealey Plaza radio man Felipe Vidal Santiago [see own entry IN THE ASSASSINATION FILMS], Cuban exile Eddie Bayo [Spartacus Educational biography], senior black operative Frank Sturgis [see own entry INTERESTING PARALLEL NARRATIVE], roving LIFE Magazine journalist Richard Billings [see own entry NOT HIS LAST BLACK OP, AS IT HAPPENS], and the subject of this entry John Martino. What happened next has been explained in meticulously referenced detail in Hancock (2010, 2012, op. cit. inf. [326 and 106 mentions respectively! - Ed.]). Hancock's 2012 take on the incident is as follows ...

"It was said that two Russian officers had contacted anti-Castro forces in Cuba and wanted to escape the island, to reveal details of how the Soviets were cheating on the missile agreement. They would provide specifics on hidden rockets and even atomic warheads. [...] It appears that the primary source for the Russian officer story came from Alpha 66 [see own entry] members, in particular Eduardo Perez a.k.a. 'Eddie Bayo'. [...] Of course, it now appears that, from its inception, Alpha 66 was being stage managed with a focus on Russian provocation and a goal of 'putting Kennedy's back to the wall'. That suggests that from the beginning the 'Russian missile officer' story may have been designed as a political propaganda device, reflecting the talents of David Phillips [see own entry BLACK OPS BADASS]. That view is reinforced by the fact that the story was essentially 'shopped' to certain conservative political figures. The point man in that effort was anti-Castro advocate John Martino. [+++ detail +++] It appears that Martino's contacts with conservative political staff resulted in word of the Russian defectors getting to Senator James Eastland [Wikipedia biography], the highly active anti-Communist chair of the Senate Internal Affairs Subcommittee. Eastland in turn passed the word on to Pawley, well known for his own support of anti-Castro activities. Pawley's inquiries convinced him that the matter should be aggressively pursued. If the Russians could be gotten out of Cuba and put before Eastland's committee,
the political fallout for the Kennedy administration would have been immense. Kennedy's chances of re-election in 1964 would have been minimal if it was demonstrated that the Russians had fooled him, leaving missiles behind in Cuba, stored or even secretly emplaced. Given Pawley's connections, he felt comfortable taking the matter both to CIA station chief Shackley at JMWAVE (= Miami station) and to Marshall Carter [Wikipedia biography], Deputy Director of the CIA. [...] It is clear that after discussions with Shackley and Carter, Pawley committed himself and his own private yacht to a Cuban mission to bring out the defectors. Martino himself joined the mission and appears to have brought in a number of Alpha 66 personnel, including one of its most well known military leaders, Eddie Bayo. [+++ other Cubans named ++++] Perhaps the most amazing thing is that in violation of all standard Agency security, an agreement was reached with LIFE Magazine to allow a photographer to record the mission. [...] The LIFE staff member [...] was Richard Billings. [+++ detail ++++] The TILT mission [...] was a complex effort (supervised by David Morales [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL]), involving Pawley's yacht, an aircraft used to ferry in personnel [...] and the shadowing of the entire operation [...] by one of the Agency's two highly secret and specially equipped mother ships, the Leda [Mary Ferrell Foundation mentions].

A full shipload of heavily armed and supplied fighters, including Bayo himself, was sent in towards the beach [but] never returned, and from that point on no further contact was ever made with the team. No reports ever came out of Cuba on Bayo or his team members. [+++ theories suggested ++++] The author's current belief is that Bayo's boat may well have foundered at some point, being overloaded both with weapons and people. Eventually, a CIA after action report concluded that the Agency had probably been the victim of a scam intended to place a well-equipped exile team on the island. [...] All in all, it seems impossible not to at least consider the entire TILT effort as yet another effort, possibly even instigated by David Phillips, to push back against the Kennedy administration and force a more aggressive policy towards Cuba" (k2065-2145).

... (e) for liaising with Operation Mockingbird's tame propagandist Nathaniel Weyl [see own entry SENIOR SATANIC WORDSMITH] to write up his experiences in the summer 1963 book "I Was Castro's Prisoner" [Amazon (2020 republication)] INTERESTING STUFF] ...

CAMEO  - MARTINO'S MEMOIRS: Martino's manuscript was ghostwritten by Weyl and - as a specimen of discourse for analysis [Wikipedia briefing] - is structured from the outset to persuade readers that the Cuban exiles had been "betrayed" [that word is used for four of the chapter headings! - Ed.] by lack of U.S. government support for the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion. It is thus a work designed to appeal to rightist prejudices across the board, as the following clips will indicate - note the standard hard right narrative that America was let down - betrayed - by Americans not being hard right enough ...

(on Raul Castro) "a venomous little pervert" (p38)

(on U.S. diplomatic staff) "[they spend their] first ten years doing semi-clerical work and living by the book" (p50)

(again) "Sumner Welles [Wikipedia biography] had a knack for finding talented young men, but they sometimes turned out to be Communists, homosexuals, or both" (p62)

(on homosexuality and Communism) "Homosexuality is not merely an erotic and psychic characteristic, but a way of life which often has definite political implications. [+++ suggested factors listed ++++] These factors contribute to create an affinity between the homosexual international and the Communist International. The homosexual is an ideal agent of revolution [...] and of conspiracy, deception, and betrayal" (p90).

(on Castro and marijuana) "I have personally seen Fidel weeded up so high he didn't know where he was" (p152).

(on harder drugs) "I learned that thousands of acres of fertile Cuban crop land are being devoted to opium cultivation under the supervision of Red Chinese experts" (p153). "Huge shipments of opium, heroin, morphine, and cocaine were sent into Cuba by the Red Chinese regime" (p154). "At present, Castro is smuggling Chinese opium and heroin into Mexico, whence it is being flooded illegally into the United States. American gangsters cooperate with the Cuban Communists in this operation" (p155).

(on the Bay of Pigs debacle) "I believe that at some future date April 17 will be set aside by the American people as a day of national shame" (p317).

(on Adlai Stevenson [see own entry as villain-of-the-day to both Cuban and American Rightists) "The veterans of the invasion I talked to had heard that Adlai Stevenson was the American chiefly responsible for their defeat and betrayal [...] and the hatred they concentrated on him was amazing" (p317)

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by the <John Birch Society (JBS)> in Texas right-wing politics should see the separate entry before proceeding.
ASIDE: Adlai Stevenson will go on deliver a speech in Dallas on 24th October 1963, made famously chaotic by Birch Society rentamob activists - see Timeline at 23rd October 1963.

(on the exiles' attitude toward Castro-supporting American novelist Ernest Hemingway [see own entry THERE IS A STRANGE BACKSTORY TO THIS]) "These Cubans felt they had been betrayed by Hemingway" (p317).

(on David Morales) "an intelligent and patriotic public servant" (p65).

ASIDE - MORALES: Others are less charitable, with Bradley Ayers [see own entry] assessing him as one of the nine persons identified by him in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the JFK assassination had been put together.

***** MARTINO GETS HELP SELLING HIS BOOK *****

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by Dallas parish priest <Walter J. Machann> and Cuban exile femme fatale <Silvia Odio> in the assassination story should see their respective entries before proceeding.

... (f) for speaking on 1st October 1963 at a three-hour-long book promotion event organised by the JBS at Dallas' Highland Park Town Hall [map] ...

CAMERO - MARTINO THE AUTHOR: According to Hancock (2010, op. cit. inf.), Martino's book tour took him to New Orleans on 27th September and "various Texas cities" between 1st and 3rd October. La Fontaine and La Fontaine (op. cit. inf) make much of the event having been organised for its anti-Castro value by the local Birchers. They weave the story from the perspective of Walter J. Machann, the Roman Catholic priest who ran the Dallas branch of the Church's broader Cuban Catholic Relief Program, and who was not only being played as a useful idiot by the various conspiracies in hand, but also quickly seems to have realised that fact and suffered something of a mental breakdown. Here is how the La Fontaines link everything together ...

"On that evening, he [= Machann] and other prominent members of the resettlement committee [= the aforementioned relief program] had shared the stage of Highland Park Town Hall with a guest speaker, John Martino [... This] three-hour book talk dwelled on the barbarism of his confinement by the revolutionary regime - balm to the ears of the gathered refugees and their circle of benefactors” (p265).

... (g) for reportedly acting very strangely on assassination day as the news came in ...

CAMERO - MARTINO'S KNEES GO TO JELLY: Here is what Hancock (2010, op. cit. inf.) has to tell us about Martino's distinctly odd behaviour come Assassination Day (note the uncanny similarity to the breakdowns suffered by Father Machann and Silvia Odio) ...

"John Martino knew that President Kennedy was going to be killed in Dallas. He didn't know all the details but he knew the people who were involved; he had helped them during his trips to Dallas that fall. Martino was nervous that day, wanting to distance himself from what was going to happen and knowing that he couldn't. [...] During the morning Martino asked Edward [= his son (we shall be seeing him on video shortly)] to watch television and notify him immediately of any special news or bulletins. When Edward ran to his father with the news of the shooting in Dallas, John Martino said nothing: his face simply went white. He immediately [...] began making and receiving calls which continued for hours. [...] For decades, Martino's wife Florence [we shall be seeing her, too, on video shortly], along with other members of his family, kept Martino's remarks and activities of that day strictly to themselves [...] and when] questioned by the [House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) denied] that her husband had any foreknowledge. However, months before her death, Florence finally revealed the details of the truth to author Anthony Summers, with confirmation from her son. Martino's actual involvement only became popularly known with the publication of Summers' article in Vanity Fair magazine in 1994 [see below]. In 2000, the author [= Hancock] came into communication with John Martino's son, Edward [who] personally verified a number of things that his mother had initially described, including events immediately prior to and on November 22, 1963. He also provided more detail on his 1959 trip to Cuba [...]. Edward states that when his father returned from Cuban prison he was a changed man. [...] In regard to the day of the president's assassination, Edward confirmed that his father came to him that morning [and told him] that he didn't look well and that he should stay home from school [and] watch TV and come get him from painting if there was any important news. During an earlier news cast on the president's Texas trip, Edward and the family had heard John Martino say that Kennedy would be killed if he went to Texas. During our conversations, Edward had come to the conclusion that his father was concerned that [...] he might have blurted out something in public if he heard about the assassination at school” (pp15-16).
... (h) for staying close to the special ops puppeteers, working again with Weyl on a January 1964 attack meme entitled "Cuba and the Kennedy Assassination" [full text online], trying to cast Lee Harvey Oswald as one of the triggerman on a Castro special op, (i) for thereby earning himself a February 1964 television interview, complete with son Edward and wife Florence to back him up ...

**YouTube the 1964 interview here** (2 mins.)
[QUITE REVEALING; INCLUDES GLIMPSE OF WIFE AND SON]

***** MARTINO COMES CLEAN (BUT STORY DOES NOT RUN) *****

... (j) for dropping out of the limelight [to the life of an international arms dealer - see below] until interviewed in 1975 by Miami journalist John Cummings [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser including this little gem WORTH A QUICK LOOK], who for whatever reason does not run with the new version of the story ...

**CAMEO - MARTINO'S 1975 STORY:** Shortly before his death in 1975, Martino confessed to Miami Newsday reporter John Cummings that the Castro plot had all been a deliberately planted Deep State narrative. The truth, he now claimed, was that he had been peripherally involved in a Cuban exile plot in which the shooters had been Herminio Díaz García [see own entry OFTEN THUS ACCUSED] and Virgilio Gonzalez [ditto DITTO]. Here is how the La Fontaines tell it (note that the 1975 interview with Cummings will not go public until broken in 1994 - see (l) below; note also that it will then be one of the first to identify the aforementioned Silvia Odio) ...

"In June 1975. some two months before his death, Martino allegedly admitted to a then-NewsDay reporter, John Cummings, that he himself had 'played a role' in the Kennedy assassination - an admission first reported twenty years later by Anthony and Robbyn Summers in Vanity Fair: 'Two guns, two people [were involved],' said Martino reportedly: anti-Castro Cubans. When Mary [La Fontaine] called Cummings [he] confirmed the admission by Martino - whose claimed role was as 'facilitator' not 'triggerman' - had added something not mentioned in the Summers article. Martino had also told him, Cummings said, of 'a woman he knew in Dallas who knew a lot of things' about the assassination. At first, said Cummings, he had no idea whom Martino meant. Later he discovered, however, that it was Silvia Odio" (p278).

Hancock 2013 adds ...

"In the last months of his life, [Martino] related his participation in the conspiracy [...] to two individuals. The first was John Cummings, the former Miami Newsday reporter who had covered Martino's return from Cuba and who had stayed in contact with him over the years. The second was Fred Claasen [no convenient biography], Martino's business partner in Latin America, where they had teamed up to sell various sorts of military gear in the decade following the Kennedy killing [...]" (p26).

As to why the contrived Castro-did-it narrative eventually went out of fashion, Hancock concludes that it was President Johnson who finally decided not to pursue the Castro-Oswald meme, primarily because he was by then more interested in expanding the Vietnam War.

***** MARTINO DIED (ON HIS BIRTHDAY) 3rd AUGUST 1975 *****

... (k) for his widow Florence being given the third degree in his stead by the 1978 House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), denying that her late husband had any foreknowledge of the assassination, despite his close association with Cuban exiles and American Rightists [see (l) above] ...

***** THE MARTINO STORY FINALLY BREAKS *****

... (l) for his 1975 confession finally getting aired in 1994 in an article by Anthony and Robbyn Summers in Vanity Fair entitled "The Ghosts of November" [full text online], (m) for featuring big-time in 2010 and 2012 in Hancock's two early works (op. cit. inf.), and (n) for being re-assessed in full modern context in Hancock (2021, op. cit. inf.) ...

**THE LAST WORD ON THE MATTER (FOR NOW):** The nub of Hancock's 2021 re-assessment is that there existed a cadre of highly skilled Cuban exile guerrillas (including the two men named in (j) above) who had spent several years trying to kill Castro, and who now hated JFK with equal venom, thus ...

"The individuals involved were extremely well trained in basic infantry skills, advanced covert operations skills, especially in infiltration and exfiltration. [...] It] is reasonable to posit that any team involved in the Dallas attack would have been small - Martino's remark about only two shooters is quite
consistent - and would have involved perhaps only five or six individuals total [...]. Martino remarked that the individuals involved arrived on the ground in Dallas some days in advance [...] confirming the route of the motorcade, finalising the positioning of the personnel, and scouting infiltration routes and exfiltration routes. [...] Such tasks would be familiar to the well-trained paramilitary operators involved in actions inside Cuba" (pp168-169).

Readers unfamiliar with <Operation AMWORLD> as the CIA's attempt to false flag Fidel Castro for an attempt on JFK's life using Cuban exile snipers should see the separate entry before proceeding.

The present author is happy with all this as far as it goes. However the piece does not go on to ask whether these particular shooters were or were not intended (wittingly or not) to be firing blanks, as part of Operation AMWORLD. Or to put it another way, whether the black op Martino was involved in was assassination-for-real (one firing live rounds) or assassination false flag (one firing blanks). For our part, we judge Martino's reaction on the day [as described in (g) above] to be one of genuine shock, and we accordingly judge him as not guilty of accessory to intentional regicide.

At the time of his death Martino was exactly 64. FURTHER READING: For supporting detail see Ray and Mary La Fontaine's (1996) "Oswald Talked: The New Evidence in the JFK Assassination" [Amazon], Larry Hancock's (2010) "Someone Would Have Talked" [Amazon], (2012) "Nexus: The CIA and Political Assassination" [Amazon], and (2021) "Tipping Point: The Conspiracy That Murdered President John Kennedy" [Amazon], and the Mary Ferrell Foundation Archive [250 resources identified (paywalled but with guest access) PRICELESS]. For Walter Machann's Petrine cock's crow denial see Gayle Nix Jackson's (2016) "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon_HIGHERY RECOMMENDED SOURCE].

Marvin, Daniel: Korean War veteran Daniel Marvin [Spartacus Educational biography] underwent special forces training during the late-1950s and would go on to lead a Green Beret team in high impact operations from 1964. He speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]

***** MOSSAD'S MAN IN NASSER'S PALACE *****
***** "ACER" EVEN THAN REILLY, ACE OF SPIES *****

Marwan, Ashraf: Egyptian socialite cum intelligence agent turned palace mole turned London business tycoon Ashraf Marwan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for taking the first step on the ladder to success by marrying President Nasser's daughter in 1966, getting a job in the Presidential office 1968-1976 as dowry, firstly under Nasser and then from 1970 under his successor President Sadat, (b) for becoming Sadat's personal envoy to Saudi Arabia and Libya ...

ASIDE - MARWAN AND THE YOM KIPPUR WAR: Marwan is nowadays widely believed to have passed information to the Israelis in the run-up to the October 1973 Yom Kippur War [Wikipedia briefing], turning his country "into an open book". The primary sourcework for this particular conspiracy theory is Uri Bar-Joseph's (2017) book "The Angel: The Egyptian Spy Who Saved Israel" [Amazon]. It is, of course, standard counterintelligence practice (and one of the mainstays of Shakespearian literature) to sow seeds of doubt in enemy minds as to which of their friends is plotting against them behind their back, however on this occasion we are happy to take the Israeli account at face value.

(c) for relocating to London after Sadat's assassination in October 1981, entering the even nastier war-zone of high finance ...

ASIDE - MARWAN AND TINY ROWLANDS: Marwan features on no less than 23 pages of Tom Bower's (1998) biography of Mohamed Al-Fayed., being heavily involved on the Tiny Rowland "side" in the 1980s battle to acquire the Harrods shopping empire.

(d) for engaging in a little illegal arms trading into Libya, and (e) for being executed 27th June 2007 by being pushed from the balcony of his fifth floor London apartment.
Masen, John Thomas: Dallas gun-dealer John Masen [no convenient biography] was alleged by the La Fontaines in their 1996 book "Oswald Talked" to have mixed gun running with his legitimate gun dealing. It was Masen, for example, who had set up the failed Thunderbird Drop and who knew how to coax arms out of the various military armouries dotted around Texas. He was also one of only two arms dealers in the Dallas-Irving area which stocked the rather obscure 6.5mm ammunition (the other being John Brinegar). His involvement has recently been discussed by Dick Russell in his 2008 book "On the Trail of the JFK Assassins", where, on the subject of the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766, it is noted that Masen had purchased about ten boxes of 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano ammunition from Brinegar in early 1963, although he could not subsequently recall to whom it had been sold. The histories also tell that when ATF investigator Frank Ellsworth saw LHO for the first time at DPDHQ on the afternoon of 22nd November 1963 he remarked that Masen would have made a good LHO Look Alike. Browse the LHO Look Alike Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Masferrer Rojas, Rolando Arcadio: 45-year-old anti-Castro warlord and racketeer Rolando Masferrer [Wikipedia biography] had been associated with Santos Trafficante since arriving in Miami, and, as a disenfranchised Batisíano with money, supported the anti-Castro operations from the shadows. In his 2009 book "The Road to Dallas" David Kaiser suggests that Masferrer wanted to topple the regimes in Haiti and the Dominican Republic in order to make military adventures against Cuba that much easier.

Mason, Theodorus Bailey Myers: Career U. S. Navy officer and intelligence specialist Theodorus Mason [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for persuading Secretary of the Navy William Hunt of the value of centrally collated political and technical intelligence. Hunt will respond by setting up the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) and appointing Mason as the new agency's first Chief Intelligence Officer.

Massey, Charles Vincent: Well-born [into Massey tractor money - Ed.] Canadian lawyer-diplomat Vincent Massey [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having graduated from Oxford in 1913 and for having lectured in history at Toronto University until 1915, (b) for marrying the daughter of George Parkin [see own entry] in June 1915, (c) for serving as a staff officer in the Canadian Army during WW1, (d) for entering the Canadian civil service after the war, being promoted to cabinet level in 1924, (e) for undertaking various diplomatic assignments through until 1937, including attendance at the 1926 and 1937 Imperial Conferences and the 1933 Commonwealth Relations Conference, and (f) for then serving as Canadian High Commissioner in London between 1935 and 1946. Quigley (1949) describes him as leader of the Canadian branch of the Milner Group during the 1930s.

Masterman, Charles Frederick Gurney: British essayist turned Liberal politician turned master-propagandist Charles Masterman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having entered parliament in 1906 as member for West Ham North, a seat he would hold until 1910, and then again between 1911 and 1914 for Bethnal Green South West, and (b) for having in September 1914 been put in charge of the War Propaganda Bureau [see own entry] at Wellington House, St. James's, a position he would hold until November 1918. [THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE] [THREAD = CALLERS OF INNOCENTS TO WAR]

Mather, Carl Amos: [Read firstly the entries for T. F. White and Wes Wise.] Collins Radio employee Carl Mather [no convenient biography] was at work at Richardson at the time of the assassination. He was a close neighbour and friend of J. D. Tippit, and the owner of a car with the same registration number as that jotted down by T.F. White at around 1400hr on 22nd November. This latter fact did not emerge, however, until after Wes Wise took the White sighting to the FBI in December 1963. But it transpired (a) that Mather's car was a light blue over medium blue 1957 Plymouth (which did not match the one sought), and (b) that he personally had a high security clearance as a Collins Radio employee (he maintained the installation aboard Air Force Two!). This line of investigation was soon
dropped, only to be re-examined by the 1976-1978 House Select Committee on Assassinations under the heading "The Wise Allegation" (HSCA, Volume XII), whereupon it was adjudged that White must have taken the car number down wrongly.

Matlack, Dorothe Kerans: Civil service intelligence analyst Dorothe Matlack [see Quinn (2013)] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for starting off her Department of Defense career in 1951 as a data entry clerk, (b) for being promoted 1954 to intelligence analyst, (c) for thereby getting to play a part in the debriefing of some 37,000 Hungarian refugees displaced by the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, (d) for using that experience to help lay down standard procedures for debriefing defectors and refugees, (e) for using said procedures to good effect in 1962 to help confirm the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba, and (f) for meeting Haitian banker Clément Charles [see own entry] and international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt 7th May 1963 pursuant to an ongoing operation to depose Haiti's President "Papa Doc" Duvalier (HSCA testimony; Le Fontaine and Le Fontaine, 1996, p197; Douglass, 2008, p404).

Matthews, Francis Patrick: [Read firstly the entry for Korean War.] Lawyer, politician, and doyen of the Roman Catholic "Religious Right" [q.v.], Francis P. Matthews [Wikipedia biography] was Secretary of the Navy between 1949 and 1951. He was therefore well-positioned to add his weight to those preaching a preemptive attack into North Korea following the latter's summer campaign reverses in the south. He is specifically noteworthy in the present context for his infamous "Aggressors for Peace Speech" [q.v.] in Boston, MA, on 25th August 1950.

Matthews, Herbert Lionel: See the entry for Ernest Hemingway.

Matthews, Russell Douglas: WW2 veteran, Cuban bar owner 1958-1959, Dallas bookmaker, and street-named the "stealthy enforcer" Russell Matthews [no convenient biography, but see Smith (2013) [full text online] had been a "not close" associate of Jack Ruby and knew Lewis McWillie. Matthews' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; House Select Committee on Assassinations testimony [read it now].

Maughan, William Somerset: British writer-spy Somerset Maugham [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as another example [c.f., Jerome K. Jerome - Ed.] of a patriotic Briton who, being too old for the armed forces, volunteered in 1914 to drive Red Cross ambulances behind the lines, (b) for being recruited in September 1915 as an SIS [=the modern M.I.(6)] agent, and assigned - ostensibly to write - in Switzerland, there to spend eight months monitoring a German black operations network busily fomenting anti-British feeling in India, (c) for crossing to New York City in October 1916 for discussions with Sir William Wiseman, SIS station chief in that city ...

See the entry for Sir William Wiseman before proceeding

(d) for enjoying a six month cruise of the Pacific islands between November 1916 and April 1917, in company with a (same sex) lover, (e) for returning to marry his (different sex) fiancée in New Jersey a month after getting back, (f) for getting an urgent call from Wiseman in July asking him to act as emissary to Petrograd/St. Petersburg, "on a confidential mission with a view to putting certain phases of the Russian situation before the public in the United States" ...

ASIDE: The situation in Petrograd was especially tense, because Menshevik leader Alexander Kerensky had just replaced Prince Lvov as head of the Provisional Government, signalling a lurch to the left.

(g) for travelling to Petrograd via San Francisco, Yokohama, and the Trans-Siberian Railway (11 days on the train), arriving late August 1917 and finding the city in turmoil, (h) for being granted audiences with Kerensky, finding him sick and "on edge", but grateful to be offered an informal alternative channel of communication, thus ...

(see own entry)
"For Kerensky the Englishman was becoming an increasingly crucial contact in his dealings with the Allied powers. The American Ambassador [...] rarely put his head over the parapet, while His Britannic Majesty's representative [= Sir George Buchanan] was proving impossibly obdurate [...] leaving the Russian leader with no direct line to Downing Street other than that provided sub rosa [=secretly] by Somerset Maugham. [...] His briefings were highly rated by Wiseman [...] as both accurate and politically astute" (e4386).

(i) for establishing close contacts with Tomáš Masaryk [see own entry] and his Czech Press Bureau, "recognising its importance as a front for anti-German propaganda as well as for more covert operations" (e4403), (j) for being recalled as at risk of capture in mid-22nd October 1917, just before the Bolshevik success in the October Revolution, and (k) for then retiring on health grounds and enjoying the life of a writer once again. For the fuller story we strongly recommend Hastings (2009 [Amazon]).

Maxwell AFB: [INDEXING STUB] This U.S. air base is mentioned in the following entries (alphabetical order) ...

General Orvil Anderson; General Charles Cabell

***** AN "OUTSTANDING" ANTI-SEMITIC (George de Mohrenschildt) *****

Maydell, Berend Rudolph Konstantin von: White Russian émigré from (presumably) the early 1920s, Count Constantine Maydell [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as sometimes (wrongly) being recorded as a distant cousin of Dimitri and George de Mohrenschildt, (b) for reportedly heading a pro-Nazi film distribution company called Film Facts, Inc. ...

ASIDE: In her (2012) book "Our Man in Haiti" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED], historian Joan Mellen writes as follows ...

"'Film Facts, Inc.' [...] had been organised by Pierpont Morgan Hamilton, a grandson of J. Pierpont Morgan. Film Facts was being run by a 'fifth cousin' of de Mohrenschildt named Konstantin Maydell, who in fact was no relation at all. Maydell's archives contained 'many films of a pro-Nazi nature'" (K427).

Later (2017) adds a note to the effect that Hamilton went on to become a U.S.A.F. intelligence officer in 1942, thus implying that Maydell's activities as media propagandist were perhaps under official scrutiny even as they happened.

(c) for promoting in 1939-1940 the fascist propaganda film "Spain in Arms" [see 16th August 1939 flyer, courtesy of D. Anthem AbeBooks vendor] ...

***** A MINOR MASTERPIECE OF FASCIST PROPAGANDA *****

CAMERO - MAYDELL AND "SPAIN IN ARMS", 1939: "Spain in Arms" [no IMDB entry] was an English language sub-edit of Spanish President Franco's celebratory (1938) film "España Heroica" [IMDB entry], a film which - being in the Leni Riefenstahl tradition - had already made it to Hitler's Germany as "Helden in Spanien" [filmportal.de entry]. The film is highly noteworthy in the present context for what it tells us about international political propaganda in 1940. The relevant context for June 1940 is as follows ...

(1) Britain was already at war with Nazi Germany, and both France and Poland had been overrun.
(2) The United States was still a neutral country, with a significant electorate of German extraction.
(3) The British wanted the United States on their side and ran subtle propaganda operations aimed at Americans of British extraction. The Germans wanted the United States to remain at least neutral and regularly emphasised Nazism's role in fighting Communism. "Spain in Arms", by showing Franco's defeat of the International Brigade in the Spanish Civil War, was part of this latter charm offensive.

(d) for being interned on Ellis Island 1942-1945 as a "dangerous enemy alien", and (e) for offering his skills to the OSS during the Cold War once Nazism had been rehabilitated by Operation Paperclip, working for a while to Reinhard Gehlen on the CIA's "Russian émigré programs" (Brussell, 2014, pp27-28).

Mayer, Ferdinand L.: See the entry for Stewart W. Herman.
Mayne, Vicki/y Diane: [Née Vicki/y Diane Hester; Vicki/y Diane Imhoff, 1968-1970; Vicki D. Mayne] 18-year-old student/lab assistant Vicki/y Mayne [no convenient biography, but see obituary] was apparently interviewed by researcher Harrison Livingstone for his 1993 book "Killing the Truth". She had - Harrison reported - assisted her parents Robert and Pat Hester [q.v.] when reprinting the Backyard Photographs and developing both the Parkland Photographs and the Zapruder Film. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.


McCarrell, Dee: 20-year-old Dallas County Courthouse staffer Dee McCarrell [no convenient biography] was spectating from her place of work at the time of the shooting. She heard four shots, all/many from the direction of the Grassy Knoll, and was one of the crowd of bystanders who ran in that direction to assist as best. When LHO's name hit the headlines she recalled that the FBI had called the Courthouse about a week before the shooting enquiring for any records in his name. Staff duly located "a couple of documents" and rang them back within the details. She also observed Jack Ruby spending most of 21st November 1963 on Courthouse premises, ostensibly waiting for the County Clerk to come in. Her evidence [that is to say, the four shots, the direction of fire, the Ruby link, and the official foreknowledge of LHO] was not called by the Warren Commission. She was, however, interviewed 15th May 1992 by researcher Tom Meros, who ensured that her evidence made it to the 1994 ARRB enquiry - YouTube that interview now.

McClellan, Oliver Barr: Texas-born businessman and lawyer Barr McClellan [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 2003 book "Blood, Money, and Power: How LBJ Killed JFK", in which he claimed that LBJ effectively commissioned the assassination, with assistance from Edward Clark.

"... an average student who excelled at tennis" (his Wiki)

McCloy, John Jay: WW1 veteran (artillery, Meuse-Argonne Offensive) turned corporate lawyer-banker turned WW2 Republican Party politician John J. McCloy [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for interrupting his law studies for war service in 1917, eventually commanding an artillery battery with the A.E.F. in France, (b) for finally graduating 1921 from Harvard Law School and moving into corporate law practice in NYC ...

ASIDE: His background as a lawyer who knew something about explosives helped him get the "Black Tom" Brief, the claim for compensation against the Weimar Republic for damages arising from the 1916 kiloton sabotage attack [Wikipedia briefing; also see Timeline 30th July 1916] on the loading docks at Black Tom Island, New York Harbour.

... (c) for therefore being in the right place at the right time in late 1926 to land a contract for counsel with German chemicals conglomerate IG. Farben [see own entry] ...

CAMEO - McCLOY, STANDARD OIL, AND IG. FARBEN: Farben's entrepreneur-chemist Carl Bosch [see own entry] owned the patents to the 1913 Bergius Process [Wikipedia briefing] for producing petroleum synthetically from coal. This was of great commercial interest to the Standard Oil Company [see the Rockefeller Family entry], and the two companies proceeded to set up a number of joint venture corporations [the Americans confessed, in their own words, that they "had not known what research meant" until the Germans took them on a tour of their Ludwigshafen works - Ed.]. In historical hindsight, these first two German briefs - Black Tom and Farben - would be the entry to much greater things, thus ...

"McCloy had long been involved in the murky world of espionage, intrigue, and Nazis. He spent the [1930s] working out of Paris. Much of his time was spent on a law case stemming from German sabotage during World War 1. His investigation took him to Berlin, where he shared a box with Hitler at the 1936 Olympics. McCloy was in contact with Rudolf Hess before the Nazi leader made his mysterious flight to [Scotland [original inaccurately says England - Ed.]] in 1941. When the Nazis occupied Europe, banking exchanges between Britain and the U.S. on the one hand, and Germany on the other,
continued. [...] Standard Oil tankers plied sea-lanes with fuel for the Nazi war machine" (Brussell, 2014, p25).

... (d) as the resident expert on WW1 dockyard sabotage, for being consulted by Secretary of War Henry Stimson in September 1940 to advise on how to defend against German sabotage in WW2 ...

**ASIDE:** The point about Germany's Black Tom sabotage network in WW1 was that America had been targeted **BEFORE she entered the war**, on the grounds that the munitions being shipped were destined for Britain and France. This was again the case in 1940, and so Stimson's precautionary concerns were fully justified.

... (e) for being taken on as Assistant Secretary of War 1941-1945, helping (amongst other things) to set up the OSS and to manage the Pentagon Build Project ...

**ASIDE:** Another of McCloy's roles, it seems, was to liaise between his industry contacts on the one hand, and the U.S. Air Force on the other, so that the 1943-1945 strategic bombing offensive did not target too many U.S. investments in Germany. Among the companies thereby protected were General Electric and Westinghouse (Yeaton and Hawkins, op. cit. inf.).

... (f) for being rewarded by being made President of the World Bank 1947-1949, (g) for then being head-hunted to serve as American High Commissioner for Occupied Germany between 1949 and 1952, where again he saw to it that U.S. interests trumped any consideration of natural justice ...

**QUICKIE - McCLOY's UNNECESSARY PARDOANS:** McCloy approved a pardon for industrialist Alfred Krupp. He also released one Herta Oberheuser [Wikipedia biography], despite her experiments injecting concentration camp women and children with chemicals and then cutting them up alive and without anaesthetic, as well as the Farben meisterchemist Hermann Schmitz [see own entry]. All of these, and others, were, we may duly presume, done on a **quid pro quo** basis in return for favours already, or about to be, returned.

... (h) for just losing out to John Foster Dulles in January 1953 for the post of Secretary of State in the incoming Eisenhower Administration (Grose, 2014), and for becoming instead Chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank, 1953-1960, (i) for dabbling in his spare time in the affairs of an at-the-time CIA front operation known as the **World Brotherhood** [see own entry] ...

**QUICKIE - McCLOY, DULLES, AND THE WORLD BROTHERHOOD:** In his recent *op. cit. inf.*, the forensic historian Michele Metta [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] summarises the relationship as follows ...

"This was an organisation which [...] had a double identity. Officially dedicated to propagating world peace, it was instead doing just the opposite. [...] several other names listed ..." (pp164-165).

At that time, the World Brotherhood included Allen Dulles, McCloy, and the President of the Bank for International Settlement (BIS) Thomas McKittrick [see own entry] (indeed, Dulles and McKittrick were both letterheaded as "sponsors" [check it out (courtesy of the Columbia University archives)].

... (j) for serving (some of the time as Chair) during the 1960s on the board of the Council on Foreign Relations [see own entry], finally handing over to his Chase Manhattan boss David Rockefeller in 1972 (Gavrilis, *op. cit. inf.*). He died in 1988, aged 93. **FURTHER READING:** For more on McCloy's war career see Glen Yeaton and John Hawkins' (2008) "Nazi Hydra in America" [Amazon]. For more on his involvement with the World Brotherhood, see Michele Metta's (2021) "On the Trail of Clay Shaw" [Amazon]. For more on his involvement with the Warren Commission, see Chapter 19 of Peter Grose's (1994) "Gentleman Spy: The Life of Allen Dulles" [Amazon]. For his
time on the Council on Foreign Relations, see George Gavrilis's (2021) "The Council on Foreign Relations: A Short History" [full text online (courtesy of the Council itself)].

McCombs, Holland: See the entry for Walter J. Machann.

McCone, John Alexander: American industrialist turned deep state bigwig John A. McCone [Wikipedia biography, Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for living the life of a successful industrialist's equally successful son-and-heir 1922-1943, joining the right clubs and shaking the right hands [not least Henry J. Kaiser - Ed.], (b) for working especially closely with Stephen D. Bechtel [Wikipedia biography] in building up the Bechtel-McCone-Parsons [New Mexico Archives briefing] heavy industrial corporation in the mid- to late-1930s [see Carlson (2016 [full text online]) on these years], (c) for a meeting (with Bechtel) with Howard L. Vickery [Wikipedia biography] of the U.S. Maritime Commission [Wikipedia briefing] to discuss how to exploit the marketplace for trans-Atlantic tankerage across to British ports now that so many freighters were being sunk by U-boats, (d) for thereby being selected as a politically safe pair of hands when the U.S. government decided to diversify into shipping in 1943, becoming part of the complex consortium of businessmen/politicians operating as Pacific Tankers, Inc. [we cover this aspect of the McCone story in the entry for Aristotle Onassis, which see] or as other close-to-the-chest corporations of convenience ...

TO BE TAKEN AS READ: When countries are at war their shipping can either be home registered or neutral registered. Either way, they are protected in the territorial ports and waters of neutral countries. Such waters are thus ideal places to observe the comings and goings of enemy vessels and pick up the latest gossip. We therefore take it as read that tanker crews included their fair share of supernumerary intelligence officers and special forces.

... (e) for continuing this involvement after the war ended ....

TO BE TAKEN AS READ: When countries are at cold war their shipping can either be home registered or neutral registered. Again we take it as read that after 1945 the Japanese and Germans were simply replaced as hostiles by Soviet, Chinese, Cuban, etc.

... (f) for thereby being recruited as Under-Secretary of the Air Force, 1950-1951, (g) for giving an affidavit in 1952 to the U.S. government's judicial inquiry into the probity of some of Aristotle Onassis' schemes for obtaining U.S. state aid [again see Onassis' own entry, where we include a long passage from this affidavit], (h) for spending time as president of the World Affairs Council (WAC) [Bloomberg briefing] in 1954, (i) for serving on the Wriston Committee [Office of the Historian briefing] 1954-1957, (j) for being retained as an advisor to the Atomic Energy Commission [Wikipedia briefing] 1958-1961, (k) for replacing Allen Dulles as Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) on 29th November 1961, and thereby getting to sit on the Executive Committee (EXCOMM) of the National Security Council (NSC) during the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis [Wikipedia briefing, plus 31 hits herein] and the May 1963 (Failed) Haitian Coup [see the entry for Thomas Eli Davis, III for details of this op.], and (l) for thereby being DCI at the time of both the JFK Assassination and the subsequent Dulles-directed Warren Commission cover up. He died in 1991, aged 89. FURTHER READING: For more on his years as DCI in general see John M. Newman's (1992/2016) "JFK and Vietnam: Deception, Intrigue, and the Struggle for Power" [Amazon] (indexed 24 times). For more specifically on the Warren Commission cover up see Philip Shenon's (2013) "A Cruel and Shocking Act" [Amazon] (indexed 44 times).

McCormack, Alfred: See the entry for William A. Eddy.

McCurley, A. D.: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy A. D. McCurley [no convenient biography] ran to the Grassy Knoll after the shooting, where he spoke to a railman who told him that he had seen smoke from the Picket Fence area. McCurley's evidential profile is as follows: Sheriff's Office Notes, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].
McDonald, James Grover: American academic turned diplomat James G. McDonald [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a distinguished early career teaching history and political science at Harvard 1910-1914 and later Indiana-Bloomington 1915-1919, (b) for being one of the founding members in 1918 of the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) [Wikipedia briefing], a semi-charitable right-wing political think-tank, using his position through to 1933 "to inform the American public on international affairs through the medium of broadcast radio" (Burgess, op. cit. inf., p8) ...

ASIDE: In his (1995) "Not Without Honor: The History of American Anticommunism" [Amazon] academic historian Richard Gid Powers describes the FPA less guardedly as one of the tools of the "network of Anglophiles among the American elite who had once cooperated with British imperialists to protect the Empire" (p292).

... (c) for thereby gaining access to political movers and shakers in Europe as well as at home, not least Ernst Hanfstaengel ...

QUICKIE - ERNST HANFSTAENGL: Ernst Franz Sedgwick Hanfstaengl [Wikipedia biography] was a German-born, American-raised publisher who chanced to become enthused with the fledgling Nazi party in the early 1920s, becoming a close friend of Adolf Hitler in his formative years. A skilled pianist, he composed a number of Nazi marching songs and - reputedly - devised the Nazis' famous "Sieg Heil!" choral salute. He fell from grace in 1933, fled Germany, and spent the war years as an Allied intelligence source. He appears (played by Liev Schreiber) in the (2003) dramatised documentary "Hitler: The Rise of Evil" [IMDB entry].

... (d) for a number of visits to Berlin 1923-1932, meeting with Hitler himself 8th April 1933, (e) for thereby being selected 26th October 1933 as the United States' nominated League of Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees from Germany [see own entry] (after a run-off against the British nomination Lord Robert Gascoyne-Cecil [see own entry]), and for duly serving as same 1933-1935, (f) for being unable to stop far greater forces of history, and for duly resigning the commission 27th December 1935, (g) for working as a columnist on The New York Times 1936-1938, (h) for being selected to serve 1938-1945 as a special advisor on President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees [State Department briefing], k(i) for being selected as the United States' first ambassador to the new State of Israel 1949-1951, and (j) for involvement during his retirement as chairman of the Advisory Council of the Development Corporation for Israel (DCI) [Wikipedia briefing] 1951-1961. He died in 1964, aged 77. FURTHER READING: For more on his time as High Commissioner see Greg Burgess' (2016) "The League of Nations and the Refugees from Nazi Germany: James G. McDonald and Hitler's Victims" [full text online]. For his personal diaries 1932-1935 see (his daughter) Barbara McDonald Stewart's (2007) "Advocate for the Doomed" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED].

McDonald, Lawrence Patton: American politician Larry P. McDonald [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his rabid anti-communism and hard-line social policies ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing] and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.

... (b) for graduating 1957 from Emory University School of Medicine, serving then as flight surgeon in the U.S. Navy 1959-1961, based much of the time in Iceland (where he apparently made a name for himself spotting local communist sympathisers), (c) for practising medicine in AtlantaGA 1961-1974, but at the same time growing increasingly interested in politics ...

Readers unfamiliar with the term "Religious Right" should check out the separate entry on that subject before proceeding (VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE)
... (d) for joining the John Birch Society (JBS) [see own entry ASSASSINATION PVIVOTAL IN MANY THEORIES] in the mid-1960s, quickly getting a seat on that society's National Council, (e) with JBS backing, for finally getting elected to Congress 3rd January 1975 as the Democratic Party's Representative for Georgia's 7th District, (f) for consistently supporting religious rightist, segregationist, anti-abortionist, and gun lobby campaigns and legislation, (g) for being front-paged in the Spring 1976 issue of the journal Counterspy ...

CAMEO - "THE SPY IN CONGRESS": CIA archives helpfully make available a staff-written 1976 exposé in the journal Counterspy of the work of the Information Digest under the title "Congressional Aide Spies on the Left" [full text online]. This piece includes much valuable background on the man, of which the following clip is typical ...

"Since at least April of 1975, McDonald has been regularly placing highly derogatory - not to mention false - information on dissenters and anyone else he doesn't like in the Congressional Record. [...] It is now obvious that most of this information came from the Information Digest, prepared by his employee Sheila, or S. Louise Rees [...]. Some of the information has also appeared in columns of right-wing commentators. McDonald had an extremely well-funded 1972 campaign [and his name has repeatedly surfaced in rumours [...] that he was involved in meetings to raise money to assassinate Martin Luther King, Jr. [...] The Capitol Hill grapevine has it that he has some sexual problems centred around his extreme versions of patriotism [you betcha - see RESEARCH ISSUE above - Ed.]" (pp18-19).

... (h) for being one of the three co-founders of the Western Goals Foundation [see own entry] in 1979 ...

CAMEO - McDonald AND THE WESTERN GOALS FOUNDATION: The other two founders were John H. Rees [see own entry REVELATORY] and General John K. Singlaub [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY], and the organisation's network of affiliations included the World Anti-Communist League (WACL) [see own entry REVELATORY] and the John Birch Society (JBS) [see own entry REVELATORY]. One of its principal sponsors was the Texan billionaire Nelson Bunker Hunt [see own entry REVELATORY]. See the separate entry for the foundation's modus operandi [REVELATORY].

... and (i) for the dubious honour of being one of those killed in the 1983 Korean Air Lines Flight 007 Disaster [Wikipedia briefing] ...

CAMEO - KAL007 AND ITS THEORIES: On 1st September 1983 a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down in Russian airspace over Sakhalin Island [map], with the loss of 269 lives. The Los Angeles Herald-Examiner was one of the first to raise the usual conspiracy suspicions - namely that McDonald had been specifically assassinated - and the matter was pursued the following year in Brussell (1984; reprinted in Constantine, op. cit. inf.), thus (a long extract, heavily abridged) ...

"Q: Is there reason to believe that Rep. Lawrence McDonald of Georgia, an admittedly ultra-right U.S. congressman travelling on 007, may have been deliberately assassinated aboard the flight? A: While the [U.S.] government has made no such charge, McDonald's widow claims that her husband, the national chairman of the John Birch Society, was 'murdered'. [...] Another question to be addressed is: Why would the Soviet Union wish to make a martyr of Larry McDonald [...] when they could have easily blown him away anywhere in the world. [...] An article that appeared immediately after the shooting down of 007 accused Secretary of the Navy John Lehman [Wikipedia biography] of responsibility for [the deaths, following] a series of provocations against the U.S.S.R. [...] Sending spy planes over the Soviet Union serves the purpose of provocation. Five days after the 007 incident, former CIA spy Ralph McGehee [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY] told a college audience that the Korean airliner was indeed on a spy mission [and] that the Russians thought 007 was an RC-135 intelligence plane. [...] Arrangements leading to McDonald's fateful flight [...] Why was McDonald left to die alone? Who actually gained by Flight 007's violation of Soviet territory? Not the Russians. [...] A prior relationship between McDonald and President Reagan started to surface before the crash. Illicit espionage concealed behind a cloak of righteous Americanism at any price was about to be exposed [... and] the facts prove collusion between informers hired by Reagan when he was governor and McDonald's Western Goals Foundation" (pp310-313).
McDonald was 48 when he died/was killed. **FURTHER READING:** For more on KAL007 see both Alex Constantine's (2014) edition of "The Essential Mae Brussell" [Amazon] (whole of Chapter Sixteen) and the more scholarly R. W. Johnson's (1986) "Shootdown: Flight 007 and the American Connection" [Amazon].

McDonald, Maurice Neal ["Nick"]: 35-year-old DPD officer Nick McDonald [no convenient biography] was the officer who arrested LHO in the Texas Theater after Julia Postal had reported the presence of a suspicious character in the balcony of the theater at around 1345hr 22nd November 1963. He was quickly to the back of the theater, where he was let in by John Brewer and Warren Burroughs, who then pointed to where LHO was sitting at the back of the auditorium (not the balcony). Officer McDonald's story is now best finished off in his own words, [YouTube narrative to camera] and [YouTube Re-Enactment on camera].

McFarland, Bryan and Meryl: Bryan and Meryl McFarland were the Liverpool, U.K., tourists engaged in conversation by LHO on the Continental Trailways Bus 5133 trip to Mexico City, 26th September 1963 - see their [Warren Commission affidavit] for what LHO told them he was up to. To get the most out of this evidence in its broader context, see the entry for [Mexico City Adventure].

McGann, George: "Gambler, con man, hit man?" (Hughes, 2007) George McGann [no convenient biography] was husband of Babushka Lady Beverly Oliver, and associate of Charles Harrelson.

McGarrah, Gates White, II: American banker Gates McGarrah [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for entering banking as a junior clerk in 1881, making it to president of a provincial bank in 1902, (b) for helping to found the American Institute of Banking in 1903, (c) for being a member of the New York Clearing House Association during the Panic of 1907 [see Timeline 14th October 1907], (d) for being a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York 1923-1926, (e) for being head-hunted as the American director of Germany's Reichsbank in 1924, (f) likewise to the board of Chase National Bank in 1926, (g) likewise as the inaugural president of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) [see own entry STILL AN ORGANISATION GREATLY TO BE FEARED; see also the Companion Timeline at 17th May 1930, then as directed] between its creation in 1930 to its Nazification in 1933. He died in 1940, aged 77. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail see both Glen Yeadon and John Hawkins' (2008) "Nazi Hydra in America" [Amazon] and Charles Higham's (2007) "Trading with the Enemy: The Nazi-American Money Plot, 1933-1939" [Amazon].

***** JFK WITNESSES (GENUINELY INNOCENT BYSTANDERS) *****
[important sworn testimony concerning Oswald's time in New Orleans]

**ALSO**
[important unsworn testimony concerning Cuban exile training camps]

McGehee, Edwin Lea: American small town hairdresser Ed / Lea McGehee [little known] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a passing encounter with Lee Harvey Oswald and girlfriend Judyth Vary Baker [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] during the last few hours of their summer romance in New Orleans ...

Readers unfamiliar with the <Ochsner Bioweapon> theory should quickly skim the separate entry on that subject before proceeding.

(POPULAR RECENT THEORY, NOT WITHOUT SOME MERIT)

Note carefully the parts played by <Clay Shaw> and <David Ferrie>.

***** DO NOT CONFUSE THE FOLLOWING TWO SETS OF EVENTS *****
[the first is context to the second (which is the one featuring subject McGehee)]

(same basic mission, but different days, different people, and different cars)

**PREFACE - THE CLINTON AND JACKSON SIGHTINGS:** At the end of August 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald undertook two car journeys out of New Orleans in close succession. The first of these was in a black Cadillac on 29th August, passing through Clinton[^OA] [map] en route for Jackson[^OA] [map] and the second was in a dark Kaiser-Frazer, visiting Jackson directly. We recount those two visits separately below. Girlfriend Baker
- who accompanied Oswald on the Jackson trip - covers both incidents in detail in two recent works, namely her (2010) "Me and Lee" (op. cit. inf.2010) and her (2014) "David Ferrie" (op. cit. inf.2014). We have marked McGeehe's appearance in the proceedings thus ...

CAMEO #1 - THE CLINTON SIGHTINGS: The people in the black Cadillac were Oswald and David Ferrie. Their business was to inject at least one unsuspecting medical research volunteer subject with a hopefully lethal fast-acting biological warfare concoction - specifically a suspension of cancer seed-cells - explicitly to test whether it was lethal enough to be tried out as an assassination weapon on Cuban president Fidel Castro. The witnesses this day are Henry Earl Palmer, John Manchester, and Corrie Collins [links in the Timeline item immediately below], NOT McGeehe. There is a full account of this trip in the Timeline entry for 29th August 1963, if interested.

CAMEO #2 - THE JACKSON SIGHTINGS: The people in the Kaiser-Frazer were Oswald (doing the driving) and girlfriend Baker. Their business was to check D-plus-two blood samples from the CAMEO #1 "volunteer" for signs that a cancer might be taking hold. The witnesses this day were subject McGeehe, Reeves Morgan, and (his daughter) Mary Morgan [links below]. It will be an eventful trip, as Baker now explains ...

"Saturday, August 31, 1963: Lee and I had a final important trip to make for the Project. We had to go back to the mental hospital in Jackson, Louisiana, to do blood tests on the 'volunteer' to see if the cancer had established itself in his system. [...] We walked to an old car that Lee had parked about a block away. This was the same old Kaiser-Frazer that Lee had used [previously]. Lee said that he had five gallons of extra gas, extra oil and transmission fluid in the trunk, and five gallons of water, so we were ready for anything. [+++ technicalities of the bioweapon +++] Lee took a more direct route to Jackson this time, avoiding going through Clinton again where he might be recognised as the man from the black Cadillac. [+++ much extraneous detail +++] As we approached Jackson, the car's engine started getting overheated, so Lee said we would stop soon to let the engine cool down. [...] He] decided to stop at the local barber shop, 'Town barbers know everything'. Lee explained. 'I'll ask for a haircut, and let the engine cool down. And I can tell my little story here, about looking for a job'. [...] He] came out about 20 minutes later [and] when we reached the mental hospital's main gate, the orderly who had been with Lee at Clinton was waiting for us. [...] We were taken to a back entrance to the main building, where we took a service elevator upstairs. [+++ Baker does what she is told is +++] The microscope work and centrifuging complete, I packed it all into the cooler for transport. [...] Having done that, I insisted I needed to observe the prisoner's current condition [...] He] was thrashing around in an obvious fever. [...] Once back in the car, Lee and I discussed what I had seen. I told him that I was almost sure there was more than one 'volunteer'. [+++ the car overheats again +++] Lee turns into a long driveway [...]. Lee said this was the home of Reeves Morgan [see own entry], a state representative who worked at the hospital. [...] Lee went up to the house and was promptly invited inside. It seemed Mr. Morgan knew Lee, from his friendly greeting [...]. As I sat in the car, I worked on my charts and checked the temperature of the cooler. At one point, I looked up and saw a girl about my age standing on the porch looking in my direction. This was Reeves Morgan's daughter, Mary [see father's entry] [who] later testified that she saw a woman sitting in Lee Oswald's car" (2010, k9785-9911).

"At least two witnesses remembered seeing Lee Oswald in Jackson associated with an old car and a woman sitting in the old car (the Jackson incident) - Louisiana State Representative Reeves Morgan's daughter Mary [above], and the town barber, Lea McGehee [who later] testified that Lee entered his barbershop about the same day the Clinton incident occurred. Tightly associated with Lee's visit was the appearance of an old car McGehee had never seen before [...], in which a woman [= girlfriend Baker] was sitting. After Oswald left the barbershop, the car also left [...]. McGehee said he had advised Lee to visit a friend, Reeves Morgan, for information about getting employment at the nearby East Louisiana State (Mental) Hospital, about which Oswald had inquired. Reeves Morgan, who worked as a guard at the state mental hospital in Jackson, said he also received a visit from Lee just after sunset that same day. [...] Lee indeed made excuses for his two separate appearances at the hospital, both times saying he was interested in a job" (2014, pp276-278).

Reeves Morgan later gave evidence at the Clay Shaw Trial, and made due mention of what he and his daughter Mary Morgan had seen.

... (b) for testifying [full transcript online SEEMS STRAIGHTFORWARD ENOUGH] in Jim Garrison's trial of Clay Shaw [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL], confirming his part in the above, (c) for giving an interview 26th August 1994 to author William Davy [Kennedys and King biography] during the research for Davy (op. cit. inf.), firstly confirming the above, but then raising an entirely different topic altogether ...

***** THE WEST FELICIANA TRAINING CAMP *****

Readers unfamiliar with the CIA's covert training camp for Cuban exiles at CovingtonLA, north
of New Orleans, should see the entry for the <Pontchartrain Raid> before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the highly nefarious CIA field asset <Lawrence Howard> should see the separate entry for that man before proceeding.

CAMEO #3 - STRANGE GOINGS ON JUST OUTSIDE TOWN: McGehee's Davy interview is worth looking at in some detail because it asserts a second Cuban exile training ground in Louisiana, this time at Marydale Farm [map], about eight miles straight west from Jackson. Even more importantly, it helped place the elusive Lawrence Howard [see own entry MAJOR ASSASSINATION SUSPECT] at the camp. Here is Davy's record of the encounter ...

"During the HSCA questioning of the Clinton/Jackson witnesses, another important point was educed. Just outside of Jackson is a large tract of land called Marydale Farm. Palmer [aforementioned], Manchester [ditto], Morgan [above], and McGehee were all familiar with the unusual farm that employed a fair amount of Cubans. When asked if they knew who owned the land, they revealed a man named Cobb owned it. During cross-examination of Clay Shaw [he] confirmed that he knew of the farm and that Shaw's associate, International Trade Mart president Lloyd Cobb [see own entry] in fact owned it. Cobb was a close associate of INCA's [see own entry DEEP STATE HEAVYWEIGHTS] Ed Butler [see own entry REVELATORY]. [...] Cobb himself was an archconservative who believed that a secret, liberal power structure was running the U.S. government. [...] Cobb's brother, Alvin [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser (caution - several name clashes!)] was a close friend of Guy Banister's [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL] as well as a member of the Klu Klux Klan. [...] McGehee [...] recalled that he used to cut the hair of an imposing individual that he believed to be Cuban [who] worked at Marydale Farm. [...] From a 'mug book', both McGehee and Morgan identified this individual as Lawrence Howard [aforementioned]. Likewise, Henry Earl Palmer [aforementioned] identified Howard as someone who was associated with Marydale Farm. Howard was an anti-Castro activist whose adventures had led him from Miami to New Orleans and Dallas. Howard also trained Cuban exiles at No Name Key in Florida and associated with those close to the Banister apparatus. Reeves Morgan [aforementioned] recalled [being warned o]n the day of the assassination [...] to forget everything he had seen at the farm if he valued his health" (k2367).

... and (d) for giving an interview in early 2001 to girlfriend Baker, confirming the account given above. He was still running the same barbershop. FURTHER READING: In order of mention see Judyth Vary Baker's (2010) "Me and Lee" [Amazon], her (2014) "David Ferrie" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED], and William Davey's (1999) "Let Justice Be Done: New Light on the Jim Garrison Investigation" [Amazon]. The Davy book uses the 1994 interview to reconstruct the Oswald-McGehee conversation, if interested.

McGehee, Frank Boaz: American provincial lawyer Frank B. McGehee [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for Korean War service as a fighter pilot, (b) for entering the assassination story in October 1961, organising ultra-right National Indigation Convention (NIC) [FBI archive dossier] rallies in Dallas ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing] and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.

Readers unfamiliar with the term <<"Religious Right">> should check out the separate entry on that subject before proceeding.

(VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE)

Readers unfamiliar with the highly suspect U.S. deep-stater <General Charles Willoughby> or the Texas far-righter <General Edwin Walker> should see their separate entries, together with those for the <John Birch Society (JBS)>, <William Surrey>, <Larrie Schmidt>, and <<"Taiwan Tony" Kubek>> before proceeding. Note that Generals Willoughby and Walker were out-and-out fascists.

CAMEO - McGEHEE'S LOUD "INDIGNATION": Here is what Jackson (op. cit. inf.) has to tell us about McGehee's high-profile rabble-rousing ...
"McGehee, a devout Catholic, was a part time owner of an auto repair shop and was putting himself through night law classes at*Southern Methodist University* in 1961. With 100 Korean combat missions to his credit, McGehee joined Continental Airlines as a commercial co-pilot. By 1962, he enrolled as a full-time student of philosophy at the University of Dallas. The curly-headed fiery orator soon began organising a protest rally. An estimated 300 protestors attended McGehee’s first rally at the Dallas Memorial Auditorium on October 14, 1961. The rally featured a variety of speakers and the audience willfully donated money to hold further conventions."

*YouTube their January 1962 follow-up convention* (72 secs.)
(Note the attempt at humour at 25 secs. where you are informed that a $1 donation will count you as a “patriot”, but that you have to go to $100 to achieve full “lunatic fringe”. Oh, how we laughed.)

"[...] McGehee’s intention was to start in Dallas and expand his grass roots efforts across the nation. Like the old fire and brimstone evangelists, McGehee began spreading the word that certain government leaders were extending aid and support to the worldwide communist menace right here in this country. Crowds soon grew to hear the message. Other indignation rallies were organised in other cities as the popularity of the message grew. McGehee grew into his new celebrity role, and he soon caught the attention of the local and national FBI offices. This old commie infiltration doctrine was very familiar to the FBI, who found McGehee was also a John Birch Society member" (pp50-51).

... (c) for thereafter openly working alongside both the JBS and General Walker at driving all vestiges of old-fashioned good sense from normally upright citizens such as* Cora Lacy Fredrickson* [no convenient biography] and student* Robert Hatfield* [no convenient biography but plenty to reward the determined browser], not least in the barracking of* Adlai Stevenson* when he spoke over a baying, spitting crowd at the same auditorium on 24th October 1963 [a meeting attended - not entirely coincidentally - by a certain* Lee Harvey Oswald* - Ed.], thus ...

"As Stevenson took to the podium to deliver his speech, he was interrupted. Frank McGehee of the National Indignation Convention rose from his second-row seat and [+++ details of the ensuing mayhem ++++] Cheers from Stevenson supporters ensued as McGehee was led out, still shouting. As the audience calmed down, Stevenson resumed his speech but was interrupted several times again by U.S. Day supporters with more cat calls, noise makers, and parading up and down the aisles waving American and Confederate flags. [...] [+++ Stevenson manages to finish his speech ++++] Stevenson and his entourage made their way out of the auditorium under police escort [but] soon ran into about 75-150 shouting demonstrators with anti-US signs. The mob surrounded Stevenson as they tried to make their way to the waiting car. In the crowd, Stevenson noticed a lady holding a ‘Who Elected You, Adlai?’ sign screaming loudly at him. Leaving his line of police escort, Stevenson walked over to 47-year-old* Cora Lacy Frederickson*, a John Birch Society member from Oak Cliff, to ask what she [was] yelling about. In a fit of anger, Mrs. Frederickson hit Stevenson over the head with her sign. Backing off, Stevenson regained his composure and attempted again to talk to Mrs. Fredrickson. The police immediately arrested Mrs. Fredrickson and took her away. Local TV and news reporters captured the event on film and photos which were broadcast on national networks and newspapers. [+++ further mayhem described ++++] The whole sorry affair cast a deep shadow over Dallas and its image [and] brought undue shame upon the city and its residents. [...] Dallas was now viewed by many Americans as the mecca of rightist extremists” (pp131-135).

*YouTube the Fredrickson assault here* (70 secs.)

"[This experience] with the extreme right wing of Dallas prompted [Stevenson] to ask President Kennedy not to make the Dallas trip” (p235; advice regrettably not acted upon).

... (d) for being thoroughly investigated by the FBI [one FBI archive dossier is linked in the opening paragraph and here is another] following the assassination, and (e) for not a lot else. McGehee died in 2017, aged 88. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail see* Gayle Nix Jackson’s* (2017) book "*Pieces of the Puzzle*" [Amazon]. Other than Ms. Jackson, few others have said much about the man.

*McGehee, Ralph Walter:* American state intelligence senior* Ralph McGehee* [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the CIA in 1952, being assigned to the* Directorate of Plans* [Wikipedia briefing] and getting trained at* Camp Peary* [Wikipedia briefing] in special ops skills such as parachuting and demolition, (b) for deployment to Japan in 1953, supporting covert Agency operations into China, (c) for moving on in 1956 to similar duties out of Subic Bay in the Philippines, reporting now to up-and-coming* Desmond FitzGerald* [see own entry REVELATORY] on the destabilising of the Sukarno Administration in neighbouring Indonesia [Wikipedia briefing]...
Readers unfamiliar with the Eisenhower Administration's practice of deposing uppity foreigners in their own back yards, should see the entry for (and the suggested video in) the entry for <Enno Hobbing> before proceeding.

***** ENTER LEE HARVEY OSWALD *****

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by Subic Bay in the failed attempt to oust Indonesian President Sukarno should note before proceeding that the USMC's specialist MACS-1 air traffic control unit arrived there in December 1957 and stayed five weeks. MACS-1 were specialists in handling black ops missions, including, at the high-tech end, U-2 spy plane overflights. For the details see Timeline 20th November 1957 and 24th March 1958.

>>>>>> A young <Lee Harvey Oswald> was one of the radar operators <<<<<<

... (d) for being reassigned to the Agency's Counterintelligence headquarters in Washington, reportedly helping to streamline the records system to allow faster data retrieval and cross-correlation [what we know nowadays as "data analytics". check it out; the data in question will combine that already in the public domain with that obtained with or without legal authorisation from bugging or surveillance - Ed.], (e) for being reassigned to field work in Taiwan 1959-1961, (f) for then being recalled to the new CIA Headquarters at LangleyVA, to help paper over the reputational damage done by the 1961 Bay of Pigs Debacle, (g) for thereafter shuttling back and forth between Langley and Indochina 1962-1977, (h) for taking early retirement in 1977, settling down to write his (1983) memoir "Deadly Deceits: My 25 Years in the CIA" [Amazon] ...

CAMEO - "DEADLY DECEITS": Over the years there have been many "ex-CIA spook reveals ..." memoirs on the market, most of them patently delivering new deceptions rather than explaining old ones.

ASIDE: When studying writings of this sort, readers should be aware that a good way to deceive is to surround a central important lie with half a dozen truths, in contrite confession mode. The lie thereby tends to be halo-effected by those masking truths. Moreover, if those masking truths are broadly what the public believed all along, then not only have you given nothing away, but also you will have made money in book-sales while strengthening your core deceit.

"Deadly Deceits" was duly marketed on the premise that it would expose serious misdirection of the Agency in the service not of Congress, but rather of the highly secretive American Deep State. McGehee survived the resulting establishment-driven smearing and obfuscation, and was lucky enough to be invited to comment on his own work in its 2015 republication by Open Road Integrated Media, Inc. [Homepage]. The following extracts suggest that McGehee was genuinely disillusioned with the Agency

"My purpose in writing Deadly Deceits a generation ago was to inform the public about how the CIA distorted intelligence reports, including mine, on the Vietnam War to support White House political goals. I had to obtain a court order against the Agency to get the book published in its original form. I felt it was vital, however, to alert the public that many intelligence reports from the CIA could not be trusted. [...] My hope is that this ebook publication of Deadly Deceits will serve as a reminder that watching the watchers - the CIA and other intelligence agencies - may be the best way to keep them from straying from their legitimate intelligence-gathering mission" (p13).

... and (i) for deliberately getting himself involved in the aftermath of the highly suspicious downing in 1983 of Korean Airlines Flight KAL007 ...

Readers unfamiliar with the possibly deliberate targeting of <Larry P. McDonald> in the possibly deliberate false flag downing of <Korean Airlines Flight KAL007> on 1st September 1983 should carefully study the McDonald entry before proceeding.

CAMEO - McGEHEE AND FLIGHT KAL007: Brussell (op. cit. inf.) summarises McGehee's intervention in this case as follows ...

"Five days after the 007 incident, former CIA spy Ralph McGehee told a college audience that the Korean airliner was indeed on a spy mission. He also believes that the Russians thought 007 was an RC-135 intelligence plane" (p312).

The CIA responded in a UPI statement on 7th October to the effect that McGehee had made the allegation on 6th October [making it 35 days since the incident, and not five - Ed.]. The statement then continues as follows ...

"A 25-year CIA veteran, McGehee has been critical of the Agency since his retirement several years ago. He said the U.S. government worked with the South Korean government to deliberately use the Korean 747 jet on an espionage mission over Soviet territory. The airliner was shot down by a
At a speaking engagement Thursday at Weber State College in Ogden, Utah, McGehee charged: 'The evidence is overwhelming that this was a planned event by the United States to send a commercial airliner equipped with spy equipment into the Soviet Union, thinking they would not shoot it down,' he said" (UPI Archives [full text online (UPI archives)]).

It is not impossible, of course, that the allegation was simply a marketing ploy to drum up book sales.

McGehee died in the SARS-COV-2 pandemic of 2020, aged 98. **FURTHER READING:** The "Brussel" work is in fact a 2014 compilation of her earlier writings by Alex Constantine, entitled "The Essential Mae Brussell: Investigations of Fascism in America" [Amazon]. The definitive work on Flight KAL007 is R. W. Johnson's (1986) "Shootdown: Flight 007 and the American Connection" [Amazon], but although this work sympathises with the conspiracy angle it makes no mention of McGehee.

McGuire, James Rochfort: Irish/South African businessman and Westminster politician J. Rochfort McGuire [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been friend and aide to Cecil Rhodes between 1883 and 1902, (b) for being private secretary to Leander Starr Jameson [see own entry] in 1904, and (c) for being director of the British South Africa Company [see own entry] through to 1925. Quigley (1949) has him as being friendly with Lord Milner but as too old to be counted in Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry].

McHugh, General Godffrey T., USAF: White House Aide Godffrey McHugh [Wikipedia biography] was one of several customary Presidential close escorts (he had, for example, been stationed in the Presidential limo four days previously in Miami) consigned in Dallas to further back in the motorcade. General McHugh's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

"God's Angriest Man"

McIntire, Charles ["Carl"] Curtis, Jr.: [Read firstly the entry for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preachers.] Presbyterian fundamentalist preacher turned backroom I-know-bester Carl McIntire [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for helping to promote Presbyterian ministries 1936-1941, helping his mentor John Gresham Machen [Wikipedia biography] to found the Orthodox Presbyterian Church [Wikipedia briefing] in the mid-1930s, (b) for founding the American Council of Christian Churches (ACCC) [see own entry] in 1941, (c) for complementing his physical ministry in 1957 with a daily radio sermon and magazine entitled The Twentieth Century Reformation Hour [YouTube a specimen], railing against such issues as peaceful coexistence with the Soviet Union and the fluoridation of the water supply, (d) for networking with (of like mind) General Edwin Walker and Guy Banister in the early 1960s (Mellen, 2005), and (e) for employing Edgar Eugene Bradley as his representative in California (ibid.).

McIntyre, William T. ["Tim"]: Secret Service Agent Tim McIntyre [no convenient biography] was one of four SS agents riding the running board of Limo#2 (i.e., Motorcade #3, counting the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (left side, rear). Agent McIntyre's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 29th November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to Camera with Vince Palamara, 1994? [YouTube it now].

McKinley, William: Civil War veteran turned lawyer-politician President (25th, 1897-1901, Rep.) William McKinley [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the sponsor of the not universally acclaimed 1890 McKinley Tariff [check it out], and (b) for having been President during the Spanish-American War [check it out].

McKinnon, Cheryl: [Not to be confused with Doris Mumford] Journalism student Cheryl McKinnon [no convenient biography] was spectating the motorcade from the Grassy Knoll. She perceived the shooting as coming from the top of the slope and, upon turning, saw "puffs of white smoke" still hanging in
the air. Twenty years later [read it now] she would remain "absolutely sure" that "at least two" of the shots did not come from the TSBD.

**McKittrick, Thomas Harrington:** St. Louis-born American lawyer turned banker and part-time spy. Thomas McKittrick ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Harrington_McKittrick)) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career 1916-1917 with National City Bank, gaining international banking experience at its Geneva branch, (b) for war service 1917-1919, (c) for being assigned to Liverpool, England, working with British intelligence in vetting footfall through that busy port for undesirables in transit, (d) for joining **Lee, Higginson and Company** ([Wikipedia briefing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee,_Higginson_and_Company)) after the war, whereupon ...

"In 1921, he moved to the firm's London office and was put in charge of foreign operations. He loved London and became a kind of honorary Englishman [... He] worked on the Dawes Plan German External Loan of 1924 [see Timeline 16th August 1924 ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] [...]. [+++ duplicated detail +++] McKittrick knew **John Foster Dulles** and was also friends with his brother **Allen Dulles** [...]. [+++ more duplicated detail +++] These details are important because this cabal of Wall Street lawyers and bankers [...] would shape post-war Germany in a particular direction [and] ensure that Nazi war criminals [...] such as powerful bankers and the directors of **Ig, Farben**, received only token punishments or none at all. [...] Their policies and their decisions shaped post-war Germany and post-war Europe, and this the world in which we live today" (LeBor, 2020, p.353).

... (e) for gradually becoming the go-to man for anyone wishing to market Wall Street services into Nazi Germany ...

Readers unfamiliar with the American funding of German industry during the mid- to late-1930s should see the entries for <Prescott Bush> [yes, those Bushes], <John J. McCloy>, and the <Bank for International Settlements (BIS)> before proceeding.

... (f) for becoming president of said **Bank for International Settlements (BIS)** 1940-1943, supporting both its officially constituted role as neutral banking centre in times of peace and war and its actual role as money laundering service to the Nazi Party ...

**CAMEO - McKITTRICK AND THE BIS:** Here are four illustrative extracts from the literature, exploring McKittrick's part in enabling Nazism before, during, and after WW2 (some long passages, heavily abridged; most bold names already have their own entries; name repetitions forward into subsequent extracts are abbreviated [thus]) ...

***** NAZI GOLD STARTS TO BE MENTIONED *****

"On a bright May morning in 1944, while young Americans were dying on the Italian beachheads, Thomas Harrington McKittrick, president of the Nazi-controlled Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in Basle, Switzerland, arrived at his office to preside over a fourth annual meeting in time of war [at which were discussed] such important matters as the $378 million in gold that had been sent to the Bank by the Nazi government after Pearl Harbour for use by its leaders after the war. Gold that had been looted from the national banks of Austria, Holland, Belgium, and Czechoslovakia, or melted down from the **Reichsbank** holdings of the teeth fillings, spectacle frames, cigarette cases and lighters, and wedding rings of the murdered Jews" (Higham, op. cit. inf., p1).

***** TREASON SUSPECTED *****

"By 1939, the BIS had invested millions in Germany, while **Kurt von Schröder** [IMPORTANT NAZI FINANCIER] and **Emil Puhl** [also] deposited large sums in looted gold in the Bank. The BIS was an instrument of Hitler [even though] the British director **Sir Otto Niemeyer** [Wikipedia biography], and chairman **Montague Norman** [ESSENTIAL PARALLEL CONTEXT], remained in office throughout the war. [...] In the spring of 1943, McKittrick, ignoring the normal restrictions of war, [...] was issued with an American passport to provide [Puhl] with secret intelligence [for use in vetting footfall through that busy port for undesirables in transit], (d) for joining **Lee, Higginson and Company** after the war, whereupon ...

"On March 26, 1943, liberal Congressman **Jerry Voorhis** [Wikipedia biography] of California entered a resolution in the House of Representatives calling for an investigation of the BIS, including 'the reasons why an American retains the position as president of this bank being used to further the designs
and purposes of Axis powers', [It reached Secretary of the Treasury] Henry Morgenthau [Wikipedia biography] on April 1, 1943 [...] but he made one of his few mistakes and did nothing. [...] Washington State Congressman John M. Coffee [Wikipedia biography] objected and introduced a similar resolution in January 1944. [+++ Nazi gold gets a mention ++++] Coffee pointed out that the American and British shareholders were receiving dividends from Nazi Germany and Japan, and that Germans and Japanese were receiving dividends from America. The resolution was tabled. [= killed without debate - Ed.]. There the matter might have lain had it not been for an energetic Norwegian economist [...] named Wilhelm Keihlau [Wikipedia biography] [who] was infuriated by Washington's continuing refusal to break with the bank and its acceptance of a flagrant financial alliance with the country's enemies. Keihlau introduced a resolution at the International Monetary Conference at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, [Wikipedia briefing] on July 10, 1944 [calling] for the BIS to be dissolved 'at the earliest possible moment'. [...] Bankers Winthrop Aldrich [Wikipedia biography] and Edward E. (Ned) Brown [no convenient biography] of the American delegation and the Chase and First National Banks tried feebly to veto Keihlau's resolution. They were supported by the Dutch delegation and by J. W. Beyen [Wikipedia biography] of Holland, the former president of BIS and negotiator of the Czech gold transference [...]. Leon Fraser of the First National Bank of New York stood with them. So, alas, did the British delegation, strongly supported by Anthony Eden and the Foreign Office. [+++ John Maynard Keynes' position discussed ++++] Dean Acheson, representing the State Department [...] , was firmly in Winthrop Aldrich's camp as a former Standard Oil lawyer, smoothly using delaying tactics [...] and arguing for retention of the BIS until after the war. [+++ more on the arguments ++++] Senator Charles Tobey [Wikipedia biography] of New Hampshire emerges with great credit from the minutes of the meetings at Mount Washington. At the July 18 meeting he said, savagely, to the company in general: 'What you're doing by your silence and inaction is aiding and abetting the enemy'. Morgenthau agreed. [+++ more convoluted discussions ++++] Keynes [...] felt that the BIS should be kept going until a new world bank and an international monetary fund were set up [but,] seeing that Morgenthau was under pressure to dissolve the BIS, shifted his ground and [accepted this could only happen] in good time. [...] Next day, over the objections of Edward E. Brown and the great irritation of Dean Acheson, Morgenthau's delegation approved the disposal of the BIS. Immediately [...] McKittrick did everything possible to combat it" (ibid., pp11-15).

EDITORIAL NOTE: The arguments seem to have dragged on through winter 1944-1945, by which time, with Germany about to collapse anyway, the proposal became somewhat academic. All parties began thinking about how best to survive the peace, and the Nazi bankers and their sympathisers were ostensibly thoroughly scrutinised at the 1946 Nuremberg Trials. To divert to the tale of the Nazi gold, start to the entry for the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

***** NAZI GOLD AGAIN *****

"The BIS's President was an American, [McKittrick], the General Manager a Frenchman, Roger Auboin [Wikipedia biography], and the Assistant General Manager was Paul Hechler [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], a German and Nazi party member. The BIS's wartime directors included the war criminals-to-be [Puhl] and [Funk] [...] and, conveniently, for Berlin, the BIS even shared a wartime office with the Swiss National Bank - the main channel for looted gold - in the person of Ernst Weber [Swiss National Bank factsheet]" (LeBor, 2020, op. cit. inf., p98).

***** McKITTRICK THE SPY *****

"By the outbreak of war, BIS was under Hitler's control. BIS directors included [McKittrick], an associate of the Morgans, Herman Schnitz, head of Ig. Farben, [von Schroeder], head of the J. H. Stein Bank of Cologne and leading financier of the Gestapo, [Funk], president of the Reichsbank and [Puhl], vice president of the Reichsbank. [+++ Puhl detail ++++] The first BIS president was Gates McGarrah, formerly of Chase National Bank [Wikipedia briefing]. During the first two years Hitler was in power, McGarrah was instrumental in financing the Nazis through BIS. In 1940 McKittrick met at the Reichsbank with Kurt von Schroeder and the Gestapo to discuss how to continue doing business if war broke out. [...] On Sept. 7, 1942, McKittrick issued the first annual report after Pearl Harbour [...] although no Nazi directors were present. [...] In the spring of 1943, McKittrick travelled to Berlin [...] , after meeting with Leon Fraser of the First National Bank of New York and the heads of the Federal Reserve. [...] [+++ Ig. Farben detail ++++] McKittrick was amply rewarded for his treasonous behaviour with an appointment as vice president of Chase National Bank after the war" (Yeaton and Hawkins, op. cit. inf., k5781-5801).

... (f) for straight-facedly denying it all afterward (the Clement is Piet Clement [BIS homepage], BIS's official historian, interviewed by LeBor in 1996) ...

"The people who should have known [...] were McKittrick, Hechler, and [Auboin],' says Clement. 'Of course, after the war they denied that they had any knowledge of it. There is no written proof anywhere that they knew,
although McKittrick must have been very naive to believe that the Germans were doing business as usual in a clean way. Maybe he fooled himself into believing it. [...] He was the archetypal banker: politically conservative and concerned only with the continuing movement of capital across the world, whether or not its nations were at war. [...] After the war, McKittrick slid into a comfortable new post as a senior official of the Chase National Bank in New York [...], his extensive record of economic collaboration with the Nazis diplomatically glossed over" (LeBor, 2020, op. cit. inf., pp108109).

... and (g) for featuring in many of the <Nazi Gold> pop-historical shockers of the past thirty or so years. We have already quoted from a couple of these works, but LeBor (2020) has one final intriguing snippet to offer ...

"No foreign bank was more useful to the Nazis than the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in Basel. [...] The BIS had fascinated me over the years, and I was especially interested in its wartime president, [McKittrick]. How had an American worked with Nazi colleagues to launder looted gold? What did they know about this in London and Washington, DC? Why was the BIS allowed to stay in business? Who was Thomas McKittrick, and who was protecting him and why? The more I looked into McKittrick and the BIS, the more incredible the story seemed. [++++ off topic ++++] The BIS described itself as neutral, but throughout the war, under McKittrick's direction, it actively aided the Third Reich, so much so that it became a de facto arm of the Reichsbank. [...] It legitimised the Nazi occupation of its member shareholders. The Nazi regimes in France, Belgium, Greece, and the Netherlands, for example, were given control of those countries' BIS shares, so that the Axis block held 67.4% of the BIS's voting stock. With McKittrick at the helm and the Axis powers controlling its shares, it was no wonder that [Puhl] described the BIS as 'the only real foreign branch of the Reichsbank'. [...] McKittrick was especially close to Emil Puhl, whom he described as his 'friend' [and to whom he] passed political and economic intelligence [...]. [++++ examples given ++++]. McKittrick also passed intelligence to the Allies through his old friend Allen Dulles, who was Bern station of the OSS during the war. McKittrick had his own OSS codename 644. The two men often met with Leland Harrison [Wikipedia biography], the U.S. ambassador" (ibid., pp352-357).

Readers unfamiliar with <Allen Dulles>' use of churches and clergy as a spy ring of convenience in the wars against Nazism and (fractionally later) Communism should browse the network of interlinked entries centred on <OPERATION Pastor> and <Albert Schweitzer College> before proceeding to the RESEARCH ISSUE below.

RESEARCH ISSUE - WAS McKITTRICK A DULLES SPOOK?: In view of McKittrick's close relationship with Dulles (who, in a positively stellar intelligence career lasting over half a century, was probably fooled by absolutely no one at all, ever ) we suggest as follows: EITHER McKittrick was a traitor and Dulles was playing him, OR McKittrick was 100% loyal, and willingly being used to feed the Nazis whatever Dulles wanted to feed them. Of these two options, we firmly suspect it to have been the latter, but further definitive research on the McKittrick-Dulles relationship is needed before the issue can finally be closed.


***** AN EARLY ARCHITECT OF THE AMERICAN EMPIRE *****

McLane, Robert Milligan: American diplomat Robert M. McLane [Wikipedia biography; Archives of Maryland biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a relatively privileged upbringing as the son of the U.S. Ambassador to Britain in the early 1830s (albeit being sent to study in Paris), (b) for military service in the U.S. Army (artillery) 1833-1843, (c) for retraining as a lawyer in BaltimoreMD, (d) for going into regional politics 1845-1847, and then national politics 1848-1885 ...

CAMEO - McLANE IN CHINA, 1854: During the Taiping Rebellion [Wikipedia briefing; see also Timeline 23rd October 1956], President Pierce appointed McLane U.S. Minister Plenipotentiary to China, specifically charging him with protecting and expanding American commercial interest at a time that China was being systematically looted by the West.

CAMEO - McLANE IN MEXICO, 1859-1860: Likewise (mutatis mutandis) in Mexico's "Reform War" [Wikipedia briefing].
... and (e) after a year as Governor of Maryland 1884-1885, for being similarly appointed by President Cleveland as Minister Plenipotentiary to France 1885-1889, where he helped develop the "large colony" of Americans resident in Paris ...

**CAMEO - McLANE AND THE AMERICAN COLONY IN PARIS:** McLane had noted the existence of an "American colony" in his youth - specifically, upon his arrival there in 1841. Here is how he profiled them in his autobiographical op. cit. inf., upon his return to that city half a lifetime later...

"Social life at this time in Paris was most agreeable to the Legation, and to all Americans, a large colony of whom were resident there for business or pleasure [...] generally either art students, or people of fortune" (p181).

He died in 1898, aged 82. **FURTHER READING:** For more details see McLane's own (1903/e2015) "Reminiscences, 1827-1897" [Amazon (reprint); full text online (requires registration)].


**ASIDE:** While we do not personally subscribe to the Hickey Theory (at worst he would still only be one of three or four shooters involved) we commend McLaren's work to students for its academic thoroughness, its straightforward unambiguous style, and its sustained distrust of lawyer-assisted truths. Remember also that our standard caution to students is that 1992-1993 was a period of significant Establishment obfuscation and counter-conspiracy funding in the wake of the success of Oliver Stone's movie "JFK".

**McMahon, Homer:** Photographic expert at "Lundahl's Palace" (the CIA's NPIC Lab in Washington, DC), Homer McMahon [no convenient biography] was interviewed 14th July 1997 by Doug Horne concerning his department's involvement with the Zapruder film on the weekend of 24th-25th November 1963. He was called mid-afternoon on Sunday 24th by his boss Art Lundahl, and asked to get a team into the lab in short order because an SS courier was bringing a rush job in. He duly rounded up Ben Hunter, and went in to work. In due course SS Agent "Bill Smith" arrived with an "unslitted" positive of the Zapruder Film which, he said, had just been developed at Hawkeye.

**TECHNICAL ASIDE:** The then popular "Double 8" range of home movie cameras actually contained a 25-foot spool of 16mm film, only one 8mm track of which was exposed at a time. The spool was then turned over at end, and the return 8mm track exposed. The development process was thus (a) to fix a 16mm negative, (b) to produce a 16mm positive, (c) to split the 16mm into two 8mm longitudinal halves, and (d) to splice those two halves together end-to-end giving a 50-foot spool of 8mm film for projection. [Bearing in mind that we have already identified this version of the film as having been doctored by Hawkeye to fit the lone gunman theory (see the entry for Dino Brugioni) we presume that Hawkeye were in such a hurry to get Agent Smith on the road (and were making further positives from their negative anyway) that they dispensed with (c) and (d) on this occasion.]

NPIC's task was to study the film and produce three sets of Briefing Boards, each mounting 28 selected 4" x 5" still blow-ups, for consideration and analysis elsewhere in the interested agencies. It is one of these [doctored - Ed.] boards which today graces the National Archives. In his 2006/2010e book "Someone Would Have Talked" Larry Hancock adds that while viewing the film together McMahon told the SS man that he had been a trick shooter in his youth and was skilled at spotting shooting positions from bullet impacts. In his opinion, he said, the Zapruder Film evidenced six to eight shots, taken from three directions. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

"**THE ONLY PERSON WHO KNEW BOTH KENNEDY AND HIS KILLER**” (source)

"My God, I know that boy!" (Herself, upon hearing of Lee Harvey Oswald's arrest)
McMillan, Priscilla Johnson: [née Priscilla Johnson] American journalist and (according to Summers, op. cit. inf.) deep state asset Priscilla Johnson [McMillan]™ 1966 [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for mastering in Russian at Radcliffe College, Harvard, 1950-1953 ...

**CAMEO - McMillan Applies to the CIA:** The Cold War saw many career opportunities open up for those with Russian language skills, and in 1952 Priscilla Johnson applied for a translator post with the CIA itself. Her security report has since been declassified and shows that she was declined as a security risk for having been a student member of the United World Federalists [Wikipedia briefing (own entry UNDER CONSTRUCTION)].

**Aside - Machine Translation:** We pause to record an historical coincidence which might otherwise pass unnoticed, for 1952 was an important year for those in the computing industry involved with Machine Translation (MT) Systems [Wikipedia briefing]. We described this work from the standpoint of a database designer turned psycholinguistics lecturer in a 2005 conference paper entitled "The Problem of Context in Sentence Production" (Smith, op. cit. inf.). America's interest in that application area can be dated to 8th March 1947 when the National Defense Research Committee (NDRC)'s Warren Weaver [Wikipedia biography] met with University of London boffin Andrew D. Booth [Wikipedia biography], then on a fact-finding visit to the University of Pennsylvania's Moore School of Engineering, home of the top secret ENIAC [Wikipedia briefing]. The NDRC had been charged by Washington to work on the backlog of Russian material requiring translation for intelligence analysis purposes, and started to channel generous amounts of research funding both at MT research and Russian language courses such as Priscilla Johnson's. The first MT conference then followed at MIT 17th-20th June 1952, organised by one Yehoshua Bar-Hillel [Wikipedia biography], following which the delegates returned to their own universities to pursue the technology. Seven decades down the line, later generations of MT researchers still have a long way to go. Moreover, if humankind is to survive, the demand for Russian language skills is greater than ever - for example, this YouTube piece POTENTIALLY LIFESAVING has been doing the rounds since 2015 but still seems to require translation.

In fact, Johnson was recommended for approval on 17th February 1953 as not "objectionably internationalistic", only to be reconsidered "from a [counterespionage] aspect" seven days later, and disapproved. By then, however, she had had a better offer - see next - and withdrawn her job application (Newman, 2008, op. cit. inf., p539) ...

... (b) for working a few months in 1953 as one of JFK's researchers (this being during his years as U.S. Senator), (c) for then moving on to work as an editor-translator at the Current Digest of Soviet Press [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] in NYC 1953-1956, also as one of the translators on the U.S. delegation to the 1955 Summit Conference in Geneva [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for thereby getting headhunted to travel the Soviet Union on a study grant 1956-1958, (e) for foreign travel in early 1958 to Cairo (February, reportedly visiting a boyfriend) and Paris (March), (f) for renewed mention within the CIA in April 1958 after she had applied for a visa to return to Moscow as correspondent for the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA) [Wikipedia briefing (own entry under construction; in the meantime, see the entries for Ernest Cuneo and Virginia Prewett)], (g) for thus being close to the action in November 1959 at the time of Lee Harvey Oswald's faux defection [see Timeline 16th October 1959] ...

**CAMEO - McMillan Becomes a Source for the Oswald "Legend":** McMillan was the second of only two American journalists who got to interview Oswald during his time behind the Iron Curtain (the other being Aline Mosby [see own entry WELL WORTH A LOOK]). She spent a couple of hours with him on 16th November 1959, and what purports to be her original handwritten notes - 18 sheets, photo-reproduced at two sheets per page - are included in the Warren Commission link in item (j) below (pp277-285). The CIA would later remark of Johnson that she "can be encouraged to write pretty much the stories we want" (Summers, p167) [however, given the CIA's liking for "useful idiots", this does not necessarily require conscious complicity on her part - Ed.], and that she was on "official business" at the time of the 1959 interview. Here is Newman again with some of the detail ...

"CIA interest in Priscilla Johnson was reopened in 1956. [...] The paperwork listed Priscilla's previous work in 1955 and 1956 as a translator for the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, and also her 'freelance' writing for several publications, including the New York Times and the North American Newspaper Alliance. On August 23 - and in spite of the 1953 security disapproval - a CIA Security Office and FBI records check was completed without adverse comment. [...] We may surmise that SR/10 [= Soviet Russia Division, Legal Travellers Branch] was behind the request" (p62).
RESEARCH ISSUE - THE TWO PRISCILLAS: Newman diverts at this point to discuss in some detail the intriguing possibility that there might have been two Priscilla Johnsons doing the rounds of the intelligence services in those years, one born in 1922 and the other (our one) born in 1928. For the time being, we propose leaving this issue to advanced students, referring them to pages 63 through 67 of Newman's 2008 book for starters, then to Johnson's many mentions in Newman's more recent follow-up (2017, op. cit. inf.). Both works make the explicit point that the very highest levels of the U.S. intelligence establishment - including CIA counterintelligence chief James Jesus Angleton [see own entry] - were at the time engaged in a convoluted program of deliberate mind-poker in the search for "Popov's Mole" [Wikipedia briefing ESSENTIAL CONTEXT]. Oswald's defection could itself easily have been part of this program, and Johnson's report would have been closely vetted before release. This might explain why she made no mention in her 1959 piece of Oswald's mention that he intended passing on his knowledge as U-2 radar operator to the Soviets, a fact that only came out when she gave her sworn testimony to the Warren Commission on 25th July 1964 [see item (j) below].

It turns out that McMillan was out of town at the time of the Mosby interviews, only flying back into Moscow on Sunday 15th November 1963. Here is Newman again (Snyder is Richard E. Snyder, U.S. Consul at the time, as introduced in the Mosby entry)...

"It was Monday, November 16, and Priscilla Johnson, probably still feeling the effects of jetlag [...], got up late. It was already dark by the time she made it to the mail room at the American Embassy. [...] She walked [...] past the door to the consul's office, where Snyder and [Vice-Consul] John McVickar [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] were working. McVickar, whose desk was closer to the door, noticed Priscilla when she walked by [and told her] 'There's a guy in your hotel who wants to defect, and he won't talk to any of us here. He might talk to you because you're a woman.' [...] 'So I went back to the hotel, mail in hand, and I asked the lady at the end of the hall on the second floor if there was an Oswald there', Priscilla recalls. 'Yes, he is in Room 223,' the lady answered. 'And I went to his room and knocked on his door, and there he was.' It was about five-twenty P.M." (pp70-72).

Johnson duly got to work on her notes, mailed in her copy on 18th November 1959, and the story eventually ran in a small way in the Washington Evening Star on 26th November 1959 [full text online; this is the article in which she conveniently forgot to pass on Oswald's threat to give away U-2 radar secrets - Ed.]. And that was that. At least until, in the afternoon of Assassination Day, the name Lee Harvey Oswald was suddenly splashed cross the world.

... (h) for being one of the journalists and diplomats expelled from the Soviet Union in 1960 in retaliation for the U-2 Incident [Wikipedia briefing], (i) for being compensated in 1961 by an appointment as "visiting scholar" in Harvard University's Russian Research Center [Homepage (History)] ... **** JFK IS ASSASSINATED 22nd NOVEMBER 1963****

... (j) for having her 1959 article quickly resurrected in the Boston Sunday Globe of 24th November 1963, (k) for being high on the list of people to interview in the early - urgent - days of the Warren Inquiry, making a statement 5th December 1963, and then testifying more formally 25th July 1964 [full texts online (courtesy of the Mary Ferrell Foundation)], (l) for soon going out of her way to befriend Oswald's widow, Marina Oswald [see own entry] (the introduction was arranged by her publisher, "with a view to writing a book"), (m) for the 1965 book "Khrushchev and the Arts" [Amazon], (n) for befriending Stalin's defecting daughter Svetlana Alliluyeva [Wikipedia biography] in 1967, while on a contract to translate her memoirs, (o) for writing up her Marina Oswald notes in the October 1977 "fairy story" (unimpressed Amazon reviewer) "Marina and Lee" [Amazon], (p) for retiring in around 1990 to research the life and show trial in 1954 of atom scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer (being allowed access to classified material unavailable to other authors), finally presenting her findings in "The Ruin of J. Robert Oppenheimer" [Amazon], (q) for being featured in 1993 (and 2013 rerun) in TV's Frontline PBS programme "Who Was Lee Harvey Oswald?" ...

YouTube the piece here HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

... (r) for interviews in 1994 with authors Summers (again denying any writing involvement with the CIA) and Newman (already covered), (s) for being mentioned in a 1999 paper entitled "My Brief Correspondence with the Late Aline Mosby" [full text online] by researcher Peter R. Whitney [see own entry], in which he commented on Mosby's and McMillan's lives as female journalists in Moscow at the time of their contact with Oswald, and (t) for a number of late life interviews including this one -

McNally, James C.: See the entry for Herbert H. Field.


McWillie, Lewis: Professional gambler Lewis McWillie [Spartacus Educational biography] was an associate of Santos Trafficante and Meyer Lansky, and manager of the Tropicana Casino in Havana, Cuba, in the late 1950s. Deported by Fidel Castro he is put in charge of the Tropicana Casino, Las Vegas. On 17th November 1963 he was seen with Jack Ruby in Las Vegas, at which time some theorists believe he gave Ruby the mob's share of the assassination expenses.

Meagher, Sylvia: Assassination researcher Sylvia Meagher [Spartacus Educational biography] was author of the 1967 book "Accessories After the Fact", the first large-scale and systematic documenting of the flaws in the Warren Commission's conduct and conclusions.

Meany, William George: American trade union leader George Meany [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for first appearing in the histories as a rising star of the plumbers' union in the 1930s, eventually becoming secretary of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) [see own entry] in 1939 ...

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: The position consistently taken in the present resource is that the primary justification for the survival of trade unionism in the United States is to attract monies into workers' benevolent and pension schemes, from where it can be systematically bilked - see the entry for Jimmy Hoffa for the detailed argument here.

... (b) for representing the AFL on the National War Labor Board [Wikipedia briefing] during WW2, liaising closely with prominent anti-Communist union leaders across the various trades, (c) for generally opposing the Congress of Industrial Organisations (CIO)'s secretary John L. Lewis [see own entries], branding him (risibly - Ed.) as too left-wing for comfort (he wasn't a leftist at all - Ed.), (d) for duly signing the I-am-not-a-Communist affidavit required of all trade union leaders by the 1947 Taft-Hartley Act [Wikipedia briefing], (e) for making it to president of the AFL in 1952, (f) for negotiating the 1955 merger of AFL and CIO which gave us the still-extend AFL-CIO [Homepage], (g) for clashing with the above-mentioned Jimmy Hoffa in 1957, successfully ousting his Teamsters union from the AFL-CIO, and (h) for continuing in much the same vein until retiring - already into his eighties - in 1979. He died the following year, aged 85.

***** ACCESSORY TO CONSPIRACY, WW1 *****

Mears, Sir Edward Grimwood: British lawyer [Sir] Edward Mears [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 12 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French move against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. Mears, they note, acted as Secretary to the subsequent whitewash, the Dardanelles Commission [see own entry]. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]
Medical International Cooperation Organisation (MEDICO): See the entry for Thomas A. Dooley.

**Meinertzhagen, Richard:** Well-born British banker turned careerist British Army officer turned intelligence officer turned Zionist lobbyist Richard Meinertzhagen [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being military intelligence chief in Nairobi, East Africa, for the period 1915-1916, (b) for being transferred to Cairo in early 1917, there to incorporate information coming in from Aaron Aaronsohn's [see own entry] Palestinian intelligence network into the plans for General Allenby's ultimately successful Holy Land Campaign [see 31st October 1917], (c) for being part of the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, (d) for serving as Allenby's Chief Political Officer during the creation of the Palestinian Mandate [see sub-thread beginning 28th June 1919], but (e) for being officially criticised in the 1920 Palin Commission Report [see 1st July 1920] for allowing "a definite anti-Arab bias and a prejudice in favour of Zionism" in failing even-handedly to control the Arab Riots that Spring [see 4th April 1920].

**Melchior, Carl:** German lawyer-banker Carl Melchior [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming counsel in 1900 to the German bank M. M. Warburg and Company [see own entry], (b) for being appointed chairman in 1910 of Max Warburg's [see own entry] "very confidential" Hamburg Morocco Society to help promote German soft influence in that region following the Algeciras Conference [see Timeline 16th January 1906] (Chernow, op. cit. inf.), (c) for thereby being on the fringes of the heavily contrived Agadir Crisis [see Timeline 1st July 1911], (d) for realising in late July 1914, a week before the shooting started, that war was inevitable, and for warning Warburg accordingly, (e) for war service in WW1 until invalided out to a civil service position with the Central Purchasing Company (obscure), administering blockade-running logistics procurement projects (ibid.), (f) as such, for undertaking a clandestine trip to Romania in 1915, to place purchase contracts for "millions of tons of grain" (op. cit., p282), (g) for becoming a partner in Warburg's in 1917, as "the first non-winger, and used to spread an <it's all the Jews' fault> narrative. (h) for thereby getting selected as one of the financial advisors to the German delegation at the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 18th January 1919], quickly realising that France would be insisting upon highly punitive levels of war reparations, and promoting the line that Germany should grin and bare it for a short period because the only way she could hope to keep up the instalments would be by aggressively out-trading the Allies, which the Allies would soon get fed up with ...

**ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM:** We go into detail on this argument, and how it all never quite worked out, in the Timeline link immediately above. Chernow explains that this was one of the things picked up on by antisemitic right-wingers, and used to spread an <it's all the Jews' fault> narrative.

... (i) for working in Paris with fellow-delegate John Maynard Keynes [see own entry] on how best to work around the blockade, (j) for turning down offers in 1921 to become Weimar minister for reconstruction and economics (ibid.), (k) in 1923, jointly with Max Warburg, for suing the antisemite Theodor Fritsch [see own entry] for libel ...

**CAMEO - WARBURG AND MELCHIOR vs FRITSC:** For the details of this case see the Fritsch entry.

... (l) for getting involved during 1924 with the negotiations leading to the Dawes Plan [see Timeline 16th August 1924], (m) in 1929, for acting a deputy to Hjalmar Schacht [see own entry] during the negotiations leading to the Young Plan [see Timeline 31st August 1929], (n) for thereby being appointed in 1930 to the inaugural board of directors of the Bank for International Settlement (BIS) [see own entry], (o) for being forced to resign that post in early 1933 because he was Jew, and (p) for helping to establish a Jewish relief office, partly financed from NYC by the American Jewish Joint Agricultural Corporation [see the entry for James N. Rosenberg]. Indeed, for the remaining eight months of his life he fought "for the civil rights of the Jews, which have been cancelled in Germany" (op. cit., p633). He died in 1933, aged 62.

**FURTHER READING:** For more on the reparations issue in general, see Margaret MacMillan's (2001) "Paris, 1919" [Amazon]. For more on the Bank for International Settlements, see firstly the
associated entry, then as directed. For more on most of the above, see Ron Chernow's (1993) "The Warburgs" [Amazon].

***** ARCHETYPAL MOBSTER TURNED STATE ASSASSIN *****
"He has the background and talent for the matter we discussed" (CIA memo)

Meltzer, Harold: [Possibly Harold Fried by birth] American "Jewish Mob" mafioso Harold ["Happy"] Meltzer [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early life of crime ... CAMEO - MELTZER THE SHADY BUSINESSMAN: Here are two indicative clips from recent literature [the identity of one of the brothers mentioned in the second clip is revealed in the Viola Cobb entry, if interested - Ed.] …

"Melzer was born in New Jersey in 1908 and, according to 1964 FBI files, his arrest record 'dates back to May 1926 and includes arrests for assault with a deadly weapon, smuggling, robbery, and Federal Narcotic Act violations" (Albarelli, 2013, op. cit. inf., k4036).

"Worth noting is Harold Meltzer's deep involvement in drug trafficking, especially through illicit routes originating in Mexico City, which extended back to the mid-1940s, when Meltzer was protected by high-ranking associates in the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City. By the 1950s, Meltzer's extensive trafficking involved two wealthy South American brothers, one of whom was madly in love with young Viola June Cobb [see own entry DEEPLY REVELATORY], an eventual CIA asset in Cuba and Mexico. [...] Meltzer and his trafficking associates, according to FBN sources, would sometimes fly to and from Mexico City in private, chartered Tri-Cities Flying Service [a few mentions online] planes" (Albarelli, 2021, op. cit. inf., pp203-204).

... (b) for thereby becoming an associate of mobster Johnny Roselli [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL] in the early 1950s, (c) for investing his profits in the late 1950s in superficially legitimate Los Angeles businesses, thus ...

Readers unfamiliar with the symbiosis between the FBN, the CIA, and organised crime should see the separate entries for (in alphabetical order): <June Cobb>, <George Gaffney>, <Jean Pierre Lafitte>, <Charles Siragusa>, <Edward Lawton Smith>, <Jean Souetre>, <George Hunter White>, <Garland Williams>, and <Hanna Yazbeck> before proceeding.

"A January 1961 Agency file reveals that Harold Meltzer, a close associate of Meyer Lansky, was among those seriously considered for the CIA's assassination team, a seeming extension of the Agency's QJ/WIN program [more on this below - Ed.]. [...] He] had been arrested in the past by the Narcotics Bureau and had cooperated with agents White and Siragusa on an unidentified 'project' in New York in 1956 and 1957. During this period, Meltzer [...] also had business dealings with Pierre Lafitte in Los Angeles, where Meltzer lived and owned a sportswear company and several automobile dealerships. Lafitte and Meltzer operated and partly owned together two restaurants [+++ other interests described +++]" (Albarelli, 2021, pp198-200).

... (d) for duly becoming an asset of the CIA's assassination-on-demand networks, including, eventually, QJ/WIN and ZR/RIFLE, thus ...

Readers unfamiliar with <ZR/AWARD> and <ZR/ALERT> should closely study the entry for <Emo Hobbing> before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by the CIA station in Mexico City in the assassination attempts on Fidel Castro should see the <Mexico City Adventure> entry before proceeding.

"Special markings and coding on the Hobbing cables reveal that his involvement in the Mexico City activities was connected to Project ZR/AWARD, a top-secret operation the Agency refuses to define [suggestion given], Project ZR/ALERT, in Mexico City and possibly New Orleans. Additionally, ZR/ALERT appears to have had an undefined operational connection with CIA assassination projects QJ/WIN and ZR/RIFLE. These connections involved two CIA assassins, Harold Meltzer and Hanna Yazbeck [see own entry YOUR USUAL VILLAIN], recruited by the CIA through the efforts of William Harvey [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL] and David Morales [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL] [...]. Both Meltzer and Yazbeck were recruited initially for the Agency's QJ/WIN assassination program” (Albarelli, 2013, k4018-4036).
... (e) for thereby ending up a member of a pool of a dozen or so taxpayer-funded contract assassins handled 1960-1963 by the aforementioned Morales, (f) for continuing in like vein after the JFK assassination, thus ...

"Of Meltzer, a United States Senate Rackets Committee member wrote in 1964: 'Meltzer now is reported to operate a large bookmaking and prostitution syndicate in California. A major figure in the organised underworld, he is known to all important narcotics traffickers throughout the united States’ ” (Noyes, op. cit. inf, p589).

... and (g) for even being linked - admittedly only tenuously - to the RFK assassination, thus ...

"[The fact] that Meltzer was well-known for operating out of the lounge of LA’s Ambassador Hotel [pic] during his tenure with the QJ/WIN program is also intriguing, given Robert Kennedy's murder [there]” (Albarelli, 2013, k4075).

Meltzer died in ???, aged ??.

FURTHER READING: For more of the specific detail see Chapter Six of Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.’s (2013) "A Secret Order" [Amazon] as well as his (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK" [Amazon]. For the broader context see then Peter Dale Scott's (2015) 'Dallas '63: The First Deep State Revolt Against the White House’” [Amazon] and Peter Noyes' (2010) "Legacy of Doubt: Did the Mafia Kill JFK?” [Amazon]. At time of writing [= 9th January 2023] we have been unable to trace any family connection between this Fried and the $multi-billion bankruptcy of Sam Bankman-Fried.

Melville, George Wallace: Civil War veteran (U.S. Navy) and career navy officer Commodore George Melville [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been appointed Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering by President Grover Cleveland on 9th August 1887. He will stay in post until retiring as Rear Admiral in 1903, during which 15 years he will ease the introduction of fuel oil to replace coal - check it out. As the navy’s resident expert on coal it is surprising that he was neither called to serve on, nor give evidence to, the Sampson Inquiry Board into the sinking of USS Maine [see 21st March 1898]. His own considered opinion on that sinking was that it was, indeed, bunker-related.

Menninger, Bonar: Assassination researcher Bonar Menninger [Spartacus Educational biography] was author of the 1992 book "Mortal Error", in which the case was made that one of the SS agents in limo #2 accidentally killed JFK with his AR-15. After a court case for libel the claim went quiet, only to resurface in 2011 in online documentaries. To save backtracking let us repeat here what we said in the entry for the SS agent in question, George Hickey ...

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: We see no value whatsoever in this particular line of argument. Indeed, in pure counterintelligence terms, the more crackpot ideas you can get into the discussion space, the more effectively you will be subconsciously discrediting the genuine workers.

Indeed the story is worthy of the CIA's Mr. Disinformation himself, George Joannides, for it has worked all too well.

Mentesana, Charles Ernest: Dealey Plaza spectator Charles Mentesana [no convenient biography] took home movie footage of the police search some time after the shooting - YouTube it now.

Mentorn Media: Founded in 1985 and presently with offices in London and Glasgow, Mentorn Media [Website; LinkedIn entry] is noteworthy in the present context for having been mentioned in Marcus Moore’s [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC’s 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as being the contractual provider to BBC Question Time of the audience production services of Alison Fuller/Pedley [see own entry].

Mentzel, William Duane: DPD patrol sergeant (Car 84) William Mentzel [no convenient biography] was on lunch break in Luby's Cafeteria at 430 West Jefferson Boulevard at the time of the assassination. [TIMESLIP AT THIS JUNCTURE] He may then well have been one of the two officers sent (although not by
the DPD Despatcher) to Oak Cliff on a BOLO for an assassination suspect [see the entry for Edgar Tippit]. He then attended a "Signal 7" (road traffic accident) at 817 West Davis Street at 1311hr, and stayed there until just before receiving the call to the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting. Mentzel's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Mercer, Julia Ann: 23-year-old employee of an automat distributor Julia Mercer [no convenient biography] had been driving at about 1100hr in the slow lane of Elm Street, heading west, when - in one version of the story - she had been brought to a halt at about "40 or 50 feet east" of the Elm Street arch of the triple underpass by a "green Ford" "pickup truck" half up the kerb, with its bonnet open as though broken down. She had seen a man at the wheel whom she later identified in an apparently well-conducted photo-identity session as Jack Ruby. She had also seen a second man reach into the back of the pickup and remove "what appeared to be a gun case" "3½ to 4 feet long". She had then properly frowned up the driver as she passed the pickup [as you do when others force you to change lanes - Ed.]. Her evidential profile at this stage is reasonably straightforward: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now].

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT: From now on, confusion, sloppy research, lazy authoring, and perhaps even a counter-conspiracy intelligence operation get to work. Here are some of the anomalies which presently [February 2018] corrupt the Internet version of this narrative: (1) Mercer made a second affidavit on 23rd November to the FBI which may or may not have included a photo-matching session. (2) The stopping point is sometimes moved beyond (west of) the underpass. (3) In any event Jack Ruby has already been recorded by Jerry Coley as being in the offices of the Dallas Morning News at the time in question. (4) The other man becomes identified as LHO. (5) Jim Garrison reported - and perhaps overplayed - further interrogations. (6) Oliver Stone perhaps overplayed the incident in his 1991 movie "JFK". (7) The Internet commentators descend into total chaos. We shall therefore leave this one on the Unsolved Riddles Thread.

On the positive side, DPD despatcher's records confirm the blockage being reported at 1107hr and cleared shortly afterwards, which is just as well because the vehicle was blocking the motorcade route and they were about to tow it.

Merker-Kieselbach Mine: Long known as a provincial salt mine, the Merker-Kieselbach Mine [map: Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as arguably the archetype for all writings concerning "Nazi Gold" [Wikipedia briefing], by virtue of its vast network of tunnels having been used during WW2 to conceal large sums of bullion (Bradsher, op. cit. inf.). FURTHER READING: For detail of the mine's discovery see Greg Bradsher's (1999) "Nazi Gold: The Merkers Mine Treasure" [full text online, courtesy of the U.S. National Archives].

Meros, Tom: Historian of rock and roll, campaigner for honest justice, and about the coolest assassination researcher out there Tom Meros [Homepage] has conducted important interviews with Dee McCarrell, Buell Frazier, and Patricia Puckett (this latter one raising the spectre that LHO - already under severe pressure to get to the scene of the J. D. Tippit murder in time to actually do the killing - wasted a minute of valuable shooting time waiting at the bus stop outside 1026 North Beckley Avenue). Meros' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony, 1994 [read it now].

Mertz, Michel Victor: See the entry for Jean Souetre.

Messianism: See the entry for Millennialism.

***** Not all researchers accept that the close sequence of *****
***** the following two entries can be as coincidental as *****
***** was officially claimed when it first came to light *****

Mexican Tourist Card 824084: Card affording short term travel permission in Mexico, issued 17th September 1963 to CIA officer William Gaudet at the Mexican Consulate, New Orleans.
Meyer, Cord: WW2 veteran (front-line U.S.M.C.) and CIA staffer on and off since 1949 Cord Meyer [Wikipedia biography] had been involved with Operation Mockingbird in the early 1950s and was the CIA's Head of Covert Action at the time of the assassination. E. Howard Hunt would claim in his famous deathbed confession that Meyer plotted the assassination with LBJ to avenge his ex-wife's affair with JFK.

Meyer, Eugene Isaac: American banker-politician Eugene Isaac Meyer [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining Lazard Frères [Wikipedia briefing] in 1897 (thanks to his father being one of the partners there), (b) for diversifying into market speculation in 1901, quickly amassing a personal fortune and coming to the attention of senior administration financier Bernard Baruch [see own entry], (c) for thereby being headhunted by President Wilson in April 1918 to head the War Finance Corporation (WFC) [Wikipedia briefing] ...

QUICKIE - THE WAR FINANCE CORPORATION: Here, from Butkiewicz and Solcan (2016 [full text online]) is a quick introduction to the WFC's part in channeling taxpayers' money through to private hands ...

"In 1918 the United States Treasury delegated to the War Finance Corporation, a newly created off-budget federal agency, the task of buying Liberty bonds and later Victory notes in an effort to stabilize prices. Bayesian vector autoregression analysis of the security purchases indicates that the WFC purchases provided statistically significant price support, and marginally lowered bond yields while the program operated. Once WFC purchases ended, war bond yields increased substantially. Between bond issues, the Treasury financed its operations, including security purchases from the WFC, by issuing short-term debt, which affected the money market interest rate. The WFC’s bond purchases are found to have a positive and significant impact on the call loan rate. Thus the WFC’s bond purchases twisted the yield curve."

... (d) after the war for teaming up with William H. Nichols [Wikipedia biography] to develop the Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation [Wikipedia briefing; note that the substantial stockholding by Belgium's Solvay Company made Allied a sister concern of Germany's infamous IG. Farben - see own entry (Weber, op. cit. inf.), (e) for being appointed chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board [Wikipedia briefing] by President Coolidge in 1927, (f) for being appointed chairman of the Federal Reserve Board by President Hoover in 1930, where he worked for a while with the politically ruthless Thomas G. Corcoran [see own entry], (g) for being appointed chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation [see own entry] in 1932 (again by Hoover), (h) for diversifying into top end opinion manipulation in 1933, when acquiring the highly respected The Washington Post out of bankruptcy, (i) for cultivating Lord Lothian [see own entry (as Philip Kerr)] as a source of British news (including the story about Edward VIII's 1937 affair with Wallis Simpson), (j) for becoming inaugural President of the World Bank [see own entry USEFUL ONWARD CONTEXT] in 1945, and (k) for then returning to the communications industry in 1946, further expanding his persuasion empire through into the mid-1950s. He died in 1959, aged 83. FURTHER READING: See now the entry for Thomas G. Corcoran. For more on the IG. Farben association see the 14th June 1933 statement to stockholders by Allied Chemical and Dye's president, Orlando F. Weber [full text online NICELY INFORMATIVE]. For a full formal biography see Merlo J. Pusey's (1974) "Eugene Meyer" [Amazon].

Meyer, Mary: Artist and society beauty Mary Meyer [Wikipedia biography] had been married to CIA man Cord Meyer from 1945 to 1958, and from 1961 had an apparently intense affair with JFK. She died 12th October 1964, shot to death while out jogging. Peter Janney makes much of these occurrences in his 2013 book "Mary's Mosaic".
Michell, [Sir]1902 Lewis Loyd: [sometimes incorrectly Lloyd and/or Mitchell] South African financier (Standard Bank of South Africa) and real estate speculator [Sir]1902 Lewis Michell [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being Cecil Rhodes' banker, a director of the British South Africa Company, and a Rhodes Trustee.

Mickelson Siegfried ["Sig"]: CBS news chief Sig Mickelson [no convenient biography but lots to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for generally helping his boss William S. Paley [see own entry] align CBS field and editorial resources in support of covert CIA operations across the globe.

Mif, Pavel: [Pseudonym for Mikhail Alexandrovich Fortus] Ukrainian Bolshevik Pavel Mif [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Rector of Sun Yat-Sen Chinese University [Wikipedia briefing] in Moscow from 1925 to the early 1930s, and for having thereby helped sow Russian Communist ideals in the minds of Chinese students such as Wang Ming [see own entry] and the 28 Bolsheviks [see own entry]. He also spoke to Chinese affairs on the Central Committee of the Comintern [see own entry] only to be embarrassed in 1929 by Wang's failure to swing China into the Russian political camp. Modern Chinese Communism instead went on to follow the home-grown model developed by the likes of Zhou Enlai [see own entry] and Mao Zedong [see own entry].

Milam, Wallace: Assassination researcher Wallace Milam [no convenient biography] was one of the investigators for both the House Select Committee on Assassinations 1977-1978 and the Assassination Records Review Board 1993-1994. For a selection of his writings, click here.

Milchan, Arnan: See the entry for "The Medusa Touch".

Military-Industrial Complex: See the entry for Dwight D. Eisenhower. Browse the Military-Industrial Complex Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Military Intelligence Branch (MIB) [U.S.]: Founded in February 1918 by re-organising an earlier "Military Intelligence Section", the Military Intelligence Branch (MIB) [mentioned in Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the U.S. Army's intelligence arm in Spring 1918, at the time the United States first fell out of love with the Bolsheviks in Russia. The unit will be re-organised again in June 1918 to create the Military Intelligence Division (MID) [see next entry].

Military Intelligence Division (MID) [U.S.]: Founded in June 1918 by re-organising the antecedent Military Intelligence Bureau [see preceding entry], the Military Intelligence Division (MID) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the beating heart of U.S. military intelligence operations between the wars - see, for example, the entry for John L. Magruder. The unit will be re-organised in its turn in March 1942 to create the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) [see next entry].

Military Intelligence Service (MIS) [U.S.]: Founded in March 1942 by re-organising the antecedent Military Intelligence Division [see preceding entry], the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the U.S. Army's intelligence arm during WW2. The unit will be re-organised in its turn in 1946 into the modern U.S. Military Intelligence Corps [Wikipedia briefing].

Miller Doctrine: This is the principle adopted on the international stage in 1950 by Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs in the Truman Administration Edward Miller [check him out]. It states that the United States is prepared to intervene unilaterally in errant Latin American countries if faced with "Communist political aggression", but only if collective action is not an option.

Miller, Clarence: American workers' rights activist Clarence Miller [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of the union leaders during the 1926 Passaic [Wikipedia briefing] and Gastonia's 1929 Loray Mill [Wikipedia briefing] strikes, (b) for being one of the 16 persons taken to court
following the death of Chief Orville F. Aderholt [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] in one of the many confrontations between striking workers and hired thug union-busters, and then one of the seven persons found guilty of murder and sentenced to hard labour, and (c) for jumping bail and travelling under false papers to the Soviet Union. **FURTHER READING:** For more on the Gastonia events see John A. Salmon's (1995) "Gastonia, 1929: The Story of the Loray Mill Strike" [Amazon].

**Miller, Edward G., Jnr.:** Lawyer-politician with sugar industry interests Edward Miller [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs in the early 1950s, and for having formulated, and on occasions applied, the **Miller Doctrine** [see own entry].

**Miller, Lawrence Reginald:** As recorded in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked", Lawrence Miller [no convenient biography] was passenger and senior villain in the gun-running **Stolen Thunderbird** when it crashed in Dallas while attempting to evade arrest on the evening of 18th November 1963. He was still sporting a "smashed-up face" when he was led into the holding area at DPDHQ on the evening of 22nd November, past the cell triplex containing Daniel Douglas, John Elrod and LHO. See the entry for John Elrod for the continuation of this story.

"This further fact should be known, that the draft as originally put up by Lord Balfour was not the final draft approved by the War Cabinet. The particular draft assented to by the War Cabinet, and afterwards by the Allied Governments, and by the United States, expressed in the Resolution of Congress and finally embodied in the 1917 Balfour Declaration [see 2nd February 1917], The circumstances surrounding this last were explained 20 years later to the House of Commons by Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore [see own entry and Timeline 24th July 1922], thus ..."

**Milner's Ginger Group:** [A.k.a. *The Monday Night Cabal*] This is the name often given to the subgroup of **Lord Milner**'s co-conspirators who were brought together at some time in mid-1915 to provide unofficial direction to **Asquith**'s constitutionally founded WW1 War Cabinet (which with some justification they regarded as "22 gabbers round a table with an old procrastinator in the chair"). Many of its members had previously been through **Milner's Kindergarten** [see own entry], whilst others were just ideologically sympathetic senior members of the British Establishment. Here are some of the names regularly mentioned in the literature as having been involved ...

**Leopold Amery** [see own entry]; **Waldorf Astor** [see own entry]; **Lord Carson** [see own entry]; **Geoffrey Dawson** [see own entry], editor of *The Times*; **Philip Kerr, Lord Lothian** [see own entry]; **Leander Starr Jameson** [see own entry]; **Lloyd George** [see own entry]; **Lord Milner** himself; **F. S. Oliver** [see own entry]; **General Sir Henry Wilson** [see own entry].

When the Asquith government finally fell 6th December 1916 it was simplicity itself to move key personnel out of the darkness and into the light. **Lloyd George** became prime minister, of course, that same day, Milner became a Minister without Portfolio, Carson became First Lord of the Admiralty,
and General Wilson became Lloyd George's personal military advisor. The phrase "Monday Night Cabal" was coined by historian Alfred Gollin in 1964.

***** DEEP STATE ARCH CONSPIRATORIAL COVEN *****
***** THE NEW WORLD ORDER CONSPIRACY *****

Milner's Kindergarten/Milner Group: This phrase was coined by forensic historian Carroll Quigley [see own entry] in his microscopically precise 1949/1981 book "The Anglo-American Establishment" [Amazon], originally to describe a couple of dozen bright young civil servants working for the High Commissioner for the emerging South Africa, Lord Milner, who were not just good at their jobs but shared Milner's dream of the British Empire as a suitable backbone for a New World Order presided over by Cecil Rhodes' Society of the Elect [see own entry]. Described sometimes as a "Round Table of Empire Loyalists", they grew increasingly influential during the 1900s only to find themselves surplus to requirements with the formation of the Union of South Africa in 1910. They therefore drifted back to Britain and put their energies instead into the Round Table Movement [see own entry]. The members usually listed by historians are as follows (all have their own entries)...

Leo Amery; Basil Blackwood; Lord Robert Brand; John Buchan; Lionel Curtis; Geoffrey Dawson; John Dove; Patrick Duncan; Richard Feetham; Sir John Hanbury-Williams; Lionel Hitchens; Philip Kerr, Lord Lothian; and Fabian Ware.

As the Kinder got older they became the seniors of the Milner Group of the 1920s and 1930s, but they remained essentially an Oxford University old boys' network, much like Skull and Bones [see own entry] in the United States. "One chum drew in another" (Rose, 2000, p47), and many went on to be active members of the Cliveden Set.

Milteer, Joseph Adams: No spontaneous historic deed is ever complete without someone saying that it cannot have been truly spontaneous because they, for one, knew about it in advance; and for the JFK assassination one of several such someones was this right-wing extremist ...

Georgia-born Joseph Milteer [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a member of the far-right white supremacist National States' Rights Party [Wikipedia briefing] and a number of similar (to use the modern term) neo-Nazi organisations ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: We have remarked elsewhere that little is known about the deep psychology of zealots of the sort who take the law into their own hands with terrorist acts - see the entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric. For obvious reasons, research into the process(es) of Terrorist Radicalisation [Wikipedia briefing] is receiving a lot of attention nowadays.

(b) for thereby coming to the attention of federal investigators investigating such groups at that time, and for being duly targeted by undercover agent William Somersett [no convenient biography] for a tape-recorded encounter 9th November 1963, in which Milteer boasts that JFK is about to be assassinated, and furthermore gives details as to how it will be done ...

YouTube audio extracts and background.

(c) for being in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963 on the eastern sidewalk of Houston Street watching his prediction come true ...

ASIDE: Milteer is one of the six JFK-haters photographically placed in Dealey Plaza by Eaglesham and Schallhorn (2000 [full text online - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]). We find their photographic evidence pretty compelling, but please check for yourself.
(d) for therefore becoming one of the must-includes of Conspiracist narratives such as Jim Marr's (1989) "Crossfire" [Amazon] and Robert Groden's (1993) "The Killing of a President" [Amazon], and (e) for being killed 9th February 1974 in a mysterious heating stove explosion. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) "The Dead Witnesses".

Ministry of Blockade: The British government's Ministry of Blockade [National Archives briefing] was founded 23rd February 1916 as one of Lloyd George's New Broom Initiatives [see own entry]. For the backstory here, start with the inset to the entry for Maurice Hankey and follow as many of the onward links as you can stomach.

"The damnedest collection of blabbermouths, paranoids, ding-a-lings, and fuckups you have ever seen"[from its era, cited in George and Wilcox, 1996, p224]

Minutemen: Founded in 1960 by professional paranoiac Robert DePugh, the Minutemen [Wikipedia briefing] are noteworthy in the present context for popularising the notion that if the Cold War ever got "hot" there would be a need for a nationwide network of armed guerrilla bands of patriots. From the outset, the Minutemen were billed as "America's last line of defence against Communism". Here, from historians John George and Laird Wilcox's (1996) book "American Extremists" [Amazon], is how the organisation was structured ...

"... the basic unit of the organisation is the squad. The individual squads, composed of between five and twenty-five members, were to have no knowledge of each other. Only the state commanders knew who the squad leaders were, and no records were to be kept of the individual members. The national organisation had no control over the squads, each one of which was to operate as a little army. The only real function of the national organisation was to recruit members through the distribution of literature and to generate publicity for the organisation. [...] In reality, most Minutemen members were quickly known to the authorities often within days of their recruitment. The primary reason for this was their own indiscretion coupled with government infiltration and neutralisation. The kind of individual attracted to such a marginal enterprise was often the typical compulsive extremist [...]. Whenever individual Minutemen were in trouble with the authorities, which was fairly often, they usually tried to buy their way out by telling everything they knew. Inasmuch as the organisation affected the image of a mixture of James Bond, green beret, and western sheriff, it tended to attract individuals profoundly moved by authority figures. 'Flip a badge on these guys and you can't shut them up. What most of them want to be is a policeman,' one federal agent said" (George and Wilcox, op. cit., p223).

Unlike the similarly focused (but far more generously bankrolled) John Birch Society, the Minutemen were "always a one-man show with a small following" (ibid., p222), with probably well under a thousand members.

RESEARCH ISSUE - THE PSYCHOLOGY OF EXTREMISM (AGAIN): George and Wilcox argue that extremists tend to have a paranoid conviction that they are the only ones holding back their chosen enemy, be they Communist or Fascist (note that it is perfectly possible to have rightist anti-left and leftist anti-right covens vying for the same backwoods in the same county). Extremists like to see themselves as "very important in shaping the forces of history" (p84). They want to believe in their particular guru's claims because, ultimately, those beliefs are part of them, regardless of whether they are true or not, and in the final analysis they "need something on which to blame their lack of personal satisfaction" (op. cit., p84). (George and Wilcox refer back to Richard O. Curry and Thomas M. Brown's (1972) book "Conspiracy: The Fear of Subversion in American History" [Amazon], which was a pioneering exploration of a sensitive research area.) Unfortunately, there is as yet no widely accepted theory of human identity, and so neither is there any professorial agreement on how things might be improved.

The Minutemen were one of the right-wing organisations infiltrated after the 19th December 1961 Reuther Memorandum prompted RFK to instruct the FBI to extend their anti-left COINTELPRO program (active since 1956) to include right-wing targets as well ...
members. And in New Orleans, of course, it famously involved none other than LHO, who, as Turner (2001, pp174-175) puts it, was "conducting a dangle operation to identify Castro sympathisers.

The movement was broken intellectually and financially by the FBI offensive, atrophied during the 1970s, and was finally wound up in 1983. Despite claims by DePugh of a 25,000 membership, George and Wilcox cite several usually reliable sources indicating it was well under a thousand.

Minyard, Frank: Pathologist Frank Minyard [no convenient biography but several online snippets available to the determined browser; note the occasional accusations of covering up police brutality (although we guess this is all part of the Medical Examiner's typical day)] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming New Orleans Coroner the day following the 25th May 1968 death of Nicholas Chetta, a position he would hold until retiring 5th May 2014, aged 84 years, (b) for eventually gravitating toward the view that the death of David Ferrie - judged suicide by Chetta - was more probably a murder by the forced ingestion of drugs, possibly his own prescription medicine, (c) for attempting to open a Coroner's inquiry into the 15th August 1974 death of Clay Shaw, only to back off on the grounds that the deceased had been under the active medical care of Dr. Hugh Batson in the preceding hours (Baker, 2014) ...

**ASIDE:** There is no doubt that Shaw was in the final stages of terminal cancer. Coroners exist to explain sudden deaths, and are typically not needed when a patient passes away in the care of an attending physician capable in their own right of deciding cause of death.

and (d) for being told by film-maker Oliver Stone that he could not have a bit part as a doctor in "JFK" because he did not look the part :-). (Mellen, 2005).

Mista'arvim: See the entry for Mustaravim.

"Mister B": According to ex-Marine David Bucknell, "Mister B" [no convenient biography] was a shady middle echelon CIA recruiter-organiser for operations against Fidel Castro and his Soviet advisors in around 1959. He was described by Bucknell as "a Hispanic man in civilian clothes with a flat-top haircut". He recruited both LHO and Bucknell [see the Bucknell entry for more on this], and perhaps also Kerry Thornley [see the Thornley entry for more on this].

Mizrachi: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching.] Founded in White Russia (Tsarist Lithuania) in 1902, the Mizrachi [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for setting up a network of religio-political pressure groups before WW1 in the Tsarist provinces of Poland and Lithuania, where then thrived "religious Zionism" at the hands of priest-politicians such as Abraham Kook [see own entry] ...

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have already noted elsewhere [see the entry for Hate Speech and Radicalising Preachers] that Humankind is a prolific grudge-killer, not least of religious or political schismatics. Indeed, when Extra-Terrestrials eventually land teams of archaeologists to excavate the radioactive cinder known as Planet Earth, they will quickly spot Humankind's liking for ancestrally promised lands, preciously marked out with epic tales and larger-than-life folk heroes, frequently gruesomely martyred (reference below). After due diligent consideration (and, as an atheist), we see no reason not to include religious Zionism as just such a phenomenon.

... (b) for establishing the Bnei Akiva Youth Movement [see own entry USEFUL COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE] in 1929, the better to mobilise combat-aged footsoldiers for paramilitary operations, (c) for rebranding itself in 1956 as the National Religious Front Party ("Mafdal") [Wikipedia briefing], and (d) for further rebadging itself in 2008 as the Jewish Home Party [Wikipedia briefing]. FURTHER READING: For more of the Zionist context, see Chapter 14 and onward of Colin Shindler's (2015) "The Rise of the Israeli Right: From Odessa to Hebron" [Amazon RECOMMENDED READING]. For more concerning
dangerously over-romanticised national heroes see Vamik Volkan's (2006) monograph "Killing in the Name of Identity" [Amazon NEVER MORE ESSENTIAL READING].

***** CAUTION: MUCH IN THIS NEXT ENTRY *****
***** HAS YET TO BE CROSS-VALIDATED, SO IT'S *****
***** EITHER VERY TRUE OR VERY FALSE *****

MKULTRA: [variously MK/Ultra, MK-ULTRA, etc.] Code name for a top secret CIA "spychiatrist" program [Wikipedia hagiography], spawned in 1953 and not officially acknowledged until 1977. The research effort was distributed amongst 162 separate universities and military centres on a need to know basis, and one of its strategic aims was to create "Manchurians", that is to say, human robots - programmable killers. Another line of research was Sidney Gottlieb's work on poisons and psychoactive drugs at Randolph AFB, San Antonio, TX.

M. M. Warburg, and Company: Dealt with in the entry for Paul Warburg.

Mocarski, Lada: See the entry for Robert A. Lovett.

Model, F. Peter: Assassination researcher F. Peter Model [no convenient biography] was the co-author with Robert Groden of the 1975 book "JFK: The Case for Conspiracy".

Mofaz, Shaul: Six-Day War veteran Shaul Mofaz [Wikipedia biography] was Chief of Staff of the Israeli armed forces at the time of the 18th January 2002 Defence Policy Board meeting in Washington, DC, at which the Israelis' 1982 Yinon Plan [q.v.] was substantially resurrected.

Mohrenschildt, George/Je Anne de: See under de Mohrenschildt.

Molcho, Solomon: [Alternatively Molko, Molkho; by birth Diego Perez] Portuguese proto-Kabbalist Solomon Molcho [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been radicalised and converted back to Judaism from Marrano Christianity in 1525, (b) for preaching proto-Zionism around the Mediterranean 1525-1532, loudly predicting a Second Coming and temporarily gaining the approval of the Vatican, and (c) for overplaying his hand and being burned at the stake as an heretic in 1532. One of his converts was the Joseph Karo [see own entry] Who would go on to help develop the Kabbalist hub at Safed [see the entry for Kabbalism].

Moncada, José María: Nicaraguan centrist politician President[1929-1933] José Moncada [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for maintaining a relatively independent Nicaragua in the years 1929 to 1933. His period in office coincided with his USMC advisors beefing up the Nicaraguan National Guard under the command of Anastasio Somoza, Snr. [see own entry].


"The Mond companies made great profits during the prolonged war. In 1915 Britain sent twelve times the amount of Nickel to Sweden than it had in 1913. There it was either manufactured into war materials and sold to Germany, or re-exported in its raw state. [...]Nevertheless] Alfred Mond ended his career as Lord Melchett of Landforth. It’s too true to be believed” (Macgregor and Docherty, 2017, p472"

For the full details of the failure of the British blockade to save British lives on the battlefield see either the entry for Admiral Montagu Consett or else that for Ministry of Blockade, following the onward links in either case. [THREAD = THE WW1 FINANCIAL AND ARMAMENTS INDUSTRIES] [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]
Mondolini, Paul: Corsica born but Montreal based mobster Paul Mondolini [Wikipedia biography] has recently been linked to a suspected Corsican shooting team. Browse Corsican Hit Team Thread to bring together the parts of this story.

Monroe, James: President[5th, 1817-1825, Dem.Rep.] James Monroe [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the architect of the Monroe Doctrine [check it out].

Monroe Doctrine: A statement of principle made by President James Monroe in his 2nd December 1823 State of the Union Address, to the effect that the independent states of Central and South America "whose independence we have [already] acknowledged" are no longer "to be considered as subjects for future colonisation by any European powers". This doctrine was quoted by JFK in 1962 as grounds for his stand against the Soviets in the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Montego Bay: Montego Bay is a popular holiday paradise at the north-western tip of Jamaica, where many old plantation estates have been reborn as holiday destinations. For example, check out the Tryall Resort.


Montgomery, L. D.: DPD Homicide Bureau detective L. D. Montgomery [no convenient biography] was despatched to the TSBD and in assisting the search of TSBD6 found the empty paper sack later believed to have transported a rifle. Montgomery's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1, Part #2].

Moody, Dwight Lyman: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching VITAL SOCIOPSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE.] American career evangelist (with echoes down to the present day) Dwight L. Moody [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early life of financial struggle in Northfield, Massachusetts, in the early 1800s ...

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervent behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually they do come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short it is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing], and should be regarded as nothing short of emotional abuse. The questions then come thick and fast. Were such controlling personalities denied a fulfilling breast as infants, for example? Or cruelly beaten by a father, or themselves denied all sense of self-worth by a mother's unremitting put-downs? Did they see too many war films or browse into the wrong websites? Did they mix unwisely with people on the wrong side of the tracks? Are they narcissistic [Wikipedia briefing]? Anally retentive [Wikipedia briefing]? Overly impulsive [Wikipedia briefing]? Inherently sadistic [Wikipedia briefing]? Sociopathic [Wikipedia briefing]? Psychopathic [Wikipedia briefing]? Or are they just plain evil? Are their minds so shrivelled for want of genuine human warmth that they start out in life as arrogant little shits and go downhill from there? What, in other words, puts the meme into their heads that their present "convert" is just another notch to their pulpit? RECOMMENDED READING: Check out the Hare Psychopathy Checklist [Wikipedia briefing] for some of the answers, and - sadly - a shipload more questions.

... and (b) for leading a number of missions to Britain, in 1888 recruiting for service in China the partly military missionary group soon dubbed the "Cambridge Seven" [see own entry REVELATORY]. He died in 1899, aged 62.

Mooney, Deputy Luke: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Luke Mooney [no convenient biography] was one of the law officers who entered the TSBD a few minutes after the assassination. For the primary account of the ensuing search, see the entry for Harry Weatherford. Mooney's evidential profile is as
"A very nice fellow"

**Moore, James Walton:** Mid-echelon CIA officer J. Walton Moore [Mary Ferrell Foundation database entry] is noteworthy in the present context as LHO's Domestic Contact case officer in Dallas in the period 1962–1963. Specifically, it was he who arranged for international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt to befriend LHO as "babysitter" in the period October 1962 through March 1963. **FURTHER READING:** There are some interesting references to him (under the name "Walter Moore") in de Mohrenschildt's Warren Commission testimony - check it out [incl the banner quotation above].

**Moorman, Mary Ann:** At the time of the shooting 31-year-old Mary Moorman [Spartacus Educational biography] was standing with her friend Jean Hill on the south kerb of Elm Street looking north toward the John Neely Bryan Pergola. At Z315 she took a photograph with her Polaroid camera which showed Jackie Kennedy beginning to lean concernedly toward JFK, and had the full Grassy Knoll in the background. The character Badge Man would later be seen in the shadowy background.

**Moral Majority:** Founded in 1979 by right-wing activist Paul Weyrich and evangelist Jerry Falwell, the Moral Majority [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as a major force within America's modern Religious Right.

***** HE KILLED SO MANY, THEY Rewarded HE ... **** Apologies to W. S. Gilbert *****

**Morales, David ["Diddy"] Sánchez:** [A.k.a. El Indio; Codename Hector] U.S. Army veteran turned careerist CIA contractor David Morales [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning his craft as a young man with the Allied Occupation Forces in post-WW2 Germany, (b) for making sufficient impression with the executive action people of that era to get him contracted into the CIA in 1951, (c) for taking part in the 1954 Operation PBSUCCESS against President Árbenz of Guatemala [see 18th June 1954]), (d) for moving on to Caracas, Venezuela, between 1954 and 1958, there becoming the CIA's top assassin in Latin America, (e) for then moving to Cuba in 1958 to help rid President Batista of some of his more turbulent priests, (f) after Batista's 1959 ouster by Fidel Castro for being head-hunted by William Harvey to JM/WAVE, the CIA's giant Miami Station, where he remained during 1961's Bay of Pigs Invasion and 1962's Cuban Missile Crisis ... 

**ASIDE:** Here, of course, he was the ideal recruit for Operation Mongoose operations in general and ZR/RIFLE in particular, targeting Castro.

(g) having already contributed toward the deposing of one president, for naturally becoming of intense interest once authors started to place him in the crowd on Dealey Plaza on 22nd November 1963 (at the back of the Altgens6 photograph) ...

**ASIDE:** Morales would be one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers [see own entry] in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the JFK assassination had been put together. Eaglesham and Schallhorn (2000 [full text online - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]) show we-think-damning photographic evidence, but please check for yourself.

(h) for allegedly returning to Cuba in 1965 during for an operation against Che Guevara, (i) for following Ted Shackley to Laos in 1966 to perform similar services in the Laotian Civil War, (j) for allegedly taking a break in June 1968 to assist the assassination of RFK, (k) ditto for Vietnam in 1969, (l) ditto for Chile in 1970, where he helped Augusto Pinochet overthrow President Allende in September 1973, (m) also in 1973 for famously remarking to a friend during a conversation about JFK that "Well, we took care of that SOB, didn't we!", (n) for retiring to an advisory position in Washington as consultant on Operation Condor [see own entry], and (o) for being assassinated himself by slow-acting poison during a May 1978 visit to Washington.
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Investigation by Francis L. Frugé [see own entry ESSENTIAL PARALLEL NARRATIVE] and found to be "completely credible", (d) for being called to testify in 1967 during the ensuing Clay Shaw Trial [Wikipedia briefing] ...

CAMEO - THE MORGANS REMEMBER 1963 IN 1967: Read Morgan's 1967 testimony here. Baker (op. cit. inf.) summarises the story as follows ...

"Lee turns into a long driveway [...]. Lee said this was the home of Reeves Morgan [see own entry], a state representative who worked at the hospital. [...] Lee went up to the house and was promptly invited inside. It seemed Mr. Morgan knew Lee, from his friendly greeting [...]. As I sat in the car, I worked on my charts and checked the temperature of the cooler. At one point, I looked up and saw a girl about my age standing on the porch looking in my direction. This was Reeves Morgan's daughter, Mary [who] later testified that she saw a woman sitting in Lee Oswald's car" (2010, k9785-9911).

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... and (e) for being interviewed in August 1994 on or about the same date as fellow witness Ed McGehee by author William Davy [Kennedys and King biography] during the research for Davy (op. cit. inf.), firstly confirming the above, but then opening up the following entirely new line of inquiry ...

CAMEO - OLD MAN MORGAN REMEMBERS 1963 IN 1994: We are referring here to the evidence set out in the entry for Ed McGehee [see his item (c), CAMEO #3] that Marydale Farm, a large tract of land just outside Jackson, had been a training camp for Cuban exile guerrillas prior to deployment on CIA black ops.

To avoid duplication, we shall not repeat this story here.

To maintain flow of narrative, switch to the McGehee entry and return here when done.

Morgan specifically recalled being warned on the afternoon of the assassination, as the occupants of the camp headed at some speed for the hills, "to forget everything he had seen at the farm if he valued his health" (k2367). Which, for thirty years, he did.

FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Judyth Vary Baker's (2010) "Me & Lee: How I Came to Know, Love, and Lose Lee Harvey Oswald" [Amazon].

Morgan, Robert Burren: WW2 and Korean War veteran (U.S.N.) Senator Robert Morgan [Wikipedia biography] concluded, on the strength of his work with the Church Committee in 1975, that Fidel Castro had personally masterminded the assassination in retaliation for the CIA's constant attempts on his own life.

Morgan, William Pritchard: "Charismatic and controversial adventurer" (Evans, 2015), Liberal M.P. for Merthyr Tydfil (1888-1900), gold mine entrepreneur, and masonic brother to many in the Edwardian jet set William Pritchard Morgan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been involved with the Sons of Gwalia Mine [see 13th May 1897] from its development in the mid-1890s to the time Herbert Hoover [see own entry] brokered its sale to Bewick, Moreing and Company [see own entry].

Morisette, Denis: Assassination researcher at the JFKAssassinationFiles website Denis Morisette [no convenient biography] has placed a large portfolio of excellent archive newsreel online - Not least this one - THOROUGHLY RECOMMENDED.


Morris, Errol Mark: Film producer Errol Morris [Wikipedia biography] is reputedly the source of the saying that "film is lies twenty-four times a second" (cited in McBride, 2013).

Morris, Robert, Jnr.: Destined to be billed as the "founding father" who financed the War of Independence, British-born merchant-revolutionary Senator[1789-1795] Robert Morris [Wikipedia biography]
is noteworthy in the present context for having been (a) signatory to both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and (b) Chairman of the Second Continental Congress' Secret Committee during said war. In this latter respect, he worked with long-term business partner Thomas Willing to set up a certain William Bingham as front-man for an offshore commodities exchange cum pirates' lair on the French-owned Caribbean island of Martinique, from where, under the noses of the blockading Royal Navy, American products were exchanged for European munitions and military supplies. After the war he became "Superintendent of Finance" in the nascent U.S. Treasury, and his first task was to set up the new Bank of North America. Retiring from the Treasury in 1789 he mixed senatorial politics with real estate speculation, succeeding only at the former. He was caught over-extended in the Panic of 1797 and imprisoned for debt ($3 million in 1797 money; George Washington reportedly dined with him in his cell occasionally).

***** SENATOR JOSEPH McCARTHY'S MOLE *****

Morris, Robert John: Lawyer, WW2 veteran (U.S. Navy) turned lawyer turned committed right-wing activist Robert Morris is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a wartime career in U.S. Navy Counterintelligence in the Far East, with experience in leaflet propaganda and interrogation, (b) for acting as counsel to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security for the periods 1951-1953 and 1956-1958, working behind the scenes to feed potential scandal to Senator Joseph McCarthy's anti-Communist witch-hunts, (c) as author of the 1958 post-McCarthy piece "No Wonder We Are Losing" thus ...

"[Morris's (1958) book] was the precursor of all the ultra-paranoid, right-wing rhetoric regarding the missile-gap mania. [... The] publisher, Boomeraker, was run by a former CIA agent, turned Bircher and right-wing extremist, Lyle Munson [no convenient biography but a great deal to reward the determined browser]" (Bevilaqua, 2013, K760).

(d) for being a governor of Dallas University 1960-1962, growing close to Texas right-wing extremists like H. L. Hunt and Generals Edwin Walker and Charles Willoughby, (e) for founding the right-wing pressure group Defenders of American Liberty in 1962, stepping immediately to the aid of General Walker following his arrest September 1962 for inciting racial unrest at the University of Mississippi, (f) for giving the green light to Larrie Schmidt's idea of the 22nd November 1963 Welcome Mr. Kennedy Ad, and (g) for avoiding the post-assassination fall-out by taking cover in special needs education 1964-1977.

***** CANDIDATE JFK CONSPIRATOR (TECHNICIANS) *****

Morrow, Robert Dietz: American black ops technical support boffin Robert D. Morrow is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning engineering while with the Martin Aircraft Company 1956-1958, (b) for then setting up as a freelance developer for left field defence industry projects 1958-1959, working from his home laboratory in Washington DC, and (c) for thereby being recruited as an electronics expert 1959-1964 to work with senior Cuban exile Mario Kohly on a succession of paramilitary support devices ...

CAMEO - MORROW THE BOFFIN: Morrow devotes an entire book to these escapades (op. cit. inf.), from which these - in his own estimation - are his main claims to fame ...

"I was one of the first people to obtain first hand evidence of Soviet missiles in Cuba [...]. I made the counterfeit money for the Cuban underground resistance [...]. I bought the three Mannlicher rifles that would be used to shoot Kennedy. I supplied Kennedy's three hit squads with communications devices more sophisticated than any previously designed" (xi).

FURTHER READING: For the supporting detail see Robert D. Morrow's (1992) "First Hand Knowledge: How I Participated in the CIA-Mafia Murder of President Kennedy".
Mosby, Aline: American journalist and deep state asset Aline Mosby [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career later summarised by a biographer as follows ...

Readers unfamiliar with the deliberate deployment of UFO sightings as military cover stories should read Haynes (1997 [full text online]) before proceeding.

In the example below, it is not clear whether Mosby was "in" on the act or just another "useful idiot" for the military.

"Aline ('Ellie' to her friends) was, according to an AP [Wikipedia briefing] report 'a native of Missoula, Montana', whose father had owned several radio stations in the state. She graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in journalism and began a 41 -year career with UPI [Wikipedia briefing] in Seattle. Later in the 1940s she moved to L.A. to cover the Hollywood scene as well as various social trends of the 1950s (such as [...] looking for UFOs in a jet airplane). However, Aline moved up the journalistic ladder when she was posted to Moscow during the height of the Cold War in 1959" (Whitney, op. cit. inf., p1).

... (b) for being right there on the spot as UPI's Moscow correspondent at the time of Lee Harvey Oswald's faux defection [see Timeline 16th October 1959] ...

CAMEO - MOSBY REPORTS THE DEFECTION: Mosby was the first of only two American journalists who got to interview Oswald during his time behind the Iron Curtain (the other being Priscilla Johnson McMillan [see own entry WELL WORTH A LOOK]). She set out her initial observations in two early UPI pieces, the first coming out on the UPI wire at 0920hr EST 31st October 1959, to be picked up by The Washington Post the next morning. A copy of the UPI telex was with the FBI's Director, J. Edgar Hoover, within the hour [59 minutes, in fact, per the rubber stamps - Ed.]. Here is Newman (op.cit. inf.) with the detail (Oswald has just been refused immediate termination of his American citizenship by Richard E. Snyder [Wikipedia biography] at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow; Korengold was Mosby's boss at UPI's Moscow office) ...

"Still wrapped in his thoughts about his encounter with Snyder, Oswald returned to his hotel room [= Room 233 at Moscow's Metropole Hotel]. He had not had time to sort much out when he was surprised by a knock on his door. The hand knocking on Oswald's door belonged to the Moscow bureau chief of [UPI], Robert J. Korengold [Harvard 2019 obituary], whom Snyder had immediately notified by telephone after alerting Washington - in his cable 1304 - about the defection request. [+++ Snyder explains his decision +++] Korengold wasted no time in following up Snyder's lead, and arrived at the door of Room 233 at two P.M. [...] Caught off guard, Oswald flatly refused to give Korengold an interview. [...] Korengold went back to his office and spoke with [Mosby, and within minutes she] was on her way [...] . Oswald, still off guard and unsure, refused her a formal interview, but Mosby, it seems, was far more successful than Korengold in loosening Oswald's tongue. [...] Oswald informed Mosby that he had applied to renounce his American citizenship and become a Soviet citizen. He did so, he said, 'for purely political reasons'. Mosby successfully elicited enough personal details from Oswald to rush back to her office and put all of this into a report for the wires, adding, 'The slender, unsmilng Oswald refused to give any other reason for his decision [...] . He would not say what he is planning to do here' . [Mosby's] story was handed to E. B. Reddy [nothing much online], who was on duty that morning. [...] The way the UPI ticker was worded led Reddy to conclude incorrectly that Oswald had held a 'press conference' in his hotel room. Reddy immediately decided to check out just who this defector was. Reddy grabbed a standard FBI questionnaire for the records branch of the Identifications Division and filled it out. [...] By lunchtime Paul Kupferschmidt [nothing much online] of the records branch had managed to locate only Oswald's fingerprints. They had been taken when he entered the Marine Corps, a standard procedure for everyone entering the military, and the prints are always sent to the FBI" (pp 7-9/16-17).

The second, longer, interview took place on 13th November 1959, whereupon Oswald (she later complained) "talked almost nonstop". When he spoke about his plans for his new life in the Soviet Union, she judged that his lines had been well-rehearsed (ibid., p68), and after two hours she called time on the session because she had grown tired of "what sounded like recitations from Pravda" (ibid., p69).

... (c) for setting out her experiences in Moscow in 1962 in "The View From No. 13 People's Street" [Amazon] [Oswald was not yet a celebrity, and so gets little direct coverage in this work - Ed.], (d) for accordingly being well-positioned in the hours following the JFK shooting to be part of the frantic effort to gather inside information on Oswald, now that he was in the public eye as the presumed assassin ...
CAMEO - MOSBY HELPS FRAME THE OSWALD "LEGEND": Pen-portraits of Lee Harvey Oswald can be divided into those appearing before his silencing by Jack Ruby late on the morning of Sunday 24th November 1963, and those appearing after it. Thanks to her two sessions with Oswald back in 1959, Mosby was one of the early ones to feature in the mainstream media after the assassination. Here is the lady herself with her impressions of Oswald on Saturday 23rd November 1963. Note the carefully constructed "lone nut" persona ...

YouTube - Aline Mosby Remembers Oswald

... (e) for being interviewed by the FBI in Paris 23rd September 1964, prior to being included in the Warren Report (Volume XII p454 [full text online] courtesy of the Mary Ferrell Database)), (f) for moving on to similar foreign correspondent duties in Beijing and Paris, eventually retiring in 1984, and (g) for then being the subject of a 1999 paper entitled "My Brief Correspondence with the Late Aline Mosby" [full text online] by researcher Peter R. Whitmey [see own entry], in which he probed Mosby's recollections of her contact with Oswald. Here is what he had to say about the lady (a long extract, heavily abridged) ...

" In 1990, I had obtained a phone listing for her […], and was able to speak to her [just] as she was leaving for Paris. I mentioned that I was doing research on JFK's assassination and she suggested that I write to her in Paris and gave me her address. I wrote the first of two letters on June 4 and received a reply dated June 22. […] She answered my questions in point form on a manual typewriter badly in need of a new ribbon, with her name, Paris address and phone number printed on the bottom. I wrote to her again on July 24, but did not receive another reply. Recently, I decided to write to her once more, after having come across her 1962 book, The View From No. 13 People's Street, (Random House: NY) at a thrift store, which I enjoyed reading even at this late date. […] Aline is pictured on the cover sitting atop her MGA, which she had been able to ship to Moscow in February, 1959, at the beginning of her three-year stint as a UPI correspondent there […]. When I first wrote to Aline, I had a copy of her Nov. 15, 1959 report on Oswald (taken from the Warren volumes), which appeared in the FT. WORTH TELEGRAM […]. As to whether he might be faking his defection, Aline replied that she never suspected that was the case (of course, Oswald might have believed a woman would be easier to fool). She remarked that she 'still (had) the strong impression that he was not a very intelligent person (was) emotionally unbalanced, and wanted to be a "big shot". He acted as if the Russians would fall all over themselves to install him in some nice Moscow flat with a big car, etc. (He did not say that but gave that impression.) I quickly sized him up as a little nobody that the Russians would not be interested in. […]' […] It is interesting to note that all correspondents for both AP and UPI had to live in the same building where they worked, (No. 13 People's Street), including her boss, Robert Korengold (who also provided a report to the W.C.). I had asked Aline if Korengold might have had "intelligence" connections and in reply she stated: 'Bob Korengold was NOT a CIA agent in my view. A UPI correspondent working a 100-hour week seven days a week could hardly have time to spy! He now is minister in charge of public affairs (and press relations) at the U.S. Embassy in Paris.' I wasn't suggesting that he was a spy, but that he might have been a media asset to the CIA or the State Department, as many journalists at that time were (including Priscilla Johnson).[…] Despite the fact that Aline had interviewed Oswald before Priscilla, she was not questioned by the Warren Commission in person, but simply asked by phone to submit a report, which was buried in one of the volumes. […] Shortly after completing her book, Aline was transferred to Paris, and, according to her letter, 'The Warren Commission telephoned me about including my report' which she possibly had already written for possible publication; it was included as CE 1385. […] She went on to state that 'When I heard of the deal was going down, I was still with UPI… My reaction was that little mixed-up Oswald was still trying to be the Big Man. There never has been any evidence to my knowledge that he worked for either the USSR or USA as an agent, and I cannot imagine why either country would want to hire him. No real evidence has appeared to change the conclusion that he was a sole assassin' .


Moseley, Thomas: At the time of the assassination, undercover ATF (=Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) informant Thomas Moseley [no convenient biography] was in the process of reporting to the SS that on 21st November 1963 he had been negotiating an illegal arms deal with Cuban exile Homer Echevarria when the Cuban had told him that the deal would go ahead as soon as JFK had been "taken care" of. The SS passed this report on to the Warren Commission, who included it in their Appendices, but the FBI did not pursue the lead. Browse the ATF Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.
"He has no political judgement" (Nicolson, Diaries, 2nd November 1931)

Mosley, [Sir]1928 Oswald Ernald: [Read firstly the entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric, and take the online California F-Scale assessment ESSENTIAL CONTEXT.] British politician and closet authoritarian [Sir]1928 (as baronet) Oswald "Tom" Mosley [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career as Conservative Party (later Independent) M.P. for Harrow 1918-1924, followed by a drift leftward to become Labour Party M.P. for Smethwick 1926-1931, (b) for founding the New Party [see own entry] 1st March 1931, only to get a drubbing in the 27th October 1931 General Election (the party fielded 24 candidates, including Mosley himself and senior Versailles diplomat, now journalist, Harold Nicolson [see own entry], but failed to win a single seat [22 of the 24 lost their deposits - Ed.]) …

YouTube one of Mosley's election speeches here

... (c) for moving back to the right in January 1932, following a study trip to Rome with Nicolson to observe Mussolini's Fascisti at work ...

CAMEO - MOSLEY AND NICOLSON DO ROME: Here is part of Nicolson's recollection of the trip ...

"January 6, 1932, Rome: Spent most of the day reading fascisti pamphlets. They certainly have turned the whole country into an army. From cradle to grave one is cast in the mould of fascismo and there can be no escape. […] It is certainly a socialist experiment in that it destroys individuality. It destroys liberty. Once a person insists on how you are to think he immediately begins to insist on how you are to behave. […] [Mosley] cannot keep his mind off shock troops […]. He is a romantic. That is his greatest failing. [The next day:] [Mosley] off to Mussolini. He finds him affable, but unimpressive [and is advised] not to try the military stunt in England" (Nicolson, 2004, pp99-100).

... (d) for going on to become the best-known of all the British fascist politicians and activists during the 1930s ...

ASIDE - MOSLEY THE PRO-NAZI: As we have already explained in the entry for the Cliveden Set [see the entry for Nancy Astor and as thereafter directed], Adolf Hitler was quite a favourite of the Anglo-American Establishment for most of the 1930s, only finally falling from favour in around 1938.

STUDENT EXERCISE - MOSLEY ON THE CALIFORNIA F-SCALE: Read now the entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric, and the provenance of the psychometric test known as the California F-Scale. Alternatively just go straight to the relevant link ...

TEST YOURSELF NOW: How much of a fascist are you? Take an online derivative of the F Scale now - just click here. [RELAX, IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE FUN!]

As an exercise in self-knowledge and 1930s political understanding, readers should complete the self-test TWICE, once as themselves, and then again taking the part of Mosley. Note carefully the questions where you and Mosley agree, and those where you differ.

... (e) for being interned May 1940 as a security risk, and then released on medical grounds into house arrest in November 1943, (f) for an unsuccessful return to politics after the war, calling, for example, in a 1959 election campaign for the forced repatriation of Caribbean immigrants [the idea will be revisited by Home Secretary Priti Patel 2020-2021 - Ed.], and (g) for finally retiring in 1966. He died in 1980, aged 84.

***** "By Deception Thou Shalt Make War" *****

Mossad: [Hebrew = The Institute] Israel's National Intelligence Agency since 1949 [Wikipedia briefing], responsible for intelligence collection, covert operations, and counterterrorism, and thus the equivalent, give or take an Uzi or two, of America's CIA and Britain's MI6.

***** "By Deception Thou Shalt Make War" *****

Mossad Did It Theory of 9/11: This is one of the more intriguing of the 9/11 conspiracy theories. It states, in essence, that Israel prepared the Twin Towers for demolition months before the attacks proper, probably by infiltrating a special operations team into the program of artists' residencies offered by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) [see own entry]. They then flew remotely controlled drones into the buildings and masked the demolition charges in the ensuing fire and smoke.
This explanation has been consistently promoted in the writings of investigative journalist Christopher Bollyn, but gains considerable traction when considered alongside the much-less-circumstantial evidence that the famous 9/11 dust cloud contained tons of post-ignition residues of state-of-the-art nanothermitic demolition materials requiring weeks to put in place and quite unavailable to amateur terrorists. For a quick introduction to the case to answer check out Bollyn's own "Who Really Did 9/11?" or The Corbett Report's "9/11 Suspects" [Corbett is the more easily verifiable of the two - Ed.].

***** MORE TO THIS MAN THAN MEETS THE EYE *****
***** WINNER OF THE 1946 NOBEL PRIZE FOR ANTI-COMMUNISM *****

Mott, John Raleigh: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] American professional evangelist John R. Mott [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating in history from Cornell University in 1888, already heavily influenced by Arthur Pierson's [see own entry] slightly earlier Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions [see own entry USEFUL PRIOR CONTEXT] ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervent behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually they do come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short it is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing], and should be regarded as nothing short of emotional abuse. The questions then come thick and fast. Were such controlling personalities denied a fulfilling breast as infants, for example? Or cruelly beaten by a father, or themselves denied all sense of self-worth by a mother's unremitting put-downs? Did they see too many war films or browse into the wrong websites? Did they mix unwisely with people on the wrong side of the tracks? Are they narcissistic [Wikipedia briefing]? Anally retentive [Wikipedia briefing]? Overly impulsive [Wikipedia briefing]? Inherently sadistic [Wikipedia briefing]? Sociopathic [Wikipedia briefing]? Psychopathic [Wikipedia briefing]? Or are they just plain evil? Are their minds so shrivelled for want of genuine human warmth that they start out in life as arrogant little shits and go downhill from there? What, in other words, puts the meme into their heads that their present "convert" is just another notch to their pulpit? RECOMMENDED READING: Check out the Hare Psychopathy Checklist [Wikipedia briefing] for some of the answers, and - sadly - a shipload more questions.

... (b) for joining and quickly becoming Youth Secretary of the YMCA [see own entry NOT AS INNOCENT AS YOU MIGHT THINK] in 1888, and for then helping to found its subsidiary World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) [Wikipedia briefing] in 1895, (c) for working these early experiences into the 1900 book "The Evangelisation of the World in this Generation" [Amazon] and its 1906 follow-up "The Future Leadership of the Church" [Amazon], (d) for being further inspired by the preachings of Arthur Pierson [see own entry] and old-school China missionary William Ashmore [online biography] ...

ASIDE: Mott later summarised Ashmore's approach to religious conversion as follows ...

"He knew how to get hold of college men. I will tell you the way to do it, and that is to place something before them which is tremendously difficult. He presented missions as a war of conquest and not as a mere wrecking expedition. It appealed to the strong college athletes and other fine spirits of the colleges because of its difficulty. They wanted to hear more about it. The number of interviews greatly multiplied" (Mott, 1886, from the Wiki).

... (e) for thereby getting to preside in 1910 over the World Missionary Conference [Wikipedia briefing], Edinburgh, Scotland, (f) for taking the opportunity to tour Europe prior to returning home, and for then touring Asia, 1912-1913, promoting local missions in India, Indochina, China, Korea, and Japan, (g) for thereby being promoted General Secretary of the YMCA in 1915, serving as such through until 1931, (h) for continuing to liaise with various government agencies (and often with President Wilson himself) over how best to deliver YMCA support 1915-1917 to the armies of WW1 ally Tsarist Russia, (i) for thereby being headhunted a second time to be a member of the Special Diplomatic Mission of the United States to Russia, May-August, 1917, writing it all up in his "Recent Experiences and Impressions in Russia" [Amazon], (j) for liaising with Robert H. Gardner,
III (see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE) and Patriarch Vasily ["Tikhon of Moscow"] Bellavin (see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE) in and after 1919 to align the work of the Protestant missions with that of the Russian Orthodox church as it struggled to maintain a foothold against the Bolsheviks in White Russia, (k) for thereby getting sucked into the political maelstrom of the United States' involvement in the Russian Civil War, where relief missions - the "huts" - all too often became safe houses for special ops teams working undercover ...

Readers unfamiliar with the A.E.F.'s use of the YMCA and the Red Cross as cover organisations for field intelligence agents should see the entry for <Boris Pash> before proceeding.

Note especially the RESEARCH ISSUE therein!!

ASIDE: In a 2020 paper entitled "John R. Mott, the American YMCA, and Revolutionary Russia" [full text online FASCINATING STUFF], academic historian Matthew Lee Miller notes that Mott helped the YMCA "carry out a program of service among Russia's [= White Russian] military" (p80). Miller continues ...

"The participation of the YMCA in the Allied intervention was one of the most controversial aspects of the association’s work. US military intervention led to the end of YMCA work in territory controlled by the Soviet government. Intervention required the evacuation of the American embassy and all official representatives of the U.S. from Soviet Russia. The U.S. government could provide no protection, so virtually all Y staff members left Soviet-controlled territory. Therefore, the new focus of work became various Allied units and Russian civilians in northern Russia and Siberia. [...] The YMCA program of service to Allied soldiers began in Archangelsk during the first half of 1918. [...] Eventually, YMCA personnel included nearly a hundred American, Canadian, and British secretaries, plus Russian assistants. Four American Y secretaries were captured while working near the front with Allied soldiers. Two were released in Moscow with the help of the YMCA representative in Copenhagen, who travelled into the country to negotiate their release. In August 1919, the U.S. embassy instructed all Americans to withdraw, so the American YMCA program ended. [...] The association operated work for Allied troops in the Russian Far East and Siberia as well. By February 1919, five association huts were operating for Allied soldiers near Vladivostok. The program ended with the Soviet advances in fall 1919" (pp86-87).

... (l) for serving as chair of the WSCF 1920-1928, (m) for moving on to chair the International Missionary Council (IMC) [Wikipedia briefing] 1928-1941, (n) for war work 1941-1945 advising the State Department on how to assist the Red Army in its struggles against the Axis powers, (o) for the late-life 1944 work *"The Larger Evangelism"* [Amazon], and (p) for being honoured with a half share in the 1946 Nobel Peace Prize [Nobel citation]. He died in 1955, aged 89. FURTHER READING: For the specific detail see his own writings as linked above. For more concerning the weaponisation of tract and pulpit in general see Matthew Avery Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon]. The Miller paper is now available (same title) as a full length book [Amazon]. We also like Christopher Stroop's (2018) "A Christian Solution to International Tension" [full text online].

Mower, Dennis Patrick: [1945-2013][A.k.a. many aliases; criminal record 1964-1967][Read firstly the entry for the Turner Memorandum.] California-based right-wing activist cell leader, Lutheran and (alleged) Satanic Pastor, and likely Klansman Dennis Mower [Zodiac Suspects datasheet - FASCINATING] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being head of the Southern California chapter of the Minutemen, (b) for being mentioned very briefly by name 16th February 1968 in the Turner Memorandum ...

CAMEO - MOWER IN THE TURNER MEMORANDUM: Here is what the Turner Memorandum had to say about him ...

"Mrs Aydelotte said that a former Minuteman by the name of Dennis Mower [address given] was approached by [Edgar Eugene] Bradley in 1960 when Kennedy was a candidate and visited Los
Angeles on a campaign tour. She said that at this time Bradley had the blueprints and plans of the storm drain system of the Sears Department Store Complex and Shopping Center on Laurel Canyon Road [map] in Van Nuys, and that Bradley was trying to induce Mower to hide in part of this system and take a shot at Kennedy when he came by” (pp1-2).

FURTHER READING: There is a wealth of additional detail in a 1999 FOIA'd FBI dossier on Mower's part in the Southern California Freedom Councils - read it here STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

Moyers, William: White House press secretary Bill Moyers [Wikipedia biography] was the aide who passed on Nicholas Katzenbach's 25th November 1963 suggestions for an assassination cover-up to LBJ.

MPM Connect: See Timeline at 10th January 2023.


Mulkey, Charles: Dallas Morning News employee Charlie Mulkey [no convenient biography] was the colleague who went out with Jerry Coley at around 1130hr to get a good spot from which to spectate.

Mumford, Doris: 36-year-old Richardson woman Doris Mumford [no convenient biography] was only recognised as "Sunglasses Woman" in 1973? when her daughter recognised her in a snippet from one the 1963 spectator film clips which had been incorporated into the assassination scene of the 1973 movie "Executive Action" [YouTube it now (Mrs Mumford is at 3:01)]. She had been spectating from the north kerb of Elm Street level with target area, and then fell to the ground where she can still be seen some minutes later in the same state of distress. Sunglasses Woman had until then been mis-identified as Cheryl McKinnon.

Mumford, Pamela, and Winston, Patricia: Pamela Mumford [Warren Commission testimony] and Patricia Winston were Australian tourists engaged (until Monterey) in conversation by LHO on the Continental Trailways Bus 5133 trip to Mexico City, 26th September 1963. See the Warren Commission link above for what LHO told them he was up to.

Murchison, Clinton Williams, Sr.: Archetypical Texas oil baron and long term financial backer of LBJ Clint Murchison [Spartacus Educational biography] was accused in 1988 by Madeleine Brown of holding (in effect) a conspirators' celebration on the evening of 21st November 1963, at which those present included J. Edgar Hoover, Richard Nixon, H. L. Hunt, George Brown, and John J. McCloy. It has since been reliably established that he had long used the services of the Hotel del Charro, La Joya, CA, to entertain and reward influential people such as Nixon, Hoover, and mobster Carlos Marcello. Browse the Texas Oil Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Murdoch, [Sir] 1933 Keith Arthur ["Lord Southcliffe"]: Australian WW1 war correspondent and later newspaper proprietor Keith Murdoch [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having visited Britain in 1907-1909 complete with a letter of introduction from Australian Prime Minister Alfred Deakin, (b) for having returned to Australia in 1910, developing contacts with the new Prime Minister Andrew Fisher, (c) for being selected by Australia's United Cable Service in 1915 to represent them in London, (d) for stopping en route to check out conditions amongst the ANZAC troops in Egypt and Gallipoli, in which assignment he was assisted by a second prime ministerial letter of introduction, this time from Fisher, (e) for delivering a searing exposé of British command incompetence in the form of the Murdoch Affair [see 21st September 1915]. After the war Murdoch would go on to acquire the Melbourne Herald/Sydney Sun newspaper group during the 1920s, expanding it during the 1930s to create the News Limited [Wikipedia factsheet] radio and newspaper group. This period saw the open use of mass media to influence not just the Australian political process, but also - as the price of the group's endorsement - the shaping of party political manifestos
and agendas accordingly. Upon his death in 1952 control of his company passed to his son **K. Rupert Murdoch** [see own entry] who has successfully continued the family tradition.

1**ASIDE:** This nickname from the 1920s is, of course, intended to contrast him with another equally forthright newspaperman, **Lord Northcliffe** [<=8th July].

**Murdoch, Keith Rupert:** [See firstly the entry for **Keith Arthur Murdoch**, his father.] Australian-American media mogul **Rupert Murdoch** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for creating and figure-heading what is presently [April 2018] MSM "Big Six" player **21st Century Fox** [q.v.].

**Murgado, Angelo:** Cuban born **Angelo Murgado** [Spartacus Educational biography] emigrated to the U.S. in 1956, and played an active part in the expatriot anti-Castro movement in the early 1960s, being present as a **Brigade 2506** member during the 1961 **Bay of Pigs Invasion**. This work brought him to the attention of **Manuel Arteche**, then setting up Operation 40, and Murgado was given the task of monitoring pro-Castro groups in New Orleans for evidence of an operation in the opposite direction against JFK. As he conducted his enquiries in Summer 1963 he came across LHO's activities, only to be reassured that he was an undercover FBI informant [which reassurance was reportedly fed back to RFK]. He eventually met LHO in person on 25th September 1963, shortly before his (Oswald's) return to Dallas. Browse the **LHO's Movements 1963 Thread** to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Murphy, Audie Leon:** Much-decorated WW2 infantryman turned filmstar **Audie Murphy** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for the part he plays in the Gary Wean narrative [q.v.].

**Murphy, David Edmund:** See the entry for **Popov's Mole**.

**Murphy, Joseph:** Three-wheeler DPD motorcyclist [i.e., not motorcade escort - Ed.] **Joe Murphy** [no convenient biography] was one of three similar units securing the **Triple Overpass** area, having been instructed "to keep anyone and everyone off of the overpass and to keep traffic moving until the motorcade arrived". He was thus in close proximity to Officers **Earle Brown** [q.v.] and **James Lomax**. He would report that there were two uniformed policemen on the eastern overpass, together with 8-10 presumed railway employees. He heard the first shot - "it sounded like a shotgun" - followed by three further shots "more like a rifle". Murphy's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Murret, Charles ["Dutz"]:** New Orleans born some time boxer, shipping clerk, and bookmaker **Dutz Murret** [Spartacus Educational biography] was **Marguerite Oswald's** brother-in-law (and thus LHO's uncle), and loose associate of **Carlos Marcello**.

***** MUCH MORE TO OSWALD'S LECTURE 27TH JULY 1963 *****

***** THAN MEETS THE EYE *****

**Murret, Eugene:** American Roman Catholic priest **Gene Murret** [2021 Obituary] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as one of **Marilyn Murret's** [see own entry IMPORTANT IN HER OWN RIGHT] younger brothers, and by that token another of **Lee Harvey Oswald's** brother-in-law (and thus LHO's uncle), and loose associate of **Carlos Marcello**.

**CAMEO - OSWALD TALKS AT PRIESTS' SCHOOL:** The conference was to take place Saturday 27th July 1963 at the **Spring Hill Seminary** [Wikipedia briefing], where Murret was studying to become a priest, and the event might well have escaped historical scrutiny had Oswald's girlfriend **Judith Vary Baker** [see own entry PIVOTAL ASSASSINATION WITNESS] not passed on Oswald's experiences many decades later in Baker (op. cit. inf.). Here is how the matter was introduced ...
"Monday, July 8, 1963: [...] Lee said he had received a letter from his cousin Eugene Murret, who was studying to be a priest. [...] Over 50 young students and several college professors would be attending the day long seminar, which would focus on the issues of Communism and Marxism. Lee would speak in the evening on his experiences while living in the USSR. The lecture was scheduled to last about an hour and would be followed by questions from the audience. Because the invitation had come from his son, Uncle Dutz (= Eugene's father Charles Murret - see own entry) was quite supportive of Lee's participation and said he would drive his family there for the event. Lee said there was far more preparation behind this invitation than met the eye. He began to prepare not only for his lecture, but also to answer important questions behind the scenes. 'Why would the Jesuits be interested in Marxism?' I wondered. Lee explained the Jesuits' predicament. The order was traditionally very conservative, but the younger generation of missionaries working in places like Nicaragua preached a radical philosophy known as Liberation Theology [Wikipedia briefing], which supported Castro's Marxist-Leninist ideals. These Central American countries were ruled by right-wing oligarchs who were fanatically anti-Communist, and loyal Catholics. On the other hand, Castro's revolution in Cuba was pro-Communist, but anti-Catholic. The Jesuits were in an awkward position. Where should their loyalties lie? Should they promote or resist Marxism in Central and South America? Lee asked me to help him prepare his lecture, and mentioned that even Marina [see own entry THE WIFE IN ALL THIS] would be bringing some Russian music along for one of the Russian-speaking Jesuit priests” (Baker, op. cit. inf., k7768).

Baker was not there on the big day [she was the girlfriend, and Oswald would have his wife in tow - Ed.], but was fully appraised as to what went on when she and Lee met again over lunch on 29th July 1963 ...

Readers unfamiliar with the CIA's operations against the Nicaraguan left in this period should see this Wiki before proceeding.

"[Lee] immediately began by reporting on his adventures over the weekend at the Jesuit seminar. The Jesuits were concerned about problems emerging in Nicaragua [where the Sandinistas were taking up arms against Somoza's repressive government. An insurrection was starting, and the Jesuits were in the middle of it. I knew that Somoza was one of Ochsner's friends in Central America, so it was obvious what side he would be on. Lee then said that Bobby Kennedy had sent a Jesuit priest from Georgetown to the conference, and he had asked Lee questions about the training film. This same priest cautioned Lee that there were spies at the conference seeking information about Jesuit activities in Latin America. Both the CIA and the Mafia had asked Lee to advise the Jesuits not to support the Sandinista insurrection. Dr. Ochsner and Banister both wanted Lee to report about any comments the Jesuits might make” (k8500-8520).

Douglass (op. cit. inf.) provides an interesting parallel narrative ...

Readers unfamiliar with the Texas far-righter <General Edwin Walker> should see the separate entry before proceeding.

"[Oswald] listened intently [...] to Kennedy's speeches that summer, especially his July 26 address to the nation on the test-ban agreement [full transcript online]. [...] He told [Marina] 'some critics blamed Kennedy for 'losing' Cuba, whereas in fact the president' [...] was not free to do as he wished', as Oswald knew personally from seeing the CIA's marshalling of anti-Castro, anti-Kennedy sentiment among its paid Cuban exiles. On the night after he heard JFK warn the country of an inconceivable war, Oswald gave a talk of his own warning of an inconceivable danger within the country. [...] Thanks to the preservation of his handwritten notes [...] we know (at least to the extent that he followed his script) that he laid out there the danger to the country (which he served secretly as an intelligence agent) of its being overcome by a military coup. [...] He began: 'Americans are apt to scoff at the idea that a military coup in the U.S. [...] could ever replace our government' " (pp329-330).

"As soon as Jesuit scholastic Robert J. Fitzpatrick [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] of Spring Hill College heard that Oswald had been arrested as a suspect in President Kennedy's assassination, he obtained the written impressions of his fellow Jesuit seminarians who had attended Oswald's July 27 talk. He then typed up a five-page summary of Oswald's speech, as the seminarians recalled it" (p476).

Fitzpatrick's notes of Oswald's talk as delivered are archived as Warren Commission Exhibit 2649 [full text online]. His personal testimony is Exhibit 2678 [full text online]. Oswald's script, such as it was, is archived as Warren Commission Exhibit 102 [full text online VERY VERY INTERESTING].

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have been unable to determine how many of the 60 or so in attendance contributed to the "written impressions" above [potentially only three or four!! - Ed.], or whether any of them (contributing or otherwise) published their individual recollections, either at the time or since. We also wonder whether any audio or video record of the session was taken, given that Oswald went on both only a fortnight later when handing out leaflets in New Orleans. **FURTHER READING:** In

***** MUCH MORE TO THIS LADY THAN MEETS THE EYE *****

"He was just a darling child, (herself, of Lee Harvey Oswald)

"Teaching was a means of placing agents in third-world countries" (Herbst, 2021b, p.69)

EDITORIAL NOTE: This entry is presented in publication date sequence, not by date of occurrence. It may therefore be necessary to read through the material a couple of times to align the chronology of the original events with that of the revelations of those events.

Murret, Marilyn Dorothea: Never-fully-explained globe-trotter (and Lee Harvey Oswald's ten-years-older first cousin) Marilyn Murret [2020 Obituary] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being generally ignored by the assassination literature (at least until quite recently), despite a rather substantial early mention ...

CAMEO - MURRET'S EARLY MENTION: Murret's break into the assassination literature came in the "Allen-Scott" Article, a suspiciously well-informed 25th May 1964 syndicated piece by intelligence commentators Robert S. Allen [Wikipedia biography HELLUVA TALE IF YOU HAVE FIVE SPARE MINUTES] and Paul Scott [see own entry] entitled "U.S. to Launch Intensive World-Wide 'Man-Hunts' " [CIA archives full text online WORTH A LOOK]. This article takes her from total obscurity to "most wanted" criminal status in about six column inches of tabloid revelation. We have already transcribed much of the piece in the entry for the aforementioned Paul Scott, but to save tiresome cross-browsing, here - for readers needing just a quickie - are the key assertions made therein ...

... secret information is being gathered on 137 U.S. defectors [...] to determine how many of these defectors have been permitted to return to the U.S. [and also] how many might be potential Lee Harvey Oswalds [...]. [... The list] contains the names of the ten 'most wanted' [+++ first three names discussed, all men +++]. Others on the 'most wanted' list are [two men's names], Robert E. Webster [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE], [man's name], Marilyn Dorothea Murret, [two more women's names]. [+++ details given concerning three of those named (but not Murret) +++] Information on most of the other defectors is sketchy and incomplete."

In other words, Murret became overnight one of the nation's three "most wanted women", despite having (as far as we can establish) broken no law.

... (b) for giving testimony as a grieving relative 6th April 1964 to the 1964 Warren Commission [transcript online INTERESTING ENOUGH; describes herself as a science teacher; no mention of Braniff Airlines job despite ample opportunit] ...

***** THE PLOT THICKENS *****

... (c) for having reportedly been in Mexico around the time of Oswald's Mexico City Adventure [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL PARALLEL NARRATIVE] (Garrison, 1970) ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: One of the more surprising revelations to come out of Oswald's Mexico City Adventure was the fact that Quaker hostels in that city had been infiltrated by U.S. intelligence services, thereby supporting operatives on-mission with tactical back-up and/or safe houses. This, it would later emerge, had been standard U.S. intelligence service practice going back at least 46 years ...

Readers unfamiliar with Allen Dulles' four-war-long Operation PASTOR should skim not just that separate entry but also the one for <Stewart W. Herman> before proceeding.

Evica (op.cit. inf.) summarises Dulles' modus operandi in using churches as espionage assets as follows ...

"Through two World Wars and the ensuing Cold War [Evica does not count the Russian Civil War as Dulles' fourth war, whereas we most assuredly do - Ed.], Allen Dulles manipulated key religious individuals and groups to achieve the economic and political goals of U.S. intelligence and the American Establishment. [...] Provocatively, but referring only to links between the Catholic Church in Latin America and the CIA, John D. Marks [Wikipedia biography] reported that at least 30 percent of the clergy he interviewed [...] were aware of an Agency-Church 'connection' " (k2043).

EDITORIAL NOTE, WW1: At this juncture, Evica explains how Dulles began to build his Europe-wide network of agents "early in 1917" (k2060). We have, however, told this story in
considerable detail in the companion *Timeline* [see the entry for 8th April 1917, then as threaded], to which reference may be made, if interested.

**EDITORIAL NOTE, WW2**: Evica then tells how Dulles and one Emmy Rado conspired in 1944 to recruit German Catholics and Protestants in the intelligence war against Hitler. We have, however, told this story in considerable detail in the aforementioned entry for *Stewart W. Herman*, to which reference may be made, if interested.

"On January 22, 1946, the president [= Truman] issued his *Directive on Coordination of Foreign Intelligence Activities* [...]. Led by a 'director of central intelligence' [...] was the *Central Intelligence Group (CIG)* [...]. The CIG [...] quickly followed the game plans of World Wars I and II, by tapping religious individuals and groups: *CIG Directive 15* [no convenient briefing], besides targeting business, scientific, and educational groups, established 'Exploitation of American ... Religious Organisations with Connections Abroad ... as Sources of Foreign Intelligence Information' [...] The unit charged with implementing [this] was the CIG's *Domestic Contacts Service* [which soon] became the Agency's *Domestic Contacts Division* [Mary Ferrell Database briefing]. The Dallas office was headed by J. Walton Moore [see own entry], an associate of Baron *George de Mohrenschildt* [see own entry *ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL*]. Lee Harvey Oswald's odd friend in the Fort Worth/Dallas circle of anti-Communist Russians. [...] *Directive No.15*, the Agency's *carte blanche* licence to penetrate and exploit any religious organisation it pleased, remained in operation, skewing elections in Europe and controlling missionaries and Catholic service groups in Central and South America" (k2704-2739).

The situation specifically with the Quakers has already been addressed elsewhere - see the entries for *Herbert Field, Paul H. Douglas*, and *George Evica*, and consult Bill Kelly's (2002) "Philadelphia Quakers - With Oswald in Mexico City" [full text online REVELATORY].

... (d) for testifying to the 1977-1978 HSCA Inquiry ...

**CAMEO - MURRET'S HSسة STATEMENT**: We have only been able to inspect what purports to be pages 17 and 19 of a 23-page statement, as photographically reproduced in Hill. The statement was taken by the select committee's Deputy Chief Counsel *Gary Cornwell* [Spartacus Educational biography], but not until HSCA had written to the CIA for permission to do so. The questioning quite reasonably extended to the aforementioned Allen-Scott article, whereupon Murret stated that she had "never heard of them" (p17). When Cornwell explained what that article had alleged, she described the proposal as "obviously garbage" (p19). When asked what subject it was that she taught, she replied "U.S. history" (idem.). At time of writing [=June 2022] the transcript of Murret's statement does not appear to have been made available online.

***** SECOND GENERATION INTEREST IN THE MURRET STORY *****

... (e) for remaining out of the limelight until the 1990s brought us *Oliver Stone's "JFK"*, the *Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992* [Wikipedia briefing], the *Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB)* [Wikipedia briefing], and the resulting deluge of released government documents ... 

**CAMEO - MURRET AND THE OSWALD DEFECTION**: In 1998, the highly respected assassination writer *Anthony Summers* [see own entry] incorporated documents released in 1994 into the 1998 revision of his (originally 1980) Summers (op. cit. inf.). *He only says a little about Murret, but the insinuations are quite significant.* Specifically, he takes us back to 1960, and to Oswald's time as faux defector in the Soviet Union, thus ... 

"... evidence may suggest that someone in the United States, identity unknown, was in touch with Oswald while he was in the Soviet Union. One of his Minsk girlfriends, *Ella German* [see own entry *HELPFUL PARALLEL NARRATIVE*], recalled him having said in 1960 that he had been getting letters from 'a cousin', who had sent him books." ...

**ASIDE - OTTENDORF CIPHERS**: An *Ottendorf Cipher* [Wikipedia briefing] is a cryptographic technique predicated upon two parties having access to an identical book, such as a Bible, a popular romance, a train timetable, or similar, so that counted-off letters or words on counted-off lines or pages are common to both - *YouTube Tutorial* [GREAT FUN].

... "There was a cousin, *Marilyn Murret*, who was to be quoted in a 1964 newspaper as saying she knew in advance about Oswald's trip to Europe, Ernst Titovets" [no convenient biography, but see his (2010) "Oswald: Russian Episode" - Amazon] [...] kept two books Oswald had given him - as a farewell gift before leaving for home in 1962 - which he [= Oswald] said had been mailed to him by someone in the United States. The books were *The Power of Positive Thinking*, by Normal Vincent Peale, and *As a Man Thinketh*, by James Allen. Both had been inscribed on the flyleaf in longhand, but Oswald snipped out the inscriptions with a razor blade before giving the books to Titovets" (p497).
Oswald, it seems, may have had a minder while behind the Iron Curtain - his own cousin.

Summers then lists the following documents concerning Murret. We have followed his text precisely, but have added line breaks and colour highlighting to emphasise individual documents. Robert C. Buras, Jr. [no online profile] is one of a small number of New Orleans police officers drafted in to assist HSCA with its Louisiana interviews, the FBI Director is J. Edgar Hoover, J. Lee Rankin [see own entry] is Chief Counsel to the Warren Commission, John Pic is Oswald's half-brother and features in item (h) below, and Paul Scott is the journalist featuring in items (a) above and (g) below ...

"Murret:

HSCA records on Marilyn Murret, released 1994, including
January 16, 1978, report of Robert Buras, and
transcript of the November 6, 1978, Murret deposition for HSCA;
also FBI documents, including
letter from Director to J. Lee Rankin of May 19, 1964.
Justice Department summary of May 7 and 22, 1964:
Department of the Air Force report of contact with John Pic, dated [month unclear] 16, 1962;
Warren Commission testimony of Murret, May 6, 1964; and
syndicated column of Paul Scott, as published in the Knoxville [Tennessee] Journal, April 11, 1977
" (p497).

***** THIRD GENERATION INTEREST IN THE MURRET STORY *****

... (f) for being mentioned in 2012 in the context of an eventually aborted 1966 coup in Haiti ...

CAMEO - MURRETT AND THE MASFERRER HAITI COUP: We refer here to 1966’s Operation NASSAU [YouTube briefing], the attempt to set up a CIA/Cuban exile base on Haiti from which to springboard hit-and-run attacks against Castro’s Cuba. This story was retrieved from the cold case files in 2012 by Mellen (op. cit. inf.), as follows ...

"Masferrer […] had first begun plans to invade Haiti in 1963 […] operating out of an office at 345 West 45th Street in New York City. […] It wasn’t until late 1966 that Masferrer was able to assemble a paramilitary force to invade Haiti. [+++ more background +++] According to CIA documents from the early 1950s, Masferrer had been both a ‘covert’ CIA asset and an ‘overt’ one. In a November 1, 1967, Memorandum […] CIA General Counsel Lawrence Houston [no convenient biography but a great deal to reward the determined browser] admitted that Masferrer’s association with the CIA began ‘in the late forties’ [but] was ‘cut off completely in the early 1950s’. […] In truth, records reveal that well into the fifties Masferrer was receiving money from the CIA in $5000 increments. He invested this in his own name [which] might be seen as embezzling, except that CIA itself operated entirely outside the rule of law. Masferrer was [simply another] they couldn’t control. [+++ ringleaders introduced +++] As this joint Cuban-Haitian operation was being assembled, equipment for the invasion was stored at a farm in the U.S. run by Cuban exile Manuel Artine [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE]. A CIA media asset named Andrew St. George [Spartacus Educational biography AN INTERESTING CHARACTER] […] sold the project as a documentary to CBS for $200,000. [+++ more background +++] Late in the year 1966, Lee Harvey Oswald's cousin, Marilyn Murret, made plans to travel to Haiti and Santo Domingo for a 'vacation'. Frances G. Knight [1999 NYT Obituary], director of the Passport Office in Washington, DC, wrote to CIA's Deputy Director for Plans (= Desmond Fitzgerald (see own entry)) requesting 'any information of a security nature [...] concerning the individual'. [...] That Knight should have consulted the head of CIA’s clandestine services about Murret suggests, at the very least, that Oswald's cousin was a person of interest to CIA" (k3064-3123).

Regrettably, Mellen makes no further mentions of Murret. Readers who (having got this far) would like to know what happened next in Haiti should see the entries for Masferrer, Eladio del Valle, and George de Mohrenschildt, and then finish off with the “Bay of Piglets” CAMEO in the entry for Mitchell WerBell.

... (g) for being linked in 2018 to high profile left-winger Harold R. Isaacs [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE] ...

CAMEO AND RESEARCH ISSUE - MURRET AND HAROLD ISAACS: This angle to the Murret story was picked up in 2018 by Bartholomew (op. cit. inf.), who takes us back to a 7th May 1964 FBI report tucked
deeply away in the Warren Commission Report as Commission Document 942 [Mary Ferrell Foundation archive copy (4 pages) FASCINATING STUFF]. This document records the FBI investigation of the aforementioned journalist Paul Scott, and is clear evidence that during the early months of the Inquiry the Bureau had been VERY interested in the allegations Scott made against Murret in the original Allen-Scott Article. Specifically, the document referred to Murret as somehow associated with MIT academic Harold Isaacs, who was probably nowhere near as leftist as he and the media liked to make out. Here is how Bartholomew tells it...

Readers unfamiliar with the FBI's COINTELPRO program for proactively detecting left-wing sympathisers by creating seemingly left-wing entrapment organisations should check out the entry for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) before proceeding.

"Warren Commission Document 942 says that it had been alleged that Marilyn Dorothea Murret (Oswald's cousin) was linked in some manner with the apparatus of Professor Harold Isaacs. [...] This document describes Isaacs as a disillusioned leftist intellectual who had become a professional anti-communist [...] It had been classified by the Warren Commission as a withheld file [...] and would probably still be secret if an assassination researcher had not discovered it mis-filed in the National Archives in the mid-1970s. The report was the result, no doubt, of Isaac's name being linked to the JFK assassination by two sources in 1964. One [...] was a right-wing reporter named Paul Scott who was convinced that Isaacs was a [...] mastermind of the communist movement [...] [...] who was being supported in his efforts by members of Johnson's cabinet, including Rusk, McNamara, Rostow, Cleveland, and Yarmolinsky. He also accused Robert Kennedy of hiring a Communist speech writer, and linked Rusk to the British spies, Burgess and MacLean. In addition, he indicated that reliable sources had linked Prof. Isaacs and Marilyn Murret [...] The FBI prepared a report on Murret also dated May 7, outlining her extensive travels around the world beginning in 1959, and also drew up a report on Isaacs dated May 22, entitled 'Re: Marilyn Dorothea Murret', although no connection between the two was established" (k3162-3207).

Incidentally, it was Document 942 which had Murret listing her occupation back in 1954 as "Reservations Agent, Braniff Airways". A second Warren Commission Document - Document 1080 - is an FBI report which despite being entitled ‘Marilyn Dorothea Murret’ is entirely about Isaacs' background and contains no mention of Murret.

... and (h) for finally having many of the above threads sorted and summarised in 2019 in Hill (op. cit. inf.), thus ...

"Mystery seems to have run in Oswald's family. His cousin, Marilyn Murret, led a bizarre lifestyle as a freelance teacher who travelled the world. [...] She was born July 14, 1929 [hence ten years three months older than Oswald - Ed.], to Charles Ferdinand "Dutz" Murret [see own entry CONTEXTUAL] and Lillian Sophie Claverie [see own entry]. Lillian was Marguerite Claverie Oswald's [see own entry CONTEXTUAL] sister and Lee's aunt. When Oswald was a child he lived with the Murret family and Dutz was his surrogate father. [...] Dutz was an illegal bookmaker who had ties to New Orleans organised crime leader Sam Saia [see own entry CONTEXTUAL]. Saia in turn was very close to crime boss Carlos Marcello [see own entry MAJOR PLAYER IN THE-MOB-DID-IT THEORY OF THE ASSASSINATION]. [...] Marilyn attended Loyola University, LSU, Duke, The University of California, the Sorbonne, The University of Madrid, St. Louis University, and finally Tulane, where she earned her B.A. degree. It appears that she went to all these schools to get one degree. Strange indeed. [...] Marilyn began her travels by applying for a U.S. passport on July 7, 1954, and departed for Europe listing her employment as a teacher. [...] She listed both her parents' birth dates incorrectly. Oswald did the same thing on his passport application. [...] On April 22, 1958, she applied for a second passport, again listing her parents' birth dates incorrectly, and travelled to New Zealand, Australia, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malay, and finally arrived in Japan in September of 1959, where she spent the next six and a half months." ... 

INTERRUPT: Released government papers give the number of her 1958 passport as 789007 and record her as a teacher planning to depart NYC 5th June 1958 "for purposes of vacation and to attend a summer session at the University of Madrid". On 14th March 1960, she renewed the passport at the American Consulate in Tokyo, listing her purpose of travel as "tourist". The quotation now continues without break ...

... "In February 1961, she spent 9 months in India, followed by trips to Karachi, Pakistan, in April 1962, the Holy Land, Beirut, Cyprus, and throughout Europe. All this on a 1950s teacher's salary? Like her cousin Lee, she seemed, to be able to travel the world with little or no financial support. John Pic [Warren Commission testimony], Oswald's half-brother, was stationed [...] in Japan at a time that coincided with Murret's Japanese sojourn. In late October [= 1959] she contacted him and he invited her to visit him the following weekend. During their conversation, Pic relates, she said 'Do you know that Lee is in Europe?' [...] T]he only Sunday that Marilyn Murret could have visited Pic and his family was on Nov. 1, before Oswald's 'defection' was made public in Japan. [...] When questioned about this by Warren Commission attorney Liebeler [see own entry], she
denied bringing the subject up with John and explained that Pic’s wife had told her. In 1975, William Gaudet [see own entry KNOWN CIA ASSET] [...] told attorney Bernard Fensterwald [Spartacus Educational biography] that Marilyn Dorothea Murret may have worked for the CIA in New Orleans. He should know, since he did. [...] If Murret was not employed by the CIA, why then in 1978 did the HSCA write to the CIA to ask permission to question her?” (Hill, op. cit. inf., pp95-96).

Murret died in 2020, aged 91, and her obituaries indicate that she had continued her travels through until the 1990s, thus ...

"... After college, Marilyn was employed by Braniff Airlines, where she got a taste of air travel. She continued her travels worldwide over the next 40 years. She enjoyed dancing, taking ballet lessons and attending opera and theatre. She studied ballet in Aspen and attended several Russian ballets in St. Petersburg, Russia along with a ballet group ...” (source).

ASIDE: Soviet-era Leningrad was not renamed St. Petersburg until 1991, which may help date the above visit/s. Certainly, no visits to Russia (Leningrad or otherwise) are recorded in the FBI and other reports detailed earlier.

So the questions at hand are these: Was Marilyn Murret an independent spirit with itchy feet, or simply a clerk in the airline industry? Was there perhaps a rich boyfriend? Or was she indeed, as Allen and Scott said right from the outset, a defector? The evidence is patchy and inconsistent. For example, only the FBI and the obituary mention the Braniff job, boyfriends get no mention in any of the sourceworks, and she would have made a poor defector because she appears to have had nothing of great value to defect with. Which leaves only the recurring suspicion that she was just a CIA roving reporter, a travelling patriot who was not averse to keeping her eyes open as she taught school in this or that geopolitical hotspot. This would explain why – when Allen and Scott outed her – it was THEY and NOT HER who got the flak.

Before proceeding, note the following dates of Oswald's U.S.M.C. service ...
12th September 1957 - first arrives Japan
31st December 1957 for five or six weeks - detached duty Subic Bay, Philippines
2nd November 1958 - finally leaves Japan

Note also the following dates of Oswald's "defection" ...
20th September 1959 - sails from New Orleans en route to defect
16th October 1959 - arrives Moscow
13th January 1960 - takes job at Minsk
13th February 1961 - announces desire to return to U.S.
13th June 1962 - disembarks Hoboken

Of course if Murret WAS a CIA asset, it raises the intriguing possibility that her path had crossed with kid cousin Lee during his 13 months at Atsugi Naval Air Station [see own entry]; specifically, at some time in 1958, when she lists as being in "the Philippines" and he (more specifically) was at Subic Bay [see Timeline 20th November 1957 and 24th March 1958]. The point here is that Oswald is known (1) to have been a U-2 radar operator at Atsugi, complete with the appropriate security rating, and (2) to have been sheep-dipped by base security for undercover forays into the bars and brothels outside the perimeter, searching out likely Soviet agents [see Timeline 12th September 1957 then as directed]. Were they, indeed, a team of some sort? Was she even one of his handlers? Further document releases may one day resolve the issue. FURTHER READING: In order of mention see Gary Hill’s (2019) "The Other Oswald: A Wilderness of Mirrors" [Amazon RECOMMENDED], Jim Garrison’s (1970) "Heritage of Stone" [Amazon], George Evica’s (2006/2011) "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon], Anthony Summers’ (1980, 1981, 1989, 1998, 2013) "Not in Your Lifetime: The Assassination of JFK" [Amazon], Joan Mellen’s (2012) "Our Man in Haiti: George de Mohrenschildt and the CIA in the Nightmare Republic" [Amazon], and Richard Bartholomew’s (2018) "The Deep State in the Heart of Texas: The Texas Connections to the Kennedy Assassination" [Amazon]. The Mary Ferrell Foundation entry offers photo-reproductions of several dozen declassified government documents of relevance, if interested.
Mustaravim: [Read firstly the entry for False Flags, Poor Lulus, and Other Operational Entrapments.] We came across this term in the Twittersphere on 16th August 2022, in the context of Israeli special forces operatives allegedly specialised in false flagging Palestinians to justify Israeli retaliation. The word seems to be a garbling of Mista'arvim [Wikipedia briefing], a counter-terrorism unit of the Israeli armed forces. One hell of a world we live in.

Nachtingall Battalion: [German = “Nightingale Battalion”] Formally established on 25th February 1941, the Nachtigall Battalion [Wikipedia briefing ESSENTIAL READING] was an opportunity for Galician Ukrainians in exile at that time in Nazi-occupied Poland to fight in Nazi uniform in the forthcoming invasion of Russia, and thereby (from their perspective) help liberate their homeland ...

Readers unfamiliar with the tortuous history of <Galicia> should see the QUICKIE on both the land and its capital <Lviv> in the entry for <Ivan Hrynokh>.  

FAIR WARNING - STRAIGHTFORWARD IT IS NOT  

********** STOP PRESS (MAY 2023) **********  

Russian KINZHAL missiles reportedly destroyed a NATO command post in Lviv in April 2023.  
(told you it was complicated)  

Readers interested in <Ukrainian Nazi Collaboration> per se should start with the entry for <Operation KEELHAUL> and follow the threading provided.  

FAIR WARNING - STRAIGHTFORWARD THIS TOO IS NOT  

The Nightingales were attached to Lehrregiment Brandenburg [Wikipedia briefing] at the time of the Operation BARBAROSSA invasion, and the battalion was noteworthy in the present context (a) for having the aforementioned Ivan Hrynokh as unit chaplain, (b) for helping to liberate [from their perspective, remember - Ed.] Lviv on 29th June 1941, (c) for the celebratory extermination of as many as 4000 Jews the following week, and (d) for passing on its name in some secret society fashion to Operation NIGHTINGALE [see LOOSE END below] in around 1946-1947. The unit was disbanded in October 1941 and its complement was reassigned to similar collaborating units [14 men are reported to have joined the even more notorious 14th SS Grenadier Division (SS-Galizien), much more on which in the KEELHAUL entry - Ed.]. FURTHER READING: The main contextualising readings are in the linked entries, which see. For the battalion’s final memoir see Myroslaw Kalba’s (1995/2019) "Nachtigall - The Ukrainian Battalion in the Wehrmacht: Recollections and Reflections of the Last Surviving Member” [Amazon INTERESTING; heavily promoted in Detroit for some reason - see flyer].  

**** END OF ENTRY ****  

BUT HOW ABOUT THIS FOR A CONSPIRATORIAL LOOSE END .....  

On 22nd May 1949 the recently dismissed U.S. Secretary of Defense James Forrestal [see own entry ESSENTIAL PARALLEL NARRATIVE], under treatment at the time for depression, sat in his 16th floor room in Bethesda Naval Medical Center in the still of night and copied out half a page of Greek poetry [reproduced in his Wiki]. Halfway through the piece he stopped, and then [or perhaps some time afterward, for nobody knows - Ed.] he went to the window and threw himself to his death. The last seven words he wrote in this life were: "Of the lone bird, the querulous nightingale" ...

EDITORIAL NOTE: The piece in question was the CHORUS from Sophocles' play Ajax, just prior to the hero falling on his sword - hence a perfectly fitting suicide note. However, there were still 17 lines to go before the entry of the king, so why not do the job properly. Why stop at all, and why at the word nightingale, the national bird of Ukraine?  

Now the unexpected death of anyone in the military-industrial complex, especially on the intelligence side of things, especially at high security clearance, and especially if there is something strange about it, always demands thorough investigation. And this one is higher and stranger than most, thanks to the mysterious choice of the word "ninghtingale" to end your life with. For Forrestal had been Secretary of Defense in the formative exchanges of the Cold War, when the United States had - under the codename Operation NIGHTINGALE [no convenient briefing] - been busily grooming the Ukrainian right - including Nachtigall Battalion veterans - to carry out propaganda and fifth column activism behind the Iron Curtain. Operation NIGHTINGALE, in other words, was one of the Deep State offensives
Forrestal had been helping to administer, and the possibility is that he was being asked to go further than he - even as a committed anti-Communist - was willing to go ... 

**CAMEO - OPERATION NIGHTINGALE:** There is infuriatingly little archive material available on black ops in the late 1940s prior to the birth of the CIA [the CIA have always kept good records, they just don't like releasing them - Ed.], and the paper trail of fifth column activity in the Ukraine really only begins in the early 1950s with Operation AERODYNAMIC [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE]. More recently, however, interest in the earlier operation has been picking up. Firstly, no less an authority than "JFK" film-maker Oliver Stone, working with university historian Peter Kuznick [academic homepage], exposed the project in a TV documentary episode entitled "The Cold War: Truman, Wallace, Stalin, Churchill, and the Bomb" (being part four in the ten-part series "The Untold History of the United States"). This from the supporting book [Amazon] ... 

"In the summer of 1948, following the Czechoslovakian coup, Truman approved a dramatic escalation of global covert action to include guerrilla operations in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. One project in Ukraine created a guerrilla army codenamed Nightingale, which had originally been set up by the Nazis in 1941, made up of ultranationalist Ukrainians. [...] Beginning in 1949, for five years the CIA parachuted Ukrainian infiltrators back into the region" (p167). 

**YouTube introducing the documentary series** (54 mins.) 

VERY SCHOLARLY AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Then we have (another academic historian) Erin E. Redihan's (2017) book "The Olympics and the Cold War" [Amazon], which informs us as follows ...

"Though it was not public at the time, American spies stationed behind the Iron Curtain sought to capitalise on anti-Moscow sentiment. The forerunners to the Central Intelligence Agency had been building their presence in Ukraine since the end of World War II [...]. First using solely American spies and later looking to employ local dissenters, American intelligence officials formed several working groups that aimed to exploit this sense of unrest with the hope of fomenting a large-scale resistance movement that could present a serious threat to Moscow. Immediately after the war ended, the Strategic Services Unit (SSU) [Wikipedia briefing], a CIA precursor, began collaborating with former Nazi sympathisers in Germany and Ukraine to capitalise on their anti-Stalin sentiment in a project termed Operation Nightingale. Early failures and a number of agent defections soured Washington on the utility of the project. The State Department called for a halt to all collaboration with Ukrainians in 1947 [(Ruffner, 2014 [full text online])]" (pp127-128; the closing citation is from later in the work). 

And finally, in 2019 (but see RESEARCH ISSUE #2 below), we have the aforementioned Kalba tying it all directly to Secretary of Defense Forrestal as follows ...

"Is the history of the Nachtigall Battalion still relevant today? A 2015 television documentary produced by Hollywood director Oliver Stone clearly underscores this relevance. Stone's documentary, entitled 'The Untold History of the U.S.' purports to present unknown historical facts. In Episode 4, entitled 'The Cold War: Truman, Wallace, Stalin, Churchill, and the Bomb', Stone portrays President Harry Truman as a 'warmonger'. [+++ briefly off-topic +++] James Forrestal, then Secretary of Defense, is portrayed as a paranoid maniac. He, along with the CIA, was instrumental in organising émigré Ukrainians into a military unit under the codename Nachtigall. They were to be used for the purpose of parachuting diversionary forces into the Soviet Union. Mr. Stone went on to claim that the codename Nachtigall was chosen by Forrestal to honour the Nachtigall Battalion of 1941" (p171).

**RESEARCH ISSUE #1:** Given all the smoke it would be nice to know (as fire) what it was about this op which Forrestal so pushed back against (1) that it got him dismissed, (2) that it got him chemically lobotomised by the military psychiatrists into whose care he then went, and (3) that it EITHER drove him to suicide OR prompted persons unknown to commission his professional silencing.

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by <Victoria ["Potty Mouth"] Nuland> in project managing the CIA-orchestrated 2014 <Maidan Coup> should see her entry before proceeding DEEPLY REVELATORY.

**RESEARCH ISSUE #2:** The Kalba book had been available in Polish since 1995 [pdf offered not tested], and the 2019 English version includes a tribute by the author dated 2012, thanking his translator J. M. Berezowsky [nothing known] and seven others named for their assistance. Kalba, however, died in 2013 [Wikipedia biography], and so we presume that the reference to Oliver Stone's 2015 documentary was
inserted by Berezowsky. It would therefore be nice to know whether any of the costs were picked up by the State Department as part of Victoria Nuland's [see own entry] latest anti-Moscow warmongering.

"Well, they're watching Oswald like a hawk, and this guy Nagell is the guy who's doing it" (Jim Southwood, 1962, quoted in Russell, 1992, p457)

Nagell, Richard Case: Korean War veteran (U.S. Army) turned counter-intelligence officer and some time CIA operative Richard Nagell [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an impressive career in Korea, where he excelled as lieutenant in command of a rifle platoon, (b) for graduating 12th August 1955 from the Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) School at Fort Holabird, Maryland, later recalling as follows ...

"We opened the mail of civilians with a postal inspector standing right next to us" (quoted in Twyman, 1997, K15515).

RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked elsewhere on the rather mysterious Dallas postal inspector, Harry Dean Holmes [see own entry - VERY IMPORTANT], who not only oversaw LHO's mail order rifle delivery but was one of the last to interview him, and for nigh on two hours. The interview finished a mere eleven minutes before Jack Ruby silenced LHO's debriefing for ever. The precise nature of the relationship between the U.S. Mail and military intelligence therefore sorely needs to be documented.

(c) for being posted 5th May 1956 to what had (until his retirement) been General Charles Willoughby's brainchild Field Operations Intelligence (FOI) [no convenient briefing] in the Far East, (d) for claiming to have worked on parallel assignments with LHO centred on Tokyo's Queen Bee nightclub in "late 1957 or early 1958", (e) for retiring from the Army in 1959 to become an agent for the California affiliated office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) ...

ASIDE: In 1959 this agency would have been known as the Alcohol Tax Unit (ATU), an enforcement arm of the Department of the Treasury. The ATF/ATU is part of the assassination story because it was involved in an on-going federal crack-down on gun-runners like Jack Ruby, the Cuban exile community, and (Wanna used Mannlicher, John) Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc. (La Fontaine and La Fontaine, 1996). See, as an example, the entry for ATF investigator Frank Ellsworth - IMPORTANT.

(f) for then being contracted by the CIA's Director of Domestic Operations Tracy Barnes [see own entry] to investigate the Cuban exile community in the southern States, looking particularly (he claims) for the risk of backlash against JFK for his not being sufficiently supportive during the Bay of Pigs Invasion ...

ASIDE: These duties required him to monitor the activities of anti-Castro Cuban groups such as Alpha-66 [see own entry].

(g) for being further contracted by the CIA during summer 1963 to check up on Marina Oswald's reported desire to return to the Soviet Union, and LHO's involvement with the FPCC; and for then conducting an unspecified operation in Mexico City in mid-September 1963, during which he seems to have learned something that gave him the proper wind up ...

ASIDE: During these activities Nagell potentially learned of a plot not just to assassinate JFK, but to do it under the false flag of a simulated pro-Castro operation (the same as would later feature in Gary Wean's 1987 book "There's a Fish in the Courthouse"). He may also have concluded that he was being cultivated as a Patsy. Note that LHO's famous week in Mexico City lasted from 25th September to 3rd October, by which time Nagell was in jail in El Paso [see below].

(h) for self-reportedly sending a letter 13th September 1963 to J. Edgar Hoover warning of an assassination plot, (i) for faking a bank robbery in El Paso TX 20th September 1963 [as soon as he got back across the border from Mexico - Ed.], thus giving himself a perfect can't-Patsy-me alibi for the period of the Assassination ...
RESEARCH ISSUE: In his possession at the time of his arrest (and yet to be satisfactorily explained) was a copy of LHO's Department of Defence DD1173 ID Card N4,271,617, identical in most respects - name, number, date of birth, etc. - but with a different picture, the signature "Lee H. Oswald" in a different handwriting, and lacking the two official over-frankings.

(j) (when he got out of jail) for pointing the finger of accusation at the "Texas Oil Crowd" in general, and at H. L. Hunt [see own entry] in particular, (k) for going a long way out of his way to introduce himself to Jim Garrison in 1967 to ensure that the Garrison Investigation took his 1963 ignored warnings into account, and for very clearly implicating Guy Banister, David Ferrie, and Clay Shaw as primary conspirators, and (l) for contributing his own neat summary of the Assassination plot to author Noel Twyman only days before suffering a convenient fatal heart attack 1st November 1995 ...

"In a nutshell, Nagell claimed that the plot was a 'domestic inspired, domestic-formulated, domestic conspiracy' to assassinate the president. He said that the CIA-mob plots to assassinate Fidel Castro had some connection to what happened to Kennedy, 'but to assume that the KGB or the CIA or the Mafia did it was a bunch of crap'. Nagell also claimed that the CIA had 'absolutely nothing to do with the assassination,' which 'is not to say that some of their ex-employees were not involved.' This could be a significant statement and evidence of what many have long believed - that the CIA, as an organisation, was not involved in the Kennedy assassination except in the cover-up" (Twyman, 1997, K15592; emphasis added).

Nagell would in due course be named (in our view wrongly) in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" [Amazon] as one of the dozen or so other sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination [sure he was out amongst them, but under deep cover, and that would mean talking their talk and walking their walk - Ed.]. He would also feature in Jim Garrison's 1988 book "On the Trail of the Assassins" [Amazon], and as the eponymous subject of Dick Russell's 1992 book "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [Amazon]. Most recently of all, Stephen Hager describes Nagell in his 2017 book "Killing Kennedy" [Amazon] as "one of the few trustworthy spooks" (p138), and concludes that on the balance of probabilities he was more likely deployed as a "rabbit hole" - a deliberate counter-intelligence red herring - thus ...

"Nagell died of a heart attack in Los Angeles on November 1st, 1995, and since he lived longer than any other whistleblower, and since nothing substantial ever emerged from any of his revelations, I think it's safe to say at this point Nagell was a rabbit hole and not a true whistleblower. But that's how it goes in the wilderness of mirrors where up is down, and left is right" (p126).

Our Verdict: Just as an experiment, we are going to put our faith in Fort Holabird and General Willoughby's FOI, and treat Nagell as the skilled counter-intelligence operative he had been trained to be. Here, as an exercise in counter-counter-intelligence, are the back-stories and ALT-truths (if any) for each of points (a) through (l) above ...

Reverse (a): We see nothing suspicious in (a), and therefore take Nagell's Korean War experience at face value. Note, however, that no mention is made of intelligence operations in Korea, which is precisely how intelligence officers like it.

Reverse (b): We see nothing suspicious in (b), and therefore take Nagell's CIC training at face value. Indeed it would not surprise us if many of his subsequent constructions were not straight out of Fort Holabird's training manual.

Reverse (c): We see nothing suspicious in (c), and therefore take Nagell's FOI experience at face value. Readers are reminded that Nagell was, during this period, very much in harm's way in one of the Cold War's most active sectors of confrontation. The mere fact that he survived bears witness to how good he was at his work.

Reverse (d): We see nothing suspicious in (d), and therefore take Nagell's Queen Bee experience at face value. The Queen Bee story has been out there since Mark Lane's early works - compare the entry for David Bucknell - but has often been over-played in deliberately disinformative works such as Edward Epstein's "Legend: The Secret World of Lee Harvey Oswald" [Amazon].

Reverse (e): We see nothing suspicious in (e), and therefore take Nagell's ATF experience at face value. Note, moreover, that most of what would have been relevant to an ATF investigation would also have been of interest to military intelligence, so we must presume that Nagell kept his former colleagues in the loop.
Reverse (f): Aside from the bit about backlash (which is just a touch too slick) we see nothing suspicious in (f), and therefore take the original at face value. Readers are reminded that the Gulf of Mexico had by now joined the Far East and Indochina as flashpoint sectors in the Cold War, running alive with Castro's very effective listening network, and so Nagell's duties were again taking him very much into harm's way.

Reverse (g): We see nothing suspicious in (g), and therefore take the original at face value.

Reverse (h): The counter-narrative here would be that Nagell simply invented the bit about the FBI letter [it has certainly never appeared in any of the subsequent document releases - Ed.], using the <Ignored Prior Warning> trope as a way of guaranteeing him a ready audience. The counter-narrative wins - there was no such letter.

Reverse (i): Everything about (i) is suspicious, but the counter-narrative - getting yourself locked up for no good reason - makes no greater sense. Either way, the authorities clearly took it very seriously because a hanging judge (friend since boyhood of President Johnson and conceptual architect of the Warren Commission) - Homer Thornberry [see own entry] - was parachuted in to impose an extraordinarily harsh custodial sentence. So the counter-narrative wins but still requires a lot of work.

Reverse (j): We see nothing suspicious in (j) because Big Oil was already one of the culprits of choice. Nagell is simply reinforcing a well-established earlier counter-narrative, and adding nothing new! Note, in passing, that he has been released from prison early, and so he must be back in his old job.

Reverse (k): The counter-narrative here is that Nagell is investigating Garrison and not the other way around. But so, too, was half the Establishment as it happens, not least Hugh Aynesworth! So this counter-narrative wins hands down!

Reverse (l): The counter-narrative to (l) is, of course, that the CIA had absolutely everything to do with the assassination. This counter-narrative wins, because there are simply too many major loose ends which can only be resolved if the Agency was involved! Returning to the false flag attack mentioned above, here is a scenario which would explain, for example, why Edward Lansdale had a full CIA coup d'état crew in Dealey Plaza at the appointed hour ...

***** READ THE ENTRY FOR LANSDALE BEFORE PROCEEDING *****

THE WEAN-RUSSELL FALSE FLAG SCENARIO: Lansdale was strictly speaking an "ex-employee" of the CIA, having been promoted into the Pentagon in 1957 as Deputy Assistant Director for the Office of Special Operations Office (OSO). This was an inter-agency position, created to ensure that CIA operations were resourced and supported logistically by the military. By mid-1961 he had become staffer to General Maxwell Taylor's Special Group (Augmented) (SGA), and been appointed Operations Officer for the CIA's Operation Mongoose. Lansdale, in short, was the CIA's best friend in Washington (Boot, 2018). He had retired (theoretically at least) 31st October 1963 only to turn up in Dealey Plaza in platoon strength. We have never been convinced that Lansdale and his team were there to assassinate Kennedy in the literal sense, but a near-miss which could be blamed on Castro would be another thing! (Which is why the first shot was always reported as sounding like a firecracker - it was.) You just needed a few pro-Castro villains - preferably dead ones - and it would be the Maine again [see Timeline 15th February 1898]. Except the word got out and some real assassins joined the jamboree. Had Nagell stumbled onto a straightforward assassination he would have been liquidated; for the false flag he was allowed to live. The sourceworks on the false flag theory are Wean (1987/1996) and Russell (1992).

***** The next two entries are not related *****


Nagy, Imre: Long-standing communist activist in Hungary between the wars Imre Nagy [Wikipedia biography] was well-positioned to enter Hungarian politics once the country had been occupied by the Soviet Union in 1945. He quickly rose through the ranks of government, becoming head of state between 1953 and 1955. However on 18th April 1955 he was ousted by Moscow for being too liberal. He was thus a natural candidate to be called back into office in 24th October 1956 when the anti-Soviet Hungarian Insurgency [q.v.] needed a suitable figurehead. However the Soviets had already sent in troops to help the official government suppress the uprising and by 4th November Nagy had been arrested. He would be executed for treason two years later.
Namier, [Sir]1952 Lewis Bernstein: [Previously Niemirowski] Polish-British trench fighter turned WW1 propagandist turned Zionist activist [Sir]1952 Lewis Namier [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having served at Wellington House [see own entry] between 1915 and 1918 as what we nowadays know as a spin-doctor, (b) for having then moved across to the Foreign Office's Political Intelligence Bureau to work alongside the likes of Arnold Toynbee [see own entry], (c) for thereby being in the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry], advising on Polish issues, (d) for serving the Jewish Agency in Palestine [see the entries for James N. Rosenberg and Stephen Penrose] between 1929 and 1931, (e) for taking an anti-appeasement line against the Nazis for the rest of the 1930s, (f) for lobbying Nancy Astor in early 1939 to help find posts in British universities for Jewish academics fleeing the rise of Nazism (Rose, 2000), and (g) for involving Jack Philby [see own entry] later that year in a £20 million pay-off scheme to buy Saudi Arabian support for Jewish settlement rights in Palestine.

Narkomzdrav: See next entry.

Narodny Kommissariat Zdrav (Narkomzdrav): Founded in July 1918 to help coordinate the Bolshevik Government's fight against the diseases of massed armed forces and displaced populations, the People's Commissariat for Public Health [no convenient briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for having led the unequal struggle against the 1918-1919 Typhus Epidemic in Russia. For further detail see the inset in the entry for Hans Zinsser.

Nasi, Doña Gracia Mendes: See the entry for Joseph Nasi.

***** EARLY PROTO-ZIONIST SETTLER IN PALESTINE *****

Nasi, Joseph: [A.k.a. Don Josef Nasi] Portuguese-born diplomat turned proto-Zionist activist Joseph Nasi [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for coming from a Marrano family [see Timeline 5th December 1496], with all which that entailed, (b) for relocating in 1546 to the Netherlands, moving from town to town for several years studying and acquiring business contacts, (c) for relocating in 1554 to Constantinople, where, thanks to string-pulling by his aunt Doña Gracia Mendes Nasi [Wikipedia biography], he became a favoured diplomat and advisor on Ottoman foreign policy, and (d) for thereby being a natural candidate as "Lord of Tiberias" when, in 1561, the Ottomans were persuaded to permit a Jewish colony in Tiberias [map]. In the event, however, war with Venice prevented the development from flourishing and the settlement was abandoned three years later. He died in 1579, aged 55.

Nasser, Gamal Abdel: Commissioned into the Egyptian Army in 1938, nationalist firebrand Gamal Abdel Nasser [Wikipedia biography] rose quickly through the ranks, performed with distinction during Egypt's unsuccessful contribution to the Arab-Israeli War of 1948, and was part of Egypt's armistice negotiation team in 1949. Humiliated by Egypt's defeat and inspired by the concurrent CIA-backed coup in Syria, he helped found the Free Officers' Association with input from the Muslim Brotherhood, the Egyptian Communist Party, and CIA officer Miles Copeland [q.v.]. A fully-fledged coup against King Faisal then followed on 22nd July 1952, and when the Egyptian Republic was declared on 18th June 1963 he was made Deputy Prime Minister. Following further internal power struggles he became Prime Minister on 18th April 1954, and then President on 23rd June 1956. He survived the Suez Crisis of October 1956 - when a coalition of Britain, France, and Israel attempted to occupy the Canal Zone by force - thanks to the military build-up being overflown by President Dwight D. Eisenhower's new U-2 spy plane.

National Alliance of Russian Solidarists (NTS): [STUB ENTRY] Founded in Belgrade, Serbia, in 1930 by a cadre of White Russian anti-Communists, the NTS [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for being headed for a while by Texas White Russian Paul Raigorodsky [see own entry].

National Commission on Terrorism: [a.k.a. Bremer Commission] The National Commission on Terrorism [Wikipedia briefing] was set up in 1999 to assess the risk from international terrorist groups after
the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombing. There were ten commissioners in all, headed by Paul Bremer [q.v.] and including Fred Iklé [q.v.] and R. James Woolsey, Jr. [q.v.]. The report was presented to the House Select Committee on Intelligence on 8th June 2000 under the title "Countering the Changing Threat of International Terrorism" [full text online].

National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE): The NCFE [Wikipedia briefing] was the CIA's first attempt at a front organisation. It was founded on 1st June 1949 in a suite of offices on the Third Floor of the Empire State Building, with DeWitt C. Poole [see own entry] as Director, and many high profile sponsors. The NCFE spearheaded its campaign to win over the hearts and minds of the war-displaced or Soviet-occupied peoples of Europe using the Radio Free Europe (RFE) [see own entry] propaganda station, and funded this effort by running incessant appeals for donations back home. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail, see Hugh Wilford's (2008) book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon]. The NCFE also gets mentions in the entries for Jack Heinz, II and Frederick Osborn.


***** THESE FOLK HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

National Education Program (NEP): [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching IMPORTANT SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE] Founded in 1936 in Searcy, Arkansas, by Restorationist preacher George S. Benson [see own entry], the NEP [no separate briefing] is an excellent example of an early anti-Communist propaganda house driven by lunatic fringe religious fervour ...

Readers unfamiliar with <Restorationism> as the common denominator in many/most varieties of Protestantism will find an introductory briefing on that topic in the entry for <Harding College> COMPULSORY READING.

Readers unfamiliar with the use of religious and/or philanthropic organisations as "fronts" for the infiltration of intelligence operatives into hostile lands should check out the entry for <CIA Front Organisations> before proceeding.

The organisation is specifically noteworthy (a) for being hosted at Benson's Harding College [see own entry], (b) for peddling that peculiar brand of hysterical small-town piety which lacks anything resembling genuine spirituality, thus ...

CAMEO - THE NEP DEFINES "AMERICANISM": Robinson (2017 [full text online]) profiles the NEP as follows ...

"The Program was staunchly for Christianity, free enterprise, and the United States Constitution and dubbed these beliefs 'Americanism'. The NEP produced material that promoted these ideals and opposed atheism, evolution, communism, and socialism."

In 1963, for example, the organisation proudly fielded professional Red-baiter Herbert A. Philbrick [see own entry A HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL CELEBRITY CRAZY] to front a textbook cinematic short entitled "What is Communism?" [IMDB entry] ...

YouTube it here (14 mins) COMPULSORY VIEWING

... and (c) for being comprehensively outing on pages 16-17 of Irwin Suall's (1962) "The American Ultras: The Extreme Right and the Military-Industrial Complex" [Amazon; full text online COMPULSORY READING].

CAMEO - THE NEP ACCORDING TO SUALL: The thrust of Suall's analysis was that "radical reaction is on the march in the United States" and that "high-ranking military leaders and corporate executives are leading a crusade [for] 'Total Victory' " (p3). He termed the new crusaders "the American Ultras". Suall's worrying prediction came only a year after President Eisenhower had very explicitly warned the American people against the evils of the "Military-Industrial Complex" [National Archives Quickie COMPULSORY VIEWING] and has since been borne out by the rise of the Neocons during the 1990s [Wikipedia briefing WORLD HISTORIC] and the consequent U.S. Proxy Wars of the early 21st century [see Timeline 11th May 2023 WORLD HISTORIC]. Radical
reaction still is on the march in the United States, and the military-industrial complex is more powerful than ever.

**RESEARCH ISSUE - CUI BONO:** It would be nice one day to know (1) who bankrolled the NEP, and (2) how its particular media branding was integrated into the U.S. national propaganda. Where public money was involved this means identifying the signatories on the government departmental accounts into which the invoices were disappeared, and where financing was private it means knowing the names of the stockholders involved down to a very fine-grained level of detail.

**FURTHER READING:** A full set of supporting readings is provided in the entries for *Religious Right* and *Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching*. Advanced students are recommended to the *James D Bales Project Archive* at the University of Arkansas.

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**National Endowment for Democracy (NED):** Founded on 18th November 1983 by the Reagan Administration's State Department, and charged with promoting political division upon demand in uppity foreign lands, the **NED** [Wikipedia briefing] is a perfect example of a taxpayer-funded late Soviet era (that is to say, pre-1991) psy op masquerading as a "think tank". Specifically, it liked to speak Americanism's holy words (not least freedom and democracy) whilst in practice delivering anything but (instead, busily confining minds, silencing dissent, and - in Britain for certain - empowering local kakistocracies). Little surprise, therefore, that having helped bring down the Soviet Union it went on to provide propaganda services to the **Neocons** of the post-Soviet world. It has been, for example, particularly vocal when "playing a role in supporting the Arab Spring of 2011" (its Wiki 10th April 2023), and the long-standing and partly (if not wholly) vexatious Uyghur and Hong Kong Rent-a-Mob Ops (ibid.). Most recently, it has been - at no little expense - deceiving for the Deep State in the **2013-Ongoing NATO-Ukraine Conflict**, as the following YouTube clip will explain more vividly than we ourselves can ...

**CAMEO - NED CALLED OUT:** Here is “controversial Republican” [our phrase - Ed.] Colonel Douglas Macgregor [Wikipedia biography], in conversation with channel anchor Judge Andrew Napolitano [Wikipedia biography] on 8th April 2023 ...

YouTube the piece here (14 mins; prepositioned at 250s)

**National Indignation Convention (NIC):** See the entry for *Frank B. McGehee*.

**National Monetary Commission:** In the aftermath of the **Panic of 1907** [check it out], the non-partisan **National Monetary Commission** [Wikipedia briefing] was set up by the Aldrich-Vreeland Act [Wikipedia briefing] on 30th May 1908. It deliberated for four years under the chairmanship of **Nelson Aldrich** [see own entry] and with academic input from **Abram Andrew** [see own entry]. It was tasked with stabilising and expanding the economy, and its findings, set out in 30 reports in the period 1909-1912, helped shape the creation of the **Federal Reserve System** [check it out] in 1913.

**National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC):** [a.k.a. "Lundahl's Palace"] See the entry for *Art Lundahl*.

**National Religious Front Party:** See the entry for *Mizrachi*.

***** Do not confuse the next two entries *****

**National Security Agency (NSA):** Established in 1952 and headquartered at Fort Meade, MD, the **NSA** [Wikipedia briefing] deploys up to 40,000 personnel and reports to the Director of National Intelligence within the Department of Defense. It has **Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)** [q.v.] field agents operating globally alongside the CIA, but, of the two, is - theoretically, at least - more concerned with military fact than geopolitical structure and stance.
National Security Council (NSC): Established in 1947, the NSC [Wikipedia briefing] is the White House forum collating multi-agency inputs pertaining to U.S. geopolitical security.

***** How the Cold War Started *****

National Security Council (NSC) Report #68 (NSC-68) [Wikipedia briefing] was a report from a U.S. National Security Council study group presented to President Truman on 7th April 1950, and then debated in full NSC session on 12th April. It recommended both indirect and direct action to rollback the perceived Stalinist and Maoist threat, rather than merely containing it. Although not immediately implemented, it did much to create the era of mutually assured nuclear destruction, and has set the tone of international politics ever since.

RESEARCH ISSUE: NSC study group reports contain merely the advice and recommendations of the persons and departments who draw them up. It therefore requires an extraordinarily wise and determined President to ensure that the final debate takes all options into account, and not just those presented. The authors of NSC-68 (listed in the briefing above) were therefore in a position of significant pre-executive influence and history has yet to determine what pressure groupings they respectively represented, and what qualifications they possessed above the actually quite narrow qualifications bestowed by the gold braid on their shoulders.

National States' Rights Party (NSRP): Founded in Knoxville TN in 1958 by ("one step removed from being insane") Edward Reed Fields [Wikipedia biography], the NSRP [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for providing a spiritual home to the likes of Jesse B. Stoner and Charles Lynch as they promoted segregationist and antisemitic politics during the heyday of the American civil rights struggles. The movement was eventually dissolved in 1987.

National Students' Association (NSA): This entirely legitimate students' support association is noteworthy in the present context for having been the subject of a 1967 exposé by Sol Stern [q.v.] in Ramparts, to the effect that it had been infiltrated by the CIA for Establishment counterintelligence purposes [compare Wilford (2008) concerning "citizen groups" in the "state-private network"].

National Trust: [Read firstly the entry for Octavia Hill] Originally established in 1893 to divert charitable funding to the protection and development of otherwise unadopted recreation areas and beauty spots, the National Trust [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for having allowed itself to become an income stream instead to British aristocrats fallen on hard times. Thus in the early 1930s the case started to be made that the National Trust could do more than simply preserve Britain’s beauty spots for posterity. Built beauty was also crying out for assistance, thus ...

"In the wake of the 1929 stock market crash, England had suffered an agricultural depression that ruined many landed families, with land prices falling to less than 10 per cent of their value 60 years previously. [...] During the war increases in income tax and death duties made it harder to maintain or inherit large stately homes …" (Livingstone, 2015, p494).

As a result, in 1936 the Trust established a Country House Committee to upkeep distressed properties out of legacy income and charitable giving, without requiring the owner to move out. One James Lees-Milne [Wikipedia biography] was appointed Secretary of this committee, and spent his time roaming the country assessing claims and raising funds. The situation then deteriorated further during WW2 ...

"Faced with these challenges, the owners of country houses increasingly turned, in the early 1940s, to the National Trust. The Trust had run a country-house program since the 1930s, but there had been few donations during the early years. [...] While the acquisition of country houses was undertaken by the Trust in the interests of 'the nation', the program also served - and in many cases saved - struggling owners. As Lees-Milne wrote in 1943, the scheme was 'first conceived by owners for their own benefit as well as of their historic houses’" (Livingstone, 2015, pp494-495)

The nation has since been regularly reassured that there is a subtle difference between the payment of state benefits to the poor, and bailing out the owners of country estates. Should anybody out there
be able to explain what that difference is please contact the author, for at the moment we stand with the Punch satirical cartoonist of 22nd January 1947 - check it out - on this issue. (Also, since Octavia Hill was quick to berate any tenant late with their rent, we should be grateful to be pointed to similar hectoring of an aristocrat.) Among the most notable properties gifted by the National Trust to hard up b/millionaires were Clivedon House [see the entry for Cliveden Set] and Blickling Hall [see the entry for Philip Kerr].


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National War Aims Committee (NWAC): Set up in July 1917 as part of Lloyd George's New Broom Initiatives [see own entry], the National War Aims Committee (NWAC) [Parliamentary briefing 13th November 1917] is noteworthy in the present context for being a truly pivotal event in the entire history of humankind, specifically, for marking the beginning of the systematic government manipulation of a nation by defining its citizens' best interests for them (no matter that it might cost them their lives), and by generally equating residency with consent ...

ASIDE: Hitherto, public opinion had been mercilessly exploited by tub-thumping journalists and political orators, of course, but with NWAC the lying and the manipulation became systematised, made science, made part of the apparatus of government. So if you have the sense that GCHQ, the CIA, or Mossad [and it's probably all three - Ed.] reads your emails and social media postings, this is where it all began.

Modern interest in the NWAC was stirred by Liverpool University's David Monger's (2012) book "Patriotism and Propaganda in First World War Britain", thus ...

"The NWAC deserves greater significance in the history of British wartime society. Its propaganda deployed a complex and flexible narrative of patriotism informed by pre-war patriotic motifs but adapted to the requirements of a war-weary civilian society [...] NWAC propaganda remained a recognisable descendant of the pre-war 'language of patriotism'" (p13).


Navis, Al: Assassination researcher Al Navis [no convenient biography] corresponded for a time with North Tower eyewitness Lee Bowers, and surfaced in 1994, long after the latter's did-he-fall-or-was-he-pushed death. Bowers had, he said, seen more than he said he had seen, and lived in fear as a result. Specifically, he said, Bowers had told him he had directly observed two Picket Fence shooters both in DPD uniform - compare the entry for Walter Rischel.

***** THE KGB'S MAIN JFK WITNESS *****

Nechiporenko, Oleg Maximovich: Russian diplomat-spy Colonel (KGB) Oleg M. Nechiporenko [no convenient biography but his op. cit. inf. says a lot about him] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career still poorly documented in Western histories, (b) for entering the assassination narrative in 1963 when either Lee Harvey Oswald or an Oswald Imposter [or quite possibly one and then the other! - Ed.] spoke to a colleague of his, Valeriy Kostikov [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE], (for purposes yet to be convincingly explained) at the Russian Embassy in Mexico City on 27th and 28th September (and perhaps also by telephone on 1st October), ostensibly to discuss obtaining a Soviet re-entry visa ...

SEE THE KOSTIKOV ENTRY FOR THE FULL STORY

Here, over and above the Kostikov story, is a clip from Nechiporenko's 1993 op. cit. inf., setting out his personal recollection of the Oswald encounter ...

"The visitor [...] explained to me the reason for his visit. He repeated everything he had already told Valery. Over the course of our conversation, the visitor's mood changed from discomfort to a state of great agitation, creating the impression of a highly strung, neurotic individual. [+++ he checks Oswald's paperwork +++]
Among the others, one that stood out was a letter to the Soviet embassy in Washington that had something to do with travel for his family to the USSR and, it seems, the embassy’s refusal to grant his request. [...] When I asked him to provide specific information about the FBI’s following him, he replied that it all began after his return from the USSR, where he had gone as a Marxist sympathiser. [...] When I then asked him the reason for his return to the United States, Oswald [avoided] the question. [...] I had no doubt that Oswald had been within the sights of my colleagues while in the USSR. But the thought of the KGB having any operational connection to him quickly disappeared. **From my first impression of him it was clear that he was not suitable agent material.** [...] The more I learned about Oswald and the more I observed him [...], the less I was interested in him. [+++ he explains the complex visa procedures +++] and it would take, at the very least, four months. [...] Our meeting had been conducted primarily in Russian, but Oswald [...] often experienced difficulties in finding the proper Russian words and would switch to English. His pronunciation was bad and he really mangled the grammar, but overall he was able to express his thoughts in our language” (pp68-71).

**FURTHER READING:** For the full original memoir see Oleg M. Nechiporenko's (1993) "Passport to Assassination" [Amazon].

**Needham, Noel Joseph Terence Montgomery:** This entry will be found in the COVID encyclopaedia.

**Neil, Andrew Ferguson:** [Nom-de-Hislop="Brillo"] [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism"]: British broadcaster Andrew Neil [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - **read it now** - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role was stated by Moore as follows: "the BBC’s high-profile political presenter, Andrew Neil, is well known as a right-winger, having worked for the Conservative Party before making his name in Murdoch enterprises".

**Nelson, Merle/Merrill:** See the entry for Winnipeg Airport Incident.

**Nelson, Ronald C.:** DPD patrolman Ronald Nelson [no convenient biography] was one of the two officers (the other being J. D. Tippit) apparently assigned by DPDHQ to Oak Cliff at 1245hr 22nd November 1963 as "outermost units". However, according to Richard Gilbride's 2009 book "Matrix for Assassination", Nelson was actually heading in the opposite direction - toward Dealey Plaza - at the time, and at 1247hr reported in as he passed the GloCo Gas Station [where he must have seen Tippit's patrol car presently monitoring traffic in and out of town across the Trinity River viaducts]. By 1321hr [although only an 8 minute drive] he was at the Dealey Plaza crime scene. He would be on duty again on 24th November 1963, guarding the basement car park at DPDHQ against unauthorised bystanders like Jack Ruby being let in with a mind to silence. Nelson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

**BLUE VEIN OF CORRUPTION:** By any theory of jurisprudence Nelson is a suspicious character; AND SO TOO ARE THE MANY SENIOR OFFICERS WHO FAILED TO INVESTIGATE THE INCONSISTENCIES IN HIS ACCOUNT AT THE TIME.

**Neocon/Neoconservative:** The political ideology of Neoconservatism [Wikipedia briefing] first emerged under that name in the 1970s as a handy description for liberals who had - by whatever form of conversion - become more conservative than the conservatives they had previously opposed; or as one leading Neocon put it, a neoconservative is a "liberal, mugged by reality" (Kristol, 1995).

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** Psychologically speaking the liberal-conservative question is fundamental, for it has long been argued that non-liberalism - culminating in outright "fascism" - is a basic personality trait. We all have that trait to some extent or another, and it can be measured. So potentially the "liberals" mentioned above were simply fascists all along until - like the human chameleons in the 1984 TV series "V" [YouTube one now] - they eventually showed their true colours. For details of the relevant psychology see the entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric.
Neocon political philosophy has been traced back by many authors to the writings of the University of Chicago Zionist academic Leo Strauss [q.v.]. However the term took on a new and generally negative connotation in the aftermath of the 9/11 False Flag Attacks [q.v.], and - curiously - it made no difference whether you were a conspiracy theorist or not. Thus if you were politically middle of the road (and especially if you were a Libertarian), then you viewed the punitive Iraq War, 2003 [q.v.] as both economic stupidity and militarily unjustified. If, on the other hand you were left-minded (or just plain suspicious) then you viewed the entire 9/11 affair as a Deep State conspiracy. Either way, you laid the blame at the door of those who had by fair means or foul engineered the whole thing, and from that moment onward "Deep State" and "Neocon" became effectively synonymous. See next the entry for Ron Paul.

NET Evaluation Subcommittee: See the entry for Howard Burris.

Newbold, John Turner Walton: British intellectual socialist J. Walton Newbold [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having joined the Independent Labour Party (ILP) [see own entry] in 1910, (b) for having followed the ILP party line in promoting conscientious objection during WW1, (c) for having organised the ILP's fact-finding into the shadowy world of the WW1 arms trade and for authoring the resulting 1915 pamphlet "The War Trust Exposed" (Newbold, 1915 [full text online]), (d) for having become a member of the newly founded Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB) [see own entry] in 1921, (e) for having become Britain's first elected-as-such Communist Member of Parliament in the 1922 General Election (alongside crossed-the-House Cecil Malone [see own entry]), and (f) for supporting the 1929-1931 Macmillan Inquiry into Banking [see own entry].

New Broom Initiatives: By this phrase we include any of the major changes brought in by Lloyd George in the three months following his replacing Asquith as Prime Minister in December 1916 following the Asquith Resignation Coup [see own entry]. These changes include (a) reorganising the propaganda services by promoting John Buchan and creating the National War Aims Committee (NWAC), (b) tightening up on the rules on war contraband with a new Ministry of Blockade [see own entry] under Lord Cecil, (c) setting up a Cabinet Secretariat under Maurice Hankey, and (d) setting up an Imperial War Cabinet to include representatives from the colonies.

New Labour: Founded 21st July 1994 by newly elected Leader of the Labour Party Tony Blair, New Labour [Wikipedia briefing], is the marketing brand name for the neoliberal takeover of the Labour Party founded in the early 20th Century by the likes of Kier Hardie [see own entry]. The brand was very successfully promoted by the right-of-party lobbying group Progress [see own entry], and won a landslide in the 1997 General Election. It then fell into disrepute when Blair took Britain into the unpopular (in Britain at least) 2003 Iraq War. The socialist heart of the party lives on nowadays [= 5th December 2019] as Corbynism [see own entry], although it remains for the 2019 General Election (GE2019) to decide whether, and to what extent, this will remain the case.

Newman, John M.: Retired U.S. Army intelligence officer and assassination researcher John Newman [Spartacus Educational biography] was the author of the 1992 book "JFK and Vietnam" and the 1995 follow-up "Oswald and the CIA". He is also noteworthy for the network of personal contacts which allowed him to deliver to the Assassination Records Review Board on 17th November 1993 a hitherto unknown (but now famous) photography from about 1955 showing David Ferrie at a Civil Air Patrol chow down, with a young LHO clearly visible in the background - Check it out. More recently, he helped organise the 2016 research symposium entitled "The Warren Report and the CIA" - YouTube it now.

***** MOSLEY STARTS MOVING TO THE RIGHT *****

New Party: The New Party [Wikipedia briefing] was founded 1st March 1931 by [Sir] Oswald Mosley [see own entry], unaligned M.P. for Smethwick [he had resigned the Labour Party whip only the day before - Ed.], and is noteworthy in the present context as the transitional stage in Mosley's metamorphosis from self-
opinionated Centrist to autocratic (and thug-assisted) Fascist demagogue. Amongst those initially attracted to the movement - whose political positioning was a confused amalgam of soft-left and hard right manifesto objectives - were three other lapsed Labour M.P.s, and the senior Versailles diplomat (now Lord Beaverbrook journalist) Harold Nicolson [see own entry]. The party fielded 24 candidates in the 27th October 1931 General Election (including both Mosley and Nicolson) but won not a single seat [22 of the 24 actually lost their deposits - Ed.]). Nicolson edited the New Party's house journal for a short period but resigned when it became apparent to him that Mosley's ideas were "divergent" from his own (Nicolson, Diaries, 2nd November 1931). Nicolson further explains ...

"[Mosley] has no political judgement. He believes in fascism. I don't. I loathe it. And I apprehend that the conflict between the intellectual and the physical side of the New Party may develop into something rather acute" (op. cit., p96).

Nicolson gave his staff their redundancy papers on 23rd December 1931, and the party was formally dissolved in April 1932.

News Corp[oration]: See the entry for 21st Century Fox.

Nichols, H. Louis: President of the Dallas Bar Association H. Louis Nichols [Wikipedia biography] took it upon himself on the afternoon of 23rd November to attend DPDHQ and offer his services as representative for LHO. His offer was not taken up.

Nicol, Joseph D.: Ballistics expert Joseph Nicol [no convenient biography] carried out the forensic tests on the four slugs removed from J. D. Tippit's body, finding that only one was sufficiently undistorted to process. This one matched LHO's .38" Smith and Wesson on sufficient points to be admissible as evidence. Nicol's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

***** DEALEY PLAZA SHOOTER *****
Nicoletti, Charles ["The Typewriter"] Anthony: Capone-trained Chicago mobster Chuck Nicoletti [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having reputedly been Sam Giancana's favourite hitman ... 

ASIDE: The legend goes that he cleverly devised a package of modifications by which an ordinary motor car can be fitted out with secret compartments and other gizmos suited to a contract executioner.

(b) for being recruited as a front-line assassin in October 1963, as part of the Mafia's contribution to Operation AMWORLD ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Readers are reminded that one of the leading theories of the JFK Assassination is that "what appeared to be CIA-Mafia plotting in Miami about killing Castro, was actually the Mafia finalising their plans to kill JFK" (Waldron 2005/2006, p584).

(c) for thereby ending up in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963, reportedly stationed in the County Records Office (Dealey Plaza, east face) with spotter Jim Brading ...

ASIDE: MacKenzie and Hooke specifically credit him with firing the shot at Z202 which hit the chrome trim of limo #1. and (d) for being murdered 29th March 1977 (three shots to the back of the head), in all likelihood to prevent him from testifying to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA). His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses" [Amazon - SPECULATIVE BUT MUCH FOOD FOR THOUGHT].

***** INFLUENTIAL "CHRISTIAN REALIST" *****
[PREACHING, BASICALLY, "CONVERT, OR DIE"]
"Niebuhr led the charge of Neo-Orthodox theology in America" [Davies]
"Henry Luce's favourite theologian" [this is not necessarily a compliment - Ed.]

Niebuhr, Reinhold: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE] American-born (of immigrant German parents) professional evangelist and (albeit probably unwittingly) intelligence asset Reinhold Niebuhr [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming parish priest of St. John's German Evangelical Church, Lincoln, Illinois, in 1913, shortly before graduating in divinity from Yale Divinity School in 1914, (b) for winning the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace prize essay competition in 1915, (c) for relocating to the Bethel Evangelical Church, Detroit, Michigan, that same year, serving there until 1928 and making a name for himself firstly by preaching American patriotism to fellow immigrant Germans (who were naturally torn between being Americans or Germans in WW1), secondly by forthright preaching against Klan membership, and thirdly by supporting labour union activists against Detroit's car manufacturers ...


... (d) for claiming exemption from duty in WW1 as a pacifist-patriot, working instead as Executive Secretary of the German Evangelical Synod's [Wikipedia briefing] War Welfare Commission [no convenient briefing, but see Chrystal (1977) [full text online (requires JSTOR registration)]], (e) for building a reputation as a progressive by promoting workers' rights during the 1920s, not least in Detroit's famous Ford works, (f) for becoming friends in 1922 with the YMCA's Sherwood Eddy [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE], working with him to set up a local branch of the YMCA-affiliated Fellowship for a Christian Social Order (FCSO) [Brynmawr University archive], (g) for thereby getting invited along on a fact-finding tour of war-torn Europe in 1923, stopping off in London, Paris, Berlin, and French-occupied Rhineland, (h) for becoming Professor of Practical Theology at NYC's Union Theological Seminary [Wikipedia briefing] in 1928, a position he would hold until retiring in 1960, (i) for teaching a young Dietrich Bonhoeffer [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE] 1930-1931, (j) for organising the Fellowship of Socialist Christians (later Christian Action) [Yale University archives] and supporting early moves toward what went on to become (in 1942) the International Rescue Committee (IRC) [Wikipedia briefing], (k) for his 1932 book "Moral Man and Immoral Society" [Amazon] ...

CAMEO - INFLUENCE ON STEWART HERMAN: Sutton (op. cit. inf.) explains that one of the people influenced by Moral Man was the U.S. intelligence officer Stewart W. Herman [see own entry IMPORTANT AS PARALLEL NARRATIVE], who later described it as the work which "best outlined how Christians should make sense of and respond to the rise of fascism" (p35). (Of course, given his covert agenda and what happened next, he might just have been saying that.)

***** THIS IS THE INTERESTING BIT *****

... (l) for thereby coming to the attention of the U.S. intelligence fraternity in 1938 during the "super-secret" Rockefeller-Dulles Initiative ...

ASIDE: The Dulles brother on this occasion was John Foster, not Allen. The initiative in question was bankrolled by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] and it was tasked with orchestrating domestic and European Protestant churches along anti-Communist lines so that they might henceforward more effectively keep the faith - the Capitalist faith. And this was to be done, moreover, even if there was to be a war against Nazism! We tell this story in more detail in the entries for William A. Eddy and Bekennende Kirche, which see. Here is Sutton again, with some of the background ("Donovan" is William J. ["Wild Bill"] Donovan [see own entry] head of OSS) ...

"The president insisted that religious convictions and beliefs provided the foundation for healthy, secure democratic governments, and he defended 'freedom of worship' around the globe. He made the fight against Germany and Japan in part a religious crusade, which is why missionaries, priests, religious activists, and a rabbi proved so eager to enlist in Donovan's secret army. They believed they could serve
God and country since American wartime policy objectives were so closely entwined with the aims of religious activists. Roosevelt’s goals and those of missionary activists blended seamlessly in the execution of the war. The OSS’s holy spooks fought to implement FDR's religious ideals [...]. They were true believers in the old Puritan notion that God had chosen the United States to serve as his ‘city on a hill’ [...]. They shared a vision for the future best articulated by China-born missionary son and publishing mogul Henry Luce [see below] [... who] demanded that the United States take a bold new place on the world stage. [...] The United States' victory in World War II, facilitated in part by missionaries and religious operatives, allowed the nation to claim global supremacy and a divine commission to export American ideals and values. [...] The work of Donovan’s holy spys supported this mission in at least three ways. First, two of the OSS’s many recruits helped create and launch the Central Intelligence Agency [...]. Second, Donovan’s spies provided American leaders, from the president to some of the future directors of the CIA, with a playbook for using religious activists on an operational level to help meet foreign policy objectives. Missionaries, foreign religious agents, and both real and fake religious organisations became tools of the American foreign intelligence apparatus. [...] OSS operatives established important bonds that allowed post-war American leaders to rally global leaders around the cause of religious freedom in ways that benefited the United States and its missionary empire’ (pp9-11).

... (m) for serving 1941-1966 as editor of the church journal Christianity and Crisis, diligently ensuring that it kept American "Christian Realists" [Wikipedia briefing] singing from the anti-Soviet hymn-sheet, (n) for again taking instruction from John Foster Dulles in March 1944 concerning how best to reconstruct Germany after the war ...

**CAMEO - THE "JUST AND DURABLE PEACE":** Here is Evica (op. cit. inf.) on this ...

"In 1940, [John Foster] Dulles accepted the chairmanship of ‘the committee of direction’ for the Federal Council of Churches [Wikipedia briefing] Commission on a Just and Durable Peace [no convenient briefing, but much of value at the Swarthmore College archive], an organisation he had, in fact, helped to create. The Commission had ‘over a hundred representatives from all the Protestant] communities making up the Federal Council of Churches, and thus [it] directly represented about twenty-five million people’. Probably the Commission’s ‘best known achievement was more political than religious. It published a booklet in 1941 embodying Dulles' critique of Roosevelt and Churchill's Atlantic Charter [Wikipedia briefing], in which Dulles prophesied that the ‘end of the present war’ would 'find an overwhelming concentration of power in one or two nations' ” (k3370-3389).

Among the other delegates on this commission was Allen Dulles' spy-pastor Stewart W. Herman [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], whose judgement on the proceedings was as follows ...

"[Herman] found time to travel to New York for a meeting at John Foster Dulles's apartment to discuss ideas about helping rebuild Germany after the war. The meeting included the leaders of the Federal Council of Churches [aforementioned] and a who's who of the U.S. ecumenical movement. Herman sat alongside Reinhold Niebuhr, William Ernest Hocking [Wikipedia biography], Henry P. Van Dusen [Boston University biography], John C. Bennett [see McCreary (1987 [full text online])], and Frederick Nolde [Wikipedia biography], who were working on the Just and Durable Peace Project” (Sutton, p155).

***** AND THIS IS THE EVEN MORE INTERESTING BIT *****

... (o) for corresponding during the war years with the proprietor of the highly popular TIME/LIFE Magazines, namely the aforementioned Henry Luce [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], who did for the United States what Josef Goebbels did for Hitler's Germany ...
talents as a propagandist'. More striking in its psyops dimension was another Jackson formulation in 1941: promoting the establishment of an American 'institute for democratic leadership' (Davis, op. cit. inf.) ...

CAMEO - NIEBUHR AS USEFUL IDIOT IN THE ERA OF CONTAINMENT: It is difficult to judge Niebuhr's true motivation in backing Kennan's vision of containment, for we doubt that he considered himself a propagandist. Probably he was just an evangelical preacher inveighing against the godless (the Communists) because he thought that that was the right thing to do. He was not an inner sanctum conspirator, therefore, but was simply being "used" by the intelligence establishment, puffed up by the likes of the Dulles brothers for purposes of American grand strategy; in short, what they refer to in the trade as a "Useful Idiot" (Evica, k2060), (r) for being outed by categorial inclusion in a 1966 New York Times exposé of the CIA's serial exploitation of usefully naive theologians, thus (Sutton again) ...

"The CIA's use of missionaries and religious institutions, real and phony, remained secret until 1966, when The New York Times ran an exposé. Among the revelations was that deep-cover CIA officers routinely masqueraded 'as businessmen, tourists, scholars, students, missionaries, or charity workers' " (p338).

... (s) for softening his views somewhat during the later 1950s, generally supporting Communist China's claim to a seat on the United Nations' Security Council, and arguing in favour of a limited detente with Khrushchev's Soviet Union. He died in 1971, aged 78, and has recently been the subject of the ever-excellent David Ray Griffin's [see own entry REVELATORY AND TRUTH-AFFIRMING] (2021) "Reinhold Niebuhr and the Question of Global Democracy" [Amazon ERUDITE]. FURTHER READING: For more of Dulles' more or less one-man crusade against Communism 1919-1962 see both Peter Grose's (1994) "Gentleman Spy: The Life of Allen Dulles" [Amazon] and Richard Harris Smith's (1972) "OSS" [Amazon]. For more on the industrial scale use of religious missions as covers for intelligence operations, see George Evica's (2006/2011) "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon], Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon], and Aaron K. Davis' (2017) "American Protestants and U.S. Foreign Policy Toward the Soviet Union During the Eisenhower Administration: Billy Graham, Reinhold Niebuhr, and G. Bromley Oxnam" [full text online]. For the philosophical setting, see both Griffin (as above) and Edward Curtin's (2017) "Seeking Truth in a Country of Lies" [Amazon POSSIBLY SALVATORY].
**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people—primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians—whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing] and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.

... (d) for welcoming Hitler's coming to power in 1933, (e) for setting down his theology in the (1933) book "From U-Boat to Pulpit" [Amazon (£££); full text online], now openly hailing Hitler as promising a "national revival", (f) having grown somewhat disillusioned by the Nazi position on Aryan racial purity, for helping to found the Bekennende Kirche [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC], (g) for thereby getting himself arrested in 1937, serving eight years in jail for "actions against the State", (h) for penning the famous "First they came ..." piece in 1946 - read it here, (i) for returning to the pulpit 1947-1961, becoming a fierce critic of the nuclear arms race and the Vietnam War, and (j) for becoming president of the World Council of Churches in 1961. Niemöller died in 1984, aged 92.

Night Fright Show: Online current affairs broadcaster - check 'em out.

NIST-Bazant Collapse Hypothesis[of 9/11]: See the Timeline entries for (the hypothesis) 1st October 2008 and (its refutation) 14th January 2009.

Nix, Orville Orhel: Air-conditioning engineer Orville Nix [Wikipedia biography] was on the north-western corner of Main and Houston, taking an 8mm home movie of the motorcade. As limo #1 took the left onto Elm he ran westward along Main and when clear of the water feature recommenced filming across the median in the direction of the Grassy Knoll. His film was developed by the Dynacolor laboratory at 3221 Halifax Street, who allowed him to view the results but then had to hand the material over to the FBI for the next few days. It returned missing two or three critical seconds - YouTube it now. Nix's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. The Nix family is still pursuing return of the clipped footage. For a much fuller telling of the story, see (Nix's grand-daughter) Gayle Nix Jackson's 2016 book "Pieces of the Puzzle".

Nixon, President Richard Milhous: Yet to become 37th POTUS Richard Nixon [Wikipedia biography] was in his "wilderness years" at the time of the assassination. He was one of those alleged by Madeleine Brown to have been at a meeting of senior conspirators said to have taken place on the evening of 21st November 1963 at the home of Clint Murchison, Sr.

Noel, James: The CIA's Chief of Station, Havana, James Noel [no convenient biography] had produced an analysis in late 1959 concluding that Fidel Castro would soon be spreading his revolutionary (that is to say, anti-American) ideas to other countries, and needed to be dealt with.

***** STILL A LOT TO BE LEARNED ABOUT THIS MAN *****

Norberg, Charles R.: WW2 veteran (USAAF intelligence) turned lawyer, CIA asset, and specialist fixer within the United Nations Charles Norberg [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being an asset of George Hunter White during WW2 (Albarelli, 2013, K6018), (b) for having been an inaugural member of President Truman's June 1951 Psychological Strategy Board [see own entry], helping thereby to develop the theory and practice of psychological warfare, (c) for likewise promoting the CIA's Human Ecology Foundation [see own entry] a couple of years later, helping thereby to develop the theory and practice of brainwashing and subtle interrogation, thus ...
“Dulles was continually impressed with Norberg's positions on biological warfare as a psychological weapon, as well as Norberg's proposal to establish within every U.S. embassy a psychological operations officer under the cover of working as a State Department political officer” (Albarelli, 2013, K6034).

and (d) for bringing all those skills together when representing White Russian émigré and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt in “a series of complex Haiti-based oil and geological business ventures, some of which [...] involved the [...] services of Thomas Eli Davis III” (Albarelli, 2013, K6018).

Norman, Harold ['"Hank"']: 25-year-old TSBD stockpicker Harold Norman [Spartacus Educational biography] was with Bonnie Ray Williams and James Jarman at the TSBD5 window directly under the Sniper's Nest, it not being possible to safely access TSBD6 because it was being re-floored by outside contractors at the time. He heard shots from "directly above" him, and even heard "the expended cartridges" hitting the floor. Norman's evidential profile is as follows: Secret Service Affidavit, 4th December 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

"Always absolutely charming, always absolutely wrong" (John Maynard Keynes)

Norman, Montagu Collet [1st Baron Norman]1944: British banker Montagu Norman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career in London and NYC 1892-1907, becoming a director of the Bank of England (BoE) in that latter year, (b) for thereby helping to steer the Sterling through WW1, becoming Deputy Governor of the BoE in 1917, and Governor in 1920, (c) for thus experiencing at first hand the economic upheavals of the 1920s and 1930s, (d) for featuring large in the we-believe-crass gifting of German reparations monies to the United States, and (e) for thereby being an accessory to the consequent American re-arming of Germany in the second half of the 1930s. FURTHER READING: The reparations story is told in the Timeline entry for 5th January 1939. For supporting detail see Jürgen Tampke's (2017) "A Perfidious Distortion of History: The Versailles Peace Treaty and the Success of the Nazis" [Amazon], and then Adam LeBor's (2013) "Tower of Basel" [Amazon] and (2020) "Hitler's Secret Bankers: How Switzerland Profited from Nazi Genocide" [Amazon].


North Knoll: Synonymous with, but less commonly used than, Grass Knoll.

North, Oliver Laurence: Vietnam veteran Colonel (USMC) Oliver North [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the member of the National Security Council (NSC) who devised and oversaw the Iran-Contra Affair [see own entry] in the mid-1980s, and (b) for having squirmed so entertainingly [YouTube it now] when quizzed about it by the 1987 Congressional Committee Hearings. North is nowadays a political commentator on the interview circuit - YouTube him now. As explained by Peter Dale Scott in his 2015 book "Dallas '63", North was a COG [see own entry] officer in the NSC's National Program Office, and therefore privileged to the Flashboard [see own entry] emergency communications network.

North Tower: The control tower in the Union Terminal Company railyard north-west of the TSBD [see arrowed aerial view]. Usual workplace and location of witness Lee Bowers at the time of the assassination.

Northfield Conference: See the entries for Dwight L. Moody and Arthur Pierson.
Norton, Charles D.: Banker Charles Norton [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been a partner of First National Bank of New York [Wikipedia briefing] during the 1900s, when he supported moves to create the Federal Reserve System [check it out].

Nosenko, Lt. Col. Yuri Ivanovich: Colonel Yuri Nosenko [Spartacus Educational biography] was a senior KGB officer who defected to the West in January 1964. His position meant that he would have been well aware of how the KGB had managed LHO during his time in Russia. There is a suspicion that the final tranche of Government records, that is to say those expressly withheld in November 2017, may throw light upon this still grey area.


"Too slippery to stay caught" (Richards, 1967)

Novel, Gordon Michael Dwayne: Electronics engineer turned event promoter turned private investigator Gordon Novel [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been one of the core team involved in Guy Banister's munitions "liberation" from the Houma LA premises of oil exploration giant Schlumberger Corporation [see Timeline 22nd August 1961], (b) for operating an publicity agency in New Orleans as a CIA front in the early 1960s, (c) for setting up an agency specialising in electronic eavesdropping for the well-off, (d) for thereby cleverly getting a job as Jim Garrison's head of security during the Garrison Investigation, when actually a mole for Garrison's enemies, (e) for unsuccessfully suing Jim Garrison and Playboy Magazine following aspersions made in his October 1967 interview (Garrison, 1967 [full CIA-"sanitized" text online; also quoted in Baker, 2014, p90; we recommend the CIA copy because other online copies appear to have been edited down]), (f) for testifying to the HSCA that the aforementioned Houma Heist was a pick-up sanctioned by the government in some way, and not a theft at all, and (g) for eventually being portrayed by researcher Lisa Pease in her 27th September 2014 lecture entitled "James Angleton and the Warren Commission" [You Tube it Now] as one of Angleton's Singletons.

Novotny, Mariella: [Born Stella Capes, Sheffield, England] "Sexual athlete" and high society hooker Mariella Novotny [Spartacus Educational biography] moved in the same social circles in London as masseur-to-the-rich-and-famous Stephen Ward [q.v.]. According to Anthony Summers and Stephen Dorri's (1989/2013e) book "The Secret Worlds of Stephen Ward", she was in New York City in January 1961 and provided professional services to President-Elect JFK. She was also Ward's first choice for the MI5 honeytrap operation against Yevgeny Ivanov [q.v.], but - having only recently escaped the FBI - turned the opportunity down.

NSAHQ: See the entry for National Security Agency (NSA).

***** THIS WOMAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

"What's happening in Ukraine right now is in large part due to the U.S.-sponsored coup and [Assistant Secretary Nuland] was a huge architect of that coup" (Haiphong, 1 minute into the linked video)

"One of the most horrific criminals in the world today" (see STOP PRESS #2)

"Fuck the EU" (herself, on audio, 7th February 2014 - discussion below)

Nuland, Victoria Jane: [Family names Nudelman and Lutsky, both Ukrainian Jewish.] American Neocon political operative Victoria ["Potty Mouth"] Nuland [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the U.S. Foreign Service in 1984, being assigned to the China desk ...
than 6 on the online California F-Scale personality assessment - check it out - wouldn't get the job anyway, no matter what other skills or commendations they bring to the table.)

... (b) for marrying the well-connected Robert Kagan [see own entry ESSENTIAL PARALLEL NARRATIVE] in 1987, (c) for being assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow 1991-1993, (d) for then being made Chief of Staff to President Clinton's Secretary of State Strobe Talbott [Wikipedia biography] in 1993, (e) for being promoted 2005-2008 as U.S. Ambassador to NATO, "where she concentrated on mobilising European support for the U.S. occupation of Afghanistan" (her Wiki, 18th February 2023), (f) for moving on in 2011-2013 as State Department Spokesperson ...

Readers unfamiliar with Ukrainian history during and since WW1 will find a concise end-to-end account in the Timeline entry at 11th July 1928 ESSENTIAL BACKGROUND.

Readers unfamiliar with the <Neocon> program to establish the United States as the de facto leader of the world without actually asking anyone's permission should see the entry for <Project for the New American Century (PNAC)> before proceeding ESSENTIAL BACKGROUND.

Readers unfamiliar with the United States' practice of deposing uppity foreigners in their own back yards, should view Stacy Wallach's (2013) "Eisenhower Class 3" before proceeding ... YouTube it here (98 mins.; will start at 14:55) ESSENTIAL BACKGROUND

... (g) for advancement 2013-2017 as Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, thus being in one of the hot seats - if not the hot seat - during the 2014-2015 phase of the Ukrainian Crisis, better known as the Euromaidan Coup [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC] ...

QUICKIE - EUROMAIDAN, THE GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT: The much-publicised "Arab Spring" Uprisings [Wikipedia briefing] began 17th December 2010 with the organised right-wing coup in Tunisia [Wikipedia briefing]. This was the first in a succession of similar coups designed to bring Muslim North Africa and Middle East sharply to heel as part of Joint Vision 2020. The master strategy was incautiously revealed by General Wesley Clark [see own entry] back in 2007 when he explicitly named seven separate uprisings to be choreographed as U.S. Deep State black ops, namely Iraq, Syria, Libya, Lebanon, Somalia, Sudan, and Iran ...

YouTube General Clark spilling the beans here (FORA.tv, 8 mins. prepositioned) At time of writing [= April 2023] the original sweep around the Mediterranean has failed in Syria and did not get as far as Iran. The last of the successful Muslim coups was in Egypt in 2011 [Wikipedia briefing]. Ukraine was not openly mentioned in those early years, but is the missing piece in a vast geopolitical East Wall stretching from Tunisia to beyond the Arctic Circle, by way of Libya, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and - added to NATO in the last few days - the far Tundras of Finland.

CAMEO - EUROMAIDAN, NULAND MAKES HER MOVE: By 2014, what had once been the Soviet Republic of Ukraine was so riddled with carefully inserted and richly bankrolled pro-Washington placemen that it was politically no longer a viable neighbour for the Russian Federation. Old niggles had been systematically inflated into new and hotter hatreds, making it a perfect target for a re-run of the CIA coups of the Dulles, Vietnam, and Oliver North phases of the Cold War. We have recorded the key events of the Ukrainian Coup and its aftermath in the Companion Timeline, with Nuland featuring in the entries below ...

VIOLENCE ERUPTS IN KYIV / YANUKOVYCH OUSTED: See 19th January 2014. Note also that on 6th February 2014, in a telephone conversation with then U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Geoffrey R. Pyatt [Wikipedia biography], Nuland was famously audiotaped dismissing the part to be played by the governments of the European Union in all this with the expletive "Fuck the EU" - YouTube it here.

NULAND TESTIFIES TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE: See 8th October 2015, 15th March 2016, and read her 27th April 2016 testimony here.

... (h) for then scuttling back into the political undergrowth 2017-2021, during the Trump Administration, (i) for staging her political comeback in January 2021 as President Biden's Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, quickly featuring big time in the 2021 NATO Provocation in Ukraine [see Carpenter (2021 [full text online]) on this], (j) for helping to choreograph the NATO response to the ensuing 2022 Putin Spetzop [no balanced history yet available], (k) for making centre stage in the accompanying
war of words on 31st January 2023 when hostile social media channels reminded the world of her lack of interest in European opinions and interests ...  

YouTube the Danny Haiphong piece here (36 mins.)

WORLD HISTORIC ACCUSATIONS

... and (l) for headlining again on 8th February 2023 when Seymour Hersh broke the story that the U.S. was indeed behind the Nord Stream 2 Attack [see Timeline 31st January 2023] WORLD HISTORIC PARALLEL NARRATIVE. At date of writing [= April 2023] she remains in post, but has started to attract open criticism from within the U.S. Deep State itself, thus ...

STOP PRESS #1: On 17th April 2023 it was reported by Colonel Douglas Macgregor that there is perhaps a developing schism within American politics between the old fashioned Republican hawks and a lunatic fringe of Neocons such as Nuland. The thrust of the piece is that the United States needs very urgently to get its strategic act together.

YouTube the Macgregor Piece Here (pre-positioned at 365s)

WORLD HISTORIC - PAY CLOSE ATTENTION, GUYS

STOP PRESS #2: On 11th May 2023 the same Colonel Douglas Macgregor talks even more plainly, describing Nuland in the following terms ...

"If there were ever a Nuremberg-type war crimes tribunal, Victoria Nuland would be one of the top people brought forward and if found guilty she's the kind of person you hang by the neck until dead, for the crimes she has committed. [+++ a broader conspiracy is described +++] You know, one of the greatest crimes according to Robert Jackson [Wikipedia biography] I think it was, a Supreme Court Justice who went on to be one of the senior people on the Nuremberg Tribunals, is a war of aggression, and Victoria Nuland is promoting wars of aggression, which makes her one of the most horrific criminals in the world today, and she is responsible, she has the blood of so many people on her hands."

Here is the piece, pre-positioned at this core allegation ...

YouTube the piece here (14 mins., pre-positioned at 170s)

(WE DON'T THINK HE LIKES HER)

FURTHER READING: Nothing yet available - this is a live war and the books are still being written.

Oak Cliff International Airport (OCX): This is the present author's description-of-convenience for the mile-long strip of floodplain on the southern bank of the Trinity River between the Cadiz Street viaduct [now the I35E] and the Corinth Street viaduct, which in some theories saw the escape by air of the LHO Look Alike and his driver. The IATA three-letter code OCX was unused when we earmarked it [February 2018]. Browse both the Balcony Arrest Thread and the LHO Look Alike Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story, and see the entry for Robert Vinson for a Google Earth view along the "runway".

Oakes, Mark A.: Assassination researcher Mark Oakes [no convenient biography] has been on the job since 1971, regularly contributes to conferences, tours, and discussion groups, and has uploaded some primary source material onto YouTube - check this out, for example.

Obeid, Kamal S.: American structural engineer Kamal Obeid [YouTube feature] is noteworthy in the present context for risking professional martyrdom [or worse: JFK witnesses were terminated by the dozen, remember, either literally or by targeted whispering campaign - Ed.] by standing alongside the University of Alaska at Fairbanks's veteran civil engineer J. Leroy Hulsey [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] during his recent figurative "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral", simply because it was the right thing to do. The "gunfight" on this occasion was the release of Dylan Avery's (2020) documentary entitled "Seven" [Amazon ESSENTIAL VIEWING], an account of a four-year-long research programme in Hulsey's department into the collapse of WTC7, the conclusion of which - meticulously documented in the Hulsey Report [full text online] - was that there
had been a **simultaneous failure** (Hulsey uses the term "global failure") of **every core column in the building (24 of them) on fully eight out of the building's 47 floors**. This precision of time and place could - of course - not just happen, meaning (a) **that the 9/11 Attacks had been an inside job**, and (b) **that if the 9/11 Inquiry said otherwise it was deliberately covering something up**.

**TECHNICAL ASIDE - HARD SCIENCE vs LEGAL PROOF:** There is literally zero doubt in scientific terms that many tonnes of Nano-Thermite were set off in the four-dimensional vicinity of the World Trade Center on 11th September 2001. However it could be argued that the chemical residues came from an as-yet-unknown coincidental source, as, perhaps, if miscreant residents of at least one of the buildings (the residues are in the dust which carpeted Lower Manhattan, but that dust came from the three towers combined; so there is no proof that all three towers produced it - Ed.) had been illegally storing Nano-Thermite. This is all legalistic squirming, of course, for the *prima facie* common sense explanation is that all three towers were deliberately brought down by the stuff, and moreover that of the half-dozen superpowers possessing the technology only the United States itself would have had the required level of sustained security access.

Others who nobly stood at great personal risk alongside "Doc" Hulsey that fateful day were Roland "Alameda" Angle, Ed "Three Rivers" Asner, and "Randolph" Scott Grainger [see own entries, one and all].

Obyedkov, Ivan: See the entries for Valeriy Kostikov and Oleg Nechiporenko.

Ochsner, Alton: Renowned cancer surgeon Dr. Alton Ochsner ([Spartacus Educational biography]) had founded the Ochsner Clinic just outside New Orleans in 1942, and had for a while led research into the link between tobacco smoking and lung cancer. He was a passionate anti-Communist with since-acknowledged links to government agencies. On 15th May 1961 he had, with financial help from Clint Murchison, founded the Information Council of the Americas (INCA) to promote the anti-Castro case. The Ochsner Clinic has since been identified as one of the 162 separate universities and military centres funded by the MKULTRA program, its particular forte being giving people cancer rather than curing it - the "weaponisation" of cancer, in other words. This research employed Mary Sherman [q.v.], and involved lots of laboratory mice. These lab mice were kept and "processed" by out-stationed workers such as Judyth Vary Baker [q.v.], girlfriend of LHO.

***** THE NEW ORLEANS CONNECTION EXPLAINED!! *****

Ochsner Bioweapon: [Read firstly the entry for Operation Mongoose ESSENTIAL READING.] In some of the recent tellings of the Kennedy story, the "Ochsner Bioweapon" appears as one of the many bizarre assassination techniques prepared by the special potions people at Camp/[Fort][1956 Detrick in the period 1961-1963 for use against Fidel Castro. Readers will need to study the following separate entries to piece together for themselves exactly what might have happened. We present the links in alphabetical order, so you may need to go through the list a couple of times to resolve all the cross-references (all names have their own entries, and all are ESSENTIAL READING) ...  

**Judyth Vary Baker** (lab scientist on the fringes of the Ochsner project and girlfriend of Lee Harvey Oswald in the summer of '63); **David Ferrie** (accessory to the Ochsner project and a major player in CIA operations against Castro, silenced in 1967, star of the movie "JFK", wherein he is played by Joe Pesci); **Edward Haslam** (expert on the deep state's assassination of Mary Sherman in 1964 for threatening Clay Shaw's operations in New Orleans); **Alton Ochsner** (New Orleans celebrity physician with high-level deep state contacts); **Lee Harvey Oswald** (deep cover military intelligence agent with FBI contacts, penetrated the CIA's New Orleans operation only to be rumbled and set-up as a patsy by exploiting - note the irony - his own cover story persona as a Lone Nut Marxist); **Jack Ruby** (mobster and CIA-Mob liaison via David Ferrie, LHO hitman); **Clay Shaw** (New Orleans based CIA high-ranker, organised the execution of Mary Sherman, star of the movie "JFK", wherein he is played by Tommy Lee Jones); **Mary Sherman** (innocent research physician, expert in transmittable cancers, employed both Baker and Ferrie in the summer of 1963, only to be silenced with a very big keraunopathic bang in 1964).

**FURTHER READING:** For more on David Ferrie's part in all the above, advanced students may be interested in the long and detailed entry for "Ferrie's Medical Treatise" in this Companion Resource. For the testing of the potion on unsuspecting prisoners from the Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola LA, see Timeline 29th/30th/31st August 1963.
O'Connor, Michael: New Orleans reporter Mike O'Connor [no convenient biography] was the WWL-TV cameraman who filmed LHO handing out leaflets in New Orleans on 16th August 1963, which publicity helped establish the LHO's pro-Communist persona. Browse the LHO Patsification Thread to assemble the various parts of the story.

Odessa Committee: [More formally, the Society for the Support of Jewish Farmers and Artisans in Syria and Palestine] Founded in 1890 by White Russian (Tsarist Poland) Zionist activist Leon Pinsker [see own entry] to counter the excesses of the Tsarist persecutions of the preceding decade, the Odessa Committee [Wikipedia briefing] was one of the few officially sanctioned support organisations for Russian Jews seeking to migrate to the Holy Land. It was formally registered as a charity and cloned as spin-off entities in various European countries and the United States. Its core mission was the routing of Zionist charitable giving into the purchase of Palestinian real estate suitable for Zionist settlement. Here is an indication of their work ...

"The really constructive activity of [Hovevei Zion] began in 1890, when [...] the Russian Government gave its approval. [...] Odessa was the main centre of the movement [...]. A new settlement in Palestine was founded at Katra, not far from Jaffa; and others continued to be made until 1913. [...] Some of its daughter societies were the Kadimah in Vienna, the Ezra Society in Berlin, and the Bnei Zion associations in English-speaking countries. [...] Though financial aid was constantly sent to Palestine from [Hovevei] societies and from individuals in many parts of the world, had it not been for Baron Edmond de Rothschild [see own entry], the great Jewish philanthropist, the new colonisation could not have succeeded" (Andrews, op. cit. inf., pp304-305).

The work was gradually handed over to the Zionist Congress after 1897. FURTHER READING: For more of the background see Chapter XI of Fannie F. Andrews' (1931) "The Holy Land Under Mandate" [Amazon]; also, more recently, Chapter 1 of Derek J. Penslar's (1991) book "Zionism and Technocracy: The Engineering of Jewish Settlement in Palestine, 1870-1918" [online at Google Books].

Odio del Torro, Silvia: 26-year-old Cuban exile with contacts in the anti-Castro Junta Revolucionaria Silvia Odio [Spartacus Educational biography] had a meeting in Dallas on 25th September 1963 with three men offering to arrange the assassination of Fidel Castro. One of these - "Leon" - she later suspected of being LHO, although he could just as easily have been an Oswald Look-Alike being used as part of a patsification exercise. However we are happy to accept Judyth Vary Baker's assurance (Me and Lee, Chapter 24) not only that it was LHO himself, but also that he was already rapidly becoming convinced that he was being set up for something.

O'Donnell, Kenneth Patrick: 39-year-old Presidential Special Assistant Kenny O'Donnell [Wikipedia biography] had arrived in Dallas aboard Air Force #1 and at the moment of the shooting was monitoring the progress of the motorcade from limo #2. He heard two shots from the Grassy Knoll area, but subsequently admitted going along with the official line. O'Donnell's I'll-say-what-you-want-me-to-say evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Odum, Bardwell ["The Bard"] DeWitt: FBI Special Agent Bardwell Odum [no convenient biography] was on TSBD6 when the rifle was found and subsequently accompanied Lieutenant J. C. Day (DPD) when he took it and the shells to DPDHQ. He also claimed to be at the Texas Theater to witness the arrest of LHO (but the timings do not match well). He had also been well acquainted with Ruth and Michael Paine, in the months prior to the shooting, and was one of those who interviewed Silvia Odio after it. He would later deny having seen CE-399 as asserted in the FBI Memorandum of 7th July 1964 (see the entry for the Magic Bullet), thus doing much to discredit that document as a deliberate attempt by the FBI to falsify evidence. Odum's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 10th April 1964 [read it now].

Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI): Formally created on 23rd March 1882 by Secretary of the Navy William Hunt, and with Theodorus Mason as its first Chief Intelligence Officer, the Office of Naval
Intelligence (ONI) [Wikipedia factsheet; 2018 website] will be responsible for collating political and technical intelligence pertaining to all matters of naval warfare.

Office of Policy Coordination (OPC): Founded in 1948 on the advice of the National Security Council (NSC) with Frank Wisner [q.v.] as Assistant Director, and managed as a department of the CIA between 1950 and 1952, the OPC [Wikipedia briefing] was a "covert psychological operations and paramilitary action organisation". On 1st August 1952 it was merged with the CIA's Office of Special Operations (OSO) into the Directorate of Plans.

Office of Special Operations (OSO): Founded in 1946 and managed as a department of the CIA between 1950 and 1952, the OSO [CIA briefing] was responsible for "all organised Federal espionage and counterespionage operations outside the United States and its possessions". On 1st August 1952 it was merged with the CIA's Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) into the Directorate of Plans.

Office of the Coordinator of Information: See the entry for Detachment 101.

Ofstein, Dennis Hyman.: Employed as a cameraman at Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall, Dennis Ofstein [no convenient biography] was in the same department as LHO during his time there (12th October 1962 thru 6th April 1963), and helped show him the ropes. In his 1998/2013e book "Not in Your Lifetime" Anthony Summers points out that Ofstein had previously worked in the Army Security Agency. Ofstein's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

O'Hare, John Adrian: CIA hitman with many aliases John O'Hare [no convenient biography] has been placed by some theorists in Dealey Plaza, near the corner of Main and Houston - YouTube him in Dealey Plaza now.

"O'Keefe, Willie": See the entry for Perry Russo.

Oliver, Beverly: 17-year-old singer at (lately) the Carousel Club, taught to shoot handgun by Jack Ruby himself (including the hitman's trick of using the middle finger as trigger finger because it stiffened the wrist against evasive action), and once introduced by Ruby to a certain "Lee Oswald of CIA" Beverly Oliver [Spartacus Educational biography] was (as likely as not) the famous Babushka Lady, seen filming the motorcade from as near Ground Zero as anyone could get without losing their headscarf! She came forward to be interviewed by researcher Gary Shaw in 1970, and then testified formally in 1994 to the ARRB, claiming that her film had been confiscated by the FBI. She published her memoirs in 1994 under the title "Nightmare in Dallas". Oliver's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony (as Beverly Oliver Masseege) [read it now]; Interview to camera, 2016 [YouTube it now].

Oliver, [Sir]2016 Craig: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism".] British journalist [Sir]2016 Craig Oliver [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role was as Director of Communications for Prime Minister David Cameron 2011-2016.

Oliver, Frederick Scott: The Scottish businessman and political theorist F. S. Oliver [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a partner in the highly successful drapery firm of Debenham and Freebody, (b) for being recruited into Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry] in the late-1900s, (c) for attending many of the meetings of the Round Table Movement [see own entry] in the early 1910s, contributing significantly to their literature, and (d) for being promoted into Milner's Ginger Group [see own entry] in 1915 to help point Britain's official government in the right direction.
"After the conference between Welch and myself in November 1965, I [...] embarked on a difficult, delicate, and prolonged investigation. I was not astonished, although was pained, by the discovery that Welch was merely the nominal head of the Birch business, which he operated under the supervision of a committee of Jews, while Jews also controlled the flow, through various bank accounts, of the [...] money that was extracted from the Society's members by artfully passionate exhortations to 'fight the Communists'. As soon as the investigation was complete [...], I resigned the Birch hoax on 30 July 1966" (Oliver, 1981, K6281).

Oliver is also noteworthy for being one of the first to suggest a full conspiracy in the JFK assassination, thus (note the hint of False Flag motivation) ...

"Oswald's function had been to fire shots that would cover the sound of shots fired by experts. And despite an enormous amount of misinformation and disinformation industriously disseminated, it is now clear that the assassination was an operation of the CIA, apparently carried out in the spirit of the Jews, who bomb their own synagogues so that they can screech intimidatingly at persons who wickedly refuse to believe whatever they are told by Yahweh's Master Race" (op. cit, K3092).

Oliver's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

FURTHER READING: For more from the man himself see his (1981) book "America's Decline" [Amazon].

CONTENT CAUTION: We have skimmed this book and judge it, from the outset, to be clearly the work of an out-and-out antisemite, full of gratuitous insults, stereotypical ethno-religious over-characterisation, and words-of-one-syllable holocaust denial. Proceed, therefore, at your own risk.

Olney, Richard: Lawyer-politician Richard Olney [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being Secretary of State at the time of the Venezuelan Dispute, and, within that, of being the author of the Olney Note [check it out].

Olsen, Barbara Kay: Lawyer and CNN journalist Barbara Olsen [Wikipedia biography] was missing-presumed-killed on 11th September 2001 as one of the passengers aboard hijacked Flight 77. A 12th September CNN report of two telephone calls from the doomed airplane to her husband, Solicitor-General Ted Olsen, has since been withdrawn as resulting from mis-reporting, but not before the use of box-cutters by the hijackers had become common "knowledge" worldwide [no other source mentioned them (Griffin, 2008 [full text online])].

Olsen, Eric G.: One "Eric G. Olsen" is credited by conspiracy theorist John Bevilaqua in his (2010) book "JFK - The Final Solution" [Amazon] as the "researcher extraordinaire" who tracked down the 19th March 1968 Boxley Memorandum [full text online], thereby helping to explain the sheer breadth of the Garrison Investigation. We have been unable to locate an "Eric G. Olsen" and so, by shared subject area, we presume Bevilaqua was referring to Eric Olsen [specimen output], staff writer for the America's Most Haunted website [check them out].

Olsen, Harry N.: DPD policeman Harry Olsen [no convenient biography] was on light duties on the day of the assassination, and guarding premises on 8th Street, Oak Cliff. That midnight he went to see "Johnny", the manager of a parking lot at Jackson and Field, where they were joined by Jack Ruby, whom he had known some three years, and his (Olsen's) girlfriend Kay Coleman, and they talked for two or three hours about the assassination. Researchers have recently implicated both Olsen and
fellow officer **Bobby Joe Dale** in the protection of an illegal gambling den at 425?? East 8th Street, which would seem to be the premises mentioned above. Olsen's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Olsen, Theodore ["Ted"] Bevry:** Lawyer **Ted Olsen** [Wikipedia biography] was Solicitor General between 11th June 2001 and 10th July 2004.

**Olson, Frank Rudolph:** Bacteriologist and Camp Detrick [see own entry] biological warfare expert **Frank Olson** [Wikipedia biography] was the U.S. government research scientist who on 28th November 1953 jumped out of a New York City hotel window in an apparent suicide ...

**ASIDE - OLSON AT CAMP DETRICK:** Olson seems to have worked for **Theodor Rosebury** [check him out] in the Air-Borne Infection Division of the Chemical Warfare Service (CWS) at Detrick, specialising in "special operations". He is mentioned twice in the Rosebury entry, once as third author (out of 12) on the (1947a) monograph "Experimental Air-Borne Infection" [Amazon], and then again as having given technical assistance on research into disinfecting incoming clouds of meningitis and psittacosis germs (Rosebury, et al., 1947b [full text online]).

However it would eventually transpire that 10 days before his death he had been spiked a dose of LSD by **Sydney Gottlieb** [see own entry] himself, and could therefore have been in a drug-induced state of psychotic confusion. Or just pushed. For a fuller telling of this tale (and the 40-year campaign by his son Eric to clear his father's name) we recommend both the 2002 documentary "Biological Weapons and Experimentation" - YouTube it now and Hank P. Albarelli, Jr's (2009) book "A Terrible Mistake" [Amazon].

**Oltmans, Willem Leonard:** [Read firstly the entry for Reinhard Gehlen.] Dutch investigative journalist **Willem Oltmans** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being arrested in 1944 by the *Allgemeine SS* [Wikipedia briefing], aged 19 years ...

**ASIDE:** Younger readers will need to note that from its headquarters on Prinz-Albrecht Strasse, Berlin, the *Allgemeine SS* was the Nazi Party's primary guardian of political correctness (whereas the *Waffen SS* was the elite and resource-pampered Nazi field army which fought alongside the less politically intense *Wehrmacht*). Working sometimes in concert with the famed Gestapo, the *Allgemeine SS* maintained internal security using networks of informers. Many of those "arrested by" the *Allgemeine SS* in occupied territories such as the Netherlands, ended up collaborating with them (or never being seen again), and many collaborators - especially those with sound anti-Communist credentials - ended up in the United States after the war, along with (and often at the direct recommendation of) **Reinhard Gehlen** [see own entry].

(b) for being lucky enough to make it to a place at Yale University 1948-1950, where he associated with **Skull-and-Bones** member and all-round right-winger **William F. Buckley, Jr.**, (c) for getting employment as a journalist with UPI in the early 1950s, (d) for being granted American citizenship in 1958, (e) for developing a reputation as a radical journalist by travelling to Communist countries such as Cuba and North Vietnam for his copy, (f) for being particularly involved (as a Dutchman trying to resolve the problems of what had once been the Dutch East Indies) in the 1961-1963 Indonesian Crisis [Wikipedia briefing], (g) for undertaking "dozens of trips" to the Soviet Union 1971-1983, to the extent that he was even flagged up as a risk by the FBI, (h) for interviewing a number of key figures in the JFK assassination story, including **Marguerite Oswald** and **Jeanne and George de Mohrenschildt** ...

**ASIDE:** The interview with Marguerite Oswald was not pre-planned, and took place 9th March 1964 in the lounge at NYC's JFK Airport. It was a coincidence encounter, he claimed.

(i) for thereby acquiring sufficient insight to be called as witness before the **House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA)** in April 1977, (j) for using this accumulated material in his (1979) book "Reporting on the Kennedy Assassination" [Amazon], (k) for being sufficiently influenced by what the de Mohrenschildts had told him, that he became more vocal with accusations of a deep state
conspiracy to murder JFK [in fact, he brought nothing but disinformation to the table, and is therefore best regarded as part of said conspiracy - Ed.], and (l) for being invited to play the (non-speaking) part of George de Mohrenschildt in Oliver Stone’s (1991) movie “JFK”.

**Olympia Rally**: See the entry for British Union of Fascists (BUF), clicking through to the Timeline and supporting video if interested.

**O'Malley, John**: Some time alias of Chauncey Holt.

**Onassis, Aristotle Socrates**: Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being born to Greek parents in Ottoman Smyrna/Izmir in 1906, and thus being forced to flee that city in 1922 [full story in Timeline at 9th September 1922], (b) for settling in 1923 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he gradually built up a tobacco import-export fortune, (c) for relocating in mid-1942 to NYC, diversifying there into marine mortgage-funded shipping (FBI Onassis Papers, *op. cit. inf.*) ...

**CAMEO - PACIFIC TANKERS, INC. AND OTHER SHADY CORPORATIONS**: Onassis began the war as "part owner of the tankers *Calliroy* and *Antiope*" [see Harlaftis (2014 [full text online; JSTOR registration is required])]; if cross-checking the former you will need to search by the Greek spelling *Kalliroy* - she was little more than a garbage scow, however. Over the coming months he sold these vessels on into corporations set up at U.S. government behest with mixed private and state financing. This brought him - as an alien - to the attention of the FBI, and a memorandum from *J. Edgar Hoover* to the head of the *War Shipping Administration* dated 16th July 1942 duly described Onassis as deserving careful scrutiny. Nevertheless, the profiteering Greek was merely a small cog in a massive consortium of profiteering Americans, and no immediate action was taken against him (this came later, when he got in their way). Here is an extract from an affidavit later made by one of those businessmen, a certain *John A. McCone* [see own entry *REVELATORY*] explaining the corporate set-up (a long extract, heavily abridged) ...

"The first vessel was accepted for operation on July 10, 1943, and between that date and October 31, 1947, a total of 128 vessels were accepted from the *War Shipping Administration* [Wikipedia briefing] or its successor [the Wikis indicate predecessor - Ed.] *the United States Maritime Commission* [Wikipedia briefing]. Operations were carried on under a general agency agreement between *Pacific Tankers, Inc.* [Wikipedia briefing *SHORT BUT USEFUL*; this seems to have been McCone's particular baby] and the *War Shipping Administration* dated May 19, 1943. [...] Following the cessation of hostilities and a reduction in the requirements of our armed forces for the transportation of bulk petroleum, the Maritime Commission made available a considerable number of war built tankers to American companies [...] . These sales were started in April 1947. As a result of these sales [...] the size of the operating fleet of Pacific Tankers, Inc., gradually decreased. [...] Board level changes stated in detail [...] About the same time the company entered into a contract with the War Shipping Administration to operate a fleet of government-owned tankers. Pacific Tankers, Inc., was selected as one of four operators. [...] Because of unfavourable conditions in the charter market, which developed in the summer and fall of 1948, decision was reached to dispose of the tankers [...] to *United States Petroleum Carriers, Inc.* [no convenient briefing] [...] who were represented in negotiations by Messrs. Onassis [and others]" (FBI Onassis Papers, *op. cit. inf.*., pp519-521).

Other interested parties in this maze of deals were the *Grace National Bank* [Wikipedia briefing], the *Joshua Hendy Corporation* [Wikipedia briefing], and Robert L. Berenson [very little online] *(ibid.*). We shall be meeting "businessman" McCone again in 1961 when he is made Director of Central Intelligence [his WW2 tanker fleet, it must therefore be presumed, doubled as a special ops bus service wherever duty called - Ed.].

... (d) for spending the early 1950s as playboy whaler ...

**CAMEO - THE INTERESTING LIFE OF THE TANKER OREGON TRAIL**: Onassis' factory ship *Olympic Challenger* began life in 1943 at *Kaiser Steel*’s Swan Island Yard, Portland as the T-2 tanker [Wikipedia biography] *Oregon Trail* [Wikipedia shipography STUB]. She then ran Pacific convoys for the remainder of the war, was sold as a sulphur bulk carrier under the name "Herman F. Whiton" in 1947, and was acquired by Onassis in 1950. Once converted as *Olympic Challenger*, she was reportedly the largest of her type [if true, this will only have been for a short time - Ed.]. We have been unable to ascertain whether she was covertly rigged for electronic eavesdropping purposes, but she spent much of her time off politically sensitive coastlines. She also stands accused of routinely taking her catch "in contravention of the International Convention form the
... (e) in those same years for involvement in still very obscure financial dealings with one-time Nazi financier Hjalmar Schacht [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY] and his son-in-law Otto Skorzeny [ditto DITTO], thus ...

CAMERO - ONASSIS AND SCHACHT: This relationship is very briefly hinted at by commentator Mae Brussell in her (2014) "The Essential Mae Brussell: Investigations of Fascism in America" [Amazon], who notes firstly Onassis' involvement with Schacht and President of the World Bank 1947-1949 John J. McCloy [see own entry REVELATORY] ...

"In 1949, McCloy returned to Germany as American High Commissioner. He commuted the death sentences of a number of Nazi war criminals, and gave early releases to others. One of them was Alfred Krupp, convicted of using slave labour in his armaments factories. Another was Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Hitler's financial genius, who was on the payroll of Aristotle Onassis after the war" (pp25-26).

Brady (op. cit. inf.) is more precise, dating Schacht's involvement to the 1954 Aramco deal, and describing Schacht as a negotiating intermediary, so perhaps "consultant" would be more accurate than "on the payroll". Brussell then brings ex-Nazi Skorzeni and Lars Anderson [no convenient biography] into the picture, along with Louisiana's favourite CIA gopher Clay Shaw [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL] ...

"Otto Skorzeny's [...] father-in-law was Hjalmar Schacht, president of Hitler's Reichsbank. Schacht guided Onassis' shipyards in rebuilding German and Japanese war fleets. In 1950, Onassis signed on Lars Anderson for his whaling ships in the hunt off Antarctica and Argentina. Anderson had belonged to Vidkun Quisling's Nazi collaborationist group in Norway during the war. Clay Shaw [see own entry JFK PIVOTAL] [...] was a close friend of Hjalmar Schacht" (p3 [the mention of Lars Anderson gets a few secondary quotations online, but is not independently confirmed - Ed.]).

... (f) for re-basing himself in Monaco in 1953, socialising and wheeler-dealing his way to a property fortune [socialising and wheeler-dealing often go together in high society, of course - Ed.]), (g) for a growing and bitter rivalry with fellow Greek shipping magnate Stavros Niarchos [Wikipedia biography], (h) for concluding an agreement 20th January 1954 with the Saudi government ...

PRE-BRIEFING - SAMCO vs ARAMCO, 1953-1954: Brady explains the background to this (eventually failed) deal this way ...

"Dealing with King Saud and his intermediaries [...] , Onassis concluded an agreement [...] that he would get first right to carry all 42 million tons of petroleum and its products that the Arabian American Oil Co. (ARAMCO) [Wikipedia briefing] produced annually in the Middle East. The proposition was made attractive since the charter company would be registered as a Middle Eastern concern and would have its tankers fly the country's flag. [...] ARAMCO was a consortium owned 30 percent by Jersey Standard [Wikipedia briefing], 30 percent by Cal Standard [Wikipedia briefing], 30 percent by Texaco [Wikipedia briefing], and 10 percent by Mobil [Wikipedia briefing]. Onassis was to set up the Saudi Arabia Maritime Co., (SAMCO) [no convenient briefing; CAUTION the SAMCO part of the name has since been re-used by an unrelated corporation] to run the ships he put into the trade. It would have its headquarters somewhere in Arabia. The Arabian government was to hold a controlling interest in the company and Onassis was to receive a substantial share of all profits made" (pp99-101).

At which point the murky Hjalmar Schacht reappears, together with an even sleazier Robert A. Maheu [see own entry AN INTERESTING FELLOW WITH JFK ASSOCIATIONS] ...

CAMERO - ONASSIS, ARAMCO, AND ROBERT MAHEU: Brady goes on to explain that this Maheu was drafted in by contacts in U.S. intelligence to help manoeuvre Onassis out of the scheme, thus (a long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"What was not known at this time was that the Saudis thought that supplying oil to the enemy if Onassis attempted to ship to Israel might embarrass them. A secret annex or amendment to the contract was therefore drawn up and signed by Onassis on April 7 [...] stating, "it is agreed the company will not deal with Israel". [...] +++++ other criticisms +++++ To complicate matters, Onassis was sued for $14,210,000 by Spyridon Catapodis [no convenient biography], a Greek shipbroker, who [...] claimed that Onassis signed a contract that gave [him] a substantial share of the profits from the [SAMCO] deal [but that Onassis had signed it in] highly volatile disappearing ink. He filed suits in Paris, Washington, DC, and New York, but none ever went to court. [...] As Aramco and Saudi Arabia were attempting to negotiate and arbitrate, Onassis continued to try to persuade the oil companies to see his point of view, insisting that
the Middle Eastern countries were, sooner or later, bound to set up their own tanker companies. [...] 
Niarchos [see (g) above] had heard that the $1 million 'bribe' had actually been offered by Onassis to 
Mohammed Alireza [no convenient biography; CAUTION a common Middle Eastern name] to secure the contract, and if Niarchos could prove and publicise that fact, he had a chance to undermine the contract. He had his attorney, calling from London, make contact with Robert A. Maheu, at that time a private detective, later to become an aide to Howard Hughes and a participant in various plots initiated by the CIA to 
kill Cuban premier Fidel Castro."

Readers unfamiliar with the CIA's "Get Castro" campaign in general should study the entry for Operation Mongoose before proceeding.

[resumes without break] "Maheu was hired by Niarchos to 'make sure that no oil was ever shipped under the contract' and to 'sabotage' it in any way that he could. [+++ details of Maheu's dirty tricks +++] Working with CIA agents in Rome, Athens, Saudi Arabia, and New York, Maheu established surveillance and investigation teams. He had a listening device secretly placed [...] in a light fixture in Onassis' suite at the Hotel Pierre in New York. Eventually, he became convinced that the $1 million bribe had been made, but he was never able to find tangible proof of it. At the request of the CIA, Maheu attempted to leak the stories to several newspapers in Rome and elsewhere in Europe, but was unsuccessful [...]. However, Maheu was able to persuade Ethnos, a newspaper in Athens, to publish the story [...] whereupon, shortly after the paper appeared, King Saud announced his intention to compromise with ARAMCO, dropping the Onassis contract in its entirety. [+++ considerable further litigation +++] Then, through an incredible historical coincidence, almost overnight, Onassis' fortunes suddenly turned dramatically and profitably around again. Facing almost certain ruin because if the oil boycott, Onassis soon made more money in a shorter period than he had ever made in his life. The catalyst was the Suez Canal. [+++ Suez briefing +++] Because his ships were not contracted, he possessed the power to charge whatever rates he could get, and [...] was soon [earning] a profit of over $2 million a trip. By the time the Suez Canal was opened again, in April, 1957, it is estimated that Onassis realised a profit of over several hundred million dollars. Onassis took no credit for his unprecedented success. 'I was lucky,' was his only comment" (pp100-108).

... (i) for being accused [more dirty tricks?? - Ed.] of illegally attempting to profit from U.S. war surplus stimulus monies (not intended for non-U.S. citizens), pleading (corporately) guilty on 21st December 1955 to "defrauding the Government", and agreeing to replay $7 million in instalments (ibid.), (j) for reportedly [more dirty tricks?? - Ed.] running his tanker fleet at bare minimum safety levels, thus undercutting the competition, (k) for famously setting up Olympic Airways 1956-1974, quickly bringing it to world renown, (l) for forging a firm friendship in these years with British elder statesman Winston Churchill ...  

YouTube 1959 newsreel

... and (m) for marrying JFK's widow Jackie in 1968 ...

YouTube the happy occasion here

Onassis died in 1975, aged 69. FURTHER READING: For more on the events in Smyrna, see Giles Milton's (2008) 'Paradise Lost: Smyrna 1922 - The Destruction of Islam's City of Tolerance' [Amazon]. For more on the man himself there are many readily available biographies, but we particularly liked "The FBI Files" [Amazon] for their primary source value. The other biography specifically cited above is Frank Brady's (2013) "Onassis: An Extravagant Life" [Amazon].

O'Neal, Birch Dilworth: [Read firstly the entries for Pyotr Popov and Popov's Mole.] CIA senior official and Head of Station in Guatemala at the time of the 1954 CIA-assisted coup Birch O'Neal [no convenient biography but see 1995 obituary] was Chief of CI/SIG [=Special Investigations Group] in the years immediately prior to the JFK assassination. He entered the JFK narrative in April 1958 when Popov, a CIA mole in the East Berlin GRU [= Soviet offshore military intelligence], reported that the KGB [= Soviet homeland military intelligence] knew more about the U-2 high-altitude spyplane program than they could have learned through conventional espionage techniques. Assistant Director for Counterintelligence James Angleton [q.v.] duly set SIG the task of finding the source of the leaks. Assisted by administrator Ann Egerter [q.v.] O'Neal implemented a program of counterespionage ploys, including numerous mole-catching bifurcations as described in the entry for Peter Dale Scott [q.v.].
O’Neill, Francis X., Jr.: [Read firstly the entries for James Sibert and the Sibert-O’Neill Report ESSENTIAL PRIOR READING.] FBI Special Agent Francis O’Neill [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of two FBI agents (the other being James Sibert [see own entry]) who were sent to Andrews AFB, Maryland, by J. Edgar Hoover on the afternoon of 22nd November 1963 with explicit instructions to keep tabs on JFK’s body once it arrived from Dallas, and even more explicit instructions to maintain the "chain of evidence" in respect of the ballistics and the corresponding wounds. The two agents duly accompanied the body to Bethesda and stood in on the subsequent autopsy [O’Neill was present the whole time, but Sibert had to exit the room at one point to make a telephone call to the FBI Firearms Lab - Ed.]. Their "FD-302" report on what they observed - now known as the Sibert-O’Neill Report [see own entry] - indicated that no slugs could be found in the president’s body, but that a lot of metal fragments had been splashed into his brain cavity. FURTHER READING: O’Neill was interviewed by the ARRB in the mid-1990s, and his 12th September 1997 ARRB deposition may be read as a detailed adjunct to the 1963 report [read it here VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED].

Open Source Intelligence (OSINT): OSINT is the use of publicly available information - media, internet, literature, government minutes, etc. - as intelligence. A Deep State might therefore OSINT its own citizenry in order to keep itself deep, or a state might OSINT another country. Interestingly, there could be no counter-OSINT effort to worry about intra-nationally, because one’s own citizens are traditionally difficult to convince that they are under attack.

Operation 40: Approved personally by Allen Dulles to bring about the downfall of the Castro Regime on the ground after a successful Bay of Pigs Invasion, operatives for the CIA’s Operation 40 [Spartacus Educational briefing], including David Atlee Phillips and E. Howard Hunt, met for early discussions in January 1960. When the Bay of Pigs Invasion failed in April 1961 and JFK refused to authorise a second attempt, the operation became one to kill the Cuban leader by just about any other means. Liaison man Richard Nixon subsequently recruited George H. W. Bush and Jack Crichton to help gather the necessary funding. Although Castro survived, of course, Operation 40 seems to have been responsible for a magnetic attraction of money, arms, mercenaries, and mobsters into Miami, Dallas, and New Orleans during 1962 and 1963, with the perhaps inevitable outcome.

Operation AD: See the entry for Alfred T. Cox.

***** WORLD HISTORIC BLACK OP *****

Operation AERODYNAMIC: First officially funded w.e.f. "31st June" [sic] 1951 [see Timeline 1st July 1951], Operation AERODYNAMIC [CIA (1953) briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as an example of United States fifth column intervention in the sovereign affairs of foreign countries, specifically through the work of the CIA’s Frank Wisner’s Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) ...

Readers unfamililar with the not insignificant part played by black ops ace <Frank Wisner>, in fashioning our present international hell on earth should see that man’s entry herein before proceeding COMPULSORY READING.

Readers unfamiliar with Ukrainian history during and since WW1 will find a concise end-to-end account in the Timeline entry at 11th July 1928.

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by the Ukraine as part of Soviet White Russia in the United States’ Cold War black ops, 1945-1990 should see the entries for <Franklin A. Lindsay>, <Operation KEELHAUL>, <Kim Philby>, and <Yaroslav S. Stetsko>, following all onward pointers.

***** THIS MAY TAKE SOME TIME *****

Readers unfamiliar with the United States’ psychological warfare offensive against Russia 1948-1956 should check out the entries for <George Kennan> and <Operation BLOODSTONE> before proceeding.

Here, straight from the horse’s mouth, is a clip from a 2007-declassified CIA executive summary - full text online - of the program, dated 28th August 1953 ...

Key to Abbreviations: DOB = TBA (something operating base, perhaps); FI = Foreign Intelligence; OUN/B = Organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists [Wikipedia]
FROM THE COVERING LETTER

"MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, PLANS

28 August 1953

SUBJECT: Project AERODYNAMIC (Renewal)

1. The FI purpose of Project AERODYNAMIC is to exploit the anti-Soviet Ukrainian resistance groups (UHVR, UPA, ZPUHVR and OUN/B) in Western Europe for intelligence purposes. The specific FI objectives are the training and dispatch of Agents into the Soviet Ukraine to procure operational, document and positive intelligence, and to establish a sound UHVR-CIA working relationship both in and outside the target area through the ZPUHVR.

2. Project AERODYNAMIC was originally approved on 31 June 1951 as a joint FI-PP operation. To date, the project has been successful in dispatching agents into the Ukrainian SSR and has established W/T contact with two of the agents dispatched. The field of intelligence procurement has been limited to situation reports and a few items of military importance. Three SODB’s have been disseminated.

3. Present plans call for the continued training of three agents, recruitment and training of three additional agents, and the utilization of one agent spotter in Western Europe. Agent training is being transferred from Germany to the DOB. Detailed Commo and Logistical annexes are attached to the project outline.

[+++ distribution list and signatures +++]" (not numbered; first sheet of the pdf [full text online]).

FROM THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM

"1. Area of Operations

Ukrainian SSR

2. Purpose

The purpose of Project AERODYNAMIC is to provide for the exploitation and expansion of the anti-Soviet Ukrainian resistance movement for cold war and hot war purposes. Such groups as the Ukrainian Supreme Council of Liberation (UHVR) and its Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA), the Foreign Representation of the Ukrainian Supreme Council of Liberation (ZPUHVR) in Western Europe and the United States, and other organizations such as OUN/B will be utilized."

ASIDE: Readers unfamiliar with the <Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA)> should see the inset in the entry for <Operation KEELHAUL>. For those just interested in a quickie, here is a clip from their Wiki ...

"Organizationally, the UPA was divided into regions. In Western Ukraine UPA unit was called UPA West; in the centre-southern regions [listed] - UPA South; in the northern regions of [listed] UPA North was active; in Eastern Ukraine UPA fled north, as Stalinist dictatorship has executed a number of UPA’s participants. The members of UPA East joined other UPA units in Dnipro and in Chernihiv region. The UPA was a decentralised movement widespread throughout Ukraine with each regions following somewhat different agenda given the circumstances of constant moving front line and a double thread of the Soviet and Nazi powers. The UPA was formally disbanded in early September 1949. However, some of its units continued operations until 1956" (5th April 2023) (see the full Wiki here).

3. Background

A. Project AERODYNAMIC is a joint FI-PP project and was last approved 3 November 1952 for the operating period ending 30 June 1953. To date, the project has been successful in dispatching agents into the Ukrainian SSR and has established W/T contact with two of those dispatched. In the field of intelligence procurement the "take" has been limited to situation reports and a few items of military importance. Three SODB’s have been published for dissemination of the information received during FY 1953.

B. According to the latest (December 1952) information received from the Headquarters of the Resistance Movement, ZPUHVR is the only representative organization officially recognized by the Underground for:
1) Negotiations with foreign powers.

2) Coordination of activities in support of Homeland resistance.

C. It is anticipated that successful contact with the Underground resistance Headquarters will be established in the near future and CIA will then have the latest information re UHVR-CIA relationship and support requirements of the resistance movement.” (p1 [full text online]).

AERODYNAMIC (as a field operation) was supported by a simultaneous propaganda offensive codenamed AETENURE, delivered through the offices of a fronting organisation named Prolog Research [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE].

***** THE BIG ONE THAT NEVER WAS *****

(OK, CASTRO MUST GO, BUT THIS TIME NO FOUL UPS!!)

Operation AMWORLD: [Read firstly the entry for False Flag Attacks.] [Sometimes AMWORLD] Authorised by Attorney General RFK after the Cuban Missile Crisis [see own entry], only to be buried immediately upon his brother's assassination, Operation AMWORLD [Mary Ferrell Database overview; Wikipedia summative mention; Spartacus Educational briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the most costly failed False Flag Attack in human history. The project was much discussed in early 1963 as a final all-out effort to oust Fidel Castro, but did not crystalise as an operation until 28th June 1963 (and was only declassified in 1999). It was "one of the most secret covert operations in United States history" (Waldron, 2005/2006, p3) by virtue of the fact that JFK had promised Premier Khrushchev during the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis that there would be no more interference of this sort in Cuba. (He lied.) Here are some of the details ...

CAMEO - AMWORLD AND C-DAY AS PLANNED: Between June and November 1963 the CIA busied itself with Operation AMWORLD, a top secret attempt to frame Fidel Castro for an attempt on the life of JFK, most probably by encouraging one or more selected pro-Castro factions to send in shooting teams, or, better still, by feigning same, but with a protective stake-out in place to "save the day" at the last moment. Faked evidential trails were laid, low-powered squibs and sabot rounds put in place, patsies carefully selected, and press releases carefully pre-scripted. The False Flag on this occasion would therefore be a Cuban flag in CIA hands, and the Cui Bono would have been a punitive full invasion of Cuba - known as C-Day - set to take place 1st December 1963.

 Unfortunately, even the enhanced levels of security were not enough to keep JFK’s real enemies - be it the mob, disgruntled Texas oilmen, or Deep State hawks - from finding out what was going on, and the operation got piggybacked by at least one team of bad ass hitmen. The rest is history. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Lamar Waldron's (2005/2006) "Ultimate Sacrifice" [Amazon] and Larry Hancock's (2010) "Someone Would Have Talked" [Amazon] and (2012) "Nexus: The CIA and Political Assassination" [Amazon]. It may also help to visit the entries for a number of the people centrally involved in the operation, namely (in alphabetical order) Richard Cain, James Files, Henry Hecksher, Richard Helms, and Jean Pierre Lafitte. The movements of the chosen patsy - Lee Harvey Oswald - are explored in microscopic detail in the entry for the Mexico City Adventure.

Operation ANADYR: The codename for the Soviet Russian ballistic missile transport fleet into Cuba at the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis [Wikipedia briefing].

Operation APPLE: See the entry for Alfred T. Cox.

Operation BGFIEND: See the entry for Operation VALUABLE.

***** WORLD HISTORIC PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE *****

Operation BLOODSTONE: [CIA codename] Masterminded by senior Cold War architect George Kennan [see own entry IMPORTANT PRIOR CONTEXT] and authorised under the provisions of NSC 10/2 [Office of the Historian briefing], Operation BLOODSTONE [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as
the 1948-1956 anti-Communist espionage and black ops program for recruiting émigrés from Eastern Europe explicitly to gain access to their residual contacts behind the Iron Curtain ...

**CAMEO - THE NEW VLASOV MOVEMENT**: Simpson *(op. cit. inf.)* devotes the whole of his Chapter Eight to Bloodstone and the Vlasovite thinking behind it. Here is an indicative extract ...

"Bloodstone proved to be an open door through which scores of leaders of Nazi collaborationist organisations thought to be useful for political warfare in Eastern Europe entered the United States. [...] The men and women enlisted under Bloodstone were not low-level thugs, concentration camp guards, or brutal hoodlums, at least not in the usual sense of those words. Quite the contrary, they were the cream of the Nazis and collaborators, the leaders, the intelligence specialists, and the scholars who had put their skills to work for the Nazi cause. Bloodstone's primary sponsors were a circle of political warfare specialists in the [Policy Planning Staff (PPS)](see the entry for George Kennan REVELATORY), [...] According to Wisner's 1948 records of the affair, a portion of which has now been declassified [Simpson was writing in 1988, note] the official object of the program was to 'increase defection among the elite of the Soviet World [...]'. Wisner proposed that some 250 such experts be brought into the United States during the first phase of the operation. 100 of them were to work for the Department of State [...] and 50 at each of the armed forces. [...] In September 1948 a new Joint Chiefs order amplified the plan. 'A psychological offensive to subvert the Red Army is considered a primary objective', it states. 'This type of offensive, as attempted by the German Army in World War II, was known as the "Vlasov Movement"' [see the entry for Andrey Vlasov REVELATORY]. It resulted in a resistance movement of approximately one million people' " (pp91–93).

Herbst *(op. cit. inf.) then explains how Frank Wisner's [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT] Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) administered the program ...

"Operation BLOODSTONE was part of NSC 10/2 [...]. Its official mandate was to 'increase defections and utilise 'social, labour union, intellectual, moderate right-wing groups, and others' to distribute anti-Communist [propaganda]. According to Wisner, 'unvouchedered funds of $5,000,000 should be made available by Congress for the fiscal year 1949', and '... disbursements should be handled in such a manner as to conceal the fact that their source is the U.S. government'. Congress approved the money, which, among other things, Bloodstone used to assist refugees from the Soviet Union and Iron Curtain countries to establish themselves in the United States, providing OPC with an avenue for gathering valuable intelligence. The Tolstoy Foundation [see own entry REVELATORY], established in 1939, was one organisation that profited from Bloodstone's support. [...] When Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife Marina returned to the U.S. in 1962, they became close with an anti-Communist White Russian [...] émigré community in Dallas. Paul Raigorodsky [see own entry REVELATORY] was a member of that group, [...] George Kennan [...] arranged for the Tolstoy Foundation to receive funding [...]. The Russian Research Center at Harvard [university website] was an organisation established with a grant from the Carnegie Corporation [Wikipedia briefing], whose primary objective was to study Russian institutions and behaviour to determine the policies of the Soviet Union. [...] One of the ways they obtained this was to conduct in depth interviews, either covertly or overtly, of members in organisations like the Tolstoy Foundation. [...] In 1948 [Boris Pash [see own entry MORE THAN USUALLY REVELATORY]] was the Army's representative on Bloodstone and assigned to OPC, where he became involved in all kinds of questionable activity, much of which was illegal" (pp172-174/183).

The BLOODSTONE program seems to have been significantly scaled down following the abortive 1956 Hungarian Uprising [Wikipedia briefing; see also the entry for Frank Wisner], in which several thousand Hungarian émigrés' relatives and friends in harm's way back in the homeland - having been whipped up into revolutionary fervour by fine words from Bloodstone assets safe and far away - lost their lives. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail see Walter Herbst's (2021) "It Did Not Start with JFK (Volume 1)" [Amazon]. The Mary Ferrell Database mentions Bloodstone a number of times, but for a more substantial account see Christopher Simpson's (1988) "Blowback: America's Recruitment of Nazis and Its Destructive Impact on Our Domestic and Foreign Policy" [Amazon].

**Operation BLUE BAT**: See the entry for John K. Singlaub.

**Operation BOW TIE**: [Read firstly the entry for the Profumo Affair.] Operation BOW TIE [FBI briefing] was a U.S.-internal FBI drains-up report on the security implications of the March-April 1963 Profumo Affair, the principal recommendation of which was that the U.K. was far too leaky to be trusted with U.S. secrets and should therefore either (a) be kept out of the intelligence loop altogether, or (b) be firewallled with cover stories.
**** THE NEW BANANA REPUBLICS ****

**Operation CONDOR:** [Read firstly the entry for the Banana Wars interventions - see Timeline 13th February 1903ff.] Around for decades but finally systematised and coordinated 25th November 1975 [see Timeline that day] Operation CONDOR [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as a prime example of "a United States-backed campaign of political repression" by six right-wing administrations in South America against "dissidents and leftists, union and peasant leaders, priests and nuns, students and teachers, intellectuals and suspected guerrillas" (Op. cit.) ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** The Wiki author has the good grace to confess that the bit about "guerrillas" was added "as an excuse", that is to say, to mislead. Guerrillas were "never substantial enough to control territory [...] or otherwise threaten national security" (Op. cit.). As for the other categories of people, they are the common clay folk who in 1776 made the American Revolution such a breath-of-fresh-air success. They are the beating intellectual and moral heart of any civilised nation; except under Banana Republic rules, where their innocent aspirations have been redefined as subversive and "freedom" has become whatever your Establishment says it is and woe betide you if you dare to disagree.

Operation Condor is estimated as having carried out as many as 80,000 political murders.

**Operation CYCLONE:** This was the covert operation [Wikipedia briefing] executed during the 1980s to provide arms to the Mujahideen in Afghanistan as proxy warriors against the Soviet occupation. As such it was probably the longest and most expensive CIA operation ever conducted.

**Operation DESERT SHIELD:** Authorised as a response to Saddam Hussein’s 2nd August 1990 invasion of neighbouring Kuwait, Operation DESERT SHIELD [Wikipedia briefing] was the military build-up phase of a number of interlocking overt and covert operations designed to remove Iraqi forces from that country and thus neutralise their collateral threat to Saudi Arabia. As such the operation occupied the first five months of the overall Gulf War, 1990-1991. On 17th January 1991 the build-up became hot war with the initiation of the follow-on Operation DESERT STORM [q.v.].

**Operation DESERT STORM:** Following on from the Operation DESERT SHIELD military build-up Operation DESERT STORM [Wikipedia briefing] was initiated on 17th January 1991 as the six-week combat phase of the Gulf War, 1990-1991 [q.v.].

**Operation EAGLE CLAW:** See the entry for 4th November 1979.

**Operation ENDURING PROMISE (2018):** See the entry for USNS Comfort and the onward link therein.

**Operation GLADIO:** Active between November 1956 and July 1990, Operation GLADIO [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the "stay-behind" element of NATO-CIA joint planning for the continuance of both defensive and offensive intelligence work and sabotage in the event of the Warsaw Pact invading European NATO states, or, until such an invasion materialised, political interference and malevolent black ops in the meantime ...

**CAMEO - GLADIO AND ELECTORAL INTERFERENCE IN GREECE, 1967:** The 21st April 1967 CIA-assisted military coup d'état in Greece reportedly used the covert resources put in place for Greece's Gladio, codenamed Sheepskin (Ganser, 2005).

More surprisingly, however, the coordinating theme of these Europe-wide black ops seems to have been a deliberate deep state strategy which came to be known as the Strategy of Tension.

**FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail see Daniele Ganser’s (2005) book "NATO's Secret Armies: Operation Gladio and Terrorism in Western Europe" [Amazon].
-operation KEELHAUL: Authorised in principle by Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Yalta Conference [Wikipedia briefing] in February 1945. Operation KEELHAUL [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as a textbook instance of the entirely predictable problems associated with repatriations of displaced persons in a time and place of vengeance. The Yalta commitment on repatriations applied to any Soviet citizens (both heartland and federated) who might end up in Western Allied hands once Germany collapsed. This therefore included those liberated from the Nazi slave labour system, along with others rounded up from the war zone as transients (refugees, deserters, fugitives from justice, wives and children, camp followers, and the like), many of whom - as anti-Soviet Russians - had actually been fighting for the Germans. It did NOT extend to German citizens in Allied captivity, or to the hundreds of thousands of ethnic Germans presently being cleansed from territories further east, who were being managed separately. The operation took place in territory occupied by the Allies in the 1945 final advance around the Gulf of Trieste [map below] and up into Slovenia, Croatia, and the Austrian Tyrol, where the displaced included not just Russian citizens qualifying for repatriation but also indigenous Chetnik and Ustashe Yugoslavians [see below] who had until only days previously been fighting Tito's leftist partisans, and who wanted nothing of the sort. In other words, many of the displaced were likely to be regarded by those to whom they were about to be returned as traitors rather than as legitimate adversaries. This latter category included the West Ukrainian 14th SS Grenadier Division (SS-Galizien) [Wikipedia briefing].

research issue - at what point does vile treason become glorious revolution?: An enemy's ethnic, religious, and political divisions have long been exploited by fifth column operations as likely seeds of division. Such psy ops are particularly fruitful when that enemy is a multi-tribal union to start with, for there are bound to be long-standing tensions and past wounds to re-open. Properly fomented and resourced, the resulting sectarian dissents weaken the enemy at home and leaves you to face fewer of his troops at the front. If successful, full rebellions or coups can result, whereupon the old fringe factions become the new mainstream. If unsuccessful, however, the losers must either flee for their lives or else expect vicious reprisals and summary justice. Volkan (op. cit. inf.) has begun to expose this particularly dark side of human mass psychology, and papers like Cushman, et al. (2012 [full text online]) have suggested some of the pertinent variables, but there is as yet nothing close to a final theory of revenge or blood feuding.

Here is a quick history of the region in question ...

Historical catch-up - Yugoslavia, 1919-1946: Prior to WW1, the Adriatic regions of (using their modern names) Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Kosovo had been part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. During WW1 (which started in Sarajevo, remember) they were host to some very bloody fighting on the Trieste Front [see Timeline 23rd May 1915, then as threaded] and the Serbian Front [see Timeline 15th August 1914, then as threaded]. After the November 1918 Armistice, the old imperial provinces were packaged together by the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 18th January 1919, then as threaded] into the multi-ethnic, multi-religious and politically hyperpolarised “Yugoslavia” (indeed, they were explicitly the XIth of President Wilson’s famous pre-Versailles Fourteen Points [see Timeline 1st December 1918]). The interwar years brought nothing but further strife [Wikipedia briefing] and were followed in April 1941 by Yugoslavia being on the sharp end of Hitler's Balkan Offensive [Wikipedia briefing]. Here are some of the pivotal events (the reasoning behind the inclusion of certain Ukrainians in this history of Yugoslavia will become apparent in due course) ...

1. The Polish-Ukrainian War: During the 1930s, ethnic Poles and the Organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) [Wikipedia briefing] traded mutual atrocities in the disputed multi-ethnic region of Galicia [Wikipedia briefing], some 500 miles to the north-east of Yugoslavia, with Hungary in between.

2. The Nazi-Soviet Partition of Poland: On 1st September 1939, by prior agreement between Hitler and Stalin, Poland was invaded from the west by the Nazis and from the east by the Red Army. Eastern Galicia, an area known as Volhynia [Wikipedia briefing], thus fell under Soviet occupation [Wikipedia briefing], and the OUN - being anti-Soviet - was temporarily displaced into Western Galicia (much to the cost of the Poles there).

3. The Italian Invasion of Greece: On 28th October 1940 Mussolini sent troops to invade Greece, only to be fought to a standstill on the Albanian Front [Wikipedia briefing].

4. Yugoslavia Joins the Axis Powers: On 25th March 1941 Prince Paul [Wikipedia biography], Regent of Yugoslavia, acceded to the Tripartite Pact [Wikipedia briefing], joining Hungary, Romania, and Bulgaria as satellite members of the Axis. The arrangement will not last long ...
(5) Yugoslavian Royalist Coup: On 27th March 1941, a military coup by senior Serbian officers deposed Prince Paul and declared 17-year-old Peter [Wikipedia biography] as the nation's substantive king.

ASIDE: Smith (op. cit. inf.) suggests that this coup was encouraged and supported by OSS chief William ["Wild Bill"] Donovan [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], who had been in theatre on a mission from President Roosevelt just beforehand.

(6) The Balkanfeldzug: On 6th April 1941 the Nazis invaded Yugoslavia and Greece, advancing from the north out of Austria and from the south out of Bulgaria. Here is Smith again ... "Shortly after the German invasion and subjugation of Yugoslavia in April 1941, the Allied propaganda services began to manufacture a legend, a heroic tale of a bearded and respected colonel named Draža Mihailović [Wikipedia biography] [who had] formed a guerrilla army to fight the invaders. Calling themselves Chetniks after a similar anti-Bulgarian guerrilla group of the First World War, Mihailović's troops pledged their loyalty and devotion to King Peter, the teenaged monarch who fled Yugoslavia during the invasion to establish a government-in-exile in London. The British established first radio contact with the Yugoslav guerrillas in September 1941, and soon after King Peter gave his official blessing to the Chetniks. Mihailović was promoted to the rank of general and appointed War Minister of the exile government. [...] Eager to establish more direct contact with the Chetniks, the SOE infiltrated one of its officers [= Colonel Duane T. ["Bill"] Hudson [Wikipedia biography FASCINATING] - Ed.] into Yugoslavia by submarine in October. [...] At [Wild Bill Donovan's] headquarters in Washington, these events were viewed with special interest [for he] was already well versed in Yugoslav affairs. He had gone to Belgrade as a special envoy of Roosevelt in early 1941 to urge Yugoslav political and military leaders to resist the Axis. [...] In the summer of 1942, on an official visit to America, King Peter received renewed assurances of assistance from Roosevelt [...] yet the Chetniks received only one small arms shipment from SOE that entire year” (pp129-130).

(7) Operation Barbarossa: On 22nd June 1941 the Nazis opened up an Eastern Front [Wikipedia briefing] by invading the Soviet Union. The OUN promptly followed the advance of Army Group South into Volhynia, and thereafter saw service as that region's pro-Nazi police force and Holocaust accessory.

(8) Enter the Yugoslavian Partisans: At around the same time, Bill Hudson reported back to London that a second Yugoslavian guerrilla army - the Partisans [Wikipedia briefing] - was assembling under Soviet-trained Josip ["Tito"] Broz [Wikipedia biography], and that as often as not the Chetniks and the Partisans were fighting each other and not the Nazis.

(9) Romancing the New Ally: Here is Smith again, explaining some of the subsequent pro-Tito politicking ...

"Complicating any political analysis was the traditional ethnic rivalry between the Serbs and Croats of Yugoslavia, which, in London's view, lay at the root of the Partisan-Chetnik conflict. The Croats had long resented the domination of the Yugoslav governmental machinery by the Serbs. Their grievances were abetted by religious differences, the Croats adhering to Catholicism and the Serbs to the Orthodox Church. Ethnic dissension pervaded Yugoslav politics. A precarious and deteriorating balance was struck between the Serbs and Croats in the exile government. [...] Mihailović was a Serb and Tito a Croat, and although many Serbs originally joined the Partisans, the Croat influence came to predominate. [...] American Yugoslavs of Serb ancestry had become fervent champions of the Chetnik cause, while those of Croat origin rallied to support of the Partisan movement. The spokesman for the American Croats was Ivan Šubašić [Wikipedia biography], the pre-war governor of Croatia [...] who first came to the attention of OSS in September 1942 when he helped arrange a State Department-sponsored 'unity conference' to curb the Serb-Croat dissension among Yugoslav-Americans. [...] The Nazis were of course happy to promote the Serb-Croat conflict, and they did so by appointing two puppet political leaders in occupied Yugoslavia. A collaborationist Serb general [= Milan Nedić Wikipedia biography] was installed in Belgrade, while the Croat Ante Pavelić [Wikipedia biography] became the quisling leader of an 'Independent Croatia'. In his zeal to please his Axis friends, Pavelić established a pro-Nazi militia called the Ustashe [Wikipedia briefing], which began to massacre the Serb minority in Croatia. [...] London's attitude was clearly affected by Hudson's military reports of Chetnik inactivity and Partisan aggressiveness. [...] The charges were picked up by the Western press, which began to make increased mention of Tito's forces and to downplay the former Chetnik heroes. [...] Though he later met with Tito's agents, [Allen] Dulles 'was very anti-Communist and felt the Allies must stick to Mihailović and not fall into a trap prepared by Communist propagandists'. [...] Foreign Minister Anthony Eden informed King Peter's government in May [1943] that future British aid to Mihailović would cease unless the Chetniks ended all collaboration with the enemy. Plans were in progress at this time for the coming invasion of Italy. The Allies hoped to create a military diversion through widespread guerrilla sabotage in the Balkans to force the Germans to deploy their units away from the Italian peninsula."
When London concluded that the Chetniks could not perform this function, SOE, with Churchill's personal approval, sent several of its officers to make the first formal contacts with the Partisans" (pp132-134).

(10) The Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA): In Volhynia, meanwhile, the OUN divided itself in spring 1941 into separate factions headed respectively by ultra-nationalist Stepan Bandera [Wikipedia biography] and the less radical Andriy Melnyk [Wikipedia biography]. Snyder (op. cit. infra.) covers the exploits of these rival groups in the ethnic cleansing of that province as follows (a long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"The years 1939-1941 should be seen as the first stage in the general acceptance that individuals can be classified into groups and treated accordingly. From 1941, the Final Solution [Wikipedia briefing] brought to public attention the idea that a group could be physically eliminated. In late 1941 and throughout 1942, several thousand Ukrainians participated as policemen in the Final Solution [Wikipedia briefing] [...] in the cold-blooded murder of local Jewry. [+++ details given +++] Village by village, town by town, an ancient civilisation was removed from the face of the earth. [...] The next spring, in March-April 1943, virtually all of these Ukrainian policemen left the German service to join the Ukrainian partisans of the UPA [+++ consequent Polish ethnic cleansing discussed +++] [+++ psychology of genocide discussed] The Melnyk branch of the OUN grouped older and better educated men; Stepan Bandera led a younger [cohort]. [+++ other Ukrainian partisan groups introduced +++] The OUN-Bandera's tactic of ethnic cleansing was part of a strategy to further the goal of national liberation after the German defeat at Stalingrad. [...] The retreating Germans were now willing to arm Ukrainians on a large scale, and the OUN Melnyk accepted this proposition. [...] About 80,000 Ukrainians volunteered for service in the new Waffen SS Division Galizien [aforementioned]. Only about 11,600 were trained, and the Germans had a special problem finding officers. [...] The SS-Galicen began its career with the destruction of several Polish communities in winter and spring 1944. [+++ details given +++] The SS-Galicen was destroyed by the Red Army in July 1944 [...]. The division was then reconstituted from more volunteers and sent to Slovakia and Yugoslavia to suppress anti-German risings. [...] Thousands of the reconstituted division's veterans managed to surrender to the Americans or British in Germany. [...] The OUN-Bandera opposed both Nazi and Soviet occupation of Ukraine [and feared] that Ukraine's final enemy would be a resurrected Poland. [...] Both the Polish Home Army and the Ukrainian UPA planned rapid strikes for territorial gains in Galicia and Volhynia. [...] Polish partisans wished to restore an old order; Ukrainian partisans, a step ahead, prepared a new one. [...] In Spring 1943, the UPA gained control over the Volhynian countryside from the Germans, and began the murder and expulsion of the Polish population. [...] The OUN-Bandera's decision to use its UPA against these Poles can only be seen as the ethnic cleansing of civilians. [+++ details given +++] By July 1943 the UPA had assimilated other Ukrainian partisan groups in Volhynia, numbered about twenty thousand troops, and was capable of simultaneous actions across wide territories. [...] All in all, the UPA killed forty to sixty thousand Polish civilians in Volhynia in 1943. [+++ more on Polish-Ukrainian confrontation +++] By June 1944, the UPA was killing Polish citizens and battling Polish partisans in every district of Galicia. As the Red Army approached, [...] the Home Army and the UPA fought along a front of their own that stretched for hundreds of miles. [...] Poles fought Ukrainians as German policemen, as Soviet partisans, as self-defence militias, and as a division of the Home Army. The Polish government in London also diverted Home Army units from the war against Germany. [...] Poles and Ukrainians were denied the fight to the finish they had planned. [...] The Polish Home Army was destroyed in the east; Ukrainian partisans fled to fight another day" (pp159-178).

(11) The Maclean Mission: Smith now continues his account of the rise of Tito (another long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"As a demonstration of [Churchill's] personal interest in the Yugoslavian situation, SOE Captain [Sir]1975 Frederick] William Deakin [Wikipedia biography] was sent to Tito's Bosnian headquarters [approximate map] in late May [1943] [...] and within weeks of his arrival in Partisan territory, Deakin's 'brilliant messages' to London had 'left no doubt as to the military value of Tito's movement'. Churchill then decided to send an official SOE mission to Partisan headquarters. [...] Likewise, ] Donovan was soon ready to send his men into the Yugoslavian hinterland [...]. [These included [Linn] Farish [Wikipedia biography] [and] Colonel Albert Seitz [no convenient biography] [...]. During the following months, much of the development of British policy in Yugoslavia would centre on the commander of this mission, 32-year-old British Brigadier Fitzroy Maclean [Wikipedia biography]. [+++ ramifications from the Tehran Conference discussed at length +++] The future of King Peter was then the burning political issue. Churchill still cherished the hope of a reconciliation between Tito and Peter once the Chetniks were removed from active contention as a postwar political force. [...] In May 1944, OSS supplied Whitehall with its missing link - the former governor of Croatia, Ivan Šubašić [aforementioned]. Donovan's people [...] now strongly advised him to accept the British proposal to serve as deus ex machina. Šubašić readily assented. Both the British and Americans then
pressed Šubašić upon the King as his political salvation [...] and the adolescent monarch relented. On June 1, he appointed the Croat leader to head a new cabinet in which Mihailović's name was conspicuously absent. [+++ more politicking ++++] [Maclean] believed that neither the King nor Šubašić would be of any political importance after the war [and] Thayer accepted Maclean's views on the inevitability of a Partisan victory [...]. The Americans and the British had good cause for pessimism. One week before the Red Army entered Yugoslavia [this took place 29th September 1944, at Tito's invitation - Ed.], Tito's Chief of Staff [...] issued an order forbidding the movement of OSS and SOE officers beyond the headquarters area” (pp134-156).

(12) Liberation: Following the Allied advance up Italy during 1944, the liberation of the Gulf of Trieste [map] began on 9th April 1945 and took less than a month to bring about a final Axis surrender in that theatre [Wikipedia briefing]. The British spearhead force was V Corps [Wikipedia briefing], more on whom below, whilst the American diplomatic objective was to seek out East European Nazi sympathisers, with a view to recruiting them in their broader fight against the Red Army. Here, from the Wikipedia entry for the Syrmian Front, is the ceasefire line as at the time of the German Surrender ...

Key: What is left of the Third Reich is shown in white, centre map, from Denmark in the north to the Gulf of Trieste in the south. The dark highlights are frontline battlezones, that is to say, the areas of the most intense recent fighting, fluidity, and confusion. The pink zone, right, shows territory occupied by the Red Army advancing from the east. Note the battlezones for Berlin, top right, and Yugoslavia, bottom right. Note also the Red Army occupation of Galicia and Ukraine, centre right

And so to the point of all this, namely that the repatriation operation was in key respects somehow - and at the highest level - conspiratorially mishandled in the first instance, and then subsequently conspiratorially hushed up ...

CAMEO - THE TOLSTOY ACCUSATIONS: By one of the estimates in the literature, there were some 59,000 anti-Communist ex-combatants, plus 11,000 dependent women and children, in camps across the British sector of Austria and Northern Yugoslavia prior to the KEELHAUL repatriations. Politically speaking, Britain's man on the spot was Harold Macmillan [Wikipedia biography], Chief Commissioner of the Allied Central Commission for Italy. Militarily it was Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander [Lord Alexander of Tunis]1946 [Wikipedia biography] through the commander of V Corps, General Sir Charles Keightley [Wikipedia biography]. One of V Corps' staff officers was Austin [Later Toby] Low [Lord Aldington]1982 [see own entry]. The commanders generally, and Low specifically, would eventually be accused of failing to prevent the almost certain reprisals against those being repatriated. These accusations came thirty years down the line, when the events of 1945-1946 featured in a series of books by British historian Nikolai Tolstoy [Wikipedia biography], namely his (1977) "Victims of Yalta" [Amazon], his (1981) "Stalin's Secret War" [Amazon], his (1986) "The Minister and the Massacres" [Amazon], and his (2021) "Stalin's Vengeance" [Amazon]. Tolstoy's central and sustained theses are (1) that there was a BRITISH CONSPIRACY NOT TO DEFY the Yalta agreement (that is to say, to appease Stalin rather than by doing the "right thing" and challenging him) [it should, however, be noted that - coming from a refugee White Russian family himself - Tolstoy consistently argues against Moscow - Ed.], (2) that those who were about to die were deceived as to the destination of their trains, and (3) that the whole affair was subsequently covered up by a wall of Whitehall silence. Here, from his 1986 opus, is Tolstoy's assessment of where the detainees in question came from, who led them, and some indication of who was eventually sent back and who was allowed to stay in the West...

"Besides the two large bodies of Cossacks, those under [Semeon N.] Krasnov [no convenient biography] at Lienz [map], and the Cossack Corps [Wikipedia briefing] under [Helmuth] von Pannwitz [Wikipedia biography] further east, there were two other large bodies of 'Russians' held by 5 Corps. At Klein St. Veit [map] there were 4,500 men of the Schutzkorps [Wikipedia briefing], a unit largely comprising White Russians resident in Yugoslavia. Led by a Colonel [Anatoly Rogozhin] [Wikipedia biography], they had withdrawn before Tito's advance and surrendered to the British. And around Spittal [map], near Lienz, was the Ukrainian nationalist SS Division known as Galicia. Its 10,000 men had fought against the Red Army, and contained a high proportion of men who were, in British eyes, Soviet citizens. Both these units were reprieved, and not handed over to the Soviets. Unfortunately all documents relating to this important decision have disappeared from the archive, so one can only guess at the reason. A Colonel Walton Ling [no convenient biography] of the Red Cross, who had formerly served with the White Army in South Russia, took up the cause of the Schutzkorps with great enthusiasm at 5 Corps. [...] Similarly, the Ukrainians included very many Polish citizens who were in touch with [...] the Polish Corps in Italy - awkwardly vociferous friends. Whatever the reasons, a decision was definitely arrived at not to repatriate the Schutzkorps and the Galicia Division. [...] Churchill did not receive his report until 5 June [... and on the 20th the Combined Chiefs] approved the handover of those Cossacks who
were Soviet citizens. [...] Already, however, some time between 22 and 25 May Churchill instructed Alexander to hand over the Cossacks. [...] What induced Churchill to act in this way before receiving a reply to his inquiry [...] is not known" (pp302-305; the "Polish" Ukrainians were not ethnic Poles, of course, but had pre-1939 partition Polish passports).

Tolstoy then records the bare bones of the final handover as follows ...

"When General Keightley's staff officer negotiated the handover of Cossacks at Wolfsberg on 23 and 24 May, he was officially dealing with the Chief of Staff of the 57th Soviet Army. However, the Red Army had no authority to interfere in the matter of repatriation of Soviet citizens. This lay entirely in the hands of SMERSH [yep, that SMERSH, the counter-espionage section of the NKVD secret police - Ed.]. [+++ details of preparations +++] Close cooperation between SMERSH and 5 Corps staff ensured that matters ran smoothly. Krasnow, Shkuro, Ghirey, and the remaining Cossack and Caucasian officers were delivered to SMERSH at Judenburg [map]. [+++ details of the handover +++] Much later, when the embarrassing fact of the betrayal of Russians not covered by the Yalta Agreement became public knowledge, apologists for the British action claimed that there had been a tragic misunderstanding. [...] About 1600 Cossack officers were presented to SMERSH at Judenburg, of whom well over a thousand were old émigrés bearing French, German, Yugoslav, or League of Nations passports" (pp312-314).

As for the death toll, estimates range from 14,000 to ten times that number, and tend on occasion to be unsupported hearsay figures from far-from-impartial commentators. For precision, it helps to separate (1) the Cossacks (who were handed over to SMERSH, as above) from (2) the Yugoslavs (who - see below - were either turned away when seeking sanctuary or else quickly handed back to the pursuing Partisans), from (3) the SS Freiwilligen [= volunteers] (whose surrender was accepted but who were not handed over at all). For the Cossacks, Tolstoy reports the show trials and executions of six senior officers in January 1946. The Cossack rank and file are unaccounted for, and were, we presume, absorbed into an already overloaded Gulag System [Wikipedia briefing], in which (without being particularly targeted) lives were short. As for the Yugoslavians, Tolstoy is more explicit, giving a figure of 30,000 returned and "massacred in cold blood at Bleiburg [map]" (p440n8).

**CAMEO - THE BLEIBURG REPATRIATION:** The events in this sector of the liberation are not strictly part of KEELHAUL. Nowadays, however, they have attracted their own (and highly detailed) Wikipedia briefing, from which the following summary has been clipped for information's sake ...

"In the week after the German Instrument of Surrender, Axis forces in Yugoslavia continued to battle the Partisans to avoid encirclement and keep escape routes open. The Slovene-led columns fought their way to the Austrian border near Klagenfurt on 14 May. Their surrender was accepted by the British and they were interned in the nearby Viktring camp. When one of the columns of fleeing HOS troops, who were intermingled with civilians, approached the town of Bleiburg on 15 May, the British refused to accept their surrender. They directed them to surrender to the Partisans, which the HOS leadership did after short negotiations. Other Axis prisoners in British captivity were repatriated to Yugoslavia in the following weeks. The repatriations were canceled by the British on 31 May, following reports of massacres in Yugoslavia. The Yugoslav authorities moved the prisoners on forced marches throughout the country to internment and labor camps.

**Mass executions were carried out, the largest of which were in Tezno (estimated at 15,000 Croatian prisoners of war), Kočevski Rog and Huda Jama.**

**In the ensuing Communist rule in Yugoslavia, these massacres and other abuses after the repatriations were a taboo topic and information about the events was suppressed. Public and official commemoration of the victims, which included civilians, did not begin until several decades later.** Historians have been unable to accurately ascertain the number of casualties during and after the repatriations; exact numbers have been the subject of much debate. Croatian historians estimate that 30,000 captives were killed."

And as for the Nazis assimilated into the West (arguably the ones most deserving of punishment at the time and whose story awaits its own Tolstoy) no ready figures are available. Some, without a doubt, will have been utilised as assassins in post-war counter-espionage operations such as Operation OHIO [see the inset in the entry for Franklin A. Lindsay REVELATORY].

It might also add perspective to note that in the confusion of the 1945 war-peace transition OVER A MILLION legitimate German prisoners of war seem to have been mislaid, perhaps eliminated, more often than not in Western Allied custody, where they had chosen to surrender for fear of what might happen to them in the East ...

**CAMEO - THE "OTHER LOSSES":** Here is Bacque (op. cit. inf.) with the core narrative ...
"After the war, German officials cautiously began looking into the fate of missing family members. Under their first chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, the Germans completed a survey, thorough in the Western zones [...] spotty in the Russian zone [...], showing that according to surviving family members and postal records, at least 1.4 million Germans captured either during or after WWII and known to have been alive at the end of the war had never been officially accounted for and remain missing to this day. In October 1951, Chancellor Adenauer deposited at the U.N. his nominal roll of over 1,100,000 names of soldiers still missing and presumed to be captives. This number did not include the 271,672 civilians seized by the Red Army as substitutes for prisoners who had escaped or died during transport. [...] In effect, it was saying that more than 1,100,000 German soldiers died in captivity, as well as many among the missing paramilitary and civilians. Before 1989, the propaganda in the West was that only 30,000 of them had died, mainly in French camps. [...] No one on either side disputed the accuracy of the German figures" (xli)


Operation LONGSTRIDE: See the entry for Robert E. Webster.

Operation MIDNIGHT CLIMAX: [Read firstly the entry for Operation MK/ULTRA.] Active between 1954 and 1963, Operation MIDNIGHT CLIMAX [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the field testing element of the broader Operation MK/ULTRA which famously operated the surveillance laboratory-cum-brothels in NYC and San Francisco in the mid-1950s. For some of the juicier details, see the entry for George Hunter White.

Operation MILLPOND: See the entry for Walt Rostow.

Operation MOCKINGBIRD: In 1948, the CIA’s Director of Plans Frank Wisner [see own entry] implemented a program of subtle (and constitutionally illegal) interference with the mainstream media such that public opinion would henceforth automatically be in line with covert action. Wisner gave this far-reaching program the name Operation MOCKINGBIRD [Spartacus Educational briefing] and by the mid-1950s the U.S. mainstream media was spouting the CIA party line on foreign affairs and being repaid by a stream of high impact snippets from secret files designed to raise believability (and sales).

Operation MONGOOSE: Initiated 17th March 1960 by President Eisenhower as a comprehensive (but at that time unnamed) attempt to bring about the downfall of the Castro Regime, Operation MONGOOSE [Spartacus Educational briefing] took greater shape and was given its codename after the failure of the Bay of Pigs Invasion in April 1961, specifically, at a White House meeting of JFK and his military circle on 4th November 1961. At this meeting JFK insisted - and the hawks among the military violently disagreed - that only covert operations would henceforth be allowed. Hawk Edward Lansdale (later to be photographed strolling across Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963 in the aftermath of the shooting) was put in charge. The operation was then directed locally by JM/WAVE, the CIA station in Miami, with Sidney Gottlieb [see own entry] being asked to develop a poison package of some sort in case someone could get close enough to Castro to deliver it. An associated operation codenamed Operation NORTHWOODS [see own entry] preferred to contrive False Flag incidents as a pretext for official military intervention.

Operation NASSAU: See the entries for Mitchell WerBell and Thomas Eli Davis, III.
Operation NIGHTINGALE: See the entries for James Forrestal and Nachtigall Battalion.

Operation NIPPON STAR: See the entry for John K. Singlaub.

Operation NOAH'S ARK: This was the Israeli special forces operation which boarded the freighter Karine A in the Red Sea on 3rd January 2002 and unloaded some $15M worth of arms and munitions [Wikipedia briefing] allegedly destined for Palestinian paramilitaries in the Gaza Strip. The incident has since been occasionally suggested online to have been an Israeli false flag operation or related sting.


Operation NORTHWOODS: A CIA proposal dated 9th March 1962 to false flag the Castro Regime, such that public (not to mention Presidential) opinion would swing behind military action to remove him. Six options were identified, as follows ...

1. A false flag attack on the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.
2. A false flag atrocity against a U.S.N. vessel, like that on the USS Maine.
3. False flag terrorist attacks in Miami or DC.
4. A false flag attack on an airliner.
5. A staged shoot down of a suitably made up drone, reported as an airliner.
6. Faked distress messages and flotsam.

The plan was submitted to JFK by Lyman Lemnitzer and rejected outright. However as both the Pentagon's 1st May 1963 Briefing to Maxwell Taylor, and Joseph Califano's 1997 "Califano Papers, clearly indicate, the false flag notion would never totally go away.

Operation OHIO: [OSS codename] See the entry for Franklin A. Lindsay.

Operation PAPER: Authorised by President Truman in mid-1950, Operation PAPER [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as part of the U.S. government's general interference on the side of Chiang Kai-Shek's Chinese Nationalists in their stand off against Chairman Mao's Chinese Communists at this point in time, and (b) specifically for its having deployed aircraft of Claire Chennault's [see own entry] Civil Air Transport (CAT) [see own entry TRULY REVELATORY] to run supplies to Nationalist guerrilla-exiles in the Kengtung Region [Wikipedia briefing and map] of northern Burma and Thailand, close to the Chinese border. Thereby reinforced, nationalist counter-offensives into China's Yunnan Province took place May and July 1951 and August 1952 but were successfully driven back by the Peoples' Liberation Army (PLA). The operation was directed by the CIA's Director of Plans Frank Wisner [see own entry]. The idea seems to have come originally from Alfred Cox [see own entry], head of the CIA station in Hong Kong in late 1949.

Operation PAPERCLIP: [Initially Operation Overcast] Operation PAPERCLIP [CIA briefing] was the post-WW2 U.S. effort to migrate some 1600 Doctor Strangeloves into American Cold-War atomic, aerospace, and biological weapons programs.

EXAMPLE - THE HILGER EXTRACTION: Simpson (op. cit. inf.) - having slowly trawled the Washington archives such as they stood in the mid-1980s - explains how difficult it was in practice to extract a useful Nazi ...

"Smuggling collaborators into the United States for clandestine work during the Cold War was never as easy to keep hidden as it might seem. The entry of former senior Nazi Foreign Office official Gustav Hilger [Wikipedia biography SOME STORY!] is a case in point. Senior U.S. State Department officials, including George F. Kennan, intervened personally on the German's behalf, leaving behind a trail of telegrams. Then secret visas had to be arranged and the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) had to be quietly informed, producing still more records. [Etc.]" (pp22-23).
The technicalities are further discussed in the entry for Charles Thomas [Passport Officer].

Now browse the dozen or so other entries with <Operation PAPERCLIP> mention. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Annie Jacobsen's (2014) "Operation Paperclip: The Secret Intelligence Program that Brought Nazi Scientists to America" [Amazon], Christopher Simpson's (1988) "Blowback: America's Recruitment of Nazis and Its Destructive Impact on Our Domestic and Foreign Policy" [Amazon], and Sam Kean's (2019) "The Bastard Brigade" [Amazon].

"Operation PASTOR": [INDEXING STUB] [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] This is the present author's suggested name for the long-lived intelligence network set up in Europe by U.S. spymaster supreme Allen Dulles under cover of pre-existing Protestant church structures ...

TERMS OF REFERENCE: Dulles was neither the first nor the last spymaster to exploit organised religion's remarkable ability to communicate with relative immunity far beyond the immediate parish. However, we are here interested in Dulles' particular use of that device, and we shall therefore IGNORE examples of parochial espionage (1) PRIOR TO APRIL 1917, when Dulles made an inauspicious start to his career by putting Allied victory in WW1 at risk by failing to prevent Lenin from making his way back to St. Petersburg to start the Russian Revolution [see Timeline 8th April 1917, then as threaded]. (2) AFTER SEPTEMBER 1964, when Dulles published the Warren Commission Report (complete, appropriately enough, with a perfectly non-existent account of the part played by carefully subverted Unitarians and Quakers during Operation AMWORLD), and (3) OTHER THAN WITHIN HIS GEOPOLITICAL REMIT, because until Dulles took sole command of the CIA in 1953 he had generally been responsible only for the European theatre - see the entries for John L. Magruder and John Birch for the comparable network in the Far East.

For supporting evidence, firstly select your war from the list below (there are no less than six to choose from), and secondly work your way through the cluster of entries linked to that war. Start with the specific links, and then follow the onward pointers to heart's content ...

WORLD WAR I AND THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION: See Timeline 8th April 1917, then as threaded. See also the entry for John R. Mott.

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR (STRICTLY DEFINED): See Timeline 11th January 1919, then as threaded. See also the entry for Thomas Catchpool.

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR (LOOSELY DEFINED): Sensu stricto, the Russian Civil War burned itself out in the summer of 1923, leaving the Reds victorious and ushering in the Soviet Union. However, since the defeated White Russians fought on from safety in the United States (and still do) it often explains a lot to regard all post-1923 anti-Communist activity as White Russian/Neo-Nazi in essence.

SPANISH CIVIL WAR AND RISE OF NAZISM: See the entries for Noel Field and Prescott Bush.

WORLD WAR II: See the entries for Stewart W. Herman and Hans Gisevius. Also - if time permits - watch the Tom Cruise movie "Valkyrie" [YouTube the trailer], because the 1944 bomb plot against Hitler was itself a PASTOR op.

COLD WAR (PRE-ASSASSINATION): See the entries for Stephen Fritchman and Albert Schweitzer College. For the JFK assassination cover up see then the entry for the Mexico City Adventure.

Operation PBSUCCESS: CIA code name for their 1954 Guatemalan Coup [see 18th June 1954].

Operation PIGEON: See the entry for John K. Singlaub.

Operation QKACTIVE: [CIA codename] Authorised in September 1950 and operational 1951-1971, Operation QKACTIVE [Mary Ferrell Foundation database entry] is noteworthy in the present context as the administrative node for overseeing the operations of the proprietary cover operation American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism (AMCOMLIB) - see that entry for the details.

Operation SAFEHAVEN: Dealt with in the entry for Leo Crowley, which see.
Operation SOLSTICE: See the Companion Timeline at 15th February 1945.

Operation SQUAW: See the entry for Alfred T. Cox.

Operation SUNRISE: See the Companion Timeline at 3rd February 1945.

Operation TILT: [occasionally alternatively Operation Red Cross] Operation TILT was a small-scale CIA operation to extract two potential Soviet defectors from Cuba. A small commando including long-standing CIA operative William D. Pawley and [Operation MOCKINGBIRD?] journalist Dick Billings was landed on 8th June 1963, only to be withdrawn shortly afterward having failed to locate the personnel concerned. The dozen or so Cubans in the deep penetration squad were never seen again. According to Robert K. Brown and Miguel Acoca's 1976 article "The Bayo-Pawley Affair", the point of the operation was to obtain evidence that the Soviets had retained a covert missile presence on Cuba in the wake of the Cuban Missile Crisis, which, if proven, would have seriously damaged JFK politically.

Operation TRIPOD: FEMA major disaster drill about to start in South Manhattan at the time of the 9/11 attacks.

Operation VALUABLE: [A.k.a. Operation BGFIEND] See the entry for Frank Wisner.

Operation VIGILANT GUARDIAN: NORAD hijacking drill ongoing in U.S. and Canadian airspace at the time of the 9/11 attacks. Many 9/11 conspiracy theorists assert that much of the audio from the "hijacked" planes had been pre-scripted as part of said drill.

Operation YELLOWBIRD: Operation YELLOWBIRD was the codename given to the joint CIA-MI6 operation to exfiltrate "Chinese dissidents who participated in the Tienanmen Square protests of 1989" (their Wiki, 11th June 2023). Whether those dissidents had previously been infiltrated as agents provocateurs by the selfsame exfiltrators remains an open question, but should be taken as highly likely.

Oratory: Although it is politely defined merely as "the art or practice of formal speaking in public" O.E.D., and although it was highly prized as a necessary life skill by well-born Greeks and Romans, Oratory is to Homo sapiens what bared-tooth attack is to alpha-male troop societies such as chimpanzees, baboons, and wolves. It is just another way of bending people to your will. Indeed, the skill actually becomes quite ethically perturbing if allowed to deteriorate into Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching [see own entry], whereupon all pretence at fine phrasing or rational argument is cast aside, to be replaced by easier-to-digest slogans and calls for hallelujah.

O'Reilly, William James: Journalist and author Bill O'Reilly was first author (with Martin Dugard) of the 2012 JFK best-seller "Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot".

Organisation Armée Secrète (OAS): Founded in January 1961 by a disaffected clique of French Army officers opposing moves to grant independence to French Algeria, the Organisation Armée Secrète (OAS) is noteworthy in the present context for a two-year binge of right-wing terrorist attacks both in France and French North Africa, during which some 2000 people were killed and a further 4000 wounded. Since one of these attacks was an (unsuccessful) attempt 22nd August 1962 on the life of President de Gaulle, the OAS provides a convenient parallel for those who suspect right-wing involvement in the assassination of JFK 15 months later.

"... maintaining and protecting essential services" (OMS duties)

Organisation for the Maintenance of Supplies (OMS): Announced in The Times 25th September 1925, the Organisation for the Maintenance of Supplies (OMS) is noteworthy in the
present context as a way of recruiting volunteer union-busters from local communities when threatened with a general strike. The OMS was administered on behalf of the government by a committee chaired by Sir Arthur Hardinge [see own entry]. Day-to-day control was in the hands of General [Sir] 1952 Robert McCalmont [Wikipedia biography], and the committee was well-stiffened by retired admirals and generals. The scheme was duly acclaimed by Harold Harmsworth/Lord Rothermere's [Wikipedia biography] The Daily Mail as a "Defence Against the Reds" (Pugh, 2005), and - just as predictably - denounced by the left. McCalmont proceeded to take the names of some 85,000 middle-class do-gooders during the winter 1925-1926 as worker-master confrontations became increasingly acrimonious. However, when eventually the 1926 General Strike was called [see Timeline 4th May 1926], OMS volunteers proved to be physically unsuited to heaving coal and the like, and only some 5000 volunteers were actually called upon. Blue identity cards were issued to those of the volunteers doing "protecting" rather than "maintaining", because these were often protofascist bully boys.

Orlov, Lawrence: [1899-1989] Massachusetts-born to recent Jewish immigrant parents "of Russian or Polish ancestry" (Lateer, 2017, p63), WW1 veteran (U.S. Army, Headquarters administrator), Harvard graduate, and WW2 veteran (U.S. Army, military intelligence), turned we know not what Colonel Lawrence Orlov [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for re-enlisting in 1942 at age 43, making Colonel by 1945 (Lateer, 2017, p212), (b) for being a very deep operative at something 1948-1961, (c) for then settling in Dallas, becoming "closely tied" to J. Walton Moore, the CIA's careerist in that city, (d) for thereby being asked to accompany George de Mohrenschildt on his first encounter meeting LHO and Marina Oswald in June 1962, and (e) for NOT being pursued by either Warren Commission or the Garrison Investigation. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see James Lateer's (2017) book "The Three Barons" (Amazon, RECOMMENDED), Chapter 19.

**** SENIOR MILNER GROUP ASSET *****

Ormsby-Gore, William George Arthur [4th Baron Harlech] 1938: High-born British aristocrat William Ormsby-Gore [Lord Harlech] 1938 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for entering parliament in 1910 as member for Denbigh Boroughs, a seat he would retain until 1918; thereafter as member for Stafford until 1938, (b) for serving 1914-1915 in Egypt, transferring in 1916 to the Arab Bureau [see own entry] as an intelligence officer ...

ASIDE: Fromkin (1989) notes that during his time with the Arab Bureau Ormsby-Gore controlled the Palestinian spy network run by Aaron Aaronsohn [see own entry].

(c) for converting personally to Judaism at around this time, and being befriended by arch-Zionist Chaim Weizmann [see own entry], (d) for returning to Britain in 1917 to serve as one of the three Cabinet Secretaries in the Lloyd George administration ...

ASIDE: Fromkin (1989) has it that Ormsby-Gore, in concert with fellow-secretary Mark Sykes [see own entry], "converted the War Cabinet Secretariat to Zionism" (p293).

(e) for serving March to August 1918 on the Palestine Mission, before returning to Britain to prepare for ... (f) attending the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference as the British delegation's expert on the Middle East in general and Zionism in particular, (g) for helping to found Chatham House in 1920, (h) for serving on the Permanent Mandates Commission between 1921 and 1923, and (i) then as Colonial Secretary for explaining to the House of Commons 21st July 1937 who had actually been the author of the Balfour Declaration, thus ...

"This further fact should be known, that the draft as originally put up by Lord Balfour was not the final draft approved by the War Cabinet. The particular draft assented to by the War Cabinet, and afterwards by the Allied Governments, and by the United States, expressed in the Resolution of Congress and finally embodied in the Mandate, happens to have been drafted by Lord Milner. The actual final draft had to be issued in the name of the Foreign Secretary but the actual draftsman was Lord Milner" (Hansard, 21st July 1937 [full text online]).
Ortega Saavedra, José Daniel: Nicaraguan freedom-fighter and politician President[1985-1990, 2007-
on-ongoing] Daniel Ortega [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having survived the Contra terrorist insurgency directed against him between 1979 and 1984, during which time he was one of the five members of the Junta of National Reconstruction, (b) for having won the 1984 presidential elections with 67% of the vote, and (c) for then losing out in the 1990 elections to Violeta Chamorro [see own entry]. He also lost out in the elections of 1996 and 2001, but was re-elected in 2006, 2011, and 2016. As incumbent president he still [2018] speaks critically about United States foreign policy, and his support for Iran led to a break in diplomatic relations with Israel in 2010 (reinstated 2017).

STOP PRESS[19th October 2018]: 2018 has been an unsettled year in Nicaraguan politics, with student demonstrations violently suppressed by armed police - YouTube Report. On 19th October 2018 Wikipedia summarised the situation thus ...

"As of July 3, 2018, the Death Toll has reached 309 people. With no peaceful solution in sight, Ortega clings to power despite the growing unrest."

Orthodox Presbyterian Church: See the entry for Carl McIntire.

Orwell, George: [Nom de plume of Eric Arthur Blair] British novelist George Orwell [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the author of the dystopian novels "Animal Farm" (1945) and "Nineteen Eighty-Four" (1949) [see 8th June 1949].

Osanic, Len: Len Osanic [commercial homepage] is anchor for the online broadcaster Black Op Radio [commercial homepage], self-styled as "the voice of political conspiracy research".

Osborn, Anne deWitt Pell ["Nancy"]: See the entry for Frederick H. Osborn, Sr.

Osborn, Frederick Henry, Jr.: (1914-1982) See the entry for Frederick H. Osborn, Sr.

Osborn, Frederick Henry, Sr.: (1889-1981) American monied socialite ("railroad business") turned WW1 humanitarian aid administrator turned for-a-time vocal (and later never totally silent) racial eugenicist turned CIA master propagandist General [1941, non-combat] Frederick H. Osborn, Sr. [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating in 1910 from Princeton as a member of the Dulles Brothers' influence circle, (b) for a pre-WW1 career 1911-1917 in the family business, (c) for war service 1917-1918 as a civilian in-a-war-zone, administering the work of the American Red Cross (ARC) in France ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Ivy Leaguers were to be heavily represented at command level during the United States' involvement in WW1, the Russian and Chinese Civil Wars, WW2, the Cold War, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. As to the true nature of philanthropic institutions such as the ARC in times of war, see (and pursue to heart's content) the Timeline entry for 4th January 1919.

... (d) for returning Stateside, where he gradually came to specialise in racial theory, drawn in initially by his family's association with the American Eugenics Society (AES) [Wikipedia briefing], where he was Secretary 1926-1931 ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: It should not be thought that Eugenics [Wikipedia briefing ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] is per se actually a science. Rather it sits at the four-way Venn intersect of right-wing ideology, medico-philosophical ethics, biochemical genetics, and genetic epistemology, and is - if anything - best regarded as a form of religious dogma leading step by repugnant step up to (and then through) the Gates of Birkenau. Genetic Counselling [Wikipedia briefing] is the fact-based science; eugenics is merely belly-rumbling prejudice armed with a scalpel. Check out the detailed pros and cons in this Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy piece.
... (e) for helping to found the Population Association of America [Wikipedia briefing] in 1931 and Princeton University's Office of Population Research (OPR) [Wikipedia briefing] in 1936, (f) for working with the like-minded Wickliffe P. Draper [see own entry] to set up the Pioneer Fund in 1937, explicitly promoting the same hard line on racial purity as was popular at the time in Nazi Germany ...

QUICKIE - THE PIONEER FUND: Evica (op. cit. inf.) sets the scene thus ...

"By 1937, the leadership of the American push for racial purity passed to the Pioneer Fund [Wikipedia briefing] and its secretary, Frederick Henry Osborn, Sr., the nephew of Henry Fairfield Osborn [see own entry] [...]. Although virtually unknown to the American public, Osborn was one of the most influential men of his generation.' Osborn numbered the Roosevelts and the Rockefellers among his top-drawer friends, was a trustee of Princeton University, and held influential positions with the Carnegie Corporation, the Population Association of America, the American Society of Human Genetics, and was a founder and the first administrator of a key Rockefeller enterprise, the Population Council [Wikipedia briefing]. The Pioneer Fund, created in 1937, was founded by 'a group of wealthy Northeastern conservatives' led by Frederick Osborn and Wickliffe Preston Draper, 'heir to a Massachusetts [textile] manufacturing fortune' and well known for his 'support of southern segregationists'. Draper asked Osborn and Harry H. Laughlin [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE], who contributed to Nazi Germany's race purification programs, to 'organise research projects and distribute pro-eugenic propaganda'. Osborn's partner Harry Laughlin was Director of Carnegie Institute's Eugenics Record Office [see the Laughlin entry above]; one year before Draper tapped both Laughlin and Osborn as the Pioneer Fund's chief research contributors, Laughlin had received a signal honour from Germany for his 'contributions to Nazi eugenics'. His acceptance statement noted that America and the German nation had a 'common understanding' regarding the future of 'racial health'. In 1937, Frederick Henry Osborn announced that the racial sterilisation program adopted by Nazi Germany could be 'the most important social program which has ever been tried'. The Pioneer Fund had just begun in 1937 when its directors developed a plan to improve the breeding stock of America, focusing on the U.S. Army Air Corps. [...] He] held at least two meetings with Harry H. Woodring [Wikipedia biography], President Roosevelt's Secretary of War, pitching the Pioneer Fund's eugenic proposal [...] to 'top military leaders', including Air Corps General 'Hap' Arnold [Wikipedia biography HELLUVA MAN]. In the late summer of 1937, Arnold gave his approval. The Pioneer Fund had organised a 'pilot procreation plan', singling out top U.S. (Caucasian) airmen who had sired at least three children but were reluctant to have more [and offering them] the contemporary equivalent of $60,000 for the education of any child born in 1940. [...] The children chosen by the Pioneer Fund ultimately became decent but ordinary U.S. citizens. The racial strengthening experiment of Laughlin, Draper, and Frederick Henry Osborn was a failure, but its underlying dark intention spoke to the fears and prejudices of elitists who largely approved of Nazi Germany's eugenic experiments" (k5550-5568).

... (g) for being selected by his friend from younger days, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, as Chair of the Civilian Advisory Committee on Selective Service [Wikipedia briefing] in 1940, and then put in charge of the U.S. Army Committee on Welfare and Recreation [no convenient briefing but see Osborn (1942 [full text online (JSTOR registration required)])] later that year ...

CAMERO - GENERAL OSBORN, SHAPER OF MEN: Osborn was instructed to bring "social science techniques to bear on the analysis of morale" (Evica, k5588), and he took his brief very seriously, thus ...

"Osborn was offered a general's rank and the command of 'a new branch of the service focused on issues of morale, training, and education.' [...] He] and his social scientists tested, evaluated, and stored data on tens of thousands of U.S. military personnel [...]. Osborn's wartime project program began in October 1941 as the Army's 'Morale Branch'. It then became the 'Morale Services Branch' in June of 1942, 'Special Services Branch' in November 1942, and finally 'Information and Education Division' in February 1944. Osborn's program extended through 1947, but the written records, including its application to Korea, Vietnam, and other Cold War conflicts, have remained unexplored" (ibid.).

... (h) for being headhunted into Allen Dulles' 1949 National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], thereby bringing scientifically dubious principles into the United States' increasingly dirty proxy wars against Communism ...

CAMERO - OSBORN AND THE NCFE: During the Cold War, the U.S. sponsored a succession of proxy uprisings against the Soviet Union, not least in Germany in 1953 and Hungary in 1956 (see the Wikilist), and morale, that is to say, remorseless propaganda, was one of the main weapons in its armoury. Again we shall give Evica the honour of setting the scene ...
"George Kennan [see own entry], creator of the Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) [see own entry], first suggested gathering together elite U.S. citizens in a major anti-Communist effort. The idea was taken up by Allen Dulles and his pal Frank Wisner [see own entry], his pick to run the OPC. [...] The OPC was absorbed by the CIA in 1950 as its International Organisations Division (IOD) [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser], which took over responsibility for the NCFE. In 1949, the NCFE created the Crusade for Freedom (CFF) [Wikipedia briefing] [+++ background details +++] The Crusade quickly developed Radio Free Europe [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] and Radio Liberty [Wikipedia briefing]. All these entities were covert psychological warfare operations of the CIA, but where did the funding come from? Open financing of any politically motivated Agency action was illegal. So the Crusade for Freedom functioned as the NCFE's major money-laundering operation. [...] Frederick Henry Osborn, Sr., Allen Dulles, and Arthur W. Page [see own entry] helped establish the National Committee for a Free Europe, Inc. Its massive committee list was stuffed with elitist power, including Dulles, Osborn, and Page. In turn, the CIA's allies appointed Frederick Osborn Chairman of the Crusade for Freedom (CFF), establishing its headquarters in New York City [...]. On October 4 1950, [...] Osborn wrote a careful letter to [...] Dulles [concerning] the funding of the Crusade [...] arguing that this] would have to come from 'another group' [by which he meant] Frank Wisner and the Office of Policy Coordination in the CIA" (k5606-5625).

... and (i) for leveraging his contacts in 1964 when brokering the services of (his son and daughter-in-law) Frederick H. Osborn, Jr. [no convenient biography] and Anne deWitt Pell ["Nancy"] Osborn [2012 Obituary] as character witnesses to the FBI for their friends Michael and Ruth Paine. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see George Evica's (2006/2011) "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon].


"A first-rate science administrator and a third-rate scientist" (Rainger, 1991)

Osborn, Henry Fairfield, Sr.: (1857-1935) Well-born (railway money) American palaeontologist turned Nordicist [= Aryan supremacist] Henry Fairfield Osborn, Sr. [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for obtaining a doctorate in palaeontology from Princeton University in 1880 and living the life of an Ivy League professor through to 1890, (b) for relocating in 1891 to Columbia University, spending part of his time as curator of the American Museum of Natural History, (c) for field work in the fossil beds of Colorado and Wyoming during the 1920s [he named the Velociraptor, no less - Ed.], (d) for indulging in some over-adventurous theorising during the 1920s as to the evolutionary descent of Humankind, coming to support the view that racial heredity was more important than environmental nurturance (or lack thereof) in predicting personal and societal success, and (e) for thus coming to support also the use of eugenic interventions in promoting good breeding stock, setting out his ideas in the 1934 paper "Aristogenesis" [full text online (requires JSTOR registration)]. He died in 1935, aged 78.

***** DEFINITELY MORE TO THIS MAN THAN MEETS THE EYE *****

Osborne, Albert Alexander: [a.k.a. John Howard Bowen] Possibly 75-year-old Grimsby (UK) born "missionary" and possible British or Soviet spy ...

... Albert Osborne [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having become acquainted during the afternoon of 26th September 1963 with either LHO or an LHO Look Alike - take your choice - on the final leg of the Houston-Mexico City bus transit, (b) for being eventually named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America, 1-2-3" [full text online at https://ratical.org/ratville/JFK/ToA/ToAchp5.html] as a member of the assassination squad proper, and (c) for also being linked to an every-conspiracy-has-one call to a British newspaper warning of the assassination attempt 25 minutes before it actually happened. RECOMMENDED READING: The most detailed mainstream account is in Kaiser (2008, pp264-266). Osborne, it seemed, gave the FBI a merry dance between January and March 1964, before J. Edgar Hoover finally decided that he was nothing but a con-man and dropped him from the investigation.

Osborne, Captain (U.S.N.) David Paul: Captain (later Admiral) David Osborne [Wikipedia biography] was Chief of Surgery at Bethesda, and ex officio attended JFK's autopsy on the evening of 22nd November 1963. He would later complain to the House Select Committee on Assassinations that the whole affair was conducted in a get it over with quick fashion. More confusingly, the HSCA reports tell us ...

(84) In a committee telephone interview with Admiral Osborne, another issue arose. He stated that he thought he recalled seeing an intact slug roll out from the clothing of President Kennedy and onto the autopsy table when personnel opened the casket and removed the clothing from the body of the President.

However he would later plead psychological suggestion of some sort, thus (same document) ...

(88) Following this investigation, the committee recontacted Admiral Osborne and informed him that the body of the President had not arrived in any clothes, but was wrapped in sheets,(116) and that no one else recalled anything about the discovery of a missile.(117) Admiral Osborne then said that he could not be sure he actually did see a missile and that it was possible the FBI and Secret Service only spoke about the discovery of a missile. He did say he was positive only one bullet was ever recovered, whether it was discovered at Bethesda Hospital or Parkland Hospital.

Oswald, Lee Harvey: Simply accumulate the 500 or so references to "LHO" in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for Lee Harvey Oswald.

Oswald, Marguerite: Recently widowed, struggling, but essentially noble and hard-working Marguerite Oswald [no convenient biography] entered the JFK story on 18th October 1939 when she gave birth to LHO. Now simply accumulate the other 20 or so references to this lady in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for the senior Mrs Oswald.

Oswald, Marina Nicolayevna: [STUB ENTRY] Born 17th July 1941 Marina Oswald [Wikipedia biography] moved in 1957 to live with her uncle in Minsk, in what had until 1922 been non-Communist White Russia, in order to continue her studies. She entered the JFK story on 17th March 1961 when she was introduced to a young American defector named LHO. They married 30th April 1961, and returned to the U.S. in June 1962. Now simply accumulate the other 20 or so references to this lady in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for the junior Mrs. Oswald.

Oswald, Robert Edward Lee: Korean War veteran Robert Oswald [no convenient biography, but lots of profile below] was LHO's brother, and therefore became newsworthy from the moment of LHO's identification until his own death in 2017. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Early interview to camera [YouTube it now].

Oswald, Vada Marie: Vada Marie Oswald [later Mercer] was the wife of Robert Oswald, and thus sister-in-law of LHO. She is noteworthy in the present context only for an 8mm home movie taken on 29th November 1962 in which LHO (settee, centre-right) and (occasionally) Marina Oswald
(settee arm, far right) can be seen doing family things. [YouTube it now.]

Vada Oswald's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Oswald's Wallet: [Read firstly the entry for Paul Bentley.] According to the initial official reports, DPD detective Bentley, in the back seat of the police car bringing LHO in from his arrest at the Texas Theater, watched by detective Gerald Hill in the front seat, removed a wallet from LHO's hip pocket. On 24th November 1963 Captain Will Fritz provided FBI Special Agent James Bookhout with photographs of the following items from the wallet, together with a contents list, which jointly then became Commission Exhibit 1986. Here is our summary of that list ...

1. Membership card for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New Orleans, name of L. H. Oswald, signed <Lee H. Oswald>, dated 15th June 1963, authorised by A. J. Hidell, "Chapter President".
2. Membership card for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New York, name of Lee H. Oswald, signed same, dated 28th May 1963, authorised by V. T. Lee, Executive Secretary.
3. Two sided Certificate of Service, name of Lee Harvey Oswald, 1653230.
4. Two sided DoD ID Card N4,271,617, name of Lee H. Oswald, bearing photograph of same and signed same. Expired 7th December 1962.
5. Two sided Dallas Public Library ID Card, name of Lee Harvey Oswald, signed <Lee H. Oswald>.
7. Ditto baby.
8. Social Security Card, name of Lee Harvey Oswald.
9. Two sided U.S. Forces in Japan ID Card, name of Lee H. Oswald, signed same.
10. Photograph of Marina Oswald.
11. Two sided street map from Ga-Jo-Enkanko Hotel. [Elsewhere referred to as the "Enlisted Man's Kanko Hotel, Tokyo" - Ed. check it out now.]
12. Two sided Selective Service Card, name of Alek James Hidell, bearing photograph of LHO, signed <Alek J. Hidell>.
13. Two sided Certificate of Service, name of Alek James Hidell.
14. Two sided Selective Service Notice of Classification, name of Lee Harvey Oswald, dated 2nd February 1960.
15. Two sided Selective Service Certificate, name of Lee Harvey Oswald, signed <Lee H. Oswald>, citing d.o.b. 18th October 1939.
16. Slip of paper bearing address of Soviet Embassy, Washington, DC.
17. Slip of paper bearing addresses of two left-wing periodicals.

*************** STILL TO BE SOLVED ****************

The big mystery with the wallet (as opposed to the various big mysteries with the many cards it contained) is that it had already been recovered (and LHO's name officially noted) in the presence of FBI Agent Bob Barrett ON CAMERA - [YouTube it now] - at the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting half an hour before it was taken from LHO's pocket by Officers Hill and Bentley. The research community is still [February 2018] arguing over how this could be. Browse the Oswald's Wallet Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Othon Pacho, Felix Guillermo: Cuban exile Felix Othon Pacho [no convenient biography] had been appointed Dallas' delegate to the DRE by Manuel Salvat, and would later be interviewed by the FBI in the case of Silvia Odio.

OUN / OUN-Bandera: See the entry for Operation KEELHAUL.

Owens, Calvin Bud: DPD Lieutenant Calvin Owens [no convenient biography] entered the assassination narrative when he Code Three'd to the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting, along with Captain Bill Westbrook and Assistant District Attorney Bill Alexander. He was then involved in the Ron Reiland filming of the Oswald Wallet - [YouTube it now] - although this fact will hyper-conveniently not get mentioned by the time the Warren Commission takes its testimony. Owens' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].
Oxford, J. L.: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy J. L. Oxford [no convenient biography] was in the general gathering of deputies outside the Sheriff's Office as the motorcade went by. When the shooting started he headed across Elm Street, and up the Grass Knoll to the Picket Fence, where someone told him they had seen smoke. Mid-afternoon he was sent to the Paine House to assist the search there.

Pacific Tankers, Inc.: See the entries for John A. McConne and Aristotle Onassis.

Pacillo, Lorenzo: See the entry for Loran Hall.

***** AN UNSUNG HERO OF MANUFACTURED HATRED *****

Page, Arthur Wilson: American corporate propagandist Arthur W. Page [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for living an "exemplary elitist life" (Evica, op. cit. inf.), thus ...

"[+++ Household name employers listed +++], a trustee of [two colleges named], the Carnegie Corporation, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Morgan Library, a member of the overseers of Harvard University; consultant to presidents Roosevelt, Truman, and Eisenhower, cabinet secretaries, and the powerful military/intelligence community. Page began his covert career in World War I on [the A.E.F.'s] G2-D staff, a propaganda/psyops intelligence unit. Page's influence [...] can be traced [...] to his close friendship and political association with the legendary Henry L. Stimson, no later than 1930. An early and enthusiastic student of psychological warfare, Arthur Page exchanged letters with Frederick Osborn [see own entry as Frederick H. Osborn, Sr. NOT A GREAT HUMAN] on military morale while Osborn was the chair of the Joint Army-Navy Committee on Welfare and Recreation (JANC) [see the Osborn entry] in 1941. After Osborn left that committee to take on other psyops duties, Page joined the JANC and headed a subcommittee on radio communication and propaganda, targeting the U.S. military. [...] Page finally became the major psyops consultant for the U.S. Army's public relations program in World War II [and] a key participant in the guarding of information about the Manhattan Project" (k5644).

... (b) for thereby receiving the honour - albeit something of a dubious honour - of putting into words Humankind's entry into the Nuclear Age ...

YouTube those fateful words here (2 mins)

... and (c) for being featured in Evica (op. cit. inf.) for his involvement with American spymaster supreme Allen Dulles in the anti-Communist efforts of the National Council for a Free Europe (NCFE) [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC], Page died in 1960, aged 76. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see George Evica's (2006/2011) "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon].

Page, Kirby: American priest turned peace activist Kirby Page [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career in the Houston TX YMCA, followed by a course in divinity at Duke University, Des Moines IA, (b) for becoming personal assistant to YMCA Secretary Sherwood Eddy [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE] when the YMCA was embedded with the A.E.F. in Europe and the Far East 1917-1919, (c) for co-founding the ostensibly anti-war Fellowship for a Christian Social Order [Bryn Mawr archives] 1921-1928, and (d) for bemoaning the distortion of Christianity from a religion of love and peace to a religion of hatred and war. He died in 1957 aged 67.

Page, Walter Hines: American newspaperman-journalist-diplomat Walter Page [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been U.S. Ambassador to Britain between 1913 and 1918, and (b) for having involved Herbert Hoover in dealing with the pre-war refugee panic at London's U.S. Embassy.

Paine House, The: The house at 2515 W. 5th Street, Irving, TX, where Ruth Paine was looking after Marina Oswald and her two small children, and which LHO would visit most weekends. Ruth Paine's estranged husband Michael Paine lived elsewhere in Irving, pending finalisation of their ongoing divorce. The Paine House features boldly in the initial report by Harry Weatherford, and then again in the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 Thread. The Paine House has been a living museum since 2013 - YouTube it now.
Paine, Michael Ralph: New York City born Michael Paine [Wikipedia biography] was married to Ruth Paine and worked at the Bell Helicopter works, Fort Worth. The couple separated, and he moved out in September 1962.

Paine, Ruth Forbes: See the entry for Ruth Forbes Young.

Paine, Ruth Hyde: Texas housewife and - it has been well enough established - CIA asset of some standing Ruth Paine [Wikipedia biography] entered the JFK epic when she invited pregnant Marina Oswald and her daughter to stay with her in February 1963 while LHO sought work in New Orleans and (later) Dallas. In the event Ruth Paine would be massively convenient to the LHO Patsification Thread. Not only did she know George de Mohrenschildt but - possibly at his behest - she befriended the Oswalds, directed LHO to the job vacancy at the TSBD, more or less unwittingly stored the Mannlicher Carcano on his behalf in her garage, collated incriminating papers to be passed to the FBI, and was front and centre for the news cameras when the media wanted to know more about their little guy theory. She also called him a lawyer in the hours after his arrest, and perhaps even loaned out her Chevrolet Bel Air [YouTube it recently being pimped] to a driver unknown to pick up LHO from Elm Street a few minutes after the assassination. She has regularly helped maintain the lone nut narrative ever since. There is therefore much of value in Ruth Paine's evidential profile, as follows: Interview to camera, 1963 [YouTube it now (and read comments!)]; Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2; Part #3; Part #4; Part #5]; Clay Shaw Trial testimony, 1969 [read it now]; Dramatised Mock Trial testimony, 1992 [YouTube it now]; Lecture/Q&A to camera, 2013 [YouTube it now]. Now simply accumulate the other 20 or so references to this lady in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for this "friend" of the Oswalds.

***** MUCH MORE TO THIS MAN THAN MEETS THE EYE *****
"Paisley ... was among Angleton's first recruits" (Russell)

Paisley, John Arthur: American intelligence agent John A. Paisley [Spartacus Educational biography; Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW2 service (merchant marine, radio operator), (b) for getting employment after the war as a radio operator with the U.N. mission to Palestine ...

Readers unfamiliar with the Palestinian question in general terms should check out the entries for <Everett R. Clinchy>, <Louis Marshall>, <Mizrachi>, <Palestine Arab Congress>, and the <Revisionist Zionist Movement> before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the 1948 Palestine War as part of the foregoing should see this Wikipedia before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the Zionist execution of Swedish U.N. peacekeeper <Count Folke Bernadotte> should closely study this Wikipedia biography and that for the <Stern Gang> before proceeding.

... (c) for being assigned to the 1948 Bernadotte Peace Mission [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for returning to study international relations at the University of Chicago, where - with his radio skills - he seems to have been recruited perhaps 1951-1952 as a CIA asset, (e) for unspecified service with the CIA 1952-1959, (f) for appearing as chief of the CIA's Soviet Electronics Branch in 1960, at the time Lee Harvey Oswald was working at the Minsk Radio Factory, (g) for remaining "heavily involved in Soviet operations" (Wikipedia 11th May 2022) through to 1974, for at least some of the time as deputy director of the CIA's Office of Strategic Research, (h) for appearing briefly (but in the thick of) the 1964-1967 prolonged interrogation of agent-of-uncertain-loyalty Yuri Nosenko [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE], (i) for retiring in 1974, only to meet a strange end in September 1974, and (j) for remaining an obscure suicide until his case was featured in 1992 in one of the classics of JFK assassination literature, Russell (op, cit, inf.) ...

Readers unfamiliar with the antics of CIA deep cover operative <Richard Case Nagell> should see the separate entry for that man before proceeding.
CAMEO · PAISLEY ACCORDING TO RUSSELL: Paisley's is one of half a dozen hitherto "secret histories" which were "dredged up" in Russell's 1992 best selling assassination history. This book is based around long, detailed (and perhaps in places even the whole truth and nothing but) interviews he had with Nagell - rather famously the man who knew too much - in the early 1990s. Russell very clearly concludes that Paisley's death was not suicide. Here is a quick flavour of what they (Nagell and Russell cumulatively) have to tell us ...

"We come now to a man who died under extremely suspicious circumstances - right in the midst of the House Assassination Committee's investigation. Early in October 1978 I received a clipping from Richard Nagell in the mail. It was from the front page of the October 3 Los Angeles Herald-Examiner and headlined 'CIA Mystery Death [...]. The subject was John Arthur Paisley, then fifty-five, whose decomposed body had floated into the mouth of Maryland's Patuxent River and been discovered by a passing pleasure boat. The body [...] was affixed to diving weights. There was a bullet wound in his head [...]. He] had last been seen alive aboard his [boat] on September 24. [...] Below the headlines about Paisley, Nagell had [typed] 'Was he nash?' " ...

ASIDE: The term nash is U.S. intelligence community slang for "one of theirs", that is to say, an infiltrated Soviet spy, a "mole". (The word comes by reversal from the Russian word nash when used to refer to successfully placed moles as "one of ours".)

... "[...] Nagell appeared to be revealing that John Paisley was 'nash' - a Soviet spy inside the CIA. [...] At the time he disappeared, Paisley had been working under a CIA contract to coordinate a top-secret government re-evaluation of Soviet strategic capabilities and intentions. [...] Paisley's widow [hired lawyer] Bernard Fensterwald, Jr. [Spartacus Educational biography]. [...] He had managed to obtain a number of documents about Paisley [and] in 1980 I flew to Washington to examine the documents. That was when I realised that a possible Paisley connection to Oswald might have dated back to the ex-Marine's time in the USSR. In 1959, the same year Oswald 'defected', John Paisley had been appointed chief of the Electronic Equipment Branch, Industrial Division, within the CIA's ORR (= Office of Research and Reports). [...] Paisley's name never came up during the House Assassinations Committee's investigation. However, one committee report described information received from an ex-CIA employee 'that the CIA maintained a large volume of information on the Minsk radio factory in which Oswald had worked. The information was stored in the Office of Research and Reports' - which would have been Paisley's office" (pp123-124).

FURTHER READING: For supporting detail see Dick Russell's (1992) "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [Amazon]. Paisley's death seems to have been overlooked as a possible extension of the 115 deaths listed in Craig Roberts and John Armstrong's (1995) "JFK: The Dead Witnesses" [Amazon].

Palamara, Vincent Michael: Assassination researcher Vince Palamara [Spartacus Educational biography] was the author of the 2013 book "Survivor's Guilt", in which 20 years' accumulated interviews with secret service men and background witnesses (like porters and nurses) are distilled into a penetrating analysis of the secret service's failure to protect JFK in Dallas. [Lots to be browsed online in both text and video, but difficult to cite in academic papers because the juiciest bits are hearsay evidence.]

Palestine Arab Congress: [Starting at 19th December 1919, read firstly entries I thru X in the thread Zionism After Versailles] This series of seven separate gatherings over a period of nine years between 1919 and 1928 [Wikipedia briefing] was an attempt by the Arab communities in the Holy Land to mitigate the gifting of their homeland to Jewish resettlement in the wake of the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, the principle instrument of this resettlement being, of course, the 1917 Balfour Declaration [see own entry]. The First Congress took place in Jerusalem between 27th January and 10th February 1919, and called upon the Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry] to renounce said Declaration, and to create instead an Arab Union of some sort, "free of any foreign influence or protection". The Second and Third Congresses met in 1920, making similar protests, but were greeted by a statement from Colonial Secretary Winston Churchill that the Declaration was not re-negotiable. The Fourth Congress met in Jerusalem 25th June 1921, and was followed up by a six-man delegation to London headed by one Musa Kazim [Wikipedia biography]. Talks duly took place during September, the British line (put by Sir Herbert Samuel [see own entry]) being that Palestinian religious, political, and economic interests were not under threat, so what was all the fuss about. The Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Congresses were held in 1922, 1923, and 1928 against a backdrop of public disorder. Resolutions were passed and delegations sent but nothing substantive changed.
Palestine Estimates, 1948: Addressing the likely imminent collapse of the British Mandate in Palestine, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff produced a 31st March 1948 report entitled "Force Requirements for Palestine", in which it was noted that "Zionist strategy will seek to involve [the U.S.] in a continuously widening and deepening series of operations intended to secure maximum Jewish objectives. [...] All stages of this program are equally sacred to the fanatical concepts of Jewish leaders". The Arab-Israeli War [q.v.] broke out on 15th May that year.

Paley William Samuel: American media mogul of White Russian descent William S. Paley [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for going into the media business in 1927, soon building the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) into a nationally significant empire, (b) for deploying CBS assets during WW2 in the service of Allied psychological warfare, (c) for remaining on message after the war, firstly in liaison with the OSS, and then with the CIA (Wilford, 2008), and (d) for permitting his news chief Sig Mickelson [see own entry] to embed CIA agents into field reporting teams (Wilford, 2008).

Palmer, William Waldegrave [2nd Earl of Selborne]1895: British aristocrat-diplomat-politician Lord Selborne [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for entering Parliament in 1885 as member for Petersfield, (b) for having been identified by Quigley (1949) as one of the high-level Circle of Initiates in Cecil Rhodes' 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], that is to say, Britain's late-19th-Century deep state, (c) for being appointed Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies in 1895, under Colonial Secretary Joseph Chamberlain [see own entry], (d) for accordingly being deeply involved in both the 1895 Jameson Raid [see own entry] and the 1896 Jameson Raid Inquiry, (e) for thereby being promoted in 1900 to be First Lord of the Admiralty, and for being much influenced by the ideas of his First Sea Lord, Jacky Fisher, (f) for serving as High Commissioner to South Africa between 1905 and 1910, generally adopting the pro-Union views of his predecessor Lord Milner, and (g) for setting down those views in the Selborne Federation Dispatch of 7th January 1907, the document which went on to become the Constitution of the Union of South Africa in 1910.

Paramount Pictures: [INDEXING STUB] For the full story here - within our general context, at least - read and integrate the entries for (alphabetical order) Bernie Balaban, William C. Bullitt, Jr., C. D. Jackson, Joseph P. Kennedy, Luigi G. Luraschi, and Adolf Zukor.

Parkin, [Sir]1920 George Robert: Canadian schoolmaster [Sir]1920 George Parkin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having a reputation "as a fanatical supporter of imperial federation" (Quigley, 1949, p8), (b) for thereby being selected as Secretary of the Rhodes Trust [see own entry] between 1902 and 1920, thereby administering the first tranches of Rhodes Scholars.

"Parkland": This 2013 mainstream movie, based upon a 2008 book by Vincent Bugliosi, is a counterintelligence attempt to debunk theorists of medical cover-up. This debunking was then duly counter-debunked in James DiEugenio's 2013 book "Reclaiming Parkland".

Parliamentary Recruiting Committee (PRC): This was the 30-member parliamentary committee established in the early days of WW1 and chaired by Asquith. It was responsible not just for Britain's recruiting campaigns, but also for the domestic propaganda to support same. For examples of its output we recommend the Imperial War Museum's collection - check it out.

Partisan Review: See the entry for C. D. Jackson.

Paschall, Patsy: Office worker Patsy Paschal [no convenient biography] was spectating from the 3rd Floor of the Old Courthouse Building (south-eastern corner of Main and Houston), and taking 8mm home movie footage of the motorcade. She successfully filmed the first five cars approaching down Main, taking the right into Houston, and then disappearing behind the County Criminal Courts Building.
She then restarted as the same cars come into sight again on Elm after the shooting. YouTube it now. The footage would receive little attention until the mid-1990s.

"[Pash] shares the upper tier of actors in the practice of state-sponsored murder" (Albarelli, op. cit. inf. [2021]...)

**Pash, Boris Theodore:** Born Boris Fedorovich Pashkovsky, San Francisco-born to an immigrant White Russian father, Boris Pashkovsky is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW1 service 1916-1917 in the Tsarist Russian Army against the Central Powers, (b) for Russian Civil War service 1918-1929 in the White Russian Navy's Black Sea Fleet against the Bolsheviks, soon being called upon as a translator thanks to his English-Russian bilingualism, (c) for returning to the United States in 1923, retraining as a teacher at LA's Hollywood High School, where he remained until 1940, (f) for joining the U.S. Army Reserve in about 1939, quickly being assigned security duties again, (g) for war service 1942 as chief of Counter Insurgency for IX Corps, based in San Francisco's Presidio, firstly overseeing the internment of the West Coast's substantial Japanese-American population, and thereafter coming to specialise in security in America's nuclear weapons program...

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have already noted elsewhere that international relief agencies such as the YMCA and the Red Cross were routinely used as cover organisations by the U.S. intelligence community during the Russian Civil War, as a way of infiltrating agents eastward - see, for example, the entries for the Church of World Service (CWS) and Thomas A Dooley, III. Drago (op. cit. inf.) describes this systematic deception as "one of U.S. intelligence's last important secrets" (k347), and then traces the same practice forward thirty years to CIA operations in the Cold War.

... (e) for returning to the United States in 1923, retraining as a teacher at LA's Hollywood High School, where he remained until 1940, (f) for joining the U.S. Army Reserve in about 1939, quickly being assigned to military intelligence duties again, (g) for war service 1942 as chief of Counter Insurgency for IX Corps, based in San Francisco's Presidio, firstly overseeing the internment of the West Coast's substantial Japanese-American population, and thereafter coming to specialise in security in America's nuclear weapons program...

**CAMEO - PASH AND THE MANHATTAN PROJECT:** Based at Los Alamos Laboratory in remote New Mexico, the Manhattan Project was an out-stationed project of the University of California at Berkeley, and was headed technically by Berkeley physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer. Not surprisingly, the project was closely scrutinised for security leaks, and Pash carried out screenings and interrogations when called upon.

... (h) for thereby being admirably qualified to head the 1944-1945 Alsos Mission...

"Near the end of World War II, several Camp Detrick bacteriologists [...] were among the scientific and intelligence gathering teams sent to France, Germany, and Japan to assess Nazi and Japanese biological warfare capacities. Additionally, in November 1943, Maj. Gen. Leslie Groves, head of the Manhattan Project - America's top-secret atom bomb program - selected Lt. Col. Boris T. Pash to head up a special project. Col. Pash, then chief of the Counterintelligence Branch of the Western Defense Command, was in charge of security for the Manhattan Project. Groves chose Pash to lead a secret investigation not only of Germany's nuclear capacities, but also the biological warfare activities of the Nazis. The investigation was dubbed the Alsos Mission, and Pash was given about forty talented enlisted personnel with varied scientific credentials to accomplish the task [...] Pash, who had helped direct the controversial wartime internment of Japanese-American citizens, was a tubby, no-nonsense man who took up his Alsos assignment with zest. His team's subsequent report on Germany's..."
biological warfare program was quietly issued in September 1945 to a small and select review team at Camp Detrick that included Frank Olson [see own entry BEST BUCKLE UP], Arvo Thompson [ditto], and Gerald Yonetz [no convenient biography]. The report revealed that Germany's program 'had been conducted by third-rate personnel whose principal efforts had been directed to defensive measures [...] " (pp68-69).

In a later work the same author adds ...

"[Pash reported] that the biowarfare capabilities of Nazi Germany were centred on more than 70 biowarfare research and development sites, including 16 universities, 10 commercial firms, 2 chemical warfare institutions, and 4 concentration camps which conducted experiments on human subjects'. Pash's report revealed that 'the only high-ranking Nazi to take an active interest in bio-warfare was Heinrich Himmler [whose] Waffen SS established a laboratory near Posen, Poland, in 1943" (Albarelli, op. cit. inf. [2021]).

Simpson (op. cit. inf.) adds ...

"The stakes in the search for the scientific expertise of Germany were high. The single most important American strike force, for example, was the Alsos raiding team, which targeted Axis atomic research, uranium stockpiles, and nuclear scientists, as well as Nazi chemical and biological warfare research. +++ some duplication of detail +++ [Pash] succeeded brilliantly in his mission, seizing top German scientists and more than 70,000 tons of Axis uranium ore and radium products" (p35).

... (i) for thereby being well placed to report in 1945 on the Nazi's Chemical and Biological Warfare (CBW) program, (j) for then being involved through to the late 1940s with Operation PAPERCLIP [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT], extracting none other than rocket-man Wernher von Braun with assistance from Enno Hobbing [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE], (k) for being assigned 1946-1947 to work with General Douglas MacArthur in his Far Eastern Command, (l) for moving on 1948-1951 to help establish the inchoate CIA, reportedly being a leading light in the Operation PB-7 [little triangulating mention online, so treat as unconfirmed] assassination program, as well as Operation BLOODSTONE [see own entry], (m) thereafter for a variety of intelligence postings state side, retiring the Army in 1957, but continuing in intelligence work until 1963, and (n) for authoring the 1980 memoir "The Alsos Mission" [Amazon] and (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK" [Amazon]. For more on the subversion of humanitarian relief agencies in the late 1950s and early 1960s, directly upon the story of Lee Harvey Oswald’s time in the Soviet Union see George Evica's (2006/2011) "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon]. For more on Alsos and Paperclip see Christopher Simpson's (1988) "Blowback: America's Recruitment of Nazis and Its Destructive Impact on Our Domestic and Foreign Policy" [Amazon] and Sam Kean's (2019) "The Bastard Brigade" [Amazon]. The Drago cited at the top of this entry is one Charles R. Drago, who provided the Introduction to the Evica book above.

Patel, Priti: [STUB ENTRY] British Conservative Party politician Priti Patel [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been outed in November 2017 for having held unauthorised meetings with Israelis wanting international aid, and for thereby acquiring the pejorative social media tag <Minister for Tel Aviv>.

***** WHITE RUSSIANS FIGHT FOR BRITAIN *****

**** BRITAIN FIGHTS FOR WHITE RUSSIANS ****

Patterson, John Henry: Born in then-British Ireland, careerist British Army officer John Patterson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having served with distinction in the Second Boer War, 1899-1902, during which time he got to know The Times war correspondent Leo Amery [see own entry], (b) for wangling a posting to Egypt in early 1915, where he came into contact with Russian Zionist Jews who had fled Ottoman Palestine in fear of persecution for siding with the British, but who lacked the citizenship papers necessary to join the British armed forces, (c) for
signing up 562 of these by special dispensation as a service battalion - popularly known as the Zion Mule Corps - and for leading them into harm's way in support of the Gallipoli Campaign, where they earned the reputation as good soldiers, (d) for returning to Britain in early 1916 to organise a line battalion of British-resident Russian refugees, the cadre of the famed Jewish Legion ...

See the separate entry for Jewish Legion

(e) for commanding the first of the Jewish Legion units - 38th Bn., Royal Fusiliers - in General Allenby's successful Holy Land Campaign in late 1917 [see 31st October 1917], and (f) for retiring in 1920 to write his memoirs and to continue lobbying for the Zionist cause in Palestine. For his contribution to the Jewish Legion, he is remembered in 21st Century Israel as the "Godfather of the modern Israel Defence Force". For more of the detail, we recommend Klinger (2015 [online])

Patterson, Richard Cunningham, Jnr.: Career diplomat Richard Patterson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been American Ambassador to Guatemala between 1948 and 1951, that is to say, during the presidency of Juan Arévalo [see own entry], (b) for having been so diametrically of two minds with his diplomatic host that both of them decided he had to be withdrawn, (c) for then having continued his campaign of anti-Guatemalan vitriol back in Washington at speaking engagements, and (d) illustrating his argument with the now famous "Duck Test" [Wikipedia briefing], to the effect that Guatemala must be a Communist state because it walked, talked, and defecated like a Communist state.

Paul, Ronald Ernest: [Read firstly the entry for Neoconservative.] Retired (in 2013) senior (served 1976-1985; 1997-2013) Republican/Libertarian Congressman from Texas Ron Paul [Wikipedia biography] became noteworthy in the present context when in 1988, speaking as a traditional conservative (liberty, free market, limited government), he accused outgoing President Ronald Reagan of having been a "dramatic failure", complaining that he had doubled the national debt, started unnecessary wars, and broken the law; also that he supplied terrorists with guns made at taxpayers' expense and lied about it to the American people". Paul was thus in at the birth of the American people's generally unsuccessful revolt against the Neocons of the American Deep State [q.v.]. He made the headlines again - on the same fundamental issue - on 10th July 2003 in a speech to the House in which he boldly identified the leading Neocons by name. This is how he began his speech ...

"Who's really in charge when party changes in elections make no difference to what happens? Someone is responsible, and it's important for those of us who love liberty and resent Big Brother government to identify the philosophical supporters who have the most to say about the direction our country is going" [YouTube the full speech - ESSENTIAL VIEWING].

The list of those identified, now known as Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.], can be seen in the separate entry.


Pawley, William Douglas: American businessman-diplomat, millionaire advisor to presidents across the world, and soft conspirator with press barons William D. Pawley [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for making his fortune selling Curtiss-Wright aircraft to Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist Chinese in the 1930s, (b) for thereby being well placed to work with Claire Chenault [see own entry] in setting up the Flying Tigers [see Timeline 7th July 1937], thereby (in deed if not in word) taking sides in the Chinese Civil War, (c) likewise after the fall of Japan in 1945 in the form of the private special ops air force, Civil Air Transport (CAT) [see Timeline 6th February 1946], (d) when that all went wrong, for being instrumental in 1950 in persuading Dean Acheson to support the Nationalists in Formosa/Taiwan, (e) for being a long-standing friend of Allen Dulles, supporting him in a number
of major CIA regime change operations during the 1950s, not least that in Guatemala [see Timeline 18th June 1954 REVELATORY], (f) for bankrolling the eponymous "Bayo-Pawley Raid" [see the entry for Operation Tilt]. Unsurprisingly, therefore, Pawley has recently been profiled by Peter Dale Scott in his 2015 book "Dallas '63" as "a pre-eminent representative of the American deep state" ($4822). He also features in the entry for Clare Boothe Luce, which see. He died in 1976 from a self-inflicted wound, aged 80.

FURTHER READING: You will not do much better than Anthony R. Carrozza's (2012) "William D. Pawley" [Amazon].

"A gun expert and a gun nut" (Richard Hathcock)

Payne, Leroy ["Roy"] Barton: [Read firstly the entries for Richard Hathcock and Loran Eugene Hall.] Californian private investigator Roy B. Payne [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having committed some historical misdemeanour which would have led to his fingerprints being on FBI records at the time of the assassination, (b) for having been the business associate of Richard Hathcock, who in "late" January 1963 took charge of Gerry Hemming's pawned Johnson M1941 and Bushnell Hunting Scope [check them out], the sniper's combo which some researchers suspect was used in the JFK shooting, and recovered at the scene, (c) for having stripped down and test-fired same during 1963, leaving his fingerprints on it, (d) for being called into Hathcock's office mid-morning 23rd November 1963 because the FBI wanted to speak to him urgently, and for there giving his story to Special Agent Jerome K Crowe [see own entry] - check out Crowe's later-that-day report.

THE ISSUE: At issue here is NOT JUST how a rifle which had made its way to Dallas in the possession of Loran Eugene Hall could be fingerprinted with 100% accuracy back to Mr. Payne unless his prints were already on file, BUT ALSO why the FBI - at a time when every law enforcement agency and agent **on the planet** was in Kennedy Meltdown - thought Payne worthy of an immediate visit. Hence the rumours that the Johnson had been recovered from the crime scene in Dealey Plaza!

and (e) for giving a detailed affidavit to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) 9th March 1977 - read it now.

PBAFFIRM: See the entry for American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism (AMCOMLIB).

PDDYNAMIC: See the entries for Operation AERODYNAMIC and Prolog Research.

Peabody, George: Massachusetts-born entrepreneur/bond-broker George Peabody [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for building up the international investment brokerage George Peabody and Company (based in Liverpool, England, 1835, then as investment bank in London, 1851), and (b), being childless, passing same onto his 1954 partner Junius Morgan [check him out]. When Peabody retired in 1864 Morgan renamed the partnership J. S. Morgan and Company.

Peacock, [Sir]1934 Edward: Canadian schoolmaster turned banker-killdustrialist [Sir]1934 Edward Peacock [Wikipedia biographies] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of the early Rhodes Trustees [see own entry], (b) for there representing the interests of Edward Wood [see own entry], (c) for thereby earning directorships of the Bank of England between 1921 and 1946, Baring Brothers [see own entry] in 1926, and armaments manufacturer Vickers-Armstrong in 1929, and (d) for being the Bank of England's man in Washington during WW2.

Pearl Harbour Speech: This is the 6th June 2001 speech given by Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz [q.v.] at the West Point Class of 2001 graduation ceremony, in which he complained - in essence - that people were remarkably slow to respond positively to warnings given by Deputy Secretaries of Defense, absent some spectacular event like a Pearl Harbour attack.

an OSS counterintelligence agent in London during WW2 - helped set up the CIA in the late 1940s before returning to Yale to become one of the Agency's on-campus recruiting sergeants.

Pearson, Roger: See the entry for the World Anti-Communist League (WACL).

Pecora Commission Hearings: See the sub-thread at 4th March 1932.

Pedley, Alison Fuller: See the entry for Alison Fuller/Pedley.

****** BBC IMPARTIALITY GUIDELINES A WASTE *****
****** OF TIME WITHOUT CHECKS AND BALANCES *****

Pedleygate One (2016): In the wake of the against-the-betting Leave victory in the 23rd June 2016 Brexit Referendum, the politics of Brexit quite reasonably came to dominate media outlets, both discursive and interactive, for the remainder of the year. For example, the transmissions of the BBC Question Time programme on 22nd September 2016 (Sutton Coldfield [YouTube it now]), 29th September 2016 (Boston, Lincs [YouTube it now]), and 6th October 2016 (Neath [YouTube it now]) all covered the subject in detail. Moreover, since these programmes went out at the height of the co-occurring Anti-Corbyn Coup [see own entry], full opportunity was taken by speakers and audience alike to attack Jeremy Corbyn... ALIKE: Non-British readers may be interested to learn that Corbyn was under attack by 172/212 of the parliamentary members **of his own party**, as well as by rival parties and the media, so rarely a good word was said about him. In the streets, however, people loved him, and complained to broadcasting regulators accordingly...

The resulting complaints forced the BBC to look into Question Time's production governance, and two months later it confirmed that it had slapped a few wrists, not least those of the programme's audience production executive Alison Fuller/Pedley [see own entry - COMPULSORY READING], for putting controversy above editorial balance. Here are some short but indicative commentaries...

On 5th December 2016, in a Bella Caledonia piece entitled "BBC Question Time - Fake Audiences?" [full text online], investigative journalist Mike Small made the telling observation that Question Time's audiences "seemed to be like cross-sections of a world you’d just never been in".

On 15th December 2016, in an Open Democracy piece entitled "Is BBC's Question Time's Audience Producer Really a Fascist?" [full text online], investigative journalist Tim Holmes explains how the complaints developed and what they tell us about the editorial standards of the once-trusted corporation...

"A freak Twitter storm engulfed the audience producer of Question Time last week. Alison Fuller Pedley, who picks the BBC panel show’s audience, received a hail of online attacks and condemnations. By Tuesday, she had removed her Facebook profile and deleted both Twitter accounts. [..] When Question Time aired from Boston (where Pedley invited the local EDL) people tweeted: ‘Since when was the agenda on #bbcqt set by the National Front?’ ‘#bbcqt is the worst I’ve ever seen, can’t watch any more. Vile, racist and disgusting #switchingoff’. This issue can’t be brushed under the carpet. The audience producer plays a pivotal role and wields real power, [...] Yet the selection process is a closed box. The BBC claims audiences are representative and balanced, but how does it make sure? In 2010, a member of the public tried to find out through the Freedom of Information Act. The Corporation refused the request.”

On 6th December 2016, in a Commonplace piece entitled "BBC reprimands Question Time producer over far right social media posts" [full text online; includes a clickthrough to the impartiality guidelines themselves], investigative journalist David Jamieson wrote...

"The BBC has clear impartiality guidelines covering the use of personal social media - this freelance producer and the rest of the programme team have been reminded of their responsibilities.

Impartiality Guideline (f), for example, recognises that sharing social media posts can often imply endorsement by the corporation as a whole, and recommends that sufficient narrative context be...
provided to prevent this happening. Guideline (d) advises producers that "You shouldn't state your political preferences [or] sound off about things in an openly partisan way". This rebuke seemed to do its job, at least until the announcement on 31st October 2019 of the Brexit Impasse General Election, whereupon good governance was thrown to the wind and provocateurs started to reappear, as explained separately in the entries for Pedleygate Two and Pedleygate Three, which see.

****** BBC IMPARTIALITY GUIDELINES A WASTE ******
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Pedleygate Two: [Read firstly the entry for Pedleygate One.] We refer here to the some-have-said politically planted appearance of Rob ['"The Bullet"'] Barber [see own entry] as an audience participant on the 21st November 2019 edition of the BBC Question Time political discussion programme. Innocent enough to start with, within hours the Twittersphere was alight at said programme's audience producer Alison Fuller/Pedley, thus ...

THE REAL ISSUE: It so happens that the Question Time production team contracts out its audience selection to Mentorln Media's Alison Fuller/Pedley, and that back in 2016 Ms. Fuller/Pedley had been involved in Pedleygate One [see own entry], following complaints from viewers that the audiences she helped to provide included politically purchasable plants, shills, and agents provocateurs (Moore, 2018). The jury is still out, of course, on the events of 21st November 2019, but in the meantime readers are reminded that it is not easy to interpret glib statistics spouted out in the midst of heated debate. The thrust of Barber's accusation was that he earned over £80,000 per annum, and was therefore one of those slated to pay (a little) extra income tax should a Labour government be elected on 12th December 2019. But his homepage shows that he is also a small businessman, and small businessmen frequently draw only part of their company income as personal income. It may well be, therefore, that the statement "I earn eighty thousand'' was in any event innocently untrue, should never have been made, and should certainly not have been left unexplored by the programme's moderator, Fiona Bruce. (Note that a person's tax affairs cease to be a private matter between that person and the Inland Revenue as soon as that person starts to use them to gain political influence.) The lesson, therefore, is that in the Wild West of 21st Century political discussion programs, broadcasters like the BBC are totally at the mercy of those who purchase the "plants, shills, and agents provocateurs" in the first place.

Pedleygate Three: [Read firstly the entries for Pedleygate One and Pedleygate Two.] We refer here to the some-have-said politically planted appearance of Ryan Jacobsz [see own entry] as an audience participant on the 22nd November 2019 edition of the BBC Question Time political discussion programme. Innocent enough to start with, within hours the Twittersphere was alight at said programme's audience producer Alison Fuller/Pedley, with many accusing her (at best) of failing - yet again - to prevent malicious others from planting agents provocateurs in her audiences, thereby breaching the BBC's overarching requirement to be impartial.

Pegler, Westbrook: See the entry for Bilderberg Group.

Penkovsky, Oleg Vladimirovich: Soviet intelligence officer Colonel Oleg Penkovsky [Spartacus Educational biography] acted as a double agent for MI6 and the CIA between April 1961 and his arrest in October 1962. He is best known for alerting the West about Soviet plans to station missiles on Cuba, a move which culminated in the Cuban Missile Crisis [q.v.].

Penn, Lovell: Some weeks before the assassination, Dallas housewife Lovell Penn [no convenient biography] heard shooting on her property and had to wave off three men with a rifle. She then recovered a spent 6.5mm cartridge from the ground. When she later saw LHO on the TV, she recognised him as one of the three men, and rang it in.

Pennington, James: Like Roger Craig, passing motorist Jim Pennington [no convenient biography] also reported seeing a man getting into a Nash Rambler station wagon. Browse the LHO Movements 22nd November Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.
Penrose, Stephen Beasley ["Binks"] Linnard, Jr.: [Read firstly the entry for William Eddy IMPORTANT PRIOR CONTEXT.] American Sunday-school preacher (Congregationalist) turned WW2 OSS intelligence analyst (Middle Eastern theatre) turned post-war CIA panjandrum Stephen Penrose [American University of Beirut biography (bare bones); but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for gap-yearing at the American University of Beirut (AUB) [Wikipedia briefing] 1928-1931 ...

CAMEO - PENROSE IN BEIRUT, FIRST TIME AROUND: Sutton (op. cit. inf.) introduces the man as follows (the "Eddy" referred to is the read firstly William Eddy, above) ...

"Like his father, Penrose was a devout Congregationalist [...]. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1928, Penrose went to Beirut, where he taught physics at the American University. [...] His] experience in the Middle East nurtured in him a deep empathy for Arabs. It also convinced him that trouble was looming, at least in regard to the Holy Land. Penrose's official job at the university was teaching math and science. But that was not his primary purpose. Like Eddy in Cairo, he hoped to turn Muslims into Christians. He believed that the best way to do this was through humanitarian educational institutions like the American University. He did not want to force his faith on others, nor did he threaten them with the fires of hell." ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing] and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.

... "Instead, he patiently modelled the Christian faith for all whom he encountered in his classes and around the region." ...

EDITORIAL INTERRUPT: In the light of the material presented below, the above assertion cannot be judged true or false, absent a prior ruling as to whether the Christian faith (which is itself not a single coherent entity) extends to intelligence black ops against the heathen of the moment. The quotation now continues without a break ...

... "For local Arabs, the university provided substantial opportunities. It offered the children of elite Arabs a first-class Western education. Yet it also threatened to undermine their religious and cultural values. [...] Tensions were also growing in the Middle East. From Penrose's position in Beirut, the missionary-teacher witnessed the ongoing debate about the future of Palestine. The Arabs he worked with had hopes and dreams for Jerusalem and especially the ancient city's holy sites, which were coveted by the world's Jews, Christians, and Muslims. He also knew that the Zionist movement was growing, both in the United States and in Europe. He discussed the question of Palestine with his father many times. The elder Penrose was not optimistic. 'I suspect', he wrote, 'that the last people to get together will be the Arabs and the Jews, at least in Palestine'. Penrose agreed [...] and would have to choose a side. [...] It was an easy decision. He supported Arab claims in Palestine and rejected Zionism" (pp86-88).

... (b) for returning stateside to study for a Ph.D. in philosophy at Columbia University 1931-1934, (c) for teaching philosophy and psychology at Rockford University, Illinois 1938-1942, eventually being headhunted by the Rockefeller trustees and thereby ... (d) for becoming assistant director of the Near East College Association (NECA) [Rockefeller Brothers Fund briefing INTERESTING] in 1942, (e) at the same time (and not entirely coincidently, we guess) being increasingly involved behind the scenes with William J. ["Wild Bill"] Donovan's OSS in Washington ...

CAMEO - STEPHEN PENROSE, SPOOK: Sutton explains how this all came about ...

"Angered by the attack on Pearl Harbour, [Penrose] wanted to do something to support his country. He asked [very well connected - Ed.] U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas [Wikipedia biography], an old family friend, if he had any ideas how Penrose might contribute to the war effort. Douglas [a well-
connected man - Ed.] [...] saw something in Penrose [...] that he thought OSS director Wild Bill Donovan [see own entry] would like. [...] He was innovative and pragmatic and sought real world solutions to religious problems. In other words, he was perfect for the United States' new intelligence agency. Penrose [...] took the justice's advice and filled out an application for the OSS [who noted especially that] his administrative position with the Near East College Association made him the perfect conduit for building new networks for the OSS abroad. Penrose had the education, the refinement, and the connections that Donovan would find invaluable" (p85).

"The necessary secrecy would place a tremendous burden on his marriage and family, but Penrose believed the sacrifice was necessary. He was now a covert operative, working for the Office of Strategic Services, leading a double life [...] sending missionaries into carefully selected parts of the world [and] dropping spies and hired hit men to their deaths in enemy territory" (p92).

... and then how Penrose expanded his basic OSS remit to include superspook Allen Dulles himself...

"A few months into the war [Penrose] received a list from the Foreign Missions Conference with the names of more than a dozen missionaries who were ready to return to the field. [...] Church leaders wanted the OSS's help securing visas and transportation. [...] When Roosevelt sent money to the foreign missions group, he was buying more than the goodwill of God. He was gaining access to a new and untapped source of covert intelligence [...] and subsidising the rise of a new global covert operations network. [...] Penrose located, trained, and recruited agents; developed their covers; and equipped them for the various foreign operations that he was devising. [...] Penrose sent a memo to Dulles in May 1942 laying out an ambitious and original two-part strategy for reaching the export and influence of the OSS. First, Penrose wanted the OSS to hire missionaries to work as operatives. And second, he believed that OSS should create fake missionary covers under which to dispatch operatives. In other words, he wanted both real missionaries working for the OSS and OSS operatives in the field to pose as missionaries" (p95).

... (e) for being selected by Donovan in the spring of 1943 to oversee an upgrade to the OSS establishment in the Near East ...

**CAMEO - PENROSE IN CAIRO:** Here is Sutton again (note how geographically extensive the "Near East" turned out to be) ...

"His responsibilities included Egypt, Sudan, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Transjordan, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Afghanistan. The purpose of the section was to 'secure secret intelligence on conditions and trends' in this part of the world and to keep the U.S. government up-to-date on political, economic, and sociological developments. Penrose arrived in Cairo in May 1943. Later that summer, Archie Crawford [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], a missionary son who had taught at the American University in Beirut, moved to Cairo to assist Penrose. [...] Penrose also had the help of Kermit Roosevelt [Wikipedia biography], the grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt. Kermit would later help mastermind the 1953 CIA overthrow of Iran's prime minister, Mohammed Mosaddegh [Wikipedia briefing]" (pp170-172).

... (f) for attending firstly to the situation in Iran ...

"The State Department wanted a stable, independent Iran to serve as a 'buffer' to protect American oil interests in Saudi Arabia, which left Penrose and his operatives at the centre of the action in a country teeming with foreign agents. They tracked the movements and actions of Nazis in the region, and they also watched the Soviets. [...] One of Penrose's best agents in Iran was Harold Lamb [Wikipedia biography], an accomplished and successful writer [...] whose fame gave him entrée into the highest levels of Persian [and] provided 'exceptional' cover for clandestine work. [+++ other operatives introduced +++] The Soviets also used the priesthood as cover, planting agents in Russian Orthodox churches in German controlled areas" (pp174-176).

... (g) for turning then to the Palestinian question ...

Readers unfamiliar with the Palestinian question should check out the entries for <Everett R. Clinchy>, <Louis Marshall>, <Mizrachi>, <Palestine Arab Congress>, and <Revisionist Zionist Movement>, as well as noting the FURTHER READING on the subject, before proceeding.

"Palestine, like Iran, was another heavily contested territory. Penrose's top agent in the Holy Land was American rabbi Nelson Glueck [Wikipedia biography], one of the world's leading archaeologists. [...] Rabbi Glueck was not initially interested in joining the OSS [but] the attack on Pearl Harbour changed his mind. [...] The OSS guarded Glueck's identity carefully. Officers referred to the rabbi using the pseudonym 'William Hicks' in all documents and correspondence [...] [+++Reform Judaism and Zionism introduced +++] Many American
Jews in the Reform tradition viewed Rabbi Glueck as a respected leader [even though] their focus on integrating into their local communities led most Reform Jews to reject Zionism. During the war, however, some Reform rabbis in the United States began rethinking their relationship to the Zionist movement, viewing it as perhaps worth their support. [...] That Penrose supported Glueck's efforts to rein in the enthusiasm of Zionists was no surprise to those who knew the OSS leader. **Penrose believed that ongoing Jewish efforts to establish a homeland in Palestine would inevitably lead to instability and violence in the region.** Penrose's pre-war work [...] in Beirut [...] had fostered in him a deep empathy for Arabs, as well as a deep scepticism of Zionism. [...] Penrose's anti-Zionist views were very consistent with those of many leaders in the U.S. government. With both American and British leaders hesitant to recognise a Jewish army, the Jewish Agency [see the entry for James N. Rosenberg] launched a full-scale propaganda campaign aimed at persuading the public. On December 7, 1942, coinciding with the anniversary of Pearl Harbour, a group called the **Committee for a Jewish Army of Stateless and Palestinian Jews** [Yale University archives], which had close ties to the Jewish Agency, took out an ad in the *New York Times* issuing a proclamation. They wanted the American people and especially the American government to support the creation of an independent Jewish army that would join the Allied coalition. Thousands of prominent Americans, including 41 senators and 123 congressmen endorsed the proclamation. [...] Penrose believed [this] would 'constitute de facto recognition of a Jewish statehood' in Palestine. [...] Many American leaders shared Penrose's conviction that the United States needed to avoid driving the world's Muslims, and particularly Arabs, into the hands of the Axis” (pp176-182).

... (h) for working with Donovan in the autumn of 1944 on plans to support the final offensives against the Third Reich, not least in Greece ...

"The Germans had invaded Greece in the spring of 1941, driving King George II [Wikipedia biography] into exile. Some Greeks, rather than submit to Nazi domination, organised secret resistance movements. The Greek Communist Party launched the largest one, the [National Liberation Front (EAM)] [Wikipedia briefing], which in turn established a guerrilla force, the [Greek People's Liberation Army (ELAS)] [Wikipedia briefing] [...]. American and British leaders believed that the future of Greece was important to their geopolitical interests [and a]lso the 1943 Tehran Conference [Wikipedia briefing], the Soviets mostly conceded control of Greece to the Western powers [...]. **Penrose and others in the OSS launched multiple missions into Greece in their efforts to support the resistance.** [+++ specific operations discussed +++] Penrose, along with Arthur Goldberg’s [see own entry] labour group, sent in teams that mixed renegade Greek nationals, many of whom were Communists, with OSS-trained Greek Americans. The OSS's partnership with the [EAM] proved very successful. **Penrose's teams produced a 'veritable torrent' of information [...] including] on enemy troop movements, ship sailings, and important inside information on the political wrangling of the various factions in Greece.** [+++ details +++] In late 1944, Allied and Greek rebel forces drove the Germans out of Greece. [...] Penrose flew to the Greek capital to help set up the new station, which the Allies housed on the top floors of the German Archaeological Institute" (pp231-234).

... (i) for then extending his field of operations northwards into the ethnically Slavic areas of the Balkans ...

"[Penrose] sent teams of covert agents into Yugoslavia, Romania, and Bulgaria, most of whom arrived in enemy territory via parachute [...] Late in the summer of 1944, Penrose launched two missions - one into Bulgaria and another into Romania [...] [+++ Romanian mission detailed +++] A team Penrose dropped into Bulgaria went silent. [...] Luckily they survived and made it to Sofia, where they re-established contact [...]."

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** It would be nice, when time permits, to look into whether stay behind agents from these 1944 operations were in any way linked to the curious case of Spas Raikin some six years later (by which time Bulgaria was behind the Iron Curtain), for in 1962 it would be he who was on the NYC waterfront to welcome Lee Harvey Oswald back from his defection to the Soviet Union. To whet the conspiratorial appetite, check out the Raikin entry, plus those for Church World Service (CWS), Dimitre Dimitrov, and >>>>>Kim Philby<<<< MOST CURIOUS.

**QUOTATION CONTINUES WITHOUT A BREAK**

... "Penrose also sent a team into Czechoslovakia, where members of a resistance movement were waging a [...] fight against the Germans. They captured and took control of some territory [liberating] captured American fliers. [...] After extracting the pilots, he ordered his teams to remain behind to conduct additional intelligence work. [+++ death of field agent Keszthelyi reported +++] But it is clear from his family that for the rest of his life he mourned the loss of men like Keszthelyi. [...] He never expected that in serving God, he would become an intelligence operative sending young men to their deaths at the hands of the Gestapo" (pp234-237).
... (j) after the war for being head-hunted by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal as a special advisor to help shape what would go on to become the CIA, working here closely with the aforementioned William Eddy, (k) for becoming the fourth president of the AUB in 1948, serving there until his death in 1954, aged 46, and (l) for being largely forgotten about until featured in 2019 as one of the four spy-clergymen discussed in Sutton (op. cit. inf.) (the others being John M. Birch [see own entry REVELATORY], William A. Eddy [ditto], and Stewart W. Herman [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY] - together, "OSS's godly spooks" (p3), FURTHER READING: For the details see his many mentions throughout Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon]. For more on OSS's war in general see Richard Harris Smith's (1972) well-respected and frequently cited "OSS" [Amazon]. For more on Zionism in WW2 Palestine start by switching to the Companion Timeline at 13th July 1838 and following the <Zionism Pre-WW1> threading, then see Chapter 14 and onward of Colin Shindler's (2015) "The Rise of the Israeli Right: From Odessa to Hebron" [Amazon STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

Peoples, Clinton: Texas lawman Clint Peoples [Spartacus Educational biography] was the Texas Ranger who (a) in 1961 helped challenge the establishment ruling that the death of Henry H. Marshall had been an act of suicide, and (b) teased out many details of the Billie Sol Estes fraud case. In so doing he picked up evidence tangentially supporting the LBJ Theory of the JFK Assassination, and the Spartacus biography referenced above includes the following snippet ...

"On June 19, 1992, US Marshall Clint Peoples told a friend of his that he had documentary evidence that Mac Wallace was one of the shooters in Dealey Plaza. On June 23rd, Peoples, a former Texas Ranger and a onetime friend of Henry Marshall, was killed in a mysterious one-car automobile accident in Texas."

Perkins, Dean: Dean Perkins [no convenient biography] is sometimes encountered in the histories as Chairman of the Dallas chapter of the Committee for a Free Cuba, and as an associate of Fermin de Goicochea Sanchez.

Perle, Richard Norman: Classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] under "Leo Strauss students and philosophical adherents", and described as a "key player in designing our new strategy for pre-emptive war", Richard Perle [Wikipedia biography] was an influential Neocon [q.v.] in the early years of the George W. Bush administration.

Permindex: Based in Basel, Switzerland, Permindex [Wikipedia briefing] was a holding company with international connections - for further details, see Linda de Hoyos (1981 [full text online]).

Perrin, Robert Lee: Once gun-runner to General Franco's Spain during the 1930s, Robert Perrin [no convenient biography, but for lots of background value, click here] was reputedly solicited by intelligence operative Colonel Robert Castorr [see own entry] to run guns into Cuba. The bagman for the pay-off was Jack Ruby. However, when Perrin later reneged on the deal he was poisoned to death with arsenic 28th August 1962 (suicidally by voluntary consumption, according to the office of New Orleans Coroner Nicholas Chetta). His widow - Nancy Hamilton [see own entry] - continued to work at Ruby's Carousel Club, and eventually gave testimony to the Warren Commission [under the name Nancy Perrin Rich - Ed.].

Perry, Malcolm Oliver, II: Parkland Hospital physician Malcolm Perry [Wikipedia biography] was on the trauma room team for both the JFK (where he worked on the neck wound) and LHO emergency admissions. His testimony became pivotal when he described JFK's throat wound as an entrance wound, that is to say, impossible from any window on the TSBD. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony, 1998 [read it now].
Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric: The émigré German psychiatrist Erich Fromm [Wikipedia biography] was one of the first to extend psychological considerations to the politics of European fascism. He saw authoritarianism as one of several ways for people to avoid achieving true freedom. ....

'...The first mechanism of escape from freedom [is] the tendency to give up the independence of one's own individual self and to fuse one's self with somebody or something outside of oneself in order to acquire the strength which the individual self is lacking. [...] The more distinct forms of this mechanism are to be found in the striving for submission and domination, or, as we would rather put it, in [masochism and sadism]. The most frequent forms in which masochistic strivings appear are feelings of inferiority, powerlessness, individual insignificance. [...] In the more extreme cases - and there are many - one finds besides these tendencies to belittle oneself and to submit to outside forces a tendency to hurt oneself and to make oneself suffer. [...] Besides these masochistic trends, the very opposite of them, namely sadistic tendencies, are regularly to be found in the same kind of characters. They vary in strength, are more or less conscious, yet they are never missing. We find three kinds of sadistic tendencies, more or less closely knit together. One is to make others dependent on oneself [..... another consists of the impulse not only to rule over others [but] to exploit them [..... and the] third kind of sadistic tendency is the wish to make others suffer" (Fromm, Escape from Freedom, 1941/1969, pp140-143; emphasis added).

Fromm's construct of authoritarianism was elevated to the status of a basic psychometric dimension by Adorno, Frenkel-Brunswik, Levinson, and Sanford (1950) in order to explain the attribute clusters which could be observed in people known to be thus-minded, and the result was a test battery known as the California F-Scale. ....

**TEST YOURSELF NOW**: How much of a fascist are you? Take an online derivative of the F Scale now - just click here. [RELAX, IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE FUN!]

**Peston, Robert James Kenneth**: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and “Churnalism”.] Well-born British print journalist turned TV news commentator Robert Peston [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore’s [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role was as economics editor for the BBC 2014-2015, although he has since continued to ply his trade on social media and for ITV.

***** ARCHETYPICAL PROTO-ZIONIST SETTLEMENT *****

**Petah Tikva:** Established 3rd November 1878 near Tel Aviv, then Ottoman Palestine, by Hovevei Zion [see own entry] settlers, Petah Tikva [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the first of the Rothschild-funded proto-Zionist settlements in Palestine [see Timeline 31st July 1882] ...

**ASIDE - PROTO- vs. FULL ZIONISM:** We use the descriptor proto-Zionist because the term Zionist was not in general usage until the founding of the Odessa Committee [see own entry] in 1890 and the First Zionist Congress in 1897 [see Timeline 29th August 1897].

**FURTHER READING:** For more of the specific background see Chapter XI of Fannie F. Andrews' (1931) "The Holy Land Under Mandate" [Amazon]. For the fuller story follow the Zionism sub-threads in the Timeline (but expect to be away for some time).

**Peters, [Sir]1952 Rudolph Albert:** British biochemist turned physician [Sir]1952 Rudolph Peters [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having studied at Cambridge under Joseph Barcroft [see own entry], publishing a paper on the biochemistry of haemoglobin in 1912, (b) for qualifying as a physician in 1915, joining the RAMC, and shipping out to the Western Front, where he earned the Military Cross and bar for staying close to the action, (c) for being transferred in 1917 from the RAMC to the rapidly expanding chemical weapons research station at Porton Down [see own entry], where he worked on "phosgene, arsenical smokes, and mustard gas" (Thompson and Ogston, 1983 [full text online]), (d) for returning to Cambridge after the war, before moving on to a Professorship
at Oxford in 1923, and (e) for volunteering himself back into war work in 1939, performing research in collaboration Porton Down into antidotes for mustard gas and other blistering agents.

**Peyton, Patrick:** See the entry for J. Peter Grace, Jr.

**Pfeifer, Carl C.:** See the entry for François Spirito.

**Phenix, George:** KRLD-TV reporter-cameraman George Phenix [no convenient biography] was stationed initially at the Dallas Trade-Mart, JFK's next planned stop. When the motorcade simply whistled past he flagged a lift to Parkland Hospital and filmed there. He was then in the basement of DPHQ on 24th November and was one of two cameramen (the other being Jack Beers) who got a clear view of Jack Ruby firing the fatal shot.

**Philbrick, Herbert Arthur:** American false flag Communist turned celebrity Rightist Herbert Philbrick [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming an officer of the Cambridge Mass Youth Council [no convenient briefing but see The Harvard Crimson (1952 [full text online]) in late 1939, quickly growing suspicious that they were being unduly influenced by (true flag) Communists, and duly reporting these suspicions in 1940 to the FBI ...
regular meetings of real American Communists. [...] *I Led 3 Lives* was typical of the Red Menace hysteria then sweeping the country [and] 600 stations ran its 117 episodes from 1953 to 1956. [...] One can imagine Oswald dreaming of doing years of undercover work pretending to be a Communist" (p463).

Which is, of course, precisely what Oswald ended up doing in off-base operations while with the Marine Corps in Japan - see *Timeline 20th June 1958*, and, shortly afterward, as a fake defector to the Soviet Union - see *Timeline 16th October 1959*.

Readers unfamiliar with the cat and mouse games played by intelligence services using *false defectors* as double agents should see the entries for *<Aline Mosby>*<Marilyn Murret>*<Paul Scott>*.

... (k) now established as a celebrity anti-Communist for being headhunted in 1961 to join the New Orleans-based *Information Council of the Americas (INCA)* [see own entry *EXPLAINS SO VERY MUCH*; the *Library of Congress Philbrick Archive* informs us that Philbrick was a director/consultant to INCA 1961-1971], (l) for being mentioned by name in a two-sheet manuscript discovered in Lee Oswald's belongings after the assassination ...

**QUICKIE - OSWALD'S PUBLIC SPEAKING:** Oswald's possessions were microscopically analysed in the days after the assassination and presented as evidence to the *Warren Commission*. One of them - Exhibit #102 - was the plan for a public talk now known as *Oswald's Notes for a Speech*. We mention it here because Philbrick gets a single (not entirely complimentary) mention on the second of the two pages ...

Read Commission Exhibit #102 here

WORTH A QUICK LOOK

Since the document in question was undated, the Warren Commission chose to ignore it (Waldron, p479), even though on 27th July 1963 Oswald actually did give an invited public talk on his experiences behind the Iron Curtain ...

Readers unaware that Lee Harvey Oswald's cousin was a Jesuit priest OR that on 27th July 1963 Oswald had given a talk at a Jesuit seminar should both see the entry for *<Eugene Murret>* and note the content of *<Warren Commission Exhibit 2649>* [full text online] before proceeding.

It is not clear, however, whether Exhibit #102 related to the speech already given, or to a possible future speech which circumstance prevented him from ever delivering. We have dealt with the 27th July talk in the recommended side-links, and, since these make no further mention of Philbrick we need not pursue the matter here.

... (m) for planning/delivering a pro-INCA talk in summer 1963 on the premises of the *Reily Coffee Company* [see own entry *REVELATORY*], attended in person by the now quite experienced undercover intelligence agent Lee Oswald ...

Readers unfamiliar with Oswald's adventures in New Orleans in the summer of 1963 should see the movie *"JFK"* before proceeding.

EXPLAINS SO VERY MUCH

Readers unfamiliar with his moll in these months *<Judyth Vary Baker>* or her boss *<Alton Ochsner>* (neither of whom feature in the movie) should see their separate entries before proceeding.

EXPLAINS SO VERY MUCH MORE

**CAMEO - PHILBRICK TALKS AT REILY'S; OSWALD GETS TO MEET HIS HERO, BUT IS UNIMPRESSED:** Here is Baker's (op. cit. inf.) personal recollection of the events in question ...

"As we rode, Lee told me that one of his childhood heroes was Herbert Philbrick, an FBI agent who infiltrated the Communist Party and wrote a book about his experiences entitled *'I Led Three Lives'* [...] This] became a best seller, and soon became the basis of both a radio series (1952-1954) and a television show (1953-1956). Herbert Philbrick personally narrated each episode and served as a technical consultant, and the scripts for all 117 episodes were approved by J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI. Most of the plots had very little to do with the actual events of Philbrick's life and frequently involved international intrigue in which Philbrick never participated. Lee Oswald was 14 years old and living in New York when the series began. It became his favourite show. [...] It inspired him to become a spy" (pp200-203).
"Lee told me that INCA taped anti-Communist and anti-Castro programs, shipping them to hundreds of Latin American radio stations on a regular basis. [...] Originally, Lee hadn't wanted to work for Reily [...] but then he learned that [...] INCA used Reily's private offices for secret meetings with advisors linked to the CIA and FBI. When Lee learned that his hero, Herbert Philbrick, was coming to a meeting that summer at Reily's as an advisor, he requested a position there in order to meet Philbrick. This meant getting more deeply involved in Ochsner's get-Castro project, but Lee's dream to meet the real legend behind the TV show [...] could now come true" (p322).


"Kim, the game's up"

Philby, Harold Adrian Russell ['"Kim"]: [Read firstly the entry for (his father) St. John Philby:] British establishment journalist, intelligence agent, and Cambridge-raised Soviet spy Kim Philby [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being recruited by Russian intelligence in June 1934, (b) for earning a living as a foreign correspondent for The Times 1935-1940, feeding secrets to the Russians while out covering the Spanish Civil War in 1937 from the Nationalist side ...

ASIDE: Franco's Nationalist forces viewed Britons with suspicion because so many of their countrymen were fighting for the Republican side with the International Brigade. The information Philby supplied to Moscow included such details as "number of aircraft, type, calibre of artillery, number of rounds fired, composition of attacking infantry force, and so on" (Knightley, 1988, p59).

(c) for returning to London in August 1939, then being sent a few weeks later to the B.E.F.'s headquarters at Arras; for then being unceremoniously dumped back in Britain in May 1940 on one of the last boats out of Boulogne before the Panzers arrived, (d) for being recruited into MI6 counter-intelligence in July 1940, working initially to fellow spy Guy Burgess, (e) for being redeployed later that year as an instructor in demolition and propaganda for SOE ...

ASIDE: Philby served initially at SOE "Station 17" - Brickendonbury Hall, Hertfordshire [2019 website] - transferring later that summer to Beaulieu, Hampshire [2019 website]. FURTHER READING: Both estates have 2019 websites giving details of their wartime adventures. For the general practice of relocating the nation's defence in troubled times from Whitehall out into the shires, see Julie Summers' (2018) book "Our Uninvited Guests: The Secret Lives of Britain's Country Houses, 1939-1945" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED]. For an indication of just how many distributed SOE sites there were, and their particular specialisms, click here.

(f) for being transferred in early 1943 to MI6's Section 5, commuting between its out-of-town headquarters at Glenalmond House, St. Albans and its offices in Ryder Street, St. James', London, and helping to induct the first wave of American OSS officers into the realities of the war in Europe ...

ASIDE: Section 5 was the control hub for MI6's counter-intelligence effort. Its job was accordingly to learn so much about the enemy's intelligence gathering networks that it could - in today's no-nonsense phrasing - fuck with their minds. Networks in Spain and Turkey were consistently in the front line of this war within a war. Philby was put in charge of the Iberian Desk, the counter-intelligence effort in Spain and Portugal. One of the Americans - James Jesus Angleton - would become firstly Philby's personal friend and later his greatest professional enemy. More on this below.

(g) in late 1944 - with a Cold War already threatening - for carefully wangling the position as head of a new Section 9, coordinating both the gathering of field intelligence within, and conducting counter-intelligence work against, the Soviet Union, thereby becoming the perfect mole ...
"... within eighteen months, he had transformed a one-man, one-room section into a major department occupying a whole floor and employing a staff of more than thirty. In the winter of 1945-6, Philby visited France, Germany, Sweden, Italy, and Greece to brief [MI6] station chiefs on what Section Nine planned to do and what it would require. [...] Many new agents] went behind the Iron Curtain and, betrayed by Philby, they vanished" (Knightley, 1988, p127).

(h) for nearly being betrayed by the attempted August 1945 defection of the Russian Vice-Consul in Istanbul and NKVD officer Konstantin Volkov [Wikipedia biography] ...

CAMEO - DEALING WITH VOLKOV: Volkov walked into the British Embassy in Istanbul 4th September 1945 and told First Secretary John Leigh Reed [no convenient biography] that he was an NKVD officer desiring to defect. He could, he said, identify several hundred Soviet spies, including three very senior ones. When Reed's report reached London 10 days later Philby realised that he himself, along with Burgess and MacLean, were at risk. He therefore warned his London contact as to their man's offer and set off as slowly as he could manage to Istanbul to conduct the follow-up contact personally. As a result it was fully three weeks between Volkov's initial contact and the attempted follow-up, during which period Moscow had had its people in Istanbul take him out of circulation. There would be no debriefing. Ever [Wikipedia still shows Volkov as having disappeared in 1945 - Ed.].

(i) for being awarded a CBE [=Commander of the British Empire] in the 1946 New Year's Honours List, as a reward for his war service, (j) for being appointed head of the MI6 station in Istanbul in February 1947, with the following responsibilities (note the bit about Bulgarian exiles - we shall be returning to it shortly) ...

"Turkey has a long border with the Soviet Union and another with communist Bulgaria. In the 1940s Stalin was claiming a slice of eastern Turkey, plus the right to put Russian bases on the Bosporus and the Dardanelles - main thoroughfares for Soviet shipping. The Turks, to protect their independence, were clamouring for Western military aid. A civil war was raging in nearby Greece, which looked as if it might easily go communist. Istanbul is a city of many communities, including Armenians, Georgians, Bulgarians, and Albanians, all with direct links to the homeland communities behind the Iron Curtain. [...] The Turkish authorities were no problem. They had a simple and straightforward attitude to all the foreign espionage officers: they welcomed the currency that their activities brought to Turkey. [...] Another possible source of information were the exile groups. But they quickly learnt that espionage can be a money-spinner, so nearly every Bulgarian or Romanian exile turned out to have taken the trouble to establish a spy network before he left his country and was willing to put this network at Philby's disposal if the money was right. [...] He recommended to London that he should undertake a long-range photographic reconnaissance of the Soviet frontier, 'Operation Spyllass'. Equipped with a camera 'as big as a tram', and escorted by a Turkish security officer, he started at the eastern end, where the frontiers of the USSR, Turkey, and Iran meet, and worked his way westward, stopping every two or three miles and swinging the camera in a wide panorama" (Knightley, 1988, pp144-146; emphasis added).

(k) for being selected August 1949 [but not in post until 7th October 1949 - Ed.] to head the MI6 station at the British Embassy in Washington, where he liaised closely with his American counterpart James Jesus Angleton ...

ASIDE - PHILBY AND ANGLETON: Philby crossed the Atlantic on RMS Caronia, comforted by a crate of champagne given him by his "disgustingly rich" friend in MI5, Victor Rothschild, 3rd Baron Rothschild [Wikipedia biography]. Among the meeters and greeters was his old Section 5 buddy Angleton, now head of the CIA's Liaison Staff A. In due course, Angleton would be one of the first to suspect Philby's bona fides, but initially he seems to have been fooled.

(l) for using information on proposed cross-border insertions to sabotage Allied operations in Ukraine, 1949-1951 ...

ASIDE: These were provocateur operations designed to inflame the indigenous population against their Russian occupiers. Philby would later explain in his memoirs that the CIA and MI6 had a policy of not compromising or duplicating each other's operations. This - unfortunately - this required that they told each other the times and coordinates of upcoming insertions. Philby simply passed selected times and coordinates on to Moscow, who arranged a hotter than expected welcome.
(m) for being exposed as a possible mole when associates Guy Burgess and Donald MacLean fled to Moscow 25th May 1951 ...

**ASIDE:*** MacLean, it will be recalled, had been the agent - codenamed "Homer" - who had been active in the British Embassy 1944-1945, reporting high-level diplomatic traffic between Washington and London to Moscow. Philby's first act was to go home, gather up his spy camera and other incriminating evidence, and then drive out of town to bury same in woods close to the Potomac River [like Turing's stash of silver they're still out there - Ed.].

**AN INTRIGUING COINCIDENCE - EARLY COLD WAR OPERATIONS IN BULGARIA:** We interrupt the main narrative at this juncture with a story which did not surface until 1991 (in Bulgarian) or 2001 (in English) in the memoirs of one of the aforementioned Bulgarian refugees, a certain Spas Raikin - the man who would later collect LHO and Marina Oswald from the New Jersey quayside as they arrived back from the Soviet Union 13th June 1962. Here is what he has to say about his own period as a Bulgarian refugee in Greece ...

"I want to mention here an incident which took place in Greece while I was a refugee there. Sometimes, in 1952 I believe, the Chief of the Church World Service, Mr. Christopher King [see own entry] asked me to accompany them to show me some monastery or something like that in Athens. There, a gentleman, armed with photocameras, asked me through King to give him permission to take pictures of me. I had no objection and he placed me against a wall and started with his cameras. [...] He was taking close shots, front and profile. Much later, when the affair of the notorious [Kim] Philby came out, I remembered that the man in the newspapers looked very much like the photographer in Athens. I learned that in those days he had been in Athens, 1951 or 1952, that he had been Chief British Intelligence Officer for the Balkans, that he was at the same time agent of KGB, and advisor of the CIA for the Balkans" (Raikin, 1991/2001, p12).

Now Raikin had absconded (aged 28 at the time) from his Bulgarian labour camp 6th May 1951, arriving in Salonika, Greece, 19th June 1951 and moving on to Athens 19th July 1951. At face value, therefore, his dates and Philby's do not permit them to have met. But in the intelligence world, of course, anything is possible, especially if Raikin had made earlier border crossings back in 1947-1949 when Philby (and his camera) were doing the rounds!

(n) being recalled to London 11th June 1951, arriving the following day and being whisked off to MI5 headquarters to help with the drains-up investigations,

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(o) for being himself minutely investigated between 1951 and 1955 as a potential "third man" in the Washington spy-ring, but not brought to trial for want of concrete evidence, (p) for being accused 25th October 1955 in a House of Commons debate [Hansard is now] of "dubious third-man activities", (q) for relocating to the Middle East in 1956 as foreign correspondent for The Observer, (r) for finally being confirmed as a Soviet double agent by information obtained by Angleton during his early 1962 debriefing of KGB defector Anatoly Golitsyn [see own entry], (s) for confessing his guilt to colleague Nicholas Elliott [see own entry] 10th January 1963 while on assignment in Beirut, Lebanon, (t) for then being spirited out of town late 23rd January aboard the freighter Domatova, destination Odessa, and (u) for spending the remaining 25 years of his life in Moscow, giving occasional interviews and writing his memoirs. He was awarded the Order of Lenin in 1965 as a reward for his war service.

Philby, Hillary St. John Bridger: [Adopted name Sheikh Abdullah after conversion to Islam] [This entry presumes prior familiarity with the entries for Sir Mark Sykes and the Balfour Declaration.] British colonial service diplomat cum intelligence service asset [potentially even a fully-fledged SIS operative, as alleged below - Ed.] (and father of masterspy Kim Philby), St. John ["Jack"] Philby [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being posted to Lahore, Punjab (modern Pakistan), after graduating from Cambridge in 1908, proud to be "the first Socialist to join the Indian Civil Service", (b) for being recruited to Basra, occupied Mesopotamia, as a civilian administrator within the 1915 Expedition ...

**ASIDE - PHILBY AND ARABIA:** Philby's ship anchored at Basra 20th November 1915, and thus began what would become a life-long fascination with "Arabism". Britain's strategic aim was to have the great swathes of Arabian-speaking territory within the Ottoman Empire rise up as allies of Britain and France against
their former rulers, thus creating a solidly pro-British Middle and Near East. The Basra bridgehead in Mesopotamia was one of two jumping off points for the resulting offensives, the other being Egypt and the Suez Canal.

(c) for helping to administer the Basra front while the Army fought its way painfully upriver toward Baghdad and greater men than he introduced firstly the 3rd January 1916 Sykes-Picot Agreement and then the 2nd November 1917 Balfour Declaration, (d) for therefore being a natural selection to head Britain's December 1917-January 1918 Ibn Saud Mission ...

**CAMEO - PHILBY AND IBN SAUD:** The fact and content of the Sykes-Picot Agreement had been kept secret, but was mischievously made public by the Bolshevik Government shortly after its success in the Russian Revolution. Arab tribal leaders such as Ibn Saud were far from impressed, and it was going to take a special person to bring him round, thus ... "... the two men, the English administrator and the Bedouin chieftain, formed a lasting relationship. Ibn Saud was faced with the tough, argumentative Englishman who was not afraid to speak his mind and who seemed to love the desert as much, if not more, as the Arabs. [...] St. John Philby like the austerity, the strict moral code of the Arabs. Their social system, based on a benevolent if autocratic monarchy, appealed to the puritanical side of his personality. And like many other British Arabists. St. John Philby felt that his country behaved with unforgivable duplicity towards the Arabs in the First World War. The British promised them self-determination in exchange for help against the German-Turkish alliance. But these public promises were cynically ignored in the Sykes-Picot agreement (1916), by which Britain and France agreed to divide the Middle East to their own advantage. This duplicity was then confounded by the Balfour Declaration (1917), promising the Jews a national home in Palestine” (Knightley, 1988, p25).

Ibn Saud's tribal domains would become the modern Saudi Arabia in 1932. **FURTHER READING:** For more on the betrayal of the Arabs, check out Daniel Silverfarb's (1979) paper “The Philby Mission to Ibn Sa'ud, 1917-18” [full text online (requires JSTOR registration)].

(e) for hosting a royal visit to Britain by Ibn Saud's 14-year-old son Prince Amir [later King] Faisal between October and December 1919, (f) for spending the first half of 1920 feeding briefing papers through to the committees considering how precisely the League of Nations' Palestinian Mandate was going to be implemented, (g) for being recalled to Mesopotamia - now freshly rebranded as Iraq - in August 1920 to help suppress an incipient rebellion, (h) for thereby being a natural selection in late November 1921 to be appointed Chief British Representative to Transjordan, based in Amman, (i) for the next 20 years for dividing his time between business interests in Arabia [possibly a cover identity - Ed.], political missions to the court of Ibn Saud (King of Saudi Arabia after 1932), and publisher-funded travelogue tours of the Arabian Peninsula; even converting to Islam in 1930, (j) for attending the Palestine Round Table Conference [Wikipedia briefing] in February 1939, as well as side talks with Chaim Weizmann and David Ben Gurion, trying to get an Arab monarch into Palestine in return for increases in Jewish immigration [for a recent Jewish take on these negotiations, see POSTSCRIPT below - Ed.], (k) for becoming increasingly vocal as a pacifist around this time, (l) in the early weeks of WW2, for helping to broker a "Jewish loan" to Saudi Arabia ...

**CAMEO - THE PHILBY-NAMEIF PROPOSAL:** On 29th September 1939 Philby met with another prominent Zionist, Lewis Namier [see own entry], who brokered a further meeting with Weizmann 8th October 1939. Having devised a plan to pay £20 million to Ibn Saud in return for Jewish settlement rights in Palestine, Weizmann was to go to Washington to clear things with President Roosevelt while Philby was to go to Arabia to do likewise with King Saud. Philby met with King Saud 8th January 1940 and was put "on hold", but nothing came of the proposal by the time Philby was taken off the job a few months later.

(m) for being recalled to Britain in August 1940 for pacifist disloyalty, being held in Liverpool's Walton Prison for alleged offences under the Defence of the Realm Act (DORA), not being released until 18th March 1941, (n) for apparently passing the rest of the war as a writer and civilian war worker, and (o) for moving back to Saudi Arabia one more time after the war, meeting occasionally with the now ageing King Saud, researching new travelogues, and watching the kingdom start to grow rich from oil revenues. He died 30th September 1960, aged 75, during a visit to Kim in Beirut.
POSTSCRIPT: In their (1994) book "The Secret War Against the Jews" [Amazon - INTERESTING], authors John Loftus and Mark Aarons summarise the politics of this era as follows ...

EDITORIAL CAUTION: This is a pop-market polemic rather than an academic history. We include its criticisms here for the sake of academic balance.

"In the early part of the twentieth century, the Saudi Arabian king Ibn Saud used the extremist Wahhabi sect as the logical political extension of religion to prop up a tribal dictatorship. It was natural that the isolationist Wahhabi culture would feel threatened by the European Jews who were then starting to move into Palestine. In a bit of revisionism, Ibn Saud placed more emphasis on that part of the Koran that reflected Muhammad's anger toward the Jews, not his respect. The Moslem tradition was artificially rolled back to the ninth century. The gentle Moslem religion was, and continues to be, perverted into an instrument of war, hatred, xenophobia, and above all, ignorance. [...] The Jewish immigrants were, and are, a persistent threat to Arab backwardness and the luxurious lifestyle consequently enjoyed by the Arab dictators and their kin. [...] The accepted British view of history is that England played a charitable role toward Jews in the first half of this century. It was England that gave Zionism, the movement to revive a Jewish state, its first political nourishment. It was England that lobbied the League of Nations for a mandate to govern the new colony of Palestine, England that appointed a Jew to oversee the mandate, England that tried to help the Zionists in the face of American indifference, England that condemned Hitler's racism. [...] But the British intelligence service undermined such noble notions [and there followed] early covert operations against the Jews. This period, stretching from the end of World War I to just after the end of World War II, was characterised by three very evil men: Jack Philby, a British spy; Ibn Saud, his Arab protégé; and Allen Dulles, an American spy and Wall Street lawyer specialising in international finance. The racist nature of their secret war against Zionism does not appear in the history books for a simple reason. Jack Philby later was paid by Western oil companies to write pro-Arab propaganda disguised as history. [...] Jack Philby's legacy was far from minor. He is one of the lesser known but most influential persons in the modern history of the Middle East, the renegade British intelligence agent who plucked an obscure terrorist out of the desert and helped to make him the king of Saudi Arabia. [...] Philby stole the information from British intelligence files that engineered Saudi control over the holiest shrines of the Moslem world" (pp20-21).

***** "A man in charge of a lot of hanky-panky" (Summers, 2013e, p340) *****

Phillips, David Atlee: [field identity Maurice Bishop] WW2 veteran (U.S.A.F.) and long-standing CIA officer David Atlee Phillips [Wikipedia biography] was possibly at hand in or near Dealey Plaza at the time of the shooting, although his very existence was not at all well known until he was "outed" at the time of the House Select Committee on Assassinations. Before the assassination he had been working to David Morales at JM/WAVE, and had overseen many of the Alpha 66 operations, including the quite deliberate targeting of Soviet transport ships in March 1963 (Summers, 2013e). He is now routinely believed to have been at least closely monitoring, if not handling in the field agent sense, LHO. He even took LHO with him to meet Alpha 66 commander Antonio Veciana in the Southland Center [now the Sheraton Dallas Hotel], Dallas on or about 8th September 1963. Thus ...

"[David] was accompanied by a young man who gave me the impression of being very quiet, rather strange and pre-occupied. The three of us walked to a cafeteria. The young man was with us ten or fifteen minutes" (Antonio Veciana, quoted in Summers, 2013e, p302).

There is a reasonably convincing one-word deathbed confession out there to the effect that he was in Dealey Plaza on 22nd November 1963, and at least one source places him on TSBD2??

Picado Michalski, Teodoro: Costa Rican centre-right politician President [1944-1948] Teodoro Picado [Wikipedia biography] served as president between 1944 and 1948 and, when his political ally Rafael Calderón [see own entry] was beaten in the 1948 elections, fought and lost a bitter civil war against the centre-left José Figueres [Wikipedia biography] as de facto provisional president. He lived in Nicaragua in exile until his death in 1960.

***** MINOR CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

Pickford, Sir William, [Baron Sterndale]1918: British lawyer Sir William Pickford [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 12 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular
chapter the authors are questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French move against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. Pickford, they note, took over as Chairman of the subsequent whitewash, the Dardanelles Commission [see own entry], after the death of Lord Cromer in January 1917. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

Pierson, Arthur Tappan: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] American professional evangelist Arthur Pierson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating from the Union Theological Seminary [Wikipedia briefing] in 1869, eventually becoming pastor of the largest church in Detroit, Michigan, (b) for being drawn psychologically into the world-historic (but insufficiently studied) explosion of Protestant missionary fervour which took place out of the English-speaking world in the 1880s...

RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervent behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually they do come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short it is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing], and should be regarded as nothing short of emotional abuse. The questions then come thick and fast. Were such controlling personalities denied a fulfilling breast as infants, for example? Or cruelly beaten by a father, or themselves denied all sense of self-worth by a mother's unrelenting put-downs? Did they see too many war films or browse into the wrong websites? Did they mix unwisely with people on the wrong side of the tracks? Are they narcissistic [Wikipedia briefing]? Anally retentive [Wikipedia briefing]? Overly impulsive [Wikipedia briefing]? Inherently sadistic [Wikipedia briefing]? Sociopathic [Wikipedia briefing]? Psychopathic [Wikipedia briefing]? Or are they just plain evil? Are their minds so shrivelled for want of genuine human warmth that they started out in life as arrogant little shits and go downhill from there? What, in other words, puts the meme into their heads that their present "convert" is just another notch to their pulpits? RECOMMENDED READING: Check out the Hare Psychopathy Checklist [Wikipedia briefing] for some of the answers, and - sadly - a shipload more questions.

... (c) for attending the 1885 Northfield Conference [online briefing], meeting the host and main attraction, the revivalist preacher Dwight L. Moody [see own entry], (d) for being appointed editor of The Missionary Review of the World [University of Pennsylvania briefing and full texts] in 1888, eventually influencing a new generation of followers, including John R. Mott [see own entry USEFUL ONWARD CONTEXT], (e) for undertaking a missionary tour of Britain 1889-1890, and (f) for a number of propagandistic pamphlets and books written to further his ministry. Pierson died in 1911, aged 74. FURTHER READING: Pierson died before WW1, and therefore does not figure personally in the history of Operation Pastor [see own entry] (although some of his ideas do). For follow-up readings see the entry for the aforementioned John Mott, if interested.

"Pierson, Jean T.": [CIA OPERATIONAL ALIAS] See the entry for June Cobb.

"Pilot"**: Episode 1 of the 2001 TV thriller series "The Lone Gunmen" [IMDB entry] is noteworthy in the present context merely for its use of the trope of an airliner being crashed into one of the twin WTC towers. The series was screened by Fox Broadcasting Company for Newscorp, one of the western world's "Big Six" MSM providers.

"Pineinch, Joyce H."**: [CIA OPERATIONAL ALIAS] See the entry for June Cobb.

Pinsker, Leon: White Russian [born 1821 in south-eastern Poland, at that time part of the Russian Empire - Ed.] physician and early Zionist activist Leon Pinsker [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for founding the Odessa Committee [see own entry] in 1890 to support Russian Jews seeking to migrate to the Holy Land in the First Aliyah [see 19th December 1919 (ASIDE)].
Pioneer Fund: Founded in 1937 by ultra-right-wing millionaire Wickliffe P. Draper [see own entry], the Pioneer Fund [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as being modelled on the Nazi German eugenics programs Draper had had the opportunity to observe two years previously, (b) for aiming to direct financial aid toward the children of parents of "unusual value", (c) for funding some famously controversial twin studies over the decades, not least those by J. Philippe Rushton [Wikipedia biography], and (d) for still going strong. The Pioneer Fund also gets a mention in the entry for Frederick Osborn.

Pitzer, William Bruce: WW2 veteran (U.S.N.) Lieutenant Commander William Pitzer [Wikipedia biography] was the technical services officer at Bethesda at the time of JFK's autopsy. As such he operated that hospital's CCTV facilities, including a medical training viewing room. It would later transpire that he had on his own authority videotaped the autopsy, only to grow increasingly concerned at discrepancies between his tapes and the official records by then being circulated. Pitzer was found conveniently shot to death 29th October 1966 in what many have judged was a contract murder rather than a suicide. [Our verdict - genuine core incident prejudicial to the primary cover-up, followed by CIA execution of the witness and a secondary cover-up by means of pre-scripted autopsy; all followed by a disinfo smokescreen.]

Plumlee, William Robert ["Tosh"]: Some time pilot for Johnny Roselli, William Plumlee [Spartacus Educational biography] was on the South Knoll at the time of the shooting engaged in a CIA abort operation, that is to say, an attempt to disrupt shooting teams wherever they might be located and by whatever means. However most of his story will not emerge until 1992 and is poorly corroborated. Plumlee also claimed to have met LHO in 1959 at the "Illusionary Warfare Centre", Nags Head, NC.

ASIDE: Remember that our standard caution to students is that 1992-1993 was a period of significant Establishment obfuscation and counter-conspiracy funding in the wake of the success of Oliver Stone's movie "JFK".

Plumlee speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

***** NEXT STORM BREWING As at 9th February 2020 *****

Plummer, Francis Allan: Canadian virologist Frank Plummer [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a successful 30 year career as an viral epidemiologist, with significant research into such diseases as SARS, H1N1, Ebola, and - until his sudden death on the job 4th February 2020 - Coronavirus, (b) for dropping dead at a virologists' conference at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, and (c) for immediately being the subject of conspiracy theories that he was assassinated as part of a conspiracy on someone's part to develop a weaponised variant of said Coronavirus - check out the theory here, TO BE UPDATED AS DEVELOPMENTS COME TO LIGHT.

P.O. Box 2915 (Dallas Main Post Office): This is the box rented by LHO in his own name on 9th October 1962 and closed 14th May 1963. The "Part 3" of the application - the card which states who is approved to collect from a particular box - has never been seen, and was officially explained (a) as having been lost, and (b) of having authorised collections by himself and A. Hidell (otherwise he would not have been able to pick up the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 ordered under that name at that address). However, LHO insisted on 24th November 1963 that "no one had access to the box other than himself" (Commission Exhibit No. 2064, p180).

P.O. Box 6225 (Dallas Terminal Annex): This is the box rented by LHO in his own name on 1st November 1963 and still open at the time of his death. The "Part 3" for this box authorised collections by himself alone. The box had been used as the sending address for letters that same day to the American Communist Party and the American Civil Liberties Union.
P.O. Box 30016 (New Orleans): This appears to be a dyslexic typographic error on LHO's part. It is from the overstamp on the stock of Fair Play for Cuba flyers distributed on 9th August, which reads ...

A J HIDELL
P.O. BOX 30016
NEW ORLEANS, LA

Oswald's actual box was P.O. Box 30061, see next entry. [We have seen it asserted that there was no box 30016 in New Orleans at the time.]

P.O. Box 30061 (New Orleans): This is the box rented by LHO in his own name on 11th June 1963 and closed upon his imminent return to Dallas on 26th September 1963. The "Part 3" for this box authorised collections by himself, Marina Oswald, and A. J. Hidell (and - unlike P. O. Box 2915 - this Part 3 was not discarded after closure - check it out). This box number is a simple transposition error away from P.O. Box 30016 as used on some of the Fair Play for Cuba flyers distributed in August 1963.

Poe, J. M.: DPD officer J. M. Poe [no convenient biography] responded initially to the Dealey Plaza Code Three, and helped with crowd control for a few minutes. He was then re-deployed to the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting where he recovered two of the discarded cartridge cases from the ground, handing same to the crime lab officer at hand. Poe's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

***** DEEP STATE ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

Poincaré, Raymond Nicolas Landry: French politician Raymond Poincaré [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Prime Minister of France between 1912 and 1913, and President between 1913 and 1920. Unsurprisingly, he features large in the 2013 and 2017 writings of Jim Macgregor and Gerry Docherty [see own entries], who very firmly place him close to the ringleaders of the Milner-Rothschild New World Order Conspiracy [see own entry]. Macgregor and Docherty's most damning accusations are (a) that his rise to prime ministerial power in January 1912 as an avowed Revanchist [see 8th April 1904] had been secretly funded with Russian money, the better to keep France and Russia in step against Germany, (b) for undertaking a state visit to Tzar Nicholas II in 1912 in order to strengthen the Franco-Russian stance against Germany and Austria-Hungary, (c) for having overseen the creation of France's 1913 War Plan XVII [see 18th April 1913], one aspect of which was the guaranteed deployment of a British Expeditionary Force to the Belgian frontier, and (d) for undertaking a second state visit to Russia 20th-23rd July 1914 just before the descent into war, when the opportunity was taken [the visit itself had been arranged the previous year - Ed.] to promise French support for the Russians should they mobilise against Austria-Hungary in support of Serbia. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

Polak, Stuart [Baron Polak]2015: [STUB ENTRY] Lifelong activist on behalf of British Jewry, Baron Polak [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been on the board of Conservative Friends of Israel [see own entry] Since 1989, and (b) for reportedly arranging for Tel Aviv to get privileged access in 2017 to the then Secretary of State for International Development, Priti Patel [see own entry].

Policarpo Lopez, Gilberto: Pro-Castro Cuban emigrant (and therefore potentially an informer against the anti-Castro exiles in Florida) Gilbert Policarpo Lopez [no convenient biography] was secretary of the Tampa chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and may therefore have had contact of some sort with LHO. Like the House Select Committee on Assassinations in 1978, we are unable to say much else "with confidence".

Policy Planning Staff (PPS): See the entry for George Kennan.
**Political Flouncing:** In everyday English, "to flounce" is "to walk with large, noticeable movements, especially to attract attention or show that you are angry" (Cambridge Online Dictionary).

Check out Miss Piggy flouncing

When applied to political assemblies, however, the word also carries the connotation of prior intention; of deliberately "playing to the gallery" or "showboating", making it the nuclear option in otherwise civilised debate. This is because the very act of storming out signifies that you not only disagree with the arguments being presented but also that you no longer respect the personalities presenting them (or even, in extreme cases, the forum itself). As such a political flounce is far more intense a psychological event than simply "cutting off your nose to spite your face" or being "a bit of a diva" (where you are the only person to suffer). Very much the opposite, in fact, because there is invariably a prior calculation that your opponents will suffer far more from your tantrum than you will yourself.

**Political Warfare Executive (PWE):** Set up in August 1941 under Minister of Information Brendan Bracken [see own entry], the Political Warfare Executive (PWE) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for having spearheaded Britain's propaganda offensive during WW2, in the same way that Wellington House [see own entry] led the persuasion industry in WW1. The establishment was transferred after D-Day to the Psychological Warfare Division of SHAEF.

**Pompeo, Michael Richard:** American soldier-politician Mike Pompeo [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Director of the CIA between January 2017 and April 2018, and [as at 20th February 2019] (b) the incumbent Secretary of State. As a Trump loyalist he played an important part in early 2019 in promoting the Guaidó/CIA Coup [see 10th January 2019, et seq.] in Venezuela. He is a member of the [ALT] Troika of Tyranny [see own entry].

**Pontchartrain Raid:** [Read firstly the entries for INTERPEN and Bill Stuckey ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT.] On 31st July 1963 the FBI raided a Cuban exiles' training camp on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain twenty miles north of New Orleans in the general vicinity of Covington, recovering stolen weapons and explosives. The La Fontaines, in their 1996 book "Oswald Talked", suggest that this one act alone would have been enough to have the exile community reaching for their sniper rifles and heading for Dealey Plaza.

**Poole, DeWitt Clinton, Jr.:** American foreign service agent provocateur DeWitt Poole [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving as Vice Consul General in Moscow between 1st September and 7th November 1917, liaising closely with British MI6 officers in supporting the Provisional Government [see Timeline 15th March 1917], (b) for stage-managing anti-Bolshevik activities after Lenin seized power in the subsequent October Revolution [see Timeline 7th/8th November 1917] ... ASIDE: Poole assisted the Allied/White Russian effort by managing a spy network out of Moscow until recalled to Washington in late 1919. He worked alongside such experienced covert operators as George Rosenblum - more commonly known by his "Ace of Spies" alias Sidney George Reilly, and Robert Bruce Lockhart, in conspiring to overthrow war-weary Lenin and thereby keep Russian troops in the field against Germany. Crucially, these operations gradually escalated into substantive military expeditions which continued beyond the 1918 Armistice with Germany.

(c) for playing a central role in August 1918's Kalamatiano Affair [see Timeline 14th August 1918], (d) for continuing to support the White Russians against the Bolsheviks through to the end of the Russian Civil War in 1922 (received date) ...

ASIDE - RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: Students of WW1 are often surprised to learn that it did not end in 1918, but continued until 1922 (locally until 1925) as troops from the Western Front were diverted to the Eastern Front. From Archangel in the north to the Ukraine in the south they supported "White" forces - that is to say,
anti-Bolshevik ex-Czarian outlying provinces - against the "Red" victors of the 1917 revolution in the Russian heartlands.

**DOUBLE ASIDE (1):** It is a mere coincidence that the 20th Century's red-white confrontation was fought largely in Belorussia, a name which translates as "White Russia" but which dates back to the 14th Century when the territory was part of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania.

**DOUBLE ASIDE (2):** The western insurgency in the Ukraine continues to this day [March 2018]. As a result of this western intervention (political, plus espionage, plus advisors, plus mercenaries, plus aid, plus regulars on the ground), what began in 1917 as an internal matter dragged out into a vicious five-year-long 12-million casualty civil war. The principal architect of the 1918 intervention was *Winston Churchill* (because he wanted Bolshevism "strangled in its cradle"), but troops were also provided by France, the U.S., Italy, and Japan.

(e) for returning to the diplomatic service 1923-1930, (f) for working at Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs 1930-1939, (g) for returning to intelligence work with OSS 1941-1945, and (h) for serving as Special Representative of the Secretary of State between 1945 and his death in 1952. In 1949 he was put in charge of the CIA's experimental front operation, the *National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE)*, remaining in post until January 1951. He then spent a year as Director of the follow-on CIA front operation, the *Free Europe University in Exile*.

*Popov, Pyotr Semyonovich:* Major Pyotr Popov [Wikipedia biography] was a GRU [= Soviet offshore military intelligence] intelligence officer during the height of the Cold War, stationed initially in Vienna and later in East Berlin. Having sold his services to the U.S. as early as 1953, he reported in April 1958 that the KGB [= Soviet homeland military intelligence] knew more about the U-2 high-altitude spyplane program than they could have learned through conventional espionage techniques, indicating that the Soviets had an even bigger mole - referred to herein as *Popov's Mole* [q.v.] - somewhere in the CIA. Popov was eventually arrested in Moscow on 16th October 1959 (coincidentally the same day that LHO arrived there), and was executed the following year.

*Popov's Mole:* [Read firstly the entry for *Pyotr Popov.*] This is the name given in Peter Dale Scott's 2015 book "Dallas '63" to the CIA traitor who in April 1958 became suspected of leaking critical details of the U-2 high-altitude spyplane program, and diverse other secrets, to the Russians. The resulting mole-hunt was led by *Birch O'Neal* [q.v.], Chief of CI/SIG [= Special Investigations Group], and made sustained use of mole-catching *bifurcations* of the sort described in the entry for *Peter Dale Scott* [q.v.]. Scott suspects that eventually the prime candidates were *Russell A. Langelle* [no convenient biography, but much of interest here] and *David Edmund Murphy* [Spartacus Educational biography]. The investigations are tangentially relevant to the assassination narrative because LHO's case details seem to have been among the documents deliberately *bifurcated*. Indeed Scott wonders whether LHO's defection might have been staged to turn him into an overnight "legend" capable of generating document traffic for leak-analysis.

*Portal to Texas History:* University of North Texas website containing a searchable digitised archive of Texas historical documents and images, including much of relevance to the JFK assassination. Check them out here.

**** DEATHRACE 20?? ****

*Porton Down:* Initially established in 1916 as the War Department Experimental Station, but then quickly rebadged as the Royal Engineers Experimental Station, *Porton Down*'s [Wikipedia briefing] early work was confined to experimentation with the CBW(Chemical) agents encountered in trench warfare. The station was then scaled down after the war, but maintained its strong links to academic physiologists such as (their Chief Physiologist in both wars) *Sir* [March 1935] *Joseph Barcroft* [Wikipedia biography] of Cambridge University. Barcroft's students - not least *Rudolph Peters* [see own entry] and *Joseph Needham* [see own entry] were also involved. In 1936 a government working party headed by *Sir Maurice Hankey* approved the development of a British CBW(Biological) deterrent, and put yet...
another Cambridge man - **Paul Fildes** [see own entry] - in charge of the development team. Spiers (2010) records these events as follows [note the cattle cake weapon - more on this further down] ...

"The British program was defensive until the outbreak of war, whereupon it became increasingly offensive in orientation, both in laboratory research and field testing, pursued partly with Canada and later the United States. **Eventually the UK acquired a modest retaliatory capability of five million cattle cakes contaminated with anthrax spores, intended for use against livestock in the event of a biological attack on Britain.** [...] All too aware of the UK's vulnerability to BW attack, Hankey secured the approval of the cabinet to undertake offensive BW research in case Britain had to retaliate in kind. Under Hankey's authorisation, Dr. (later Sir) Paul Fildes, who led Britain's BW program at Porton, shared the results of the anthrax tests on Gruinard Island with Canada and the United States in May 1943" (pp55-56; bold emphasis added).

The story of the remote Scottish island of Gruinard, where the field testing of weaponised anthrax (if not more besides) was carried out, actually has a lighter side, thus ...

**ASIDE - GRUINARD ISLAND:** In 1962 the BBC reporter Fyfe Robertson did a six-minute feature on Gruinard, a remote Scottish island which for some reason nobody dared row across to ... YouTube it now

The explanation which subsequently emerged was that Gruinard [Wikipedia briefing] had been requisitioned by the War Office in 1942 for the field testing of anthrax bioweapons on tethered animals, and was still an infection risk [anthrax is a sporing bacillus and can survive potentially for centuries in soil - Ed.]. The story was covered in Parliament 11th March 1968 (see Hansard) and again 12th June 1986 (see Hansard). On the latter occasion some parliamentary wag suggested that the land be gifted for Hippie concerts. The island was returned to the original owners in 1990. For a peer-reviewed telling of this story see Szasz (1995 [full text online (requires JSTOR registration)]). For the last word on the subject check out this spoof piece from The Herald at the height of the Skripal Poisoning [see own entry].

During the Cold War, Porton Down continued with its top secret doings, and in 1952 developed the VX nerve agent [Wikipedia chemistry]. It also closely monitored the claims and counter-claims at the U.N. when China accused the United States of using anthrax-impregnated cattle cake against North Korean cattle, also smallpox and other diseases against humans, although this could all, perhaps as easily, have been a false flag operation [Wikipedia briefing - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

**ASIDE:** It was the aforementioned Joseph Needham - expert on sudden Far Eastern epidemics since 1942 - who confirmed the presence of the anthrax spores.

Coming right up to date, Porton Down continues as Britain's centre of quick extinction excellence, *viz.* its involvement after (if not perhaps also before) the Skripal Novichok poisoning mentioned above. The laboratories are scheduled to relocate in 2024 to Harlow, Essex, where they will be downwind of Westminster rather than upwind.

**PERSONAL ASIDE:** The present author worked as a laboratory assistant at a London hospital in 1966, and held a "cooked meat" culture of the plague bacteria, Pasteurella pestis [Wikipedia briefing]. He also did a drive-by of Gruinard Island in 1972, and it was just as you see it in the Fyfe Robertson video above.

**Posada Carriles, Luis:** 35-year-old Cuban exile, one of the founders of S-Force, and CIA agent since the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion (which he had helped to organise). Luis Posada Carriles [Wikipedia biography] was being upskilled at the CIA's expense at Fort Benning at the time of the assassination.

**Positive Christianity:** See the entry for *Bekennende Kirche (BK).*

**Posse Comitatus:** [Latin = "force of the county"; named after the practice in American law which empowered sheriffs to deputise townsfolk into a "posse" when circumstances so demanded.] Founded in 1969 by Henry Lamont Beach [no convenient biography] and William Gale Potter, the *Posse Comitatus* [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for espousing antisemitic conspiracy theories and for joining a number of similar groups preaching
the iniquities of America's taxation system, and (b) for operating through until 1984 thanks to "the antics of a few of its members" (George and Wilcox, 1996, p346).

Powell, James W.: Attached to the 112th Military Intelligence Corps Group (explicitly excluded from Presidential security on this visit despite their special protection skills), but on a day off, Special Agent (U.S. Army Intelligence Service) James Powell [no convenient biography] was one block away from Houston and Elm at the moment of the shooting. When he arrived outside the TSBD bystanders pointed up at the windows and he took a photograph - see it now [possibly cropped]. He then followed the rush of officers into the railway yard. He then returned to the TSBD to alert his C.O., only to be detained by the DPD until his ID could be verified.

Powell, John Benjamin: See the entry for the American China Policy Association (ACPA).

Powell, Johnny: Jail inmate Johnny Powell [no convenient biography] witnessed the shooting from his cell window overlooking Dealey Plaza, clearly noting two men with a gun on TSBD6. Powell's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Powell, Michael: On 3rd November 1997 lawyer Michael Powell [Wikipedia biography] was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [q.v.]. He was advanced to Chairman of same by President George W. Bush on 22nd January 2001.

Power Cut: We have yet to see it explained why the oft-referred-to TSBD power cut just before 1230hr took place, disabling lights, telephones, and elevators.

Power, Samantha Jane: [a.k.a. "Mother Teresa herself"] Irish born war correspondent, turned human rights lawyer, turned think tank director at Harvard, turned White House advisor, turned U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., turned non-stop yap-dog against "Russian meddling" here, there, and everywhere (not least in Russia), Samantha Power [Wikipedia biography] accused the Russian Federation on 5th March 2018 of having influenced the Italian General Election.

Powers, David Francis: 51-year-old Presidential Special Assistant David Powers [Wikipedia biography] had arrived in Dallas aboard Air Force #1 and at the moment of the shooting was monitoring the progress of the motorcade from limo #2. He heard two shots from the Grassy Knoll area, but subsequently admitted going along with the official line. Powers' I'll-say-what-you-want-me-to-say evidential profile is as follows: Interview to radio, 30th January 1964 [YouTube it here]; Affidavit, 18th May 1964 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Powers, Francis Gary, USAF: CIA photoreconnaissance pilot Gary Powers [Wikipedia biography] was the pilot in the false flag operation now commonly known as the U-2 Incident.

Prayer Man: This is the nickname given to a difficult-to-see individual in the doorway of the TSBD several minutes after the shooting. He was given the name because he had his hands clasped together on his chest, somewhat as if in prayer. In fact, Prayerman only appeared in a couple of the available films - check out this image (from the Darnell film). Most recent conspiracy theories identify Prayerman as LHO, and see the Prayerman images as proving he murdered neither JFK nor J. D. Tippit.

Prewett, Virginia: Retained copy writer Virginia Prewett [Spartacus Educational biography] was a CIA [and OSS before that - Ed.] propagandist for the North American Newspaper Alliance from the 1940s through to the 1960s. She is particularly noteworthy for liaising with David Atlee Phillips in the early 1960s to promote the activities of Cuban direct action group Alpha 66 (Hancock, 2010).

**ASIDE:** This means that Price was approximately eight vertical feet above Harry Holmes [q.v.] at his 5th Floor window with his binoculars! We have been unable to determine whether either knew of the other's presence.

From this perfect vantage point (the best witness place of all save for the assassins' windows themselves and those of the jailbirds in the County Jail who nobody thought of interrogating) Price's perception at the moment of the shooting was that "a volley of shots" had come from the junction of the Picket Fence with the parapet of the Triple Overpass [that is to say, some 60 yards to the west of the John Neely Bryan Pergola, at the point where Joe Smith, from the pergola, would see two policemen six or so minutes later]. Price also saw a man about 35 years old (judged by his agility) running "toward the passenger cars on the railroad siding". This was followed "as much as five minutes later" by one further shot [of which not much more is ever spoken]. Price's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [>>NOT CALLED<<]; Interview to camera from the vantage point itself, Mark Lane [YouTube it now - ESSENTIAL VIEWING].

***** ONE OF THE PRE-CASTRO CUBAN ARISTOCRACY *****
"Noted for his corruption and involvement with mobsters" (Waldum, p154)

Readers unfamiliar with the emergence of Cuba from the ruins of the Spanish Empire should see the Timeline at 20th February 1896, then as directed.

Prío Socarrás, Carlos: Cuban president turned Cuban exile Carlos Prio [Wikipedia biography] Spartacus Educational biography is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been president of his country in 1948-1952, before the United States installed military dictator Fulgencio Batista to replace him 1952-1959, (b) for taking up residence as an exile in Mexico in the mid-1950s, and from there generously funding Fidel Castro's guerrilla struggle against Batista ...

**CAMEO - PRIO IN EXILE:** During Castro's years as a guerrilla, and for the first six months of his eventual presidency, the United States - sensing a useful and compliant banana republic stooge - politically and militarily facilitated Castro AND the Cuban exile movement. This changed mid-1959, to supporting the exiles AGAINST Castro. Here is Jackson (op. cit. inf.) with more of the background ...

"Cuba had been a restless country for years. After years of political upheaval, the three administrations of Carlos Prio Socarras and Fulgencio Batista y Zaldivar had the Cuban people up in arms. There was hardly a middle class but the elite of Cuba were very wealthy [+++ the Odio family mentioned +++] [and while they] flourished financially under Prio, the majority of Cubans were working class and lived in near poverty. This dichotomy of economy was founded for many reasons, not the least being the advent of the American 'gangsterismos' like Lucky Luciano and Mayer Lansky who had made deals with the Prio and later Batista administrations to run their operations with the Cuban leaders' blessings ...and kickbacks. Lansky had dreamed of making Cuba a tropical playground for hedonistic North American tourists and had succeeded. With help from the Prio administration, Lansky not only flourished but so did prostitution, drugs, and corrupt politicians. Prio, the last elected president of Cuba, had an estimated fortune of well over 300 million dollars and was a principal owner of many Cuban hotels and casinos. He also knew the Campisi brothers [HSCA briefing] of Dallas, who were friends of Jack Ruby's. [...] After being ousted by Batista in 1952, Prio set to work supplying arms and munitions to Castro, who had promised him the presidency once Batista was eradicated. [...] In August of 1956, Fidel Castro and Carlos Prio met at a small hotel in McAllen, Texas, where for over an hour they discussed the future of the insurrection against Batista. Castro asked Prio for money and the former president agreed to finance Castro's expedition to Cuba [Wikipedia briefing]. Prio would send the Cuban guerrillas almost one quarter of a million dollars in arms and money [and] got other associates to contribute thousands of dollars more in cash" (pp239-240).

... (c) for thereby coming to associate strategically with fellow exile Manuel Artine [Wikipedia biography IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE], Nicaraguan grandees and hard men Luis and Anastasio Somoza [see own entries], and Miami mobster Santos Trafficante [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE], as well as tactically with gun-runner Robert McKeown [see own entry NOTE THE 1963 "HERNANDEZ" INCIDENT], one of the Castro...
Revolution's ad hoc armourers and also well-connected to the aforementioned Jack Ruby, and (d) for keeping his head down after the assassination. He was not called to testify to the [Warren Commission] in 1964, and when efforts were made to get him in front of the [House Select Committee on Assassinations (HISCA)] in 1977 he conveniently took his own life. His story then featured 30 years later in Waldron's (op. cit. inf.) investigation of [Operation AMWORLD] [informally, "C-Day": see own entry [WORLD HISTORIC], the U.S. black op against Castro which was not kept secret enough to prevent it being piggy backed by those who had their sights on JFK instead ...  

**CAMEO - PRIO IN WALDRON:** Waldron goes into great detail as to Prio's adventures prior to AMWORLD in 1963, so we need not repeat here. Here is what he has no reason to tell us about what the man was up to in the year of the assassination ...

"A Cuban exile C-Day leader told us that the 'CIA and [the] Joint Chiefs were the only ones supporting Artine. Not the military or the Cubans here in the USA. [...] This exile leader said that 'Artine has $6 to 7 million from somewhere, but probably from (the) CIA'. [...] This may have been related to the tip received by Senate investigator [Gaeton Fonzi] that Artine had 'guilty knowledge' of JFK's assassination. [...] The Somozas had been trying to get into C-Day since July 1963, when they helped sponsor a sort of minor-league training camp for Cuban exiles just outside New Orleans. [...] CIA documents from October 31 and November 7, 1963, confirm that Somoza continued to secretly deal with Carlos Prio [...] They] even exchanged information about C-Day, calling it 'Plan Judas'. [...] Incredibly [or perhaps not - Ed.], none of the C-Day Cuban exile leaders were ever interviewed by the Warren Commission" (pp170-171).

Prio died in 1977, aged 73, officially by his own hand, a week after [George de Mohrenschildt] [Chuck Nicoletti], thus denying valuable testimony to the then imminent [HISCA Investigation]. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in [Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses"] [Amazon]. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail see [Gayle Nix Jackson's (2016) "Pieces of the Puzzle"] [Amazon] [HIGHLY RECOMMENDED SOURCE] and [Lamar Waldron's (2005/2006) "Ultimate Sacrifice"] [Amazon] (145 mentions of Prio and 590 of Artine]). Curiously, we have been unable so far [= March 2023] to obtain, either physically or electronically (or even to confirm the existence of), an "article" attributed by several sources to campaigning journalist [David Miller], and entitled "Did the CIA Kill Carlos Prio".

**Pritchett, Joseph:** [Read firstly the entry for Morse Allen.] CIA officer (covert operations, Eastern Europe) [Joseph Pritchett] [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his meeting with fellow officer [Morse Allen] [see own entry] 25th January 1952 to brief him on the case of Bulgarian refugee [Dimitre Dimitrov], ostensibly an anti-Communist asset being groomed for operations in the Balkans, but actually of as-yet-unproven loyalty. The case was made more than normally complex by the fact that Dimitrov had already had occasion to learn too much concerning the top secret [Projects Bluebird and Artichoke]. The Dimitrov story now continues in his own entry.

**Pritsak, Omeljan:** See the entry for the [Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI)].

**Proctor, Grover B.:** Historian [Grover B. Proctor] [no convenient biography] was the author of a 1980 newspaper article entitled "The Phone Call That Never Was", in which he highlighted the role played by two DPDHQ switchboard operators - [Alveeta Treon] and [Louise Sweeney] - in identifying whom [LHO] had been trying to phone on the evening of 23rd November 1963. See more of the details in Proctor's interview to camera, 2015 [YouTube it now], and then browse the [Raleigh Call Thread] to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Proctor, Redfield:** Lawyer-businessman-politician [Redfield Proctor] [Wikipedia biography] became Secretary of War in 1889, and then Senator in 1891, a position he held until his death in 1908. He is noteworthy in the present context for giving evidence to Congress in March 1998 on the conditions of the Cuban peasantry during the [Cuban War of Independence]. His Cuban fact-finding trip was conducted to assess the impact of General [Valeriano Weyler]'s [reconcentrado] policy, and generally confirms what was already being said about its brutality [check it out].
**Profumo Affair: [Read firstly the entries for Colin Coote and Roger Hollis.] The Profumo Affair** [Wikipedia briefing] was a March-April 1963 British political scandal which saw Secretary of State for War John Profumo [q.v.] initially deny, and then be forced to confess to, an extramarital affair with Christine Keeler [q.v.], the girlfriend of Russian Embassy naval attaché Yevgeny Ivanov [q.v.]. According to Anthony Summers and Stephen Dorril's (1989/2013e) book "The Secret Worlds of Stephen Ward", Profumo had in fact blundered unwittingly into - and fatally re-nuanced - an ongoing MI5 honeytrap operation against Ivanov. When it all went public MI5’s main asset in the operation, society procurer Stephen Ward [q.v.], was charged with living off immoral earnings and patsied to death by the mainstream media.

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** The Profumo Affair was far more than just another sex-in-high-places scandal. Ward had been partying it up and procuring pretty girls for the rich and famous for at least 15 years, but was not a pimp in the legally proscribed sense [American readers - think Peter Lawford]. Moreover, his relationship to Ivanov seems to have been heavily used in October 1962 as a top secret communications side-channel between Washington and Moscow during the Cuban Missile Crisis [q.v.].

Not surprisingly, the shambolic amateurism of the British Establishment appalled the U.S. security agencies, and the FBI promptly initiated Operation Bow Tie [q.v.] to ensure that U.S. secrets were less readily shared with their U.K. counterparts.

**Profumo, John Dennis, 5th Baron Profumo:** WW2 veteran (Royal Armoured Corps) and politician John Profumo [Wikipedia biography] became Secretary of State for War in the MacMillan Government on 27th July 1960. He then resigned in disgrace in the Profumo Affair [q.v.].

**Project Artichoke:** See the entry for Projects Bluebird and Artichoke.

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**** (END OF?) WORLD HISTORIC THINK TANK *****

Readers unfamiliar with the denomination <Neocon> should thoroughly study NOT JUST the defining characteristics set out in the separate entry, BUT ALSO the nature of the people involved, as listed in the entry <Ron Paul’s List of Neocons>.

**Project for the New American Century (PNAC):** Founded in 1997 by American Neocons William Kristol [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC] and Robert Kagan [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC] Project for the New American Century (PNAC) [Wikipedia briefing WORLD HISTORIC] is noteworthy in the present context as the United States' leading foreign policy think tank through to its formal dissolution in 2006 [although, like Count Dracula, its coffin was not screwed shut - Ed.]. Its USP was set out in the 2000 policy paper "Rebuilding America's Defences" ...

Read it here CAN'T SAY WE WEREN'T WARNED

Amongst PNAC's particular achievements was an exponential growth in U.S. defence spending (much of it charged to National Debt), thus enabling the United States to become the planet's "constable". As such, PNAC gave what looked like an intellectual sheen to the public ravings of the so-called "Vulcans" [see own entry WORLD HISTORIC], that is to say, politicians such as Donald Rumsfeld, Dick Cheney, Paul Wolfowitz, and Scooter Libby. PNAC thus played an important part in the United States' progressive hounding, and eventual ouster of, Saddam Hussein 1998-2003. FURTHER READING: For more from Neoconia during the 1990s see James Mann's (2004) "Rise of the Vulcans: The History of Bush's War Cabinet" [Amazon WORLD HISTORIC].

**** MKULTRA, THE EARLY YEARS *****

**Projects Bluebird and Artichoke:** Active from the late 1940s, Project Bluebird [CIA briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being head-officed in the early years by CIA Head of Security Sheffield Edwards [see own entry], thus ...
"[Project Bluebird] operated for about two years, 1949 through the summer of 1951, and primarily concentrated its efforts on former American POWs returned from the Korean War" ... 

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Returning POWs routinely include a percentage who (for any number of reasons) have been "turned" by their captors. It is the Security Officer's job to winkle these out. Being technologically one step ahead of the enemy makes that job easier.

..."These servicemen were placed as patients in several Army hospitals [where they] were subjected to various 'behavioural modification' programs involving the use of experimental drugs, hypnosis, and special interrogation methods. [...] Joining the CIA in Project Bluebird as formal partners were the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The FBI declined to participate" (Albarelli, 2013, K3076-3084).

(b) for drawing on now famous earlier work during and after WW2 by the likes of mind-control guru George Estabrooks [see own entry], aimed at getting a target individual "to do our bidding against his will and even against such fundamental laws of nature as self-preservation"; Marcello (2015) lists the Bluebird objectives as follows (note the consistent focus on the practical problems of interrogation) ...

(1) To establish a means of training and conditioning for personnel that would prevent the extraction of secret information from them.

(2) To investigate methods of controlling someone by interrogation techniques.

(3) To investigate methods of memory enhancement.

(4) To establish defences against hostile control of personnel.

(c) for then being assimilated on or about 20th August 1951 into a higher-order, better-funded, Project Artichoke [Wikipedia briefing] ...

"By the first quarter of 1952, the CIA had assembled four Artichoke teams, placing one each in Japan, Korea, Germany, and France. Several additional teams were in training by February 1953. Each team consisted of three people [...] respectively designated 'research specialist', 'medical officer, and 'security technician" (Albarelli, 2009, p229).

CAMEO - ARTICHOKE AND HYPNOTIC COVER STORY: "... among other things, Artichoke was meant to investigate the theory that 'agents might be given cover stories under hypnosis and not only learn them faultlessly, but actually believe them. Every detail could be made to sink in. The conviction and apparent sincerity with which an individual will defend a false given under post-hypnotic suggestion is almost unbelievable'. In one experiment, a female CIA security officer was hypnotized and provided with a new identity. When she was later interrogated, the agent 'defended it hotly, denying her true name and rationalizing with conviction the possession of identity cards made out to her real self.' Artichoke also explored using hypnosis to recruit high-level political agents and unmask spies and double agents, a particular obsession of James Jesus Angleton, the CIA’s counterintelligence chief" (St. Clair and Cockburn, "The CIA's House of Horrors", 2017 [full text online]).

"Bluebird and Artichoke were administered in a compartmented fashion. The details of the programs were kept secret even from other personnel within the CIA. When asked why LSD research done under Artichoke was hidden from the CIA committee in charge of Artichoke, Sidney Gottlieb [...] responded, 'I imagine the only reason would have been concern for broadening awareness of its existence' (Ross, 2000, K532)

(d) for having biochemist Frank Olson join the Artichoke Committee in May 1952, and (e) for then being assimilated in its turn on 13th April 1953 or thereabouts into the even broader MKULTRA program. FURTHER READING: The St. Clair and Cockburn (2017) paper referenced above is readily accessible. The Albarelli work contains much difficult-to-refute detail but tends to wander, so best stick to Colin A. Ross' (2000) book "The CIA Doctors" [Amazon] and Kate Marcello's (2015) book "Conspiracy Fact: MKULTRA and Mind Control in the United States" [Amazon]. Frank Olson's story is told in his own entry. Finally, for students interested in how clandestine projects are publicly funded, there is a fascinating Project Bluebird financial submission dated 5th April 1950 in the CIA Online Library showing what needs to be spent and how it is to be accounted for [full text online].
Project GRUDGE: See the entry for Charles Cabell.

Project SIGN: See the entry for Charles Cabell.

Propagandist-Spooks: [INDEXING STUB] Here is a cluster of at-least-partly-state-funded writers (professional journalists or otherwise) who have, each in their own way, contributed to the science of mass deception by engaging in industrial or political espionage then writing hatchet job pieces based upon their observations (all have their own entries except where a biography is given here) ...

Fred Beal [Soviet false-friend (heavy industrial)]; Aleister Crowley [spook-wierdo]; Walter Duranty [Soviet false-friend journalist]; William Haskell [U.S. Army general-occasional propagandist]; Gareth Jones [spook-journalist]; Somerset Maugham [spook-journalist]; Malcolm Muggeridge [Wikipedia biography: spook-journalist]; John Scott [spook-propagandist]; Kerry Thornley [spook-novelist]

Prouty, Colonel Leroy Fletcher Prouty: WW2 and Korean War veteran, and involved in supporting special operations ever since, Colonel Fletcher Prouty [Wikipedia biography] would later give expert opinion in his books "The Secret Team" (1973) and "JFK: The CIA, Vietnam, and the Plot to Assassinate John F. Kennedy" (1992) that the 1960 U-2 Incident had been a small-scale false flag operation, in that the aircraft had been sabotaged by those who sent it out, rather than getting itself shot down by the Soviets; also that the JFK assassination had been a coup d'état organised by Edward Lansdale. He also described LHO as having been "sheep-dipped" out of the U.S.M.C. in order to operate in Russia under deep cover, and he drew attention to a 20-minute discrepancy between the reporting of the assassination in New Zealand and its announcement on the news wires.

Pro-Wailing Wall Committee: See Timeline 24th July 1929.

Psychological Strategy Board (PSB): Requested conceptually by President Truman 4th January 1951 and operational three months later, the Psychological Strategy Board (PSB) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being an interdepartmental command centre for U.S. psychological warfare, taking representation from the State Department, the Department of Defense, and the CIA, and with powers (i) of sponsorship for psychological warfare campaigns against Communism and (ii) of approval for specific CIA covert operations, (b) for taking early direction from psychological operations guru Charles Norberg [see own entry], and (c) for taking scoping advice from Sidney Hook [see own entry] ...

ASIDE - THE SCOPE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE: The PSB defined psychological warfare as "any nonmilitary action which influenced public opinion or foreign policy interest". This thus includes, "but is not limited to", trade, foreign aid, cultural and education exchange, threats of force, and diplomacy [not, it will be noted, being nice or righteous - Ed.]. Favourite techniques were [and in 2019 still are - Ed.] buzzword management and incessant positive media coverage, even to the extent of insisting that the storyboarding for the animated movie "Animal Farm" (1954) was CIA vetted to give it a more obviously anti-Soviet tone (Wilford, 2008, p118).

The PSB was superseded in October 1953 by the Operations Coordinating Board (OCB) [Wikipedia briefing].

Public Diplomacy of Israel (Hasbara): [STUB ENTRY] Recognisable as such since the early 1970s, Hasbara [Wikipedia briefing] is the State of Israel's overseas propaganda system.

Puckett, Fay: See the entry for her mother Gladys Johnson.

Puckett, Patricia: [later Patricia Puckett Hall] [See the entry for Gladys Johnson for prior context] Dallas schoolgirl Patricia Puckett [no convenient biography] was the 11-year-old daughter of Fay Puckett and granddaughter of Gladys Johnson, LHO's landlady at 1026 North Beckley Avenue. Currently the owner of said property she was interviewed by researcher Tom Meros in 2015 - YouTube it now - explaining that she and her brothers used to meet "Mr. Lee" (LHO) regularly while waiting to be
picked up after school by their mother (Fay). She described him as "sweet", "gentle", "soft-spoken", and "courteous".

Puhl, Emil Johann Rudolph: German banker Emil Puhl [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a successful early career between the wars, rising eventually to be vice-president of the Reichsbank and being personally nominated by Adolf Hitler in 1933 as one of Germany's two representatives on the inaugural board of directors of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) [see below], (b) for being one of the few to keep his jobs after Walther Funk [see own entry] replaced Hjalmar Schacht [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE] as both Reichsminister for economics and President of the Reichsbank, (c) in 1938 for overseeing the looting of Austrian gold following the Anschluss [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for thereafter pulling strings of various sorts in the infamous Nazi Gold bullion transactions of WW2 ...

To avoid undue duplication, this part of the Puhl story is well enough covered in the entries for the <Bank for International Settlements (BIS)>, <Thomas McKittrick>, <John J. McCloy>, and <Kurt von Schröder>. The McKittrick entry clearly outlines Puhl's part in the broader Nazi Gold heist.

To maintain flow of narrative, switch to those entries and return here when done.

CAMEO - SOME CORPORATE BACKGROUND: This from Higham (op. cit. inf.; the Larkin referred to is Chase Bank's Vice President Joseph J. Larkin [no convenient biography]) ... "The Rockefellers' Chase National Bank (later the Chase Manhattan) was the richest and most powerful financial institution in the United States at the time of Pearl Harbour. The Rockefellers owned Standard Oil of New Jersey, the German accounts of which were syphoned through their own bank, the Chase, as well as through the independent National City Bank of New York [+++ more organisations and people +++] Larkin kept the Chase Bank open not only in the neutral countries of Europe and South America but in Nazi-occupied Paris throughout World War II. After Pearl Harbour, Chase's Paris branch provided financial arrangements for the German Embassy and German businesses in Paris, under the 'guidance' of Emil Puhl's right-hand man at the Reichsbank, Hans-Joachim Caesar [Wikipedia biography] [...] [+++ more organisations and people +++] Six months before the war broke out in Europe, Joseph J. Larkin brought off his most audacious scheme in the Nazi interest, acting in collusion with the Schröder Bank. [...] The negotiations were engineered with the help of [Funk] and [Puhl]. [+++ more organisations and people +++] With the advent of Pearl Harbour, most American firms in Paris closed down [...] [+++ non-Puhl narrative +++] Chase acted as an intermediary for banks in Brazil and Chile in transmitting to Berlin instructions, transfers, orders, statements, and account details at a time when Brazil was at war with Germany” (pp20-26).

... (e) for giving evidence at the Nuremberg Ministries Trial [Wikipedia briefing] 14th-15th May 1946, being eventually sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for war crimes ...

YouTube his testimony here (55 mins)

CAMEO - PUHL AND THE NAZI GOLD: Here, against the corporate backdrop set out above, are a few snippets from sources other than Higham. Firstly from Sayer and Botting (op. cit. inf.) ...

"It was Puhl who, as the war progressed, extended the functions of the Reichsbank to embrace activities organised along peculiarly Nazi lines, including the acquisition of monetary loot from conquered nations and from exterminated persons. [+++ details of the looting in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Belgium, etc. +++] At the height of the Nazi conquest of Europe the gold reserves held by the Reichsbank were estimated to total as much as $772,636,253 [...] much of it looted from the subject nations of Europe, though the exact figure was never known for sure. [...] Early in the war Reichsbank Deputy President Puhl had worked out an arrangement with his near namesake, General (Obergruppenführer) Dr. Oswald Pohl [Wikipedia biography], Head of the Economic and Administrative Department of the SS, the department responsible for administering the concentration camps. By this arrangement the Reichsbank would receive and dispose of bank notes, securities, gold teeth, jewellery, and other loot shipped from Auschwitz and other extermination camps, and the SS would be credited with the proceeds. [...] Emil Puhl was aided in this patriotic task by being, in addition to the active head of the Reichsbank, a German director of [the BIS]. This gave him the ideal opportunity to act as a fence [English underworld slang = dealer in stolen property] in disposing of concentration camp gold after it had been melted down into monetary gold bars by the Reichsbank” (k391-411).

LeBor (2013, op. cit. inf.) says much the same, but in fewer words ...
"Puhl, a gold and currency specialist, was a regular visitor to both the BIS at Basel and the Swiss National Bank in Bern. He had also links with the financial wing of the SS that managed its extensive business interests. Puhl, rather than Walther Funk, his nominal superior, was the real boss of the Reichsbank. [...] Puhl even described the BIS as the 'only real foreign branch' of the Reichsbank' (pp82-83).

In a later writing, LeBor (2020, op. cit. inf.) expands upon what happened to Puhl at Nuremberg ..."Like his boss Funk, Puhl too was captured by the Allies after the war and tried as a war criminal [...] He was sentenced to five years, but served only a fraction of that [...]. But Funk and Puhl had - almost literally - blood on their hands. Testifying at [Nuremberg] Funk said Puhl had been in charge of gold deposited by the Gestapo into the Reichsbank before being sent on to Switzerland. Teeth fillings from Holocaust victims, coins, watches, and cigarette cases were all melted down into gold bars that weighed 20kg each. Looted gold was not sent directly to the BIS, but to an associated account at the Swiss National Bank (SNB)" (pp104-105)

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Sayer and Botting also make much of the fact that Puhl's prosecutor at Nuremberg - Dr. Robert Kempner [Wikipedia biography ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS] - was decidedly unconvinced that all the gold had been recovered ...

ASIDE - THE RIBBENTROP HOARD: Sayer and Botting are here referring to the "Ribbentrop Hoard", which they portray as "a secret gold hoard in the German Foreign Ministry in Berlin, over which Reich Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop had retained personal control" (k2739). It weighed in at about fifteen tons and by May 1945 had been parcelled out to Germany's embassies worldwide.

On 28th December 1948 Kempner wrote to superiors in the U.S. Army of Occupation in Berlin, as follows ...

" In the course of the trial, I have from time to time pointed out the danger and the problem of this missing gold, but nobody as yet tackled the problem [...] I feel very strongly that this gold project should not be neglected further in these critical times, in which a large amount of uncontrolled gold constitutes a force for evil and mischief in the hands of unscrupulous opportunists working close together and located in many countries all over the world" (k2759).

... and (f) upon his release, for retiring to a life of financial dabbling during the 1950s, not entirely unconnected (we suspect) to the systematic laundering of the aforementioned Ribbentrop bullion ...

CAMEO - PUHL'S LATER YEARS: LeBor (2013) fills us in on Puhl's retirement as follows ...

"[Puhl] also had travel plans. In 1954 Puhl applied for a U.S. visa, despite his conviction for war crimes, which would under normal circumstances immediately disqualify such a request. But it seemed there were special rules for valued international bankers, even for Nazi financiers. Puhl gave the Chase National Bank, the employers of his old friend McKittrick, as his reference. [...] The U.S. Consul General in Berlin wrote of Puhl's application, ‘ [...] Mr. Puhl is one of the outstanding bankers in Germany and wishes to proceed to the United States on the invitation of several well-known American bankers to participate in discussions of some importance'. It is not publicly known if Puhl travelled to the United States, and if he did, with whom he met” (p176).


Putnam, Henry: [Read firstly the entry for Billy Grammer] ... Lieutenant Henry Putnam [no convenient biography] duly picked up a receiver and listened to the caller telling Grammer more of the next morning's highly sensitive security arrangements, before closing with the explicit warning: "You're going to have to make some other plans, or we're going to kill Oswald right there in the basement". Together Putnam and Grammer took a written summary of the call to Chief Jesse Curry. The source of the leak has never been discovered, nor has the report sheet ever surfaced (Hurt, 1985). Putnam's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].
Qabalah/Qabalism/etc.: Dealt with herein as Kabbalah/Kabbalism/etc.

***** HAD GUN, DID TRAVEL *****

QJ/WIN: A tall short man, thin but overweight, single with a wife, perhaps a Luxembourger perhaps not, but (on this all sources finally agree) hitman to the rich and famous QJ/WIN [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having emerged from the pond sludge of the espionage business in the late 1950s, perhaps in the service of the CIA’s Head of Station in Luxembourg, Arnold M. Silver [Wikipedia biography], (b) for having then been considered by William Harvey for use during the CIA’s 1960 operations to destabilise the administration of Congolese Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba [Wikipedia biography], (c) for then being approved of in a 19th February 1962 memorandum from DCI Richard Helms to William Harvey for use in ZR/RIFLE "activities" on a $7500 per annum retainer (reproduced in Twyman, 1997, K10144), (d) for being handled in this period by Lou Conein [see own entry], (e) for then being the likely subject of Eugene Dinkin’s [see own entry] signals intercepts 22nd October and 2nd November 1963 (the implication being that the target was JFK), (f) for then perhaps being in Dealey Plaza 22nd November, and (g) for then perhaps being flown out of Dallas on 23rd November by David Ferrie, to await an international flight out of Houston (Morrow, 1992, p174). As to his real identity, Mahoney (1999, p438) - usually very well-informed - goes for Mozes Maschkivitzan [no convenient biography], a Russian emigre residing in Luxembourg, Donald Deneselya [see own entry] says it was Tracy Barnes himself, Barnes and Robert Morrow say it was the multiply-aliased Carlos Rigal/Victor Mertz/Michel Roux/Jean Souetre [see own entry], and the Rockefeller Commission’s R. Mason Cargill [no convenient biography] says it was Jose Mankel [see own entry] (Russo, 1999, K1594).

QKACTIVE: See under Operation QKACTIVE.

QRDYNAMIC: See the entries for Operation AERODYNAMIC and Prolog Research.

"Quarter's Eye": "Quarter's Eye" [no specific briefing but many triangulating mentions online] was the informal black ops codename for the "CIA War Room" in Washington at the height of the clandestine operations against indigenous freedom movements in Central and South America from at least Operation PBSUCCESS [see own entry] in 1954 to at least Operation JMARC [see own entry] in the early 1960s. For examples of both those usages see, respectively, p124 and pp248-255 of Evan Thomas's (1995/2006) "The Very Best Men: The Daring Early Years of the CIA" [Amazon]. Thomas continues ...

"Castro was given a cryptonym: AMTHUG [and a] 'war room' was set up in Quarter's Eye, an old and run-down WAVes barracks on Ohio Avenue off the Mall. [David Atlee] Phillips built a radio station on Swan Island [...] off Honduras, and began broadcasting. The Guatemalans allowed the CIA to build a camp in the jungle to train guerrillas, mostly idealistic middle-class boys recruited from the exile community in Miami" (p206).

The Cryptome Blog [check it out SOME GREAT AERIAL PICS] lists the address of the facility as "Alcott, Barton, Curie Halls, Recreation and Services (R&S) Building, Quarters Eye, West Potomac Park [Buildings gone. Photos of Barton Hall in West Potomac Park are in the Library of Congress American Memory Collection]."
destruction for which she - perversely - was framed to get the blame. Quigley's ideas will resurface in the 2010s in the writings of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty [see own entry].

Quigley, John Lester: New Orleans based FBI Special Agent John Quigley [Spartacus Educational biography] was sent to interrogate LHO following the latter's arrest on 9th August 1963. The interview took place on 10th August, and focused on LHO's recent antics on behalf of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. LHO confirmed, for example, that "A. J. Hidell" was the contact point for the New Orleans chapter of this committee, although he had never met the man in person. Quigley also took possession of a Corliss Lamont pamphlet entitled 'The Crime Against Cuba'. Quigley's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Quintero Ibarbia, Rafael ["Chi Chi"]: 23-year-old Cuban exile and CIA agent since the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion. Chi Chi Quintero [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of the Cuban exiles enlisted in S-Force.

***** TWO OPPOSED INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVES LOCK HORNS *****

Quiroga, Carlos Crusto: Cuban exile Carlos Quiroga [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a friend of the head of the (Cuban) Democratic Liberation Front (FRD), Sergio Arcacha Smith, assisting him in distributing the explosives "liberated" from the Houma [map] premises of oil exploration giant Schlumberger Corporation [Wikipedia briefing] (HSCA testimony), (b) for visiting LHO at 4907 Magazine Street "late afternoon" on about 12th August 1963, professing to be a fellow Castro supporter, and (according to very precise Warren Commission testimony from landlady Mrs Jesse Garner) delivering a stack of a few hundred Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) leaflets (La Fontaine and La Fontaine, 1996) ...

**ASIDE:** These leaflets were probably not yet over-stamped "L. H. Oswald 4907 Magazine St.", and would later be stamped up as such by LHO. They replaced earlier stock using earlier addresses, and were handed out on the leaflet session 16th August 1963. Quiroga must have been running an errand for someone, because the main stock was held at Guy Banister's offices at 544 Camp Street (we know this because Banister's widow found more there following his death). For more on the various over-stamping addresses see the entry for the Great Handbill Caper. Baker (2014) recalls (p249) that LHO distrusted Quiroga as a possible Castro intelligence agent.

and (c) for visiting 4907 Magazine Street a second time just after 16th August 1963, this time in the company of Richard ["Ricardo"] Davis [see own entry]. Quiroga's evidential profile is as follows: Quoted in a New York Times piece 27th November 1963 (Russell, 1992, p258); Interviewed for the Garrison Investigation 13th January 1967 (Russell, 1992, p260); Deposition to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) 19th June 1978 [read it now]. In his (2006/2010) book "Someone Would Have Talked" [Amazon], researcher Larry Hancock tentatively links Quiroga to the selection of LHO as Patsy, as follows ...

"Lee Oswald functioned as a provocateur in New Orleans and was in contact with pro-Castro and anti-Castro exiles, as well as double agents representing themselves as both. By August 20 Oswald had been identified to individuals in Miami as a potential patsy for an anti-Kennedy conspiracy. These individuals contacted Oswald and began to establish him as a patsy after August 27 [... They] included one person known to Oswald as a Castro agent (possibly Quiroga), and one person from Miami representing himself as a Castro agent. The introduction of these imposters was known to Richard Case Nagell - whether some part of the introduction may have actually been made by him remains uncertain. [...] Later the plotters took advantage of Oswald's trip to Mexico City to begin developing a new image of Oswald, not as a political activist but rather as an unpredictable 'loose cannon' who could later be associated with a plot by Castro. [...] The Dallas plot became firm as of October 1, when it became clear that Oswald would not be getting a Cuban visa and that he would be returning to Dallas to his family. [...] At this point the plotters began selecting other patsies to support the story line" (Op. cit., p386).

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have drawn attention in a number of locations to the ultra-slick way in which the official Oswald narrative was made available - as if pre-scripted - to the media on the afternoon of the assassination. And of course it has indeed to have been pre-scripted. The question is therefore, by
whom and at whose instruction. Readers unfamiliar with the chain of events here should begin with the entries for Carlos Bringuier, Warren Burroughs, June Cobb, George Joannides, Jose Lanuza, Aline Mosby, Bill Stuckey, and Phil Twombly.

Rademacher, John: In 1997 John Rademacher [no convenient biography] who in 1997 unearthed a .222 shell from behind the Picket Fence. The popular judgement is that this could well be from the Remington Fireball used by assassin James Files.

Radio Free Europe (RFE): Founded in 1949 by the CIA front organisation the National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [see own entry], RFE [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as Central Europe's premier anti-Communist propaganda station, thus ...

"The tone of RFE's early broadcasts was shrill and hectoring, reflecting both the ardent anti-Bolshevism of the [NCFE] and the more aggressive Cold War stance adopted by the U.S. government after 1950. [...] In November 1950, DeWitt Poole [see own entry] instructed the station's managers to attack Communist leaders 'and tear them apart, exposing their motivations, laying bare their private lives, pointing up their meannesses, pillorying their evil deeds, holding them up to ridicule and contumely.' Gradually this approach moderated, as programmers attempted to build RFE's reputation as a legitimate news source” (Wilford, 2008, p35).


Rado, Emmy: See the entry for Stewart W. Herman.

Ragano, Frank: Lawyer to the rich and infamous Frank Ragano [Wikipedia biography] reportedly received a deathbed confession from Santos Trafficante to the effect that the assassination had been more Carlos Marcello's idea than his, and that in retrospect "Carlos fucked up".

Raigorodsky, Paul: Russian Civil War veteran (White Russian) turned senior Texas oilman Paul Raigorodsky [Warren Commission biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having "escaped" from Russia in 1919, living for a year in Czechoslovakia, (b) for being recommended by the American Red Cross in Europe for emigration to the United States, arriving 28th December 1920, (c) for serving in the Air Force 1920-1922, (d) for studying civil engineering at the University of Texas 1922-1924, (e) for branching off into petroleum engineering 1924-1939, dividing his time between projects in California and Texas, (f) for thereby acquiring such expertise that in 1941 he was headhunted by the government "to organise the Department of Natural Gas and Natural Gasoline Industries" (Warren Commission testimony as above), (g) for resigning in 1943 to concentrate on his investments in Houston, (h) for relocating in 1950 to Dallas, (i) for advising NATO on armaments production efficiency in 1952, (j) for investing 1957-1959 in the first tranche of developments at the Tryall Resort, Jamaica ...

ASIDE: Readers may recall that this place may have a murky past - see the entries for Ferenc Nagy and Tryall Conferences.

(k) for serving on the board of directors of the CIA's eleemosynary-of-convenience, the Tolstoy Foundation [see own entry], as well as the proto-fascist National Alliance of Russian Solidarists (NTS) [see own entry], (l) for being a prominent member of the same Fort Worth White Russian community which hosted Ruth Paine, (m) for having links to Schlumberger Oil, CIA officer E. Howard Hunt (source) and international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt (Mellen, 2012, K752) ...

ASIDE: In his 1964 Warren Commission testimony (see link above), Raigorodsky recalls that he first met de Mohrenschildt "I'll say 15 or 17 years ago", and so the phrase "late 1940s" ought to cover it. It was Raigorodsky who recommended de Mohrenschildt as a member of the Dallas Petroleum Club.
and (n) for being heavily involved in the establishment of Russian Orthodox and Eastern Orthodox churches in the Dallas/Fort Worth area ...

**ASIDE:** At this time, there were two slightly competing Orthodox communities in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, namely the churches of St. Nicholas (Russian Orthodox) and St. Seraphim (Eastern Orthodox). "All of the so-called St. Nicholas Church is an old anti-Communist group" (*Op. cit.*). In due course, therefore, Orthodox-raised *Marina Oswald*, lonely in her new land, was happy to be welcomed into this community, and the community, for its part, did a lot of subtle quizzing to check that she was not a Communist spy! Infant *June Oswald* was baptised at St. Seraphim's.

Raigorodsky's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [see link above].

**FURTHER READING:** The Warren Commission testimony makes interesting reading concerning de Mohrenschildt's interests - business or ?otherwise - in Yugoslavia and Haiti. There is also much to learn from *Bill Simpich*’s (2011) piece "The JFK Case" [full text online].

**** A MAN WHO JUST KEPT POPPING UP ****

*Raikin, Spas Theodore:* [1922-2014] [Read firstly the entry for “Lloyd K. Desmond”.] Bulgarian Cold War freedom-fighter turned CIA asset turned American academic and NYC-based anti-Communist activist *Spas Raikin* [William H. Clark Funeral Home obituary] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for doing national service in his Soviet-occupied native Bulgaria 1950-1951, (b) for then defecting to the West, arriving in Greece 19th June 1951 ...

**ASIDE:** Readers are reminded that Greece was at that time a front-line nation in the Cold War confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union - the Iron Curtain ran along her northern border with Bulgaria. The country had been devastated during WW2, and then had to endure a left-right civil war until 1949, which - with assistance from the CIA - eventually ushered in a right-wing administration which took the country into NATO in 1952. CIA officers such as *Tom Karamessines* [see own entry] learned their craft there. Interestingly, Raikin was, according to his autobiography (details below), photographed and vetted at one point by masterspy *Kim Philby*, no less! This from his time as a Bulgarian refugee in Greece (there is more concerning the Church World Service later in this entry) ...

"I want to mention here an incident which took place in Greece while I was a refugee there, Sometimes, in 1952 I believe, the Chief of the [>>>Church World Service<<<], Mr. *Christopher King* [see own entry] asked me to accompany them to show me some monastery or something like that in Athens. There, a gentleman, armed with photocameras, asked me through King to give him permission to take pictures of me. I had no objection and he placed me against a wall and started with his cameras. [...] He was taking close shots, front and profile. Much later, when the affair of the notorious [Kim] Philby came out, I remembered that the man in the newspapers looked very much like the photographer in Athens. I learned that in those days he had been in Athens, 1951 or 1952, that he had been Chief British Intelligence Officer for the Balkans, that he was at the same time agent of KGB, and advisor of the CIA for the Balkans" (Raikin, 1991/2001, p12).

(c) for duly being recorded on the CIA's Greek Desk 29th November 1951, as follows ...

**CAMEO - THE DESMOND MEMORANDUM:** CIA officer "Lloyd K. Desmond" was the author of an internal CIA memorandum 29th November 1951 (now in the public domain) entitled "Escape of Seven Bulgarian Refugees" [full text online - FASCINATING]. In it he described how Raikin, along with six other Bulgarian men who had escaped to Greece, had been interrogated "to ascertain their future possible operational use", and then placed in safe houses to await suitable projects (Albarelli, 2013, K3840).

(d) for arriving NYC in 1954, becoming a student of political science at Columbia University, (e) for becoming Secretary of the *Bulgarian Refugees Relief Program* [no convenient briefing] ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** Readers should note that refugee aid programs have been routinely used by intelligence services both for up-to-date news from the country in question and as highly effective recruitment fairs for new arrivals with family contacts back home - see the entry for CIA Front Organisations. The Bulgarian Refugees Relief Program was a subdivision of the State Department's Church World Service (CWS).
(f) for generally supporting anti-Communist activism in the Balkans from the safety of his desk in NYC (Rose, 2013 [full text online]), (g) for becoming a CIA asset at least as early as 1957, performing translations for the Joint Press Reading Service [see own entry] ...

**ASIDE:** When interviewed after the JFK Assassination, Raikin vehemently denied being a CIA operative, pointing out that he had no government pension. However assets such as translators, informers, and hired assassins are fee-paid independents, not employees, and so that was a nonsensical defence. There is, of course, nothing inherently sinister in being an "asset" who only does translation work - if that is all that is involved.

(h) for becoming Secretary-General of Yaroslav Stetsko's neo-Nazi lobbying group, the American Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (AFABN) [see own entry] (Summers, 1980/1989, p187), (i) in that capacity for writing to J. Edgar Hoover personally on 30th June 1959, enclosing samples of their literature (FBI Reference Dossier ca.1962 "American Friends of the ABN", now declassified [full text online]), (j) also in that capacity for having the AFABN mount crowd protests during the September 1959 visit of Premier Khrushchev to NYC ...

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** It is not known whether Raikin took part personally in these protests, or just left the job to his members - YouTube the 1959 demonstrations here.

(k) for being nonetheless the subject of a less-than-complimentary internal CIA memorandum dated 9th September 1960, thus ...

**CAMEO - THE DONALD ALLEN MEMORANDUM:** CIA officer "Donald M. Allen" assessed Raikin's loyalty and usefulness in an internal CIA memorandum 9th September 1960 (now in the public domain) entitled "Memorandum for the Record: Spas Todorov Raikin" [full text online - FASCINATING]. Nine years since Raikin's 1951 escape from Bulgaria, Allen is far from convinced of his bona fides, as the late researcher Hank P. Albarelli, Jr. [see own entry], explains in his (2013) book "A Secret Order" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED]. Here, encased in his own commentary, are some of Albarelli's selections from the 1960 original (we have set the 1960 text in blue for ease of tracking) ...

"[The memorandum] reveals that some CIA officials had deep concerns and suspicions that Raikin was 'a 'sleeper' type agent' for the communist-controlled Bulgarian Intelligence Service (BIS). [...] Donald Allen reveals early in his memorandum that he was amply familiar with Spas Raikin because he 'was directly involved with Raikin's initial refuge in Greece'. Allen states that he 'participated in the interrogation of Raikin and others who defected with him due to the suspicious nature of their escape story'. [...] Allen's three-page document emphasises that four CIA covert operatives in various locations in Europe and the United States had shared with him their serious suspicions about Raikin possibly being an undercover agent for the [BIS]. [...] Concludes Allen's memorandum: 'The undersigned, like all other sources involved, cannot offer any evidence that [Raikin] is an agent of the Bulgarian communist regime, but feels that his activities have certainly played into their hands and have been such as they would have conducted through a provocation or sleeper agent. To be frank, the undersigned feels that perhaps [Raikin] is an over ambitious, mercenary, megalomaniac, who is not content unless he is stirring up things in which his name will appear in prominence and from which he can derive some benefit” (Albarelli, 2013, K3856-3889).

***** THIS IS THE MAIN BIT *****

(l) for famously being sent by the Travellers' Aid Society [see own entry] to act as a one-man welcoming party on the quay at HobokenNJ as LHO and Marina Oswald arrived back from Russia at around 1300hr 13th June 1962 ...

**ASIDE:** The Travellers' Aid Society had been asked to help by the State Department and Raikin had been given a set of questions State would like answers to [this, note, despite the concerns expressed in the Donald Allen Memorandum above - Ed.], Raikin says that he just took the Oswalds to the Travellers' Aid offices on East 39th Street, and then passed their care on to a second Travellers' Aid Society worker named Cleary F’Pierre [see own entry]. Raikin would retell his story in a television interview in ca.2013 - YouTube it now.

(m) for retiring the AFABN in September 1963, and relocating to a teaching post at Rio GrandeOH, (n) for telephoning the FBI late evening 22nd November 1963 to report having recognised
assassination suspect Oswald from the television coverage (o) for quickly passing on his 1962 quayside story to the New York Times, who ran it 26th November 1963 ...

**ASIDE - PUBLICISING THE OSWALD LEGEND:** Readers are reminded that a number of people seem to have been primed with incriminating facts about LHO, with instructions to call their stories in to the media as quickly as possible after the shooting. See the entry for Carlos Quiroga for some of the chief suspects (and at least one of the high-level perpetrators).

(p) for being interviewed by the FBI (first time) 27th November 1963, (q) for being interviewed by the FBI (second time) 20th June 1964, and (r) for being (telephone) interviewed by the FBI (third time) 25th June 1964. Raikin died in 2014, aged 92. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; interview to camera as above; memoirs as follows. **FURTHER READING:** Raikin's (2001) book "Rebel With a Just Cause" [Amazon] contains much subjective background detail (and that great story about Kim Philby!). The abovementioned FBI Reference Dossier takes a lot of reading but contains valuable archive material. - **RECOMMENDED.** The abovementioned Obituary is also full of useful detail - **RECOMMENDED.**

**Raleigh Calls:** [Read firstly the entry for Grover Proctor.] These are the two telephone calls attempted by DPD's Homicide Bureau on LHO's behalf on the evening of 22nd November 1963. They were then brightly highlighted in Proctor's 1980 newspaper article entitled "The Phone Call That Never Was". Upon checking with the telephone company LHO's two telephone numbers turned out to belong to subscribers David John Hurt [q.v.] and Henry W. Hurt [q.v.]. Both were investigated, and both were dismissed as artefactual to the investigation.

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** In our analysis this could not have been a genuine dead end, especially given Victor Marchetti's opinion [q.v.] that the numbers bore all the hallmarks of a field agent's emergency contacts. Someone needs to re-open this case.

Browse the [Raleigh Call Thread](#) to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Ramparts:** Having begun life in 1962 as a right-of-centre literary magazine for a Roman Catholic audience, Ramparts [Wikipedia briefing] was taken over editorially in 1964 by the left-of-centre political journalist Warren Hinckle [q.v.], and proceeded to become the darling of the left-wing intellectual instead. For two of its more famous specific exposés, see now the entries for Sol Stern and David Welsh.

**Ramsey, James:** Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Jim Ramsey [no convenient biography] was one of three officers sent to Oak Cliff by Allan Sweatt to investigate the killing of Patrolman J. D. Tippit, but before he could get there his car was re-routed to the Texas Theatre, where he finally assisted in LHO's arrest. Ramsey's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

**Ramsay, Robin:** Scottish assassination researcher Robin Ramsay [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 2002 book "Who Shot JFK".

"The good is oft interred with their bones" (Shakespeare)

**Rand, Ayn:** [Born Alisa Zinovyevna Rosenbaum; Alice O'Connor by marriage, 1929] Russian-born (b. 1905, Tsarist St. Petersburg) screenplay writer, novelist, and in-your-face ethicist Ayn Rand [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for emigrating to the United States in 1926 as refugee from the ruins of the Russian Civil War [see Timeline 3rd January 1919], achieving U.S. citizenship five years later, (b) for using family connections to get employment as a Hollywood scriptwriter, (c) for then maturing as a novelist 1936-1957, and (d) for then adding some pop philosophy, as columnist Denise Cummins now explains ...
"The core of Rand's philosophy - which also constitutes the overarching theme of her novels - is that unfettered self-interest is good and altruism is destructive" (Cummins, 2016 [full text online]).

She died in 1982, aged 77. Her thinking (the evil that she did?) is nowadays promoted as a 501 non-profit initiative by California's Ayn Rand Institute (ARI) [website]. It has also been adopted by the financial backers of 21st Century hard right politicians such as Donald Trump and Sajid Javid.

Rand, Howard: See the entry for British Israelism.

Randolph AFB: [INDEXING STUB] This U.S. air base is mentioned in the following entries (alphabetical order) ...

    General Charles Cabell; Sidney Gottlieb; MKULTRA

Rankin, James Lee: Solicitor General J. Lee Rankin [Wikipedia biography] was General Counsel for the Warren Commission between 29th November 1963 and 24th September 1964. He is noteworthy in the present context for having on 22nd January 1964 helped quash persistent rumours [a.k.a., the truth] that LHO had been receiving $200 a month as an FBI informant in the months prior to the assassination.

Ransome, Arthur: British travel author turned WW1 spy turned children's author Arthur Ransome [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for beginning WW1 in St. Petersburg, having just completed a writing assignment for a travel guide to that city, (b) for staying on as war correspondent for the Daily News, submitting stories from the Eastern Front, (c) for being approached in January 1916 by the British Consul-General in St. Petersburg to be part of the War Propaganda Bureau's [see own entry] Russian operations, (d) for becoming one of the few Western correspondents allowed access to the Revolutionary leaders (although the sometimes effusive praise which kept him in Bolshevik good books nearly got him tried for treason once he got back to Britain), and (e) for thereby meeting Leon Trotsky 28th December 1917 and thereafter getting extraordinarily detailed information ...

CAMEO - RANSOME ON TROTSKY: Ransome quickly fell in love with Trotsky's secretary Evgenia Shelepina [Spartacus Educational biography], who reportedly passed on her boss's mailings verbatim. Possibly. They married in 1924 and settled in Britain.

CAMEO - RANSOME ON LENIN: Ransome later published a short memoir of his conversations with Lenin during 1919, to help "illustrate his manner of mind". The work is now available in "Lenin: The Man and his Works" [Amazon]. Here are some indicative snippets ...

"He was entirely convinced that England was on the eve of revolution and pooh-poohed my objections. Three months ago I thought it would end in all the world having to fight the centre of reaction in England. I do not think so now. Things have gone further there than in France, if the news as to the extent of the strikes is true. [...] Strikes and Soviets. If these two habits once get hold, nothing will keep the workmen from them. And Soviets, once started, must sooner or later come to supreme power [although] your big clerk and shopkeeping class would oppose it, until the workmen broke them”” (pp168-169).

"Revolution does not depend on propaganda. If the conditions of revolution are not there no sort of propaganda will either hasten or impede it” (p182).

"Socialism is certainly weak in England. Your Socialist movements [...] for a country with so large an industrial population they were pitiable, pitiable ... a handful at a street corner ... a meeting in a drawing room ... a school class ... pitiable” (pp183-184).

"Civil war, whatever happens, is likely to be more bitter in the Ukraine than elsewhere” (p186).

Rather, Daniel Irvin, Jr.: CBS regional chief newsman Dan Rather [Wikipedia biography] was the wrong side of the Triple Overpass to actually witness the shooting, but was back in Dealey Plaza at the height of the confusion. He was then senior enough to attend the first private showing of the rushes
of the untampered Zapruder Film that evening, combining what he saw with a very precisely scripted narrative and broadcasting the end result to the world on 25th November - [YouTube the broadcast].

**Ray Rivero, Manolo: **Lapsed supporter of Fidel Castro and his Cuban Revolution Manolo Ray Rivero [Wikipedia biography] was founder in May 1960 of the anti-Castro MRP [Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo] and - it having failed in its mission - refugee to the U.S. in November that same year. Here, under CIA influence, he founded the anti-Castro Junta Revolucionaria (JURE) on 23rd July 1962, to try and give some political direction to the otherwise fragmented and ill-disciplined paramilitary and criminal Cuban exile groups.

**Rayburn, Samuel Taliaferro: **Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Sam Rayburn [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context only in that his funeral on 18th November 1961 was attended by JFK [YouTube the newsreel], with Mac Wallace and Loy Factor in the crowd [replay the newsreel and get in touch if you think you can see Wallace or Factor in said crowd], JFK was paying his last respects. Wallace, it might be assumed, was already stalking him as a potential target, and Factor was an entirely innocent, but seriously gullible, by-stander. For what next transpired between Wallace and Factor as the crowds dispersed, see under Loy Factor. Rayburn also gets a mention in the entry for Thomas G. Corcoran, which see.

***** THE CIA'S "OUTLET JOURNAL" *(Mellen, 2012, p269) *****

***** A "BEVY OF PUPPET JOURNALISTS" *(op.cit.inf, 1983.) *****


**Readmissionism/-ist: **See the entries for Millenarism, Menasseh Ben-Israel, and Roger Williams.

**Ready, John D.: **WW2 and Korean War veteran Secret Service Agent John Ready [no convenient biography] was one of four SS agents riding the running board of Limo#2 (i.e., Motorcade #3, counting the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (right side, front). Ready's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 2nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

***** SOME OF THE 21ST CENTURY ROT STARTS HERE *****

**Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC): **Founded in 1932 at the suggestion of the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT], Eugene Isaac Meyer [see own entry], the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for coming on stream in the final year of the Hoover Administration in an attempt to resuscitate the American economy after the Depression, (b) for being quickly criticised for political interference in deciding which States and which banks were to receive taxpayers' bail-outs, (c) for nevertheless being retained (with some improvements) by the incoming Roosevelt Administration in 1933 as part of the New Deal [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for establishing the subordinate Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA/"Fannie Mae") [Wikipedia briefing] in 1938 ...
LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED - FANNIE AND THE COLLATERALISING OF DEBT: Lest it should be overlooked, FNMA was by this action one of the first to industrialise the replacing of manageable and enforceable mortgages by unmanageable and unenforceable ones, thus suckering both savers and lenders alike. The practice was not exposed until the Crash of 2008, when taxpayers across the planet bailed out the guilty. For the full story see the entry for Neoliberalism, Some Worked Examples and this recent piece by the Investopedia Team.

... (e) for expanding its operations during WW2, working now with the** Foreign Economic Administration (FEA) **[see own entry REVELATORY] to raise and then distribute funds for lend-lease and similar schemes, (f) for continuing operations through into the late 1940s and early 1950s, funding war repairs and the disposal of surplus or obsolete armaments, to the enrichment of many (not least the well-respected** Thomas G. Corcoran [see own entry]), and (g) for being disbanded 1957 as the grounds for loans of this nature died away. [THREAD = STOCK MARKET AND FINANCIAL SHARP PRACTICE]

Red Ball Express (The 1952 Movie): [As is our practice with all stores-related entries we strongly recommend students to check out the TV Trope for <Corrupt Quartermaster> or just YouTube Crapgame at work in the movie "Kelly's Heroes") before proceeding.] A 1952 Movie starring Jeff Chandler and dramatising the work of the real-life Red Ball Express [q.v.] - YouTube it now.

Red Ball Express (The Documentary): [As is our practice with all stores-related entries we strongly recommend students to check out the TV Trope for <Corrupt Quartermaster> or just YouTube Crapgame at work in the movie "Kelly's Heroes") before proceeding.] See the Timeline entry for 15th September 1944.

Red Ball Express (The Original): [As is our practice with all stores-related entries we strongly recommend students to check out the TV Trope for <Corrupt Quartermaster> or just YouTube Crapgame at work in the movie "Kelly's Heroes") before proceeding.] See the Timeline entry for 15th September 1944.

Redbird Airport: Civilian airport six miles southwest of downtown Dallas. Since rebranded as Dallas Executive Airport [Wikipedia briefing] (although still IATA-coded as "RBD").

Reddy, E. B.: See the entry for Aline Mosby.

Redemptionist Fathers / "Redemptorists": See the entry for the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer.

Redmon, Ron: Assassination researcher and self-made expert on the Zapruder Film, Ron Redmon [no convenient biography] has identified 17 discrepancies in that film. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Reed, John Leigh: See the Volkov cameo in the entry for Kim Philby.

Reed, Stuart L.: On long-term secondment to the Panama Canal Company from the U.S. Army's Office of Personnel Management, and with possible links to the 112th MIG (who acted instead of the FBI within the Canal Zone), Stuart Reed [no convenient biography] was another in-the-right-place-at-the-right-time photographer. Online theorists are presently [February 2018] crediting him with no-way-just-coincidence 35mm colour photographs of LHO's bus TWICE (whether he was on it not), and of the outside of the Texas Theater at the time LHO was being led out in handcuffs.

Reed, Thomas ["The Czar"] Brackett: Once wittily described as "a self-made man who worshipped his Maker", lawyer-politician Thomas Brackett Reed [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Speaker of the House during the heyday of American Expansionism, 1895-1899, and for at least trying to mitigate the runaway excesses of the Expansionists. Indeed he was one of the first to actually call a duck a duck and use the term "Imperialism". As such he should nowadays be regarded as perhaps <the Best President the United States Never Had>, for had he not lost the
Republican Nomination to arch-Imperialist William McKinley in 1896 the world might today be a different place.

Rees, John Herbert and Sheila Louise: [Born Vladas Hrikavicius; a.k.a. John Sealey, John O'Connor] White Russian (self reportedly born Lithuania, 1926) turned British-American journalist John H. Rees [Wikipedia biography; he seems at date of writing - April 2022 - to be still alive] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for entering the assassination literature in London in the early 1960s, working for the Daily Mirror, (b) for somehow gaining sufficient reputation as an anti-communist cheerleader to get a lecturing tour of the U.S. promoting the work of the John Birch Society (JBS) [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL] ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life’s work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing] and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.

... (c) for undercover field work from 1968 as an informant against leftist organisations in Chicago, (d) for settling in Washington in May 1971 with third wife Sheila Louise Rees/O’Connor [no convenient biography], and there establishing the Information Digest [Duke University briefing and archive] campaigning newsletter ...

CAMEO - THE REESES AND THE INFORMATION DIGEST: Sheila Louise Rees seems to have been politically active for at least a decade before husband John arrived in America. Brussell (op. cit. inf. - [Constantine edition]) places her as working for Senator Joseph McCarthy [see own entry] and his associate Roy M. Cohn [see own entry] back in the Witch-Hunts [Wikipedia briefing] of the early 1950s. When McCarthy died in 1957 "it is reasonable to assume" (p319) that she passed his records on to like-minded successors, and eventually to her new boss, the John Birch Society (JBS) [see own entry REVELATORY] campaigner Larry P. McDonald [see own entry REVELATORY]. She then followed McDonald to Washington upon his 1974 election to Congress. CIA archives helpfully make available a staff-written 1976 exposé in the journal Counterspy of the work of the Information Digest under the title "Congressional Aide Spies on the Left" [full text online]. This piece includes much valuable background on the Reeses themselves, of which the following clip is typical ...

"... John has had a long career as a 'spook'. There is concrete information linking him as a paid informant with the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department and [...] the police departments in Houston, on the West Coast, in Maryland, in New Jersey, and in New York State. He once offered his expertise in intelligence gathering on the Left to the Wackenhut Corporation [Wikipedia briefing], a private security service in Florida [...] George Wackenhut [Wikipedia biography], contacted by legislative investigators, says John was checked out and found to be a 'kook'. [...] Sheila seems to have ties with a range of federal and state intelligence agencies [names]. We now know that she worked for the old House International Security Committee [more correctly the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on International Security - Ed.] which became notorious for its defamatory witchhunts against legitimate dissent. [She] is currently an employee of Congressman [Larry P. McDonald], Democrat from Georgia" (p18).

... and (e) for continuing in like vein throughout the 1970s, becoming one of the three co-founders of the Western Goals Foundation [see own entry] in 1979 ...

CAMEO - REES AND THE WESTERN GOALS FOUNDATION: The other two founders were the aforementioned Larry P. McDonald and General John K. Singlaub [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY], and the organisation's network of affiliations included the World Anti-Communist League (WACL) [see own entry REVELATORY] and the aforementioned John Birch Society (JBS). One of its principal sponsors was the Texan billionaire Nelson Bunker Hunt [see own entry REVELATORY]. See the separate entry for the foundation's modus operandi [REVELATORY]. The aforementioned Roy M. Cohn was on the foundation's advisory board.

FURTHER READING: For supporting detail see Alex Constantine's (2014) edition of "The Essential Mae Brussell" [Amazon].
Refugee Relief Trustees: See the entry for Albert Schweitzer College.

Reiland, Ron: Korean War veteran and presently WFAA-TV roving cameraman Ron Reiland had tagged along with journalist Hugh Aynesworth in the mad dash from Dealey Plaza to the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting, where he filmed the active crime scene, and then - after another dash, and two false alarms on the way - on to the Texas Theater, where he filmed LHO's arrest. The film went out on ABC some time during the afternoon of 22nd November 1963. It was broadcast with captions and to a storyboard, and therefore may or may not have suffered elisions. *It has certainly been edited into non-veridical sequence!* Note that Reiland's storyboard (a) wrongly identifies Tippit's own revolver as the murder weapon, (b) wrongly identifies Oswald's Wallet as Tippit's, and (c) shows one of the two false alarm shakedown before the Tippit scene and not after it. Check it all out here ...

YouTube that material now - COMPULSORY

What is not known, of course, is whether the errors were the honest errors of an editing room in the heat of the action or an attempt at journalistic level to squeeze the visual evidence into a desired narrative. Reiland's evidentiary profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. [Our on-balance verdict - genuine core footage, but cleverly edited before being broadcast to a pre-scripted journalistic narrative, but not by Reiland himself who just read from the storyboard.]

"The greatest spy in history"

"Reilly, Sidney": See the entry for George Rosenblum.

Reimer, Jacob: See *Timeline at 3rd January 1931*.

Reimer Mission: See *Timeline at 3rd January 1931*.

Religious Right: [Read firstly the entry for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching.] This is a catch-all term, first regularly used after the religious lobby had successfully supported Ronald Reagan's bid for the presidency in 1980, thus ...

"I use the designation Religious Right to denote a movement of politically conservative evangelicals who, since the late 1970s, have sought to exert their influence in political, cultural, and legal matters. Some observers call them fundamentalists, although not all fundamentalists are part of the Religious Right, and the Religious Right includes many other kinds of evangelicals - pentecostals, for instance - besides fundamentalists. [...] In its broadest construction, the Religious Right also includes Mormons, some Roman Catholics, and even a few politically and culturally conservative Jews" (Balmer, 2006, K296-304).

Or, to put it another way, the term Religious Right describes those (in any country) who would (if they dared to sit the test) be assessed as psychological fascists on the California F-Scale, but who - unlike straightforward political bigots - are then able to rationalise their bigotry by reference to scripture or supernatural promise. In timeline sequence, here are the individuals and organisations most frequently encountered under this heading ...

1741 - American Evangelism [Wikipedia briefing]

1882 - Zionism (see *Timeline 1st January 1882* and follow the <Zionism Pre-WW1> sub-thread).

1915 - American Israelism (see the Birthright cameo in the entry for Christian Identity).

1928 - Christian Identity.

Late 1950s - William Gale Potter's Christian Defense League (CDL).


Mid-1970s - Paul Weyrich's and Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority and Heritage Foundation.
Late 1970s - Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network.

2004 - James Dobson's Focus on the Family.

2016 - Evangelicals for Trump (see BREAKING below).

The Religious Right has featured large in American politics over the last half Century, so much so that even some evangelicals have been finding it hard to swallow. For example, in Randall Balmer's (2006) book "Thy Kingdom Come: How the Religious Right Distorts the Faith and Threatens America" [Amazon], the author argues that religion has been subverted by right-wing politics, thus ...

"When they do quote the Bible, they wrench passages out of context and offer pinched, literalistic interpretations - of the Genesis account of creation, for instance - that diminish the scriptures by robbing them of their larger meaning. The effect of this right-wing takeover has been a poisoning of public discourse and a distortion of the faith. Leaders of the Religious Right have managed to persuade many of my fellow evangelical Christians that it is something akin a sin to vote for anyone who is not a Republican, a perception that the Republican Party has done nothing to discourage.

Since its formation in the late 1970s, the Religious Right, a loose federation of politically conservative evangelicals, has become the Republican Party's most reliable constituency" (op. cit., p78).

BREAKING: At the time of writing [= January 2020], the Religious Right has been loud in its support of President Trump's hard-line foreign policy in the Middle East. For example, here is a recent YouTube blessing by the group Evangelicals for Trump [PBS briefing]. FURTHER READING: Aside from Randall Balmer's book as referenced above, take a look at Ruth Wodak's (2015) book "The Politics of Fear: What Right-Wing Populist Discourses Mean" [Amazon].

Remer, Otto Ernst: German Army officer Otto Remer [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a distinguished career in harm's way with the Wehrmacht 1939-1944, (b) for chanceing to be stationed in Berlin on 20th July 1944, the day of the failed Valkyrie Bomb Attack and Coup, being one of those instrumental in foiling the Berlin end of the plotters' plans ...

CAMEO - REMER AND THE SRP, 1950-1952: SRP policies were a strange amalgam of old-school antisemitic Nazism, reluctant acceptance of American occupation, and willingness to have the Soviets reunite Germany should the Cold War end up in a Communist victory. The party was quickly proscribed as unconstitutional and dissolved 12th September 1951.

... (e) facing arrest, for fleeing to Egypt, where he served 1952-1956 as an adviser to General Nasser, (f) for dealing arms to Middle Eastern countries through to the early 1980s, before (g) retiring to publish a rightist newsletter, even going so far as to state in October 1992 that the Holocaust was a myth, and (h) for fleeing to Spain to avoid the resulting term of imprisonment. He died in 1997, aged 85.

Remington Fireball XP-100: This is the "varmint gun" [Wikipedia technical briefing] reportedly used by Picket Fence assassin James Files to deliver the fatal frontal head shot.

Remington, Charles à Court: Careerist British Army officer turned war correspondent Charles Remington [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having enjoyed a promising
military career between 1878 and 1902, (b) for then becoming military correspondent with the 
Morning Post between 1902 and 1904; then with The Times between 1904 and 1918, and (c) for being 
the first to report artillery ammunition shortages on the Western Front, thereby bringing about the 
1915 Shells Crisis [see 27th March 1915, and follow "The Shells Crisis" sub-thread].

Reuben Clark Memorandum: See the entry for Reuben Clark.

Reuther Memorandum: See the cameo "RFK VERSUS THE REDNECKS" in the entry for Robert DePugh.

Reuther, Victor and Walter: See the cameo "RFK VERSUS THE REDNECKS" in the entry for Robert DePugh.

Revanchism: See Timeline 28th January 1871 as expanded upon in the entry herein for the Rennes-Le-Chateau Mysteries.

Revill, Jack: DPD Lieutenant of Intelligence Jack Revill [Spartacus Educational biography] had been liaising with FBI Agent James Hosty [see own entry] on criminal intelligence matters for some four years, and had spoken with him in the car park basement of DPDHQ at 1405hr [some sources state 1450hr] on 22nd November 1963. In this encounter Hosty had told him that "a Communist" named "Lee Harvey Oswald" had killed the President. He then added: "We knew he was here in Dallas". Revill duly informed other departments, and somehow the story was picked up by the Dallas Morning News and hit the streets the following morning (Hosty would in due course accuse journalist Hugh Aynesworth [see own entry] as having been conduit for the leak). Within a few days, however, once the FBI had resolved to deny prior knowledge of LHO, Hosty denied the incident had ever taken place. Revill went on to make quite a nuisance of himself over the coming months, complaining at the FBI's reluctance to volunteer what it knew to local Intelligence departments such as his own. Revill's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2]; House Select Committee on Assassinations testimony [read it now].

***** ZIONISM GOES FULL RUSSIAN *****

Revisionist Zionist Movement: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching] Founded initially as the Hatzohar Party [Wikipedia briefing] in April 1925 by Zionist-Russian-in-Palestine Ze'ev Zhabotinsky [see own entry], but better known in the English-speaking world as the Revisionist Zionist Movement [Wikipedia briefing], this ultra-nationalistic political party is noteworthy in the present context for evolving into the right wing of an already right wing Jewish presence in Palestine, and for maintaining that presence through until 1951 when - in what had then become the State of Israel - it reorganised itself as the Herut Party [Wikipedia briefing] (whence, in 1988, it became the modern Likud Party [Wikipedia briefing]) ...

RESEARCH ISSUE - DEFINING ERETZ ISRAEL: The core Zionist assertions were (and, deafeningly, still are) (1) the atheistic-legalistic geopolitical one that a State of Israel had a right to exist, and (2) the parallel religious one that this was a God-given right as the Talmudical "Eretz Israel" (better known in the West as the Biblical "Promised Land"). However, as far as we have been able to establish, Eretz Israel [Hebrew = "Nation of Israel"] has never been precisely geographically delineated, and is certainly markedly more extensive than the State of Israel as mapped out in the 1947 United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine [see below], or as extended by force of arms in the 1967 Six Day War, or as occupied by ethnic creep in recent years (The Guardian, 27th May 2021).

The movement is further noteworthy (a) for its part in fomenting Palestinian Arab unrest as a matter of policy in order to gain sympathy abroad (not least in the United States) against the British Mandate's tight anti-Russian immigration controls (as, for example, in the 1929 Palestinian Uprising [see Timeline 24th July 1929], in the 1936 Zhabotinsky Proposal [ditto 8th September 1936], and in the 1939 SS Parita Incident [ditto 22nd August 1939]), (b) for being taken forward after Zhabotinsky's death in 1940 by
Menachem Begin [see own entry USEFUL COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE], (c) for providing Begin with the political and paramilitary infrastructure to pursue the 1944 Irgun Revolt [ditto 1st February 1944], (d) for then consistently opposing the 1947 United Nations Plan for Palestine [ditto 29th November 1947], and (e) for providing the main political opposition during the centrist administrations of 1949 through 1977, and then winning power in 1977 but now rebranded into the Likud. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail, see Chapter 12 of Colin Shindler's (2015) "The Rise of the Israeli Right: From Odessa to Hebron" [Amazon RECOMMENDED READING].

Reynolds, George: Based in Morgan City, LA, some 60 miles west of New Orleans, businessman George Reynolds [no convenient biography] seems to have been an associate of CIA officer Chauncey Holt in the production of faked identity papers.

Reynolds, Warren: Oak Cliff resident Warren Reynolds [Spartacus Educational biography] was a witness to the escape of the assailant at the J. D. Tippit murder scene (that is to say, not of the shooting itself). He saw the fleeing gunman, still waving his gun, running southward along Patton toward him, and then turn right to proceed west along Jefferson Boulevard. He saw the man's face quite clearly and later expressed the belief that it had been LHO. The man then disappeared into the parking lot of the Texaco station at Crawford and Jefferson, one block away, and it was at this spot that a discarded jacket was subsequently recovered. Reynolds' evidential profile is as follows: FBI Report, 22nd January 1964 [read it here]; Warren Commission testimony [read it here].

Reza Pahlavi, Mohammad, Shah of Iran: Mohammad Reza [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the "playboy"-turned-modernising ruler of Iran from 1941 to 1979, (b) for having allowed the 1953 CIA coup against his Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh [Wikipedia biography], as punishment for nationalising Western oil interests, and (c) for having been famously couped by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini [Wikipedia biography] on 1st February 1979.

Rhee, Syngman: [Read firstly the entry for Korean War.] U.S.-educated veteran politician Syngman Rhee [Wikipedia biography] became (at Washington's behest) the first president of the newly constituted Republic of Korea on 15th August 1948, and remained as such throughout the ensuing war and then until deposed in 1960.

Rhodes, Cecil: South African mining magnate and business-comes-first politician Cecil Rhodes [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having by sheer hard work gradually developed a claim within the Kimberley diamond workings of the early 1870s, (b) by single-mindedness of purpose (definitely) and connections within the Freemasons (possibly) acquiring adjacent claims and eventually consolidating same 1st April 1880 into the still world-famous De Beers Mining Company [Wikipedia briefing], (c) for becoming elected (no other candidate) in January 1881 to the Cape Colony Assembly, (d) for being appointed Deputy Commissioner for Bechuanaland (modern Botswana [Google map]), (e) for falling in love with the idea of an English-speaking Anglo-American global empire, for which a move northward out of Bechuanaland into largely unclaimed Central Africa would be just the beginning, (f) for diversifying in February 1887 into the Witwatersrand gold field under the name Gold Fields of South Africa, (g) for a July 1887 trip to discuss development loans with Nathaniel Rothschild [see own entry], and for the resulting mega-deal to amalgamate all the Kimberley diamond companies under the De Beers banner, (h) for turning Matabeleland into Rhodesia (modern Zimbabwe), and (i) using a bequest to establish the "Rhodes Scholar" scheme.

ASIDE - RHODES ON CONSPIRACY THEORY: Cecil Rhodes features large in 21st Century "New World Order" conspiracy theories [check out one of the latest], Docherty and McGregor (2012 [Kindle]) call outwardly the same set of conspirators the "Secret Elite", and insofar as Britain is concerned they name (besides Rhodes): Herbert Asquith [see 3rd April 1908], Prime Minister 1908-1916; Alfred Beit [see own entry], diamond magnate and known conduit between Rhodes and Rothschild; Lord Esher [Wikipedia biography], Liberal Party politician and known conduit to King Edward VII; Sir Edward Grey [see 10th December 1905], Foreign Secretary; Lord
Haldane [see 7th December 1901], Minister of War 1905-1912 and close friend of Rothschild; Leander Starr Jameson [see 29th December 1895], colonial administrator; Lord Milner [see own entry], Leader of the Liberal Party; Nathan Rothschild [see own entry], banker; and William T. Stead [Wikipedia biography], Editor of The Times. Docherty and McGregor then describe this secret elite as "A secret society of rich and powerful men [...] established in London in 1891 with the long-term aim of taking control of the entire world" (p88), and they accuse them (1) of engineering the South African War in order to possess Transvaal's gold resources, and (2) of then getting into bed with French Revanchists in a trade war against ever-expanding Germany, which was then deliberately escalated to WW1.

Rice, Mary Spring: Anglo-Irish activist for Irish independence Mary Spring Rice [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for conspiring in 1914 with others, including Erskine Childers [see own entry] to run guns to the Irish Volunteers [see own entry], and (b) for taking part personally in the ensuing Howth Gun-Running [see 26th July 1914].

Rich, Nancy Perrin: See the entry for Nancy Hamilton.

Richards, James: Assassination researcher James Richards [Spartacus Educational biography] is a regular contributor to online assassination discussion groups, specialising in the role played by David Morales. Typical recent musings include the possibility that Loran Hall might have been LHO's no-show contact in the Texas Theater, and/or the suggestion that Robert Emmett Johnson was shooter.

***** Good Guy *****

Rike, Aubrey ["Al"] Lee: 25-year-old O'Neal Ambulance Service driver Al Rike [no convenient biography] was at Parkland Hospital booking in Epileptic Man [see own entry] in Dealey Plaza. He therefore witnessed the presidential motorcade arriving and by good fortune was able to comfort Jacqui Kennedy while JFK was in Trauma Room One. Once the President had been pronounced dead, he was told to contact his manager and have the funerary side of the ambulance service send across the best available casket. He also witnessed first-hand the confrontation between the Secret Service and Parkland officials over the removal of the President's body. Rike would go on to a successful career in the nearby Highland Park Police Department [nowadays the hybrid Highland Park Department of Public Safety - Ed.]. Rike's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; YouTube interview [view it now]; published memoirs "At the Door of Memory".

Ringland, Arthur Cuming: The American philanthropist Arthur Ringland [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for helping to get the U.S. Forestry Service off the ground after it was founded in 1905, (b) for joining the U.S. Army in 1917, ending up managing sawmills in France ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: No sincere as it happens, given that trenches on the Western Front relied on heavily pit-propped dugouts and duckboards, and that blockhouses relied on concrete poured into timber formwork.

... (c) for thereby getting headhunted into the post-war battlefield clearance and rebuilding industry, (d) for thereby getting headhunted by Herbert Hoover to administer the Czechoslovakian branch of his American Relief Association (ARA) [see own entry] 1919-1921, and (e) for going on to head the entirely similar American Relief Commission in Constantinople 1922-1923. Here is how he will explain this last adventure in a 1975 oral history interview (note the relationship with future U.S. President Herbert Hoover [see both own entry and Timeline 4th January 1919] and Admiral Mark Bristol [see both own entry and Timeline 28th January 1919]) ...

"This was in 1922, and our task was to help the Russian refugees that came into Constantinople after the defeat with no means of support. They were a source of embarrassment to the Turkish Government. The British and the French had been helping out as well as they could, but there was a hard core left who were in real distress. An appeal was made to Mr. Hoover, who obtained a substantial fund from the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial. This fund was made available for me to carry on relief. This was done by bringing in a shipload of
basic supplies. Before we actually launched the program, I had made an inspection with the help of Rear Admiral Bristol [links above], who was our United States High Commissioner. (We had no diplomatic relations at that time with Turkey.) He and I felt that there would be no end to relief unless provision was made for the evacuation of the people to countries where they could obtain employment. I reported that to the head offices in London and said I felt we should obtain support from the Allies for this evacuation, if we carried out the relief. I went to Geneva, and with the help of Fridtjof Nansen [see Timeline 3rd April 1919], the famed Arctic explorer, who was High Commissioner for Refugees for the League of Nations, I was invited to appear before a special meeting of the Council of the League. Our proposal was presented that we were prepared to finance relief, if during that period provision was made for evacuation. [Lord Balfour] said it would be to the indelible shame of the League if it did not cooperate. He offered, on the spot, ten thousand pounds sterling on behalf of the British. The other delegates were sympathetic and Belgium, Brazil, China, Czechoslovakia, Japan and Switzerland supplemented the British contribution. Evacuation was provided for, with aid from the American Red Cross, and provision for social services in the host countries by the American YM and YW Christian Association. We carried out our part in Constantinople. At the conclusion there were left several thousand refugees who wanted to come to the United States.” ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: We have seen elsewhere [start with the entry for Lloyd K. Desmond, then as directed] how large-scale visa applications of this sort are routinely screened by military intelligence officers attached to the Embassy involved. It is a two-way process. They are on the look-out (1) to arrest hostile enemy agents being slipped in under cover of the general confusion, and (2) to detect potentially friendly sources, (2.1) with stories to tell, and/or (2.2) will relatives still behind enemy lines in the old country. Ex-servicemen, provincial politicians, and civil servants are particularly well-liked.

... "Admiral Bristol asked me to chair a committee to consult with these men and women, to see if they could take care of themselves when they got to this country. We finally obtained about 2,000 visas. The initial costs of transportation was made possible by the American Red Cross. It's interesting to remark that the money was returned by all of them. There was eventually no loss at all. These homeless Russians had the courage and the fortitude to meet extraordinary and trying conditions" (Ringland, 14th July 1975, then well into his nineties, as interviewed by Richard D. Mackinzie [full transcript online courtesy of the Truman Presidential Library]).

Rio Grande Building: Office block at Elm and North Field, Dallas. The local "Region II" field offices of the 112th MIG were on the 9th floor, and these offices would one day be described in Richard Gilbride's (2009) book "Matrix for Assassination" as the "suspected assassination communications centre" (p170). The Rio Grande Building would be replaced in 1974 by the Renaissance Tower [headquarters of Ewing Oil in the TV Series "Dallas"].

Rischel, Walter: Walter Rischel [no convenient biography] was a friend and confidante of North Tower eyewitness Lee Bowers, and surfaced after the latter's did-he-fall-or-was-he-pushed death. Bowers had, he said, seen more than he said he had seen, and lived in fear as a result. Specifically, he said, Bowers had told him he had directly observed two Picket Fence shooters - compare the entry for Al Navis.

***** SECOND PROTO-ZIONIST SETTLEMENT *****

Rishon-le-Zion: Established in 1882 near Jaffa, then Ottoman Palestine, by a spearhead group of 10 White Russian (Tsarist East Ukraine) Hovevei Zion [see own entry] Settlers, Rishon-le-Zion [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the second of the Rothschild-funded proto-Zionist settlements in Palestine [see Timeline 31st July 1882] ...

ASIDE - PROTO- vs. FULL ZIONISM: We use the descriptor proto-Zionist because the term Zionist was not in general usage until the founding of the Odessa Committee [see own entry] in 1890 and the First Zionist Congress in 1897 [see Timeline 25th August 1897].

FURTHER READING: For more of the specific background see Chapter XI of Fannie F. Andrews' (1931) "The Holy Land Under Mandate" [Amazon]. For the fuller story follow the Zionism sub-threads in the Timeline (but expect to be away for some time).

element of personality to his administration by riding everywhere on a Harley-Davidson. Also, we think, for offering El Salvador as a CIA safe house for operations into nearby countries.

***** NOTE THIS FELLOW WELL *****

***** Possible Associate <=> Sidney Gottlieb (= MKULTRA) *****

Rivera, Jose Albert: Peruvian-born American-adopted physician turned military medical researcher Jose A. Rivera [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving during WW2 with the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Europe, (b) for transferring to Camp Detrick under Carl Lamanna [see own entry - IMPORTANT] 1947-1949, (c) for heading the Pathology Labs at the U.S. Army Hospital, Tokyo, 1950-1954, (d) for transferring 1954-1957 to the Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio TX, and for then dividing his time 1959-1961 between visiting research fellowships at Loyola University, New Orleans, and the University of California at Berkeley's Naval Biological Laboratory (again working to Carl Lamanna) ...

ASIDE: PubMed lists five papers to <Rivera, JA> during the 1950s, all on burn injuries. One of these - Hummel, Rivera, and Artz (1957) specifically identifies him as "Major Jose A. Rivera", and places him at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Haslam (2007/2014) has him as "one of the U.S. Army's top experts in biological warfare" (p221). Well-respected forensic historian Chris Newton reports MKULTRA documents with Rivera's name on them. It is not known how close, if at all, he would have been during those years to the CIA's chief potionmeister Sidney Gottlieb. In his (2013) "A Secret Order (Volume I)" [Amazon], archives researcher Hank P. Albarelli, Jr. notes that in and around 1956 "Rivera and his wife often socialised with Charles Cabell [see own entry OMINOUS], the CIA's deputy director" (k2779).

... (e) for moving to the National Institutes for Health (NIH) in around 1960, serving under Director James A. Shannon, (f) for being based in New Orleans 1960-1961 (Haslam, 2007/2104) ...

ASIDE: Haslam explicitly asserts that he "may have been involved in the secret experiments at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital" (p272).

(g) for "handing out research grants" to Tulane Medical School in 1963 (Op. cit, p221), (h) (allegedly) for an uncharacteristically loose-lipped encounter with research physiologist Adele Edisen [see her entry for the details - VERY IMPORTANT] in April 1963, with massive ramifications if it actually happened [which it probably didn't - Ed.] ...

***** note that items (i) and (j) below do not apply if Edisen's *****

***** allegations are spurious; and they are, in truth, uncorroborated! *****

(i) for thereby being well and truly "outed" by Ms Edisen when - as a loyal citizen - she shopped him as a potential conspirator to the Secret Service and FBI after the Assassination, and (j) for being saved from exposure when the politico-military establishment closed ranks during the post-Assassination cover up. There is a separate unconfirmed report that Rivera was present at Bethesda Hospital 22nd November 1963 to observe the JFK autopsy, but he is certainly not on the official list of those present - check it out. Rivera retired from the army in 1965, and died 1989.

"Rivera, Manuel": [Read firstly the entry for Robert Easterling. Hurt (1985) explains that this was "not the actual name reported by Easterling" (p354f), pending verification of his source's story.] Small-time mobster "Manuel Rivera" [no convenient biography] was the shooter with the Czech semi-automatic rifle who would feature in the section of Henry C. Hurt, Jr.'s (1985) book "Reasonable Doubt" which dealt with the confession of Robert Easterling. See also the entry for ZH-29.

Robarge, David: CIA staffer David Robarge [no convenient biography] is [February 2018] the Agency's "house historian".
Roberdeau, Donald: Assassination researcher Don Roberdeau [Spartacus Educational biography] has been active since 1975, and is perhaps best known for the awesomely detailed evidential summary in his Researcher's Map of Dealey Plaza.

Roberts, Archibald E.: Veteran of WW2 (U.S. Army, airborne) and the Cold War (Occupied Germany) Major Archibald E. Roberts [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as Information Officer to General Edwin Walker’s 24th Infantry Division during its time in Germany 1959-1960, (b) for writing and disseminating extreme right-wing literature to the troops in General Walker’s command …

CAMERO - LARRIE SCHMIDT’S EXPERIENCE OF SAME: In interviews with forensic historian Gayle Nix Jackson, Larrie Schmidt explains what this involved insofar as the rank-and-file infantryman was concerned …

"This program was mandatory and all the Army guys were required to attend. The Pentagon would send talking points and the PIOs [= Public Information Officers] would put together lectures or talks to give to the men. Walker's PIO's name, I think, was Arch Roberts and General Walker told Roberts he wanted him to add the JBS [= John Birch Society] material to his monthly lectures. Roberts tried to influence other PIOs, including me, to do the same thing. As a newspaper man and PR man, I found that unethical. So I told a female reporter about Walker and Roberts and she wrote a story about it. That was the beginning of the end for Walker. […] Still and all, General Walker was a patriot and I refuse to say anything derogatory about him" (Larrie Schmidt, quoted in Jackson, 2016, p162).

(c) for being relieved of his duties and reassigned stateside, (d) for repeating the same transgression with a speech in the same vein to 1962 National Convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution [Wikipedia briefing], and (e) for taking the government to court in 1965, successfully winning back his Army pension entitlement. FURTHER READING: There are some valuable insights in the (1996 [full text online]) piece by Ward Harkavy entitled "Still Crazy After All These Years"; note particularly his views on the Federal Reserve system! There is also much to learn from Roberts’ own (1988) book "The Most Secret Science" [Amazon RARE; full text online THOUGHT PROVOKING].


Roberts, Delphine: New Orleans secretary/PA Delphine Roberts [Spartacus Educational biography] would be called to testify at the Clay Shaw trial and before the House Select Committee on Assassinations. However the consistency of her testimony has regularly been questioned so we note only that she may have witnessed her boss Guy Banister handling Fair Play for Cuba Committee flyers, and may have seen LHO in and around his office.

Roberts, Earlene: Dallas housekeeper Earlene Roberts [Spartacus Educational biography] had been LHO's housekeeper at 1026 North Beckley Avenue. On the day of the assassination she had just turned on her TV to watch the reports from Dealey Plaza when LHO came in as if in a hurry, and went to his room for three or four minutes. He then left in just as much of a hurry, zipping up his jacket as he went out the door. She also mentioned the comings and goings of a police car - perhaps Car #106, or #107, or #207 - during the time LHO was in his room. Her boss Gladys Johnson would later comment that she went into hiding that very evening "looking scared". In which respect it may or may not be relevant that Roberts had the master key to LHO's room should anybody wish to have anything planted. Roberts' evidential profile is as follows: Interview to camera, 1964? [YouTube it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Roberts, Emory: SS Agent Emory Roberts [no convenient biography] was one of two SS agents riding the front of Limo#2 (i.e., Motorcade #3, counting the pilot vehicle). His moment-by-moment reactions to the shooting have been analysed by Vincent Palamara [read it now], and he would subsequently be accused by Colonel Fletcher Prouty of being "the key to the deficiencies" in the Secret Service.
Roberts’ evidential profile is as follows: Report, 29th November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].


Robertson, William ["Rip"]: WW2 and Korean War veteran and long-standing CIA officer Rip Robertson [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of only two CIA operatives embedded with Brigade 2506 during the Bay of Pigs Invasion (Hancock, 2010, p20). He then became a staffer at JM/WAVE, reporting to David Morales, from where he commanded the S-Force assassination team during Operation Tilt. He has been tentatively placed in Dealey Plaza on 22nd November 1963, not far from Umbrella Man - YouTube him in Dealey Plaza now. In due course he would be one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers in 1994 as having “intimate operational knowledge” of how the assassination was put together. He died 1st December 1970, officially from malaria, although Ayers will also later hint that David Morales would make a good first guess for the real killer.

***** AN IMPORTANT WITNESS TO HISTORY *****

"Now that is an honest man!" (Lenin, of Robins, to Arthur Ransome)

Robins, Raymond: The American mine labourer turned lawyer turned Klondike gold prospector turned preacher-evangelist and (for a time) would-be U.S. Senator [Colonel]1917-1918 Raymond Robins [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for helping to promote the Men and Religion Forward Movement [see Bederman (1989) [full text online (requires JSTOR registration)]] 1911-1912, (b) for doing likewise with the National Christian Social Evangelical Campaign [no convenient briefing] and the YMCA [see own entry] around 1915, (c) for thereby having the contacts and reputation necessary to get himself headhunted in 1917 as one of the 21 commissioners making up the American Red Cross Mission [see own entry] to Petrograd, (d) for splitting from the main party 7th August 1917, and being sent on a fact-finding tour of southern Russia, reporting back on the Soviets already operating in the eastern Ukraine in and around Kharkov [map] ...

CAMEO - ROBINS IN THE EASTERN UKRAINE: As a collier back in the 1890s, Robins had done 12-hour shifts for weeks on end for a dollar a day. He was therefore surprisingly close in mind with the manual workers of the Kharkov Soviets. He saw them as the “93 per cent” oppressed by the “7 per cent” - the land owners and mill masters - and was impressed by the fact that political decisions were now being taken by “men who just a few minutes before had been common miners” (Hard, op. cit. inf., pp11-12).

(e) for returning to Petrograd and there witnessing first hand the damp squib of the Kornilov Affair [see Timeline 10th-13th September 1917], and for beginning to wonder at the gulf between those who made decisions "indoors" and those - like him - who had actually been "outdoors" to see what was actually going on in the country at large [see Timeline 8th-10th February 1918 for more about Robins' notions of ‘indoors’ and ‘outside’ mind], (f) for then energetically going about his duties as the commissioner reporting on food supply and refugees, (g) for at the same time doing his share of the general intelligence gathering by instructing his team leaders to report back on the scuttlebutt in Petrograd’s barracks, hospitals, and refugee camps, even as their orderlies tended to the sick and needy (Service, 2011), (h) as the October Revolution unfolded [see Timeline 7th November 1917] for becoming "the only Allied or American officer who ever actually had personal conferences with Lenin" (Hard, p2), (i) for playing a minor part (he says unwittingly) in the Rostov Affair [see Timeline 22nd December 1917], (j) after the signing of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk [see Timeline 3rd March 1918], for conducting some high level and exceptionally confidential diplomacy to try to persuade Trotsky and Lenin to speak against its ratification at full Congress, thereby getting himself into some potentially terminal hot water as part of the Lockhart Plot [see Timeline 30th January 1918; then as directed], (k) for attending the Fourth All-Russian Congress of the Soviets in Moscow 10th-15th March, whereat the main item on the agenda was the ratification or rejection of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk.
... (m) for finally leaving Moscow 14th May, travelling one after another through no less than fifteen geographically separate Soviets to Vladivostok, escaping only thanks to a personally signed letter of passage from Lenin himself. In July that year the Western bridgeheads - Britain both at Murmansk [see Timeline 6th March 1918] and in the Caucasus [see Timeline 27th January 1918], France in the Ukraine [see Timeline 18th December 1918], the United States in both Siberia [see Timeline 30th March 1918] and the Black Sea [see Timeline 228th January 1919], and Britain/Japan in Siberia [see Timeline 9th April 1918] - openly begin to support the local White Armies. Once back in the United States Robins was required to testify before the Overman Senate Committee [see Timeline 19th September 1918]. He died in 1954, aged 81. FURTHER READING: For more on the Robins story, much of it in the man's own (reported) words, see William Hard's (1920/2012) "Raymond Robins' Own Story" [Amazon].

Robinson, Marvin C.: Dealey Plaza commuter Marvin Robinson [no convenient biography] was passing the front of the TSBD a few minutes after the shooting when the "light-coloured Rambler" in front of him abruptly pulled in to pick up a pedestrian. This broadly confirmed the primary sighting by Roger Craig. Robinson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Rocca, Raymond: 46-year-old long-standing intelligence operative (OSS/CIA) Raymond Rocca [Spartacus Educational biography] had worked with James Jesus Angleton in Italy from 1944 to 1947, and to him in Langley from 1947 to 1953. In 1954 he, too, moved to Langley as Chief of the Research and Analysis Department.

Rocha, Luis Fernandez: Luis Fernandez Rocha [no convenient biography] was secretary of the DRE's Miami chapter, but with very close ties to George Joannides.

Rockefeller Family (Oil) at a Glance: The Rockefeller Oil family dynasty began in 1870 when Cleveland, Ohio, patriarch John Davison Rockefeller, Snr. [Wikipedia biography] set up the Standard Oil Company [Wikipedia briefing] to refine kerosene. Expanding by acquisition in an age of increasing demand for petrochemicals, he was destined to become "the wealthiest American of all time" by his retirement 27 years later (and he still had 40 years of retirement in which to enjoy that wealth). His son John Davison Rockefeller, Jnr. [Wikipedia biography] took over the reins in 1897, but distanced himself from it in 1910 in favour of directorships in banking and investments in real estate (the two things going nicely together, of course). Father and son both helped establish the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research [Wikipedia briefing] 8th June 1901. Junior's sons John Davison Rockefeller, III [Wikipedia biography] and Nelson Rockefeller [Wikipedia biography] then promoted the family name through to the end of the 1970s.

Roderick, Edward: Long-standing CIA officer Edward Roderick [Spartacus Educational biography] was explosives expert at JM/WAVE. He would be one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the assassination was put together.

Rodgers, D. K.: DPD Intelligence Officer D. K. Rodgers [no convenient biography] enters the present narrative in February 1967, at the time when Jim Garrison was trying to interview (and if necessary extradite) Sergio Arcacha Smith to support his case against Clay Shaw. Arcacha called in the DPD, alleging harassment by the out-of-State Louisianans, and Rodgers was sent in to see fair play. Things then took on a more conspiratorial air when journalist Hugh Aynsworth telephoned Arcacha out of the blue and mentioned an ongoing CBS project to "blast Garrison for the handling of this so-called conspiracy" (La Fontaine and La Fontaine, 1996, p344). Rodgers then arranged a three-way meeting in DPDHQ on 27th February 1967 with both Arcacha and Aynsworth, which he summarised in a
report dated 3rd March 1967 [read it here]. In their 1996 book "Oswald Talked" the La Fontaines conclude that Aynesworth, once again, is one frighteningly well-informed journalist.

Rodriguez, Felix: 22-year-old Cuban exile and CIA agent since the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion, Felix Rodriguez [Wikipedia biography] was a member of S-Force within Brigade 2506. He would later be deployed in the CIA operation against Che Guevara. He would be one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the assassination was put together.

Rodriguez, William: 39-year old William Rodriguez [Wikipedia biography] was one of the building services personnel on duty in WTC1 (the North Tower) on 11th September 2001. At the fateful time he was on B1 of the basement floors when there was a large explosion close at hand which fire-balled one of the lift shafts, followed - some seven seconds later - by another, more distant one. The second of these events was the impact of "American Airlines Flight 11" [q.v.]. Rodriguez then spent the ensuing minutes helping a number of people to escape the lower floors, and then helped the arriving FDNY teams ascend the stairwells, using his skeleton key to open the many locked access doors. While so doing, another series of explosions rocked floors 20 to 30. Unable to ascend past the 39th floor he descended, just in time to escape the final collapse. YouTube his experiences here.

"Rogers, Bob": See the entry for Al Cox.

Rodgers, Charles Frederick: WW2 veteran (U.S.N.), Office of Naval Intelligence agent, peacetime oilman, associate of David Ferrie, CIA agent since 1956, and described in Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)'s 2016 book "The Men That Don't Fit In", as "a real spook among spooks", Charles Rogers [Wikipedia biography] was identified in John Craig and Philip Rogers 1992 book "The Man on the Grassy Knoll" as the long-lost Picket Fence shooter, and - detained while attempting to escape - also one of the Three Tramps.

Rogers, Lillian: [believed née Fleming] In the official narrative 37-year-old secretary/PA Lillian Rogers [no convenient biography] entered the assassination story in a big way on the morning of 22nd November 1963 when she insisted that her boss - Abraham Zapruder - drive home and fetch his 8mm home movie camera, because it was not every day that a Presidential motorcade passes your office doorstep. This he did, and the fruit of her intervention is the famous Zapruder Film.

ASIDE: When Zapruder returned with the camera a carefree Mrs Rogers starred in the first minute practice footage. David von Pein showed the outtake in 2005. A recent attempt to track Mrs Rogers down learned from Zapruder's grand-daughter that she had passed away.

When Zapruder returned from the crime scene he was hysterical and so Mrs Rogers, professional to the last, promptly locked the camera in the office safe.

Rogers, Philip A.: Assassination researcher Philip Rogers [no convenient biography] was co-author with John Craig of the 1992 book "The Man on the Grassy Knoll", in which Charles Rogers is proposed not just as the Picket Fence shooter but also as one of the (second set of) Three Tramps.

Rogers, William Pierce: WW2 veteran (USN) turned lawyer-politician William P. Rogers [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being Secretary of State 1969-1973 in the Nixon Administration (albeit generally peripheralised by Nixon's roving NSA Henry Kissinger), and (b) for featuring in the entry for William Thomas, which see.

Romero, Carlos Humberto: El Salvadorean President [1977-1979] Carlos Romero [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been another of the Central American regimes to have
"turned to West European and Israeli arms merchants" (Lafeber, 1983) during the 1970s. Not that it did him a lot of good, because he was deposed by a left-wing coup armed with pitchforks in 1979.

Rometsch, Ellen: Having fled East Germany in 1955 aged 19 Ellen Rometsch [Spartacus Educational biography] became the Cold War bride of a U.S. airman stationed in West Berlin, and was thereby accepted as a U.S. resident in 1961. Her marriage then broke up and her looks got her a waitressing job at Washington's Quorum Club. She instantly became an in-demand party girl amongst the rich and powerful, including LBJ aide Robert Gene Baker, who introduced her in turn to JFK, with whom she had a brief affair before being run out of town as a suspected Soviet spy by J. Edgar Hoover.

Romualdi, Serafino: Italian writer and trade unionist Serafino Romualdi [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for emigrating to the United States in 1923, settling in Chicago and becoming a trade union journalist, (b) for relocating to NYC in 1928, (c) for undertaking a government contract in 1941, visiting various South American union representatives and doing his best to counter any tendencies on the part of the Italian population there to support the Nazis, (d) for thereby being headhunted in 1942 into Nelson Rockefeller's team as Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs [Wikipedia briefing], (e) for thereby being headhunted in May 1944 into the OSS, where he served until late 1945, (f) for continuing to work Latin America on behalf of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) [see own entry], and for becoming Secretary thereof in 1955, and (g) for helping to establish the "CIA-controlled" (Agee, 1975, p600) American Institute of Free Labor Development (AIFLD) [see own entry] in 1961, with himself as chief executive.

Ron Paul's List of Neocons: [Read firstly the entry for Neoconservative.] By way of introduction see the entry for Ron Paul, and then work your way through the people/organisations explicitly named in his Neoconservatism speech of 10th July 2003, which are listed in the order and context in which they were identified ...

16th Century political inspiration - Niccolo Machiavelli [Wikipedia briefing]
20th Century U.S. political inspiration - Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson
20th Century former Trotskyite liberals - Leo Strauss [q.v.] and Christopher Hitchens [q.v.]
Leo Strauss students and philosophical adherents - Paul Wolfowitz [q.v.], Richard Perle [q.v.], Elliott Abrams [q.v.], Robert Kagan [q.v.], and William Kristol [q.v.] (all of these being described as "key players in designing our new strategy for pre-emptive war")

"Others" - Michael Ledeen [q.v.], R. James Woolsey, Jr. [q.v.], William Bennett [q.v.], Frank Gaffney [q.v.], Dick Cheney [q.v.], Donald Rumsfeld [q.v.], plus "too many to mention"

"The Godfather of modern Neoconservatism" - Irving Kristol [q.v.] (thanks to his 1980 book "Reflections of a Neoconservative")

Charities, think-tanks and pressure groups - Bradley Foundation [q.v.] and Project for a New American Century (PNAC) [q.v.]
Tame or perhaps complicit MSM - Rupert Murdoch [q.v.] in the shape of his "Big Six" media group Newsscorp [q.v.]

Having thus named the culprits, Paul devoted roughly a quarter of his 55 minute speech to an in-depth series of direct quotations from Ledeen's 1999 book "Machiavelli on Modern Leadership" which, taken together, place Ledeen and all who follow him ethically somewhere between Genghis Khan and the Romulans [Wikipedia briefing]. Nevertheless, Ledeen's rhetorical prayer for a second Pearl Harbour was granted on 11th September 2001. As for the Neocon's modus operandi, Paul's principal
accusations are (1) that they control debate, (2) that as a matter of policy they are continually fomenting pre-emptive wars, (3) that they are far from averse to lying through their teeth as a matter of essential principle, and (4) that despite many fine sounding words and appeals to patriotism they are in total contempt of the American Constitution.

Roosevelt, Franklin Delano: President Franklin D. Roosevelt [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context merely for his warning on 21st November 1933 that the U.S. government was "owned" by bankers.

Roosevelt, Kermit: See under Stephen Penrose.

Roosevelt, Theodore ['Teddy'], Jnr: Well born and of independent means President (26th, 1901-1909, Rep.) Theodore Roosevelt [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as much for the deeds which earned him the presidency as for what he did once he had the job. Here are some of the most important links ...

Roosevelt at the 1884 Republican National Convention - check it out
Roosevelt as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, 1897-1898 - check it out
Roosevelt as field commander, 1898 - check it out
Roosevelt as POTUS, 1901-1909 / Banana Wars - check it out
Roosevelt as POTUS, 1901-1909 / Great White Fleet - check it out

Root, Elihu: Lawyer-to-the-rich-and-powerful and politician Elihu Root [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being Secretary of War then (from 1905) Secretary of State in the 1899-1909 McKinley/Roosevelt presidencies. In the latter role he had a particularly significant role to play in the (temporarily) successful Algeciras Conference [see 16th January 1906] (he was no longer in office at the time of the 1911 Agadir Incident). He was dragged out of retirement in 1917 to head the Root Commission [see own entry] to Petrograd, interfering (for want of a better word) in the Russian Revolution. Root was reputedly a long-standing member of Roosevelt's Boone and Crockett Club [Wikipedia briefing], along with Henry Cabot Lodge, Snr. [check him out], J. P. Morgan [check him out], Henry L. Stimson [check him out], and Owen Wister [Wikipedia biography] (Thomas, 2010).

Root Commission: See Timeline 16th April 1917.

"Rose Cherami: Gathering Fallen Petals": This is the (2016) biography of Rose Cherami written by her son Michael Marcedes [Oak Cliff Lions biography] and Norma J. Kirkpatrick, with a Foreword by researcher J. Gary Shaw [Amazon - RECOMMENDED]. Key material from this book has been incorporated into the Cherami entry, which see.

Rose, Earl Forrest: WW2 veteran (U.S.N.) and Dallas County Coroner since June 1963 Earl Rose [Wikipedia biography] attempted - quite properly according to Texas State law - to prevent JFK's body being taken from Parkland Hospital, but was brushed aside by the Secret Service with the result that JFK's autopsy was duly performed at Bethesda later that day. Rose did, however, get to perform the autopsies on J. D. Tippit (that day), LHO (24th November 1963), and, in the fullness of time, Jack Ruby (3rd January 1967).

Rose, Guy ['Gus'] F.: 30-year-old DPD Homicide Bureau detective Gus Rose [no convenient biography] was not on duty at the time of the shooting, but went straight in and was then one of the first to speak to LHO when he was brought in from the Texas Theater. LHO gave his name initially as "Hidell", and was generally uncooperative. Rose was then relieved after a few minutes and sent instead to the Paine House with his partner Richard Stovall, where they joined with Deputies Harry Weatherford, Buddy Walthers, and J. L. Oxford in the preliminary search of those premises. In all they impounded "two sea bags, three suitcases, and two cardboard boxes and all of them contained
numerous items of property”; also two negatives and one developed picture "of Oswald holding the rifle". Rose's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Rosebury, Theodor:** American bacteriologist Theodor Rosebury [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being one of the first scientists recruited into the United States' centre of biological warfare excellence at Camp Detrick [see own entry].

**Roselli, John ["Handsome Johnny"]:** Chicago contract hitman turned top echelon mobster and (from 1960 through June 1963) CIA asset in the fight against Fidel Castro, Johnny Roselli [Wikipedia biography] figures heavily in many assassination theories. With the connivance of mob bosses Sam Giancana and Santos Trafficante, and funded by the CIA, he had helped JM/WAVE select likely Cuban exiles for assassination attempts in Cuba. He was perhaps in Mexico City on 8th October 1963, and in Rod Mac Kenzie( and Hooke)'s 2016 book "The Men That Don’t Fit In" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED] he was placed in Dallas on 22nd November 1963, although not in Dealey Plaza ...

**ASIDE:** Theoretically, the mob was edged out of CIA operations after June 1963 as “The Big One" - Operation AMWORLD - got under way, but Roselli might just have learned enough about that operation to "piggy-back" it to the mob's advantage. This, indeed, is one of the lines of argument put forward by self-confessed Picket Fence shooter James Files.

Roselli was eventually murdered in his turn in 1976, perhaps by fellow mobsters (in some reports for skimming the action in Las Vegas) but most probably by fellow conspirators. Indeed Bradley Ayers [see own entry] will later hint that David Morales would make a good first guess for Roselli's killer.

**Rosenbaum, Tibor:** "One of organised crime's Swiss bankers" (Block, 1991, p83), Tibor Pinchas Rosenbaum [no convenient biography] was Founder/President of International Credit Bank of Geneva (BCI) [New York Times exposé, 1975], and - according to Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke) - Director for Finance and Supply at the Mossad.

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***** A NAZI EIGHT MONTHS BEFORE HITLER *****

!!!!!!!!!!! CAUTION - ANTISEMITISM ALERT !!!!!!!!!!

**Rosenberg, Alfred Ernst:** White Russian (b. 1893, Talinn, Estonia) journalist turned Nazi ideologue Alfred Rosenberg [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a student in Moscow during WW1 ...

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** It would be nice, when time permits, fully to exclude the suspicion that Rosenberg might have been an undercover German intelligence operative, for that alternative explanation sits far more comfortably with the facts of the man's subsequent career as set out below.

... (b) for reappearing in Talinn during the Estonian War of Independence [see Timeline 3rd January 1919], subsequentlyretreating with the collapsing German Army and settling in Munich, (c) having matured into a vocal antisemite, for joining Bavaria's protofascist NSDAP [Wikipedia briefing] in January 1919 (eight months before Hitler), becoming editor of that organisation’s house newspaper, the Völkischer Beobachter in 1923, and - that same year - stating a position in the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion"
Controversy [see own entry REVELATORY], (d) for being a leading member of the White Russian émigré faction in Nazism's early years, (e) for promoting the Beobachter's early editorial line that the Armenians had traitorously aided the Allied war against the Turks, just as the Jews had against Germany herself ...

RESEARCH ISSUE - THEM AND US: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that there is no concise theory of racial scapegoating, despite the fact that racial scapegoating has been by far the greatest single cause of avoidable mass suffering in the history of Humankind.

... (f) for acting as caretaker leader of the Nazi Party 1923-1924 during Hitler's time in jail following the abortive Munich Putsch [Wikipedia briefing], (g) for founding the Großdeutsche Volksgemeinschaft [= Greater German People's Community] [Wikipedia briefing] on 1st January 1924, a Nazi front organisation, (h) for developing the Nazis' antisemitism as both theory and practice during the late 1920s, (i) for being elected to the Reichstag in 1930, (j) that same year for publishing an influential work of Germanic self-pity entitled "Der Mystus des 20. Jahrhunderts" [Wikipedia briefing: available in English as "The Myth of the Twentieth Century" [Amazon]], which - despite being poorly put together (Hitler described it as "stuff nobody can understand") - set out the ideological foundations of a proposed new Germany, (k) for becoming head of the NSDAP's Foreign Policy Office 1st April 1933, helping to broaden Hitler's list of grievances to include Russian Communists alongside his Jew-fomented (he said) opponents in France and Britain, (l) for switching to the "ideological education" portfolio 27th January 1934, (m) in this role for building up the Amt Rosenberg [Wikipedia briefing] and generally developing the "Master Race" Theory of Aryan Purity [Wikipedia briefing], (n) for being appointed Reichsminister für die besetzten Ostgebiete [= "occupied territories in the east"] in July 1941, (o) for being represented in this capacity on 20th January 1942 at the infamous Wannseekonferenz by Georg Leibbrandt [Wikipedia biography], and (p) for being convicted of (amongst other things) crimes against humanity at the 1946 Nuremberg Trials, and executed by hanging on 16th October 1946, aged 52. FURTHER READING: For a detailed formal academic source see Jürgen Matthäus and Frank Bajohr's (2015) "The Political Diary of Alfred Rosenberg and the Onset of the Holocaust" [Amazon].

Rosenberg, James Naumburg: American lawyer James N. Rosenberg [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating from Columbia Law School in 1898, going on to specialise in bankruptcy law in NYC, and becoming a prominent supporter of Hebrew charities in his spare time, (b) for expanding his specialism during the next three decades to include receivership work and the sort of yard sale corporate restructuring which routinely goes with it ...

QUICKIE - THE KREUGER COLLAPSE, 1932: For example, Rosenberg headed the 13-year-long investigation into the 1932 business collapse of the "Swedish Match King", Ivar Kreuger [Wikipedia biography], gradually uncovering a billion dollar long firm fraud [Wikipedia briefing]. See his Wiki for the details.

... (c) for being head-hunted in the early 1920s by banker Felix M. Warburg [Wikipedia biography] to sit on the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) [Wikipedia briefing] and help integrate its operations with those of Herbert Hoover's American Relief Administration (ARA) [see own entry and Timeline 1st September 1914 through 3rd May 1917 as threaded USEFUL PRIOR CONTEXT] ...

QUICKIE - A BIT MORE ON THE ARA AT WAR: In their (2012) "Hoover and the Jews" [Amazon], Sonja Wentling and Rafael Medoff add as follows ...

"The ARA left Russia in 1923, but the JDC's work continued there for some time afterwards. Hoover bent the rules and allowed JDC representatives [...] to keep their identity cards in order to facilitate their ongoing dealings with the Soviet authorities. [...] James Rosenberg credited Hoover with 'saving millions of lives'" (p40).

... (d) for becoming similarly involved from 1924 in the work of the American Jewish Joint Agricultural Corporation [Wikipedia briefing] in channeling relief to distressed Jewish communities in a White Russia ravaged by the Russian Civil War [see Timeline 1st January 1918, then as threaded], (e) in 1929 for duly becoming a director of the avowedly Zionist Jewish Agency for Palestine [Wikipedia briefing], (f) in
1933 for liaising with League of Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees from Germany James G. McDonald [see own entry] in the latter's unsuccessful mission to mitigate the latest Nazi persecution of German Jews, (g) in 1939 for merging the JDC with a number of similar groups to create a larger United Jewish Appeal (UJA) [Wikipedia briefing] to handle the surge of Jewish refugees from Europe, (h) through 1940 for trying (largely without success) to arrange places of safety for said refugees, (i) for finally getting to visit the new State of Israel in 1950, and (j) in 1954 (then in his 80th year) for being captured and executed by Soviet secret police for佐

"The greatest spy in history"

Rosenblum, George: [Frequently seen as Sidney ["Ace of Spies"] Reilly, one of his aliases] Born in the Ukraine, at the southern extreme of Tsarist White Russia, conman-murderer and master-spy George Rosenblum/"Sidney Reilly" [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for arriving in Britain in 1895 to escape the Okhrana, the Tsarist secret police, spinning many a vivid tale to whomever would listen ...

**CAUTION:** This man was a ruthless and predatory professional rogue. Past misdeeds therefore forced him to live by present lies. All biographical claims should accordingly be carefully treble-checked (and not all can be).

(b) for making a living in London peddling quack remedies and conning unwary widows out of their husbands' fortunes (hastening their widowhood if necessary), (c) for becoming an informer for Scotland Yard's Special Branch in around 1898, (d) for thereby being re-invented as "Sidney George Reilly" in 1899 prefatory to being sent to St. Petersburg, Russia, as a covert operations asset, (e) for supporting the Japanese intelligence service in its preparations for the 1904-1905 Russo-Japanese War [see 8th February 1904], (f) for being re-assigned to Germany in 1909 to obtain details of the latest Krupp armament developments, (g) for re-appearing in St. Petersburg in 1912, NYC in 1914, and Canada in 1917, (h) for reporting to Mansfield Smith-Cumming [see own entry] in January 1918 and accepting an SIS assignment back in Russia, to agitate a White Russian counter-revolution against the suddenly far-too-successful Bolsheviks, (i) for fleeing Russia in September 1918 after an only-just-failed assassination attempt against Vladimir Lenin, arriving back in Britain 8th November 1918 (and being sentenced to death in absentia by the Revolutionary Tribunal), (j) for being turned straight round and sent to the Ukraine sector of the emerging Russian Civil War, earning a Military Cross for his efforts [no citation available, but Gazetted 12th February 1919 - Ed.], (k) for possibly being the courier in the 1924 Zinoviev Affair [see own entry], and (l) for being captured and executed by Soviet secret police for undertaking one mission to many to Russia in 1925.

Ross, Barney: Decorated WW2 veteran, one-time world champion boxer, and fund-raiser for the State of Israel Barney Ross [Wikipedia biography] was a contact in Jack Ruby's address book.

***** SENIOR COLD WAR ARCHITECT AND DEEP-STATER *****

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing] and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.

Rostow, Walt Whitman: [Fam. Rostowsky] American (of White Russian parents [Ashkenazi father b. Orekhov, Tsarist Ukraine, 1886]) economics prodigy turned WW2 OSS non-combatant officer (intelligence analysis) turned post-war State Department advisor turned Cold War strategist to three presidents (Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson) Walt Rostow [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an impressive scholarly record at Yale University, graduating at age 19 [= 1935?], (b) for then winning a
Rhodes Scholarship to Balliol College, Oxford, where he moved in the same circles as Edward Heath and Roy Jenkins and got to know and work with broadcaster Alistair Cooke, (c) for returning to Yale, completing his Ph.D. in 1940 before moving on to a lectureship in economics at Columbia University, (d) for getting headhunted in early 1942 to serve as intelligence analyst in the OSS, thereby ending up in wartime London ...

**CAMEO - ROSTROW AND STRATEGIC BOMBING:** For the remainder of the war, Rostow worked to the Enemy Objectives Unit (EOU) [Wikipedia briefing], analysing and prioritising the Allied strategic bombing offensive. He helped, for example, to target Germany's oil supplies, even going so far as to claim that if his ideas had been adopted earlier the Iron Curtain would have ended up a lot further east than in reality it did.

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have already noted the part played by John J. McCloy [see own entry] in liaising between industry contacts on the one hand and the U.S. Air Force on the other, so that the 1943-1945 strategic bombing offensive did not target too many U.S. investments in Germany. Among the companies thereby protected were General Electric and Westinghouse (Yeadon and Hawkins, op. cit. inf.). We have been unable as yet to establish how closely together (if, indeed, at all) Rostow and McCloy worked.

... (e) for returning to Washington after the war for a brief spell as an economics advisor to the State Department, (f) then back to Oxford in 1946 as Professor of American History before being headhunted in 1947 to join the Economic Commission for Europe [Wikipedia briefing] during its implementation of the famed Marshall Plan [Wikipedia briefing], (g) for being one of the team responsible for Operation TROY, the 1949 push to "turn truth into a weapon" ...

**CAMEO - ROSTOW AND TROY:** We take that quaint phrase from a 1993 paper by Allan A. Needell entitled " 'Truth is our weapon': Project TROY [etc.]

[Wikipedia briefing]" [full text online (requires JSTOR registration) ESSENTIAL READING]. The operation itself would, needless to say, have been more accurately depicted as weaponising deception, and it is eerily appropriate that TROY began in the same year that George Orwell gave us the whole notion of Doublespeak [Wikipedia briefing]. The project has recently been re-excavated in Albarelli (op. cit. inf.), as follows ...

**SOME NEW NAMES:** Here, in order of their appearance in the following clip are the new players introduced below: Under-Secretary of State James E. Webb [Wikipedia biography]; Lloyd Berkner [Wikipedia biography], Carnegie Institution of Washington, physicist; Vannevar Bush [Wikipedia biography], R & D boffin, National Science Foundation.

"In the spring of 1949, when the Soviet Union attempts to jam Voice of America [Wikipedia briefing] radio broadcasts, government official James E. Webb contacts Berkner, a radio engineer by trade, and asks him to formulate a response using the military's network of academic advisors. Berkner assembles scientific personnel for the Cold War psychological warfare Project Troy at MIT in 1950 with Walt Rostow and completes a four-volume report for the State Department. On the TROY staff, Berkner includes [two names], two ex-Office of War Information staff from Harvard University. Berkner's TROY report observes that up-to-date knowledge of foreign scientific developments is crucial to the work of American scientists" (p826).

... (h) for adopting an unremittingly hawkish line against the Soviet Union during the regional tensions in the Pacific Rim which led to the Soviet-backed invasion of South Korea in June 1950, (i) also in 1950 for joining MIT, hoping to develop that university's Center for International Studies (CENIS) [Wikipedia briefing], (j) for working closely with Allen Dulles and (the Propagandameister nobody has ever heard of) C. D. Jackson [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE] to set Cold War strategies for psychological and economic warfare ...

**CAMEO - ROSTOW AND THE PRINCETON CONFERENCES:** Here is Albarelli again ...

**SOME MORE NEW NAMES:** Dean Acheson [Wikipedia biography], Secretary of State; J. Robert Oppenheimer [Wikipedia biography], atom scientist; C. D. Jackson (as above), and Richard Bissell [see own entry], CIA top-teamer.

"In March 1951, Vannevar Bush discusses the formation of a psychological warfare agency with Allen Dulles. Lloyd Berkner joins the newly formed Psychological Strategy Board [Wikipedia briefing] with Dulles the following month. [...] In April 1952, when Dean Acheson sets up a Panel of Consultants on Disarmament [Wikipedia briefing] with J. Robert Oppenheimer, Vannevar Bush and Dulles are part of the panel. Berkner takes part in a May 1952 meeting at Princeton University with Dulles, Walt Rostow, and C. D. Jackson to discuss psychological warfare planning. These same participants - Dulles,
... (k) these same years for working on the Soviet Vulnerabilities Program [covered in his Wiki], (l) for thereby coming to the notice of President Eisenhower who appointed him special advisor in 1954, (m) for setting up his latest academic observations in the 1960 book "The Stages of Economic Growth: A Non-Communist Manifesto" [Amazon] (a well-received work at the time thanks to instant free publicity, but nowadays regarded as a technically flawed work of sophistry), (n) for then bringing all the above threads together during the Eisenhower-Kennedy handover period [= December 1960-January 1961], not least by helping set the tone for the slow Indochina Fiasco of the ensuing 15 years ...

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by Ho Chi Minh and the Viet Minh in shaping much of the 20th Century should then see the biographical entries for Ho himself, Lucien Conein, Alfred T. Cox, and Paul Helliwell; also the Timeline entries for 27th January 1919 [DEEP CONTEXT] and 29th March 1945 [INTERESTING].

CAMEO - ROSTOW AND THE RAPE OF INDOCHINA: Here is Newman (op. cit. inf.) to set the scene (a long passage, heavily abridged; JFK was inaugurated 20th January 1961) ...

"So as the president elect, the day before his inauguration, listened quietly to Eisenhower and [name] advocate a massive U.S. military intervention in Laos, he had his own ideas - and kept them to himself. [...] During his first press conference Kennedy declared that Laos should be an 'independent' country free of domination by either side. Unfortunately, that vision would not be realised [...]. By early February [= still 1961], it looked as though Eisenhower's concerns had been justified: the military situation in Laos was critical. Supplied by an ongoing Soviet airlift, the communist Pathet Lao [Wikipedia briefing] already held the strategic Plain of Jars [map]. [+++ Kennedy is denied critical intelligence and decides Laos should be neutral +++] When Kennedy approved the Laos neutralisation gambit, as Rostow called the plan, he excluded the provision for a deployment of U.S. troops to Thailand [...] and within three weeks of the plan's adoption, the Pathet Lao consolidated their hold on the Plain of Jars [...] raising the spectre of a communist offensive. [+++ Laos' puppet administration is indeed quickly defeated +++] Rostow reported it to Kennedy this way: 'Without much of a fight, our boys fell back, apparently beyond the crucial crossroads' [thus opening the way] to the Mekong Valley and South Vietnam. The new administration's policy in Southeast Asia was headed for deep trouble" (pp14-18).

Despite the inauspicious start to the Kennedy presidency Rostow seems to have escaped any blame for the setback on the Plain of Jars for he was promoted Deputy Special Assistant for National Security Affairs on 21st April 1961.

... (o) for parallel involvement in South Vietnam, where Edward G. Lansdale [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL (ON THE SCENE)] had on 11th May 1961 been assigned to General Maxwell Taylor's Special Group (Augmented) (SGA) [see Lansdale entry, item (f)] and was calling for "a clear statement of support" for the generally unpopular [even with his own military - Ed.] U.S.-sponsored kakistocrat Ngo Dinh Diem [see the Lansdale entry], who was "channeling" [= stealing] much of the U.S. financial aid to his cronies (Newman, op. cit. inf.) ...

CAMEO - ROSTOW RECOMMENDS A COUNTER-OFFENSIVE IN VIETNAM: Rostow made his move 29th March 1961 in a memorandum to JFK recommending a counteroffensive in Vietnam using hitherto "unexploited counter-guerrilla assets" such as armed helicopters and special forces units. Here is Newman with the detail (another long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"General Phoumi's failure had clearly sent Laos planning back to the drawing board. [...] To decide how to proceed, a key strategy meeting was held on March 9 [at which] the Laos Task Force recommended Operation MILLPOND [Wikipedia briefing], a 'seventeen-step escalation ladder' beginning with military advisors, moving to token units, and then on to deploying a massive force. The Task Force, however, was more [enthusiastic] than the president [...] who emphasised to all present that he had not given the final 'go' signal. [...] Rostow] argued for the introduction of a small number of U.S. combat forces into the Mekong Valley [map], not to fight the Pathet Lao, but to deter them and provide a bargaining chip for an international conference. The JCS opposed Rostow's plan [...]. [+++ detail +++] Back in Washington, Kennedy delayed making a final decision as another crisis in a different part of the world moved to centre stage. Operation ZAPATA [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL CONTEXT], the planned overthrow of Castro, scheduled for April 17, was only ten days away. Its disastrous outcome would have had an unpredictable and profound effect on U.S. policy toward Southeast Asia" (pp20-24).

***** BAY OF PIGS FIASCO, 17th-20th APRIL 1961 *****
... (p) for eventually falling out with the Joint Chiefs on 27th April 1961 over the best way to be a hawk [Rostow, recall, is just a well-connected civilian economist trying to tell combat fighters how to do their job - Ed.], (q) for being purged from the NSC in November 1961 in Kennedy's Bay of Pigs Revenge, and deployed instead as chairman of the State Department's Policy Planning Council [Wikipedia briefing] (Horne, op. cit. inf.), (r) for continuing to apportion his time between giving hawkish presidential advice on the one hand and producing faux-academic argument to support that advice on the other, even as the world drifted ever closer to the near-nuclear confrontation of October 1962 ...  

***** CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, 16th-28th OCTOBER 1962 *****  

CAMEO - ROSTOW AND THE CASTRO "CONTRACT": The problem is that Kennedy has publicly promised Soviet premier Khruschev that the United States will make no further moves against Castro, meaning that all future black ops now need to be "plausibly deniable" [Wikipedia briefing]. Here is Bartholomew’s version of events (a long extract, heavily abridged ...  

Yet Another New Name: Harold R. Isaacs [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE)].  

"Relatively little attention has been paid to Walt Rostow in the literature of the Kennedy assassination. It seems, however, that he has several connections relevant to November 22, 1963. He and his friend McGeorge Bundy may have urged their long-term friend Richard Bissell to establish the ‘Executive Action’ assassination capability known as ZR/RIFLE [see own entry]. [...] It was these same two members of Kennedy’s inner circle who advised him, on February 11, 1961, to abolish the Operations Coordination Board of the National Security Council - the chief reason for the Bay of Pigs fiasco [...] and also] to intervene militarily in Laos as well as Cuba. [...] Other] connections concern his relationships with C. D. Jackson, the publisher of LIFE Magazine who bought and suppressed the Zapruder film, Harold R. Isaacs, a research associate at MIT’s Center for International Studies (CENIS) [Wikipedia briefing] in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Air Force Major General Edward G. Lansdale [see item (o) above]. [...] For ten years at CENIS, Rostow worked closely with Isaacs” (k3162-3207).  

***** BAY OF PIGS FIASCO, 17th-20th APRIL 1961 *****  

***** LYNDON JOHNSON TAKES OVER *****
... (t) for being rehabilitated onto the White House advisory team under Lyndon Johnson, (u) for being named as a passing associate of the abovementioned Harold Isaacs in the 1964 Warren Commission Inquiry ...

***** NOTE THIS NEXT BIT CAREFULLY *****

**CAMEO - ROSTOW AND DOCUMENT 942 (THE PAUL SCOTT ACCUSATIONS):** We have already covered this material in detail in the entries for Marilyn Murret [IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE] and Paul Scott [ānō]. To save tiresome cross-browsing, here - for readers needing just a quickie - is a clip of what we said (Rostow's mention highlighted thus) ...

"Warren Commission Document 942 says that it had been alleged that Marilyn Dorothea Murret (Oswald's cousin) was linked in some manner with the apparatus of Professor Harold Isaacs. [...] This document describes Isaacs as a disillusioned leftist intellectual who had become a professional anti-communist [...] It had been classified by the Warren Commission as a withheld file [...] and] would probably still be secret if an assassination researcher had not discovered it mis-filed in the National Archives in the mid-1970s. The report was the result, no doubt, of Isaac's name being linked to the JFK assassination by two sources in 1964. One [...] was a right-wing reporter named Paul Scott who was convinced that Isaacs was a '... mastermind of the communist movement [...]'] [...] who] was being supported in his efforts by members of Johnson's cabinet, including Rusk, McNamara, Rostow, Cleveland, and Yarmolinsky" (Bartholomew, op. cit. inf., k3162-3207).

... (v) for being appointed National Security Adviser in May 1966, generally continuing to talk up escalation in the Vietnam War until 1969 when he retired to teach economics at the University of Texas at Austin, and (w) for continuing to peddle his brand of weaponised economics in, for example, the 1980 book "The World Economy: History and Prospect" [Amazon]. He died in 2003, aged 86, and in 2008 was posthumously dubbed "America's Rasputin" in Milne (op. cit. inf.). He died in 2003, aged 86. **FURTHER READING:** In order of mention see Glen Yeadeon and John Hawkins' (2008) "Nazi Hydra in America" [Amazon], Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK" [Amazon], John M. Newman's (2016) "JFK and Vietnam: Deception, Intrigue, and the Struggle for Power (2nd Edition)" [Amazon], Douglas Horne's (2013) "JFK's War With The National Security Establishment" [Amazon], Richard Bartholomew's (2018) "The Deep State in the Heart of Texas: The Texas Connections to the Kennedy Assassination" [Amazon], and Tim Weiner's (2007) "Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA" [Amazon]. Other than all that, for a mainstream biography see David Milne's (2008) "America's Rasputin: Walt Rostow and the Vietnam War" [Amazon]. Rostow does not, as far as we can see, seem to have bothered with an autobiography or political memoir.

**Roswell Park:** Founded by Dr. Roswell Park in 1895 as the Grantwich Research Laboratory, Buffalo, NY, the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Institute [Wikipedia briefing] is nowadays a cutting-edge cancer research and treatment centre. The institute is noteworthy in the present context for the time spent there in 1961 by Judyth Vary Baker [q.v.], before her move to New Orleans.

**Rothschild Family (Bankers) at a Glance:** The Rothschild banking family dynasty began when German Jew Mayer Amschel Rothschild [Wikipedia biography] set up in business in 1763 as a coin dealer at "The House of the Red Shield" (a red shield [= roth Schild] already being the family logo) in the Judengasse, Frankfurt-am-Main. Amongst his clients was Friedrich II of Hesse-Cassel [Wikipedia biography], who reportedly borrowed 22 million thaler to raise troops to fight as mercenaries for (his wife's nephew) George III in the American Revolutionary War (that is to say, the very Hessians whom Washington crossed the Delaware in 1776 to catch at Christmas breakfast: the King, incidentally, would have had to borrow from similar sources to pay for them). Rothschild was rewarded by being made "Court Jew" to Friedrich's son Wilhelm IX of Hesse-Kassel [Wikipedia biography], for whom he performed similar services. Rothschild also carefully tutored his five sons to follow in his footsteps as a bank with five like-minded branches, as follows ...

In the coming decades the five Rothschilds put their father's lessons to good effect. Salomon, for example, will trade into the United States though a New York City subsidiary run by August Belmont [see own entry], and will be particularly involved [it was described at the time as an "Unholy Alliance" - Ed.] With the Austrian foreign minister Prince Klemens von Metternich in rebuilding the Habsburg economy after the Napoleonic Wars. Nathan Mayer will help negotiate the 1833 (but not-paid-off until 2015) Slavery Abolition Act Loan [see the entry for Neoliberalism, A Worked Example]. And James will fund the French railway system until the French Treasury decided in 1848 to stop contracting out the underwriting of sovereign debt and adopted a system of public subscription instead.

UNCONFIRMED ANECDOTES: Rothschild biographers frequently attribute the family's success to the unrivalled excellence of their in-house intelligence service, part Pony Express, part Pinkerton's Detective Agency. In the age before the telegraph this enabled the five banking centres to communicate to each other and - increasingly - clients worldwide. They even had ships' captains on call at the Channel ports willing to cast off at a moment's notice in anything short of a Force 10. It was this courier service which brought the news of the outcome of the Battle of Waterloo to London, in time - reputedly - to do some quick winner-sensitive trading ...

ASIDE: The story goes that Nathan Mayer bought covertly in a slumping marketplace having probably spread the rumour that Napoleon had won, and then sold on the rebound, clearing - in today's money - some £100 million.

Cowles (1973) also reports an instance when the mail from Constantinople was deliberately delayed just long enough to arrange a quick killing in the marketplace, and asserts that as a matter of routine mails would be secreted read and re-sealed while in transit. It has also been claimed that one of Andrew Jackson's allies at the Battle of New Orleans, 1815, the pirate Jean Laffite [Yul Brynner in the 1958 movie "The Buccaneer"], was just such a Rothschild courier.

As for the sons of the sons, here are the main personalities [note that (1) above died childless, so (2) took over the Frankfurt and Vienna branches; the Naples branch was also largely transferred to Frankfurt and Vienna - Ed.] ...

(1) Based in Frankfurt and Vienna, Anselm Salomon von Rothschild [Wikipedia biography], who in 1855 marketed the Vienna branch as Creditanstalt [Wikipedia factsheet] and saw it go on to become the largest bank in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. (Their New York City associate August Belmont has by now become a major source of influence in the Democratic Party.)
(2) Based in London, Lionel Nathan de Rothschild [Wikipedia biography] and Nathaniel de Rothschild [Wikipedia biography],
(3) Based in Paris, Abraham Edmond de Rothschild [Wikipedia biography].

Again the grandchildren put family traditions to good effect. Lionel Nathan was responsible for the high profile Irish Famine Loans, 1846-7, Crimean War Loan, 1854, Suez Canal Purchase, 1876, French War Loan, 1871, Nathaniel developed the Chateau Mouton Rothschild brand as a hobby, and Edmond used some of his personal fortune charitably assisting early Jewish settlements in (then-Ottoman) Palestine. As for the great-grandchildren we note primarily Nathaniel ["Natty"] Mayer Rothschild [1st Baron Rothschild] [Wikipedia biography], son of Lionel Nathan above, banker to the British Royal Family in the run up to WW1.

ASIDE: Some caution is needed when using the "Baron" title. Natty was the first true British Baron from 1885, and thereby the first unconverted Jew accepted into the British aristocracy. However the many previous "Baron Rothschilds" were using their Austro-Hungarian titles either informally, or, after Queen Victoria (remembering the financial favours done to her grandfather George III) approved the practice in 1838, formally. You see much the same with Baron George de Mohrenschmidt [check him out] who, although a United States citizen, liked to harken back to a long-defunct Tsarist Lithuanian title.
It will fall to Natty to be the "My Dear Lord R." to whom the fateful Balfour Declaration letter was intended in 1917. The Rothschild family continue through the generations to modern times, and at the time of writing the British branch is headed by Natty's great-grandson Nathaniel Jacob Rothschild, 4th Baron Rothschild, who features large in the New World Order Conspiracy Theory.

Rothschild, Lionel Walter [2nd Baron Rothschild] 1915: British banker-politician Walter Rothschild is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the eldest son of Lord Nathaniel Rothschild, (b) for being an enthusiastic Zionist, and (c) for being the postal addressee of the famous Balfour Declaration.

Rothschild, Victor: See the entry for Kim Philby.

Round Table Movement: The Round Table Movement was founded 4th-6th September 1909 as a front organisation for promoting the New World Order ideas emanating from Milner's Kindergarten. Here are some of its early officers and/or affiliates...

Leopold Amery; Lord Robert Brand; Sir Reginald Coupland; Sir George Craik; Lionel Curtis; Geoffrey Dawson; Lionel Hitchens; Philip Kerr, Lord Lothian; Lord Milner himself; Lord Selbourne; Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland

Much of the early administration was done by Curtis, who edited The Round Table Journal. He also toured the Dominions establishing local Round Table branches. In its present incarnation, Round Table has evolved into an apolitical community activism group, having sloughed off its political lobbying and international kingmaking portfolios to consanguineal groups such as the Bilderberg Group and the Trilateral Commission.

Rowland, Arnold Louis: Dallas student Arnold Rowland witnessed the shooting from the corner of Houston Street and Main Street, and noted "a man" at a TSBD6 window "on the west corner of the building" with "a fairly high-powered rifle because of the scope and the relative proportion of the scope to the rifle". Like the several other TSBD6 witnesses Rowland initially assumed this to be a security presence.

ASIDE: The official sniper's nest is on the east corner of the building. In the Rod Mac Kenzie theory the west window was the one assigned to Loy Factor. Rowland had hunted with a thirty-six rifle and knew enough about firearms to be listened to.

Rowland's evidential profile is as follows: Sheriff's Office Affidavit, 22nd November 1963; Warren Commission testimony. Rowland gets a mention in the important testimony of Deputy Sheriff Roger Craig.

Rowland, Roland Walter ["Tiny"]: Born in British India to a German father and Anglo-Dutch mother, Tiny Rowland is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a brief interlude in the Hamburg Hitler Youth in the mid-1930s, (b) for relocating to Britain in 1937, being duly interned as an "enemy alien" during WW2, (c) for relocating to Southern Rhodesia in 1948, soon becoming a successful businessman...

ASIDE: It is not unknown for successful alien businessmen to have started their fortune by spying on their fellow aliens.
(d) for becoming CEO in 1962 of the London and Rhodesian Mining and Land Company (later Lonrho) [Wikipedia briefing], being closely associated during that period with a number of persons in the British intelligence services, (e) for investing some of his profits by buying The Observer in 1983, and (f) despite a long running and well-publicised battle with Mohamed Al-Fayed for being unable to prevent his acquiring London's iconic Harrods department store.

Rowley, James J.: Chief of the Secret Service Jim Rowley [Wikipedia biography] was called upon after the shooting to look into his agents' performance on 22nd November 1963. Much of his attention was naturally directed toward the Secret Service Junkets which had lasted well into the night of 21st/22nd November, and had involved a total of 19 agents. He confirmed that this had been against established protocol, but judged that in the event it had not affected those agents' performance on the day. Rowley's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; House Select Committee on Assassinations testimony [read it now].

[Royal]1926 Institute of International Affairs: [Usually known obliquely as Chatham House after its headquarters building at 10 St. James' Square; Originally the British Institute etc., until receiving its Royal charter in 1926] The British NGO Chatham House [Wikipedia briefing] was founded 5th July 1920 by Lionel Curtis [see own entry] as a right-wing think tank with views a-plenty on the national and international issues of the day. None other than Sir Edward Grey moved the inaugural resolution. The organisation is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a spin-off from Lord Milner's Round Table Movement [see own entry], (b) for having launched its house journal International Affairs in 1922, (c) for recruiting the scholar and ex-Ministry Intelligence Officer Arnold Toynbee [see own entry] as Director of Studies in 1924, a position he would retain until 1955, (d) for obtaining its Royal charter in 1926 and (e) for generally becoming the platform of choice for the promotion of political big ideas (but at the same time - and this is the more important thing - of subtly belittling, more or less to order, certain even bigger ideas as unfit for discussion). For recent activity see the Chatham House website.

Rubenstein, Jacob Leon: See the entry for Jack Ruby.

Rubenstein, Sidney: Dallas restaurateur Sidney Zelman [no convenient biography] was the "Rubenstein" in the "Rubenstein and Son Produce Inc" referred to in the entry for Danny Arce.


Rubinowitz, Arthur Lee ["Tex"]: See the entry for "The B-Thing".


Ruby, Jack Leon ["Sparky"]; [From birth until 1947 Jacob Leon Rubenstein] Life-long mobster, gun-runner, trusted bagman to the real Godfathers, and breathtakingly meticulous putter-together of conspiracies Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby [Wikipedia biography] had spent months preparing the ground for the assassination (both physically and figuratively), was always close at hand on the day itself, and then spent 48 hours stalking LHO once his pre-planned silencing failed to take place (probably at the Texas Theater).

ASIDE: We particularly like the story in Henry C. Hurt, Jr.'s 1985 book "Reasonable Doubt" to the effect that Ruby HIMSELF warned DPD late on 23rd November 1963 that LHO was going to be shot in the basement the following morning - more details in the entry for William Grammer.
Now simply accumulate the other 100 or so references to this man in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for Jack Ruby. For a quick introduction, see him speaking on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

Rudolf Abel Affair: See the entry for Anne Goodpasture.

Rush, Johann William: [Read firstly the entry for Bill Stuckey.] New Orleans news cameraman Johann Rush [no convenient biography, but plenty to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for being the WDSU-TV cameraman who filmed LHO 12th and 16th August 1963. For details see the entry for Oswald Video and Audio.


Russian Liberation Army (ROA): [Read firstly the entry for Andrey Vlasov.] [A.k.a. the Vlasov Army] Founded late in 1944 to fight on the Nazi Eastern Front, the ROA [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a recruiting device to attract to the Nazi cause diasporic White Russians or displaced Soviets wishing to bring about the political downfall of the Soviet Union by fighting for its enemies ...

RESEARCH ISSUE - WHEN DOES TREASON BECOME GLORIOUS REVOLUTION?: Ethnic, religious, and political divisions have long been exploited as likely seeds of division in an enemy's camp. This becomes especially easy when your enemy is a multi-tribal union to start with, for there are bound to be long-standing tensions and past wounds to re-open. Properly fomented and resourced, this sort of sectarian violence weakens the enemy at home while you engage his troops at the front. When successful, full rebellions and coups can result, whereupon the old fringe becomes the new centre. If unsuccessful, however, the losing faction must either flee for their lives or else expect vicious reprisals and summary justice for treason.

... (b) for thereby being part of the in-many-eyes shameful 1945-1946 Yalta Repatriations [dealt with herein as Operation KEELHAUL REVELATORY], and (c) for thus becoming a fertile source of linguistically fluent operatives for the equally shameful anti-Communist black ops conducted by the United States in Yugoslavia during the early years of the Cold War - see the entries for George Kennan and Operation BLOODSTONE.

"The full story of how Garrison was hamstrung would fill a volume" (Russell, op. cit. inf.)

Russo, Perry Raymond: Insurance salesman Perry Russo [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context as a material witness in the 1967-1968 Garrison Investigation and the ensuing 1969 Clay Shaw Trial ...

Readers unfamiliar with the backstory here should carefully check out the entries for <Clay Shaw> and <David Ferrie> before proceeding.

Note that both men were predatory homosexuals.

Readers with an hour to spare will find a lot of background information on the New Orleans Connection in a June 2022 presentation on Eric Hunley's America's Untold Stories YouTube channel. The speaker is researcher Mark Groubert.

Watch it here

GROUBERT IS BOTH INFORMATIVE AND ENTERTAINING

CAMEO - RUSSO'S TESTIMONY: Jim Garrison was elected District Attorney for New Orleans Parish in 1961. He was alerted to his city's possible part in the Kennedy assassination in late 1966 when a political
WITNESS DETAILS 'PLOT' ON KENNEDY
-Says he heard Oswald and 3 plan assassination

By GENE ROBERTS
special to The New York Times

NEW ORLEANS, March 14 - A life insurance agent [...] testified today that he had heard Oswald and two New Orleans men plot the assassination.

Then the witness, Perry Raymond Russo, an agent for the Equitable Life Assurance Society, left his chair in court and held his hand above the head of Clay L. Shaw to point him out as one of the participants in the alleged conspiracy.

[...] Mr. Russo said he saw Mr. Shaw and Oswald together at Mr. Ferrie's apartment in New Orleans on three occasions in September of 1963. He said that on one occasion they carried on a detailed discussion of plans and alternate plans for assassinating President Kennedy.

They talked, he said, of 'using diversionary tactics', of an 'escape' route by airplane, of 'selecting a kind of scapegoat' to draw attention from the real assassins, and of 'triangulation' - shots from three directions.

[...] 'Dave Ferrie,' he testified, 'took the initiative in the conversation. He paced back and forth and was talking. [...] He said three people, at the very least two, would have to be there and another man would have to be a kind of scapegoat.'

[...] Mr. Russo said Mr. Ferrie had made it clear that he had 'worked up two proposals' for escaping soon after the assassination.

One involved flying to Mexico and Brazil and then perhaps to Cuba, he said, and the other involved going directly to Cuba.

According to Mr. Russo, Mr. Ferrie thought there might be danger in both plans [...] .

[...] At one point in the discussion, Mr. Russo said Oswald told Bertrand to 'shut up and leave him [Ferrie] alone - he knows what he's talking about, he's been a pilot'.

[...] Later in the month of September, Mr. Russo said, he visited Mr. Ferrie's apartment again and found [...] Oswald was cleaning a rifle, which appeared to have a 'bolt action' and a 'hunting sight'.
Russo would give a more informal account in an interview many years later. Although this interview did not take place until 1993, we detail it at this point because it puts the New Orleans conspiracy into a broader geopolitical context ...

**CAMEO - RUSSO'S 1993 INTERVIEW WITH EDWARD HASLAM:** Russo was interviewed in 1993 by Edward T. Haslam [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] for what eventually became the 2007 book "Dr. Mary's Monkey" (Haslam, op. cit. inf.). Here is that author with some background to the interview (a long passage, heavily abridged) ...

Readers unfamiliar with Ferrie's work in 1963 as animal keeper for "Dr. Mary" should skim the entry for <Mary Sherman> before proceeding

"In 1972 [...] I met a brilliant and beautiful young woman named Barbara. [+++ they date +++] Several days later [...] I invited her sailing. [...] She accepted the offer and gave me her address [...]: 3225 Louisiana Avenue Parkway. [+++ he goes to pick her up and notices the smell of baking bread in the apartment ++++] 'Baking bread? I inquired. 'Yes,' she said, explaining that the apartment had a 'residual odour' in it and that she had heard that baking bread would help take the odour away. [...] I asked, due to the odour, if the previous tenant had cats. She said, somewhat mysteriously, that 'they had animals'. [+++ further probings ++++] I shrugged and said, The only thing that comes to mind is a secret laboratory that was discovered during the Garrison investigation. There was this political wacko and this woman doctor who had thousands of mice in cages. They were using monkey viruses to induce cancer in mice. Garrison thought they were trying to develop a biological weapon" (pp69-76).

And here is his account of his Perry Russo interview ...

**Readers unfamiliar with the addresses 3225 (Ferrie's "Mouse House") and 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway (Ferrie's apartment) will find map links for both in the entry for <Judyth Vary Baker>.

"In January 1993, I flew to New Orleans to assist Gus Russo [see own entry NO RELATION] in his investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald for the PBS television show *Frontline*. Before I left for New Orleans, I called Perry Russo. Perry had been Garrison's key witness, who testified that he was in Ferrie's apartment when Ferrie plotted to kill Kennedy. In 1993 Perry was a cab driver in New Orleans, so I asked him to pick me up at the airport. Once in the cab I asked him to tell me everything he knew about Ferrie, starting with the first time he met him. Perry began at the beginning and talked for nearly an hour. His descriptions were detailed and insightful. His story began back in high school, when he coached a neighbourhood basketball team. One of the boys on his team was the object of David Ferrie's affection [and] had moved in with Ferrie. Perry Russo infiltrated Ferrie's group with the intention of bringing his friend home. To do this, he had to break Ferrie's considerable psychological grip on the youngster. [...] I asked questions as we went along. He was quick to say 'I don't know' when he did not know. [+++ Ferrie background ++++] Two days later Perry Russo picked up Gus Russo and me, and drove us over to Ferrie's apartment on Louisiana Avenue Parkway. While Gus asked Perry questions about Garrison and the Kennedy assassination, I got out of the car and walked around, checking the distance between that building (3330) and the one I knew (3225) [...]. When I got back in the car, Perry mentioned that Ferrie's apartment had been vacant for four or five years after his death in 1967 [due to] the lingering smell of animals. [...] There had to be a connection! My conclusion could only be that Ferrie had been involved in both apartments, and used 3225 Louisiana Avenue Parkway as his underground medical laboratory" (pp107-108).

**Which is why Oliver Stone went to the trouble of including (but never fully explaining) white mice in two of the Joe Pesci/David Ferrie scenes in his (1991) movie "JFK".**

**QUICKIE - "MIGUEL THE MECHANIC"**: At this point in his narrative, Haslam deviates to discuss a another resident upstairs at 3225 in 1972, an "Hispanic" man who went by the name "Miguel" and was described as standing five feet eight inches tall, with black hair and a stocky build, in his "mid-thirties", and "common looking" with a "shifty personality". This is what he then suggests ...

'First, consider his [= Miguel's] claim that he worked occasionally 'at a service station in Jefferson Parish'. From 1964 to his death in 1967, David Ferrie operated a service station in Jefferson Parish. Secondly, Miguel has said he worked as 'a mechanic'. Within the covert operations circles in which David Ferrie ran, the word 'mechanic' was a commonly used euphemism for 'assassin' [they even name movies after it - IMDB example]. Thirdly, Perry Russo testified in court that, in September 1963, he heard David Ferrie, Clay Shaw, and several Cubans discuss shooting President Kennedy with high-powered rifles. The location of this incident was David Ferrie's apartment at 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway. [Perry Russo] said the Cubans frequently showed up at Ferrie's apartment. They just appeared. No phone calls. No cars. Always late at night. Always in groups. Always from the back staircase. [...] How did
the Cubans know when to show up? Were they staying in Miguel's apartment down the block? Was Miguel one of them?" (p111).

Haslam's working hypothesis - and it dovetails with other sub-narratives - was therefore that Miguel was managing a safe house for Cuban exiles being trained at paramilitary camps such as that at Covington [see the entry for the Pontchartrain Raid].

Now it is important to understand that both the Garrison Investigation and the ensuing Clay Shaw Trial were subjected to sustained and intensive deep state attack. Witnesses were summarily executed, cooperation refused, moles and provocateurs inserted, staff smeared and briefed against in the media, papers mis-filed, etc., etc., etc.

See for example the entry clusters surrounding (1) <Edgar Eugene Bradley> and the <Turner Memorandum>, and (2) <Francis L. Frugé> and <Reeves Morgan>.

Small surprise, therefore, that on 1st March 1969 - denied full access to the evidence by their own government - the Garrison jury took only an hour to acquit Shaw. Russo then managed to survive the further round of witness executions and old boy obstructionism which ensured that the 1976-1978 HSCA Inquiry was similarly toothless. Russo suffered an apparently accidental gunshot wound 28th May 1994, and died of a heart attack 16th August 1995, aged 54. Baker notes that Russo had been corresponding in 1994 with field researcher Peter R. Whitney [see own entry] ...

"Perry Russo, who often seemed depressed, shot himself 'accidentally' a year after author Ed Haslam interviewed him. Whitney wrote, 'After writing to Perry ... I received what turned out to be his last reply in a letter dated August 17, 1994 (in an unidentified friend's handwriting) ... He continued to feel 'burned out' and was again recovering from an injury sustained after accidentally shooting himself in his cab back on May 28, 1994" (Baker, p303).

Russo continued to generate controversy even after his death, as authors took sides for and against him. He would feature, for example, in Gus Russo's 1998 book (Russo, op. cit. inf.), as follows ...

RESEARCH ISSUE #1 - INNUENDO IN THE KENNEDY COVER-UP: Gus Russo's 1998 book is worthy of close study NOT for what it says, but very much for HOW it says it, for it is a minor masterclass in how to deceive with words [see Austin (1962) for the pragmatic theory here - Ed.]. The point is that after Haslam and Gus Russo had interviewed Perry Russo in 1993, they treated what he had told them quite differently. Haslam's interpretation is set out in detail above, and is an attempt to create a coherent single narrative out of the available fragments of facts. It is, in other words, a brave attempt to make that all-important step from random facts to the whole truth and nothing but required when giving statements under oath. Gus Russo, on the other hand, wrote his version of the Perry Russo testimony into his 1998 book using - carelessly we must presume - many of the trademark devices of a deliberately deceitful communication.

ASIDE - THE PSYCHOLOGY OF MALICIOUS DECEPTION: Students of propaganda techniques are taught an array of techniques for bending facts into their desired narrative - check out, for example, the occurrences of the term <gratuitous> in this 2004 companion resource. This old student handout sets out the basics of how to deceive a careless audience. Many of these sophisticated features of rational argument are lacking in the uneducated, wilfully ignored by the ignorant (which is why they are called ignorant - Ed.), and systematically abused by Sophists, liars, and the entire spin-doctoring industry. As a consequence, there is a commonality between the rules of scholarly debate and the rules of evidence in jurisprudence, specifically in the use of "objections" in courtroom proceedings. We are about to see wome of this at work, so readers unfamiliar with objections sustained or over-ruled may wish to skim this Cornell Law School Briefing on the subject before proceeding.

Here is how Gus Russo told Perry Russo's story. We have highlighted gratuitous and loaded phrasing thus, and have interpolated possible courtroom objections thus [OBJECTION, TYPE (justification)] ...

"Garrison's star witness, who had 'observed' the assassination planning, was a cab driver named Perry Russo (no relation to the author of this work), who Garrison paid $3000 for 'expenses', as Russo himself confessed [OBJECTION, NOT BEST EVIDENCE (does not accurately describe Russo's statement as given - there was nothing to confess)]. Russo may be one of the only star witnesses ever to openly admit that he 'did not know the difference between fantasy and reality' [OBJECTION, NOT BEST EVIDENCE (does not accurately describe Russo's statement as given)]. Garrison considered neither the payoff incentive nor Russo's derangement [OBJECTION, HEARSAY (not proven)] be material to his case. In fact, it is questionable whether Clay Shaw even knew Dave Ferrie [+++ testimony of witnesses Layton Martens [see own entry], Morris Brownlee [no convenient biography but much to reward the
determined browser], Alan Campbell [ditto], and Alvin Beauboeuf [ditto cited +++] [OBJECTION, NOT BEST EVIDENCE (known counterexamples not taken into account)]. Typically, Garrison wouldn't let a detail like that stop his persecution of Clay Shaw [OBJECTION, NOT BEST EVIDENCE (the DA is just doing his job)]. He tried to bribe all three [OBJECTION, NOT BEST EVIDENCE (no evidence has been produced to indicate that payments made were anything but legitimate expenses)] into railroading both Shaw and their deceased friend, David Ferrie. The indictment Garrison needed to take Shaw to trial was handed down by a grand jury stacked with Garrison's friends [OBJECTION, NOT BEST EVIDENCE (no evidence given - but a clear attempt to influence the reader's mindset)]" (k9333-9352).

There is more in the same vein, but we have seen enough already. The writing is as laughably unacceptable as legal argument as it is as academic argument.

**FURTHER READING:** In order of mention see Dick Russell's (2008/2022) "On the Trail of the JFK Assassins" [Amazon], Judyth Vary Baker's (2014) "David Ferrie" [Amazon PRICELESS], Edward Haslam's (2007/2014) "Dr. Mary's Monkey" [Amazon], and Gus Russo's (1998) "Live by the Sword: The Secret War against Castro and the Death of JFK" [Amazon]. According to movie historians, Perry Russo's testimony was delivered by the Kevin Bacon character "Willie O'Keefe" in Oliver Stone's (1991) movie "JFK" [IMDB entry YouTube it here] (this clip rather conveniently includes one of the two centre-screen appearances of Ferrie's lab mice).

**Ryan, Joan** British centrist politician Joan Ryan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a sound enough early career as Labour Party councillor in Nor (b) for being elected as M.P. for Enfield North in Tony Blair's 1997 Labour Landslide Election [Wikipedia briefing], being made a junior minister in 2001 ... (c) for being accused 2007-2009 for pushing the parliamentary expenses system to, if not beyond, its proper limits, (d) for losing her seat in 2010, and then regaining it in 2015, (e) for becoming Chair in August 2015 of the Labour Friends of Israel lobby group, using that position to campaign against Jeremy Corbyn in the then frenetic Labour Leadership Campaign [Wikipedia briefing], (f) for continuing to undermine Corbyn through the Brexit years, finally resigning the Labour Party 20th February 2019 to go independent ...

**ASIDE:** At the younger end of the 101 female Labour M.P.s she was accordingly one of the famous "Blair Babes" [Wikipedia briefing].

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**ASIDE:** Advanced students desiring specifics for this period should scan the References in the Wikipedia biography above, where a dozen or so reports in the timeframe September 2015 through February 2019 are listed.

and (g) (although she herself had decided not to stand again) for continuing in the same corrosive vein in the 2019 British General Election Campaign (GE2019) - for example, see Timeline 15th November 2019, STOP PRESS 5TH DECEMBER 2019: As an entirely unprompted instantiation of (g) above, it so happened that while en route to the presses Ms. Ryan's views featured large in a The Telegraph piece entitled "Labour rocked as Enfield MP Joan Ryan urges voters against backing party with seven days until election" [full text online].

****SAVER OF MANY LIVES*****

**Ryan, Michael** Irish epidemiologist Michael Ryan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being Executive Director of the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s Health Emergencies Programme. He worked during the 1990s for the Bill & Miranda Gates Foundation [Wikipedia briefing], fighting high mortality communicable diseases in Africa, before joining the WHO in 1996. He then represented the WHO on the ground in epidemics such as Ebola, SARS, and MERS, eventually helping to put together a global emergency preparedness monitoring and response team. His 6th March 2020 advice for the COVID-19 Pandemic is that you have to move quickly, even if that means taking educated guesses now and then where laboratory proof is not yet available. "Speed", he says, "trumps perfection" - [YouTube it here]. [THREAD = THE ANATOMY OF A CRISIS]
Ryder, Dial Duane: 25-year-old gunsight Dial Ryder [Wikipedia biography] was the service man at the Irving Sport Shop who was interviewed by the FBI on 25th November 1963 concerning LHO and rifles. Ryder confirmed that his workshop had indeed a drilled three holes for a telescopic sight mounting in "a 6.5 Italian". The work tag was undated, but Ryder estimated it would have been done between 1st and 15th November. Ryder's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2].

Sabbatianism: See the entry for Sabbatai Zevi.

Sacasa, Juan Bautista: Nicaraguan physician turned centrist politician President[1933-1936] Juan Bautista Sacasa [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for maintaining a relatively independent Nicaragua in the years 1933 to 1936. He was deposed in 1936 by Anastasio Somoza, Snr. [see own entry], Commander of the Nicaraguan National Guard. "The media's most cuddly rabbi" (Lerman, 2018)

Sacks, Jonathan Henry [Baron Sacks of Aldgate]2009: British clergyman-academic-broadcaster [Lord]2009 Jonathan Sacks [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the Chief Rabbi of the United Synagogue, the largest of the British Hebrew congregations, and (b) for deploying his power as opinion leader within said congregation [remember one-man-one-vote?? - Ed.] in support of the antisemitism blitz against Jeremy Corbyn during the 2019 General Election campaign, as here reported ...

EXAMPLE: "These highly charged interventions were taking place even as the vile comments the former Chief Rabbi of the United Synagogue, Jonathan Sacks, made about Jeremy Corbyn, in an interview he gave to the New Statesman published on 29 August, were still making waves. Just when you might have thought that the vilification couldn’t be ratcheted up even further, the media’s most cuddly rabbi sent Corbyn-baiting off the graph when he told George Eaton that Corbyn ‘is an antisemite’ who has ‘given support to racists, terrorists and dealers of hate’ and that his reported 2013 remarks about ‘Zionists’ as ‘the most offensive statement by a senior British politician since Enoch Powell’s 1968 “Rivers of Blood” speech.’” (Lerman, 4th September 2018 [full text online])

"... an Angel touched me and said to me ... “ (Menassah)

Sacred Mysteries: This is a modern generic term encompassing the full range of a society's spiritual and superstitious beliefs, rituals, and required practices, provided only (a) that they include an element of somehow precious "knowledge", (b) that they are sufficiently heretical to a competing mainstream religion to require protection by a shield of secrecy, and (c) that the numbers involved are not large enough to count as a fully fledged church in its own right [Wikipedia briefing]. Here are some handy diagnostics to aid their detection ...

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<td>Yes, and always ineffable (although not necessarily anthropomorphic, and possibly even entirely incorporeal or conceptual).</td>
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<td>Will there be a priesthood?</td>
<td>Yes. Indeed, priestly dynasties are not unknown - see, e.g., the entry for Isaiah Horwitz/Horowitz.</td>
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<td>Will there be a declared mission?</td>
<td>Typically, and often highly portentous.</td>
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<td>Will holy visions↑ be claimed?</td>
<td>Typically, as part of claiming the priesthood's authority. See strapline above and the entries for Kabbalah and Manasseh Ben-Israel.</td>
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<td>Will miracles be involved?</td>
<td>Highly likely. Moreover, whilst a single miracle might well have started a mystery rolling, occasional repetitions are likely to help keep it going. But - curiously - never on camera.</td>
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<td>Will there be a &quot;Rapture&quot; [Wikipedia briefing]?</td>
<td>Highly likely, for such tales seem to bring a distinctly orgasmic edge to the mystical experience, making it a &quot;Class A stuporific&quot; in our judgement.</td>
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<td>Will there be martyrs?</td>
<td>Very frequently. There is nothing like death and pain to stop people asking too many awkward questions.</td>
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<td>Will there be required, distinctive, practices?</td>
<td>Yes. Characteristic dress and demeanour, observances and obeisances, diet, treasured rituals, revered personal names, etc. There may also be faux archaisms of language, such as &quot;brethren&quot;, &quot;thee/ye&quot;, &quot;elect&quot;, &quot;oftentimes&quot;, &quot;hearken&quot;, etc., serving to impress the easily impressed.</td>
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<td>Will there be holy artefacts?</td>
<td>Oh, yes [check it out COMPULSORY VIEWING].</td>
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<td>Will there be scriptures?</td>
<td>Yes! And often themselves miraculous. And scriptures about scriptures. And newly discovered scriptures should they suddenly be needed to settle an argument. See, e.g., the inset on Sabbateanism in the entry for Sabbatai Zevi.</td>
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<td>Will charity be shown to outgroupers?</td>
<td>On the whole, no. It is, however, often claimed, but objectively withheld.</td>
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<td>Will exclusivity be demanded?</td>
<td>Yes. (Remember Moses' constant struggle with those who wanted to worship graven images.)</td>
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<td>Will a subscription be taken?</td>
<td>Oh, yes. (Priesthoods and episcopal estates cost the earth.)</td>
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<td>Will there be life after death?</td>
<td>Yes. For it is the martyrdom (see above) awaiting each one of us.</td>
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<td>Will there be resurrection?</td>
<td>Possibly. See miracles above.</td>
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<td>Will there be babies in the bulrushes (and similar origin myths)?</td>
<td>An interesting question. Provisionally, yes - see Sigmund Freud, &quot;Moses and Monotheism&quot; [Amazon], wherein it is pointed out that the Moses in the bulrushes myth occurs, mutatis mutandis, in at least 12 other tribal mythologies, some earlier than that of the Israelites). Similarly, the modern humanist Richard Carrier [Wikipedia biography; and see FURTHER READING below] has studied the evolution of the Christian scriptures in this period, and the doubts he raises about the &quot;historicity&quot; of the Bible are intellectual dynamite. Check his work out at Historicity of Religious Narrative - YouTube lecture (if nothing else, note the five &quot;personal saviour&quot; &quot;dying Messiah&quot; religions!).</td>
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<td>Will there be sanctions for leaving the sect?</td>
<td>Oh, yes - check it out (and remember what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah).</td>
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<td>Will there be demonic possession?</td>
<td>Possibly.</td>
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<td>Will there be Entheogens [Wikipedia briefing], trances, fugues, etc.?</td>
<td>Yes. However, we have to allow for these being either exogenous (e.g. Mescaline) or endogenous (the natural response to a ritual-induced Altered State of Consciousness) - YouTube tutorial.</td>
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With this initial profile in place, we turn now, better able to do it justice, to the core question at hand ...  

**Might a better understanding of humankind's favourite sacred mysteries help explain why religiously devout humans make such eager killers?**

Let us review the evidence gathered so far ...

**BELIEF SYSTEMS AT WAR:**

So, in short, most of today’s religions have at some point in their history spent time worshiping their gourds behind closed doors for fear of being done to death by worshippers of the sandal. It all began with some obscure cave-dwellers getting their heads caved in for we know not what reason, followed by Jews being persecuted by Pharaohs, Christians by Romans, Muslims by Papists, Papists by Lutherans, Jews by Muslims, old cronies and misfits by witch-hunting Puritans, Altar A Beliefs by Altar B in the interest of world plunder [lots of these - Ed.], Confucians by Christians of just about every denomination, Quakers and conscientious objectors by Jingoes, Bolsheviks by White Russians,
Armenians by Turks, Palestinians by Zionists, Jews and Jehovah's Witnesses by Nazis, Communists by Baptists and Seventh Day Adventists, and (most recently) Wokes and Melts by Covidiots [please let us know if we have missed anybody - Ed.]. Even more curtly, therefore, all religions begin badly, go downhill from there, and get even worse when in the pocket of plain old greed.

Why should it be this way, and what, if anything, can we do about it?

Well the obvious response to the Why? question is that every interest group claims that its particular sacred mystery is more sacred than the other guy's: ours is the true religion, they claim, theirs heresy. That, however, is just to rephrase the question, not to answer it: indeed there can be no quick answer, because, as we have just been pointing out in our regular RESEARCH ISSUE paragraphs, there are just too many separate unknowns. Here, Part by Part from the companion Timeline, are some reminders ...

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FURTHER READING: For a thorough introduction to the issues arising under this heading we like Whitehouse and Laidlaw (2004) [Amazon]. For the Altered States of Consciousness angle, see Papanicolaou (2021) [Amazon]. For the possible "natural symbols", see Carl Jung's (1938) "Psychology and Religion" [Amazon] and (1964) "Man and His Symbols" [Amazon]. For the influence of occultism in primitive societies, see Michael Harrison's (1973) "The Roots of Witchcraft" [Amazon]. For the battle between particular mysteries, see William Sargant's (1957) minor classic "Battle for the Mind" [Amazon]. For the evolution of religious mysteries as just folk tales with attitude, see Richard Carrier's (2014) "On the Historicity of Jesus" [Amazon].

Safari Club: [Read firstly the entry for Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI).] This was the name given to a clandestine alliance of intelligence services from France, Egypt, (pre-Ayatollan) Iran, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia, which resourced a number of major right-wing insurgencies during the 1970s. Here is how Peter Dale Scott [q.v.] explained the set-up in his 2015 book "Dallas '63" [this extract continues without break from that given in the entry for BCCI]..."Former Saudi intelligence chief Prince Turki bin Faisal, a key figure in the Safari Club, once admitted [...] that the Safari Club, operating at the level of the deep state, was expressly created to overcome the efforts of [President] Carter and Congress to rein in the CIA:"

"In 1976, after the Watergate matters took place here, your intelligence community was literally tied up by Congress. It could not do anything. It could not send spies, it could not write reports, and it could not pay money. In order to compensate for that, a group of countries got together in the hope of fighting Communism and established what was called the Safari Club. The plight of Jimmy Carter in 1979-1980 epitomises how weak a president can become when he loses the mandate of heaven from the American deep state" (§6223).

Saia, Sam: American middle-echelon mobster Sam Saia [Mary Ferrell Foundation entry] is noteworthy in the present context as "one of the leaders of organised crime in New Orleans" and "a close friend of Carlos Marcello [see own entry MAJOR PLAYER IN THE MAFIA THEORY OF THE ASSASSINATION] (Baker, 2010, k3041). He seems to have been thoroughly investigated by the 1977-1978 HSCA Inquiry, and the Mary Ferrell Foundation has many of his HSCA documents online, if interested. He gets a very brief mention in the entry for Marilyn Murret, which see.

Sainsbury, David John [Baron Sainsbury of Turville]1997: Heir to the family supermarket fortune turned political king maker [Lord]1997 David Sainsbury [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for helping to bankroll Tony Blair's successful New Labour premiership run during the 1990s, (b) following the 1997 Labour Landslide Election [Wikipedia briefing], for being thanked with a peerage, (c) for continuing to donate to the Labour Party and centrist influence groups such as Progress [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for helping to establish the Institute for Government [Wikipedia briefing] in 2008, and (e) for siding with the Remainers in the 2016-ongoing Brexit Campaign. FURTHER READING: For more on Lord Sainsbury's political donations, see Solomon Hughes' 1st September 2016 piece for the [CAUTION - leftist] Morning Star entitled "How Billionaire Lord Sainsbury Bankrolled the Birth of New Labour" [full text online].

Saint ....: Entries for Saint this or that are listed under St. further down.

Salandria, Vincent: Lawyer and civil rights activist Vincent Salandria [Spartacus Educational biography] used his membership of the American Civil Liberties Union to criticise the Warren Commission Report in general (and Arlen Specter's single-bullet theory in particular) as soon as it was published. After
ten years banging his head against a brick wall he wondered out loud if that had been the idea all along, thus ...

"All the critics, myself included, were misled very early. [...] The cover story was transparent and designed not to hold, to fall apart at the slightest scrutiny. The forces that killed Kennedy wanted the message clear: 'We are in control and no one - not the President, nor Congress, nor any elected official - no one can do anything about it.' It was a message to the people that their Government was powerless" (Salandria, as quoted in Fonzi, "The Last Investigation", p29).

Salandria would take much the same line in an interview by David Starks in 1995 - YouTube it now.

Salisbury Poisoning (The Facts): [For the media battle arising out of this story, see instead the entry for Salisbury Poisoning (The Fictions).] We refer here to the 4th March 2018 poisoning in Salisbury, UK, of Russian double agent Sergei Skripal [q.v.] and his daughter Yulia Skripal [q.v.]. They were taken ill mid-afternoon, being discovered on a park bench near where they had taken lunch. The emergency call was placed at 1615hr, and they presented at Salisbury Hospital with signs of nerve agent poisoning. A full-scale biohazard emergency was called, with decontamination teams attending the restaurant, the park, and Skripal's home. During these investigations several first responders required out-patient treatment and another - Detective Sergeant Nick Bailey - was hospitalised. One early suggestion was that the poison had been smeared on the door handle of Sergei's car; another was that the substance had been hidden in Yulia's luggage in Moscow the day before. The chemical involved was provisionally identified as a member of the Novichok family of super-deadly nerve agents [Wikipedia briefing], and British Prime Minister Theresa May immediately accused the Russians of being responsible for the attack. The case then made it to the U.N. Security Council on 14th March 2018, and - as on previous occasions - prompted a round of tit-for-tat diplomatic expulsions [as at half time on 17th March 2018 the score was 23-all] and actions against front organisations such as the British Council.

Salisbury Poisoning (The Fictions): [Read firstly the basic story in the entry for Salisbury Poisoning (The Facts).] The 4th March 2018 Sergei Skripal poisoning was played to the crowds from the very outset. How do we know? Well for starters because we were fed incessant bluster instead of hard evidence, thus ...

RESEARCH ISSUES: There is no validated psychometric of political oratory skills (although Bull (1986) [abstract online] clearly sets the scene). But be on the look-out for (1) mock despair, (2) feigned surprise and strained patience, and (3) a lot of this-really-must-stop hectoring from camera-savvy masters of indignation such as Boris Johnson [YouTube him now] and Nikki Haley [YouTube her now]. Students of the use of the media in black ops must from the outset also be on the lookout for the pre-prepared press release. It takes time to prepare and approve such material, and it therefore helps if it has been put in place "ready to go". Here are some earlier at least partly pre-scripted black ops ...

PRE-SCRIPTING IN THE KOREAN WAR: See the entry for Korean War (Dirty Tricks), noting (a) that the North Korean "surprise attack" on 25th June 1950 was most likely a U.S. black op in the wake of the trouncing of the incumbent puppet regime in the South Korean elections of 30th May 1950, and (b) that the Chinese counter-offensive of 6th November 1950 was most likely a knock-down-ginger [explanation] provocation.

PRE-SCRIPTING IN THE JFK ASSASSINATION: (A far from exhaustive list, and in no particular order) See and be ready to disregard (a) the entire Gilberto Alvarado testimony, (b) the entire Mary Bledsoe testimony [A CLASSIC OF THE GENRE], (c) the entire Oswald's Wallet Thread, (d) the George Hickey AR-15 story, (e) the Ray and Mary La Fontaine version of the Three Tramps story, (f) the Ray and Mary La Fontaine version of George de Mohrenschildt's and Ruth Paine's stories, and (g) Ruth Paine's immediate and consistent profiling of Oswald.

We have flagged the following 9/11 examples as [drill?], because it is possible that they were openly and legitimately pre-scripted as part of pre-planned contemporaneous civil defence drills, specifically NORADS's Operation Vigilant Guardian [q.v.] and FEMA's Operation Tripod [q.v.] [Wikipedia briefing]. The Conspiracy
Theory here is that the drills, the assembled personnel and crisis actors, and the storyboards and scripts, were then cleverly pirated as part of a deep state black op. Examples of specific 9/11 scripts are included below.

**EXAMPLE - PRE-SCRIPTING IN THE 9/11 ATTACKS:** [drill?] Telephone calls from hijacked aircraft [decide for yourself if they were real or read from script] YouTube Flight 11 Betty Ong; YouTube Flight 93 CecCee Lyles; Barbara Olsen Flight 77; press announcement of collapse of WTC7 - YouTube it Now (the "fallen" tower is still visible in background, and does not actually fall for another 20 minutes).

Finally, here - for comparison - are some early reports of the Skripal case ...

**EVENING #1:** Not immediately declared a major incident, so nothing reported nationally. **DAY #2:** You Tube it here [WE “SHOULD ASSUME ASSASSINATION”], YouTube U.K. Foreign Secretary thinking out loud [STILL NO EVIDENCE YET, BUT DON’T FORGET LITVINENKO, THE CRIMEA, UKRAINE, AND (ALRETT NOTHING TO DO WITH US) ALL THAT ELECTION INTERFERING]. **DAY #3 A.M.:** YouTube it here, MATURED STORY DAY #8, PARLIAMENT: YouTube it here.

For some real journalism we recommend Craig Murray's 17th March 2018 piece entitled "On Not Being Refuted" [full text online].

***** Candidate JFK Conspiracy Banker *****

Salvatori, Henry A.: [1901-1997] Italian-born1901/American-bred1908 Californian millionaire and right-wing political activist **Henry Salvatori** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for helping to develop the science of mapping petroleum reserves using echo-location geophysics, (b) for profiting sufficiently from his skills to set up on his own in 1933 as **Western Geophysical** [Wikipedia briefing], (c) for associating with Dallas oilman and kindred spirit **H. L. Hunt**, (d) for retiring in 1960 to promote political sponsorships and think tanks, including Fred Schwarz's **Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC)** and Robert DePugh's **California Rangers** and **Billy James Hargis' Christian Crusade**, (e) for heading **Senator Barry Goldwater's** presidential campaign in California in 1964, and (f) for being "chief financier" to Governor **CA Ronald Reagan** in 1967, and a contact of G-man turned specialist political burglar **Jerry Ducote**.

Salvat Roque, Juan Manuel: Having fled Cuba in 1960 and now based in Miami **Manuel Salvat** [no convenient biography] was the military head of the **DRE (AMSPELL)**. In mid-October 1963 he travelled from Miami to Dallas on a fund-raising trip. Both General **Edwin Walker** and **LHO** are reported to have attended.

Sample, Glen W.: JFK researcher Glen Sample [no convenient biography] was intrigued by Mark Collom's encounter with **Loy Factor** [q.v.]. The two men then further interviewed Factor and published their findings in the 1995 book "The Men on the Sixth Floor", the work which first introduced **Mac Wallace** into the explanatory equation.

***** ONE OF THE EARLIEST NEO-LIBERALS *****

Samuel, [Sir]1920 **Herbert Louis [1st Viscount Samuel]1937:** [Anglicised from Eliever ben Pinchas Schmuel] British politician **Herbert Samuel** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been elected to parliament as a Liberal Party member in 1902, (b) for having been promoted into **Herbert Asquith's** [see own entry] Cabinet in 1909, (c) for having been promoted Postmaster General1 1910-1914, 1915-1916, (d) for promoting the idea of a post-war British Protectorate in Palestine with his 1915 pamphlet "The Future of Palestine" [see 28th January 1915], (e) for having been Home Secretary for most of 1916, during which time he quite happily deployed police and paramilitary union busters against workers' rights activists, (f) (having been knighted by way of preparation) for having been appointed High Commissioner for Occupied Ottoman Palestine in 1920, becoming thereby the first Jew in 2000 years to govern any part of historic Israel [he saw Jewish Palestine as "a fountain of enlightenment" (Memoirs, p139) - Ed.], (g) for continuing as High Commissioner under the 1922 **League of Nations Palestinian Mandate** [see 22nd July 1922], (h) for returning to Britain in 1925 to head the **Samuel Commission into the Mining Industry**, one of the causes of the 1926 General Strike, and
Sanborn's Restaurant (Mexico City): See the entry for George Evica.

Sanchez, Ilich ["Carlos, the Jackal"] Ramirez: see the entry for Mitchell WerBell.

Sanchez, Nestor D.: see the entry for AMLASH-1.

Sanders, Bernard: Senator from Vermont Bernie Sanders [Wikipedia biography] was the Democratic Party progressive who lost out to Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election.

Sanders, Murray: See the separate COVID-19 People and Places file.

Sandinistas: [See firstly Augusto Sandino] The Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) [Wikipedia briefing] - the "Sandinistas" - are Nicaragua's home-grown democratic socialist party, founded in 1961 and still that country's dominant ideological and electoral presence. Between 1961 and 1979 they fought against and finally overthrew U.S.-backed hard man Anastasio Somoza [Jnr.] [see own entry], whereupon the United States funded a right-wing terrorist group - the "Contras" [see own entry] - to put them down. At the time of writing [Oct. 2018], they have been the moral legitimacy behind successive Nicaraguan governments for nearly 40 years [but see the STOP PRESS in the Daniel Ortega entry - Ed.].

Sandino Calderón, Augusto César: Nicaraguan freedom fighter from 1921 until his death in 1934 Augusto Sandino [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been, like Che Guevara, more influential after his death than before it. Indeed he is one of the few guerrilla fighters still remembered by name nearly a century after his earthly struggles began (which is why he is often referred to as the Central American Robin Hood). His personal contribution to Nicaraguan history was to have led the 1927-1933 struggle against a succession of U.S.-aided puppet governments. This began against the U.S.-backed President Díaz [see own entry] and his USMC minders. When Díaz was replaced by the more liberal (but still U.S.-backed) President Moncada [see own entry] in the October 1928 elections Sandino toned down his campaign. In January 1933 Moncada was himself replaced by President Sacasa [see own entry] and the USMC was withdrawn leaving the Nicaraguan National Guard - USMC-trained and commanded by hard man Anastasio Somoza [Snr.] [see own entry] - to maintain security. A National Guard death squad intercepted Sandino on 21st February 1934 and executed him by the roadside, and by the summer his support base had been dispersed. Somoza then couped Sacasa in June 1936, and, followed by his sons, ruled dynastically through to 1979. Sandino's historical contributions were to bequeath his name to the globally renowned Sandinista movement [see own entry], and generally to inspire nationalist freedom movements worldwide.

Sands, Sarah: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism":] British right-wing print journalist turned radio news editor Sarah Sands [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. Her particular role has been as editor 2017-ongoing of the BBC's Radio 4 Today program. She was mentioned in John Sweeney's [see own entry] whistleblow letter [see Timeline 24th November 2019] as over-closely associated with Russian billionaires, thus potentially impairing her journalistic objectivity whenever oligarchs needed to be investigated.
Sands, Sir Stafford Lofthouse: Bahamas based lawyer, businessman, and politician Sir Stafford Sands [Wikipedia biography] was involved in the development of the island's tourist, casino, and financial services industries during the 1950s.

Santana, Emilio: Pre-revolutionary Cuban fisherman turned Cuban exile Emilio Santana [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for putting his knowledge of Cuban coastal waters at the disposal of JM/WAVE infiltration operations 1962-1963, (b) for being one of the two men accused by Rose Cherami of throwing her from the car 20th November 1963 (the other being Sergio Arcacha Smith), and for therefore having advance knowledge of the Assassination, and (c) for being interviewed by Jim Garrison 15th February 1967. Santana would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so outer sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination, and has also been placed in some theories as having been the shooter in the Dal-Tex Building team. FURTHER READING: The Cherami story is told in much greater detail by Hancock, 2010, pp373-377, who remains to be convinced of the safety of the identification of Santana (or Smith).

Santos Buch, Charles Augusto: NYC physician with pro-Castro family ties Charles A. Santos Buch [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being duped by anti-Castro CIA operative Robert Taber [see own entry] into helping to fund the 6th April 1960 New York Times advertisement which led to the establishment of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) in April 1960, and (b) for then confirming to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS) 10th January 1961 that this was the case.

Saragossi, Joseph: See the entry for Kabbalah.

Sarti, Lucien: Corsican mobster Lucien Sarti [Wikipedia biography] was named in 1988 by researcher Steve Rivele as a Grassy Knoll gunman, and is sometimes cited as an alternative to Roscoe White or J. D. Tippit for the role of Badgeman.

***** PROTESTER AGAINST CONSPIRACY *****

Sassoon, Siegfried ["Mad Jack"] Loraine: Decorated WW1 front-line hero, turned poet-antihero Siegfried Sassoon [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a subaltern with 1st Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers in the thick of the action on the Western Front [see 24th November 1915, 25th May 1916, and 4th July 1916], and (b) when his physical wounds had healed for having then dared to say out loud something which would have got a lesser man a Court Martial and very possibly a firing squad. He refused to rejoin his battalion because - he had come to realise - the war was being deliberately dragged out, thus ... "I am making this statement as an act of wilful defiance of military authority, because I believe the war is being deliberately prolonged by those who have the power to end it. I am a soldier, convinced that I am acting on behalf of soldiers. I believe this War, upon which I entered as a war of defence and liberation, has now become a war of aggression and conquest. I believe that the purposes for which I and my fellow-soldiers entered upon this War should have been so clearly stated as to have made it impossible for them to be changed without our knowledge, and that, has this been done, the objects which actuated us would now be attainable by negotiation. I have seen and endured the sufferings of the troops, and I can no longer be a party to prolonging those sufferings for ends which I believe to be evil and unjust. I am not protesting against the military conduct of the War, but against the political errors and insincerities for which the fighting men are being sacrificed. On behalf of those who are suffering now, I make this protest against the deception which is being practised on them. Also I believe that it may help to destroy the callous complacency with which the majority of those at home regard the continuance of agonies which they do not share, and which they have not sufficient imagination to realise" (delivered 15th June 1917, read before the House of Commons 30th July 1917, and published in The Times 31st July 1917).

This was risky stuff, for in WW1 309 less well-connected British soldiers were shot at dawn for disciplinary offences such as Sassoon's. However instead of making an example of him the War Office chose instead to treat him for what nowadays would be termed PTSD and sent him off to
convalesce at "Dottyville" [see 16th October 1916]. He is nowadays critically regarded one of the most powerful anti-war poets [example].

**Saunière, François-Béranger**: French Roman Catholic priest **Béranger Saunière** (Wikipedia biography) is noteworthy in the present context for setting the scene for one of the twentieth century's earliest and most enduring conspiracy theories, that is to say, the first phase of the **Rennes-Le-Chateau Mysteries** [see own entry: MANY LESSONS TO LEARN]. He died in 1917, aged 64.

To avoid repeating ourselves, the remainder of this story is told in the linked entry.

**Savage, Gary**: Assassination researcher **Gary Savage** [no convenient biography] edited his DPD Crime Lab uncle **Rusty Livingston**'s forensic archive of DPDHQ evidence into the 1993 book "JFK: First Day Evidence". According to the accompanying blurb, the book offers "a straightforward presentation of the original Dallas police evidence, explained by the Crime Lab detectives who processed it".

**ASIDE**: Remember also that our standard caution to students is that 1992-1993 was a period of significant Establishment obfuscation and counter-conspiracy funding in the wake of the success of **Oliver Stone**'s movie "JFK". Savage's is one of several "Oswald did it" volumes.

**Savage, Michael**: See the entry for **Bilderberg Group**.

"**Saving Civilisation**" Speech, The: This was an opinion piece speech given on 1st September 1950 by General **Orvil Anderson** [q.v.] in support of more aggressive U.S. involvement in the **Korean War** [q.v.]. The core message begins with the promise that it would only take his flyers a week to neutralise Soviet atomic capability, and then concludes with the justification: "And when I went up to Christ, I think I could explain to him why I wanted to do it—now—before it is too late. **I think I could explain to him that had saved civilization**". Although subsequently pilloried in the movie "Dr. Strangelove", General Anderson's speech is noteworthy in the present context because the "religious right" [q.v.] would play a major part in spreading anti-liberal feeling, and thus anti-JFK feeling, following the latter's failure to obliterate the Castro Regime "before it is too late" by refusing to support the **Bay of Pigs Invasion** [q.v.].

**Sawyer, J. Herbert**: 47-year-old DPD Inspector **J. Herbert Sawyer** [no convenient biography] had been on Main Street at the time of the shooting and then drove the short distance to the **TSBD** where, at about 1235hr, he took charge as senior officer present. He then entered the building and took the passenger elevator to "the top floor".

**ASIDE**: The top floor for the TSBD's passenger elevator (just inside the front entrance) was TSBD4 (machinery on TSBD5, this being top of the shop when built in 1895). The top floor for the two freight elevators (side by side at the rear of the building) was TSBD7 (machinery on the roof, two floors having been added following a fire in 1901).

Sawyer was only on TSBD4 for "I doubt if it took over a minute at the most", so - adding time in the elevator - was back outside the building in "it couldn't have been over 3 minutes at the most", whereabouts he established "a command post". Then, as the number of would-be witnesses increased (between 25 and 50 of them), a Sheriff's deputy offered to make available a room in the County Sheriff's Building, where they could be processed. At 1243hr he called Control to have officers redeployed to the TSBD from along Main Street.

***** The 165 Pounds Description is Circulated *****

Then - "immediately after 12:43 and before 12:45" - he was able to get out the first description of the suspect, thus: "The wanted person in this is a slender white male about 30, 5 feet 10, 165, carrying what looks to be a 30-30 or some type of Winchester." No clothing description was added because the source witness - and this may safely be cross-indexed as **Howard Brennan** [q.v.] - had not been.
able to give one. Inspector Sawyer's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Sayre, Francis Bowes, Sr.: See the entry for William A. Eddy.

Scalzetti, Richard: See the entry for Richard Cain.

"Not a member of the Nazi Party, but on better terms with Hitler than most knew" (Breitman, et al., (Eds.), 2007, k343n17)

"With a vigorous 'Heil'" (when signing mail to Hitler)

Schacht, Hjalmar Horace Greeley: [Born Hajum Schachtl (see below)] German banker Hjalmar Schacht [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining Dresdner Bank in 1903, (b) for having good enough connections to get him included on a business trip to the United States in 1905, during which he got to meet J. P. Morgan and President Theodor Roosevelt, (c) for continuing to impress those who needed to be impressed, getting a directorship at Dresdner's in 1908, aged only 31, (d) for moving on in 1915 to a directorship at the still-imperial Reichsbank, (e) for war service on the staff of Germany's Banking Commission for Occupied Belgium, where he had inevitably interacted with racketeer (and future POTUS) Herbert Hoover ...

Readers unfamiliar with the involvement of Hoover in the WW1 Belgian Relief Racket should both check out that man's entry herein, and then follow the <Rise of Herbert Hoover> threading in the companion Timeline from 1st September 1914 through 3rd May 1917 before proceeding

ASIDE: We learn, for example, that Hoover met with Schacht as early as 15th February 1915 (Brigham Young University archives), and that Schacht will still be crossing swords with Hoover's associate Émile Francqui [see own entry] in the Eupen-Malmédy Talks a decade later (see below).

... (f) for being dismissed said Commission for breaching impartiality rules by preferentially using Dresdner's to transfer Belgian funds, thereby suffering a short period out of the limelight as punishment, (g) for reappearing in November 1923 as Currency Commissioner in the Weimar Republic's Reichsbank, in which position he devised the Rentenmark Scheme [Wikipedia briefing] as a cure for the country's then-raging inflation ...

QUICKIE - SCHACHT'S RENTENMARK SCHEME: Faced with 1923's freefall inflation of the Reichmark, Schacht assisted Finance Minister Hans Luther [Wikipedia biography] implement a clever piece of financial jiggery-pokery designed to secure a new currency - the Rentenmark [= "mortgages-mark"] - against the totality of German real estate, rather than a gold standard (the gold having already been taken as reparations) [see Timeline 15th November 1923]. The scheme worked impressively well

... (h) for duly being promoted President of the Weimar Reichsbank in 1924, (i) for similar creative accounting during the creation in December 1925 of the chemicals conglomerate IG. Farben [Wikipedia briefing], (j) for maintaining close ties in this period with the Bank of England's Montagu Norman [see own entry], no matter that in 1922 Norman had been insisting that all central banks should be independent (Goodson, 2014) ...

Readers unfamiliar with the punitive reparations payments inflicted upon Germany by the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference should check out the companion Timeline from 23rd January 1919 through 7th June 1929 before proceeding.

... (k) for being central to the negotiations leading to the Young Plan of 1929 [see Timeline 7th June 1929], which eased the burden of Germany's reparations payments, (l) later that year, for leading Germany's deflationary response to the 1929 Great Crash [see Timeline 24th October 1929] ...

CAMEO - GERMANY AND THE GREAT CRASH: Forensic historian Carroll Quigley explains what happened in his (1966) "Tragedy and Hope" [Amazon], thus ...
"When the economic crisis began in 1929, Germany had a democratic government of the Centre and Social Democratic Parties. The crisis resulted in a decrease in tax receipts and a parallel increase in demands for welfare services. [...] Big business and big finance were determined to place the burden of the depression on the working classes by forcing the government to adopt a policy of deflation - that is, by wage reductions and curtailment of government expenditures. The Social Democrats wavered in their attitudes, but in general were opposed to this policy. Schlacht, as president of the Reichsbank, was able to force the Socialist Rudolf Hilferding [Wikipedia biography] out of the position of minister of finance by refusing bank credit to the government until this was done. [...] This policy of deflation was a disaster [...] with almost eight million unemployed out of twenty-five million employable" (k546-547)

... (m) for being head-hunted as financier by a grateful Nazi Party in their often bloody struggle for power 1930-1932, (n) following the German Communist Party's gains at the 6th November 1932 General Election [Wikipedia briefing], for joining the chorus of right wing industrialists and financiers publicly praising the Nazis (Borkin, op. cit. inf.), (o) for thereby being appointed President of the Nazi-era Reichsbank by a grateful Adolf Hitler in 1933, (p) for being further appointed Reichsminister for Economics 1934-1937, where he reported to Wilhelm Keppler [Wikipedia biography], Reichs-Plenipotentiary for raw materials and synthetics, (q) for therefore being centrally involved in Germany's 1936 Oil Crisis ...

ASIDE - SYNTHETIC OIL AND RUBBER IN THE THIRD REICH: We note en passant that Farben's high pressure chemists were at this time working flat out on industrial scale synthetic oil and rubber processes, both of which were critical to mechanised warfare but easy prey to blockade if sourced by sea. Indeed, in Spring 1936, following Hitler's Reoccupation of the Rhineland [Wikipedia briefing], the Soviet Union cut off oil deliveries in reprisal and created a serious fuel shortage (Borkin, 1978). Somewhat ironically, this simply gave Hitler the idea of one day sending his troops eastward and taking the Russian oil for himself. Note also, while we are here, that the Nazis could, when it suited them, forgive a person's ancestry ...

"There is a commonly held belief that Hitler hated Jews, but [...] he was not averse to appointing Jews to prominent positions in the Third Reich, such as Dr. Robert Ley (real name Levy), who headed the Deutsche Arbeitsfront (German Labour Front) and Dr. Hjalmar Schacht (real name Hajum Schachtl), who was president of the Reichsbank (1933-1939). Over 150,000 Jews of varying degrees of Jewish descent fought in the Wehrmacht, with many of them occupying the highest rank such as Field Marshal Erich von Manstein (née Lewinski)" (Goodson, 2014, k1149).

... (r) for forging close links during those pre-war years with the brothers Allen and John Foster Dulles, thus ...

"In mid-1931 a consortium of American banks, eager to safeguard their investments in Germany, persuaded the German government to accept a loan of nearly $500 million to prevent default. Foster was their agent. His ties to the German government tightened when Hitler took power at the beginning of 1933 and appointed Foster's old friend Hjalmar Schacht as minister of economics. Allen had introduced the two men a decade earlier, when he was a diplomat in Berlin [...]. Schacht spoke fluent English and understood the United States well. Like Dulles, he projected an air of brisk authority. [...] Both believed that a resurgent Germany would stand against Bolshevism. Mobilising American capital to finance its rise was their common interest. Working with Schacht, Foster helped the National Socialist State find rich sources of financing in the United States for its public agencies, banks, and industries. The two men shaped complex restructurings of German loan obligations at several 'debt conferences' in Berlin [...] and came up with new formulas that made it easier for the Germans to borrow money from American banks. [...] The columnist Drew Pearson gleefully listed the German clients of Sullivan & Cromwell who had contributed money to the Nazis, and described Foster as chief agent for 'the banking circles that rescued Adolf Hitler from the financial depths'" (Kinzer, 2013, pp50-51).

... (s) for inventing the "Mefo Bills" [Wikipedia briefing] in 1934, thus ...

"[Schacht's] first official act was creating Metall-Forschungsgesellschaft A.G. (Mefo) [= "Metals Research Corporation"; Wikipedia briefing], a dummy corporation of four armament firms. Mefo issued bills similar to promissory notes to government contractors allowing Hitler unlimited credit to rearm Germany on a large scale" (Yeaton and Hawkins, 1999-2008, k1094-1113).

"The MEO bill was an instrument that allowed the Nazi government to illegally borrow billions of reichsmarks from the Reichsbank. To understand why Schacht created the MEFO bill you must first realize that in the wake of World War I the German government was only authorized by the terms of its treaty agreements to borrow up to 100 million reichsmarks at a time from the Reichsbank. Under such restriction a
r earmament program would be impossible, so the problem had to be solved; and it had to be solved in a way that would be hard to trace. To do this Schacht created a dummy, limited liability company [...] which existed only as a balance sheet entity and nothing else. He then had this company issue the MEFO bills to German armaments contractors, ostensibly as payment of sums due. The contractors accepted the bills because they could redeem them for cash at any of a number of German banks, which in their turn knew they could redeem the bills at the Reichsbank. Schacht had thus created an artificial system of funding the German armaments program from the Reichsbank, seemingly without violating the 100 million reichsmark lending stipulation [...]. By 1939, with the German rearmament program nearly complete and World War II about to start, there were some 12 billion reichsmarks worth of these MEFO bills floating around in Germany" (Arnold, 2016 [full text online]).

... (t) for finally falling out with Hermann Göring and the Nazi top team, losing his post as Reichsminister to Walther Funk [see own entry] in 1937 and being replaced as president of the Reichsbank by Adolf Hitler himself in 1939, (u) for thereafter reportedly sympathising with Allen Dulles' Valkyrie bomb plot against Hitler in 1944 ...

Readers unfamiliar with the United States' part in the Tom Cruise Hitler bombing should see the entries for <Mary Bancroft> and <Hans Gisevius> before proceeding. YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT UP (AND YOU HAVEN'T GOT TO)

... ending up in KL Dachau as a security risk, (v) for being rescued from Dachau in 1945 by the advancing Americans, only to be put on trial for his pre-war activities at the 1946 Nuremberg Trials, where - with his Dulles connections - he duly received a "Good Nazi's" pardon from American High Commissioner to Germany John J. McCloy [see own entry], thus ...

Readers unfamiliar with (future Warren Commission member) <John J. McCloy> may care to check out the separate entry on that man before proceeding. "In 1949, McCloy returned to Germany as American High Commissioner. He commuted the death sentences of a number of Nazi war criminals, and gave early releases to others. One of them was Alfred Krupp, convicted of using slave labour in his armaments factories. Another was Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Hitler's financial genius, who was on the payroll of Aristotle Onassis [see own entry REVELATORY] after the war" (Brussell, 2014).

... (w) for activities substantially unclear through until 1953 when he became a banker again ...

"Skorzeny's getaway was rich in consequence. The first one was that [...] Eichmann and Otto Skorzeny had created in the postwar an anticommunist coalition perfectly known and fully supported by the U.S., so becoming a focal point for global neo-Nazism. The second unpleasant consequence was that despite his collaboration with Eichmann, the Mossad did not hesitate to recruit Skorzeny for military operations against Egypt. The third consequence was that Otto Skorzeny met Ilse von Finkenstein, whom he married in 1954. Ilse's uncle was none other than Schacht. So Schacht and Skorzeny were related. But in Spain Otto Skorzeny and Hjalmar Schacht also became accomplices in money trafficking" (Metta, op. cit. inf., p204, drawing heavily on the prior scholarship of Martin Lee, op. cit. inf.).

***** ENTER JIM GARRISON!! *****

... and (x) as by then an influential Good Nazi, for reportedly becoming a close friend of none other than JFK conspirator (acquitted) Clay Shaw.

ASIDE: Schacht was photographed in the Bahamas for investment discussions with Sir Stafford Sands [see own entry] on or about 27th October 1962, and Shaw was at the Tryall Conferences [ditto] in early 1963, so such a friendship is far from impossible.

Schacht died in 1970, aged 93. FURTHER READING: For more on Schacht's pre-WW2 career see Norbert Muhlen's (1938) "Hitler's Magician: Schacht: The Life and Loans of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht" [Amazon]. For a fuller biography see John Weitz's (1998) "Hitler's Banker" [Amazon]. For more on the continuing fascist menace, see Martin Lee's (2013) "The Beast Reawakens: Fascism's Resurgence" [Amazon REVELATORY]. And for the latest on the topic in general terms see Adam LeBor's (2020) "Hitler's Secret Bankers: How Switzerland Profited from Nazi Genocide" [Amazon]. For his dealings with IG. Farben see Joseph Borkin's (1979) "The Crime and Punishment of IG.
Farben" [Amazon REVELATORY]. For more on the Skorzeny period, see Michele Metta's (2021) "On the Trail of Clay Shaw" [Amazon].

Schacht, Robert Hugo[2], Jr.: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] American professional evangelist Robert H. Schacht [no convenient biography but some reward for the very persistent browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for background and education unknown prior to appearing in the histories as the pastor 1929-1931 of the First Unitarian Parish, Needham, Massachusetts, (b) for relocating in 1931 as the long-term minister of the First Unitarian Church of Providence [homepage and history] in ProvidenceRI, serving there until 1968, (c) for WW2 service not known, (d) for somehow getting involved as a liaison point for American students (and at least one U.S. intelligence asset passing himself off as a "student") enrolling for courses at the Albert Schweitzer College (ASC) [see own entry DYNAMITE] in Churwalden, Switzerland ...

***** THIS IS THE INTERESTING BIT *****

... (e) in this last respect, for being CC'd into the 28th March 1959 letter from ASC to Lee Harvey Oswald, offering him a place on a liberal studies course scheduled to take place in April 1960, and (f) for therefore being very quickly interrogated by the FBI in the days following the JFK assassination ...

CAMERO - SCHACHT AND THE KENNEDY INVESTIGATIONS: Oswald's application to the ASC was dated a full year earlier than the course start date, namely 19th March 1959, following an incomplete form submitted unsuccessfully on 4th March 1959. The Warren Commission reproduces the 19th March application as Exhibit #228 - check it out. The letter of acceptance was signed by a college administrator, dated 28th March 1959, and CC'd to one "Robt. E. Schacht". It is lodged as Commission Exhibit #230 - check it out. Schacht was cleared of suspicion, however, for it turned out that - as noted in (d) above - he simply kept copies of all such application forms (albeit the keepers of the U.S. intelligence archives have yet to explain why that should have been so). Here is Evica (op. cit. inf.) with the explanation, such as it is ...

"[In the 28th March letter], Erika Weibel, the Secretary of Albert Schweitzer College, wrote to Oswald at his Marine Corps address that the college had received his application [= the 4th March one] but the short form he had sent was incorrect. The 'proper forms', she wrote, were being sent to him: that is, two copies of the proper form, one to be completed and sent to Providence, the other to Switzerland. Indeed, one copy was apparently returned to the college. The other copy was supposed to have been mailed to the Chairman of the American Admissions Committee, Dr. Robert H. Schacht, pastor of the Unitarian Church [+++ address given +++]" (k1097).

The FBI appear still to have the Providence papers - the second copy of the form, plus the supporting references - in safe keeping pending clearance for release.


Schales, Otto: [Read firstly the contextualising entry for Alton Ochsner.] American physician-researcher Otto Schales [no convenient biography but several online snippets available to the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for serving as "Director of Chemical Research" at the Ochsner Medical Foundation, where he specialised in kidney functions and high blood pressure. See PubMed for a list of his publications [he tended to publish papers in German until the late 1930s, thereafter in English - Ed.].

Scheib. Earl R.: See the entry for California Rangers.

***** A MAJOR SHAPER OF THE MODERN WORLD *****

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Schiff, Jacob ["The Jewish Avenger"] Henry: German-born American banker turned Zionist financier and international man of (other folks') action Jacob Schiff [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for emigrating to the United States in 1865, and there quickly marrying into the Early-German-Jewish investment banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Company [see own entry] ...

ASIDE - EARLY GERMAN JEWS AND LATER RUSSIAN JEWS: We rarely place a person's religious beliefs on the record, however it is not possible to understand the Schiff story without appreciating that some half million Jews migrated to the United States from Germany in the third quarter of the 19th Century, largely as economic migrants, followed by some three million Jews from Russia in the late-19th and early-20th Centuries, largely as refugees from Tsarist persecution. We refer to these herein as Early German Jewish and Later Russian Jewish, respectively. All became Americans; many, specifically, New Yorkers. There were major social class differences between the two immigrations, the German Jews tending to be middle class and well established, the Russian Jews working class on NYC's Lower East Side. But they sided with each other when their common Judaism came under threat, as happened with the Tsarist pogroms. For more on the two faces of NYC Jewry, we strongly recommend Irving Howe's 1976 book "World of Our Fathers" [Amazon] and Moses Rischin's 1977 "The Promised City" [Amazon].

(b) for rising to the top of Kuhn, Loeb, building it up into the second largest investment bank in the United States, and for insisting that it take a strongly anti-Tsarist stance in sympathetic reprisal for the 1881-1891 anti Jewish pogroms in Russia [see 15th April 1881 and follow the <Russian Anti-Semitism> sub-thread] ...

ASIDE - ANTI-TSARIST BANKING, 1881: The forensic historian Richard B. Spence [see own entry] explains in his 2017 book "Wall Street and the Russian Revolution, 1905-1925" that Schiff campaigned to deny Tsarist Russia access to the NYC money markets. Spence summarises Schiff’s position thus ...

"Schiff made himself the uncrowned king of Jewish America, and he did so largely through the wide-spread and abundant use of philanthropy. He reportedly donated no less than 10% of his substantial income to charities [...]. He was one of only two people who belonged to every major Jewish charity in New York City. [...] Once begun, Schiff's anti-Tsarism more and more took on the flavour of a personal vendetta. [...] Two of his brothers, Ludwing and Phillip Schiff, were bankers in Germany with connections to the Kaiser's Court. The same went for Schiff's friend and key business partner Max Warburg, head of M. M. Warburg & Co., a friend of Kaiser Wilhelm and a financial mainstay of the future German war effort" (Spence, 2017, e970-e1002).

and (c) for funding anti-Tsarist movements, propaganda, special operations, and even entire wars ...

CAMEO - THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR, 1904-1905: Here is Spence again, this time on the casual purchasing of a war in which up to 200,000 people died ...

"In early February 1904, Schiff invited [...] Jewish leaders to his home. 'Within seventy-two house,' he declared, 'war will break out between Japan and Russia'. And it did, which begs the question of how he knew. [...] The best bet is that Schiff had been actively encouraging the Japanese to attack. His inducement was simple: [...] a loan to Japan. [...] Pulling out the stops, Schiff helped raise $535 million for Tokyo, half its total war expenditure. Sixty percent of this was marketed in Europe, largely through M. M. Warburg. [...] Japan could not have fought or won the war without Schiff's help ...." (Spence, 2017, e1002-1011).

Schlesinger, Arthur, Jr.: See the entry for Howard Burris.

Schlesinger, Arthur Meier, Sr.: Harvard social historian Arthur Schlesinger, Sr [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his 1959 article in The Atlantic entitled "America's Ten Gifts to Civilisation" [full text online]. The "first and foremost" of these gifts was the right of revolution, at least insofar as that was defined in the United States Constitution as being based upon all men being created equal, with unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and government by consent.

Schmid, Martin: See the entry for Hans Casparis.

***** Footsoldier in Dallas Right-Wing Political Operation *****
[Worked to General Edwin Walker in both Germany and Texas]
Schmidt, Larrie Henry: Serviceman (U.S. Army) turned perhaps over-eager right-wing activist Larrie Schmidt [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving with fellow activist Bernard Weissman [see own entry] under General Edwin Walker in Germany, 1959-1962, eventually setting up Conservatism USA (CUSA) [see own entry] to promote a right-wing agenda amongst U.S. occupation forces, (b) for relocating to Dallas in October 1962, where he was befriended by Robert Morris, head of the Defenders of American Liberty [see own entry] and board member of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), who introduced him to the Dallas political right ...

"Morris was enamoured with Schmidt's verve, gumption, and charisma. He gave a party one night attended by many of the wealthy right-wingers of Dallas and invited Larrie. Larrie was beside himself [...] convinced that this introduction into right-wing Dallas society would be the genesis of CUSA. He wrote letters to [Bernard Weissman and the others still in Germany] urgently begging them to come help him get started with the dream they had planned for years. [...] In speaking with Bernie Weissman, [fellow CUSA-man Norman Baker] said, 'Larrie was the glue that held CUSA together. We were a bunch of bored military men and Larrie's speeches were exciting. They gave us hope' (Jackson, 2017, p154).

... (c) for thereafter willingly putting his CUSA experience at the service of Generals Edwin Walker [his brother Robert Schmidt was Walker's chauffeur - Ed.] and Charles Willoughby, (d) for moving in on YAF as a ready-to-wear American clone of CUSA, eventually becoming Secretary of the group's South-western Division ...

ASIDE: Many of the pivotal developments to Schmidt's 1962-1963 career can be dated by reference to the aforementioned correspondence with Bernard Weissman, which eventually found its way into Warren Commission XVIII, Commission Exhibits 1032-1040. Here is one of the later examples ...

29th October 1963: "The ultra liberals of Dallas, led by Stanley Marcus [see own entry] of Neiman-Marcus, went too far in pressuring for denunciation of 'extremists' and 'fascists' in Dallas. As a result, a bomb has exploded everywhere here against them. This town is a battleground and that is no joke. Never before have Dallas conservatives from the GOP to the John Birch Society ever been so strongly united. And in the middle of it is myself. Thus far, I am the only organiser of the [Adlai Stevenson] demonstration to have publicly identified myself. I have been interviewed by UPI, AP, the two local daily newspapers, TV stations, CBS, and local radio. I am a hero to the right, a stormtrooper to the left" (Commission Exhibit CE1032).

... (e) for attending the Adlai Stevenson Riot event 24th October 1963 - see Timeline that date, and (f) for conceiving, designing, and placing the "Welcome, Mr. Kennedy Ad", thus ...

"It was my idea, but we all added content to the ad. We worked on it for about a week. We ran it past the guys who paid for the ad. After the assassination, we were mortified about the ad. We felt badly about it. Then people started saying we were part of the assassination and we must have known about it" (Jackson, 2017, p164).

Schmidt's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [no deposition taken despite being "extensively" questioned (Twyman, 1997/2010); nevertheless his highly illuminating CUSA correspondence was appendiced]. FURTHER READING: For more of the details see the full set of Warren Commission Exhibits [indexed here]. Gayle Nix Jackson's (2017) book "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon] is also well worth a look. The Mary Ferrell Database offers advanced students several dozen further entries for Schmidt.

***** Footsoldier in Dallas Right-Wing Political Operation *****
[Worked to General Edwin Walker in both Germany and Texas]

Schmidt, Robert/Robbie: [Read firstly for context the long quotation in the entry for Bradford J. Angers - IMPORTANT.] Serviceman (U.S. Army) turned right-wing activist Robbie Schmidt [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the less vocal brother of Larrie Schmidt [see own entry], and (b) as gopher in the year prior to the assassination to General Edwin Walker, thus (from a 1992 interview with forensic historian Dick Russell) ...
"I had six to eight people working for me at the time and Bob ran a lot of errands,' Walker recalled. 'I had a station wagon, people coming into the airport, all my publications had to be printed across town. Larrie would hang around, just being a nuisance. Finally I ran him out of my house'. [...] Finally I asked this question: Did Walker think it was conceivable that the Schmidt brothers could have gotten together with Oswald to shoot at him? His reply stunned me. 'I've been told that they were,' Walker said. 'Several people investigated the shooting as best they could, and raised that possibility’” (Edwin Walker, interviewed by Russell, 1992, p207).

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** According to Bradford J. Angers it was Robert Schmidt who introduced LHO to his brother, whereupon the three of them decided to take the 10th April 1963 potshot at Walker. This is, however, a contested single-source narrative, and should be regarded with caution.

Schmidt's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [WITNESS COULD NOT BE TRACED].

**Schmidt, Volkmar ["Dirk"]:** [believed no relation to brothers Larrie Schmidt and Robert Schmidt] Oil industry geologist and right-wing activist Volkmar Schmidt [no convenient biography] knew both General Edwin Walker and George de Mohrenschildt. At the latter's parties he then met the Paines and the Oswalds, chatting socially on politics with LHO. He would eventually be interviewed by Bill Kelly in 1995 ...

**ASIDE:** Remember that our standard caution to students is that 1992-1993 was a period of significant Establishment obfuscation and counter-conspiracy funding in the wake of the success of Oliver Stone's movie "JFK".

... to whom he described LHO as a "bitter young man" who "would kill himself if he would make a mark". Be aware, however, that Summers (2013e) assesses Schmidt as willing to swear to whatever story was most helpful to a cover-up at the time of questioning. Schmidt died in 2012.

**Schmitz, Hermann:** German metallurgist-industrialist Hermann Schmitz [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning his craft at the Metallurgische Gesellschaft 1906-1914, (b) for war service 1914-1915 (wounded), (c) for being invalided out in 1915 and taking a civil service position, administering strategic supplies, there getting to know master-chemist Carl Bosch [see Timeline 9th September 1913], (d) for thereby getting to accompany the German delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 18th January 1919], advising on agricultural and industrial chemistry, (e) for thereby getting head-hunted in mid-1919 into BASF, staying with that company when it became part of Ig. Farben in 1925 and for quickly becoming one of their top three men, (f) for maintaining good relationships with executives of Standard Oil, and for helping to set up American IG [Wikipedia briefing] in 1929, (g) for becoming CEO of the German company in 1935, a position he would hold until captured and accused of war crimes in 1945, (h) for being chased down and arrested after the 1945 German surrender, thus ...

"Hitler's chemists - sought after as they were - were nowhere to be found. [...] Twenty-five agents attached to the U.S. military government's Cartels Division [...] had descended on [Heidelberg] looking for board members from Ig. Farben. In addition to being wanted for war crimes the Ig. Farben board of directors was being investigated for international money laundering schemes. A number of high-ranking Farben executives were known to have houses in Heidelberg, but to date no one had been able to find Hermann Schmitz, the company's powerful and secretive CEO. Schmitz was also a director of the Deutsche Reichsbank [...] and director of the Bank for International Settlements in Geneva. [+++ further details of the manhunt +++] Hermann Schmitz was one of the wealthiest bankers in Germany and one of the most important players in the economics of the Third Reich” (Jacobsen, 2014, pp73-75). And (i) for being put on trial in 1946 at Nuremberg and sentenced to four years for "plunder and spoliation". He died in 1960, aged 79. **FURTHER READING:** Same as for Hjalmar Schacht, which see.

1 Upon a quick search, this looks to be the Metallbank und Metallurgische Gesellschaft, A.G., incorporated in Frankfurt-am-Main in 1897.
Schneider, François Antoine Adolphe: French banker turned industrialist Adolphe Schneider [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having in 1836 been co-founder with his brother Eugène of the arms manufacturer Schneider Frères et Cie [see 1836].

Schneider, Joseph Eugène: French banker turned industrialist-politician Eugène Schneider [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having in 1836 been co-founder with his brother Adolphe of the arms manufacturer Schneider Frères et Cie [see 1836], (b) for having helped establish the Comité des Forges [see own entry] in 1864, and for serving as its first President until 1868, and (c) for having willingly taken up the French government's challenge in 1871, following France's trouncing in the Franco-Prussian War, of developing the necessary "cannons of revenge" [see 28th January 1871, ASIDE].

Scholars for 9/11 Truth: [Read firstly the Timetable entry for 11th September 2001 ESSENTIAL CONTEXT.] Founded in December 2005 by pioneer "Truthers" James H. Fetzer [Wikipedia biography] and Steven E. Jones [see own entry], Scholars for 9/11 Truth [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as an initial - but not wholly successful - attempt to bring to the attention of the American people a large and compelling body of evidence that the WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 (which came down without even being hit by an airplane) were destroyed by deliberate controlled demolition by persons unknown. The movement will split following U.S. government counterintelligence operations during 2006, and Jones will reconstitute it without Fetzer in January 2007 as Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice [see separate entry].

Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice (STJ): Founded in January 2007 by a fellowship of philosophers and scientists led by Richard Gage [see own entry], Steven E. Jones [see own entry], David Chandler [see own entry], and David Ray Griffin [see own entry], Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice (STJ) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for replacing the earlier Scholars for 9/11 Truth [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT], it having attracted too many non-scholars, (b) for thereby ensuring that the American people continued to hear only hard scientific evidence that WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 (which came down without even being hit by an airplane) were destroyed by deliberate controlled demolition by "inside jobbers" unknown, (c) for staging major scientific conferences 2007-2009, attracting - in addition to those named above, - highly respected researchers such as Niels Harrit [see own entry], Jon Cole [see own entry], Richard Angle [see own entry], and Graeme MacQueen [see own entry], and (d) for a sustained programme of social media education ever since ...

See typical STJ YouTube documentary (2009)

FURTHER READING: To do the underlying issues proper justice, readers will need to study the above-mentioned documentary and work their way through each one of the eight named entries mentioned above.

School of the Americas (SOA): A training school for Latin American "dictators, torturers, and assassins" was founded at Fort Gulick, Panama Canal Zone, in 1946 as the School of the Americas [Wikipedia briefing]. It relocated to Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1984, by which time it had, according to Wadi (2015 [full text online]) turned out some 64,000 Rambi to serve their regimes. SOA was renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) [website] in 2001. It is still headquartered at Fort Benning, and loses no sleep over the fact that what its alumni get up to after they return to their countries is outside its control.


"Hitler's best fundraiser" (Grose, 1994)

Schröder, Kurt, Freiherr von: [Read firstly the entries for Hjalmar Schacht and John J. McCloy.] German banker Kurt von Schröder [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being variously related to
the Schroeders/Schroders of the NYC and London financial worlds (not least the J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation [Wikipedia briefing]), (b) for being head of the Cologne-based Bankhaus J. H. Stein [Wikipedia briefing] (where Heinrich Himmler would one day open his secret "S" account), (c) for being appointed in 1930 to the inaugural board of directors of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) [see own entry ESSENTIAL ONWARD CONTEXT], (d) for being sufficiently anti-Communist by personality ...

CONSTANT REMINDER - PERSONALITY AND RIGHT-WING POLITICS: We have repeatedly remarked that little is known about the deep psychology of zealots of the sort who take the law into their own hands with terrorist acts. Well the same goes for plain old greed. See the entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric, and consider how you would psychometrically quantify the ability of bankers not to skim from the gold in their vaults. The (1999) movie "Rogue Trader" [YouTube the trailer] may point you in the right direction.

... to throw his weight professionally behind the December 1932 "Industrialists' Submission" to President Hindenburg ...

QUICKIE - THE INDUSTRIALISTS' SUBMISSION: This story is told in the entry for Hjalmar Schacht, which see. Basically, Germany's great and good told Hindenburg that they were more worried about Communism than they were about the Nazis, and lo, within weeks, it duly came to pass.

... (e) for hosting the 4th January 1933 planning meeting at his home, thus ...

"[Schröder's] home in Cologne had been the location in January 1933, of a vital meeting organised to establish Nazism. [His] guests included: Hitler in person; Franz von Papen, ex-Chancellor; Rudolf Hess, top Nazi commander; Heinrich Himmler, head of the SS; Wilhelm Keppler, coordinator of funds given by German industrialists who supported Nazism. In this meeting, Hitler planned Farben's production of synthetic oil and rubber" (Metta, 2021, k3177-3207)

... (f) for turning his attention now to Germany's growing demands for the raw materials for war, being in at the formation in 1936 of the American-German joint venture octopus bank Schröder, Rockefeller and Company [Wikipedia briefing] ...

QUICKIE - THE ROCKEFELLER CONNECTION: The Rockefeller in question was Avery Rockefeller [Wikipedia biography]. This from Higham (op. cit. inf.) ...

"Avery Rockefeller owned 42 percent of Schröder, Rockefeller, and Baron Bruno [von Schröder] and [Kurt von Schröder] 47 percent. Their lawyers were John Foster Dulles and Allen Dulles of Sullivan and Cromwell, Allen Dulles [...] was on the board of Schröder. Further connections linked the Paris branch of Chase [National Bank] to Schröder as well" (p22).

... (g) for having become by 1938 "a fanatical Nazi", thus ...

"On the surface he was suave, elegant, impeccably dressed, with a clean-cut face. In private he was a dedicated leader of the Death's Head Brigade [perhaps these guys]. During the war he could be seen driving from his office in his sober pinstripe, changing into a black and silver uniform covered in decorations, and continuing to a meeting by torchlight of his personal storm troopers" (op. cit., p132).

... (h) at much the same time, for setting up funding channels to the Gestapo, and also for masterminding a complex cross-borders banking deal with (ex-Room 40 man) Frank C. Tiarks [Wikipedia biography] of London Schroder's and Anglo-Iranian Oil [Wikipedia briefing] (Metta, 2021), (i) for masterminding the 1939 banking deal by which Czechoslovakian gold moved from Czechoslovakian benefit in London to Nazi benefit following the annexation (Higham again), (j) for getting together with the BIS's American director Thomas McKittrick [see own entry] in 1940 to work out how to continue the deals in the event that the United States and Germany should end up going to war (ibid.), (k) for masterminding the 1942 banking deal whereby inside knowledge of the Allies’ imminent North African landings was insider-traded to great profit (ibid.), (l) for thereby being of sufficient value to the Americans in 1945 that his level of involvement was conveniently played down at the 1946
Nuremberg Trials by fellow insiders Dulles and McKittrick (Metta again), eventually getting only three months in prison for crimes against humanity, (m) for thereby being free during the late 1940s to develop "very strong contact points" with Prescott Bush [see own entry and see Yeaton and Hawkins, 1999-2008, Chapter 1], to mutual benefit, and (n) for still being around to see to the banking arrangements to help Anglo-Iranian express its gratitude for the 1953 Mosaddegh Coup in Iran [Wikipedia briefing]. He died in 1966, aged 76. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail, see Charles Higham's (1983/2007) "Trading with the Enemy: The Nazi-American Money Plot, 1933-1949" [Amazon].

"Schumann, William": Played by Woody Harrelson. "Sergeant William Schumann" [not a real person] is noteworthy in the present context as the meta-fictional hero of Barry Levinson's (1997) black comedy movie "Wag the Dog" [see own entry]. In a few short hours, at the whim of those who stage manage the planet's news, he metamorphoses from being a good-for-nothing rapist in a military stockade into a much-loved (but dead) national hero.

**Schwab, Klaus Martin:** German economist Klaus Schwab [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the founder in 1971 of the European Management Forum, later renamed in 1987 as the World Economic Forum (WEF) [see own entry]. He was for a time a member of the steering group of the Bilderberg Group [see own entry]. He is famed within academic economics for his theories of the Interessanten - or "stakeholders" - in organisations. On 17th July 2020 [see Timeline that date], he became the architect-figurehead of the WEF's 50th Anniversary "Great Reset" [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING].

**Schwartz, Erwin:** Dallas businessman Erwin Schwartz [no convenient biography] was Abraham Zapruder's business partner. He helped negotiate terms with LIFE Magazine's Richard Stolley for the sale of the Zapruder Film rights. Schwartz' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

**Schwarz, Frederick Charles:** [Read firstly the entry for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching.] Australian-American evangelical Christian Fred Schwarz [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as founder in 1953 of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC), and (b) for leading that group's pressure campaigns - he proudly called them "Crusades" - through until his retirement in the early 1990s. Amongst Schwarz's backers were LIFE Magazine's Charles D. Jackson [see own entry] and businessman Patrick Frawley [see own entry] (Scott, 2015). For more of the detail, see the entry for CACC.

**Schweiker, Richard:** American politician [SenatorPA1969, Rep. Richard Schweiker [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been a member of the 1975-1976 Church Committee [see own entry], being, he will later recall, far from impressed by Allen Dulles' ability to get straight answers out of his own employees after he himself had instructed them to lie through their teeth; also for judging that yes, the Warren Commission was indeed more a cover-up than a genuine inquiry. Schweiker also features in the entry for Donald Deneselya, which see.

***** MISsIONARY PLAYS PIANO IN JUNGLE, GETS NOBEL PRIZE *****

Schweitzer, Ludwig Philipp Albert: German Alsatian (later French Alsatian) theologian-musician-physician turned celebrity missionary Albert Schweitzer [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for studying theology in the mid-/late-1890s, graduating from the University of Tübingen in 1899, and thereafter becoming principal of Strasbourg's St. Thomas Theological College, (b) for further qualifying in medicine at the University of Strasbourg 1905-1913, (c) for his 1906 (1910 in English) "The Quest of the Historical Jesus" [Wikipedia briefing; Amazon], (d) for in 1912 becoming a field missionary in French Equatorial Africa [= modern Gabon], working for the Paris Missionary Society [Wikipedia briefing] and helping to set up the Albert Schweitzer Hospital [Wikipedia briefing] ...

see YouTube picture gallery here
(e) for practising (as a German national) under French military supervision 1914-1917, before being invalided to France in 1917, and thence to (now French) Alsace in 1918, (f) for life as an academic through to 1924, whereupon he returned to his ministry-vocation in Africa on and off until his death in 1965, (g) when not in Africa, for liking to spend time (for example, 1922, 1928) with his friends the Walser family in Chur, Switzerland [map] (Niederstein, op. cit. inf.)...

***** NOW THIS IS THE INTERESTING BIT *****

... (h) for becoming friendly in the mid-1930s with fellow Lutheran (but in fact highly suspicious) Stewart W. Herman [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT]...

Readers unfamiliar with the use of religious and/or philanthropic organisations as "fronts" for the infiltration of intelligence operatives into hostile lands should check out the entry for <CIA Front Organisations> before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with Allen Dulles' four-war-long Operation PASTOR should skim not just that separate entry, but also those for <Robert H. Schacht>, <Hans Casparis>, and the aforementioned <Stewart W. Herman>, before proceeding.

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Chur was simultaneously Europe's geographical epicentre (give or take a few miles), well served by rail, close to Dulles' base in Bern, and - crucially - almost completely unknown. It therefore became a place where masterspies met to plot world history. For some of the town's more significant espionage comings and goings, see both Francesco Scomazzon's (2021) "The Alps and the Resistance (1943-1945)" [Amazon EXCELLENT BUT ££] and Neal H. Petersen's (1996/2010) "From Hitler's Doorstep" [Amazon].

... (i) for making the front cover of TIME Magazine in 1949...

***** AND THIS IS THE EVEN MORE INTERESTING BIT *****

... (j) in 1952 for happily giving his name, and his best wishes, to Hans Casparis' [see own entry ESSENTIAL PARALLEL NARRATIVE] project to establish the Albert Schweitzer College (ASC) [ditto] in the village of Churwalden, just outside Chur...

CAMEO - THE CHUR/DEALEY PLAZA CONNECTION: The reason Chur's espionage heritage should not be overlooked is that on 28th March 1959 the ASC sent a letter to Lee Harvey Oswald, offering him a place on a liberal studies course scheduled to take place in April 1960 - see the Schacht, Casparis, and Herman entries for the full story, noting carefully the part played by Dulles' network of evangelical Protestants.

RESEARCH ISSUE: It would, needless to say, be nice to know what - if anything - Schweitzer knew, or suspected, about the hijacking of his name and reputation in the service of entirely godless political intrigue.

... (k) that same year for being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and (l) for continuing to speak out about the arms race through to his death in 1965, aged 90. FURTHER READING: There is useful background material on Schweitzer's time in Chur in Peter Niederstein's (2004) "Gesammelte und Innerliche Menschen Werden" [full text online]. For more concerning the ASC see George Evica's (2006/2011) "A Certain Arrogance: The Sacrificing of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cold War Manipulation of Religious Groups by U.S. Intelligence" [Amazon]. For more on the Dulles-Herman Spypastor Network see Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon].

Scibor, Mitchell J.: General manager at Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc., Chicago, Mitchell Scibor [no convenient biography] would be called by the Warren Commission to explain the administration of their mail-order sale of Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 to one "A. Hidell". Scibor's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. The FBI took away and kept the pertaining microfilm.

Scott, John: [Born John Scott Nearing, but later dropped father's name; Soviet Venona codename Ivanov] American welder turned anti-Stalinist propagandist John Scott [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for spending 1932-1937 in the Soviet Union, working in the recently opened Magnitogorsk Iron and Steel Works...
and marrying a Russian girl, (b) for relocating to Moscow 1938-1942, awaiting an exit visa for his wife ...

**CAMEO - SCOTT'S LONG "DEBRIEFING":** Scott’s Wiki hints at one of the reasons his exit might have taken so long to arrange, thus ...

"Moscow years and debriefing by the U.S. embassy in Moscow:

From 1938 to 1941, owing to the Soviet crackdown on foreign nationals during and after the Great Purge [Wikipedia briefing], Scott was no longer allowed to work in the plant at Magnitogorsk. He would have left Russia, but he could not bring his wife and children out of the country because his wife's request for an exit visa was being held up. Waiting for his wife's visa, he spent about 2.5 years in Moscow as a translator, journalist, observer of daily life, and sometime novelist. During this time, the U.S. embassy debriefed him about his time living and working in the USSR. Diplomatic dispatches conveyed this debriefed information to the United States. Their content is published in the addendum to Scott's book [below]. As his book's editor [name] said, 'Embassy officials regularly debriefed American citizens living and working in the USSR.' Most such people were American engineers doing consulting work in Soviet enterprises. Some were workers like Scott who had come to the USSR during the Great Depression with excitement about participating in what was then projected to be the successful construction of a great Soviet socialist future. Such debriefings were one of the only ways for the United States to get nonofficial information about Soviet life and industry, as most real economic data was a state secret in the USSR by the late 1930s, and the U.S. had little successful human intelligence [technical term - Wikipedia briefing] in the country. [...] Amongst nearly 1,300 messages sent between New York and Moscow in 1942, just twenty-three were successfully decrypted and translated by the Venona Project [Wikipedia briefing]. A cable sent from New York to Moscow on May 22, 1942, addressed to code name 'Viktor', who was the director of Soviet Intelligence during World War II Lieutenant General Pavel Fitin [Wikipedia biography], credited 'Ivanov' with delivering 'a mass of materials on the Soviet war industry' to the United States. Nearly three years later cable number 207 sent from Moscow to a Soviet Intelligence office in New York on March 8, 1945, revealed that the cover name 'Ivanov' referred to John Scott" (Wikipedia, accessed 24th February 2023).

... (c) for finally getting back to the United States in 1942, where he published his experiences in Russia in "Behind the Urals" [Amazon], a work best profiled by Robert F. Byrnes' *Foreword* to the 2016 edition, as follows ...

"No other description of life in a new steel city provides such a graphic description of the life of workers under the First Five Year Plan. Scott had a clear eye for detail and produced a chronicle which includes the ugliness and the squalor as well as the endurance and the dedication. The shortages of food, housing, and equipment, the vast differentials in wages and salaries, [etc.], the almost incredible inefficiency and waste, [etc.], all these aspects of life in Magnitogorsk are revealed by Scott. [...] Few other books provide such clear insights into the Soviet system, its weaknesses and strengths“ (k115).

Scott died in 1976, aged 64.

----- ANTI-COMMUNIST ATTACK DOG, UNKNOWN MASTER -----

**Scott, Paul:** Obscure tabloid media drummer-boy Paul Scott [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for going second author on the short but unexpectedly explosive Allen-Scott Article, a suspiciously well-informed 26th March 1964 (but subsequently syndicated) piece co-written with intelligence commentator Robert S. Allen [Wikipedia biography HELLVU TA IE IF YOU HAVE FIVE SPARE MINUTES] and entitled "U.S. to Launch Intensive World-Wide 'Man-Hunts'" [CIA archives full text online WELL WORTH A LOOK].

Readers unfamiliar with the story of <Lee Harvey Oswald>'s faux defection to the Soviet Union should check out the Timeline entry for 16th October 1959 before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the story of <Robert E. Webster>'s faux defection to the Soviet Union should check out the separate entry herein for that man before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the <NEED TO KNOW Principle of Special Operations> should consult this Wiki before proceeding. NOTE HOW EASY IT IS FOR YOUR RIGHT HAND NOT TO KNOW WHAT YOUR LEFT IS DOING, both between agencies (FBI vs. MI vs ONI vs CIA vs. local police authorities, say)
The twin thrusts of the Allen-Scott piece were FIRSTLY that Lee Harvey Oswald had been a returned defector from a Communist country, and THEN that the government was doing too little about the hundreds of others like him! It was in that respect, therefore, just a trashy piece of tabloid journalism, designed to whip up right-wing public opinion to a pre-set agenda.

**ASIDE:** This sort of fear-mongering is as old as palace intrigue itself. Basically, all you have to do is select a contentious issue, blow it up out of due proportion, and then trumpet it as loudly as possible using tame media outlets who have been well paid to play along. Such blatant tub-thumping works depressingly well for overt issues of foreign policy, *but NOT for covert operations, where publicity needs to be tightly managed.* Security services accordingly like to keep journalists very much at arm's length, *because nosy reporters make their job harder than it already is.* Instead, they put liaison channels in place to bring in only officially approved media and only on those rare occasions when - in order to flush out a person of interest, say - this or that judiciously placed rumour might be able to help.

So here are the crucial questions: Was Paul Scott EITHER poking around where he should not have been poking around, OR had he been deliberately "fed" just such a "rumour" to spread; and, if the latter, then (1) was he "in" on the operation or just a useful idiot, (2) precisely which midnight circle of conspirators were using him, and - most importantly, perhaps - (3) to whom they were sending the invoices. To help resolve these issues we look now to the article itself, and at the response - so far as it has been made public - of the security services ...
Already it contains the names of the ten ‘most wanted’, including three former employees of the super-secret National Security Agency. The NSA defector trio [+++three men named +++]. Others on the ‘most wanted’ list are [two men's names], Robert E. Webster [more on whom below], [man's name], Marilyn Dorothea Murret [ditto], [two more women's names].

+++ five paragraphs of detail concerning the two men and Webster ++++

Information on most of the other defectors is sketchy and incomplete”.

For the several distinct security concerns set out below, this article quickly rang alarm bells in security circles, FBI and CIA alike ...

**CONCERN #1:** Allen and Scott clearly had contacts somewhere in the intelligence service from whom they were getting leaked information. The FBI duly started [some say continued - Ed.] wire-tapping the authors' phones in an attempt to identify who was doing the leaking. This was a straightforward matter of unauthorised disclosure about which we need say no more.

**CONCERN #2:** The name Robert E. Webster did indeed refer to a returned defector, but one who had in all probability been a faux defector on a special op. He was a double agent, in other words. A loyal and patriotic American risking his life behind enemy lines. PUBLICITY WOULD THEREFORE HAVE BEEN THE LAST THING HIS CIA HANDLERS WOULD HAVE WANTED, AND YET HERE WAS SCOTT BLUNDERING AROUND DRAWING ATTENTION TO HIM!

**CONCERN #3:** The name Marilyn Dorothea Murret - although stated with great confidence - did not refer to a returned defector at all. Miss Murret was a young female civilian, who had been blithely travelling the world the past ten years. Some have implied that she travelled beyond her means, thus leading several authorities nowadays to judge her to have been a convenient CIA asset in some intelligence gathering capacity 1. AGAIN, THEREFORE, PUBLICITY WOULD HAVE BEEN THE LAST THING HER CIA HANDLERS WOULD HAVE WANTED, AND AGAIN HERE WAS SCOTT BLUNDERING AROUND.

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**CONCERN #4:** If Murret was a CIA asset, then her handlers would have had to have been very senior figures indeed - men such as mole-hunter James Jesus Angleton and ex-director Allen Dulles himself - BECAUSE MURRET WAS ALSO LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S COUSIN, WITH WHOM HE HAD CORRESPONDED DURING HIS OWN TIME AS FAUX DEFECTOR IN THE SOVIET UNION.

Now in May 1964 the Warren Commission was busily selecting evidence pertaining to the Kennedy assassination, and their investigators quickly came across the FBI's Allen-Scott case notes. However, ex-CIA director Dulles had been carefully head-hunted as one of the Commissioners, and so the Commission probably knew more about the FBI investigations than did the FBI themselves. They duly filed the FBI paperwork safely away out of sight as “withheld” Commission Document 942 ...

**CAMEO - FURTHER ASSERTIONS AND COMMISSION DOCUMENT 942:** Document 942 [full text online], courtesy of the Mary Ferrell Foundation] received little attention from assassination researchers for the next half century, until featured in 2018 in Bartholomew (op. cit. inf.). It addressed the 26th March article, was dated 7th May 1964, and records interviews with both Allen and Scott on 23rd and 28th April, respectively. Its main focus was the travel dates of Marilyn Murret, but it also revealed that during Scott's interrogation by the FBI (that is to say, NOT in the Allen-Scott article itself), he had pointed the McCarthyite finger of accusation at one Harold R. Isaacs [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE], as Bartholomew now explains ...
"In 1951 Rostow 'helped launch' CENIS with backing from his former OSS buddies now in the CIA. It is a think tank and well-known CIA front [...] For ten years at CENIS, Rostow worked closely with Isaacs. Warren Commission Document 942 says that it had been alleged that Marilyn Dorothea Murrett (Oswald's cousin) was linked in some manner with the apparatus of Professor Harold Isaacs. [...] This report was the result, no doubt, of Isaacs' name being linked to the JFK assassination by two sources in 1964. One, according to researcher Peter R. Whitney, was a right-wing reporter named Paul Scott who was convinced that Isaacs was a '... mastermind of the communist movement [...]' [...] who] was being supported in his efforts by members of Johnson's cabinet, including Rusk, McNamara, Rostow, Cleveland, and Yarmolinsky. He also accused Robert Kennedy of hiring a Communist speech writer, and linked Rusk to the British spies, Burgess and MacLean. In addition, he indicated that reliable sources had linked Prof. Isaacs and Marilyn Murrett” (k3207).

As with Webster and Murret, the rationale for Scott's allegations against Harold Isaacs is not wholly clear. In his FBI interview, Scott describes his work as "not confirmed", thus ...

"With regard to Marilyn Dorothea Murrett [sic], Scott stated that he had some information to indicate a 'tie-up' between her and the case of Lee Harvey Oswald [...], but Scott said his information was not confirmed; also he said he believed that Murrett [sic] was 'linked' in some manner with the communist 'aparatus' of Professor Harold Isaacs [of MIT]. Scott said he was unable at this time to furnish any additional information in this vein; he stated he was working on the matter of obtaining additional substantive data” (Document 942, 1st sheet).

Acting on this lead, the FBI promptly went to work on Professor Isaacs, setting out their findings in a further memorandum dated 22nd May 1964. This, too, is in the Warren Report, as Document 1080 ...

To avoid duplication, this part of the Scott story continues in the <Isaacs> entry. To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.

Note our recommendation that Isaacs be regarded as a CIA asset cleverly using communist-friendly credentials from way back as cover for ear-to-the-ground activities in anti-Chinese theatres of operation.

Taking Documents 942 and 1080 together, we therefore raise a fifth concern, as follows ...

CONCERN #5: If Isaacs was a CIA asset, then his handlers, like Murret's, would also have had to have been very senior figures indeed. He would have been a specialist in fostering indigenous anti-Chinese assets in foreign lands, and any publicity concerning him would have needed to have been tightly managed in order to maintain his cover.

Scott died in 2001, aged 80. FURTHER READING: In order of mention see Gary Hill's (2019) "The Other Oswald: A Wilderness of Mirrors" [Amazon] and Richard Bartholomew's (2018) "The Deep State in the Heart of Texas: The Texas Connections to the Kennedy Assassination" [Amazon]. The Mary Ferrell Database offers advanced students several dozen further entries for Scott, and a large number of similar - and often fascinating - articles.

1 For more on U.S. intelligence operations involving compliant itinerants such as intellectuals, scholars, students, journalists, missionaries, and volunteers of all sorts, see Hugh Wilford's (2008) book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon].

Scott, Peter Dale: [Read firstly the entries for Popov's Mole.] Canadian assassination researcher Peter Dale Scott [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 2015 book "Dallas '63: The First Deep State Revolt Against the White House" [RECOMMENDED READING], in which 50 years' worth of earlier investigations and writings are re-compiled to bring out the salient threads. Perhaps the most important of these new perspectives is the suggestion that it will never be possible to understand the JFK assassination without firstly understanding that from 1958 through 1963 the CIA was actively engaged in a top-level anti-Soviet mole-hunt, instigated by James Angleton [q.v.], overseen by Birch O'Neal [q.v.],
and administered by Ann Egerton [q.v.]. Scott blames this mole-hunt for repeated "bifurcations" in the intelligence records at the time, not least those relating to defection legend LHO ...

ASIDE - BIFURCATIONS, "MARKED CARDS", AND "BARIUMS" IN COUNTER-ESPIONAGE:
A bifurcation [= a "forking", in the sense of two diverging roads] is a minor discrepancy (in ages, dates, descriptions, addresses, etc.) between more or less simultaneously produced documents (letters, affidavits, teletypes, reports, transcripts, etc.) so that destinations A and B (or even C, etc.) are told slightly different details. When a bifurcated detail is then reported back following a leak, you can tell which office it leaked from. The terms "marked card" and "barium" are used synonymously to describe this mole-catching process (the latter a clever reference to the medical process known as the "barium meal" whereby X-Ray radiographers can locate gastro-intestinal "leaks").

Scott's interest in CIA mole-hunting was originally prompted by the observation that from possibly as early as his arrival at Atsugi A.F.B. [q.v.] in August 1957, and certainly by the weeks leading up to his defection in October 1959, LHO was a field operative with a multifurcated [no other word, sorry - Ed.] set of personal details (which is to say, that he was being dangled at least as much to Stateside intelligence services as to Russian). And because all this happened well before JFK was even elected, it could not have been part of an operation against him. Here, however, is an interesting example of a planted untruth suddenly resurfacing, years later, at a pivotal point in the assassination narrative ...

EXAMPLE - THE HOWARD BRENNAN TESTIMONY AS PLANTED UNTRUTH: In early 1960 Marguerite Oswald [q.v.] gave a written statement to Special Agent John Fain [q.v.] (Dallas FBI) stating her son's height/weight as 5' 10", 165 pounds ...

ASIDE: LHO's height/weight was factually 5' 9", 130-135 pounds - a much slighter build. In a lifetime of medical examinations, many during his military service, he never weighed in at more than 135 pounds, and frequently 130-131 pounds. The incorrect information was then incorporated into a report dated 3rd July 1961, and in turn presented to the Warren Commission [Exhibit 834] in 1964 as one of the 69 FBI documents concerning LHO raised PRIOR TO the assassination.

Three years later, at around 1245hr 22nd November 1963, assassination eye witness Howard Brennan [q.v.] told Special Agent at the scene Forrest Sorrels that he had clearly seen a gunman at the TSBD upper windows, placing him at 5' 10" and 160-170 pounds. This was then BOLO'd as the first official description of the suspect at large, a full half hour before witnesses at the killing of J. D. Tippit [q.v.] raised a number of competing descriptions. Noting that Brennan failed to identify LHO in a DPD line-up, Scott suspects (a) that he must have been following a prepared script in an intelligence operation of some sort, and (b) that the new conspirators, in preparing that script, had accessed data falsified in the earlier, 1960, operation. The even stranger circumstances surrounding Oswald's wallet would presumably have been concocted by the same people at the same time - see the LHO Wallet Thread.

Seal, Adler Berriman ["Barry"]: 24-year-old Barry Seal [Spartacus Educational biography] seems to have been recruited as a CIA contract pilot thanks to his membership of the Baton Rouge Civil Air Patrol in his mid-teens, and possibly ran guns to the pro-Castro forces in Cuba in 1958 (that is to say, in the period where Fidel Castro was in the CIA tent, rather than outside of it). In the fullness of time researchers would identify him as an Operation 40 member, and as involved in the assassination as an escape pilot at Redbird Airport.

Secret Elite: See the entry for Cecil Rhodes.

Secret Societies: [Read firstly the Wikipedia briefing.] Or in considerably fewer words, conspiracies with personality.

Securities Act: [Read firstly the entry for the Pecora Commission Hearings ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT.] Passed by Congress 27th May 1933, the Securities Act [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the legislation which brought about the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) [see own entry] in 1934.
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC): Established 6th June 1934 under the authority of the 1933 Securities Act [see own entry], the SEC [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for its highly laudable primary objective of enforcing the law against financial market manipulation, (b) for then appointing as its first chairman a man who was commonly (and with no little justification) regarded as a law-breaker ...  

Aside: We allude here to presidential sire Joseph P. Kennedy [see own entry]. Another dubious founding commissioner was lobbyist supreme Thomas G. Corcoran [see own entry].

... and (c) for continuing in like vein, but to progressively diminishing effect, through to the present day - see modern website, FURTHER READING: For general background to financial malpractice in U.S. financial markets see Jordan Belfort’s (2013) "Catching the Wolf of Wall Street" [Amazon]. For more on the SEC’s specific shortcomings see Brian J. Wilder’s (2002) "Securities and Exchange Commission" [Amazon].

Securitisation: See the entry for Collateralised Debt Obligations and Securitisation.

Seeley’s Lecturers: See the entry for [Sir]1894 John R. Seeley.

Seeley, [Sir]1894 John Robert: Cambridge academic historian and political theorist [Sir]1894 John R. Seeley [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his 1883 essay "The Expansion of England" [Wikipedia briefing], in which he argues the historical significance of the British Empire, and (b) for having consequently been identified by Quigley (1949) as the head of the supporting College in Cecil Rhodes' 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], that is to say, Britain's late-19th-Century deep state. According to Quigley (1949) he duly recruited George Parkin [see own entry] and other young academics - known informally as "Seeley's Lecturers" - to hit the lecture circuit extolling the virtues of imperial union. His death in January 1895 cut his contribution to the Elect prematurely short.

Segaloff, Albert: [Read firstly the contextualising entry for Alton Ochsner.] American physician-researcher Albert Segaloff [no convenient biography but several online snippets available to the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for serving between 1945 and his death in 1985 at the Ochsner Medical Foundation, where as "Director of Endocrine Research" he specialised in steroid metabolism, steroid synthesis, hormones and either the induction or the therapy of cancers, and kidney functions and high blood pressure. See PubMed for a list of his publications. Obituaries credit him with bringing $15 million in research grants into the Clinic during his 40-year tenure.

Seiferheld, David: See the entry for Albert Schweitzer College.

Seitz, Albert: See the entry for Operation KEELHAUL.

Self-Portrait in Red: We use this term either as a specific or a generic. Specifically, it is the title of Ed Butler’s [see own entry] specially run off phonograph recording - play it now - of WDSU-Radio's 21st August three-against-one interview of LHO [see Timeline that date]. More generally, we use it to apply to the entire package of staged incriminating video, audio, and physical evidence, meticulously assembled during August 1963 and then forcibly injected into the media in the hours immediately following the Assassination to prove that LHO was a lunatic leftie.

Seligman, Hans: Swiss banker and reputedly Zionist activist Hans Seligman [no convenient biography] was Founder/CEO of Hans Seligman-Schürch & Co, Basel, and therefore, it has been suggested, part of the perhaps mythical CIA-Perminindex funding network.
Senator, George: WW2 veteran (U.S. Army), sales representative, and - when unemployed - "cooking for the boys and doing odd things for them". George Senator [Spartacus Educational biography] was Jack Ruby's flatshare-butler-factotum for a year and some prior to the assassination. On the morning of 24th November 1963 it was he who took the call from dancer "Little Lynn", which required Ruby to make his way to the Western Union Office to organise a money transfer - from which errand Ruby did not, of course, come home. It would subsequently emerge that was highly likely that Ruby told him in advance that he intended shooting LHO. Senator's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Service d'Ordre du RPF: See the entry for World Commerce Corporation (WCC).

Seymour, William: CIA asset William Seymour [Spartacus Educational biography] would be identified in the fullness of time as an Operation 40 and INTERPEN member, and possible LHO impersonator. Seymour would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so inner sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination, and the one specifically charged with-patsifying LHO. Other researchers place him on TSBD6 (west window) using an unscoped Mauser. Browse the LHO Look Alike Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

S-Force: The assassination squad within Operation 40 [q.v.], headed by Orlando Bosch and Luis Posada Carriles and numbering perhaps 15 largely Cuban operatives. [A PLAY ON WORDS, PERHAPS, ON SFORZA - SEE NEXT.]

Sforza, Tony: [a.k.a. Henry Sloman, Frank Stevens] Long-standing CIA officer and specialist assassin Tony Sforza [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being based at JM/WAVE in the period 1962-1963, working with Grayston Lynch on Operation Mongoose and becoming buddies with a five-man assassination squad comprising himself, David Morales, Johnny Roselli, Manuel Artine, and William ["Rip"] Robertson (Ayers, 1995), (b) for operating under a cover identity in Cuba in early 1963, (c) for flying into Mexico City 22nd November for a meeting with David Atlee Phillips in that corridor of the U.S. Embassy there which housed the CIA's Mexico City station (Morrow, 2008, p203), (d) for turning up again in the 1973 Allende Coup [see Timeline 11th September 1973], and (e) for being in due course identified by Bradley Ayers [see own entry] in 1994 as one of the nine persons with "intimate operational knowledge" of how the assassination was put together. He died 1984. Ayers will also hint that Morales would make a good first guess for Sforza's killer.

***** CIA OPERATIONAL CHIEF ON DEALEY PLAZA *****

Shackley, Theodore ["Ted"] George, Jr.: [A.k.a. The Blond Ghost] Born in Florida to a Polish mother, long-standing CIA officer with significant experience in Berlin during the Cold War. Ted Shackley, Jr. [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning his craft as a young U.S. Army lieutenant with the Allied Occupation Forces in post-WW2 Germany, (b) for being selected in 1947 for training in counter-intelligence with a Polish focus, (c) for working to William Harvey at the Berlin Station through the 1950s, (d) for becoming Chief of the CIA's JM/WAVE training school in Florida 1962-1965, (e) for assisting William Pawley's ill-fated 8th June 1963 Operation Tilt, (f) for therefore becoming of intense interest once authors started to place him in the crowd on Dealey Plaza on 22nd November 1963 ...

ASIDE: Shackley is one of the six potential conspirators photographically placed in Dealey Plaza by Eaglesham and Schallhorn (2000 [full text online - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]). We find their photographic evidence pretty compelling, but please check for yourself. (g) for being transferred to Vientiane, Laos, in 1966-1968 as Head of Station, ditto Saigon, South Vietnam, 1968-1972, (h) for returning to Langley as Chief of the Western Hemisphere Division in 1972, (i) for being promoted in 1976 to Associate Deputy Director of Operations, before finally retiring in 1979, and (j) for testifying 5th February 1986 to the Tower Commission investigation of
the [Iran-Contra Affair](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iran%E2%80%93Contra_Affair). Perhaps unsurprisingly, Shackley would be one of the nine persons identified by [Bradley Ayers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bradley_Ayers) in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the assassination was put together.

**Shadow Cabinet Mass Resignations:** We refer here to the 26th June 2016 concerted walk-out on [Jeremy Corbyn's](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeremy_Corbyn) Parliamentary Shadow Cabinet, itself part of the ongoing anti-Corbyn coup. For a full list of the rebels see [this 27th June 2016 piece](https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/jun/27/shadow-cabinet-resignations-positions-clerks-leave) in *The Guardian*. For typical TV news coverage [click here](https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/jun/29/shadow-cabinet-resignations-

**Shalom, Avraham Ben-Dor:** Veteran of the 1960 [Adolf Eichmann](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adolf_Eichmann) capture and extraction from foreign soil, [Avraham Shalom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avraham_Shalom) was head of the Shin Bet security service between 1981 and 1986. He has also regularly been accused of having been part of the Israeli special forces commando which in 1966 stole a significant quantity of weapons-grade fissile material from a Pennsylvania nuclear installation for illegal shipment to Israel [Wikipedia briefing]. He was subsequently reportedly associated with a successful 1986 bid by a Tel-Aviv company named [Atwell Security](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atwell_Security) for the WTC security contract, subsequently voided in 1987 (Babcock, 1987 [full text online]).

**Shamanism and Community Mysticism:** [Read firstly the entries for Entheogens, Altered States of Consciousness (ASC), and Oratory - ESSENTIAL FOR TUTORIAL SUPPORT] Formally defined as "magico-religious practice involving animism, faith healing, spiritualism, spirituality and traditional medicine", we refer here to the cultural phenomenon of Shamans [Wikipedia briefing] as guardians of the cosmologies and belief systems of remote tribal peoples.

**KEY CONCEPT - THE SHAMAN FIGURE:** Although strictly speaking the word "shaman" is the Siberian name for a Siberian tribal persona, the word is typically used to refer to any medicine-man, witch-doctor, sorcerer, oracle, seer, or magician, especially those skilled with entheogens and/or the induction of Shamanic States of Consciousness (SSC) in themselves and hence Altered States of Consciousness (ASC) in their followers.

Many authors believe that all human religion stems in some way from (or *a fortiori* shares a common ancestor with) early shamanic practices. For example, cultural anthropologist [Michael Winkelman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Winkelman) (2002) has found shamanic "referents" in Upper Palaeolithic cave art, reflecting "the ritual and cosmology of early modern humans" (p71). The modern scientific take on shamanism is that it involves the production of a class of neurotransmitters [see Companion resource] known as *entheogens*, with specific actions deep in the brain's Limbic System. Here is a quick introduction from a book review by [Krippner and Combs](https://www.amazon.com/Shamanism-Neural-Ecology-Consciousness-Michael/dp/157866283X) ...

"The central thrust of [Michael Winkelman's](https://www.amazon.com/Shamanism-Neural-Ecology-Consciousness-Michael/dp/157866283X) (2000) book "Shamanism: The Neural Ecology of Consciousness" [Amazon] is that virtually all shamanic practices involve shamanic states of consciousness, and usually lead to similar states in clients as well. Winkelman musters considerable evidence that a wide variety of these altered states, ranging from deep meditative states to the 'trance' states associated with shamanism, share certain fundamental patterns of brain activity. He characterizes these patterns as integrative of the cognitive, emotional, social, and spiritual aspects of the person that experiences them. [...] Drawing on a divergent literature, he demonstrates that virtually all these altered states seem to involve a shift toward increased slow wave activity across the frontal lobes, coupled with increased dominance of limbic system activity (especially in the hippocampus, septum, and amygdala), and a shift toward parasympathetic dominance in the autonomic nervous system. Other common aspects of these states are said to include the synchronization of left and right frontal lobe EEG activity, along with a general shift toward right brain dominance. As the state deepens, there is a gradual decrease in frontal lobe activity followed by decrease in limbic involvement, both of which seem to be associated with transcendent states of consciousness. Other neurological changes involve increases in certain neurochemicals, such as endogenous opiates, as well as a blocking of the inhibitory effects of serotonin in the frontal lobes" (Krippner and Combs, 2002, pp80-81).


Shaneyfelt, Lyndal L.: FBI technical staffer and "photographic work" specialist Special Agent Lyndal Shaneyfelt [no convenient biography] was the FBI photography and handwriting expert at the FBI Lab (Document Section), Washington, DC. It would be he who validated the mail order for Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 and the Backyard Photographs as unfaked, and who provided the Znnn frame-numbering for the Zapruder film. He would also play a large part - along with ballistics expert Robert Frazier - in the full-scale forensic re-enactment of the shooting which took place in Dealey Plaza on 24th May 1964. Shaneyfelt's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (Part #1 concerns key still images and Part #2 concerns the Zapruder and Nix movies) [Part #1; Part #2]; Clay Shaw trial testimony [read it now]; Dramatised Mock Trial testimony (testified on handwriting validity only, not photographic), 1992 [YouTube it now].

Shanklin, James Gordon: FBI Special Agent J. Gordon Shanklin [Spartacus Educational biography] had been appointed to the FBI's Dallas Office in April 1963, and had therefore overseen James Hosty's work on gun-running in general and LHO's $200-a-month role as FBI informer in particular (perhaps he even counter-signed the chits). As explained in the separate entry for James Hosty, he then conspired to suppress the foreknowledge narrative until the matter resurfaced in the 1977 House Select Committee on Assassinations hearings. Shanklin's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Sharp, Viola Cobb: Dealt with in this and most other resources as Viola June Cobb.

Sharp, Waitstill: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] American professional evangelist Waitstill Sharp [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating from Harvard Law School in 1926, (b) for being ordained into the Unitarian Church in 1933, (c) for being selected for foreign service with an American Unitarian Association (AUA) [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] mission to Czechoslovakia in 1939, finding himself in pre-war Prague assisting Jewish refugees, (d) when war came, for being reassigned to the newly established Unitarian Services Committee (USC) [ditto], operating in liaison with the YMCA [ditto] and French Resistance escape route down through Vichy France, and (e) for then relocating to Lisbon, Portugal, working to Varian Fry's [ditto] murky refugee operation there, the Emergency Rescue Committee [online briefing] (Evica, 2006/2011). He died in 1983, aged 80.


Shasteen, Clifton M.: Irving barber Cliff Shasteen [no convenient biography] realised on 22nd November 1963 as he watched events unfolding on TV that he had "rendered tonsorial services" to LHO (in fact several of the "boys" in his barbershop had cut his hair, but he had done it most often). He remembered such personal things as an impressive pair of sneakers which came from "Down in Old Mexico", that you could not understand his wife, that she was pregnant, etc. There were also two occasions, some two and three weeks before the assassination, when "a kid" [recently identified tentatively as the late actor William Hootkins (q.v.), who at the time was being taught Russian by Ruth Paine] came in with LHO and briefly remarked on left-wing political ideas. Shasteen's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].
Shaw, Clay LaVerne: [a.k.a. Clay Bertram] WW2 veteran (U.S. Army Staff Officer), New Orleans businessman, CIA informer between 1948 and 1956 [CIA website, 10th January 2018], and right-wing co-conspirator on later CIA operations Clay Shaw [Wikipedia biography] had been General Manager of the International Trade Mart (ITM) since January 1948 and would in due course become a director of Permindex. Shaw's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Clay Shaw trial testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera, 1967 [YouTube it now]. Now simply accumulate the 50 or so references to Clay Shaw in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for him.

Shaw, J. Gary: Assassination researcher Gary Shaw [Spartacus Educational biography] was author of the 1976 book "Cover Up" and director of the JFK Assassination Center, Dallas. In their 1996 book "Oswald Talked", the La Fontaines point out that it was the commercially motivated Shaw who had in a few short years promoted the heavily marketed stories of Roscoe White (through his wife Geneva White and his son Ricky White), Chauncey Holt, and Beverley Oliver.

Shaw, Nancy Langhorne: [Née Langhorne; first marriage] See the entry for Nancy Astor.

Sheehan, Daniel P.: Lawyer and assassination researcher Daniel Sheehan [Wikipedia biography] was the author-presenter of the 2016 online lectures "Cuba, America, and Russia WWII to 1963" - YouTube it now, and "The JFK Conspiracy" - YouTube it now.

***** NEW WORLD ORDER TOUTED *****

Sheffield Speech, 1917: We are referring here to a public address given on or about 24th October 1917 by Jan Smuts as part of his 1917 propaganda visit to Britain, in which he specifically promoted the idea of a post-war League of Nations [see own entry]. The psychologist-historian David Monger [university homepage] notes how the transcript of the speech appealed constantly to what he calls the "aspirational patriotism" of the audience, thus [bold emphasis ours] ...

"[Smuts'] speech at Sheffield, in October 1917, merits lengthy quotation as it synthesised virtually the entire meaning of aspirational patriotism. Britons, Smuts said, 'had seen their privileges curtailed, their holidays go ... and they had done it all for the common cause and for their common mother - the nation, the empire, and the world. (Cheers.) ... [...] If we were to reap those fruits and see the new and better England ... that new world towards which we hoped to move ... Militarism must be swept away from the face of the earth. (Cheers.) The practical achievement of the war should be the establishment of machinery for securing peace ... We wanted to see a league or society of nations which would have force behind it, and which would see that there was no future danger, no future threat against the peace of the world ...'. Smuts captured the essence of aspirational patriotism here, melding grand predictions of national and global societal changes with practical demands for its achievement" (Monger, 2012, p205)

Monger then argues that this sort of rhetorical structuring meets Aim #3 of the terms of reference of the National War Aims Committee (NWAC) [see own entry], which includes the following direction: "To suggest the prospect of further improvement and greater freedom when the war is over; generally, to envisage the rewards of success" (p33), that is to say, "to persuade Britons to continue their participation in the war effort" (p206). Words do kill! [THREAD = CALLERS OF INNOCENTS TO WAR]

Shelley, Norman: British radio actor Norman Shelley [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the voice stand-in on a number of the surviving recordings of Winston Churchill's famous speeches ...

**ASIDE:** Recollections differ as to whether this was a mere technical expedient, or the consequence of prime ministerial intoxication.

and (b) for voicing a number of characters on children's radio drama after the war, not least the other Winnie, Winnie-the-Pooh. His IMDB entry also credits him with doing Churchill again in the 1960 movie "Sink the Bismarck" - [check it out](#).
Shelley, William Hoyt: TSBD departmental manager Bill Shelley [no convenient biography] was on the front steps of the building at the moment of the firing, and reported hearing a "firecracker" followed by two shots. Shelley's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Shelton, Zach: Chicago FBI agent Zach Shelton [no convenient biography] stumbled across a lead in the late 1980s to the effect that a certain James Files - at that time serving a 50-year sentence for attempted murder in Joliet Prison - knew more than most about the Picket Fence shooters. He passed the lead to researcher Joe West. See now the entry for Joe West. Shelton speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

Shephard, Gordon Strachey: British soldier-spy and pioneer military aviator [Brigadier-General] Gordon Shephard [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for the adventures he shared with Erskine Childers [see own entry] between September 1913 and July 1914, (b) for performing valuable aerial reconnaissance over the Western Front in the early weeks of the war, and (c) for eventually becoming (at Brigadier-General) the highest ranking aviator to be killed in action in WW1.

Sherman, John: Lawyer-politician and "notorious warmonger" (Karp, 1979, p75) Senator John Sherman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Secretary of the Treasury in the Rutherford Hayes Administration (1877-1881), and for then drawing on his Treasury experience to sponsor both the (wholly catastrophic) Sherman Silver Purchase Act, 1890 [check it out] and the (generally toothless) Sherman Antitrust Act, 1890 [check it out]. He will go on to be Secretary of State in the run up to and the first few days of the Spanish-American War [check it out]. He resigned on grounds of ill-health 27th April 1898, his place being taken by William Day.

***** MARY HAD A LITTLE LAB, *****
***** 'TWAS NOT AS WHITE AS SNOW *****

***** Known Associate <=> Caroline Talley (= H. Warner Kloepfer (= LHO)) *****
***** Known Associate <=> David Ferrie (= LHO) *****
***** Known Associate <=> Judyth Vary Baker (= LHO) *****

Sherman, Mary Stults: [Read firstly the definition of Keraunopathy.] New Orleans based cancer researcher Mary Sherman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for marrying fellow student Thomas Watson Sherman [see own entry - INTERESTING IN ITSELF] in 1936, and for entering the University of Chicago Medical School in 1937, (b) for joining their Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, (c) for researching the 1944 paper "The Natural Course of Poliomyelitis" [JAMA full text available], and for specialising 1945-1952 in orthopaedics and bone cancer ...

ASIDE - BONE CANCERS: PubMed identifies two of Sherman's early publications as falling within this specialism, namely Sherman (1947) and Sherman and Caldwell (1953), both on Osteoid Osteomas.

(d) for being made a "widow", perhaps literally, but perhaps only figuratively (by divorce or abandonment, say) ...

ASIDE: Many sources indicate that at some time in the (presumably) late 1940s Sherman becomes a "widow", but confirmation of this is hard to find. Even J. Edgar Hoover himself was uncertain of her husband's status/whereabouts when he put out a BOLO on him ten days after the murder [see Timeline 31st July 1964].

(e) for getting herself head-hunted in 1952 by Alton Ochsner to work at the Ochsner Clinic, where she joined Guy Caldwell's [see own entry] Department of Orthopedic Surgery (Caldwell, 1965) ...

ASIDE: 1952 was a major polio epidemic year across the United States, and so her 1944 publication may have drawn her to Ochsner's attention.

(f) for renting Apartment J at 3101 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans [map], for reportedly sometimes accompanying Ochsner on his trips to South America (Baker, 2014), for helping to develop the
research facility soon colourfully known as the "bone lab", and for eventually becoming heavily involved in one of Ochsner's classified Department of Defense projects ...

**ASIDE - THE OCHSNER PROJECTS:** [Read firstly the 1739 entry concerning Lorenz Heister and his notion of a "cancer virus" - click here to be transferred.] There is no doubt that Ochsner's Foundation prospered from Department of Defence and other federal research grants, and there is little doubt that from late 1959 [see Timeline 21st October 1959] he embarked upon a flagship research program of some description. We therefore have to take very seriously the work of Edward Haslam, Jr. and Judyth Vary Baker, who assert (i) that this latter project made heavy use of a high-powered x-irradiation machine (potentially a linear accelerator), once it came on line at the nearby U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, (ii) that one of that project's research aims was to develop weapons-grade variants of viral pathogens such as the SV40 monkey virus, (iii) that Sherman was in charge of a sub-project to provide the CIA with enough of a suitably lethal pathogen to infect Fidel Castro with cancer under the authorisation of Operation 40 [see own entry], and (iv) that the electrocution event referred to below took place in said irradiation machine. None of these four assertions has yet been independently verified to the present author's satisfaction.

***** ENTER DAVID FERRIE *****

(g) for farming out some of her needs for laboratory animals in the early 1960s to Jack of Many Trades David Ferrie, based in a makeshift off-site "Mouse House" ...

**ASIDE - FERRIE'S MOUSE HOUSES:** Ferrie seems to have managed two animal labs for Sherman, one in 1956 at 209 Vinet Street, and the other in 1963 at 3225 Louisiana Avenue Parkway [see Timeline 7th December 1956 and 17th July 1963, respectively].

(h) for then being sufficiently impressed with young laboratory scientist Judyth Vary Baker, newly arrived in New Orleans, to set her to work alongside Ferrie ...

**ASIDE:** As confirmed in due course by this from Baker herself ...

"By Feb. 1963, Judyth had developed a blood titration model to detect live cancer cells in the human body. [...] Dr. Ochsner, who had been receiving her reports, had shared them with the famed cancer researcher, Dr Mary Sherman. Now Judyth was invited to come to New Orleans to work with Sherman on an internship" (Baker and Schwartz, 2017, p9).

(i) at around the same time for working with Alan H. Goodman [see own entry] on the nature of post-irradiation fractures, (j) for being found dead in her apartment in very suspicious circumstances in the early hours of 21st July 1964 [see Timeline], having died somewhere else in a truly gruesome electrocution event ...

***** THIS IS WHERE IT GETS INTERESTING *****

**ASIDE:** Sherman seems (i) to have been mortally wounded in an industrial accident of some sort while working late 20th July, (ii) to have been given first aid and morphine by colleagues unknown, (iii) to have then been put out of her misery with a surgically precise scalpel to the heart, (iv) to have then been put into a body bag and taken home to her apartment in the early hours, and (v) to have then been stabbed a few more times, covered with clothes and furnishings, and set alight in a VERY SLOPPY FAKE HOMICIDE. We have put the gory detail in the Timeline entry - follow the above link - and emphasise here merely that Dr. Sherman's right arm and ribcage had been entirely blown away by a very high power keraunopathic "arc-flash" electrocution, which could NOT have happened at the scene of discovery. Pictures etc. in the Timeline [CONTENT WARNING]. This quick YouTube will get you in the mood.

(k) for her case quickly coming to the attention of J. Edgar Hoover personally [see Timeline 31st July 1964] ...

**PIVOTAL MOMENT:** At this juncture someone with truly Hooverian influence has to have instructed the New Orleans PD and Coroner to ignore the painfully obvious cover-up, to sanitise the paperwork, and to arrange for perhaps a dozen close witnesses to keep their mouths tightly shut or face a similar fate.
(l) for thereby becoming the eponymous "Dr. Mary" in conspiracy author Edward Haslam, Jr.'s 2007/2014 book "Dr. Mary's Monkey" [Amazon].


1This delightful allusion from an undated and anonymous posting on the Den of Iniquity 2 blog, itself a valuable précis of the Haslam book - click here to check it out.

***** PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ONCE THOUGHT *****

Sherman, Thomas: [Read firstly the entry for (his wife) Mary Sherman - ESSENTIAL.] Physician Thomas Sherman [no convenient biography, and precious little electronic trail of any sort] is noteworthy in the present content (a) for reportedly marrying fellow student Mary Stults in 1936, and for them both reputedly matriculating into the University of Chicago Medical School in 1937, (b) for making her a "widow", perhaps literally, but perhaps only figuratively (by abandonment, say), at some time prior to her move to New Orleans in 1952, and (c) for then generally disappearing from both the medical literature and the conspiracy literature ...

ASIDE: PubMed lists 137 articles to <Sherman T>, dated between 1958 and the present [=June 2019]. The entries dovetail slightly, but permit the following researchers to be identified (in order of first encounter, working forward from 1958 and stopping at 1981) ...

T. F. Sherman, 6 items, 1958-1993, on general physiology
T. M. Sherman, 3 items, 1974-1995, on education
T. W. Sherman, 1 item, 1974, on autism
T. Sherman, 1975, on experimental psychology
T. G. Sherman, 27 items, 1978-2008, on endocrinology
T. Sherman, 2 items, 1979-1980, on endocrinology (so counted as T. G. Sherman)
T. L. Sherman, 4 items, 1981-1993, on mixed topics

Unfortunately, even the first listed, T. F. Sherman, is a bit late for beginning a publishing career, and so is unlikely to be the Sherman we are interested in. T. M. Sherman and subsequent are far too late and may safely be discounted. Was he perhaps a non-publishing community physician, perhaps, or did he drop out, or what?

In the 2014 edition of his book "Dr. Mary's Monkey" [Amazon], Edward Haslam, Jr. photographically reproduces a two-sheet memorandum sent out 31st July 1964 from FBI boss J. Edgar Hoover **himself** to his SAC [=Special Agent in Charge] in New Orleans and copied to other stations - see Timeline, that date, for transcript and discussion. It tells them - amongst other things - to locate Thomas Sherman as a person of interest. We are not sure if they succeeded, because in 2014 Haslam remains as vague as Hoover was in 1964 concerning the man's whereabouts, thus ...

"The husband is somewhat of an enigma; after her death, friends told investigators that [Mary] had told them he had committed suicide during the 1940s, but there is no independent corroboration of this" (Ibid., p138).

However ...

STOP PRESS - JULY 2019: The Annual Announcement of the Rush Medical College, Chicago, for the year 1940-1941 [full text online] records a Dr. Thomas Watson Sherman and a not-yet-qualified Mary Stmts [sic] Sherman. The former is described as a dermatologist, that is to say, a skin specialist. We have also located the following UP newswire entry from the 1947 The Press Democrat [full text online] ...

"SAN JOSE, September 10 - (UP) - Dr. Thomas Watson Sherman, 38, took his own life here today by plunging from the 11th floor of the Medico-Dental building. Dr. Sherman was recently discharged from the army and opened offices here as a skin specialist. His wife, Eileen, could give no explanation for the suicide. Deputy Coroner Frank Lovoi said Dr. Sherman had suffered from a nervous condition since leaving the army."

Of course our Dr. Sherman's wife was Mary, not Eileen, so further searching is still required. On the other hand, San Jose is a mere 15 miles from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, where they had studied amongst other things the dermatological effects of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs. The Medico-Dental building was/is at 227-245 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose.
Shill: Originally an accomplice of a confidence trickster planted in an audience more or less subtly to shout approval, and thereby encourage the innocent to part with their hard-earned cash. More recently, a social media correspondent paid to promote a particular propaganda point, usually by attacking opponents of that point. YouTube shill theory here.

Shipman, Timothy James: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism." ] British right-wing print journalist Timothy Shipman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town crier [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role has been as Political Editor of The Sunday Times 2014-ongoing.

Shipp, Bert Nicolo: WFAA-TV Bert Shipp [no convenient biography] was awaiting the arrival of the motorcade at the Dallas Trade Mart at the time of the shooting. He then hopped a lift in a police car to Parkland Hospital where he filmed the waiting crowd - YouTube it now.

Shipping Control Committee: [A.k.a. Lord Curzon's Committee] This was one of the several committees created in the early months of WW1 to ensure the best use of Britain's large merchant fleet. Its role is best described by one of those directly involved with it, namely Sir Walter Runciman, [Lord Doxford]1937 [Wikipedia biography], President of the Board of Trade between 1914 and 1916 [yes, that's the same Board of Trade which allowed RMS Titanic to go to sea in 1912 with lifeboats for only half the souls on board - Ed.]. Runciman is here addressing the House of Commons on 17th February 1916 during a very long House of Commons debate on the topic "Control of Merchant Shipping" [Lord Curzon has his own entry, if interested] …

"The other authority which deals with these matters is the Allocation Committee, or the Shipping Control Committee, as it is called, over which Lord Curzon presides. Lord Curzon is the only—I think the word "amateur" was used approbiously in the course of this Debate—the only amateur on the Committee, but he has the great advantage of being impartial. He knows from his position in the Cabinet how wide are our necessities, and how important it is that these should not be looked at either from the point of view of the shipowners or from the point of view of the merchant, or from that of the Allies, or even from the purely British point of view, but that all these considerations should be taken into account. The Committee over which he presides is linked up with, in constant touch with, and fully provided with a knowledge of the Licensing Committee, the Requisitioning Committee, and the transport work of the Admiralty. The varied range of these, questions necessitates having a large number of organisations and groups of men at work on these various concerns, and Lord Curzon's Committee has the great advantage in one office, and from one centre, of concentrating the work of all of them. It has the supreme duty of deciding how many vessels we can spare for our various services, of criticising the use of the vessels which are allocated to the various services, and of preventing the planting of too many there and too few out here That Committee has the extremely difficult diplomatic task of deciding how many vessels we can spare for the purposes of France, or of Italy, or of Russia, and that is centralising one of the most difficult problems common to all. I would submit to the House that that is the only centralising which at the present moment can be fairly undertaken, except by the one supreme authority over Lord Curzon's Committee, and that is the Cabinet itself, which is jointly responsible for the whole management of this difficult subject" (Hansard, 17th February 1916 [full text online])

Shure, Frances: [Read firstly the entry for False Flags, Poor Lulus, and Other Operational Entrapments ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT.] American psychotherapist Frances Shure [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for the part she played as one of the psychologists contributing to Charles Ewing Smith's (2016) video documentary "The Demolition of Truth: Psychologists Examine 9/11", in which the case is made NOT ONLY that the three World Trade Center towers - WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 - were brought down by commercial and/or military demolition experts, BUT ALSO that this could only have been a False Flag Attack, and therefore necessarily the work of a rogue clique near the top of the American Deep State, seemingly to provoke a confrontation with (and thereby become able to bomb) the Islamic world as part of what General Wesley K. Clark [see own entry and Timeline 3rd October 2007] calls "Paul Wolfowitz's 1991 playbook" (by which he means the Defense Planning Guidance Report, 1992 [see own entry]) …

YouTube that documentary here ESSENTIAL VIEWING (107 mins)
Shure's professional testimony was clipped into the larger documentary at three major insert points, but her theme throughout is the psychology of **Denial** as one of the keys to effective state deception.

Readers unfamiliar with the psychodynamic concept of **Denial** as one of the psyche's principal **Defense Mechanisms** should pre-brief themselves from those two entries in the **Companion Resource** before proceeding.

Above all, Shure was interested in a long-recognised feature of human belief systems known as **Cognitive Dissonance** ...

**QUICKIE - COGNITIVE DISSONANCE, THE BASIC THEORY:** The term "cognitive dissonance" was introduced into cognitive science by **Leon Festinger** ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leon_Festinger)) in his (1957) book "**A Theory of Cognitive Dissonance**" ([Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0498380300)), and describes the mind's characteristic reactions when being asked to reconcile fundamentally inconsistent propositions. Festinger's core thesis was that the mind likes its beliefs to be "consonant" - that is to say, "consistent, one with another. Thus ... 

\[<\text{I hate Communists}>\]

\[** IS CONSISTENT WITH **\]

\[<\text{Communists are bad people}>\]

Whereas ...

\[<\text{Communists are bad people}>\]

\[** IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH **\]

\[<\text{Communist X did a good thing}>\]

This dissonance can be made consonant again by introducing further propositions to explain away the apparent contradiction. Here are some possible wriggle-room contrivances ... 

\[<\text{Then X can’t really have been a proper Communist}>\]

\[<\text{X is just trying to deceive me into trusting him/her}>\]

\[<\text{You sure sound like a Communist yourself!}>\]

etc., etc.

In her first clip ([vid. cit. @12:20]) Shure introduces her subject, explaining that when people are presented with evidence of U.S. government misdeeds their very souls typically recoil in disbelief, leading them to reject the suggestion out of hand and to seek instead ways to "regain equilibrium" in their sense of patriotism. Her second clip ([vid. cit. @31:10]) then defends the first by carefully explaining the concepts of **American False Flags** and **American Deep State**, as follows ...

**INCONVENIENT HISTORICAL TRUTHS, #1 - AMERICAN FALSE FLAG OPERATIONS:** Shure points to two of the most flagrant, and (now) openly confessed, False Flags in military history. These were the ones against Fidel Castro's Cuba in 1962 under **Operation Northwoods** [see own entry] and against Ho Chi-Minh's North Vietnam in 1964 in the **Gulf of Tonkin Incident** [see own entry]. Indeed, she then argues, the U.S. government has so frequently used the False Flag operational paradigm that "scapegoating" the innocent has become its "most dependable" instrument of foreign policy!

**INCONVENIENT HISTORICAL TRUTHS, #2 - THE AMERICAN DEEP STATE:** On this point Shure calls in testimony from forensic historian **Peter Dale Scott** [see own entry], previously published as "**The American Deep State**" in 2017 ([Amazon IMPORTANT CONTEXT]).

Shure's third clip ([vid. cit. @43:00]) then stresses the pain and fear and anger caused by suddenly being asked to doubt the intentions and methods of one's own government, explaining that such negative emotions can actually become part of the trickery, because anger can be re-cathedced back onto the messenger, making the audience even more impervious to the message! Finally, two shorter clips toward the end of the piece lament the deep moral damage done by government misdeeds to the fabric of American life. In short, she warns, there will be no "functional nation" in the United States until the culprits are properly brought to justice. [And five years down the line, how right she was!]

***** ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS, WE THINK *****

**Sibert, James:** [Read firstly the entry for **Charles L. Killion**.] WW2 veteran (U.S.A.F.) and latterly FBI Special Agent **James Sibert** ([Spartacus Educational biography](https://www.spartacus.schools.co.uk/WW2vetsSibert.htm)) was one of two FBI agents (the other being **Francis O'Neill**).
who were sent to Andrews AFB, Maryland, by J. Edgar Hoover on the afternoon of 22nd November 1963 with explicit instructions to keep tabs on JFK's body once it arrived from Dallas, and even more explicit instructions to maintain the "chain of evidence" in respect of the ballistics and the corresponding wounds. The two agents duly accompanied the body to Bethesda and stood in on the subsequent autopsy. Their "FD-302" report on what they observed - now known as the Sibert-O'Neill Report (full text online ESSENTIAL READING) - indicated that no slugs could be found in the president's body, but that a lot of metal fragments had been splashed into his brain cavity. Moreover, the wound to Kennedy's back (1) was too low and wrongly angled for a bullet to have exited from his throat, (2) was only two inches deep, and (3) contained no slug! Accordingly, at no point during the period of the actual examination did the pathologists conclude (as would later be adjudged by the Warren Commission) that the president had suffered a through-and-through gunshot exiting his throat.

1st ASIDE: The specific wording of the report on this particular issue is as follows ...

"... Dr. HUMES stated that the pattern was clear - that the one bullet had entered the President's back and had worked its way out of the body during external cardiac massage and that a second high velocity bullet had entered the rear of the skull and had fragmented prior to exit through the top of the skull"

The report also mentions a telephone call being made to the Firearms Lab, during which Sibert was told that the duty officer there - SA Charles L. Killion [see own entry] - "had received through Secret Service Agent Richard Johnson [see own entry] a bullet which had reportedly been found on a stretcher in the emergency room of Parkland Hospital".

2nd ASIDE: Readers are reminded that it would be ten months before the Warren Commission Report appeared, and then several years before the confrontation between conspiracists and coverers up. Many witnesses gave evidence in good faith only to find much later that their words had been conveniently twisted. Many of those who then made the loudest complaint promptly died.

When interviewed by Zack Shelton in the 1990s Sibert insisted that his description of JFK's wounds - in the Warren Commission appendices - is perfectly accurate, but was deliberately played down and/or lied about by both Gerald Ford and Arlen Specter to appear to fit with the Single Bullet theory. He speaks forcefully on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

***** THE FEDS SAY WHAT THEY SAW *****

Sibert-O'Neill Report: [Read firstly the entry for James Sibert (above) ESSENTIAL PRIOR READING.] This is the 26th November 1963 report by FBI Special Agents James Sibert and Francis O'Neill [see own entry] concerning their observations four days earlier at the Bethesda Autopsy.

READ THE FULL REPORT HERE

Here are the following elements of the story (all persons named have their own entries) ...

(1) Sibert and O'Neill were at the autopsy specifically to collect ballistics evidence and to take any recovered slugs to the FBI firearms laboratory. It may therefore help to take a quick look at the entry for Charles Killion, for the slug known eventually as the Magic Bullet had already found its way there by a different route.

(2) The only non-medical staff present were Sibert and O'Neill themselves, the Director of the Secret Service James Rowley, and the three-man Secret Service White House Detail Roy Kellerman, William Greer, and William O'Leary. The Secret Service men maintained a tight security perimeter around the autopsy room.

(3) Total body x-rays failed to detect any intact slugs in the president's body. Indeed, "the individuals performing the autopsy were at a loss to explain why they could find no bullets". They did however detect "approximately 40 particles of disintegrated bullet", consistent with a "fragmented" projectile in the "skull region". It may help to compare James Files' assertion in "The Grassy Knoll" that he shot Kennedy in the right temple with a .221" "varmint" round from a Remington "Fireball", expressly designed to fragment upon impact.
Kennedy's back wound was only examined "during the latter stages" of the proceedings, and "further probing determined that the distance travelled by this missile was a short distance inasmuch as the end of the opening could be felt with the finger".

In all, 19 medical personnel are named as present, of whom (Bethesda being a Navy facility) two were Admirals. The General commanding Washington Military District also dropped in to inquire whether there was anything he could do. An administrator attended at the end to prepare the necessary receipts. A four-man undertakers' crew is also named.

**ASIDE**: Not mentioned, but asserted as present [and, if so, potentially the senior by rank - Ed.] by top-flight researcher Douglas Horne, is General Curtis Le May.

The report remains pivotally important to JFK truth because it is the only known primary account of events at the autopsy. **FURTHER READING**: For a useful alternative presentation of the report [click here](https://example.com). Sibert discusses issues arising from the report on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry](https://example.com/2007/2020-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]. For a even more recent account of the injuries and the ballistics see Patrick Harris's (2015) "The Seven Big Lies of the Medical Evidence" [Amazon].

Sierra Martinez, Paulino: As reported in David Kaiser's 2009 book "The Road to Dallas", 53-year-old Chicago-based lawyer Dr. Paulino Sierra [no convenient biography] convened a meeting on 9th May 1963 at the Royal Palms Hotel in Miami at which he tried to get the various Batistiano (Cuba's pre-revolutionary Establishment) interest groups to get their acts together. An American named William Trull claimed to have $30m available to support such an objective. Both Sierra and Trull were subsequently interviewed by the FBI, with Trull stating that Sierra had asked him to play along with him, and that Sierra's backers were Godfathers interested in re-establishing their profitable Havanan casinos.

Sigsbee, Charles Dwight: U.S. Navy careerist Charles Sigsbee [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been commander of the USS Maine [check her out] on her final mission, and for having been one of the few who survived the magazine explosion which then sank her at her Havana harbour moorings [see 15th February 1898]. His reports and subsequent testimony to the Sampson Inquiry Board [see 21st February 1898] are a major source of insight into the causes of that disaster.

"Silence of Seoul", The: This is the term used by Isidor Stone [q.v.] in his 1952/2014e book "The Hidden History of the Korean War" to describe the sudden - and in fact precisely engineered - news blackout in South Korea prior to the North Korean "surprise attack" on 25th June 1950, his point being that the surprise attack was no surprise at all, but rather (a) known about, (b) prepared for, and, yes, (c) to an extent encouraged.

**** "The sun is a disaster for me" *****

Silverstein, Larry A.: NYC property developer Larry Silverstein [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been owner of NYC's World Trade Center at the time of its destruction 11th September 2001. He had only owned it for seven weeks, having reportedly "collected the keys" on 24th July 2001. He made it his habit to breakfast there daily - therefore 48 times in all. He missed the 49th breakfast - the one on 11th September 2001 - because his wife Klara insisted he should go see his dermatologist [having a fair skin, he would later explain, the sun is "a disaster" for him, and he needs regular check-ups - Ed.] Two of his children also worked in the Center, and both of them failed to make it in to work that morning as well.

Simkin, John: Very much an oasis of objectivity in this desert of lies British historian John Simkin [Spartacus Educational biography] founded the Spartacus Educational teaching and learning resource in 1987 (online from 1997). He also founded the JFK Education Forum [homepage] in 2004, but was forced to close it as no-longer-moderatable in 2014.
Simons, Aubrey Pollard: [Read firstly the entry for Tryall Resort.] Texas entrepreneur Pollard Simons [no convenient biography] is tangentially noteworthy in the present context because one of his real estate developments in the late 1950s was the Montego Bay Tryall Club resort, thus ...

"When the coconut market declined after the Second World War, the then owners, William and Ida DeLisser, decided to capitalize on the Great House’s popularity as a tourist attraction and opened a guesthouse. It stayed this way until 1957 when the estate (which had been in the same family since the mid 19th century) was sold to a group of entrepreneurs led by Pollard Simons, Winthrop Rockefeller, Theodore Law, Henry Strazburger and Buddy Fogelson. One of them had visited Tryall for afternoon tea, and recognized that the house and estate had enormous potential. This was the beginning of The Tryall Club” (their website, 18th February 2018).

One of the cottages on this investment seems to have been owned by limo #1’s Governor John Connolly.

Simpich, William: Lawyer and assassination researcher Bill Simpich [no convenient biography] was author of the 2017 online book "State Secret" [full text online at the Mary Ferrell Foundation - RECOMMENDED]. He has also produced a number of detailed YouTube online documentaries, including (2017) "The JFK Assassination and the Murder of J. D. Tippit" and (2016) "Captain Westbrook and the Murder of J. D. Tippit", in which he accuses a sub-conspiracy of DPD officers - not least Bill Westbrook, Gerry Hill, and Kenneth Croy - of following a cleverly pre-scripted program of evidence planting so strictly executed even after it should have been abandoned that it required a second wave of cover-ups - ever more inconsistent - in the ensuing hours and days. Which is why the story of Oswald's Wallet still deserves close attention over half a century later!

Sinclair, Harry Ford: American speculator, turned oilman, turned banker, turned monopoly trust oilman Harry Sinclair [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the head of the holding company Sinclair Oil [Wikipedia briefing]. It was in this latter role that he became implicated in the 1922 Teapot Dome Scandal [see 15th April 1922], for which he was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

***** CANDIDATE JFK DEEP STATER (CAPTAINS AND KINGS) *****
"A star figure in the Iran-Contra scandal"
"One hell of a man; shame about the paranoia"

Singlaub, John Kirk: U.S. Army careerist John K. Singlaub [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a fast-rising early military career 1943-1945 with the OSS's Jedburgh Units [Wikipedia briefing] in occupied France, (b) for transferring to the Far East after the German surrender to apply the skills he had acquired in the OSS's Burma-China Campaign ...


It may also help to skim the 36 entries for <Chennault's Various Air Forces> in the Timeline 3rd June 1937 through 11th August 1960 [DEEP CONTEXT].

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by Ho Chi Minh and the Viet Minh in shaping much of the 20th Century should then see the biographical entries for Ho himself, Lucien Conein, Alfred T. Cox, and Paul Helliwell; also the Timeline entries for 27th January 1919 [DEEP CONTEXT] and 29th March 1945 [INTERESTING].

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by the OSS in WW2 Yugoslavia should see the entry cluster for Operation KEELHAUL, AMCOMLIB, and Franklin A. Lindsay.

CAMEO - SINGLAUB AND THE KUNMING IRREGULARS: The Burma-China campaign against the Japanese (which the U.S. and the Colonial French won) soon became the Burma-China campaign against the Communist Chinese (which the U.S. lost). It then flared up as the Korean War (which remains at time of writing [= April 2022] in an uneasy state of ceasefire negotiations), the French Indochina War (which the French lost),
the Vietnam War (which the U.S. lost), and the present [= April 2022] Taiwan Confrontation (which could very easily kill us all). Here is Hancock (op. cit. inf.) with some early context ...

"This unit was commanded by Colonel Paul Helliwell [above; also featured in the entry for Thomas G. Corcoran INDICATIVE] [...]. Other personnel included Howard Hunt [see own entry], Lucien Conein [above HIGHLY REVELATORY], and John Singlaub" (p322).

Here is Yu (op. cit. inf.) explaining Singlaub's part in rescuing American POWs from Japanese camps in China in the days immediately after Hiroshima ...

"The Pigeon mission, under a young OSS captain fresh out from the European theatre, John C. [sic] Singlaub, parachuted onto Hainan Island on 27 August [1945], located about 400 POWs, and evacuated them all to nearby Hong Kong" (pp231-232).

And here, from Singlaub (op. cit. inf.), is the man himself on the nature of his duties (a long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"I shipped out for the Far East [...] in early April [1945] [...] as officer-in-charge of a large, eclectic group of OSS personnel officers, enlisted men, and civilians - all bound for the Far East via Calcutta. [...] Several of the OSS men on board were Yugoslav Americans who'd fought in the Balkans. Some had served with Tito's Communist partisans, and others with General Draza Mihailovich's Chetnik guerrillas. [...] The OSS China Special Operations compound was in the pleasantly green rice paddy camp two miles west of Kunming [map]. [...] My assignment was to equip and train a thirty-man Operational Group guerrilla unit composed of 'Annamites' - young Vietnamese volunteers from Ho Chi Minh's Viet Minh - led by American officers and NCOs, with the help of several Vietnamese veterans of the French Foreign Legion. Once I got his unit into fighting shape we were to parachute into the rugged highlands north of the Red River delta, northwest of Hanoi and Haiphong [map]. [...] I flew on C-47 supply drops to OSS teams already in the field, some with Ho Chi Minh's headquarters group in the mountains above the Red River. [...] By July [1945] I had my people worked up to peak combat efficiency" (pp75-81).

... (c) following the presidential decommissioning of the OSS in September 1945, for being assigned to the War Department's interim Strategic Services Unit (SSU), (d) for being briefed to take post as head of an SSU station in Manchuria in early 1946, monitoring Soviet support for the advancing Chinese Communists, (e) for shipping out to Manchuria that spring, being based for a time at the U.S. base at Jinzhou/Chinchou [map], thereafter at Shenyang/Mukden [map], (f) for self-reportedly forging liaison contacts with Mukden's White Russian community, (g) for having his SSU command subsumed in 1947 into the newly formed Central Intelligence Group, (h) for monitoring the Nationalists' unsuccessful Manchuria Campaign [Wikipedia briefing], through to the final evacuation of Shenyang/Mukden in October 1948 [Wikipedia briefing], (i) for returning stateside at Christmas 1948, to be assigned to the CIA's China Desk in early 1949, from which vantage point he observed the Nationalist withdrawal to the relative safety of Taiwan and organised a network of "stay-behind" teams on the Chinese mainland to continue a silent war against the Communists, (j) with war looming in Korea, for being assigned to Fort BraggNC [Wikipedia briefing] in April 1950 to help train new airborne troops, (k) for moving on to Fort BenningGA [Wikipedia briefing] in September 1950 to head a new Ranger training centre there, specialising in "low-altitude night drops", (l) for being re-assigned to the CIA again in December 1951 ...

CAMEO - WITH THE CIA IN KOREA: Singlaub was instructed "to step up pressure on the Chinese Communists by supporting guerrilla movements on the mainland of China" (p181). This was to be a clandestine operation run out of "the large new CIA station in Japan, and supported by a fleet of transport aircraft and surface vessels" (idem.). Singlaub arrived as deputy station chief in early 1952, working to the Joint Advisory Commission, Korea (JACK) [Wikipedia briefing] out of Seoul. "Our main mission," he later explained, "was to collect military intelligence by dispatching Korean agents north, by either parachute drop or sea insertion" (p182).

... (m) for being reassigned December 1952 to command 15th Infantry Regiment [Wikipedia briefing], serving a spell with that unit in Korea's infamous "Iron Triangle" [Wikipedia briefing], (n) for attending a ten-month course at the Staff College at Fort LeavenworthKS [Wikipedia briefing] 1953-1954, followed by a three-year stint as a faculty member there, developing "Airborne doctrine" for the nuclear age ...
CAMEO - SINGLAUB AS SKORZENYMANN: A number of deep penetration special ops have been suggested as involving Singlaub during his time at Staff College. His name has been linked, for example, with that of Hitler’s favourite paramilitary and budding celebrity Nazi Otto Skorzeny [see own entry MORE THAN USUALLY REVELATORY], perhaps as early as 1949, then through the early 1950s, activities and frequency unrecorded. This is not as unlikely as it might sound, because Skorzeny is known to have been recruited into U.S. service in that era (Ganis, op. cit. inf.). Singlaub also reportedly played a part in the top secret deep banking op in 1954 to recover a substantial hoard of WW2 booty best known as the Golden Lily Treasure or Yamashita's Gold [no balanced briefing and - sadly - a great deal to confuse the incautious browser]. Here are Yeadon and Hawkins (op. cit. inf.) with the basic allegation (the Marcos in question will become President Marcos 1965-1983) ...

STANDARD CAUTION - GOLD SELLS BOOKS: "X-marks-the-spot" tales of buried treasure have long scrambled ordinary folks’ brains and distorted the historical narrative (there are, for example, over 10,000 entries for <Nazi Gold> on the TV Tropes website - Ed.). Our standard cautionary advice is therefore to regard all mentions of captured enemy treasure as more or less inaccurate at best, and outright deliberately deceptive at worst. The story of the Japanese hoard is no exception, because EITHER it is hinting at conspiracies where no conspiracy existed (thus wasting the enemy's intelligence resources) OR it is deliberately blowing smoke over a genuine underlying conspiracy (thus facilitating one's own misdeeds). Readers must judge the substance of the following story for themselves ... 

"One of the latest recoveries [of stolen WW2 gold], dubbed NIPPON STAR [no core briefing but numerous media reports (not necessarily a good thing, remember) - example], recovered more than 500 metric tons of gold from the Philippines. Singlaub, who was active in right-wing extremist groups and political intrigue in Central and South America, headed the team. Singlaub was part of the military intelligence complex before retiring. The team consisted of Gunther Russbacher [no convenient biography but a very great deal to entertain the determined browser], a CIA agent, five other Americans, and a handful of Filipinos. They recovered Nazi gold and gold stolen from China by the Japanese. Kurt Waldheim [Wikipedia biography] served as the intermediary between the Austrian National Bank and Philippine President Marcos, [...] A 1956 gold certificate is one of the earliest documents testifying to Marcos recovering Golden Lily treasure" (k10321-10340).

... (o) for also getting himself increasingly involved in rightist politics, joining that "internationale of crime" (Meyssan, op. cit. inf.) the World Anti-Communist League (WACL) [see own entry MORE THAN USUALLY REVELATORY] in 1952, and the American Security Council (ASC) [see own entry] (Lateer, op. cit. inf.) in 1955 ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing] and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.

... (p) for helping to modernise the equipment and tactics of 101st Airborne Division [Wikipedia briefing] during the winter 1956-1957, based at Fort CampbellKY [Wikipedia briefing], (q) for being called upon to evaluate those improvements when they were put to the test in Lebanon during 1958's Operation BLUE BA1 [Wikipedia briefing], (r) for returning home via Paris, where he met up with old comrades from his French Resistance days in "a jewel of a small stone chateau" near Orleans ...

CAMEO - DE GAULLE FOR PRESIDENT: It later turned out that the Frenchmen he was mixing with were planning a coup d'état in case General Charles de Gaulle failed in a referendum on the situation in Algeria [Wikipedia briefing].

... (s) for being instrumental in promoting the role of helicopters such as the new UH-1 Huey, and for training up small helo-mobile "RECONDO" [= RECONnaissance et commando] units, (t) for being assigned to West Germany in July 1960 ...
CAMEO - SINGLAUB AND THE "COMMAND INFORMATION PROGRAM": While in Germany, Singlaub decided that the U.S. Army of Occupation had grown psychologically soft, and that his troops were insufficiently "educated in the history of the totalitarian Communist system and the brutal repression of Eastern Europe" (p254). He therefore implemented "a regular series of lectures, tracing the history of expansionist Soviet policies and subversion" (ident). This program was similar to that run by General Edwin A. Walker [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL] in his own command in Bavaria, a man who would later resign from the Army "in protest against the illegal procedures taken against him by President Kennedy and his secretary of defense Robert McNamara" (p255). Singlaub persisted with his own program.

... (u) for duties in Berlin 1961-1963, during the Khrushchev-Kennedy tensions, (v) for a period back at the Pentagon 1963-1965, helping to resource the developing war in Vietnam, (w) for thereby being appointed head of Military Assistance Command, Vietnam - Studies And Observation Group (MACV-SOG) [Wikipedia briefing] in Vietnam in April 1966, serving two years there ...

Readers unfamiliar with the work of the MACV-SOG should see the background material in the entry for the <Gulf of Tonkin Incident> before proceeding, Vietnam being a war deliberately provoked by special operatives such as Singlaub.

CAMEO - SINGLAUB AND MACV-SOG: In his memoirs, Singlaub describes MACV-SOG as "an unconventional warfare, sabotage, and covert-action organisation" (p292). He also confesses that the command was expected to take the war to the enemy in their "sanctuaries" in neighbouring Laos and Cambodia, provided only that it could be plausibly denied. Gianis (op. cit. inf.) has even raised the intriguing possibility that the aforementioned Otto Skorzeny was still close at hand, thus ...

"It is clear [...] that Otto Skorzeny had some vital role assisting U.S. special forces with conduct of MACV-SOG operations. This likely involved training of personnel in sabotage and assassination, two specialty areas of Skorzeny. This was an extension of his earlier assistance to French special forces in Indochina and likely the reason the Americans came to him. [...] General Singlaub, like so many others described in this book, was a World War II veteran of units and missions directly linked to OSS operations and to postwar covert activity in Indochina. He was also part of the same covert military network associated with Otto Skorzeny prior to 1966. Information acquired during the research for this book included confirmation [...] that Singlaub had worked in some covert capacity with Skorzeny" (p403).

... (x) for a posting back to Germany as part of NATO's response to the 1968 Czechoslovakia Crisis [Wikipedia briefing], (y) for serving thereafter at Fort HoodTX [Wikipedia briefing], helping, among other special duties, to develop night vision equipment, (z) for returning to the Pentagon 1971-1972 as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Drug and Alcohol Abuse), in an attempt to undo some of the Army's disciplinary bad habits, (aa) for then being assigned 1973-1976 to help rebuild the "demoralised, unjustly vilified" Army, following the North Vietnamese victory in Indochina, (ab) for being appointed Chief of Staff of the United Nations Command in South Korea in 1976, remaining there until eased out for non-subordination by the Carter Administration in 1978 [Carter, he later claimed, actually wanted to have him court-martialed - Ed.], (ac) for duly retiring the Army in May 1978 "with no parade and no regrets" (p413), (ad) for working the national security lecture circuit for a while, preaching "the need for America to re-establish its national defences and strategic position as the leader of the free world" (p425), and stressing "the critical need to modernise our strategic nuclear forces" (p426), (ae) for being one of the three co-founders of the Western Goals Foundation [see own entry] in 1979 ...

CAMEO - SINGLAUB AND THE WESTERN GOALS FOUNDATION: The other two founders were Larry P. McDonald [see own entry REVELATORY] and John H. Rees [see own entry REVELATORY], and the organisation's network of affiliations included the World Anti-Communist League (WACL) [see own entry REVELATORY] and the John Birch Society (JBS) [see own entry REVELATORY]. One of its principal sponsors was the Texan billionaire Nelson Bunker Hunt [see own entry REVELATORY]. See the separate entry for the foundation's modus operandi [REVELATORY].

... (af) for throwing his weight behind the 1980 Reagan-Bush Campaign [Wikipedia briefing], (ag) for helping to establish an American chapter of the above-mentioned WACL in November 1981 ...

CAMEO - SINGLAUB VERSUS THE NAZIS: Somewhat ironically, by 1983 the WACL had to purge itself of the more "extremist, neo-Nazi, neo-fascist, racist, or similar organisations" which had quickly gathered to its call.
... (ah) in May 1984 for being appointed head of a Department of Defense's think-tank known informally as the Singlaub Panel [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser RECOMMENDED], working with specialist king-unmaker Edward Lansdale [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL] to plan U.S. political interference in El Salvador, (ai) for then getting himself involved setting up the munitions shell game (and duly figuring in the subsequent Congressional Inquiry) now known as the Iran-Contra Affair [see Timeline 1st December 1986], and (aj) for his unapologetically defiant 1991 memoir entitled "Hazardous Duty" [Amazon]. He died early 2022, aged 100. OUR VERDICT: For what it's worth, we have Singlaub - over and above the personality defects already side-panelled above - as the stereotypical short man with a chip on his shoulder [Wikipedia psychology] - browse his online image gallery. FURTHER READING: In order of mention see Larry Hancock's (2010) "Someone Would Have Talked" [Amazon], Maochun Yu's (1996) "OSS in China: Prelude to Cold War" [Amazon ESSENTIAL READING], John K. Singlaub's (1991) "Hazardous Duty" [Amazon], Ralph P. Ganis' (2018) "The Skorzeny Papers: Evidence for the Plot to Kill JFK" [Amazon], Glen Yeadon and John Hawkins' (2008) "Nazi Hydra in America" [Amazon], Thierry Meyssan's (2004) "The World Anti-Communist League: The Internationale of Crime" [full text online], J. W. Lateer's (2017) "The Three Barons: The Organisational Chart of the Kennedy Assassination" [Amazon], and Alex Constantine's (2014) edition of "The Essential Mae Brussell" [Amazon]. For more on the links between Hitler's bankers and right wing U.S. politicians see Russ Baker's (2009) "Family of Secrets" [Amazon WORLD HISTORIC EVEN IF ONLY HALF TRUE]. We also liked Bob Bergin's (2012) "The OSS and The Fourth Dimension of Warfare: Major General John K. Singlaub, An Interview" [Amazon].

Single Bullet Theory: See the entry for Magic Bullet.

Siragusa, Charles: See the entry for the truly enigmatic June Cobb.

Sisson, Edgar Grant: American journalist Edgar Sisson [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for pre-war employment as city editor of the Chicago Tribune ...

ASIDE - THE MORALS OF INVESTMENT PUNDITS (RULE #4 APPLIES): We have often, for lack of smoking gun evidence, grudgingly given the benefit of the doubt to those we suspected of wrongdoing. On occasions, however, we have applied what we refer to as "Rule #4" [see Timeline Section 2.4], and have declared guilt by likelihood instead. And we are downright uncharitable when it comes to stock market gurus, where opportunities abound for insider trading and fraudulent influence. To put it bluntly, those who write the city pages are chiselers.

... (b) for thereby being head-hunted 14th April 1917 onto George Creel's [see own entry] new propaganda agency, the Committee on Public Information (CPI) [see own entry], earmarked for deployment to Russia, (c) once in Russia, for there specialising in "the production of propaganda aimed at undermining the morale of German and Austrian troops" (Spence, k4543), (d) for thereby getting his hands on the eponymous Sisson Documents [SEE OWN ENTRY] in early 1918, thus ...

"Sisson was a Chicago newspaper man hand-picked by [...] Creel to head an office in Petrograd. The CPI [...] endeavoured to mount a pro-Ally campaign in Russia [...]. Sisson did not arrive on the scene until after the Bolsheviks had taken power but [...] took a violent dislike of them. His conviction that Lenin and Trotsky were German agents eventually led him to purchase and promote a collection of mostly spurious documents purporting to prove just that" (Spence k4524-4533).

and (e) for recalling his experiences in Russia in his (1931) book "One Hundred Red Days" [Amazon].

Sisson Documents: [Read firstly the entry for the Committee on Public Information (CPI) ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] The mysterious collection of intelligence papers nowadays known as the Sisson Documents [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being hawked (as a prototypical "Dodgy Dossier") around
the Allied diplomatic community in Russia in Spring 1918, purporting to prove that the rise of Lenin and Trotsky had been - with their conscious and recent connivance - part of a Berlin intelligence operation ...

**ASIDE:** It has been fairly well-established that the Bolsheviks and other anti-Tsarist dissident groups in Russia were indeed encouraged and funded by Berlin in the early years of the war as a good way of destabilising the Tsarist war effort. Leftists were "used", in other words, to go mess on other people's lawns. Things changed, however, once the Tsar abdicated 15th March 1917, because suddenly working class unrest started to spread to other countries including Germany itself. Fearful of blow-back, Berlin duly switched to other lines of provocation, such as stirring up nationalist sentiment in border states like Finland [see Timeline 26th January 1918] and the Ukraine [ditto 28th January 1918].

... (b) for being purchased by the British Establishment's man in Moscow Robert Lockhart (see own entry), but - after inspection - for being dismissed by him as forgeries [see Timeline 11th April 1918], and (c) for then being acquired by the U.S. Committee on Public Information (CPI)'s [see own entry] man in Moscow, Edgar Sisson (see own entry), and passed as genuine to Washington, where for a few pivotally important weeks the British doubts are deliberately suppressed ...

**CAMEO - THE SISSON DECEPTION:** During Summer 1918, the CPI's state propagandists edit and republish the Sisson material as "The German-Bolshevik Conspiracy" [full text online](http://www.csun.edu/~drobcs506/1919/Sisson/whatis-sisson.html) (courtesy of the University of Colorado). The most likely explanation is that the Wilson Administration had already committed to military intervention in support of the White Russians in the Russian Civil War, and now wished to smear the Bolsheviks as secret allies of Germany.

**Situational Awareness (SA):** See the [companion resource](http://www.csun.edu/~drobcs506/1919/Sisson/sisson-background.html).

Sitzman, Marilyn: On a sightseeing break from her receptionist's job in the Dal-Tex Building, Marilyn Sitzman [Wikipedia biography](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marilyn_Sitzman) was with her boss Abraham Zapruder at the time of the assassination atop the concrete abutment at the south-western extremity of the John Neely Bryan Pergola. Her evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview by Josiah Thompson, 1966 [read transcript now](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04l9yJ6Q50c); Interview to camera, 1993 [YouTube it now](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04l9yJ6Q50c). In the 1966 interview she remembered seeing a broken cola bottle in the area where "kids had thrown down their coke bottles", making her an important witness in the Blood in Dealey Plaza Thread.

Skripal, Sergei: "Drinker, traitor, soldier, spy" (*The Times*, 13th March 2018) Russian intelligence official Sergei Skripal [Wikipedia biography](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergei_Skripal) was dismissed the service in 2004 when convicted of "high treason in the form of espionage" for having doubled for the UK. After five or so years in prison he was pardoned and included in a US-Russian Federation swap. He was then issued a British passport and settled in Salisbury, UK, (which city is close to the centre of UK biological research at Porton Down [Wikipedia briefing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Porton_Down)). He (and his daughter Yulia) then came into the international news in a big way in March 2018, in the as-yet-unsolved [March 2018] Salisbury Incident [q.v.].

Skripal, Yulia: Yulia Skripal [no convenient biography] is the 33-year-old daughter of Sergei Skripal who came into the international news in a big way in March 2018, in the as-yet-unsolved [March 2018] Salisbury Poisoning [q.v.].

Skull and Bones: [Read firstly the entry for Secret Societies] Skull and Bones is apparently a restricted membership secret society centred conceptually (always) and physically (when necessary) in the cloisters of Yale University, and bound by the usual paraphernalia of treasured lore, oaths and recitations, and solemn duties.

Slack, Garland Glenwill: 59-year-old big-game hunter Garland Slack [no convenient biography] was spectating on Houston but saw nothing not already noted elsewhere. HOWEVER, he had already encountered either LHO or an LHO Look Alike earlier in the month at the Sports Drome Rifle Range. His evidence in this respect was dealt with by the Warren Commission as part of the testimony of the
Range Superintendent Floyd Davis \[q.v.\]. Slack's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 (addressing only his Dealey Plaza experiences) \[read it now\].

**Slavery Compensation Loan**: \[INDEXING STUB\] For our main offering on this subject see the entry for \textbf{Neoliberalism, Some Worked Examples}, wherein the 1833 slavery loan provides the \textit{Leitmotiv} worked example of the risks of an overly intimate relationship (that is to say, one not "at-arm's-length" \[Investopedia\] between politicians and financiers. The topic is also mentioned in the Companion \textit{Timeline} in \textit{Part 7 at 17th May 1833} (when the loan was before parliament), as well as in \textit{Part 11 at 19th January 1927} (when the loan was consolidated) and \textit{27th March 2015} (when, after 182 years, the consolidated debt was finally cleared). \[\textit{THREAD = STOCK MARKET AND FINANCIAL SHARP PRACTICE}\]

\textbf{Sloan, William}: Assassination researcher Bill Sloan \[no convenient biography\] was author of the 1993 book "Breaking the Silence", in which the testimony of 12 of the most officially ignored witnesses was revisited.

\textbf{Smedley, Agnes}: American Leftist with \[Asian\] Indian Independence sympathies turned Imperial German \textit{agent provocateur} 1914-1917 turned Freikorps German intelligence agent 1919-1928 turned China hand 1929 turned Soviet agent \textit{or double} 1930-1948 Agnes Smedley \[Wikipedia biography\] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early life in Missouri, the daughter of an "unreliable" and "shiftless" father, (b) for relocating to Trinidad, Colorado, in 1901, aged nine years, to a life of no little hardship, thus ...

"The reason for Trinidad's success was coal. [...] The Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, part of John D. Rockefeller's \textbf{Standard Oil Trust} and the area's largest employer, used the town as a hub for operations. [...] The Smedleys' home was on the outskirts of town, near the yards and shops of the Colorado and Southern Railroad and across the tracks from more prosperous residents. It was no more than a canvas platform tent and lacked plumbing and electricity [...]. [The companies] observed few health or safety precautions. In 1901 and 1902 alone, 128 fatal accidents and another 186 mishaps that caused crippling injuries [...] had occurred, but coroners' juries rarely found the companies guilty [...]. Anyone who complained openly [...] faced immediate dismissal. [...] On November 9, 1903, [...] all but 613 of the 8000 coal mine workers [...] walked off their jobs [whereupon the companies] determined that the time had come to annihilate organised labour in Colorado once and for all. [+++ details of the ensuing confrontations +++] [This] crude class conflict was Agnes's first exposure to the quintessentially western form of American radicalism she would later make her own" \cite{Price, op. cit. inf., pp19-23}.

... (c) for thereby developing apparently genuine Leftist opinions in the years before America's entry into WW1, especially while resident in Greenwich Village, NYC, where she fell in with German intelligence contacts busily cultivating German-Indian relations as a good way of weakening the British Empire, (d) for eventually being arrested by the U.S. \textbf{Naval Intelligence Bureau (NIB)} \[INH briefing\] and suffering two months in prison in summer 1917 ...

\textbf{RESEARCH ISSUE - WAS SMEDLEY "TURNED"?}: From 1917 onward there are occasional hints that Smedley's Leftism, such as it ever was, had evolved into a cover for life as a professional informer. Henceforth she continued to seek out Leftist causes, but the suspicions are perhaps now (1) that her support for them was cleverly feigned, and (2) that she was feeding insider intel to some NIB handler. Such "conversions" are not uncommon, given that the alternative is execution or imprisonment. Moreover, the pay is good. Here, from the \textit{StackExchange} web resource, is the dictionary definition of the English verb "to turn" in its espionnage sense ...

"\textit{to cause (an enemy agent) to become a double agent working for one's own side}" \cite{Collins Dictionary}.

For real life examples of known double agents see the entries for \textbf{Herbert Philbrick} \[see own entry \textbf{REVELATORY}\], June Cobb \[see own entry \textbf{REVELATORY}\], Eugene Lyons \[see own entry \textbf{REVELATORY}\], John H. Rees \[see own entry \textbf{REVELATORY}\], Alfred Rosenberg \[see own entry \textbf{maybe}\], and Team Jorge \[see own entry \textbf{EXPLAINS SO VERY MUCH}\]. For fictional examples, reference should be made to the \textbf{TVtropes} website, starting with the entry for \textit{<Deep Cover Agent>} and then following the links provided.
... (e) for being part of the defence team in the trial of the Indian defendants in the Hindu-German Conspiracy Trial [Wikipedia briefing], (f) for relocating to Germany in the early 1920s, espousing Leftist causes there, and cohabiting with Indian Communist Virendranath Chatto [Wikipedia biography], (g) for publishing the autobiographical novel "Daughter of the Earth" [Amazon rare] in 1928-1929, (h) for relocating to Shanghai in 1929, where she became a correspondent for the Frankfurter Zeitung, thus being lucky enough to cover the eventual Japanese invasion, the entirety of WW2 in the Far East, and then the Kuomintang-Communist Chinese Civil War [see Timeline 19th September 1931 and as threaded], (i) for falling in with Soviet spymaster Richard Sorge [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE] during 1930, quickly becoming his lover and remaining close to him as he went about establishing a Russian-Japanese spy ring ...

CAMEO - SMEDLEY AND THE SORGE SPY RING: Price (op. cit. inf.) introduces this phase of Smedley's life as follows ...  

"Sorge had also returned to Shanghai that fall, accompanied by his two wireless operators. The data he was currently gathering on the economic and political policies of the Nanking government and its plans for the subjugation of warlords, frequently took him out of town; in the city, he relied for information on a circle of German merchants, scholars, military advisers to the Nanking government, and other officials who were linked to the German Consulate General. Much of his free time, however, he spent with Agnes - either alone or accompanied by his friend Gerhart Eisler [Wikipedia biography], the German Communist who had become the Comintern's chief representative in China" (pp213-214).

... (j) for thus being in the thick of things in 1931 during the Japanese Invasion of Manchuria [see Timeline 18th September 1931, then as threaded], continuing her work from quarters in the French Quarter of occupied Shanghai, under the protection of fellow journalists Harold Isaacs [see own entry USEFUL PARALLEL NARRATIVE] and Frank Glass [see own entry USEFUL PARALLEL NARRATIVE] ...

CAMEO - WHAT MOSCOW NEEDED TO KNOW: Price explains how Smedley's closeness to Sorge sucked her into taking ever greater risks ...

"Sorge's superiors also needed to learn whether the attack was a single unrelated event or part of a larger Japanese plan to conquer all of China. If the latter were the case, the Soviet military desperately needed to learn whether Japan's next move would be farther south in China or toward Siberia in the north" (p224).

... (k) for publishing a volume of vignettes entitled "Chinese Destinies: Sketches of Present-Day China" [Amazon rare] in 1932, in which she highlighted the poverty and tragedy of the general population beset as it was by Nationalist Chinese corruption on the one hand and Japanese imperialism on the other, (l) for becoming more actively involved in administering the Sorge ring during 1933, visiting Moscow a number of times (m) that winter for publishing a work praising the People's Liberation Army (PLA) entitled "China's Red Army Marches" [Amazon rare], then travelling to NYC to liaise with the CPUSA's Earl Browder [see own entry USEFUL PARALLEL NARRATIVE] (whom, incidentally, she regarded as an "idiot"), (n) for getting back to Shanghai in October 1934 only to find that said PLA had just disappeared into the hinterland on its famous Long March [Wikipedia briefing]; also that her pro-PLA book had been proscribed by the Kuomintang censors, (o) for severing contacts with the CPUSA on 18th August 1936 and relocating closer to the fighting in China's northwestern provinces [this period is covered in detail in Price's Chapter 13, if interested - Ed.], (p) for thereby being right there on the spot [such coincidences are often nowhere near as coincidental as they might appear - Ed.] during the confused power plays of 1937 which crystallised Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang as the "good" Chinese in Western eyes ...

***** A WORLD HISTORIC CHANGE OF ALIGNMENT *****

CAMEO - SMEDLEY AND THE XI'AN INCIDENT: On 9th January 1937 Smedley was caught up in the aftermath of the so-called Xi'an Incident [Wikipedia briefing]. This had taken place between 12th and 24th December 1936, and had involved Nationalist leader Chiang being arrested by dissenting warlord Zhang Xueliang [Wikipedia biography QUITE A GUY] for - in short - preferring to fight fellow Chinese (i.e., the Communists) than fight back against the Japanese. Chiang was only released when he, Zhou Enlai (for the PLA), and General Zhang (for his Northeastern Army) all agreed to stop bickering and form a United Front.
With their good relations with Chiang, this would all have been of immense interest to the United States, who now have extra troops (i.e., the Communists) in the struggle against Japan, while doubling the strength of the Nationalists when eventually the time comes to turn against the PLA. As a result of all this geopolitical intrigue, Smedley suddenly acquired notoriety as a dangerous Soviet asset in a global flashpoint, firstly in a NYT piece dated 9th January 1937, which, under the headline "American Woman Aids Chinese Rising", included the following section ...

"Agnes Smedley, former Colorado schoolteacher, who has long been associated with radical movements in Asia, was described as conducting radio propaganda to unite large disaffected military units [...] under the Red Banner in defiance of the Nanking government. [...] Radio stations launched an intensive campaign to spread the Red gospel. [...] Every few hours she has been broadcasting in English appeals for recruits for the Red uprising against Nanking" (reproduced in Smedley, p296).

... and later that month in Life Magazine, wherein she was described as "Mao's American Ally" (ibid., p303).

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** It should be noted that General Zhang had just returned from a "tour of Europe" (his Wiki, 19th August 2023), so it would be nice to know whose intelligence services he had spoken to while he was there (he was certainly no Communist sympathiser).

... (p) for relocating to Yenan [map], nearly 200 miles to the north, as embedded reporter at the headquarters of Mao Zedong's People's Liberation Army (PLA), earning herself further media coverage in a 13th March 1937 article by fellow-Socialist Upton Sinclair [Wikipedia biography] entitled "America's Amazing Woman Rebel in China" [reproduced in Price, p298], from which the following ...

"An American woman [has] become one of the leaders of the radicals of that disturbed and dangerous part of the world. She is organising a 'student propaganda corps' in [Xi'an], broadcasting several times a day to a million kindred spirits; when the American military attaché wishes to evacuate Americans from the fighting district, it is this middle-aged Middle-Western schoolteacher who makes the arrangements for him" (p298).

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have been unable to trace any academic scrutiny of her broadcast transcripts for the use of embedded coded messages, that is to say, those mysteriously phrased sentences or unnecessary words used by spies to pass messages within messages. A nice Ph.D. for someone, perhaps. Interested readers will find a mini-tutorial on such communications techniques in the 1911 Sherlock Holmes adventure entitled "The Adventure of the Red Circle" [full text online] (search for the phrase "Surely the most valuable hunting ground that ever was given to a student of the unusual").

... (q) for continuing to hobnob with the PLA in Yenan until the Japanese in Manchuria decided to strike southward into heartland China on 7th July 1937 [see Timeline that date], (r) for however NOT being in sufficiently good health to accompany the PLA's Eight Route Army to its allocated front in Shansi Province [Wikipedia briefing], contenting herself instead with "[roaming] the length and breadth of Shansi Province outside the war zones" (p322) and journalising the army's exploits from afar, (s) for liaising around this time with Captain Evans Fordyce Carlson [Wikipedia biography QUITE A GUY], "an American naval officer who had come to study the Communists' techniques" (idem), (t) for relocating to the fall-back capitals, firstly at Hankow [map] and then at Chungking [same map, further west], in 1938, being visited frequently by observers such as Christopher Isherwood, W. H. Auden, and Freda Utley, (u) for becoming something of a nomad after the fall of Hankow, usually as a medical camp-follower of some sort with the PLA, and always at great personal risk, (v) for surviving to hear that the Nationalists had finally turned their guns against the Communists in January 1941, placing her at even greater risk, (w) for being evacuated back to the United States in May 1941, (x) for scraping a living as best she could, writing China memoirs, and ending up in NYC in late 1942, (y) for being "outed" by a Nazi newspaper in early 1943 as part of the Sorge Ring, thus instantly earning herself an FBI Communist sympathiser's dossier, (z) for publishing her latest book, "Battle Hymn of China" [Amazon], that August, (aa) for beginning to speak out more loudly against the corruption she had witnessed in Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist administration, especially after November 1945 when - with the Japanese gone - Chiang and Mao finally went for each other's throats, (ab) in the growing anti-Communist hysteria of the post-war years, for being further investigated by the FBI, who now judged her writings from way back bore the mark of "the propaganda branch of the Comintern", and (ac) for thereby coming to the attention of General MacArthur at Far East Command, Tokyo, who then passed the papers to his G-2 Charles A. Willoughby [né Tschepp-Weidenbach] [see own entry VERY MURKY AND POSSIBLY EVEN WORLD HISTORIC] ...
"Having lived in Weimar Germany in the years before Hitler assumed power, Agnes could not help but compare the situation there to the present political climate in America. [In her opinion,] the American people had to do something to repel the rising reactionary tide. 'Fascists ... will not stop unless someone stops them,' she advised. Most Americans, she feared, lacked the conviction to stop the 'powerful gang of mad dogs running loose' in America. [...] In the summer of 1947, India achieved independence and Jawaharlal Nehru, once dismissed as a visionary and an idealist, became prime minister [and] now invited her to come to India and serve as an adviser to his government. She turned him down. [...] By this time, the FBI had discovered so little damaging information on Agnes that it closed her case. General Douglas MacArthur, however, took a different view. [...] MacArthur's focus was on Asian affairs [...] and Agnes's views on China clashed with his ambition to develop Japan as a war base from which to attack the Chinese Communists - if necessary. Moreover, the documents in his possession in Tokyo suggested to him that Agnes was a far more dangerous Soviet spy than the FBI investigation indicated. [...] When he placed his investigation of Agnes in the hands of his intelligence chief and alter ego, Major General Charles A. Willoughby, Macarthur assumed the matter would be seen through to its proper conclusion. On September 24, 1947, Macarthur's Far East Command sent Army Intelligence in Washington a three-page memo, based on Japanese records, that laid out with considerable accuracy Agnes's involvement in the espionage ring [...]. [+++ supporting detail of the ring at work +++] For Macarthur's people in Tokyo, the fact that Agnes had provided information to the Soviet Union made her an intelligence agent and a spy [...]. If the material she offered Sorge was nonexistent, she had clearly operated secretly and attended meetings at which secret information was discussed. Having established to his satisfaction that Agnes had been unmasked as a Soviet agent, Willoughby followed up in October with a second memo. [+++ second FBI memo explained +++] The FBI obliged by launching a second investigation of Agnes - this time to determine whether she had engaged in any espionage activity [...] since her return to the United States. [...] That December, Willoughby mailed a third, classified report [itemising] Sorge's later success in Tokyo, and it gave Agnes - the only American citizen named as a direct member of Sorge's group - a far more prominent role. It made no attempt to capture her heartfelt if misplaced intentions. Macarthur and [Willoughby] did not care. They recognised the potential propaganda value of their document in convincing Americans that 'traitors' like Agnes were enabling the country to lose the war against Communism in Asia. As Willoughby would later explain, 'The importance of the Sorge case, while discovered in Japan, [was] its ancillary relation to Shanghai and the conspiracy to destroy Chiang Kai-shek and convert China into a satellite Communist state'. Agnes was the bridge that allowed MacArthur's people to make their case" (pp381-383).

After long and heated discussions the story was finally broken by the Washington Post on 21st December 1948, naming her as a dangerous Soviet spy rather than just a cuddly eccentric Leftist. Here is Price again with the details (note the ironic twist in the final sentence) ...

"A close analysis of Japanese records had unearthed a Soviet spy ring in the Far East whose cardinal feature, as far as Americans were concerned, was that the nationally known writer Agnes Smedley, who for years had 'championed [...] the cause of the Chinese Communists. [...] Among those who had once seen 'saving' China as America's task, Agnes joined the front ranks of those traitors who, in so softening public opinion, had allowed the United States to 'lose' China to the Reds" (pp388-392).

Thus crucified politically and professionally, Smedley passed the rest of her days in poor health and died in 1950. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Ruth Price's (2005) "The Lives of Agnes Smedley" [Amazon DEFINITIVE BIOGRAPHY]. For first-hand detail for the years 1930-1941 see the autobiographical "China Correspondent" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]. For more on Sorge and his spy ring see Owen Matthews' (2019) "An Impeccable Spy" [Amazon]. For more on the Xi'an Incident see Tsang (2015) [full text online].

***** CARE - TWO ELEPHANTS IN THIS ROOM!!! *****
"How the Pro-Israel Lobby in Britain Benefits from a Generous London Tycoon"

Britain's most active pro-Israeli lobbying organisation - which flies journalists to Israel on fact-finding trips and organises access to senior government figures - has received nearly £1.4m in two years from a billionaire donor whose father made a fortune manufacturing arms in Israel. The British Israel Communication and Research Centre, known as Bicom, has been one of the most active organisations behind the scenes in the UK during the present Gaza offensive, organising briefings and interview opportunities with senior Israeli spokesmen. Its biggest funder is Poju Zabludowicz, a London-based tycoon, who has underwritten its campaigning since 2007. [...] Foreign affairs specialists say that the injection of funds has ensured that Bicom has become one of the most persistent and slickest media operations in the battle for influence over opinion formers" (Rajeev Syal, The Guardian, 4th January 2009 [full text online]. A longer extract is included in the Zabludowicz entry).

... the world's largest food company Nestlé [Wikipedia briefing], the anti-fascist, anti-racist, anti-Brexit "advocacy group" Hope Not Hate [Wikipedia briefing], the £20 million p.a. antisemitism monitors, the Community Security Trust [Charity Commission briefing, Charity No. 1042391], and ("the voice of British Jews") the Board of Deputies of British Jews [Wikipedia briefing], (b) for being identified by a 24th April 2009 U.S. Embassy document as having a "strictly protect - U.S. informant" security flag (The Daily Telegraph, 4th February 2011), (c) for being elected 7th May 2015 as Labour Party M.P. for the Stoke-on-Trent North constituency, (d) for joining the concerted 26th June 2016 Shadow Cabinet Mass Resignations [see Timeline this date], claiming that she could not in conscience work with newly elected leader of the party Jeremy Corbyn ...

BEFORE WE CONTINUE ... Readers who are unfamiliar with the rise of the Zionist movement in the 19th and early 20th Centuries should carefully study the Timeline sub-thread <Zionism Pre-WW1> here (6 entries) and here (11 entries); the sub-thread <Zionism in WW1> here (1 entry), here (2 entries), and here (2 entries); and the sub-thread <Zionism After Versailles> here (3 entries); also the entries in the present document for John Henry Patterson, Herbert Samuel, Sir Mark Sykes, and Chaim Weizmann; also David Fromkin's (1989) book "A Peace to End All Peace" [Amazon]. The author will not enter into tutorial discussions concerning the very difficult material which follows with any persons not fully au fait with the historic issues. Deep familiarity with the definitions of antisemitism promoted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) is particularly important, as is the ability to differentiate between the eight principles laid down in the original 2000 Declaration and the politically far more delicate - and still far from widely accepted - <Working Definition and Illustrative Examples> promoted by the IHRA since 26th May 2016.

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM (1 - JEWISH POLITICAL CLIENTAGE): Regardless of left-right political inclination, there are many in Britain who, prior to the educating influence of the 28th January 2000 Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust (IHRA-2000), habitually indulged quite unguardedly in behaviours which, by the substance of that Declaration, were clearly antisemitic. It follows that under the IHRA-2000 protocol it suddenly became more difficult than hitherto to describe the objective facts of political patronage by Jews, even though Jewish politicians such as [Lord]2008 Peter Mandelson and [Lord]1997 David Sainsbury have been quite open about the practice. Moreover, academics henceforth found themselves unable to deal as objectively as academics should with such works as Tam Dalyell's [see own entry] 4th May 2003 piece in The Scotsman entitled "Zionist Cabal Runs Policy on Israel" [full text online] or Solomon Hughes' 1st September 2016 piece for the (left-wing) Morning Star entitled "How Billionaire Lord Sainsbury Bankrolled the Birth of New Labour" [full text online].

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM (2 - THE IHRA-2016 DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM): Regardless of left-right political inclination, there are many in Britain who were immediately happy to adopt the eight principles of the 28th January 2000 Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust. However a second elephant entered the room 26th May 2016 when the IHRA approved an extended "Working Definition" of antisemitism, fleshed out with a stock set of illustrative examples (IHRA-2016). Unlike the IHRA-2000 clauses (which mention neither Israel nor Palestine, but address the welfare of Jews in general), the IHRA-2016 examples more or less make it automatically antisemitic to support, say, the people of Gaza. Unsurprisingly, therefore, IHRA-2016 went down badly in countries like Britain, where there was significant grass-roots sympathy for the sufferings of the Palestinian people. IHRA-2016 remains under heated discussion to the present day [December 2019].

(e) for taking a Remainer stance following the against-the-betting Leave victory in the 23rd June 2016 Brexit Referendum, (f) for siding with the anti-Corbyn "Coupsters" 28th June 2016 in the
subsequent Vote of No Confidence [see Timeline this date], (g) for executing one of the most hyped Political Flounces of recent times 30th June 2016 at the press conference at which human rights advocate Shami Chakrabarti presented the results of the Chakrabarti Inquiry into antisemitism in the Labour Party [see Timeline this date].

ASIDE: We have covered this incident in detail in the entry for Ryan Jacobsz, which see.

(h) for delivering an impassioned speech against antisemitism ("one of the oldest hatreds") in the House of Commons 16th April 2018 [watch it now], (i) for defying Corbyn again 14th March 2019 by not following the party whip in the Second Brexit Referendum vote, and (j) during the 2019 British General Election (GE2019) for being forced to carry a panic button because of death threats received (The Times, 27th November 2019). FURTHER READING: For more on the broader IHRA controversy, see Antony Lerman’s 4th September 2018 paper entitled "Labour Should Ditch the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism Altogether" [full text online - CONTROVERSIAL BUT ESSENTIAL], which tackles head-on the issue of whether there are forms of criticism of the State of Israel "which equate to antisemitism".

Smith, Andrew: See the entry for A. V. R. Smith.

Smith, A. V. R.: See the entry for Western Goals (UK).

"Smith, Bill": This was the field identity of the otherwise unknown SS agent who couriered the first copy of the tinkered Zapruder Film from Hawkeye to NPIC's Homer McMahon some time during the evening of Sunday 24th November 1963.

**** Candidate JFK Conspiracy as CIA Footsoldier ****
[Reported associate of both David Morales and June Cobb; perhaps active in Mexico City 1963]

EDITORIAL ASIDE: The genealogy websites record that a male infant "Edward Lawton Smith" died 9th December 1906 in Georgia, aged 7 months. Given that the identities of short-lived infants are regularly "stolen" by persons wishing to work undercover (specimen story, Metropolitan Police, 2013), it is perfectly possible that the present subject never actually existed as such, and that he was constructed to order by one or other of the agencies named below for one or other of the operations named below. That having been said, we now continue as if he did exist.

Smith, Edward Lawton: [Read firstly the entry for June Cobb ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT; note especially her association with the Federal Bureau of Narcotics (FBN).] Canadian-born firebrand turned American petty criminal and professional informer Edward Lawton Smith [Mary Ferrell Database entry (from which much of this entry is derived)] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW2 service in the Canadian Army with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, surviving a court martial death sentence for killing a fellow soldier in a fist fight [the sentence was later commuted in what might easily have been a Dirty Dozen style deal - Ed.], (b) for being demobilised after the war to become "a muscle man for various Canadian mobs" in Montreal, where he acquired "a petty criminal record" (doc. cit.), (c) for being used as a courier for "a Canadian mafia group", smuggling narcotics from Montreal into the United States, (d) for being head-hunted by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Narcotics (FBN) in reportedly 1953, and deployed on undercover work through to 1959, resulting in his testifying 1960-1963 in a high profile narcotics trial, re-trial, and failed appeal ...

CAMEO - SMITH AS GOOD GUY: The defendants in this case (which would inspire, incidentally, the movie "Goodfellas") were one William ["Billy Batts"] Bentvena [Wikipedia biography A GREAT STORY!] and a number of his associates. The transcript of the appeal stage of the hearings is available online courtesy of the Open Jurist website - see full text online - from which the following clip sets the scene ...

"The principal government witness, Edward Lawton Smith, and other government witnesses, described in some detail the workings of the conspiracy and the functional division of labor within the organization. In skeleton outline the conspiracy consisted of a group of Canadians, headed by Guiseppe "Pepe" Cotroni, who handled the exportation of the drugs from Canada. Couriers brought the narcotics across the Canadian-United States border and into the New York metropolitan area. Members of the...
conspiracy manned centers in the New York metropolitan area where they received the drugs from the couriers and diluted and packaged them."

So far so good. Now, however, things start to go downhill.

... (e) for reportedly being an associate of the very murky June Cobb in 1959 ...

**CAMERO - SMITH AS BAD GUY:** Readers who diligently did the "read firstly" above will already have recognised a number of important similarities between Smith and Cobb. Both led lives inside the cartels while systematically snitching on their hosts to the FBN, both survived well against the odds, both drifted then into life as CIA undercover assets, and both associated with roving CIA hotel manager Warren Broglie [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT]. In his (2013) "A Secret Order (Volume I)" [Amazon], Hank P. Albarelli, Jr. describes how Smith was recruited by the CIA’s in house own drugs lords, George Hunter White [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] and Garland Williams [ditto], thus ...

"Said former CIA operative and Morales associate Charles F. Gilroy [see own entry], [+++ other persons mentioned +++] Anyway, there were a few others that Harvey and David [Morales] handled who fell into the 'executive action' mechanic category. Besides a slew of Cubans, all hot to kill at the drop of a hat, I know there were a few Italians, recruits from Italy and Sicily, who David spoke of, and at least one guy from Canada, who was recruited through [George] White or Charlie Siragusa in New York City, David dealt with this guy a lot it seems. His name was Layton Smith or something close to that. [...] There was never any shortage of candidates for assassination programs. The supply seemed endless ... I always wondered what happened to these guys after they were used by the Agency'. Gilroy is most likely referring to Edward Lawton Smith, a Canadian mobster who has long been rumoured to have been in Dallas, Texas, after a quick trip to Mexico City, Mexico, on November 22, 1963. [...] Interesting to note here is that Edward Lawton Smith, who came to the United States in the early 1950s, was reported to look similar to Lee Harvey Oswald. Smith, who frequently travelled to Mexico City in the early 1960s, had been in the Canadian Army during World War II, serving in Germany, France, and Belgium. Smith was recruited in 1953 by Jean Pierre Lafitte [see own entry VERY INTERESTING], a 'special employee' of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and contractor for the CIA, to be an undercover, paid informer reporting to the Bureau's George White and Garland Williams. In 1959, Smith had mysterious dealings with June Cobb and Warren Broglie [see own entry] in New York City, thought perhaps to have been related to a drug trafficking ring in New Orleans that both Smith and Cobb were knowledgeable about" (k4094-4112).

We now start to see Smith in an entirely different light, because there is a distinct suspicion out there in the Conspiratorium that the FBN was on occasions a front for some rather nefarious CIA operations, firstly because the drugs were often grown in countries like Colombia and the Golden Triangle of Indochina where Communism had its greatest appeal, and secondly because the business was flush with cash in an era when the drugs were often grown in countries like Colombia and the Golden Triangle of Indochina where Communism had its greatest appeal, and secondly because the business was flush with cash in an era when Congressional funding was too tightly audited to permit clandestine ops of any size. Other names which come up as potential associates in what little material there is out there concerning Edward Lawton Smith are those of Hanna Yazbeck [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE], Harold ["Happy"] Meltzer [ditto], Thomas Eli Davis, III [ditto], and Nestor ["Tony"] Izquierdo [ditto]. Whereupon it is interesting to learn as follows ...

"The same rumours have Harold Meltzer in Dallas alongside Edward Smith as well as at least two Cuban snipers, one of whom [typo] is consistently identified as Nestor Izquierdo, a Cuban veteran of the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion" (k4112).

Little else is known about Edward Lawton Smith (if, indeed, he ever existed as such), and we have accordingly raised a BOLO for him in our literature searching. **FURTHER READING:** For more on the operations mentioned above, work your way one by one through the links provided.

** ***** Candidate JFK Conspiracy Right-Wing Cell Leader *****
[Provided footsoldiers, collected subs, trumpeted the propaganda]

**Smith, Gerald L. K.:** [Read firstly the entry for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preachers and Christian Identity.] Racist, antisemite, Christian Identity "Israelite" by personal persuasion, and long-standing evangelist preacher Gerald Smith [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for founding the America First Party [Wikipedia briefing] in 1943, renaming it the Christian Nationalist Crusade [Wikipedia briefing] in 1947, (b) for publishing the antisemitic and white supremacist monthly The Cross and the Flag through until 1977, and (c) for featuring in a little-known fragment of conspiracy theory put forward by John Bevilaqua in 2013 ...
"If my interpretations of the identities of the persons, places, and things discussed at that meeting are correct, then Kennedy was killed by an international cabal of right wing extremists with linkages to some of the most fascist former Nazis and Nazi sympathisers [...]. The planning, financing, and direction of the assassination was in all likelihood headed by none other than [...] renowned Nazi sympathiser Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith [...]. The entire plot was financed by Wickliffe P. Draper [...] founder of the eugenics based Pioneer Fund in 1937, and a major shareholder in [...] Rockwell International [...]. In short, the JFK assassination was a joint effort on the part of the [...] international and the domestic fascist networks associated with [Charles Willoughby], [Edwin Walker], [Spas Raikin], [H. L. Hunt], [Gerald Smith himself], [Wickliffe P. Draper], [Robert Morris], and [James Jesus Angleton]" (Bevilaqua, 2013, K75/224).

"Smith, John Q.": [CIA OPERATIONAL ALIAS] See the entry for Frank Olson.

Smith, Joseph Marshall: 31-year-old DPD officer Joe Smith [no convenient biography] had been on Houston and Elm controlling traffic at the time of the shooting, and immediately went along Old Elm Street across the front of the TSBD toward the carpark and railway area. Here a woman "in hysterics" told him: "They're shooting the President from the bushes". Joined now by other DPD officers [POSSIBLY INCLUDING LEE BOWERS' TWO BADGEMEN, OF COURSE] and Sheriff's deputies [compare the entry for Roger Craig] he searched behind the Picket Fence, where one unexplained character [now believed to be Bernard Barker (q.v.)] showed him SS ID when accosted and was not detained. ("I should have checked that man closer," he would later admit, "but at the time I didn't snap on it" (retrospective testimony, in Summers, 1980).) To his west two police officers were at the access ramp to the overpass. Officer Smith's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Smith, L. C.: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy L. C. Smith [no convenient biography] was in the crowd of deputies on the steps of the County Sheriff's Office at the moment of the shooting. He ran toward the sound of gunfire and was directed by a bystander to the Picket Fence area where he searched until redirected into the TSBD. Here he helped search TSBD5 through TSBD7, plus the roof. He was close to Eugene Boone [q.v.] when the latter found a rifle. Smith's evidential profile is as follows: Report, 22nd November 1963 [read it now].

Smith, Matthew: Assassination researcher Matthew Smith [Spartacus Educational biography] was the author of the 1992 book entitled "JFK: The Second Plot", in which it is persuasively argued that LHO was a CIA agent. Also of the 1993 book "Vendetta: The Kennedys", in which Wayne January's [q.v.] account of the Cuban-piloted C-53 at Redbird Airport is developed.

Smith, Orville: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Orville Smith [no convenient biography] was standing with Deputy Mo Mabra on Main Street outside the Criminal Court at the time of the shooting. His subsequent movements are not yet known to the present author. Smith's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, not yet located; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Smith, Sergio Arcacha: Because Hispanic rules apply to the three-part name Sergio Arcacha Smith, we have taken Arcacha as the indexing name and Smith - the mother's name - as supplemental. Accordingly, see the separate entry for Arcacha Smith, Sergio.

1885-1909 on base duties. He was then selected to work alongside Vernon Kell [see own entry] in 1909, preparing the newly formed Secret Intelligence Bureau [see own entry] for action. Kell took care of domestic intelligence operations, while Smith-Cumming took care of overseas. The two divisions were later renamed M.I.(5) and M.I.(6), respectively. [THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE]

Smoot, Howard ["Dan"]: FBI Agent turned right-wing activist Dan Smoot [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming a political journalist 1951-1956 for Dallas oil billionnaire H. L. Hunt's Facts Forum newsletter [specimen issues], (b) for striking out on his own 1956-1871 with The Dan Smoot Report [specimen issues], initially in print then syndicated to radio and television [specimen broadcast], (c) for submitting opinion pieces after that same pattern to the John Birch Society's American Opinion magazine in the early 60s, and (d) for associating with the highly suspicious Joseph Milteer. In his (2002) book "The JFK Conspiracy" [Amazon] forensic historian David Miller adds as follows ...

"Dan Smoot, a prominent member of the John Birch Society [...], like Revilo Oliver, hated President Kennedy, writing numerous anti-JFK articles in Birch Society publications. In an April 1962 speech in Orlando, Florida, Smoot [...] urged the U.S. to 'hit Cuba with overwhelming military force'. [...] Smoot, living in Dallas and financed by H. L. Hunt and other rightists who hated JFK, was close to the men who paid for the anti-JFK ad that appeared in the Dallas Morning News on November 22, 1963" (op. cit., pp98-99).

***** DEEP STATE ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****
***** ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, WW2 APPEASEMENT*****

Smuts, Jan Christiaan: South African soldier-statesman, "deeply pro-Zionist" (Fromkin, 1989, p294), and "devious opportunist" (Quigley, 1949, p77) General Smuts [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having studied law at Cambridge in the early 1890s, (b) for having returned to Cape Town in 1895 to practise, (c) for then being alienated from the British by the Jameson Raid [see own entry] (Quigley, 1949, p78), (d) as a result, for developing the vision of a united South Africa within a federated (as opposed to London-centric) British Empire, (e) as a result, for being offered the post of Transvaal State Attorney in 1898 by their President Kruger, (f) for thereby finding himself the following year drafting the 9th October 1899 Kruger Ultimatum [see own entry], which brought about the Second Boer War [see own entry], and speaking to the Transvaal delegation and succeeded in pushing through the projects prepared by [Milner's Kindergarten]" (p78).

... (i) for commanding the British expeditionary forces in East Africa between 1916 and 1917 [see 12th February 1916], (j) for attending the Imperial War Conference 12th March 1917, (k) for delivering the historically significant Sheffield Speech [see own entry] and Tonypandy Speech [see own entry] in a speaking tour of Britain in late October 1917, (l) for attending the Imperial War Cabinet meeting 31st October 1917, (m) for helping to draft the Covenant of the League of Nations [see own entry], and speaking to same at the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference ...

ASIDE: Quigley (1949) explains the apparent contradiction in the above as follows ...

"From the beginning, Smuts wanted a brilliant career in a united South Africa, within a united British Empire, within, if possible, a united world. [...] And that required [that] he appeared pro-Boer rather than pro-British. Thus Smuts was pro-Boer on all prominent and non-essential matters but pro-British on all unobtrusive and essential matters. At the National Convention of 1908-1909, it was Smuts who dominated the Transvaal delegation and succeeded in pushing through the projects prepared by [Milner's Kindergarten]" (p78).

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ASIDE: Noting his involvement at Versailles in the plans for Palestine, Quigley (1949) goes on to quote him as to "the relative merits of the Jews and Arabs", as follows (of the Jews) ...

"They haven't the Arabs' attractive manners. They do not warm the heart by graceful subjection. They make demands. They are a bitter, recalcitrant little people, and, like the Boers, impatient of leadership and ruinously quarrelsome amongst themselves. They see God in the shape of an Oriental potentate" (p171).
... (n) for serving as Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa between 1919 and 1924, and (o) for chairing the 1921 Irish Debate ostensibly as an honest broker but also to ensure that the option of an Ireland in the British Commonwealth (as opposed to an independent republic) was given due consideration. He surfaced one more time with a 13th November 1934 speech organised by Chatham House which electrified the Appeasement Era Debate by calling for more appeasement rather than less. Here is an indicative clip ...

"The removal of the inferiority complex from Germany is just as essential to future peace as the removal of fear from the mind of France; and both are essential to an effective disarmament policy. How can the inferiority complex which is obsessing and, I fear, poisoning the mind and indeed the soul of Germany be removed? There is only one way, and that is to recognise her complete equality of status with her fellows, and to do so frankly, freely, and unreservedly" (Smuts, 1934, as quoted in Quigley, 1949, p267).

Sniper's Nest: In the context of the JFK assassination, the Sniper's Nest is the commonly used name for the enclosure of cartons beneath the eastern window of TSBD6 from where someone - officially LHO - fired down upon the Presidential motorcade.

Snipes, Vaughn: See the entry for Vaughn Marlowe.

Snyder, Richard Edward: See the entry for Aline Mosby.

Social Gospel Movement: See the entry for Reinhold Niebuhr.

Social Market Foundation (SMF): Founded in 1989 by now-regular columnist for The Jewish Chronicle Daniel Finkelstein, the Social Market Foundation (SMF) is noteworthy in the present context as one of Britain's "Top 12" political lobby groups, preaching neoliberal "education" of the public with their "social market" theory, (b) for growing close to John Major's Conservative administration in the early 1990s, and (c) for similarly influencing the "New Labour" policies of 1997-2010. For more detail of their work, check out their website.

Socialist-Revolutionary Party: Founded in 1902 as a Marxist-influenced anti-Tsarist political party, the Socialist-Revolutionary Party is noteworthy in the present context (a) for playing a part in the 1905 Revolution, earning a tranche of the seats in the resulting Duma, alongside the Bolsheviks and Mensheviks, (b) for subsequently eschewing party politics in favour of violent activism, specialising in the targeted political assassination, (c) for thereby becoming peripheralised in the Soviet structures after the 1917 Revolution, and (d) for thereby being easy recruits to third party agents provocateurs, not least in the 1918 Lockhart Plot.

Society for the Settlement of Eretz Israel: See the entry for Judah Alkalai.


Society of the Elect: Founded 15th February 1891 by Cecil Rhodes and some like-minded dinner companions at a soirée hosted by Lord Nathaniel Rothschild, and then aided and abetted by some more than normally melanophilic bankers, the Society of the Elect is noteworthy in the present context for having been one of the two avenues by which Rhodes infected the modern world with his ruthlessly self-opinionated and vindictive personality …
**ASIDE:** For the three-way association between Rhodes' personality, his business success, and his enduring imperialist legacy, see the inset in his own entry. The other avenue of influence was/is the famed Milner Group [see own entry], the ancestral form of the present British Establishment.

Here is the pyramidally organised command structure of the early membership of this Society, as reconstructed by forensic historian Carroll Quigley [see own entry] in Chapter 3 of his 1949 book "The Anglo-American Conspiracy" (all names have their own entries; some annotation added; active initiates and casual helpers deliberately conflated; [P]=present at the dinner party in question) ...

**GENERAL OF THE SOCIETY:** Rhodes [P] himself until his death in 1902, thereafter Lord Milner [see own entry] under the watchful eye of the Rhodes Trustees [see own entry].

**JUNTA OF THREE:** Reginald Brett (Lord Esher) [P], Lord Milner (until promoted), William Stead (until peripheralised by Milner after 1902).

**CIRCLE OF INITIATES / ASSOCIATION OF HELPERS:** Leopold Amery, Waldorf Astor (later 2nd Viscount Astor), Abe Bailey (very rich), Arthur Balfour [P] (later to be the signing author of the famous Balfour Declaration), Alfred Beit ("business genius"), General (of the Salvation Army) William Booth (potential member, offer not taken up), General (of the Salvation Army) Bramwell Booth (potential member, offer not taken up), Robert Brand (later Lord Brand), Sir Thomas Brassey (treasurer), Lionel Curtis, Geoffrey Dawson (later Editor of The Times), H. A. L. Fisher, Edmund Garrett (trusted senior go-between), Arthur Glazebrook (Canada), Albert Grey (later Earl Grey) [P], Edward Grigg, Sir William Harcourt [P], Bourchier Hawsley (legal), Alfred Holland, Rhodes' associate in South Africa Leander Starr Jameson, Rhodes' associate in Nyasaland Sir Harry H. Johnston (until a falling out in 1894), Philip Kerr (later Lord Lothian), Alfred Lyttelton [P], James Maguire, Cardinal Henry Manning (potential member, died 1892), Charles Massey (Canada), Lewis Michell, William Palmer (Lord Selborne), George Parkin (press and publicity, Canada), Archibald Primrose (Lord Rosebery), Lord Nathaniel Rothschild [P (as host)] (discount financier and Rhodes Trustee apparent), and Jan Smuts.

**COLLEGE:** John R. Seeley (until his death in 1895) and the Seeley Lecturers (cumulatively an expression of the role played by British Universities in the intellectual justification of imperialist abroad and at home.

After Rhodes' death in 1902 "Rothschild, Johnston, Hawksley, Rosebery, Jameson, Michell, and Maguire played little or no role in the society" (Quigley, p48), whilst the "real circle of initiates" included "Milner, Abe Bailey, George Parkin, Lord Selborne, Jan Smuts, A. J. Glazebrook, R. H. Brand (Lord Brand), Philip Kerr (Lord Lothian), Lionel Curtis, Geoffrey Dawson, H. A. L. Fisher, Edward Grigg, Leopold Amery, and Lord Astor" (Ibid.). Quigley notes how this company of like-thinkers became, after Rhodes' death, "the 'inner core' or the 'inner circle' of the Milner Group" (Ibid.). This 1902 reincarnation of the Society was then strengthened in the late 1900s by the return of Milner and the Milner Kindergarten [see own entry] from South Africa, whereupon it shivers off splinter groups such as the Round Table Movement [see own entry] in 1910, Chatham House [see own entry] in 1920, and the Cliveden Set [see own entry] in the 1930s. The Society is thus more or less synonymous with the "Secret Elite" postulated in Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry], and - to cut a long story short - deliberately started two world wars and is working on the third.

**Sock Puppets:** In Propaganda Theory a sock puppet [Wikipedia briefing] is "an online identity used for purposes of deception", especially criminal or propagandistic.

**SOG:** See the entry for John K. Singlaub.

***** HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL ASHKENAZI ZIONIST *****

***** TOP TEAMER AT VERSAILLES PEACE CONFERENCE *****

**Sokolow, Nahum ben Joseph Samuel:** White Russian (b. 1859 Wyszogrod [map], Tsarist Poland) Zionist activist Nahum Sokolow [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming secretary general of the World Zionist Organisation (WZO) [see own entry] in 1906, travelling widely in Europe and the United States, (b) for emigrating to Britain in 1914 to work with British WZO president Chaim Weismann [see own entry], (c) for becoming centrally involved in the...
negotiations with British diplomats which led to the 1917 Balfour Declaration [see Timeline 2nd November 1917], (d) for thereby ending up in the Jewish delegation at the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 18th January 1919], (e) for authoring the work referenced immediately below, and (f) for continuing in the same vein, eventually becoming president of the WZO 1931-1933. He died in 1935, aged 77. **FURTHER READING:** We regularly source this man's (1919) "History of Zionism, 1600-1918" [Amazon], so to build a picture of both his thinking and his historical influence simply pattern search on >>Sokolow<< either in the present resource or in the Companion Timeline.

**Soldier of Fortune:** See the entry for Robert K. Brown.

**Solidarists:** See the entry for National Alliance of Russian Solidarists (NTS).

"Someone Would Have Talked": See the entry for Larry Hancock.

**Somersett, William:** Well-trusted Miami informant William Somersett [no convenient biography] worked with Miami PD Lieutenant Everett Kay in obtaining the audiotape of right-wing extremist Joseph Milteer which convinced the SS to make last-minute changes to the motorcade arrangements for JFK’s 18th November 1963 Miami motorcade, and which still indicates Cuban involvement in the assassination conspiracy.

**Somoza García, Anastasio ["Tachito"], Snr.:** Nicaraguan soldier-politician President [1937-1947, 1950-1956] Anastasio Somoza [Snr.] [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having commanded the Nicaraguan National Guard from 1933 to 1956, (b) for replacing Juan Bautista Sacasa [see own entry] as president in 1937, (c) for reportedly conducting monies to the Palestinian Jews in the 1947-1949 Palestine War [see 30th November 1947], and (d) for providing the CIA with covert bases for their 1954 invasion of Guatemala [see 18th June 1954]. He was assassinated in 1956, whereupon his sons Luis Somoza [Wikipedia biography] and Anastasio Somoza [Jnr.] [see own entry] became President and Commander of the National Guard, respectively.

1*ASIDE - SOMOZA [Snr.] AND ISRAEL:* We recommend Jamail and Gutierrez’s (1986 [full text online]) paper entitled "Israel in Central America: Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica". Insofar as Nicaragua is concerned, these authors note firstly that Somoza [Snr.] was providing Haganah [see own entry] agents with false diplomatic identities for arms deals before Israel's independence. Israel reciprocated by supplying his forces with light and heavy weapons during the 1950s. As a result, "by the 1970s, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Israel accounted for 98 percent of Nicaragua’s arms imports”.

**Somoza DeBayle, Anastasio ["Tachito"], Jnr.:** Nicaraguan soldier-politician President [1967-1972, 1974-1979] Anastasio Somoza [Jnr.] [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having become Commander of the National Guard upon his father's death in 1956, and then President upon his brother Luis Somoza's death in 1967. He was himself deposed by the Sandinistas [see own entry] in 1979, and fled to Paraguay (so say with much of the nation's gold), where he was assassinated in 1980.

*ASIDE - SOMOZA [Jnr.] AND ISRAEL:* [Continued from Somoza, Snr.] During the 1970s, Somoza [Jnr.] was increasingly challenged by the Sandinista opposition, and so Israel kept up the supply of arms in return for a guaranteed vote in the United Nations as and when needed. When the Sandinistas came to power in 1979, the motivation to help the Contras was even more compelling, because the Sandinistas had a history of supporting the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) [see own entry]. In 1982, for example, Israel supplied the Contras with “several thousand AK-47 assault rifles” captured from the PLO in Lebanon, with the CIA picking up the tab. In 1984, TIME Magazine reported that Israeli intelligence agents had also been helping to train the Contras.

**Sonin, Ray:** Born in 1907 in London's East End to Russian emigrants Ray Sonin [Wikipedia biography] became a journalist in the 1930s, before branching out into radio script-writing, song-writing, and, finally, radio show hosting (Rubinstein and Jolles, 2011, *The Palgrave Dictionary of Anglo-Jewish History*, p937). During WW2 his script-writing clients included intelligence service asset Noel Coward [q.v.].
Sonneborn Institute: See the entry for Rudolf Sonneborn.

Sonneborn, Rudolf Goldschmidt: Baltimore-born Zionist Rudolf Sonneborn [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for marrying the grand-daughter of "the uncrowned king of Jewish America", banker Joseph Schiff [see own entry], (b) for representing the Zionist Commission [see own entry] in Palestine in 1919, (c) for being asked by David Ben-Gurion 1st July 1945 to facilitate the delivery of supplies to the Jewish community in Palestine, and (d) for doing this under the auspices of Materials for Israel [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser], later better known as the Sonneborn Institute [ditto] ...

CAMEO - THE SONNEBORN INSTITUTE: In his (2017) book "The Three Barons and the JFK Organisational Chart" [Amazon], forensic historian James Lateer mentions the Sonneborn Institute in the following context ...

"Most authors who blame the [JFK]-assassination on the mafia, use the role of Jack Ruby as their prime evidence. Since Ruby had mob connections, then he obviously murdered Oswald under orders from his mafia superiors. The problem is this: there has never been any evidence found of any mafia boss or operative being in contact with Ruby the weekend of the assassination [...] But if not the mafia, then who? One clue is the multitude of anguished statements made to the Warren Commission when he was interrogated [details given]. Ruby demanded to be taken to Washington, DC, His reason for this: he was afraid of being murdered by 'anti-Semites'. [...] The anti-Semites to which he referred were in fact the most prominent ex-Nazis in the world who had survived and prospered after World War II. [...] There are names of the very top echelon of prominent U.S. and Canadian Jews which have been associated with some sort of inside role very close to the assassination plot. There was General Julius Klein [see own entry], former President of the Jewish War Veterans of America. There was Major Louis Bloomfield [see own entry], a Canadian who was very high up in British intelligence circles. Both of these men were members of the powerful Sonneborn Institute which sponsored the nuclear program for the State of Israel. And there was the Israeli Mossad itself [...]. And Stanley Marcus [see own entry] of Dallas was one of the most prominent Jews among those involved in international relief organisations for holocaust victims [...] and owner of the exclusive Nieman-Marcus department store in Dallas” (Lateer, 2017, pp499-500). OUR VERDICT: Interesting but highly speculative.

Sonenfeld, Yosef Chaim: Austrian-born (b. Kobersdorf, 1848) priest Yosef Sonnenfeld [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for relocating to Jerusalem in 1873, where (b) he refused in 1898 an audience with Kaiser Wilhelm II on his tour of the Holy Land [see Timeline 15th October 1898], regarding him as a latter-day Amalekite [Wikipedia briefing].

Sorge, Richard: German born (1895, to German parents in Baku, Tsarist Russian oilfields) journalist turned Soviet masterspy Richard Sorge [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for war service 1914-1916 (invalided out), (b) for being politically radicalised by his experiences in the trenches, eventually aligning himself with the left in the German Revolution [Wikipedia briefing] at the time of the Spartacist Uprising [see Timeline 4th January 1919, then as threaded WORLD HISTORIC], (c) for thereby getting himself recruited by the Bolshevik espionage service in 1920, running an intelligence gathering operation in Germany through until 1928, (d) for being re-assigned in 1929 to Britain on a fact-finding mission, and then again in 1930 to Shanghai under the covering persona of China Editor for the Frankfurter Zeitung, (e) for there collaborating with American journalist Agnes Smedley (whose Leftist credentials may in truth have been deep cover for a U.S. double agent) [see own entry AN INTERESTING LADY] and others in conducting economic and political analyses ...
October 1941. He was hanged 7th November 1944, aged 49. **FURTHER READING:** For a fuller biography see Owen Matthews' (2019) "An Impeccable Spy" [Amazon].

**Sorrels, Forrest:** SAIC [=Special Agent in Charge] of the Dallas office of the Secret Service J. Forrest Sorrels [no convenient biography] was in the "Lead Car" of the motorcade (rear right hand seat, with window down), somewhat ahead of limo #1, along with Chief Jesse Curry (driving), Special Agent (SS White House Detail) Winston Lawson, and Sheriff Bill Decker.

**ASIDE:** One of the Lead Car's duties was to keep an eye open for people at windows. However, it has been reported that direct radio communication to limo #1 was playing up on the day.

He heard the first shot as "too sharp for a backfire of an automobile. And, to me, it appeared a little bit too loud for a firecracker". Then two similar shots. At this point one of the motorcycle outriders pulled alongside and said: "Lead us to the hospital". And that is what they did (although they were at one stage nearly overtaken by limo #1). Once at Parkland Sorrels left the others and came back to the TSBD in a patrol car. There he asked manager Roy Truly to prepare a list of employees. He then spoke to witnesses Howard Brennan - who described seeing a gunman at the Sniper's Nest window - and Amos Euins, before taking them both to the Sheriff's Office for statementing. Later on he met with Abraham Zapruder and, having learned of the film he had taken, stayed with him until it had been arranged with the local Eastman Kodak lab to develop it. At around 1400hr he learned from Captain Will Fritz that there was a suspect in custody at DPDHQ, and so headed there and conducted a brief initial interrogation. Sorrels' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2]. Now simply accumulate the other references to this man in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for Forrest Sorrels.

***** **Candidate JFK Conspirator (Accessory Before the Fact) *****
[Possible contract assassin at hand, Fort Worth and Dallas]

**Souetre, Jean René Marie:** [Read as "Sue-Ettra"; a.k.a. Michel Mertz, Michel Roux] French Cold War artillerist (1950s/early-1960s) with hard-right tendencies when it came to Algerian independence turned deep cover contract "mechanic" [= hired assassin] Jean Souêtre/Souetre [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for reportedly deserting his unit in disgust in 1962 when President de Gaulle agreed to Algerian independence, siding thereafter with the direct action OAS [Wikipedia briefing], (b) for being complicit in attempts on de Gaulle's life [this, from 1962, was the most famous of the many such attempts - Ed.], and (c) for then featuring large in the Kennedy assassination's French Connection [see own entry HELPFUL INDEXING NODE], as follows (**FAIR WARNING:** many sources, many contradictions, much confusion as to ultimate identity, and more, perhaps, still to be officially released) ...

**CAMEO - SOUETRE ACCORDING TO THE CIA, 1977:** Souetre was mentioned 1st April 1964 in CIA Document 632-796 (not released until 1977 [reproduced in this full text online ESSENTIAL READING]) as having entered the U.S. as Michel Roux on 19th November 1963, and as having travelled on to Fort Worth, Texas, for the morning of 22nd November 1963, and thereafter to Dallas for that ill-fated lunchtime.

**CAMEO - SOUETRE ACCORDING TO THE HSCA, 1978:** Details of the Souetre case only emerged during the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) Investigations 1976-1978 [Wikipedia briefing], as various lines of investigation from 1963/1964 were resurrected for Congressional scrutiny and evaluation. The most concise presentation of what was known at the time is the 31-page HSCA Record #180-10110-10054 (National Archives [full text online]), from which the following key points have been extracted ...

1. A French national traveling as Michel Roux entered the U.S. 19th November 1963 at NYC ...
2. Same left for Mexico City via the Laredo border crossing 6th December 1963
3. He was quickly suspected of being Souetre using his Roux alias ...
4. ... only to be eventually adjudged not to have been him.

**CAMEO - SOUETRE ACCORDING TO FENSTERWALD, 1982:** Bernard Fensterwald [Spartacus Educational biography] was the Harvard lawyer responsible for the 1977 book "Coincidence or Conspiracy" [Amazon], an early (but since disregarded as lacking depth) encyclopaedia of bit-part players in the assassination story. In November 1982 he visited Paris to pursue the French Connection angle, setting out his findings in a
"Very briefly, the investigation was begun in February, 1964, when a freelance journalist, Louis Assemat-Tessandier, published an article in an obscure French newspaper which outlined his meeting with Michel Roux in Montreal circa January 20-21, 1964. According to Louis, Roux said that he had been not only in Fort Worth but also Dallas, and he had tried to recruit Louis (who had dual French-Mexican citizenship) to participate in an attempt on the life of de Gaulle when he was to visit Mexico in March. What we have shows that the investigation in France was pretty thorough, but it tended to wind down after March 15th when de Gaulle, despite the danger, did go to Mexico. [...] There are a number of contradictions in Roux's story. Also, there is no explanation of how Souetre and Mertz got into the act. One friend believes that Souetren's name came up when the intelligence services checked their files and found an OAS type with a friend in Houston. No one knows how Mertz came up. But, if Alderson is telling the truth about the FBI's interrogation in late 1963, we have only seen the tip of the iceberg." (pp1-2 of the download).

... then assessing Lee Harvey Oswald's part in the drama ...

"Earlier on November 26, 1963, Louis had published that Oswald was not alone in the assassination. Louis was in Montreal in January, 1964, and was called late at night to come over and meet another Frenchman who had been in Texas, gone to Mexico, and then came to Montreal. Louis said that he went over to Jean's apartment and found her and the Frenchman very drunk. He described the Frenchman as 'young officer from Algeria' who wandered back and forth between the three OAS centers in the Western Hemisphere, i.e., Montreal, Mexico City, and Rio. The Frenchman, whose name Louis would not reveal in the article, was young, tall, sun-tanned, and handsome. He introduced himself as a 'former paratroop officer in Algeria' and said that he had arrived that morning by plane from Mexico City. He said that he had been in Dallas at the time of Kennedy's murder but had been expelled by the American police 18 hours later. 'Here's what I know about Dallas. It was a plot of the extreme right. I was at Fort Worth for breakfast and heard JFK deliver his last speech. I knew that in Dallas it would be over for him. I jumped in a plane for Dallas. In Dallas, there was a cross fire with several men shooting. But I won't tell you anything more,' Louis implies that he knows more. When asked about Oswald, 'his answer was devastating: An idiot and an innocent in this matter.'" (pp6-7 of the download).

... and then finally presenting the Roux alibi ...

"Leon Gachman, President of REDACTED Metals, has declared on March 10, 1964, that he and his brother visited Paris in October 1963 on a business trip. They stayed at the Hotel Proust, 68 Rue des Martyrs and knew Michel Roux who worked there as a reception clerk. He told them that he spoke English, German, and French and had spent three years as a Lt. in the French Army, where he had served in Algeria, and had been demobilized. Having taken a course at the hotel school, Roux decided to go to the United States and open a restaurant there. Gachman invited him to come see him if he were ever in the states and suggested Houston as a good place to open a restaurant. On last Nov. 20th, Roux called Gachman by phone from Houston, and the next day Gachman returns his call and invites him to Fort Worth to see him. Roux arrived on Nov. 21 by bus, explaining that he had sold his car for funds and that he hoped to find a job and send for his family to come to the U.S. He spent the evening at the Fox Manor Hotel and next day (the 22nd) he accompanied son Arnold to TCU. They were having lunch in the cafeteria when they heard the news of the assassination of the President" (p15 of the download).

CAMEO - SOUETRE ACCORDING TO HURT, 1985: One of the first airings of the case in the heavy academic literature then came in Henry C. Hurt, Jr.’s 1985 book "Reasonable Doubt" [Amazon], which melded the HSCA archive material with further revelations from the Mary Ferrell Database [homepage RECOMMENDED]. Here is Hurt's core narrative (a long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"In early 1977, Mary Ferrell, the renowned Dallas archivist of assassination material, was making her way through a new carton of documents forced from the Central Intelligence Agency by a suit brought under the Freedom of Information Act. Thousands of pages faced her [...]. One of the hundreds of pages she studied that afternoon was CIA Document 632-796 [above]. [...] The document, dated April 1, 1964, reported that the French intelligence service wanted help locating one Jean Souetre, a French OAS terrorist [already] convicted in one instance for participation in an assassination attempt. The document noted that de Gaulle planned to visit Mexico. The French had approached the FBI's legal attaché in Paris to ascertain [...] the last known whereabouts of Souetre, in order to ensure the safety of de Gaulle. [...] But why should the French believe that U.S. intelligence would know the whereabouts of Souetre? The answer to that question is absolutely astounding. The document asserted that Jean Souetre was in Fort Worth, Texas, on the morning of November 22, 1963. That morning, President Kennedy also was in Fort Worth, where he made his first speech of the day in a parking lot outside his hotel. A few hours later [...] he was assassinated. Also in Dallas that afternoon was Jean Souetre. Within
forty-eight hours of Kennedy's death, according to the query from the French, Jean Souetre was picked up by U.S. authorities in Texas. He was immediately expelled from the United States. French intelligence wanted to ascertain whether he was expelled to Canada or to Mexico [and also] why the U.S. authorities had expelled Souetre. [...] A court document later described Souetre as 'a trained and experienced terrorist and perfectly capable of murder'. Evidently there was considerable interest by certain officials, but it was carefully concealed from the Warren Commission and, of course, the public. [...] Some of the facts have been pieced together by Bernard Fensterwald, Jr. [as above] and Gary Shaw [see own entry A WELL-RESPECTED SOURCE], who have been in hot pursuit of the French Connection since learning of the document. Among their findings is that Souetre had developed contacts with radical right-wing fanatics in Dallas and New Orleans and that he was in touch with the anti-Castro Cubans in this country. The original document asserted that Jean Souetre also used the names Michel Roux and Michel Mertz. These were not ordinary aliases, for, as it soon became clear, Roux and Mertz were themselves individuals quite separate from Souetre [...]. Indeed, it turned out that the real Michel Roux had been in Fort Worth visiting social acquaintances on November 22, 1963. The subsequent release of documents has shown that the FBI did know Roux was visiting Fort Worth, looked into it, and dismissed its significance. [...] Since Roux clearly was not expelled, this seemed to rule him out [as being the Souetre mentioned in the CIA document. Nothing official is known about why U.S. authorities were prompted to pick up Jean Souetre following the assassination. It is known, however, that at least two inspectors for the INS [= the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service] were given urgent orders to pick up specific foreign nationals in Dallas in the immediate aftermath of the assassination. INS inspector Virgil Bailey [see own entry], responding to a request of top priority, picked up a Frenchman in Dallas [...]. From his earliest days as a United States Senator, John F. Kennedy was publicly and passionately in favour of Algerian independence. [...] Next to de Gaulle [...] the OAS hated Kennedy the most. [...] No government agency has admitted to having dealt with Souetre on the given day. The FBI documents, however, say that it interviewed Roux's hosts soon after that and became confident of Roux's innocence. There was one additional clue in the original CIA document: A reference to possible contact between Souetre and 'a dentist named Alderson' in Houston, Texas. When researcher Gary Shaw [see own entry] tracked down Alderson, [he insisted] that the FBI began tailing him immediately after the assassination and followed him incessantly for several weeks. [...] As a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Dr. Alderson was stationed in France in 1953. He met Jean Souetre, then a captain in the French Air Force [recalling him] as a political activist of the neo-Nazi persuasion. [...] They became friends [and corresponded for the next ten years] around Christmastime. Dr. Alderson insists that he told all this to the FBI, making clear that he had never seen Jean Souetre in the United States. Dr. Alderson also asserts that the FBI agents told him that the bureau 'had traced Souetre to Dallas a day before the assassination and then lost him'. Alderson adds: 'The FBI felt Souetre had either killed JFK or knew who had done it. [...] Jean Souetre today is the public relations director of an elegant gambling casino in France, reportedly operated by the Mafia. In 1983 [he] denied to a reporter that he was in Dallas in 1963 or that he had any special knowledge of JFK's death. He also denied that he knew Dr. Alderson. [...] He suggested that a man he had not seen in many years, Michel Mertz [see own entry], may have been using his name [...]. Michel Mertz was different from the other two possibilities - Souetre and Roux. Mertz had long-time connections with French intelligence, working once as an infiltrator into the OAS. [...] Mertz is even credited with once saving the life of President de Gaulle in an OAS terrorist attack. [...] Which or how many of those three Frenchmen were in the Dallas area on November 22 is not nearly as important as the fact that U.S. authorities knew at least one was there and concealed the information from the Warren Commission. One of the few certainties supported by documents is that both the CIA and the FBI were aware of the French presence long before the commission wrapped up its work. Even more startling to contemplate is that someone, representing some authority in Washington, apparently authorised the pickup and deportation of a known French terrorist on the day of the assassination. Those agencies that could have been involved include the CIA, the FBI, the State Department, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. [...] Further documentation] has never surfaced [and may remain] entombed in the vaults of U.S. intelligence” (pp414-419).

CAMEO - SOUETRE ACCORDING TO HANCOCK, 2006: Hancock (op. cit. inf.) is another who has pored over the above document trail for many years. He suspects that Souetre may in fact have been Michel Mertz in disguise, in which case he may well have been a genuine French intelligence operative on deep cover work within but against, the OAS ...

"Mertz had been smuggling drugs since 1947 and was involved in planning routes, recruiting couriers and workers, and in handling finances for the U.S. trade. His system was well developed by 1961, and in March of that year, Mertz sailed to New York with a shipment of heroin, only to be recalled to penetrate an OAS bomb plot in July of that year. One of the prime movers in that plot was an individual named Jean Rene Souetre who was also travelling into the United States in the early 1960s. To confuse the situation there are indications that Mertz may have on occasion used the name 'Jean Rene Souetre' as an alias for himself. [...] OAS contacts have also indicated that Souetre visited General Walker in
Dallas in April of 1963, and was in New Orleans in contact with Cuban exiles [... He] was definitely associated with the ongoing OAS efforts to kill the French president" (pp369-370).

**CAMEO - SOUETRE ACCORDING TO MACKENZIE, 2010:** The Souetre story features very briefly in the 2010 bandwagon memoirs of self-confessed bit-part conspirator Roderick A. MacKenzie [see own entry], who claims (1) to have safe-housed three Frenchmen, perhaps Corsicans, in the run-up to the assassination, who had - he later heard - "just come back from a hit somewhere in Michigan" (k890), and (2) that the "Mertz (Souetre)" composite character was part of a sniper team atop the County Records Office.

**CAMEO - SOUETRE ACCORDING TO CHAUNCY HOLT, 2013:** Our penultimate clip comes from another assassination miscreant, one Chauncey Holt [see own entry ONE HELLUVA STORY]. Holt was the master-forger who self-confessedly NOT ONLY provided the Dealey Plaza shooting teams with their fake IDs BUT ALSO got himself photographed for the world to see as the third of the Three Tramps [see own entry FASCINATING] arrested in the marshalling yard behind the TSBD (the guy at the back with the hat) ...

In his 2013 memoir [Holt died in 1997, and the 2013 work was aired posthumously thanks to the investigative journalist Wim Dankbaar - Ed.] Holt writes: *Four of the six individuals, unknown to me, that we produced fake documents for, appeared to be either Latins or of French extraction*" (Holt, op. cit.inf., k3180)

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Readers unfamiliar with the recovered diary of contract assassin (possibly the infamous QJ/WIN himself) <Jean Pierre Lafitte> should see the separate entry before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the Texas far-righter <General Edwin Walker> should see the separate entry before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with gun-runner and ZR/RIFLE contract assassin <Thomas Eli Davis, III> should see the separate entry before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the highly suspect U.S. deep-stater <General Charles Willoughby> should see the separate entry before proceeding.

**CAMEO - SOUETRE ACCORDING TO ALBARELLI, 2021:** Finally, here is Albarelli (op. cit. inf.), still trying to fit together the pieces of the Souetre puzzle. His contribution to the story (and it was published posthumously, he having passed away in 2019) is to link Souetre on the one hand to the French neo-Nazi La Cagoule [a.k.a. OSARN - see own entry], and on the other hand to the highly suspect Texas deep-staters General Edwin Walker [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY] and General Charles Willoughby [né Tschepp-Weidenbach] [see own entry EXPLAINS SO VERY MUCH], thus (drawing on Lafitte's diary as above) ...

"In another stunning piece of evidence, on April 30, 1963, [Jean Pierre] Lafitte [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY] was aware of a connection between General Walker and OAS officer and trained assassin Jean Rene Souetre. He writes: 'Walker - Souetre in New Orleans / Arms'. [...] Above all, and it bears repeating throughout this investigation, Lafitte made a detailed note on October 9 that further implicates General Walker. It reads in full:

'OSARN - OSARN - OSARN -
OSARN - Willoughby - Litt
plus Souetre, others (Hungarians)
Lancelot pro. - kill squads Dallas,
New York - Tampa (loaded E.) T says
called Oswald to purpose weapons
Walker - Davis in N.O. with
swamp groups. Florida (Decker,
Bender, Vickers, K of M)'
Two weeks and two days later, Lafitte indicates that the plans were ramping up and reaffirms that Walker was a key component. The date, October 25, appears to be particularly pivotal because Lafitte has been advised that *O says done - Oswald set in place*, and he makes a note - *call Walker & others.* By November 5th, a meeting was scheduled with the plot's designated man on the ground in Dallas, Jack Crichton [*see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY*] (p424).

**RESEARCH ISSUES IN THE ALBARELLI NARRATIVE:** Lafitte's scribblings may be taken EITHER as primary data in a Kennedy conspiracy, naming places, methods, and a whole hornets' nest of neo-Nazis and ne'er-do-wells, OR as primary data in an intelligence service cover-up operation to muddy the waters of investigation with red herring assertions. Either way, here are Albarelli's deductions as to the full identity of the folks named above (in order of mention; but excluding OSARN, Willoughby, Davis, all of whom have already been cross-referenced) ...

"Litt" = Gerard [*"the human toad"] Litt [*see own entry AN INTERESTING FELLOW*], a murky lieutenant in Otto Skorzeny's post-war neo-Nazi circle of influence, and still "a bloodthirsty anti-Semite".

"Hungarians" = Lazlo Varga and Lajos Marton [*see own entries INTERESTING FELLOWS*].

"Lancelot pro" = the *Lancelot Project*, namely the assassination plot itself ("Lancelot" being JFK's standard intelligence service codename).

"Decker" = General George H. Decker [*Wikipedia biography*], lately Army Chief of Staff and *Bay of Pigs* hawk.

"Bender" = CIA operative Gerry Droller [*Wikipedia biography*], veteran of the 1954 Guatemala Coup and general black ops *Wunderkind*.

"Vickers" = EITHER Harold Vickers [*unable to trace*], "close friend and business associate of Gen. MacArthur, OR Jesse Vickers [*no convenient biography*], "Miami-based arms dealer" and "seasoned gun-runner".

"K of M" = Knights of Malta - see the entry for J. Peter Grace, Jr. [*INTERESTING*].

Souetre, then, is both fiction and fact rolled into one, and will remain so until full and unredacted archive disclosure. But (whoever he really was) he reportedly died in 2000, aged 70. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail see the recommendations above and (in order of mention) Larry Hancock's (2006/2010) "Someone Would Have Talked" [*Amazon*], Roderick A. MacKenzie's (2010) "The Men That Don't Fit In" [*Amazon*], Chauncey Holt's (2013) "Self-Portrait of a Scoundrel: A Memoir of Spooks, Hoods, and the Hidden Elite" [*Amazon*], and Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK" [*Amazon*] (Albarelli is particularly detailed in his history of General Decker).

**Southwood, Jim:** Cold War veteran (U.S. Army Intelligence, Korea) turned journalist and author Jim Southwood [*Legacy.com obituary*] is noteworthy in the present context for approaching forensic historian Dick Russell in 1993 to tell him about an assignment he had received in September 1962, while assigned to a G-2 unit in South Korea. Here is how Russell tells the story in the later edition of his (1992/2003) book "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [*Amazon*] ...

"In November 1961, Southwood had been assigned to the U.S. Army Intelligence School at Fort Holabird, Maryland, to receive training as an analyst. When his two-month course ended, he and about ten others of his class shipped out to Korea. [...] A primary function of the 502nd [Military Intelligence Battalion], Southwood said, was to learn the order of battle of North Korean troops. That's where Field Operations Intelligence did a lot of work," he added. 'I knew some of the agents who worked with FOI. [...] We'd sort out the information and put it in files.' The file room was large, with steel cabinets that were locked every night. There was also a massive reference file, containing thousands of index cards. Southwood is pretty sure it was around the first of September, 1962, when he received [...] 'a very important assignment' that he was not to discuss with anyone. [...] The order came from the 112th Military Intelligence Group in Texas. They wanted to know any and all information in the files on Lee Harvey Oswald a.k.a. 'Harvey Lee Oswald' and 'Alek James Hidell'. [...] They were also seeking information on George and Jeanne de Mohrenschildt, anything pertaining to Polish fighter pilots in World War Two, and anything about the Teutonic Knights. [...] There was nothing in the 502nd's file room pertaining to the Teutonic Knights. Nor, to the best of Southwood's recollection, were there any files generated in Korea on Oswald. 'But there were numerous references and copies of files that came out of Japan on Oswald, as well as references and some copies of ONI (Office of Naval Intelligence) reports. This guy was under constant surveillance by both ONI and Army intelligence when he was stationed in Japan. Also by the Japanese National Police. Sometimes he'd been known to frequent homosexual bars. One of the reports
was that he was suspected of being involved in a homosexual relationship with a Russian colonel. When I read the name 'Eroshkin' in your book, it came back to me. *That was the colonel. There were also reports about his having defected to Russia* (op. cit., pp455-456).

The colonel referred to above was one Nikolai Eroshkin, GRU colonel and Soviet military attaché in Tokyo in the late 1950s. Richard Case Nagell claims (via biographer Russell) that he and LHO had been trying to induce Eroshkin to defect. **OUR VERDICT:** There are two fundamental questions we have to ask ourselves here. The first is this: Might any of the records in the 502nd's master file have been deliberately planted as part of establishing a false legend for LHO? The answer is a simple yes, for this sort of thing was/is standard procedure in such operations. The second question is this: Is the combo Nagell-Southwood-Russell part of the problem or part of the solution? Specifically, has Nagell, with Southwood in reserve, simply been using Russell to spread the truth or a CIA cover story designed to divert attention from Oliver Stone's "JFK"?

"Spain in Arms": See the entry for Count Constantine Maydell.

**Sparkman, Robert Satterfield:** WW2 veteran (medical corps) and well-respected Baylor University Hospital surgeon Dr. Robert Sparkman [no time-relevant biography] is noteworthy in the present context for reportedly (a) having helped get corpsman Rod Mac Kenzie a job as a nurse, and (b) being a friend of Jack Ruby, thus ...

"I never did figure what attraction Ruby had for Dr. Sparkman. He was not ashamed to talk of Ruby and so I assumed it was women or gambling that placed him in the circle there […] I took a few of the free courses Dr. Sparkman offered […] and learned a lot from him" (Mac Kenzie and Hooke, 2016, Kindle878).

**Spartacus League/Spartacists:** See the entry for Rosa Luxemburg, wherein both context and specific links are given.

"ONE TO MAKE MISCHIEF"*Sir Henry Wilson

**Spears, [Sir]** Edward Louis [1st Baronet]**1935:** [Spiers until 1918] Born and raised in France to British parents, careerist soldier turned businessman-politician [Sir]**1941** Edward Spears [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been liaison officer between the British and French armies from May 1914 through to May 1917, during which period he was briefly assigned to, and formed a friendship with, Winston Churchill, (b) for being transferred to head the Military Mission in Paris, a post he would hold until June 1919, and which would introduce him to most senior British and French war leaders, including, from 16th November 1917, the new French Premier Georges Clemenceau, (c) for going into business in Czechoslovakia after the war, thereby getting to know Jan Masaryk [see own entry], son of President Tomáš Masaryk [see own entry], (d) for entering parliament in 1922 as member for Loughborough, holding that seat until 1924, and then again as member for Carlisle between 1931 and 1945, (e) for being a staunch non-appeaser throughout the 1930s, (f) for hosting the meetings of Churchill's highly secretive Jewish funding conclave The Focus [see own entry], (g) for being knighted in 1941 for his pains, (g) for pressing for urgent rearmament after the German annexation of the Sudetenland under the 30th September 1938 Munich Agreement [see own entry], (h) for being appointed 22nd May 1940 as Churchill's personal representative to French Premier Paul Reynaud, and for thereby being an intimate witness to the political turmoil as France fell to the Nazis and the British Army escaped through Dunkirk, (i) for continuing to liaise after Dunkirk, this time with the Free French under General de Gaulle, (j) for being appointed British Minister to Syria and Lebanon in January 1942, and (k) for helping to deliver the received narrative of WW1 history by appearing many times in the 26-part BBC2 TV documentary "The Great War" - YouTube the 1963 master interview.

**Special Affairs Staff (SAS):** [Read firstly the entry for Task Force W.] Established by restructuring and redefining Task Force W in early 1963, and headed by Desmond Fitzgerald, the Special Affairs Staff (SAS) [no convenient briefing] was the CIA's main Get-Castro operation during 1963-1964. Its core objective was
"to pursue the assassination of Castro by various means" (Kaiser, 2008, p147), but with greater emphasis than hitherto on need-to-know compartmentalisation and non-attributability if caught (Ibid., p153) (because JFK had promised Premier Khrushchev during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis that the United States did not do this sort of thing).

"One of the grossest liars ever forced on the American people" ("JFK", the movie)

Specter, Senator Arlen: >>Yale<<-trained Lawyer-politician Senator[D/R/D (PA, 1981-2011)] Arlen Specter [Wikipedia Biography] enters this particular story in 1965 as an Assistant Commissioner for the Warren Commission. It was he who proposed the famous Single Bullet Theory, later to be dismissed (not least by the one through whose body it actually passed, Governor John Connally) as the Magic Bullet Theory.


"The father of modern heroin trafficking" (Albarelli, 2009)

Spirito, François: [Born Lydio? Lydro? Spirito; a.k.a. Charles Henri Faccia, Big Frank, Le Grand Lydro] Sicilian-born Naples/Marseilles-raised contract assassin François Spirito [Wikipedia biography FASCINATING] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for getting the first entry on his rap sheet in 1910 Marseilles, aged 12, going on to thrive as a juvenile hoodlum in that city's docklands through to 1913 ...

CAMEO - SPIRITO MEETS LAFITTE: Spirito became friends at this time with fellow artful dodger Jean Pierre Lafitte [see own entry ESSENTIAL AS PARALLEL NARRATIVE]. Albarelli (2021, op. cit. inf.) gives us a quick glimpse into that shared past ...

"[Lafitte] encountered other boys his age, nearly all of whom were equally busy on the wrong side of the law. Among his closest companions were François Spirito, who had come to Marseilles from Naples, and [+++ three others named +++], all Corsicans" (pp188-189).

... (b) for a year spent in Alexandria, Egypt, 1913-1914 learning how to traffic prostitutes and drugs, (c) for war service in the French Army 1914-1918, (d) for taking up drug smuggling again after the war in partnership with Paul Carbone [Wikipedia biography], developing Marseilles into a staging post between producers in distant lands and consumers in the United States, thus ...

"... by the 1930s, Spirito and Carbone ruled the Marseilles underworld and operated an international heroin network that reached French Indochina, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, Germany, Yugoslavia, and South America" (p189).

... (e) for collaborating with the Germans during WW2, profiting greatly from wartime black market demand ...

ASIDE: Albarelli (2009, op. cit. inf.) suggests that Spirito also had contacts with the OSS's "Black Luigi", a French-American named Lucien Conein [see own entry INTERESTING PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT]. This
... (f) for spending time in South America immediately after the war, moving thence (perhaps by way of Boston) to Montreal on a more permanent basis in 1946, trafficking narcotics southward into NYC, (g) for being arrested in 1951, serving two years in prison ...

Readers unfamiliar with the CIA's <Operation MKULTRA> and <Operation MIDNIGHT CLIMAX> should skim not just those two entries, but also those for <George H. Estabrooks>, <Sidney Gottlieb>, <Jose A. Rivera>, and <George Hunter White>, before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the murder/staged suicide of disillusioned biological warfare scientist <Frank Olson> should thoroughly check out the separate entry before proceeding HIGHLY REVELATORY.

CAMEO - SPIRITO AND MKULTRA: Albarelli (2009, op. cit. inf.) specifically and pointedly raises the possibility that during his time in Atlanta Federal Penitentiary Spirito may have become part of "Subprogram 9" within the broader MKULTRA research program. This ran 1951-1961 and was led by Dr. Carl C. Pfeifer [Wikipedia biography] ...

"The Atlanta Penitentiary had been the site of secret CIA-funded experiments centred on deliberately intentionally creating 'drug-induced psychotic states in human males' through the use of LSD and a highly experimental drug called MER-16, which produced 'a model psychosis characterised by visual and auditory hallucinations' which often lasted for upward of 'three days and are characterised by repeated waves of depersonalisation, visual hallucinations, and feelings of unreality" " (p304).

... (h) shortly after his release (which seems to have been subtly facilitated for the very purpose), for being half of the wet team involved in the 28th November 1953 murder of Fort Detrick's aforementioned loose cannon scientist Frank Olson, and for being arrested on suspicion of same on or about 16th December 1953...

CAMEO - SPIRITO AND THE OLSON MURDER: Given the context of the preparatory readings specified above, here is Albarelli (op. cit. inf.) with the core allegation against Spirito (a long extract, heavily abridged) ...

"Lafitte brought in Spirito to back him up with the Olson assignment. Why or how Lafitte enlisted the assistance of Spirito is unknown. What we do know is that Spirito had been unexpectedly released from federal prison in Atlanta and had journeyed to New York the week before Olsen had arrived there with Ruwet and Lashbrook. Spirito's long acquaintance with Lafitte is a matter of historical record. Details of what happened the night that Olson died are still somewhat vague [...] [+++ detail as per the linked entries +++] How did Lafitte and Spirito get into Olson's room? [...] 'Lafitte worked at the hotel and had ready access [...]'.[+++ detail as per the linked entries +++] Shortly after the New York prosecutors received the documents [...] identifying Lafitte and Spirito as the two who had thrown Frank Olson from the hotel window, the case began inexplicably to unravel. [+++ details of the state-managed cover-up +++]" (pp692-696).

As punishment for his part in the murder, Spirito was spirited back to France merely for entering the United States illegally.

... (i) for setting up in business running a bar on the French Riviera, possibly/probably part of the drug-running operation known as the French Connection [Wikipedia briefing], and (j) for thereby getting to be immortalised (in sanitised form) in the 1970 movie "Borsalino" [IMDB entry], wherein he is played by actor Jean-Paul Belmondo ...

YouTube the fictionalised Spirito character here (2 mins. GREAT TUNE, BTW)

Spirito died in 1967, aged 69 [precise d.o.b. unknown]. FURTHER READING: For more of the Spirito story see both Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2009) "A Terrible Mistake" [Amazon (esp. whole Chapter 4) HIGHLY RECOMMENDED] and (2013) "A Secret Order (Volume I)" [Amazon]; for a much more detailed telling of the Lafitte story see also Albarelli's (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK" [Amazon].
**Spook-Adjacent**: This quaint term seems to have emerged in the early 2020s to describe people who while not directly on a government payroll or pension can nevertheless be relied upon to place their services or "vote" or public branding at the disposal of those who are - that is to say, the spooks proper. For an example of the use of this term see this *Grayzone* 10th March 2023 piece.

**Sports Drome**: The Dallas shooting range managed by Floyd Davis [q.v.] where LHO or an **LHO Look Alike** deliberately drew attention to himself earlier in mid-November 1963.

**Sprague, Richard E.**: Assassination researcher *Richard Sprague* [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 1976 book "The Taking of America", one of the first large scale conspiracy theories to "name the teams". Sprague begins with *David Ferrie* and *Clay Shaw*, adds in the CIA and Cuban exiles, gets funding from deposed *Carlos Prio Socarras* and Texas oil, finds itself its patsy in an out-of-his-depth FBI informer named *Lee Harvey Oswald*, and finally recruits the necessary mob foot-soldiers. Second and third editions followed in 1979 and 1985 [full text online - RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT ALL THE NAMINGS STILL WORK 40 YEARS DOWN THE LINE]. Incidentally, this is the work which propounded the *Umbrella Dart* theory, the in-our-opinion-preposterous notion that *Umbrella Man's* umbrella was some sort of cross between a set of bagpipes and a poison-dart blowpipe.

**SS-Galizien**: See the entry for *Operation KEELHAUL*.

***** WORLD HISTORIC DOCUMENT *****

**St. James's Palace Declaration**: See *Timeline* at 9th August 1941 and the entry herein for Atlantic Charter.

**Starmer, [Sir]2014 Keir**: British lawyer-politician [Sir]2014 *Keir Starmer* [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for heading the Crown Prosecution Service 2008-2013, (b) for being elected to Parliament as a Labour Party member in the 2015 General Election, (c) for never being happy with *Jeremy Corbyn's* leadership of said party, and for siding with the anti-Corbyn "Coupsters" in the 28th June 2016 Vote of No Confidence [see Timeline that date], (c) for nevertheless serving as Shadow Brexit Minister 2016-2020, thereby playing a major role in setting Labour Party strategy for *Brexit* in the run-up to the 2019 General Election, (d) for emerging as one of the front-runners in the 2020 Labour Party Leadership Elections, and (e) for being ousted in the Twittersphere 4th February 2020 for being a member of the far-from-Socialist *Trilateral Commission* [see own entry] (confirmed by Guinness, 2018 [full text online]).

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED**: Non-British readers should note that the thought of Britain's flagship Socialist party, with more than a century of promoting the wellbeing of the British working class, being led by a member of a secretive neoliberal organisation such as that one is nothing short of laughable.

**Starnes, Richard**: Journalist *Richard Starnes* [no convenient biography] was author of a 2nd October >>1963<< article in the *Washington Daily News* entitled "Arrogant CIA", in which amongst other things he warned specifically about the possibility of a CIA coup in Washington - read reprint here.

**State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee (SWNCC)**: [Colloquially, "the swink"] Established in December 1944 by the "committee of three", that is to say, Secretary of State *Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.* [Wikipedia biography], Secretary of War *Henry L. Stimson* [Wikipedia biography], and Secretary of the Navy *James V. Forrestal* [Wikipedia biography], the *State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee (SWNCC)* [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the primary mechanism of coordinating the United States' armed forces with its foreign policy in late-WW2 and the early Cold War era. It was disbanded in favour of the *National Security Council (NSC)* 18th September 1947.

**Steel-Maitland, Sir Arthur Herbert Drummond Ramsay [1st Baronet]**1917: Aristocrat-lawyer-politician *Sir Arthur [, Lord]*1917 *Steel-Maitland* [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present
context (a) for having been entered parliament in 1910 as member for Birmingham East, holding this and other Midlands seats until his death in 1935, (b) for serving as Chairman of the Conservative Party between 1911 and 1916, (c) for serving under Lloyd George as Under-Secretary for the Colonies between 1915 and 1917, and as Secretary for Overseas Trade between 1917 and 1919.

Steele, Christopher: British MI6 intelligence agent Christopher Steele [no convenient biography, but see this Wikipedia briefing] was the author of the 2017 Steele Dossier [q.v.] purportedly evidencing Russian support for Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

Steele, Donald Francis: 32-year-old DPD Sergeant Donald Steele [no convenient biography] was not on duty on the day of the assassination. On 24th September 1963 he reported to DPDHQ to pick up J. D. Tippit's personal effects to take to that officer's widow. However he was asked to stick around for a while, and, with Jay Harrison "with me during all of this", assisted in setting officers to control the crowds outside waiting on LHO's transfer; also to check that all overlooking premises were secure. He then left on his errand about a quarter of an hour before the Jack Ruby shooting (Harrison says it was five minutes before). Steele's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Steele Dossier: [For critical balance read firstly the entries for Ron Paul's List of Neocons and Michael Ledeen.] This is the collection of 17 intelligence memoranda [Wikipedia briefing] assembled during 2016 by British MI6 agent Christopher Steele [q.v.] and published on 10th January 2017 as apparent evidence of collusion between Donald Trump's election team and "Russian operatives" acting against Hillary Clinton, ultimately, with the approval of Vladimir Putin. The dossier has been widely discredited as fake news, and reads as (UK) public schoolboy tosh.

Steele, Robert David: Ex-CIA officer turned social media conspiracy theorist [as opposed to academic historian] Robert Steele [Wikipedia biography] will emerge as an expert in Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) [q.v.] during the early 1990s and is still going strong. At the time of writing [February 2018] he has an impressive YouTube presence, constantly going large on such subjects as "Taking Down the Deep State", "Fake News", the Law Vegas shooting as a False Flag operation, and "Exposing Zionism". Steele's personal conspiracy theory is that there is a NASA colony on Mars specialising in paedophilia.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** We have remarked elsewhere that in pure counterintelligence terms the more crackpot ideas you can get into the discussion space, the more effectively you will be subconsciously discrediting the genuine workers. What we do not know, for example, is who is commissioning Steele's broadcasts, and whether anything dark happens to the identities of those who subscribe to them. Social media, in other words, might be offering the Deep State an easy way to find out who wants to take down the Deep State, how to create better Fake News, how to execute and cover up more effective False Flags, and so on (although presumably those who <thumbs up> the Mars colony story are immediately indexed as representing no threat to anyone other than themselves).

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** Technically speaking, the science of reverse engineering cognitive structure by starting from verbal output and working backwards is known as "Pragmatics", and the critical skills therein are "discourse analysis" and "propositional analysis". The present author has taught these subjects in the past and retains some PowerPoint presentations which students or fellow researchers might find useful - email for details, or work your way through the website contents list.

Steinem, Gloria: See the entry for C. D. Jackson.

Stemcor: British steel products broker Stemcor [Wikipedia briefing; Corporate Homepage] is noteworthy in the present context as the "family-run steel business" referred to in the entry for [Lady] Margaret Hodge.

Stennis, John Cornelius: See the entry for the Stennis Hearings.
**Sterns Hearings:** Founded 21st September 1961 as a temporary Special Preparedness Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and chaired 1961-1962 by Senator John C. Stennis [Wikipedia biography] the Stennis Hearings [see published Proceedings] are noteworthy in the present context both **generally** for considering, amongst other things, "the proper role of military personnel in informing civilians as to the menace of the cold war", and also **specifically** for taking testimony from some of that era's sub-thumping right-wingers, not least (on 4th April 1962) General Edwin Walker. Walker had been called to explain the extent to which he had encouraged added hard-right material to be added to the unit library recommendations coming down from the Pentagon through official channels. **FURTHER READING:** Walker's testimony is interesting, but it is too long and too detailed to summarise here - see link above for further study.

**Stephenson, [Sir]** William Samuel: [Codename Intrepid] Canadian soldier turned aviator (12 kills) turned inventor-businessman turned master spy turned spymaster [Sir] William Stephenson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving with distinction with the Royal Flying Corps 1917-1918, (b) for hitting the royalties jackpot in 1924 with a patented wireless fax machine, (c) for combining subsequent business travel with some informal intelligence gathering on behalf of the likes of Winston Churchill ...

**ASIDE:** The story goes that Stephenson's 1936 reports to Churchill from Germany convinced both men that the Germans were massively understating their armaments expenditure, thus strengthening Churchill's position against Appeasement.

... (d) for being sent to New York City in June 1940 to oversee British intelligence operations there [covering as the British Passport Control Office, Room 3603, Rockefeller Center - Ed.], and (e) for forming a close working relationship with President Franklin D. Roosevelt, even going so far as to recommend that his friend William Donovan [see own entry] be put in charge of the under-construction Office of Strategic Services (OSS) [see own entry]. One of his main assets was a 1200-strong mail interception station on Bermuda. He also fed pro-British propaganda to influential U.S. news outlets. He also receives mention in the entry for C. D. Jackson.

**Stern, Edgar Bloom, Sr:** [1886-1959] Long standing New Orleans philanthropist and entrepreneur Edgar Rosenwald [Wikipedia biography] successfully applied the lessons of being a trustee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund (one of the many philanthropic outlets for his father-in-law's Sears Roebuck fortune) to the expansion of Dillard University in the 1930s. He later assisted his son Edgar Bloom Jr found WDSU-TV and was a director at International House and the International Trade Mart (ITM).

**Stern, Edgar Bloom, Jr:** [1922-2008] New Orleans philanthropist and entrepreneur Edgar Stern, Jr [no convenient biography, but see YouTube obituary] founded WDSU-TV with the assistance of his father Edgar Bloom Sr, and was a director at International House and the International Trade Mart (ITM).

**Stern Gang:** See the entry for John Arthur Paisley.

**Stern, Sol:** Political journalist Sol Stern [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 1967 Ramparts article entitled "A Short Account of International Student Politics and the Cold War with Particular Reference to the NSA, CIA, etc.", in which he exposed a CIA attempt to take control of the otherwise entirely legitimate National Students' Association (NSA) [q.v.] by inserting operatives into its management structure. Stern later stressed that the follow-up investigations were carried out by far better resourced MSM heavyweights such as the New York Times and the Washington Post. The eventual conclusion was that "the CIA/NSA relationship was just one thread in an elaborate web of citizen front groups secretly supported, and sometimes even created, by the spy agency in the early days of the Cold War" (Stern, 2010 [full text online]).

**Sternberg, George Miller:** Career army medic George Sternberg [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Surgeon-General to the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American
War [see 15th February 1898], a war in which nearly ten times as many servicemen died of disease than enemy action (Gould, 1982).

***** UKRAINE'S VERY OWN ADOLF EICHMANN *****
"The Nazis even Hitler was afraid of" (source)

Stetsko, Yaroslaw S.: [1912-1986] [Sometimes Stetzko] [CIA codename AECAVATINA-2] [Read firstly the entry for Operation Paperclip,] WW2 veteran (Waffen SS, Ukrainian volunteers) Yaroslaw Stetsko [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for responding to the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union by declaring a pro-Nazi Ukrainian Nationalist government 30th June 1941, with himself as prime minister, (b) for recruiting like-minded Ukrainians into the German armed forces, and for thereafter cooperating with the Ukrainian Holocaust in which up to a million Jews are estimated to have been liquidated, (c) for being rescued from justice (Soviet, Jewish, and Allied) by being cushioned by the United States as a valuable anti-Communist resource ...

LEST IT GO UNNOTICED: Operation Paperclip did not merely scoop leading Nazi scientists and technicians out from under the noses of the advancing Russians. Brokered by Hitler's erstwhile intelligence chief Reinhard Gehlen, Washington also adopted in situ the Nazi intelligence and security intelligentsia on the justification that their Eastern Front spy network knew more about the Communists than the Americans did! "He's on our side," said Allen Dulles of Gehlen, "and that's all that matters". After WW2, the Ukrainian Nazis were the only group to escape justice at the Nuremberg trials.

(d) for becoming President in April 1946 of the Munich-based Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN) [see own entry], a pressure group cum intelligence front organisation committed to anti-Communist activities throughout the Soviet-occupied nations of Eastern Europe and what used to be called "White Russia" ...

POINT OF CLARIFICATION: By "Soviet-occupied" we mean overrun by the advancing Red Army 1944-1945; by "White Russian" we mean the earlier annexations made during the Russian Civil War 1917-1922. Thus Poland and Hungary would be in the former category whilst Estonia down to the Ukraine would be in the latter - see the entry for Avrahm Yarmolinsky for more on this.

(e) for travelling widely during the mid-1950s promoting ABN activities, including visits to the United States, during which he associated with CIA officer E. Howard Hunt in 1958 (Bevilaqua, 2013, K349), (f) for promoting the World Anti-Communist League (WACL) [see own entry] in 1967, and (g) for associating with White House publicist Katherine Chumachenko [later Kateryna Yushchenko] [see own entry], being photographed in 1983 alongside her and the United States' U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick - [check it out]. FURTHER READING: Chapter 3 of the Institute for Foreign Policy Research and Initiatives' (2008) report "The Guns of August" [full text online] is devoted almost entirely to Stetsko. See also this CIA dossier - FASCINATING.

Stevens, John Leavitt: Preacher turned newspaper proprietor turned politician John Stevens [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been U.S. Minister to the Kingdom of Hawaii at the time of the 1893 US-inspired coup against the Hawaiian monarchy - indeed he is widely regarded as one of the prime instigators of that plot [check it out].

Stevens, [Sir]2020 Simon Laurence: British civil servant [Sir]2020 Simon Stevens [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a Balliol high-flyer, (b) as health policy advisor to Tony Blair in the early 2000s, (c) as board member of the private contribution healthcare provider UnitedHealth Group [Wikipedia briefing] 2004-2014, and (d) as Chief Executive of the NHS since 2014. He was therefore automatically in the crossfire between left and right concerning the future of public contribution healthcare in the U.K. during the COVID-19 Pandemic, as run-down front-line services resulted in several hundred [as at 25th March 2020] unnecessary deaths.

***** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****
Stevenson, Archibald Ewing: American lawyer turned wartime intelligence asset Archibald Stevenson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being headhunted by the Justice Department in 1917 to maintain a file index of New York State residents with suspected pro-German sympathies, sharing information when necessary with Ralph Van Deman's Military Intelligence Division, (b) for giving evidence 21st-22nd January 1919 [see Timeline those dates INTERESTING] to the Overman Committee [see own entry], during which he denounces Bolshevism for its "dangerous, destructive, and anarchic sentiments", (c) for subsequently getting involved with the Lusk Committee [Wikipedia briefing; also see Timeline 26th March 1919 INTERESTING], which had been set up in NYC to flush out likely Bolsheviks, and (d) for continuing his anti-Communist ravings through until the mid-1940s.

Stirling, Yates, Jnr.: American veteran of the Spanish-American War [see 25th April 1898], the Philippine-American War [see 4th February 1899], Veracruz (1914), WW1, and the 1927 China Intervention [see 11th April 1927], Admiral Yates Stirling [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having commanded the six gunboats of the Yangtse River Patrol in the late 1920s.

***** IMPORTANT EYE-WITNESS, TONKIN INCIDENT *****

Stockdale, James Bond: (It's a coincidence - he was named James Bond when Ian Fleming was only 15 years old - Ed.) Vietnam War veteran (decorated Navy pilot; seven years a POW), retired as Vice Admiral 1979, then writer and occasional politician Jim Stockdale [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of those directly involved 2nd-4th August 1964 in the Gulf of Tonkin Incident - see separate entry for details, (b) for being shot down over North Vietnam 9th September 1965, being held POW for well over seven years, (c) for heading the Naval War College 1977-1979, and then (d) retiring to a life as author and broadcaster.

***** THE MAN WHO INVENTED UNTERMENSCH *****
(WITHOUT WHICH JUSTIFYING NOTION THERE COULD HAVE BEEN NO HOLOCAUST)

Stoddard, Theodore Lothrop: American academic historian, eugenicist, and campaigning Klansman Theodore Lothrop Stoddard [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for gaining a doctorate from Harvard University in 1914, (b) for his 1920 book "The Rising Tide of Colour Against White World Supremacy" [Project Gutenberg full text] (which process he bewailed as the "mongrelisation" of the western world), (c) for the 1922 follow-up "The Revolt Against Civilisation: The Menace of the Under Man" [Amazon] (in whose German translation "Under Man" became Untermensch), (d) for being ousted by Hearst's International as a Klansman in 1923, and (e) for his defiantly unrepentant 1940 "Into the Darkness: Nazi Germany Today" [Amazon]. Six million Untermensch were industrially murdered in the war which followed.

Stolley, Richard Brockway: Journalist Richard Stolley [Wikipedia biography] had joined LIFE Magazine in 1953 and was the LIFE editor sent to Dallas from Los Angeles on 22nd November. Tipped off that very evening by LIFE's local reporter Patsy Swank that the critical seconds had been captured on home movie, he had, by breakfast time the next day, purchased print rights from Abraham Zapruder for the Zapruder Film for the sum of $50,000 (movie rights followed two days later for an additional $100,000). YouTube the man himself. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Stone, Isidor Feinstein: Investigative journalist I. F. Stone [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 1952 book "The Hidden History of the Korean War, 1950-1951", in which are documented the serial dirty tricks of the (then) U.S. Deep State not just in provoking the Korean War in the first place, but in then railroading the United Nations into helping to fight it. A decade later Stone was also the only journalist to spot the 1964 false flag Gulf of Tonkin Incident at the time it was happening.

Stone, William Oliver: Vietnam War veteran, author, and film director and producer Oliver Stone [Wikipedia biography] was the creative force behind the 1991 movie "JFK", a dramatisation of Jim
Garrison's team's steeply uphill struggle bringing Clay Shaw to trial in 1968, set against the story of the assassination in flashback when appropriate.

Stoner, Jesse Benjamin: Georgia-based lawyer turned charismatic racist orator cum terrorist bomber Jesse B. Stoner [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the Klan in Chattanooga in 1942, at the age of 18 years, (b) for roadshowing small town fascism in the Deep South during the 1950s and 1960s, promoting such arguments as "being a Jew should be a crime punishable by death" and "the nigger is our enemy", (c) for heading the National States Rights Party (NSRP) [see own entry], (d) for being arrested July 1964 for "illegal cross burning" in the St. Augustine FL Riots [Wikipedia briefing], and (e) for being convicted in 1980 for complicity in the 29th June 1958 Bethel Baptist Church Bombing [Wikipedia briefing] in Birmingham AL.

Stoughton, Cecil: This White House Photographer was one of the several press corps old hands consigned to Car #6 in the Dallas Presidential motorcade.

Stovall, Richard S.: DPD Homicide Bureau detective Richard Stovall [no convenient biography] was not on duty at the time of the shooting, and so did not get to DPDHQ until about 1400hr. His partner Gus Rose arrived at much the same time and they were both on hand when LHO was brought in. They went and talked to him briefly, noting that the name he gave - "Lee Oswald" - did not match the documents in the wallet he had been carrying when arrested, which gave the name "A. Hidell". Captain Will Fritz then sent them to 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, which Fritz told them was "an address where he was supposed to be staying part of the time". A third detective, J. P. Adamcik, was to go with them. When they got there they then had to wait "30 to 45 minutes" for Sheriff's deputies to arrive (because Irving is out of DPD's jurisdiction and requires either local police or county resources). [The Sheriff's people were J. L. Oxford, Buddy Walthers, and Harry Weatherford.] Ruth Paine let them in. They then searched the room where Marina Oswald had been staying. Marina herself then suggested (translated by Ruth Paine) that they searched the garage, where a blanket was found which Marina said "was where Lee kept his rifle". An amount of other material was also removed but not itemised until back at DPDHQ. Stovall was also involved in a second search at around 1300hr on 23rd November 1963, and was there when Rose found the Backyard Photographs Stovall also specifically noted "some negatives out there that appeared that he had make a snapshot of a selective service card, and on the back of the negatives it was where the name would have been typed in--there was some stuff on the back of the negatives to block out the name when it was reprinted"; also "some selective service cards that he had printed himself out there from a negative that were blank and which appeared to be the same that he had on him at the time, on the 22d of November, that had the name of 'A. Hideill' typed in on it". Again everything was itemised back at DPDHQ.


Straight, Willard Dickerman: American cub war correspondent (Reuters; Russo-Japanese War, 1904-1905) turned J. P. Morgan and Company banker turned married-into-Standard-Oil-fortune socialite turned publisher-journalist Willard Straight [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for leveraging his establishment contacts to gain diplomatic service placements in the Far East 1911-1912, (b) for funding Herbert Croly's [Wikipedia biography] new political magazine The New Republic [Wikipedia briefing] in 1914, for then generally identifying with its "progressive movement" politics, and for becoming friends with its editor Walter Lippmann [see own entry], (c) for thereby helping to re-elect President Wilson in 1916, and (d) for serving with the A.E.F. in France 1917-1918, becoming involved by late 1918 in early preparations for the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 18th January 1919]. His work was sadly cut short by the Spanish Flu Pandemic, and he died in Paris 1st December 1918, aged 38.
Strakosch, [Sir] Henry: Austrian-born British-raised City of London banker [Sir] Henry Strakosch [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having helped underwrite Winston Churchill's stock-market debts between 1938 and 1939, then for writing them off altogether with a specific legacy upon his death 30th October 1943. He made his money between 1891 and 1924 heading the City of London arm of the Anglo-Austrian Bank of South Africa ...

ASIDE: Strakosch's business links in South Africa are well described in Stephen Goodson's (2014) book "Inside the South African Reserve Bank". He was a friend of Jan Smuts and a director of the Union Corporation.

Goodson (2014) asserts that the motivation for Strakosch's generosity was as follows ... 

"[Strakosch] would feed Churchill with exaggerated and often spurious statistics regarding German rearmament in order to promote a war psychosis" (K361).

Strategy of Tension: [Read firstly the entry for Operation Gladio.] First consciously implemented in Italy in 1968 (but very much still with us), the Strategy of Tension [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as **the** coordinating principle of United States foreign policy engagement in the last half century. It involves the deliberate engineering of terrorist atrocities **where none would otherwise exist**, so that - with due amplification from the media - communities turn naturally to those who most loudly promise freedom from terrorism. The terrorists are created to order simply by channeling money and promises of status to selected indigenous Useful Idiots. Similarly, the political saviours are created to order by selectively buying influence amongst indigenous U.S.-friendly kakistocrats ...

KEY CONCEPT - THE KAKISTOCRACY: The combination of the Greek words for bad and government has been used for several hundred years to describe political incompetence or downright dishonesty. In the sense it is used here, kakistocrats are helped into power by the U.S. for their friendliness to the U.S., not for their interest in their own people.

CAMEO - STRATEGY OF TENSION OPERATIONS IN ITALY, 1968: Histories of the Strategy of Tension usually begin with the Piazza Fontana Bombing 12th December 1969, in which 17 innocent bystanders died at the hands of right-wing terrorists, who then successfully shifted the blame onto the Italian Communist Party - see Wikipedia briefing and our Timeline for that date.

FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Daniele Ganser's (2005) book "NATO's Secret Armies: Operation Gladio and Terrorism in Western Europe" [Amazon]. For the overarching command structure during the CIA-sponsored atrocities in Italy see the entry for the World Commerce Corporation (WCC) [REVELATORY]; for one of the terrorists themselves see Yves Guillou.

Strauss, Leo: Driven from his native Germany in the 1930s by the Nazi Party's harassment of Jews, philosopher Leo Strauss [Wikipedia biography] settled in America and became professor of political science at the University of Chicago. Classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] as a "former Trotskyite", the essence of Strauss' position on politics has recently been summarised as doubting whether individual freedom and societal excellence can easily co-exist. Hence his early personal devotion to the Zionist cause (excellence at the expense of freedom), and his later acclamation as guru by the neoconservatives of the elitist American far-right, some of which - most notably Paul Wolfowitz [q.v.] and Abram Shulsky - he taught personally. See now the entries for Ron Paul and Ron Paul's Neocons.

Stringer, John T.: Medical photographer John Stringer [no convenient biography] attended the autopsy at Bethesda, and would not re-enter the narrative until 1996 when interviewed at great length by the Assassination Records Review Board, and would in a number of respects disown the National Archive photographs of JFK's brain as not those which he had taken. Browse the Medical Cover-Up Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.
Strong, Benjamin, Jnr.: Banker Benjamin Strong [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been a partner in Bankers' Trust [Wikipedia briefing] during the 1900s, when he supported moves to create the Federal Reserve System [check it out].

Stubblefield, Robert L.: Dr. Robert Stubblefield [no convenient biography] was Head of Psychiatry at the Southwestern Medical School, Dallas. He is noteworthy in the present context for having had professional contacts with two of the central players in the JFK assassination story. On 8th November 1962 he examined General Edwin Walker for "mental competency" following the incident 30th September 1962 and had no substantive reservations. He then did much the same for Jack Ruby just prior to his trial in March 1964.

Stuckey, William Kirk: [All dates have their own Timeline entry.] U.S.M.C. veteran turned journalist turned WDSU Radio show host Bill Stuckey [see Warren Commission testimony (link below) for biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having undertaken (as a cover-story for who-knows-what) an eight-month walk-about in Central America and Mexico in the late 1950s [c.f., George de Mohrenschildt], (b) for returning to become a political reporter "for a number of years", (c) for moving on to join the New Orleans States-Item in February 1962 as a political columnist, and for there developing contacts deep within the anti-Castro Cuban exile community, (d) for speaking at an Information Council of the Americas (INCA) event 1st June 1962, (e) for leveraging these new contacts to produce a series of articles between 16th April 1962 and 8th August 1962 relating to right-wing paramilitary training activity north of Lake Pontchartrain in the vicinity of CovingtonLA [map] (Russo, 1998, K3397n55) ... ASIDE: At this point we cannot but recall L. Fletcher Prouty's criticism of some writers as being little more than stooges of their informants, and wonder whether Stuckey was perhaps a beneficiary of some of the Golden Apples described below ... "There is another category of writer and self-proclaimed authority on the subjects of secrecy, intelligence, and containment. This man is the suave, professional parasite who gains a reputation as a real reporter by disseminating the scraps and 'Golden Apples' thrown to him by the great men who use him. This writer seldom knows and rarely cares that many of the scraps [...] are controlled leaks [...] by the inside secret intelligence community" (Prouty, 1972/2011, p292).

(f) for moving on to join WDSU Radio in April 1963, fronting a five-minute weekly slot billed as Latin Listening Post, (g) for apparently having nothing to do with either of the LHO films taken 9th August 1963 ...

ASIDE: We refer here to the Jack Martin Film and the James Doyle Film. To view what survives of these or for further detail see the entry for Oswald Video and Audio.

(h) for conspiring 12th August 1963 with Carlos Bringuier [see own entry] to send cameraman Johann Rush [see own entry] to attend the brief New Orleans Court appearance at which LHO was fined $10 for disturbing the peace three days earlier (the Cubans who had started the 9th August fracas were let off); LHO was duly interviewed on the way out of Court and the piece went out on the evening news ...

CHECK IT OUT: This is the first of the Johann Rush Films. To view what survives of this or for further detail see the entry for Oswald Video and Audio.

(i) for sending the same camera team to cover the FPCC pamphleting session outside the International Trade Mart on 16th August ...

CHECK IT OUT: This is the second of the Johann Rush Films. Footage from a slightly different point of view was filmed for a rival station by one Mike O'Connor. To view what survives of these or for further detail see the entry for Oswald Video and Audio.
(j) for recording (37 minutes), editing, and broadcasting (5 minutes) a *Latin Listening Post* piece for radio on 17th August ...

**CHECK IT OUT:** This is the *Stuckey Radio Interview*. To hear what survives of this or for further detail see the entry for *Oswald Video and Audio*.

(k) for passing a copy of the tape to the local FBI 20th August as an item of potential interest to them, (l) for taking a call 21st August from "one of my news sources" - Summers (1980/1989) suggests that this has to have been the local FBI returning a favour - who filled him in on the details of LHO's defection to Russia, (m) for doing a 25-minute live three-way radio debate with Bringuier and Ed Butler on 21st August in his station's *Conversation Carte Blanche* current affairs slot ...

**CHECK IT OUT:** This is the *Butler Radio Interview*. To hear what survives of this or for further detail see the entry for *Oswald Video and Audio*. Another broadcaster, Bill Slatter [see own entry], acted as moderator for the radio piece, and afterwards took LHO across to the TV studio and conducted a five minute interview to cameraman Mike Lala. To hear what survives of the audio see the entry for *Self-Portrait in Red*. To view what survives of the Mike Lala Film see the entry for *Oswald Video and Audio*.

(n) for taking LHO for a drink afterwards, (o) for reeling off the carefully prepared legend during the afternoon of 22nd November 1963 to selected contacts, and (p) for having to testify TWICE to the Warren Commission in 1964, because he told the wrong truth the first time and they had had to shred it - [Click here to read Stuckey's (corrected) testimony](note especially the bit about Hidell). Stuckey's testimony also includes the following confession that if the underlying mission had been to damage the FPCC then they would have done a good job, thus ... "I think that we finished him on that program. I think that after that program the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, if there ever was one in New Orleans, had no future there, because we had publicly linked [it] with a fellow who had lived in Russia for 3 years and who was an admitted Marxist."

It is also noteworthy that - a long time later - he would die, aged only 49, in very vaguely recorded circumstances, of "a wound" - this from Canfield and Weberman (2010 [full text online]) ...

"The mother of William Stuckey said her son died September 21, 1981, however, no record of his death could be located. Mrs. Stuckey stated: "The autopsy said he died of a wound, I never did know the details. It didn't say gunshot wound. They put him in Seaton Hospital, near San Francisco. When I called the Hospital they said he had a heart problem, but the autopsy showed a wound. So I'll never know what happened. He never did regain consciousness. He only lived five days." Seaton Hospital had no record of William Stuckey, nor did the San Mateo County Recorder's Office. [...] The possibility that William Stuckey and others were killed by rogue CIA agents and contract employees must not be entirely ruled out."

**Studebaker, Robert Lee:** DPD Crime Lab Assistant Bob Studebaker [no convenient biography] was the officer who accompanied Lieutenant Carl Day when processing TSBD6 as a crime scene, and who duly photographed the *Sniper's Nest*, including the "three empty hulls" [now believed to be two empty cartridge cases and one live round - Ed.], then a few minutes later the rifle, and then the cartons used to screen off the window. Studebaker's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Student Loans Company (SLC):** See the entry for the *Great Student Debt Scandal (UK)*. [THREAD = STOCK MARKET AND FINANCIAL SHARP PRACTICE]

**Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions (SVM):** [Read firstly the entries for *Religious Right* and *Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching* VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] Formally founded (initially as the *Princeton Missionary Society*) in 1888 by a small group of Princeton University proto-evangelists, the SVM [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for generally being inspired by revivalist Dwight L. Moody [see own entry USEFUL PRIOR CONTEXT] after his 1888 endorsement of the work of Britain's *China Inland Mission* (CIM) [see own entry USEFUL PARALLEL NARRATIVE], (b) for then surfing in
on the flood of Anglo-American imperial zeal as it broke over the unconverted from Alaska to Zanzibar in the closing decades of the 19th Century ...

**ASIDE:** One of the five founders of the movement was Robert P. Wilder [see Patterson (1991 [full text online])]. The group's mission was expressly "to go to the unevangelised portions of the world", and - once there - to persuade the heathen to come forward for salvation. Another of the founders was John Forman [no convenient biography], who seems to have assisted Wilder during recruiting tours of college campuses countrywide 1886-1887.

**RESEARCH ISSUE (TECHNIQUE): "EMOTIONALISM" AND RELIGIOUS CONVERSION:** The Wilder-Forman events were soon being criticised for the "highly pressurised emotionalism" of their methods, as follows ...

"The manner in which these young people were won over is remarkably American. According to Warneck, even moral violence was used. Three, four, five meetings were held in succession, the one more emotional than the other. At some of them even the lights were extinguished, while all lay prostrate upon the floor in prayer. More and more urgent appeals were addressed to the young men, then already in a state of great excitement, until finally, one, two, then three and more, of the artfully intoxicated students volunteered" (from the SVM Wiki).

It is worth noting that in 1957 the British psychoanalyst William Sargant [Wikipedia biography] published "Battle for the Mind" [Amazon], one of the first books ever on the psychology of brainwashing. This work is noteworthy in the present context because it draws parallels between persuasive political communication and religious conversion, especially insofar as both use carefully contrived physiological states to bring about their changes. See also the inset on CULTS, SECTS, AND NEW RELIGIONS in the entry for Kabbalah, and then follow the link to the entry for Sacred Mysteries [ESSENTIAL READING].

**RESEARCH ISSUE (ETHICALITY):** We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervent behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually they do come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short it is a "Controlling Behaviour" [Counselling Directory briefing], and should be regarded as nothing short of Emotional Abuse [Wikipedia briefing]. The questions then come thick and fast. Were such controlling personalities denied a fulfilling breast as infants, for example? Or cruelly beaten by a father, or themselves denied all sense of self-worth by a mother's unremitting put-downs? Did they see too many war films or browse into the wrong websites? Did they mix unwisely with people on the wrong side of the tracks? Are they narcissistic [Wikipedia briefing]? Anally retentive [Wikipedia briefing]? Overly impulsive [Wikipedia briefing]? Inherently sadistic [Wikipedia briefing]? Sociopathic [Wikipedia briefing]? Psychopathic [Wikipedia briefing]? Or are they just plain evil? What, in other words, puts the meme into their heads that they themselves said it was? RECOMMENDED READING: Check out the Hare Psychopathy Checklist [Wikipedia briefing] for some of the answers, and - sadly - a shipload more questions.

... (c) for being further inspired by the preachings of Arthur Pierson [see own entry] and old-school China missionary William Ashmore [online biography] ...

**ASIDE:** Ashmore's approach to the required technique of religious conversion was later summarised by one of his students - John R. Mott [see own entry INTERESTING ONWARD CONTEXT] - as follows ...

"He knew how to get hold of college men. I will tell you the way to do it, and that is to place something before them which is tremendously difficult. He presented missions as a war of conquest and not as a mere wrecking expedition. It appealed to the strong college athletes and other fine spirits of the colleges because of its difficulty. They wanted to hear more about it. The number of interviews greatly multiplied" (Mott, 1886, cited in the SVM Wiki).

... (d) for arranging that representatives of the YMCA/YWCA [see own entry] and other missionary organisations should be given liaison positions on its Executive Committee, (e) for organising its First International Convention in Cleveland in 1891 to promote its USP [= Unique Selling Proposition], namely "the evangelisation of the world in this generation", (f) for further growing in influence during the 1890s, soon having more volunteers on its books than it could afford to send overseas, (g) for staging
four-yearly conventions 1894 through 1914, seeing its overseas missionary force grow to a recorded 4338 persons by 1910, (h) for losing numbers to war service 1917 through 1921 ...  

CAMEO - THE SVM AND SHERWOOD EDDY: One of the speakers at the 1919 convention in Des Moines, Iowa, was the YMCA’s Sherwood Eddy, soon to be a major force in Western attempts to field the Protestant faiths in the struggle against Communism in White Russia [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE]. In 1922, Eddy would encapsulate his views on the proper way forward as follows ...  

"Sherwood Eddy wrote in July 1922 to the Executive Committee: 'I believe that the demand of the progressive students at Des Moines voiced the new sentiment in the colleges for a more socialized and broader presentation and conduct of our whole movement ... The next Convention might well spend several days in making indelibly clear the Pagan racial practice both at home and abroad, the Pagan industrial situation here and in other lands, Pagan nationalism at home and abroad, and against such a background make clear the vital need for Christ's teachings and for Christ's power if the world is to be Christianized.' " (from the SVM Wiki).  

... (i) for further tailing off 1921 through 1935 in what would become known as the "Religious Depression" ...  

RESEARCH ISSUE: At this point the Wiki pointedly remarks that "non-Western countries were beginning to doubt whether anything of value could be derived from a civilisation capable of producing the horrors of World War I. Rising nationalism abroad brought distrust of the motives and methods of foreign missionaries". The Wiki continues (note the increasing political polarisation of left and right, as highlighted) ...  

"These broad changes led to a distinct shift in Protestant mission theory. At first evangelization of the world had meant exportation of a Christian Western civilization. Now that Western civilization was questioned and viewed as itself un-Christian, there was increased appreciation for non-Western cultures and a conviction that Western missionary activity should find its role in support, not control, of the emerging indigenous churches. [...] Remedies for the philosophical questions confronting the Movement were not so easy to propose. The leadership of the Movement was clearly divided on the important issues. Special commissions established in 1925 and 1933 to evaluate the policies of the SVM came to some conclusions but did not solve any problems. It became increasingly difficult for the Movement to maintain its original blend of conservative and liberal elements in a time when conservativism and liberalism were rapidly drifting apart. [...] The correspondence and documents of the Student Volunteer Movement from this period of its history seem to point to a three-layer, conservative/liberal/conservative distribution in the hierarchy of the organization. At the highest echelons of authority men like General Secretary Wilder and his chosen successor, Jesse R. Wilson [Princeton Seminary Archives biography], as well as various members of the Executive Committee, held to a basically conservative outlook throughout the period. They consistently called for deeper spiritual power in the Movement and emphasized the need for personal evangelical faith.”  

... (j) for simultaneously being included in the external 1930-1932 Hocking Inquiry into how best to overcome the negative publicity described above ...  

CAMEO - THE 1932 HOCKING REPORT: Harvard philosopher William Hocking [Wikipedia biography] spent 1930-1932 heading up a "Commission of Appraisal", studying the new resistance to American missionary work in China (in particular) and the Far East (in general). The final report was entitled "Re-Thinking Missions: A Laymen's Inquiry after One Hundred Years" [Amazon FASCINATING STUFF], and recommended less out-and-out evangelistic preaching and a greater general emphasis on education and social welfare. One of the witnesses consulted by the Commission was the celebrity missionary Pearl S. Buck [see own entry MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE], who, according to the Wiki, "threw her support behind the Commission's report".  

... (k) for nevertheless suffering further diminution of influence through to 1939, even being described that year by a Methodist critic as "a thing of the past" (ibid.), (l) by 1940 for in effect becoming the recruitment arm of the superordinate National Intercollegiate Christian Council [no convenient briefing but some reward for the determined browser] and University Christian Mission (UCM) [ditto], (m) for further refinements of role through to 1959, when it merged into the National Student Christian Federation (NSCF) [Wikipedia briefing], sponsoring missionary conferences, and (n) for finally being absorbed into the University Christian Movement [Yale University Archives briefing] in 1966. FURTHER READING: For more on the SVM per se, work your way through the 63 entries on Amazon for the SVM as author, starting here. For more on techniques of politico-religious conversion, the classic works are the
Sturdivan, Larry: Research scientist at the U.S. Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground [no convenient biography] would act as the House Select Committee on Assassinations' ballistics expert. He came down very strongly in favour of the single bullet theory, and had an answer for every quizzing. However, in his 1982/1993 book "Crime of the Century" Michael Kurtz notes a couple of weaknesses in the official case. More critically, Sturdivan's entire and >>hypnotically detailed<< analysis of Governor John Connally's wounds rests on the presumption that the Magic Bullet had hit JFK first (reducing its speed) - and this no longer seems credible. So the question arises whether Sturdivan's evidence possesses any residual value. Sturdivan's evidential profile is as follows: House Select Committee on Assassinations testimony [read it now] - FASCINATING TECHNICAL DETAIL, BUT ULTIMATELY FLAWED - STAY WITH IT, AND DO NOT BE PUT OFF BY THE TECHNICALITIES.

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**** A BANKER WHO REDIRECTED HISTORY ****

Suasso, Francisco Lopes [2nd Baron d'Avernas le Gras]1685: Dutch-born of fugitive Portuguese Jewish stock [see Timeline 5th December 1496], financier [Baron] Francisco Lopes Suasso [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning his trade in his father's banking house, and gradually acquiring a major personal holding in the Dutch East India Company [Wikipedia briefing], and (b) for reportedly advancing the sum of two million guilders to William of Orange to finance his 1688 expedition to England to claim the throne of King James II [see Timeline 30th June 1688]. FURTHER READING: For more on his not universally welcomed intervention in English history see Lionel Gossman's (2020) piece entitled "The Restoration, Glorious Revolution, and Enlightenment" [full text online].

Sturgis, Frank Anthony: (1961/1989) "Thought Reform and the Psychology of Totalism" [Amazon], then, if time permits, work your way through the >>947<< Amazon listings for <Brainwashing>, starting here. For a thorough scholarly introduction we like Denise Winn's (2017) "The Manipulated Mind" [Amazon], and - coming right up to date - Alexandra Stein's (2021) "Terror, Love, and Brainwashing: Attachment in Cults and Totalitarian Systems" [Amazon].

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Subprime Mortgage Scandals: [INDEXING STUB] For the main story here (including the part played by subprime mortgages in the Great Crash of 2008) see the entries for Collateralised Debt Obligations and Securitisation and Neoliberalism, Some Worked Examples. The topic is also mentioned in the entry for Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC). For the part played by subprime debt in the Even Greater Crash of 2022 see the Companion Timeline under the thread <The Fiat Currency Megatheft> [Investopedia briefing] (especially the entry for 3rd September 2022). [THREAD = STOCK MARKET AND FINANCIAL SHARP PRACTICE]

Sullivan, William Cornelius: Long-standing FBI officer, and Chief of Division Five, the Domestic Intelligence division, since 1961 William Sullivan [Wikipedia biography] automatically became the divisional chief responsible for the FBI's response to the assassination, and controlled the flow of documentation into the Warren Commission. On 9th November 1977, a week before due to testify before the House Select Committee on Assassinations he was conveniently shot to death in a hunting accident.


Summers, Malcolm: 39-year-old local businessman Malcolm Summers [no convenient biography] was spectating the motorcade from the Dealey Plaza north lawn median, roughly opposite the John Neely Bryan Pergola. He heard the first shot as a "firecracker", followed by two further shots, and was close enough to hear the exclamations from limo #1. He immediately ran across Elm Street, but was turned back by someone he presumed to be a secret service agent. He therefore went instead across to the Terminal Annex Building to place telephone calls. After that, as he left to drive south along Houston Street, a maroon 1961/1962 Chevrolet saloon containing three Hispanic men sped off conspicuously in front of him. Summers' evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Two further interviews by Secret Service [not available]; 6th Floor Museum Living History, 7th March 2002.

Sun, Yat-Sen: Chinese physician, revolutionary, and ardent Chinese nationalist Sun Yat-Sen [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having held together the feuding regional warlords of the post-Imperial Republic of China between 1912 and his death in 1925. On 1st January 1912 he became provisional President of the Beiyang Republic of China [Wikipedia briefing], and on 10th October 1919 he became Premier of the Kuomintang (KMT) [Wikipedia briefing]. The most convincing evidence of how well he did his job is that upon his death 12th March 1925 the whole house of cards came tumbling down.

Sunder, S. Shyam: Shyam Sunder [no convenient biography] is "the NIST guy" on a later assassination (343 FDNY firefighters, for starters).

Sunstein, Cass Robert: Lawyer and Head of White House PR from 2009 to 2012 Cass Sunstein [Wikipedia biography] was first author to Adrian Vermeule of a 2008 paper entitled "Conspiracy Theories: Causes and Cures", in which, amongst other things, is recommended the use of "cognitive infiltration" by on-message agents-provocateurs to counter-inform off-message social media discussion groups.

Supreme Economic Council: See the entry for 12th December 1918.

Sutton, Matthew Avery: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching ESSENTIAL.] American academic historian Matthew Sutton [Organization of American Historians biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon], the core thesis of which is ...
“The U.S. government closely guarded the secret that missionaries and religious activists had become spies and assassins. The cover-up began with William Donovan [... who] recruited his officers from universities, private research institutions, commercial businesses, law firms, and labour organisations. They included many of the nation's best and brightest men and women. But these were not the only people Donovan had recruited. The spymaster intentionally hid the fact that another group of Americans had played a substantial role in wartime intelligence gathering, espionage, and covert operations. Dozens of missionaries, missionary executives, priests, religious activists, and at least one rabbi also worked for the OSS. [...] He and his missionary operatives went to great lengths to hide, obfuscate, and sometimes outright deny their collaborations” (pp3-4).

... and (b) for supporting that thesis with detailed biographical notes concerning spy-preacher-martyr John Birch [see own entry ESSENTIAL].

Swank, Patsy: LIFE Magazine stringer Patsy Swank [no convenient biography] was with the reporters at DPDHQ at around 1800hr 22nd November 1963 when she heard whisper that a certain Abraham Zapruder had filmed the critical action. See now the entry for Richard Stolley. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Sweatt, Allan L.: Dallas County Sheriff's Chief Criminal Deputy Allan Sweatt [no convenient biography] was initially standing with a group of other Deputies outside the Main Street entrance to the Sheriff's Office. He then joined Harry Weatherford to search the railway yard behind the picket fence. When this drew a blank he organised things such that potential witnesses would be taken across to the Sheriff's Office to give preliminary statements. This included "a boy in a sport coat" whom a DPD officer claimed had done the shooting. He was then relieved by Sheriff Bill Decker and returned to the Sheriff's Office himself. At "approximately 1:30pm" he heard that a DPD officer had been killed in Oak Cliff and despatched Deputies Buddy Walthers, James Ramsey, and Frank Vrla to the scene. Sweatt would subsequently tell the Secret Service that LHO was receiving $200 a month as FBI informer #S-172 (Torbit, 1996). Sweatt's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Sweeney, John Paul: Award-winning British investigative journalist John Sweeney [Wikipedia biography - CAUTION: Regularly edited] is noteworthy in the present context for having blown the whistle on a series of suspiciously politicised BBC editorial judgements, many of them resulting in the cancellation of exposés of Russian oligarchs - see Timeline 24th November 2019 for details.

Swisher, Clayton: American service veteran (U.S.M.C., diplomatic protection) turned investigative journalist and author Clayton Swisher [Wikipedia biography - COMPULSORY READING] is noteworthy in the present context for fronting the 2017 Al-Jazeera exposé "The Lobby" [see own entry].

Sykes-Picot Formula: See next entry.

***** A MAJOR SHAPER OF THE MODERN WORLD *****

Sykes, [Sir] 1913: Tatton Benvenuto Mark [6th Baronet] 1913: British minor aristocrat-politician turned diplomat [Sir] 1913 Mark Sykes [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been brought up in a widely travelled family, making his first visit to the Middle East with his father in 1886, at age seven years, (b) for having served in the Second Boer War between 1899 and 1900, (c) for touring the Middle East again in the early 1900s, (d) for thereby being appointed Attaché to the British Embassy in Constantinople 1905-1909, (e) for entering Parliament in 1911 as member for Hull Central, a seat he would hold until 1919, (f) for being head-hunted from his infantry battalion in 1914 thanks to his particular experience, and assigned as Lord Kitchener's personal representative on the April 1915 De Bunsen Committee [see own entry], generally advising the Cabinet on Middle Eastern affairs and producing propaganda pamphlets intended to inflame the Arabs against their Ottoman rulers, (g) for undertaking a major fact-finding tour of the region between June and December 1915 ...
MAP #1 - OTTOMAN SYRIA: The territory most in question was Ottoman Syria, which was then considerably more extensive than modern Syria. Check out the map, noting carefully its southern reach. See Map #2 below for the eventual partition thereof.

ASIDE - THE SYKES-PICOT FORMULA: The main problem with the Middle East at this time - at least as far as France and Britain were concerned - was that it was still part of the Ottoman Empire. Its Turkish garrison threatened French and British possessions across North Africa, not least Egypt and the Suez Canal. It was therefore a matter of grand strategy - two old Empires against an even older one - working out what to do about this threat. Should there be a major offensive against the Ottomans? Where would the troops come from? Would the Arabs themselves join in by providing [in Sykes' own words] "scallywag corps"? Who would lead them? How would the conquered lands be apportioned between the victors? And - not insignificantly - who was going to be permitted to live there?

DOUBLE ASIDE - THE QUESTION OF QUESTIONS: If the Turkish vilayets into which Biblical Judaea was presently divided were to be liberated, then should the Zionists in the United States, Europe, and White Russia - who had had their eyes on the place for 30 years already - be given first refusal? For more on the history of the Zionist movement see Timeline 1st January 1882 and follow the <Zionism Pre-WW1> sub-thread.

Sykes’ 1915 mission began 1st June 1915 and took him via the Balkans to Cairo for talks. Later he systematically interviewed many Turkish Army prisoners-of-war of Arab ethnicity, and was disturbed to note that Islamism was an even greater rallying cry than this or that tribal nationalism. He produced a detailed report 15th November 1915, proposing a British protectorate for southern Syria [=modern Palestine] and an equivalent French protectorate to the north of it [=modern Lebanon and modern Syria]. This, of course, meant that Britain would become responsible for much of the Biblical Promised Land, and that, in turn, brought Zionists queueing at Number Ten pleading to be allowed to settle there.

DOUBLE ASIDE - THE PROBLEM OF THE WHITE RUSSIAN JEWS: While Sykes had been conducting his research in the field, high-level discussions had been taking place between the French and British governments, the Zionist leader in Britain (as well as Minister of Munitions Lloyd George's technical advisor on explosives) Chaim Weizmann, and Britain's leading Zionist parliamentarian, Postmaster-General Herbert Samuel [see own entry]. Present in mind if not in body were also the six million "Russian Jews" which Lloyd George believed would swamp the number of likely Jewish colonists from the United States and Western Europe. Weizmann and Samuel shared these doubts, but in the end decided to cross that bridge when they got to it (Sanders, 1983, Chapter 20).

Back in the field meanwhile, Sykes had been meeting with his French opposite number, the Consul-General in Beirut, François Georges-Picot [Wikipedia biography], to go over the sketch maps produced at the high-level meetings and turn them into something more concrete. Their joint report was passed upward 5th January 1916, and the partition formula was ratified by the French Parliament 8th February 1916.

MAP #2 - THE SYKES-PICOT PARTITION: Click here for the 1916 proposed division of Ottoman Syria into separate modern nations and spheres of influence.


(h) after Asquith's outing in December 1916, for being invited into Lloyd George's Secretariat [see own entry] in January 1917, (i) for advising Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour on the wording of the pro-Zionist Balfour Declaration later that year, (j) for being part of the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, until (k) dying overnight in his hotel room 16th February 1919, of the then rampant Spanish Flu Epidemic.

ASIDE: The Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918-1922 [Wikipedia briefing] still stands as the greatest (presumably natural) extinction event in the history of Humankind, having killed some 50 million people worldwide. For a quick introduction to the disease we recommend Shanks (2018 [Abstract online]) and Wever and Bergen (2014 [online]). In fact, modern virologists have not quite finished with Sykes yet, for his body was exhumed in September 2008 by John Oxford [corporate homepage], in the hope that its tissues would yield workable samples of the flu virus for analysis even after 90 intervening years. Presumably out of respect for the surviving relatives the results have - as far as we can see - not been published, at least not in non-anonymised form.

Synthetic CDO: See the entry for Collateralised Debt Obligations and Securitisation.
Syria Civil Defence (SCD): See the entry for White Helmets.

Syrian Civil War, 2011-2018 (ongoing): This is the ongoing [April 2018] three-way civil war which began in Syria in 2011 (as Phase #4 of the U.S.-fomented Arab Spring Offensive [q.v.]) as a two-way U.S.-fomented rebel insurrection against Bashar al-Assad's administration, and then became a three-way free-for-all in 2014 with the arrival of the historically-U.S.-fomented ISIS Islamic fundamentalists.

Szamboti, Tony: American mechanical engineer and expert witness on the stability of high-rise steel structures in fires Tony Szamboti (AE911 biography) is noteworthy in the present context (a) generally for a number of contributions to 9/11 Truther documentaries, and (b) specifically for going second author with Graeme MacQueen [see own entry] on the 2009 paper "The missing jolts: A simple refutation of the NIST-Bazant collapse hypothesis" [see Timeline 14th January 2009], in which attention is drawn to the absence in the frame-by-frame video analyses of all three of the World Trade Center towers of the joltings and hesitations characteristic of accidentally falling structures.

***** CIA MAN OF THE YEAR, 1960 *****

Taber, Robert Bruce: CBS newsman feigning left-wing political activist Robert Taber [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for obtaining on 19th May 1957 (with cameraman Wendell Hoffman) a filmed interview with Cuban guerrilla leader Fidel Castro, this footage later being used in the CBS documentary "Rebels of the Sierra Maestra" ...

ASIDE - CBS AND THE CIA: In Hugh Wilford's (2008) book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon] CBS comes out very clearly as one of the CIA's tamest media poodles, thanks to the tireless efforts of owner William Paley [see own entry] and news chief Sig Mickelson [see own entry]. They covered what they were told to cover, delivered Washington propaganda until even they themselves believed it, and obligingly embedded spies in behind-the-lines news teams. We therefore take it as a given that Taber's trip had both overt and covert agendas, and that he was driven by more than mere journalistic curiosity. Extracts from the 1957 film are included in this recent documentary.

(b) for gaining the trust of the Castro-loyalist Santos Buch family, (c) for using Cuban government money (arranged by NYC-resident Charles A. Santos Buch [see own entry]) to purchase a full-page spread in the New York Times 6th April 1960 [some sources say 21st - Ed.] which quickly attracted over a thousand letters of support, (d) for therefore setting up the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) [see own entry] with himself as "National Director", so as to expand this support base, raise funds, and publicise Castro's control of the moral high ground ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Yes, the CIA used Castro's own cash to establish an apparently pro-Castro organisation simply to collect a Gestapo-style round-up list of the names and addresses of the people who sympathised with its aims [which is why nowadays you should not <share if you agree> online - Ed.]. They then had operatives set up chapters in the big cities in order to smoke out sympathisers provincially. And in LHO's case it was his job as Secretary of the non-existent New Orleans chapter to get himself filmed into the bargain, which he did so well that when they needed a Patsy he came ready-wrapped.

STUDENT EXERCISE - THE FAIR PLAY FOR IRAN COMMITTEE, Etc.: Non-residents of the United States may experience for themselves the anger and emotional affront felt by human beings when people see things a different way to them, even if only on a piece of paper (a) by selecting one of the modern world's confrontational flash-points - Iran, Korea, Venezuela (there are plenty to choose from), (b) by word-processing the text of the 1963 FPCC leaflet "Hands off Cuba" - available at Getty Images - and replacing "Cuba" with <your choice>, "New Orleans" with <your town>, and so on, and (c) studying what transpires if you place some printed stock to handy passers-by (or on-line if that is your preference). [No reader should without extensive prior research select <Gaza>, for fear of a more or less instant charge of anti-Semitism. Residents of the United States should abstain from this exercise altogether because they will potentially be breaking their Patriot Act, and/or risking summary lynching.]
(e) for being wounded (severity unknown) during the April 1961 Bay of Pigs Invasion, while covering events as a war correspondent from behind Cuban government lines (Albarelli, 2013, K5198), (f) for resigning the FPCC in February 1962, being replaced by colleague Richard Gibson [see own entry] until July and Vincent T. Lee [see own entry] thereafter, (g) for being debriefed by the FBI 19th March 1962, and (h) for being mentioned in a 28th January 1964 FBI missive as having been seen by Castro-exile Enrique Lorenzo-Luaces y Vilaseca [see own entry - FASCINATING] in May 1961 in a Havana bar with "Lt. Harvey Oswald, an arms expert" [supposedly in Russia at this time - Ed.] (Albarelli, 2013, K5198), 

**FURTHER READING:** The FPCC story is told in much greater detail by Albarelli (2013, K5203-5296).

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**Tabernash Report:** See Singlaub (op. cit.) in the entry for John K. Singlaub.

**Taft, William Howard:** Yale lawyer-judge-diplomat President [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the first civil Governor-General of the Philippines after the murderous Philippine-American War of 1899-1901, (b) for ordering the Second Maine Inquiry [see 23rd October 1910], and (c) for having been Chairman of the American Red Cross between 1915 and 1919.

**Tagg, Eric R.:** Musician turned assassination researcher returned musician Eric Tagg [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 1998 book "Brush with History: A Day in the Life of Deputy E. R. Walthers", in which, amongst other stories, he states that Walthers reminded him that when they searched the Paine House they found six or seven "little metal file cabinets---I don't know what kind you would call them---they would carry an 8 by 10 folder, all right, but with a single handle on top of it and the handle moves" containing details of pro-Castro sympathisers. Researchers have spent the intervening 20 years arguing whether these items belonged to LHO or Ruth Paine. [Our verdict - we would need to study the contents to decide.]

**Tague, James:** 27-year-old James Tague [Wikipedia biography] was spectating from the stalled traffic on Commerce, by the entry to the southernmost of the triple underpasses, when he received a slight wound to his right cheek from concrete splash from one of the bullets fired hitting the nearby kerbstone [now preserved in the National Archives]. He would later vaguely be able to recall (a) that the shooting came from the Grassy Knoll, and (b) that it was the second shot which wounded him. [YouTube him now.]

**Talbert, Cecil E.:** DPD Patrol Captain Cecil Talbert [no convenient biography] was responsible on the morning of 24th November 1963 for the allocation of Patrol Division officers to supporting the Homicide Bureau's transfer of LHO from DPDHQ to the County Jail (that is to say, the one mile journey westward back to Dealey Plaza). It was to him that Patrick Dean reported upon arriving for duty. Talbert's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2].

**Tarasoff, Boris:** See the entry for Valeri Kostikov.

**Task Force W:** [Read firstly the entries for Operation Mongoose and Special Group Augmented (SGA).] Authorised 30th November 1961 by order of General Maxwell Taylor's SGA, Task Force W [Spartacus Educational briefing] was Operation Mongoose's private army. It was administered from JM/WAVE, the CIA's Latin-facing headquarters in Miami, by William Harvey, and specialised in coastal raids, crop burning from the air, and the infiltration and exfiltration of advisors to the anti-Castro guerrillas. Harvey's boss was Head of Miami Station Ted Shackley and his assistant was Sam Halpern [see own entry]. Harvey also arranged for veteran coupster he was on the Operation PBSUCCESS team which ousted President Arbenz of Guatemala in 1954 - see Timeline 18th June 1954] David Morales [see own entry] to be transferred onto his team. On 19th February 1962 CIA Director Richard Helms authorised Harvey to hire the professional assassin
code-named **QJ/WIN** to help bring project **ZR/RIFLE** to a satisfactory ending. The following day **Edward Lansdale** briefed the SGA as follows ...

"In keeping with the Presidential memorandum of 30 November 1961, the United States will help the people of Cuba overthrow the Communist regime from within Cuba ... The U.S. recognises that final success will require U.S. military intervention" (quoted in Russo, 1998, K1213).

Funding was pulled from Mongoose in November 1962 after the **Cuban Missile Crisis**, but the task force's secretariat was merely rebadged administratively - as the **Special Affairs Staff (SAS)** [see own entry] - and the field assets were shuffled physically around the encirclement of camps and backwaters stretching from Puerto Rico in the east via the Keys, Tampa, the entire Gulf Coast (not least New Orleans), and the Central American puppet states south of the Yucatan Peninsula - see the entry for **CIA Dumps and Camps** for a detailed listing. The replacement chief was **Desmond Fitzgerald**. Morales remained based at Miami, but Harvey, in no little disgrace in JFK's eyes, was eventually reassigned to the Rome station.

**ASIDE:** It was Fitzgerald who brought about the era of half-assed booby traps and poisons, including - if it happened at all - the **Ochsner Bioweapon**; and it was on his watch (if it happened at all) that at least some of the half dozen or so professional assassins in Dealey Plaza were hired.

At much the same time, higher-level operational command of Cuba operations was taken away from **Edward Lansdale** and given instead to the State Department's previously more narrowly defined **Cuban Coordinating Committee** [no convenient briefing] under **Sterling J. Cottrell** [no convenient biography but much online to reward the determined browser] (Kaiser, 2008, p147). JFK signed off on the new arrangements 25th January 1963.

**Tatum, Jack Ray:** Baylor Hospital medical photographer **Jack Tatum** [no convenient biography] was off work on 22nd November to photograph the motorcade. He was then driving past the scene of the **J. D. Tippit** shooting and directly witnessed the fourth shot. He did not, however, get any photographs. Nor did he actually come forward until 1978. Tatum's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; House Select Committee on Assassinations affidavit [read it now].

**Taylor, James Hudson:** See the entry for **China Inland Mission (CIM)**.

**Taylor, Maxwell Davenport:** WW2 veteran and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff since 1st October 1962 **General Maxwell Taylor** [Wikipedia biography] had been called out of retirement in May 1961 to lead the investigations into the failed **Bay of Pigs Invasion**, and was presently JFK's personal military advisor. However from early 1963 even he was sympathetic to the **Operation Northwoods** objective of "engineering an incident" by which a second attack on Cuba could superficially be legitimised.

**Team Jorge:** [Read as Hor-Gay:] Founded in the early 2000s but only recently come to public notice, **Team Jorge** [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) (in general terms) as ...

"An outfit of Israeli contractors specialized in the use of malign cyber activities including hacking, sabotage and bot farm-run social media disinformation campaigns to manipulate the outcomes of elections. [...] The group was exposed in February 2023 after an undercover operation by journalists from Israel and France as part of consortium of investigative journalists [...]. **The organization has been active since at least 2015 and boasts of having manipulated 33 presidential elections worldwide, many of them in Africa, and in 27 cases with successful results**” (their Wiki, accessed 30th April 2023).

... and (b) (specifically) for being mentioned by name in a 23rd April 2023 [see Timeline that date] YouTube piece as potentially having interfered in the 25th February 2023 presidential elections in Nigeria [Wikipedia briefing].
Teapot Dome Scandal: See the entry at 15th April 1922.

Ten Lost Tribes: See the entry herein for Christian Identity, and then the entries in the Companion Timeline threaded <Zionism Pre-WW1>, starting 1st June 1606.

Terrell Armory: U.S. National Guard armoury in Terrell, TX, some 35 miles east of Dallas.

"Tex": Possibly LHO or LHO Look Alike. See the entries for Richard Margeson and Lawrence Howard.

Texas Theater: Ultimately part of the Howard Hughes business empire, the Texas Theater at 231 West Jefferson Boulevard is half a mile SSW of the spot where Patrolman J. D. Tippit was killed.

Thayer, Charles: See the entry for Franklin A. Lindsay.

"Eccentric, alternative, and daring" (contemporary reportage)

"The B Thing": [See firstly the entries for World Trade Center and Performance Art and “World Views”:] Staged around dawn on "a Sunday in March 2000", toward the end of a six-month Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) artists' residency, "The B-Thing" [Wikipedia stub] was one of the visually most gripping happenings the Gelatin/[Gelitin]2005 [see own entry] performance art troupe ever put together. If, indeed, it happened at all ...

CAUTION: Internet authors are notoriously slipshod when it comes to the basic academic protocols of quotability and prior recognition. It is also a counter-intelligence agent's paradise, where words, still images, movie footage, and even entire identities can be quickly faked. The material in this entry has been triangulated as far as possible, but readers should nevertheless interpret it with caution.

Surrounded by a small team of helpers, the four-man company removed one of the windows on the east facade of the 91st Floor of the North Tower and pushed out a makeshift wooden viewing platform - carefully counter-ballasted, of course. They then played their arty antics to friends (a) in an adjacent building, and (b) in a hired helicopter, before making their way to the nearby Millennium Hilton Hotel for breakfast. "The balcony," they later explained to reporters, was "about the feeling you have [...] when being totally dependent on a structure and atmosphere you have created yourself". While out there, they gave the happening a little permanence by sticking a piece of red chewing gum on the outside of the adjacent window, where it remained - like a sniper's targeting dot - until engulfed in the Flight AA11 fireball on 11th September 2001. Follow-up commentary then fell into two categories - that written before the 9/11 Attacks, and that written after it ...

COMMENT BEFORE 9/11: Gelatin's happening was written up in a July 2001 book by Tex Rubinowitz [see inset below] entitled ""The B-Thing" [Amazon] ...

ASIDE: The author of the 2001 book, one Arthur Lee ["Tex"] Rubinowitz [no convenient biography, but lots of advertising blurb] may well have been the victim of an online identity theft. The first Tex Rubinowitz was born 10th October 1944 in AbileneTX, has no Wikipedia entry, but is detailed as the author of the 2001 book. The second, younger, Tex Rubinowitz [Wikipedia biography] was born Dirk Wesenberg in Hannover, Germany, 5th December 1961. He has a Wikipedia entry but claims no "B-Thing" as publication. All very strange. Click here for more concerning this spooky name clash. And click here for a YouTube glance inside the book itself.


The publicity releases for the Rubinowitz book then prompted a Shaila Dewan feature in the New York Times 18th August 2001, a month before the 9/11 Attacks. She gives a little detail, and lists several Balcony-Deniers, including Gelatin's own promoter, Leo Koenig [no convenient biography, but lots on social media]; but also some very convincing Balcony-Believers - check it out.

***** THE 9/11 ATTACKS TAKE PLACE HERE *****
COMMENT AFTER 9/11: Comment in the aftermath of the 9/11 Attacks tended to focus initially on the security implications of allowing dozens of poorly vetted artists and students to roam at will in the W TC. The events then quickly accreted into the broader Mossad-Did-It Theory of 9/11 [see own entry]. Gelatin man Florian Reither attempted to throw some light on their 2001 stunt in a strangely uninformative 2010 lecture - Youtube it now - but in the end tells us nothing forensically substantive.

The Big One: See the entry for Operation AMWORLD.

The E-Team: [See firstly the entry for World Trade Center and Performance Art] [Sometimes eteam] Founded in 2000, The E-Team [Wikipedia briefing; Website] was in 2001 a three-member American performance art troupe consisting of [now-Professor] Hajoe Moderegger [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Franziska Lamprecht [dmo], and [departed to go solo in 2002] Dan Seiple [dmo].

DISAMBIGUATION: We are not referring to E-Team, Inc., founded in 1998 and "a leading provider of crisis management software, serving public agencies of all levels and sizes, private entities, and non-profit organizations", nor to the 2014 movie of the same name.

Here, as described in 2002 by Moukhtar Kocache [see own entry], Director of Visual and Media Arts for the Lower Manhattan Cultural Center (LMCC), are the two most interesting E-Team happenings during their residency in the WTC North Tower ...

"Quick Click": This project climaxmed between 1630hr and 1650hr 31st March 2001, and involved two members of the troupe [Lamprecht and Seiple] taking photographs from a hovering helicopter of some 50 members of the public - their audience - posing at a window on the northern frontage of the 91st Floor, duly choreographed from within by the third member of the troupe [Moderegger]. We strongly recommend the E-Team's own video record of the 20-minute event - Youtube it here, in which all three principals appear. The 9/11 Attacks open with "Flight AA11" impacting just above the window in question [see the floor-by-floor damage profile].

"127 Illuminated Windows": This happening took place late evening 29th March 2001, and involved using the north-facing windows of Floors #89 thru #95, inclusive, as lit-or-unlit pixels (127 windows lit, 279 unlit) to spell out the text <ETEAM> - click here for images and lighting scheme.

The Focus: Predictably melanophilic, The Focus [O'Keefe (1986) briefing] is alleged to have been Winston Churchill's very very discrete personal cabal and slush fund, without whom there would either have been no WW2 at all, or Britain would have been captured by one less cheaply bought, and very possibly not against the Germans at all. Palgrave's Dictionary of Anglo-Jewish History (Rubinstein, et al., 2011) has Sir Robert Waley-Cohen [see own entry] as "a major" donor to the fund in order to encourage Churchill's anti-appeasement stance. Donations began in 1936 and continued until the war began. Edward Spears [see own entry] was an active supporter, as indeed were his Czechoslovakian business and political contacts. For example, Jan Masaryk [see own entry] paid over fully £2 million in July 1938 to be used to subvert parliamentarians loyal to appeaser Neville Chamberlain (Spears' own cut was £2000 p.a.).

"This film is dedicated to the late Joe West [who] did more to solve the murder of John F. Kennedy than anyone else"[Opening Caption]

"The Grassy Knoll" [TV Documentary]: "The Grassy Knoll: FBI Agents Re-Examine the JFK Assassination" [Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED] is a (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie by Wim Dankbaar [see own entry] which asserts that the JFK assassination was a combined op by a fringe CIA faction, with the eager cooperation of deliberately radicalised anti-Castro Cuban exiles and vengeful Mob godfathers. The narrative includes fresh and/or archive interviews with a number of hitherto ignored witnesses (not least the man who openly claims to have fired the fatal head shot), and thus nicely extends and updates Oliver Stone's (1991) cinema blockbuster "JFK" [Amazon]. Readers will need to study the following separate entries to piece together for themselves exactly what might have happened. We present the links in alphabetical order, so you may need to go through...
the list a couple of times to resolve all the cross-references (all highlighted names have their own entries, and all are ESSENTIAL READING) ...

**Judyth Vary Baker** (lab scientist on the [Ochsner Bioweapon Project](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ochsner_Bioweapon_Project) and girlfriend of [Lee Harvey Oswald](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee_Harvey_Oswald)); **Jay Bartel** (CIA contract agent, corroborates the Chauncey Holt testimony); **Bruce Brychek** (ex-con, corroborates the James Files testimony) ...

**ASIDE:** It is of course common for the testimony of ex-cons to be belittled in a court of law. With the Kennedy case, however, many of the biggest lies have come from Establishment figures and many of the straightest replies have come from those we would normally distrust. All assertions are therefore taken as admissible evidence in the present author's court of law.

**Michael J. Corbitt** ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_J._Corbitt)) (Chicago mobster/crooked Police Chief, with many background insights into the life of Jack Ruby); **James Fetzer** (historian and respected assassination researcher); **James Files** (in all likelihood the picket fence marksmen who fired the fatal head shot); **Edward Haslam** (expert on the deep state assassination of [Mary Sherman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Sherman) in 1964 for in some as-yet-unknown way threatening the [Clay Shaw](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clay_Shaw) operation in New Orleans); **Chauncey Holt** (low echelon conspirator, specialist forger, and self-proclaimedly one of the [Three Tramps]); **J. Edgar Hoover** (head of the FBI, who explained the Dealey Plaza ballistics to LBJ by telephone on 29th November, but thereafter did much to implement and support the subsequent cover-up); **John R. Hughes** ([Amazon author's blurb](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1538573696)) (neurologist and specialist on the mob's *quid pro quo* favour to [Joseph P. Kennedy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_P._Kennedy) by which it was carefully arranged that his son would win Illinois in the 1960 presidential elections); **David Mantik** (specialist on the JFK medical evidence and how it was selectively suppressed); **Daniel Marvin** ([Spartacus Educational biography](https://www.spartacusedu.com/JFKDMLVN.htm)) (special forces Lieutenant-Colonel asked by the CIA to terminate fellow officer [William Pitzer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Pitzer), one of the Bethesda Autopsy medics, for threatening the Warren Commission cover up); **Mark North** (specialist on Hoover's actions before and after the assassination); **Lee Harvey Oswald** himself; **Tosh Plumlee** (CIA operative and Dealey Plaza eye witness PIVOTAL CONTENT); **Jack Ruby** (mobster and LHO hitman, medically terminated in his turn; archive footage only BUT VERY INTERESTING); **David Scheim** (expert on mob involvement in the assassination in general, and on Jack Ruby's phone records in particular); **Zack Shelton** (retired FBI Special Agent turned conspiracy theorist himself); **James Sibert** (retired FBI Special Agent, eye witness at the Bethesda autopsy and ballistics expert) ...

**CAMEO - SIBERT vs SPECTER:** The Kennedy story is a Gordian Knot of cover ups, each protecting a different set of backides, and many of them constructed and continually updated with the full resources of the American state. Most conflicts of testimony were simply ignored, many resulted in convenient suicides or accidents, and only a few made it into the light of day. One such confrontation took place between SA Sibert and Warren Commission attorney (later U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania) [Arlen Specter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arlen_Specter), with Sibert defending his report and accusing Specter of perverting the course of justice with his famous Magic Bullet Theory.

**Richard Stilling** (retired FBI Special Agent, boss of Shelton); **Robert K. Tannenbaum** (disillusioned HSCA investigator, expert on the nefarious [David Atlee Phillips](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Atlee_Phillips), and author of the fictionalised but highly semiotic "Corruption of Blood", 1995 [Amazon REQUIRED READING](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1561891693), who - having been pressured himself - challenged the very legitimacy of the various inquiries); **Michael Wachs** (retired FBI Special Agent, and expert on [Carlos Marcello](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carey_Marcello) and the mob in New Orleans); **Cyril Wecht** (forensic pathologist and extreme critic of the official accounts of the autopsy; and accordingly - like Sibert - no admirer of Specter or his theory); **Joe West** (provincial investigative journalist, who led the way in persuading Files to tell his story).

**OUR VERDICT:** "The Grassy Knoll" takes the basic explanatory position that the CIA and the Mob were pretty much "one and the same at that particular time". It also explores the possibility that there was a military intelligence "abort squad" in Dealey Plaza trying to prevent a CIA-Mob-DPD disaster, and that Oswald - as a patriotic ex-Marine - was part thereof. In addition to the carefully assembled witness and corroborating statements, the work also includes some higher-than-usual quality snips from the [Zapruder Film](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zapruder_Film) and stills from the autopsies. Perhaps its greatest value, however, is that it exposes the blatant contradiction between the sworn documentary testimony of FBI witnesses and the arrant nonsense of the Magic Bullet as peddled to the world by Arlen Specter before the latter was rewarded with a seat in the Senate. Indeed, the case becomes totally binary at this juncture, for you either believe Sibert or you believe Specter. It is an intellectual tipping point which then proceeds to throw light on what else was or was not covered up. **PROBLEMS REMAINING:** So if both the Mob and the security forces had footsoldiers in Dealey Plaza ready to fight it out (and lots of them, too), **WHY WERE THE CIA'S FAR-FROM-FRINGE COUP SPECIALISTS THERE AS**
WELL???? To answer that question you need to check out the entry for Lamar Waldron and browse the thread for the black op codenamed AMWORLD.

The Jewish Messenger: See the entry for Myer S. Isaacs.

"The Looming Tower": For the 2006 book see the entry for Lawrence Wright; for the 2018 television series see the IMDB entry.

"The Manchurian Candidate": See the entry for Richard Condon.

"The Medusa Touch": The 1978 movie "The Medusa Touch" is a science fiction thriller starring Richard Burton as a perhaps hallucinating neurotic/perhaps murdering misanthrope with telekinetic powers. The movie is noteworthy in the present context merely for its early use of the trope of an airliner being remotely directed - in this case by telekinesis - into crashing into a skyscraper. The movie's producer - at the time also an "Israeli intelligence operative" - was Arnon Milchan.

"The Project": This is the innocent-sounding codename used by those in the know to refer to Alton Ochsner's top-secret government-funded work developing weaponised cancer agents for difficult-to-kill enemy politicians like Fidel Castro.

"Thomas, Charles": [INDEXING STUB] At time of writing, the assassination literature sometimes confounds TWO Charles Thomases, who may or may not ultimately be the same. We have therefore created two separate entries, one for Charles Thomas [Passport Officer] and the other for Charles William Thomas [Political Officer], which see for their respective substance.

***** A SURPRISINGLY INTERESTING ENCOUNTER *****

Thomas, Charles [Passport Officer]: ** Not to be confused with Charles William Thomas [Political Officer] ** American consular officer Charles Thomas is noteworthy in the present context for suddenly appearing in the assassination literature with effect June 1963 when he was involved in, and seems to have deliberately facilitated, the issuance of a passport to Lee Harvey Oswald. The main sourcework on this man is Oswald's then girlfriend, Judyth Vary Baker, who was with Oswald at the time...

CAMEO - THOMAS IN "ME & LEE" (2010): Baker (2010, op. cit. inf.) recollects as follows (they have taken a cab to the Passport Office in New Orleans)...

"We stopped near the Custom House. I waited while Lee went inside. He soon returned, accompanied by a gentleman with silvery hair. Lee [introduced me, saying] 'I would like you to meet Arthur Young, who expedited my passport for me'. As we shook hands, I was startled to see that this distinguished looking gentleman had tattoos on his fingers. Mr. Young, smiling, said that he had 'hurried the process along' before anyone looked too closely into Lee's past. He had also hurried along a number of other applications at the same time, so Lee's would not stand out. [...] Lee's old [passport], filled with stamps from the USSR, could have given him problems if he had used it again. [...] Mr. Young had to return at once to Miami [so we accompanied him] to the airport. [...] Though he spoke perfect Spanish to the Latino taxi driver, to us he spoke English with a German accent. When I asked Young if he was an American citizen, he said he was that and more, because he was married to a Native American, a Chitimacha Indian."

EDITORIAL INTERRUPTION ASIDE: The Chitimacha people are indigenous to the Atchafalaya area of south-central Louisiana, west of Baton Rouge [map] - check out their web profile here.

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QUOTATION RESUMES = "Lee and Mr. Young were obviously friends, and [...] talked quietly about old times. Young commented that he first met Lee a decade earlier when he was working with Customs at the border between Canada and the U.S. at Niagara Falls. Lee had been playing hooky from school and had hitch-hiked all the way from the Bronx [...]."
**ASIDE:** Although born in New Orleans, Oswald lived in NYC with his mother between August 1952 and January 1954. From April 1953 he was under juvenile court observation for truanting, so we guess the Niagara trip took place just before this, when he would have been aged 13 years and a few months.

**QUOTATION RESUMES**  
"Lee was about thirteen at the time and Young, impressed with Lee's zest for adventure, told the boy he could cross over for the day [but taking his] name, address, and a phone number [...] in case he didn't return [...]. Lee gave him the information, crossed the border, and returned by dusk. Some time later, Young contacted Lee in New York and they ate lunch together. At that time, Lee confided his dream to become a spy and [was given] the names of persons who might be interested in developing his interests in New York. [...] Now they had met again [...]. Young and his wife had been living in Miami, and he had continued working with Customs on a clandestine basis. He was now affiliated with the CIA's anti-Castro movement. I was able to speak with Young for nearly half an hour before I was let off at my apartment. By then, I realised that Arthur Young was not his real name. Lee later confided that his friend's real name was 'Thomas', though I did not know if that was his first name, or his last. [...] Lee's passport application was made on June 24th. This was the height of the Cold War and, though Lee boldly indicated that he planned to visit Cuba and the Soviet Union, he received it on June 25th, only 24 hours later" (pp497-499; Baker includes photos of Lee Charles Thomas - tattoos included - on pages 497 and 498).

Baker then adds in a footnote...

"I hunted for witnesses in Louisiana in 1999-2001, afraid they might all be dead, but eventually found Charles Thomas' family. It was my description of his German accent, his tattooed fingers, and the fact that he had been an important Customs agent at Niagara Falls that allowed me to locate them, through correspondence and face-to-face interviews with his amazed granddaughter, Kelly. Her family lived on the Chitimacha reservation [map above]. Thomas's family affirmed that Charles, now dead, had used the pseudonym of Arthur Young and had lived in the Miami area in 1963" (pp513-514).

**CAMEO - THOMAS IN "DAVID FERRIE" (2014):** Baker (2014, op. cit. inf.) then foreshortens the same material as follows...

"June 24-25, 1963: On the 24th, former Customs officer Charles Thomas flies in from Miami to expedite Lee Oswald's new passport (with a stack of others to hide the fact). Thomas uses the name 'Arthur Young'. [...] On the 25th, through these connections 64 [sic, unexplained] Lee Oswald gets his new passport in only 24 hours, even though his application mentions planned visits to Cuba and the USSR and his old passport shows that he lived in the Soviet Union nearly three years. He proudly shows it to me and introduces Thomas. Years later, I will find the Thomas family and tell them about their father's/grandfather's historic action" (p218).

**CAMEO - THOMAS IN "LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND ME" (2021):** At time of writing [= April 2023] this revised and extended edition of the 2010 work is not available in Britain. It will be included here in due course.

***** PLAYING A HUNCH *****

So in effect what we have here is the following cluster of events...

1. a possible post-war German immigrant,
2. skilled at bending border post immigration procedures,
3. with time spent at Niagara Falls, and
4. with links to CIA anti-Castro ops in Florida,
5. helps Oswald get a clean passport he was not strictly entitled to,
6. prior to a prima facie intelligence op in Mexico City.

... whereupon we are reminded of the following clip from Jacobson's (op. cit. inf.) monograph on Operation PAPERCLIP ...

Readers unfamiliar with the safe haven provided by the United States to many surviving "good" Nazis after WW2 should check out the entry for <Operation PAPERCLIP> WORLD HISTORIC before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the United States' psychological warfare offensive against the Soviet Union 1948-1956 should check out the entries for <George Kennan> and <Operation BLOODSTONE> DITTO before proceeding.

"For Operation PAPERCLIP, moving a scientist from military custody to immigrant status required elaborate and devious preparation, but in the end the procedure proved to be infallible. Scientists in the southwestern or western United States, accompanied by military escort, were driven in an unmarked army jeep out of the country into Mexico [three crossings named]. With him, each scientists carried two forms from the State Department, I-55 and I-255, each bearing a signature from the chief of the visa division and a proviso from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Section 42.323 of Title 22, signifying that the visa holder was 'a person whose admission is highly desirable
in the national interest'. [...] After consulate approval, the scientist was then let back into the United States, no longer under military guard but as a legal U.S. immigrant in possession of a legal visa. The pathway toward citizenship had begun. **If the scientist lived closer to the East Coast than the West Coast, he went through the same protocols, except that he would exit the United States into Canada instead of Mexico and re-enter through the consulate at Niagara Falls**” (p358).

Simpson (*op. cit. inf.*) further explains why this subterfuge would have been needed ...

"By 1946 the [Department of Defense's] Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency (JIOA) [*Wikipedia briefing*] began pushing for a revised and bigger program of recruiting German scientists. [They] now wanted 1000 former enemy specialists. More important, it wanted authority to grant them American citizenship as an inducement to participate in the program. [...] Letting such specialists fall into Soviet hands back in Germany was seen as a serious security threat. The JIOA needed President Truman's direct authorisation precisely because so many of the German scientists and technicians had once been Nazi Party members and SS officers. U.S. immigration laws at the time strictly prohibited entry into this country by any former Nazis. [...] Truman accepted the idea of putting selected Germans back to work on America's behalf during the Cold War, as long as the effort could remain secret from the public. [+++ 56 page jump +++] Fifth - and very important - they had to have enjoyed a direct and documented intervention on their behalf during the immigration process by the political warfare specialists at the State Department who were in charge of the Bloodstone program" (p43/p99).

This convoluted but effective immigration scam is also mentioned in Ordway and Sharpe's (*op. cit. inf.*) history of Wernher von Braun and the Nazi rocket scientists who fast-tracked the United States into the space age at White Sands in the years 1946-1960, thus ...

"The awesome and omnipotent force of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was felt by the Paperclip Germans on September 13, 1947. Hoover wrote to Lieutenant General Stephen J. Chamberlin [see own entry; the original has Chamberlain, but this is wrong], director of intelligence of the U.S. Army, that he felt no classified technical information should be given to [them]. Every effort was made by the Army to assuage him [and o]n May 11, 1948, [Chamberlin] made a presentation to him on the worth and value of the Germans to the defence of the United States. He stressed their contributions in the fields of anti-aircraft rockets, fire control instruments, [etc.]. [Thus persuaded, Hoover] agreed to expedite the visas of the Germans and to cut what red tape he could within the Department of Justice” (pp358-359).

All of which raises the following simple question ...  

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** Did "Young"/Thomas bring I-55/255 national interest declarations for Oswald with him on 24th June 1963, and - if so - who countersigned them?  

***** AND WHAT ABOUT THIS *****  

Predictably enough, Oswald's passport got due attention during the Warren Commission *Investigations*. Evidence was heard, for example, from two young Australian backpackers, Pamela Mumford [*Commission testimony; note especially last paragraph p217*] and Patricia Winston [*Commission Exhibit 2194; note especially p4]* to the effect that while on the Laredo-Mexico City bus with Oswald on 26th-27th September 1963 he had shown them a Russian stamp in his passport. These witnesses then repeated their testimony in a 30-second soundbite on camera on 16th September 1993 (with 2013 rerun) in the *Frontline* PBS documentary "Who Was Lee Harvey Oswald" [*IMDB entry*], clearly stating as follows (Winston speaking) ...

"He told us that he'd been to Russia. He went then and got his passport and showed us the Russian stamp on his passport"  

[YouTube the News from the Past Edit here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6295s)  

Which raises a number of other simple questions ...  

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** Why did Oswald - with a pristine June 1963 passport - still have his old one about his person? Was he perhaps under instruction to leave a memorable witness trail for later consumption, and - if so - who had issued this instruction? And was he not already suspicious that he might be being set up in some way?

Thomas, Ruth Forbes: See the entry for Ruth Forbes Young.

***** AMERICAN CBW SCIENTIST DIES YOUNG *****

Thompson, Arvo Theodore: American [reportedly of Finnish extraction] militarised physician Arvo ["Tommy"] Thompson [generally obscure but see Korean War Project obituary and mentions in Cunliffe (2006) [full text online ESSENTIAL REFERENCE MATERIAL]] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career publication in 1940 on the freeze storing of Trypanosoma, which states his affiliation as "Laboratories of the Army Medical and Veterinary Schools" [check it out], (b) for turning up next in 1942 as one of the five members of the Technical Department at Edgewood Arsenal [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND FORWARD CONTEXT], (c) for being joined there by (and becoming firm friends with) Frank Olson [see own entry IMPORTANT AS PARALLEL NARRATIVE] (Albarelli, 2009, op. cit. inf.), (d) for serving on the War Bureau of Consultants Committee (WBC) [Wikipedia briefing EXPLAINS SO VERY MUCH] and heading the War Research Service (WRS) [Wikipedia briefing (STUB)] …

Readers unfamiliar with <Fort Detrick’s> place in the history of chemical and biological warfare (CBW) should study the companion resource entries for <Camp/Fort Detrick>, <Ira Baldwin>, <Theodore Rosebury>, and <Joseph Needham> before proceeding. (This may take some time!!)

CAMEO - THE GEORGE MERCK CONNECTION: Albarelli explains the WBC/WRS committee structure as follows …

"In the early 1940s, Camp Detrick was to biological warfare what Transylvania is to the legend of Count Dracula [the man had a way with words - Ed.]. Like the bloodthirsty count's residence, Detrick was a place steeped in intrigue and dark, frightening rumours. [...] The decision to locate the nation's biological warfare centre at Detrick Field was made in the early years of World War II. President Franklin D. Roosevelt had become increasingly disturbed over mounting intelligence reports that Germany and Japan were stockpiling poison gas. There were also reports that Russia, Britain, and Canada were far ahead of the United States in biological weapons research. [...] In response, the War Department created the War Research Service (WRS) and installed George Wilhelm Merck [see own entry REVELATORY] as its director. Merck was a natural for the job, as he was already a high-ranking consultant to the War Department on biological warfare. He was also head of Merck & Co. [Wikipedia briefing], one of the oldest and largest pharmaceutical companies in the world. [+++ history +++] Appointed WRS director by Secretary of War Henry Stimson in 1942, George Merck promptly hired Dr. Edwin B. Fred [Wikipedia biography] as chief of research and development. [+++ more Detrick workers introduced +++] Merck chaired the group, which was named the War Bureau of Consultants, or, as it was commonly referred to, the WBC Committee. Acting as military liaison to the committee were Maj. Arvo Thompson and [another name]" (pp41-43)

Brophy, et al. (op. cit. inf.) add a little extra detail ...

"In August 1941 the growing concern of the CWS led to the activation by oral order of the chief of the service of a unit designated the Medical Research Division, in the Technical Service at Edgewood Arsenal, to plan preliminary technical studies and to accumulate data 'in connection with the medical aspects of chemical warfare, including bacteriology and immunization'. The division, consisting of five members, examined potential sites, facilities, and personnel for an expanded biological program prepared a bibliography of published literature on BW and drew up tentative programs for research. It also established contact with the British scientists working on BW at Porton, in Wiltshire, England, and with Canadian BW experts" (pp102-103).
... (e) for wartime duties consistently poorly represented in the public record, (f) for reappearing at the end of the war when called in to help interrogate captured Japanese CBW practitioners ...

Readers unfamiliar with the ghoulish atrocities carried out on Chinese civilians and American prisoners of war during WW2 by <Unit 731>, the Japanese Army's CBW specialists, under the overall command of <Shiro Ishii>, should thoroughly study their separate entries before proceeding.

NOT FOR THE SQUEAMISH, HOWEVER!!

CAMEO - THOMPSON'S GERM WARFARE INTERROGATIONS: Cunliffe (op. cit. inf.) reports that Thompson took a flight across the Pacific 6th January 1946. Once settled in Tokyo, he led the interrogation team's inquiry into Unit 731 and its staff between 11th January and 11th March, including five or six weeks personally interrogating that unit's leading light Shiro Ishii. He then prepared a detailed 51-page report entitled "Report on Japanese Biological Warfare (BW) Activities" (51 pp) [full text online AGAIN NOT FOR THE SQUEAMISH], Williams and Wallace (op. cit. inf.) give details of the interrogation, if interested.

... (g) for dying in what could well have been another of those convenient but clumsily staged suicide which so electrify conspiracy theorists - one which will not be properly investigated for 60 years, only resurfacing when (h) Thompson was featured as a supporting player in Albarelli (op. cit. inf.) ...

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by Britain's <Porton Down> in the history of biological weapons should see the separate entry for that establishment before proceeding.

CAMEO - THOMPSON SILENCED: Albarelli (2009) is an account of the murder of the aforementioned Frank Olson, Thompson's fellow Fort Detrick boffin and friend. Here is how Albarelli tells the story ...

"Not a great deal is known about Frank's work at Edgewood, except that three of the people he first encountered were Lt. Col. Arvo T. Thompson [two others named]. The Technical Division consisted of only five members and was charged with identifying potential work sites and lab facilities, developing plans for expanded research programs, and maintaining contacts with British scientists who worked at England's Porton Down facility on projects of mutual interest. According to former colleagues of Olson, he and Tommy Thompson got along especially well" (p39).

"In 1987, Murray Sanders [see own entry USEFUL PARALLEL NARRATIVE] told writer Jeanne McDermott [see FURTHER READING below] that he thought [Ishii] had been brought to Camp Detrick to lecture on his human experiments, some time after 1947. Other former Camp Detrick scientists have also reported that Ishii came to the installation, but none would go on record or admit to having attended his lectures" (p72).

"In May 1951, [Olson] was greatly upset to learn that Tommy Thompson had checked into a hotel in Japan and put a gun to his head, killing himself. The suicide didn't seem to make any sense to Olson or any of his colleagues. [...] There were rumours, perhaps inevitably, suggesting murder due to secrets that Thompson had uncovered while interrogating Shiro Ishii [+++ alternative rumours +++] but nothing was ever confirmed" (p84).

At the time of his death Thompson was 47 years old. FURTHER READING: For general background on how the Japanese scientists were interrogated after the war, see the archive of official documents in Cunliffe (2006 [full text online ESSENTIAL REFERENCE MATERIAL]). See also Mark Felton's (2012) "The Devil's Doctors" [Amazon] and Chapters 10 and 11 of Peter Williams and David Wallace's (1989) "Unit 731" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]. For allegations of U.S. biological malpractice and cover-up see Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2009) book "A Terrible Mistake" [Amazon]. There is also much priceless context in Leo P. Brophy, Wyndham D. Miles, and Rexmond C. Cochrane's (1988) "The Chemical Warfare Service from Laboratory to Field" [full text online] and Jeanne McDermott's (1987) "The Killing Winds: The Menace of Biological Warfare" [Amazon].

"Descended from a line of Prussian field marshals and Scottish noblemen" (Lee)

"The infernal meddling of the United States in two world wars was quite unnecessary" (ibid.)

Thompson, Harold Keith: American businessman turned Nazi agent turned American fascist H. Keith Thompson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being recruited on 27th July 1941 (the U.S. not yet being a WW2 combatant), at the tender age of 18, as an America-based Nazi informer, reporting to the Ausland-Sicherheitsdienst, the Nazi SD's [= security service] foreign civilian unit,
(b) for engaging in sedition and perhaps even outright sabotage during WW2, (c) for graduating from Yale University in 1946, (d) for taking part in Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Jr.'s Third Antarctic Expedition in 1946-1947, thereby being part of the suspiciously highly classified OPERATION Highjump [Wikipedia briefing] ...

ADVANCED STUDENTS - OPERATION HIGHJUMP: The Wiki gives an appropriately detailed introduction to the work of "Task Force 68" in Atlantic waters that summer. For a more academic analysis see then Summerhayes and Beeching (2007 [full text online]). But be warned, for it's a strange tale of Nazis and UFOs which the authors gradually debunk.

... (e) for then becoming for a while the lone public voice of post-war Nazism ...

Readers unfamiliar with the safe haven provided by the United States to many surviving "good" Nazis after WW2 should check out the entry for <Operation PAPERCLIP> before proceeding.

CAMEO - THE NEO-NAZI DIASPORA: Lee (op. cit. inf.) devotes the whole of his Chapter Three to what he calls the "Neo-Nazi Diaspora", that is to say, the deliberate U.S. evacuation to safety across the Atlantic of "good Nazis" such as Wernher von Braun and thousands of useful others whose political alignment matched that of their hosts remarkably well. Thompson, Lee argues, was central to this (in hindsight) surprisingly well-received charm offensive, thus ...

"Harold Keith Thompson, a New Hersey-born businessman and public-relations specialist, spent much of his time in the late 1940s and early 1950s carrying on behind the scenes as the principal U.S. point man for die Spinne (the Spider) [Wikipedia briefing], the postwar Nazi support network. Although not yet thirty years old, [he] had become, in his own words, 'the chief and almost exclusive representative in North America for the interests of the National Socialist German Workers' Party (NSDAP) and the SS' " (p85).

Readers unfamiliar with the post-war antics of SS deep penetration expert <Otto Skorzeny> should see the separate entry before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the post-war escape committee for fugitive Nazis known as the <ODESSA> should see the entry for <Robert Leroy> and, if time permits, watch the (1974) movie "The ODESSA File" [IMDB entry] before proceeding.

"Through his political activities, Thompson befriended several important personalities in the international neofascist scene, including Otto "Scarface" Skorzeny, the premier web-spinner. [...] 'He played a significant role after the wr in the escape routes.' The versatile Thompson made himself available when Skorzeny and other ODESSA wire-pullers needed a favour done in the United States. [...] Thompson had signature control of an ODESSA bank account at the Royal Trust in Kitchener, Ontario [...] 'Funds were always limited, as the costs of ODESSA were enormous', he explained. [...] [+++ the case of Otto Ernst Remer [see separate entry Fascinating] is discussed +++]" (pp86-88).

... (f) for drifting into the public relations business in the 1950s ...

THE CAMEO CONTINUES: Here is Lee again, a few years further into the ODESSA operation ...

"H. Keith Thompson also served as a registered U.S. agent for Die Andere Seite (The Other Side), a Munich-based periodical [...] waging a public-relations campaign to free Nazi war criminals from West German jails. Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, Hitler's chosen successor, thanked Thompson for his support after Doenitz was released from prison in 1957" (p88).

"Thompson also got involved with a bizarre neo-Nazi sect called the National Renaissance Party (NRP) [Wikipedia briefing]. [...] 'Gathering in hotels and private houses, a handful of nomadic NRP members listened to Thompson carry on about alleged injustices perpetrated by the U.S. government against convicted Nazi war criminals" (p89).

***** HERES' THE REALLY CURIOUS BIT *****

... and (g) by strange contrivance of fate for thereby ending up representing Marguerite Oswald [see own entry] ...

CAMEO - THOMPSON AND THE ASSASSINATION: The story here is told by Albarelli (op. cit. inf.) as follows ...
"Equally intriguing is the peculiar relationship [...] Thompson had with Lee Oswald's mother, Marguerite. In the aftermath of the Kennedy assassination and subsequent murder of her son while he was in police custody, Marguerite was approached by Thompson to 'manage her affairs'. One such effort was securing Marguerite's appearance on the Irving Kupcinet [Wikipedia biography] talk show, At Random [no convenient briefing], in Chicago in the spring of 1964. Kupcinet [was] the father of Karyn Kupcinet [Wikipedia biography] ALL VERY SUSS], who died under suspicious circumstances on November 28, 1963 [having reportedly] made an incoherent call suggesting she knew something about the assassination. [...] Among the participants of this particular panel were a popular Chicago area Catholic priest, Marguerite [...] and, in an extraordinary coincidence, Hjalmar Schacht [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE], known as 'Hitler's banker' " (pp76-77).

A recording of the broadcast is held at Chicago's Museum of Broadcast Communications, but at time of writing [= January 2023] their website regrets that their radio portfolio has yet to be digitised.


Thompson, Josiah: Assassination researcher Josiah Thompson [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 1967 book "Six Seconds in Dallas", in which he proposed four shots from three shooters, including one positioned in the Dal-Tex building. He also spoke with Parkland Hospital's security officer O. P. Wright, who said that he had handed on a pointed bullet, not a round-headed one. Thompson's evidential profile is as follows: Assassination Records Review Board testimony [read it now - RECOMMENDED].

Thompson, Thomas: 30-year-old LIFE Magazine reporter Thomas Thompson [Wikipedia biography] was at DPDHQ on the afternoon of 22nd November 1963 when he learned the address of LHO's rooming house at 1026 North Beckley Avenue from a loose-mouthed deputy sheriff. This allowed him to be the first newsman to interview the landlady there. He was then first to the Paine House later that evening, where he spoke with Ruth Paine, Marina Oswald, and Marguerite Oswald. This allowed him, the following day, to be the first to submit copy giving the standard profile of LHO as "a world-class American loser" (La Fontaine and La Fontaine, 1996, p47), although that copy would not go out until the next edition of the magazine the following Friday.

Thompson, William Boyce: American mining and minerals speculator, financier, and right-wing politician William B. Thompson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for the part he played as one of the 21 commissioners making up the American Red Cross Mission [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] to Petrograd in summer 1917. We shall let contemporary observer William Hard set the scene...

"In the mean time, there was in Russia an American business man, a copper operator. He wore an American uniform. He had become, for the time being, a colonel, in command of [...] the American Red Cross in Petrograd. [...] He was not a trained observer of foreign political affairs. He was a copper man. He was a financier. He was absolutely without diplomatic experience. [...] He was] a man of great Wall Street wealth, a supporter and an organiser of the effort to get the Republican nomination for Elihu Root [see own entry FAVOUR HEREWITH RETURNED] in 1916" (Hard, 1920/2012 [Amazon], pp16-18).

For her part, Jennifer Polk (op. cit. inf, p51) further points out that Thompson was close to J. P. Morgan and Company, who stood to lose a fortune if Kerensky's Provisional Government became unable to service its war loans. Indeed, upon arriving in Russia, Thompson openly sided with the Provisional Government, even to the extent of personally funding that administration's counter-revolutionary propaganda in the shape of the short-lived Committee of Civic Education in Free Russia [not much online]. After the October Revolution [see Timeline 7th November 1917], however, Washington declined official funding and that committee folded. In late November he handed command of the mission to Raymond Robins [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING], and returned Stateside, stopping over in London to brief Lloyd George as to prospects on the Eastern Front. He then spent the first two months
of 1918 - that is to say, prior to the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk [see Timeline 3rd March 1918] - giving speeches calling for support for the Bolsheviks (earning himself the nickname "the Bolshevik of Wall Street" for his pains). After Russia's descent into Civil War, however, he seems to have returned to his business interests, diversifying into sugar, oil, submarines and aircraft, and life assurance. He died in 1930, aged 61. **FURTHER READING:** For a substantive biography see Hermann Hagedorn's (1977) "The Magnate" [Amazon]. For the context of the ARC mission see Jennifer Polk's (2012 [full text online]) microscopically documented "Constructive Efforts: The American Red Cross and YMCA in Revolutionary and Civil War Russia, 1917-1924".

**Thornberry, Homer:** Lawyer and WW2 veteran (U.S. Navy) turned Congressional Representative turned District Court Judge Homer Thornberry [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a friend-since-boyhood of fellow Texan LBJ, (b) for serving in the U.S. Navy during WW2, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Commander in naval intelligence (New York Times obituary, 13th December 1995), (c) for being in Congressmen's Car #1 [element #13 of 25] of the presidential motorcade 22nd November 1963, and for accompanying LBJ to Washington in Air Force One, (d) for then helping during the ensuing couple of days to persuade the President of the need to set up a Presidential Commission - the Warren Commission - to manage post-Assassination public opinion, (e) for presiding over the January 1964 trial for armed robbery of the man who really did know too much, Richard Nagell, and (f) for delivering a deliberately disproportionate sentence of ten years imprisonment.

**ASIDE:** We use the term "deliberately" rather than "maliciously" because Thornberry may very well have been saving Nagell's life for knowing what he knew - see Nagell's own entry for details.

**Thornhill Letter:** See the entry for Edgar Eugene Bradley.

**Thornhill, Thomas:** See the entry for Edgar Eugene Bradley.

**Thornley, Kerry Wendell:** U.S.M.C. avionics electronics operator Kerry Thornley [Wikipedia biography] had become acquainted with LHO in Spring 1959 when their MACS-9 [q.v.] postings had overlapped for about three months at El Toro, CA ...

**ASIDE:** Thornley would be thoroughly quizzed during the early assassination investigations, and would testify (link below) as to LHO's Communist leanings and general personality, using such words as "sloppy", "impulsive", and "unstable".

In 1960, having heard about LHO's defection to Russia the previous Autumn (by which time he would be at Atsugi himself), he started to fictionalise the life of an about-to-defect marine - LHO in the guise of one "Johnny Shellburn" - on a U-2 base in Japan. He worked on the draft of his novel through 1960 and 1961, although it would not get a publisher until 1991.

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** Thornley was obviously missing his vocation in the U.S.M.C. because "The Idle Warriors" is a competent military black comedy, with as many chuckles as Joseph Hellier's 1961 "Catch-22". So good, indeed, that we wonder if it was ghosted, and, if so, by whom and for whom.

Thornley's evidential profile is as follows: Interrogation (SS), 23rd November 1963; Interrogation (FBI), 25th November 1963; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to Camera, Wyrdsl, 1992 [YouTube it Now]. For more on Thornley's possible involvement in the highly secretive Albert Schweitzer College - a CIA asset organisation, see the separate entry.

**Thrasher, Charles O.:** Careerist U.S. Army quartermaster turned General Charles Thrasher [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being Clay Shaw's commanding officer between February 1944 and his (Shaw's) demobilisation in January 1946. During the advance across France and into Germany after the D-Day landings, he commanded Oise Section of SHAEF's ever-lengthening Communication Zone, contributing greatly to the ultimate success of said advance. This
earned him a DSM from his own government (for "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services [...] in a duty of great responsibility") and a CBE from the British to go with it. For fuller details see the Timeline entry for 15th September 1944.

Three Tramps, The: This is the name given to the three suspicious characters arrested in a freight train at the rear of the TSBD carpark, and quickly released - see the photographs and the proper naming of names. In their 1996 book "Oswald Talked", the La Fontaines name them as Harold Doyle, Gus Abrams, and John Gedney, but they are not talking about the same Three Tramps and have clearly been fed disinfo. Others - fed or actively feeding disinfo - have mentioned E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis. All identifications other than those in the link above and in John Craig and Philip Rogers' 1992 book "The Man on the Grassy Knoll" are either mistaken or deliberately misleading. Period. Browse <Three Tramps> to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Thurston, Lorrin Andrews: Hawaiian born of white Christian missionary stock lawyer-businessman-politician Lorrin Thurston [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being one of the architects of the 1887 "Bayonet Constitution", and of the 1887 Missionary Rebellion which forced same on the Hawaiian monarchy [check it out]. He was also a prime mover in the more successful 1893 Hawaiian Coup [check it out].

Thyssen, Fritz: See the entry for Prescott Bush MUTUALLY REVELATORY.

***** ANOTHER OF THE BIG CONSPIRACY DEBATES *****

Tiananmen Square As Psy Op: We refer here to the conspiracy theory to the effect that the 1989 Tiananmen Square "Massacre" [Wikipedia briefing CONVENTIONAL WESTERN ACCOUNT] was not a Chinese atrocity at all, but rather an elaborate U.S.-fomented attempt at regime change or destabilisation, complete with crisis actors [see own entry], useful idiots [Wikipedia briefing] (by the thousand), and a massively pre-scripted media assault. Here are the opposing versions of events ...

**THE OFFICIAL STORY:** Washington's version of the Tiananmen Square story has recently 18th May 2023 been re-stated under the Amnesty International banner, and posits that "the Chinese authorities want everyone to forget that they killed hundreds, if not thousands, of unarmed peaceful pro-democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square" - read the full piece here.

**THE ALT-STORY:** Beijing's counterstory raises two fundamental challenges. The first is that the demonstrations were deliberately incited by a thoroughly prepared CIA destabilisation op, that is to say, as the result of choreographed fifth-column provocation by a field force of deliberately radicalised agitators. The second is that if there were any casualties at all they would have been inflicted on the security forces not by them. This counterstory has recently 4th June 2023 been aired by the Fridayeveryday.com news service - read their account here.

We now leave it to individual readers to decide for themselves which of the versions they prefer.

***** BUT BEFORE DECIDING ... *****

Readers unfamiliar with the Eisenhower Administration's practice of deposing uppity foreigners in their own back yards, should view Stacy Wallach's (2013) "Eisenhower Class 3" before proceeding - YouTube it here.

See also Operation YELLOWBIRD.

See also <Operation AERODYNAMIC>.

Read also Twiss (2022 [full text online]) on the deliberate destabilisation of the Xinjiang Uyghurs.

Read also this on cognate ops stirring things up in Hong Kong.

FURTHER READING: For more of the opposing accounts compare this conventional Amazon offering with this ALT-version. Also (because the op will probably have recruited youthful religious zealots as a tried and tested fount of useful idiots) see the industrial scale use of religious missions as

Tilson, Thomas G.: DPD Officer Tom Tilson [no convenient biography] was in his private car with his daughter heading east in stop-start traffic on the southernmost of the three carriageways of the Stemmons Freeway, some 200 yards to the west of the Triple Overpass [thus still on the opposite side to Dealey Plaza and the shooting], and heard of the shooting on his police radio. As he saw the motorcade speeding off toward Parkland he noted a car on the verge of the westbound carriageway at the foot of the railway embankment hard by the Elm Street Underpass.

**ASIDE:** The Grassy Knoll, of course, was through said underpass and up to the left. The railway embankment here referred to, and the Grassy Knoll, thus both ascend to the same set of railways tracks but from opposite sides.

Tilson then saw a man was at the top of the embankment [from where he would only have to cross 40 yards of railway track to be behind the Picket Fence]. He clambered down the embankment, threw an object in through the back window, got in, and drove off at more or less normal speed. Tilson U-turned and gave chase, but avoided a close confrontation because of his daughter's presence. Nevertheless his daughter was able to note down the number of the car, and he duly rang it in to DPDHQ. He asserted that the man in question "looked like" Jack Ruby. The lead was never followed up. Tilson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Dramatised Mock Trial testimony, 1992 ![YouTube it now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SECRET); ENTERTAINING AND USEFUL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH.

Tilton, John: Senior CIA officer John Tilton [no convenient biography] was the author of the 16th September 1963 memorandum by which the CIA warned the FBI that it was considering a counterintelligence operation to "embarrass" the Fair Play for Cuba Committee out of business, because their Mexico City operation had grown too popular of late. He promised a follow-up warning nearer the date. No further details of this operation have yet emerged, but - who knows - perhaps they sheep-dipped an FPCC supporter in the brightest of colours and had him take a guaranteed unsuccessful pot-shot at the President on his Dallas trip (which would also explain why just about every pair of ears present in Dealey Plaza on 22nd November 1963 heard the first shot as a "fire-cracker").

Tinoco Granados, José Federico Alberto de Jesús: Costa Rican soldier-politician President[1917-1919] Federico Tinoco [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having ousted President[1914-1917] Alfredo González [Wikipedia biography] in a military coup on 27th January 1917, and (b) for having resigned 13th August 1919 in the face of United States diplomatic pressure and a USMC enforcement landing.

Tippit, Edgar Lee: Edgar Tippit [no convenient biography] was the father of murdered patrolman J. D. Tippit. He was interviewed by Joseph McBride in 1992, asserting therein that his son's widow - Marie Tippit - had told him that Tippit and another officer (whom McBride deduced could only be William Mentzel) had been despatched to track down an assassination suspect - possible pre-named as Oswald - headed into Oak Cliff.

*************** STILL TO BE SOLVED ***************

**THE DIFFICULTY WITH THIS:** It is, of course, easy - especially years after the event - for someone to say "Oswald did this", or "Oswald did that" when by precise sequence of truth the identity of the person was not yet known at the time. The specific naming might come from knowledge or belief later acquired, and then conflated. So even if Marie and/or Edgar Tippit actually said "Oswald" (rather than "a suspect") when interviewed in 1992 it does not mean that that is what they said/heard on the day itself. And this is a pivotal issue because Oswald's name was not officially known until AFTER the Tippit shooting when FBI Agent Bob Barrett [q.v.] heard it read out from identity papers found at the scene in Oswald's Wallet [q.v.!!! THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE EXPLANATION IS A TOTALLY PRE-SCRIPTED ASSASSINATION WHERE OFFICERS COULD BE SENT LOOKING FOR A SUSPECT HALF HOUR BEFORE HE WAS IDENTIFIED. And that, folks, would be a conspiracy few mortals could even conceive of, let alone put into action; in fact, only one set of mortals on the planet.
That other officer, however, had been delayed by an accident.

*************** STILL TO BE SOLVED ****************

THE DIFFICULTY WITH THIS: While the movements described above more or less hold together in time and place, the order did not come from the DPD Despatcher, and would therefore have to have been given by telephone. Nobody knows who gave it, or, indeed, if they were legitimate. Indeed, Jack Ruby has often often suggested. Or - even more ominously - it was all a pre-planned mission. And, if so, nobody knows whether it was to extract someone important, or silence them.

*************** PROBABLE FRONT-LINE SHOOTER ***************

Tippit, J. D.: [perhaps Jefferson Davis] At the time of writing [February 2018], DPD patrolman J. D. Tippit [Wikipedia biography] - a member of the Dallas chapter of the John Birch Society - has the dubious honour of being critical to both the Oswald Did It and Oh No He Didn't camps. The - entirely conventional - Oswald Did It account was that LHO made his way via his lodgings at 1026 North Beckley Avenue to Oak Cliff and there, while resisting arrest, shot Tippit to death. Alternative accounts stressed that LHO could scarcely have got to Oak Cliff in the time available, and had no reason to be there anyway unless he intended walking off into the sunset, with no car, no driving licence, and little money. Earlier on 22nd November 1963 Tippit had been assigned to his normal patrol area - Beat #78 - that is to say, Oak Cliff. At around 1311hr he was seen cruising slowly eastward along East 10th Street. Just past Patton Avenue he pulled up to speak to a man, exchanged words through the open window, got out of the car, and was shot four times. There were a dozen or so witnesses dotted around the adjacent properties or in passing vehicles. The man made off on foot, heading south down Patton toward Jefferson Boulevard. The official story is, of course, that this was LHO, and that he immediately made his way to the Texas Theater half a mile away on Jefferson to hole up a-while. And it was there, indeed, that LHO was arrested. The case was troublesome to begin with and remains difficult to this day. To start with, the available eye witness testimony was difficult to piece together into a meaningful narrative (see, for example, the entry for Helen Markham). Then LHO's wallet was found - and proudly shown to newsreel - at the scene only to reappear in his pocket when arrested half an hour later, the Press were at the scene too soon, etc., etc. Jim Marrs finally brought all this dissatisfaction out into the open in his 1989 book "Crossfire", and more recently Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination actually places Tippit, along with Roscoe White ("Badge Man", also in uniform) and Frank Sturgis, as part of a three-man shooting team assigned to the eastern end of the Picket Fence. It has even been suggested that JFK-killer White also killed Tippit.

Tippit, Marie: Marie Tippit [no convenient biography] was the wife of murdered patrolman J. D. Tippit. She is mentioned in the entry for Edgar Tippit. She also explicitly rejected suggestions that the wallet found at the scene of her husband's shooting belonged to her husband - see the entry for Bob Barrett. Browse the Oswald's Wallet Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Todd, Elmer Lee: FBI agent Elmer Todd [no convenient biography] was one of those who handled the Magic Bullet en route from Parkland Hospital to Robert Frazier at the FBIHQ Forensics Lab in DC. Browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Todd, L. C.: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy L. C. Todd [no convenient biography] witnessed the assassination from Houston Street outside the County Jail. He heard a "backfire" followed by two further shots and then assisted in crowd control and other duties outside the TSBD. Todd's evidential profile is as follows: Report, 27th November 1963 [read it now].

Tofte, Hans V.: Copenhagen born WW2 veteran (Danish underground) turned post-war CIA operative Hans Tofte [no convenient biography, but see 1987 Washington Post obituary] was the CIA's liaison officer to General Charles Willoughby's Far East Command G-2 operation in the early 1950s. When the CIA discovered in 1966 that he was stealing their secrets (to write a book) they fired him.
Tolstoy Foundation: Founded 26th April 1939 in the United States by Alexandra Tolstaya [Wikipedia biography], youngest daughter of the writer Leo Tolstoy, the Tolstoy Foundation [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being superficially a refugee aid service for Soviet-fugitive Russians ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Readers should note that refugee aid programs have been routinely used by intelligence services both for up-to-date news from the country in question and as highly effective recruitment fairs for new arrivals with family contacts back home - see the entry for CIA Front Organisations.

(b) for being supported 1951-1956 by the (much larger) Ford Foundation [see own entry] (correspondence with Allen Dulles, 24th July 1959), (c) for having CIA-connected Paul Raigorodsky [see own entry] as one of its directors (Alborelli, 2013, K8007) ...

ASIDE: In his Warren Commission testimony Raigorodsky explains how it all worked, thus ...

"[The Tolstoy Foundation] takes care of Russian refugees throughout the world wherever they may be. They process them, which means that they know all about them before they come into here through their own organization or your different organizations. Like, you have a church in the United States--you have a church organization or all kinds of benevolent organizations that want to help refugees and they don't know who to help so they go to the Tolstoy Foundation and therefore the Tolstoy Foundation is able to place many, many Russians in this country, not only in this country but--I am on the Board of Directors of the Tolstoy Foundation--but also in European countries. Sometimes they cannot bring them to the United States, not enough money perhaps. Now, anybody who comes to the Tolstoy Foundation, you know right off of the bat they have been checked, rechecked and double checked. There is no question about them. I mean, that's the No. 1 stamp [...] of approval--in fact, the U.S. Government recognized that and has been up until about a year or two ago giving the Tolstoy Foundation as much as $400,000 a year subsidy for this kind of work."

(d) for generally being trickle funded by the CIA (Brussell, 2014, p23), and (e) for still going strong [2019 website].

Tolstoy, Nikolai: British born of Tsarist Russian noble ancestry [Count]extinct Tsarist lineage only Nikolai Tolstoy [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context solely for being the author of the 1997 book "Victims of Yalta" [Amazon], an account of the 1945-1946 Operation KEELHAUL [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT].

Top Ten Record Shop: The record shop at 338 West Jefferson Street, some 150 yards west of the Texas Theater, where J. D. Tippit stopped to use the telephone at about 1300hr, 22nd November 1963. He entered in a hurry, dialled a number but got no answer, and then drove off at speed. He was shot to death a short time after.

Tomlinson, Darrell Carlisle: Senior powerplant engineer at Parkland Hospital, Darrel Tomlinson [no convenient biography] was the person who, in tidying some gurnies which were obstructing his work, came across the bullet which may, or may not, have become CE-399. Tomlinson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now], Interview to camera [YouTube it now]. Browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Torbitt, William: [nom de plume] WW2 veteran (U.S.N.) turned lawyer "William Torbitt" [Spartacus Educational biography] was the author of the 1970 book "Nomenclature of an Assassination Cabal", in which Permindex first came to common notice. In all other respects, however, it is such a laughable Everybody-dunnit that we side with Robin Ramsay, who, in his 2002 book "Who Shot JFK", dismissed the work as a CIA counterintelligence smokescreen. Some histories identify Torbitt as David Copeland.

Tower, Senator John Goodwin: Texas Senator John Tower [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) because he was contacted by LHO from Moscow, and (b) for his appearance as
"John" in the meeting in late 1963 between Dallas County Sheriff Bill Decker, film star Audie Murphy, and author Gary Wean. For details see the entries for LHO and Wean, respectively.

Toynbee, Arnold Joseph (1889-1975): [Do not confuse with his uncle Arnold Toynbee (1852-1883) [Wikipedia biography].] (British academic historian Arnold J. Toynbee [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being recruited out of Oxford University in 1915 to undertake research work for the Foreign Office's Political Intelligence Bureau ...

ASIDE: Nowhere does the fog of wartime secrecy drift thicker than in Whitehall. Accordingly we have been unable so far to determine whether this was a department of one, two, or five hundred researchers, nor the mix between civilian and military. To this day, the backbone employees of the civil service are graded "Officer" of some sort, and so we have avoided using the phrase Intelligence Officer for it might imply too much. The Political Intelligence Bureau was upgraded to a Department later in the war.

... (b) for preparing briefing material in readiness for what would in due course become the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry], (c) under this heading for having conducted a special study into Zionism, completed in 1917 with the collaboration of fellow researcher Lewis Namier [see own entry], (d) for having in due course attended said Versailles Peace Conference along with Namier and one Alfred Zimmern [see own entry] ...


ASIDE - TOYNBEE AND THE TURKS: Here is how Norman Rose explains Toynbee's position regarding Turkey in his (2005) "Harold Nicolson" [Amazon] ...

"Having lost the Arab East, it was widely feared that the dying Ottoman Empire would seek compensation elsewhere, that Turkey would strive to unite under its leadership the Turkish-speaking peoples of Russian central Asia, North-West Persia, and Afghanistan. India would be threatened 'in the gravest way', warned Arnold Toynbee [of] the Political Intelligence Department" (p63).

... (e) for meeting with the Fourth Congress Delegation [see own entry] of Palestinian Arabs in 1921-1922, and for softening his until then pro-Zionism somewhat, (f) for being recruited in 1924 as one of the Directors of Study at the Royal Institute of International Affairs [see own entry], a position he would retain until 1955, (g) for visiting Adolf Hitler in Berlin in February 1936 to discuss the then-popular notion of a British-German rapprochement ...

ASIDE: 1936 saw a number of high level missions to Berlin, coordinated, it seems, by Tom Jones [see own entry], and strongly backed by The Times. This one was specifically disowned by Chatham House as representing Toynbee's personal opinions, not theirs. The meeting lasted two hours and deliberately promoted the idea that Hitler would save Europe from Communism.

(h) for returning to the Foreign Office during WW2, this time telling lies with the best of them as Director of their political intelligence effort, and (i) for engaging in a well-publicised confrontation with senior Zionists in 1961 concerning the rights of indigenous Arabs in Palestine (Rosenberg, 2014).

Trafficante, Santo, Jr.: Miami based godfather Santo Trafficante [Wikipedia biography] had been forced out of his Havana casinos by the Castro Revolution in 1959, and was thus sympathetic to anti-Castro operations such as the Bay of Pigs Invasion and various CIA attempts on Castro's life. He would be repeatedly mentioned during the assassination investigations as supporter of a JFK hit on the grounds of his being too honest.
Trask, Richard: Photoforensic expert witness - YouTube the man at work - Richard Trask was called by the Assassination Records Review Board in 1995 to comment on the photographic evidence. He duly summarised the (photographic) narrative as follows ...

"During the assassination, a minimum of 19 spectators in Dealey Plaza recorded some of that event, while at least 14 professional photographers took scenes from the motorcade or after exiting their vehicles. Within a short time of the assassination, over a score more photographers were in the plaza recording all sorts of activity. Those photographic materials which were collected, utilized, and kept by the FBI and subsequent Warren Commission investigation are quite scanty. There are copies of some photographs, though most are dramatically cropped and multi-generational. A number of photos, films, and videotapes possibly part of the original Commission record often do not show up in archival or Freedom of Information search requests. There is little evidence that this class of source material, with the exception of the Zapruder film, was ever actively examined. The professionals and their images, such as White House photographers Cecil Stoughton and Thomas Atkins, were virtually ignored, as were many amateurs who had made photos at the plaza" (from first link below).

Trask's evidential profile is as follows: Assassination Records Review Board testimony [Part #1; Part #2].

Traveller's Aid Society of New York: Established in NYC in 1907 as a charitable institution to protect women (later anyone in need) travelling alone, the Traveller's Aid Society [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for supplying the case worker Spas Raikin [see own entry] and handy helper Cleary F'Pierre [see own entry] when the State Department needed to meet and greet LHO and Marina Oswald off their boat 13th June 1962. The Society wound itself up in 1979.

Tree, Arthur Ronald Lambert Field: British-born of American parents, businessman-politician Ronald Tree [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for entering parliament in 1933 as member for Harborough, a seat he would retain until 1945, and (b) for allowing his home, Ditchley House [Wikipedia briefing], to be used as Winston Churchill's safe house between 1940 and 1942, neither Chequers nor Downing Street nor the deep-bunkered Cabinet War Rooms (out back of Downing Street) being deemed safe enough by the prime minister or his minders.

Trejo, Paul: See the the entry for Harry J. Dean.

Treves, [Sir]1901 Frederick [Baronet]1902: The respected British surgeon [Sir]1901-1902 [Lord]1902 Frederick Treves [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy (surgical merit aside) in the present context (a) for serving as Chairman of the British Red Cross [see own entry] 1905-1912, and (b) for therefore being admirably qualified for clerical duties at the War Office during WW1 as "Head of Red Cross Personnel" (Hastings, 2009).

***** CANDIDATE, NEW WORLD ORDER CONSPIRACY *****

Trilateral Commission: Founded in 1973 by banker David Rockefeller, but with significant input from Zbigniew Brzezinski, the Trilateral Commission [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as one of the planet's most influential non-governmental influence groups, (b) for liaising closely with the American Federal Reserve System, (c) for boasting Jeffrey Epstein as a member prior to his conviction for sex trafficking, and (d) for often being accused by conspiracy theorists of working toward a New World Order; also (by some) of sponsoring the 9/11 False Flag Attacks. It was suggested in the Twittersphere 4th February 2020 that one of Trilateral's members was Labour Party leadership candidate [Sir]2014 Keir Starmer.

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Non-British readers should note that the thought of Britain's flagship Socialist party, with more than a century of promoting the wellbeing of the British working class, being led by a member of a secretive neoliberal organisation such as this one is nothing short of laughable.
Trillat, Auguste: French bacteriologist Auguste Trillat [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having headed the French Navy's biological warfare research unit during the 1920s (Aucoutourier, 2014).

Troika of Tyranny: Originally coined by John R. Bolton [see own entry] to refer to the three anti-American states of the Caribbean ring, namely Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela, the epithet "Troika of Tyranny" has since been wittily turned around to point (with no less justification) at Bolton himself, along with fellow tyrants Mike Pompeo [see own entry] and Elliott Abrams [see own entry], by virtue of their part in orchestrating the January 2019 Guaidó/CIA Coup [see 10th January 2019, et seq.] in Venezuela.

True, Wilhelm: See the entry for Carol Aydelotte, and note that one Wilhelm True [unable to trace] receives passing mention in the 19th March 1968 Boxley Memorandum as being "a very good friend" of one-time pivotal suspect Edgar Eugene Bradley. True is profiled as a medical equipment representative by profession, as being present at a convention at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, 22nd November 1963, and as residing at 107 Country Club Drive, Burbank CA (Boxley Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p4). [True appears to be a Latvian/German surname per se, as well as a logical Anglicisation of the more common German surname Treue - Ed.]

Truly, Roy Sansom: Long-term employee of the TSBD, and presently Director-on-site Roy Truly [no convenient biography] was spectating "out in Elm Street, 10 to 15 or 20 feet from the front steps". He heard "an explosion, which I thought was a toy cannon or a loud firecracker from west of the building" [note >>west<<], followed by two further "explosions". He then supported the subsequent search of the building. Truly's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 3rd August 1964 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2]; Interview to camera, CBS [YouTube it now].

Truman, President Harry S.: Harry Truman [Wikipedia biography] was POTUS between 12th April 1945 and 20th January 1953. He is noteworthy in the present context for his 22nd December 1963 op-ed in the Washington Post, in which he warned of what we now call "mission creep" in the CIA, advising that they should be made to stick to "intelligence".

Trumpeldor, Joseph: Russian-born of Jewish extraction Joseph Trumpeldor [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving honourably in the Tsarist army between 1902 and 1905, losing his left arm to a Japanese shell during the 1904-1905 Russo-Japanese War [see 1st August 1904], (b) for spending a year in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp, during which time he set his heart on settling down as a farmer in Ottoman Palestine, (c) for duly emigrating to Palestine in 1911, (d) for evacuating to Cairo with the coming of war in 1914, there coming into contact with Ze'ev Zhabotinsky [see own entry], (e) for cooperating with Zhabotinsky in the formation of the Zion Mule Corps [see the entry for John Patterson], seeing action with same during the 1915 Gallipoli Campaign (and getting wounded again), (f) for returning to Occupied Palestine after the war during the Third Aliyah [see 19th December 1919], together with many more refugees - ideological, economic, or just plain war-weary - from the Russian Civil War, and (g) for being killed 1st March 1920 in the defence of his community.

***** SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER, SUSPICIOUS DEATH *****

Truslow, Francis Adams: Lawyer-economist, "special consultant for the State Department", and much travelled on strategic economic affairs in South America in WW2 Francis Truslow [no convenient biography but several interesting obituaries] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having done something strategically important during WW2 and presumably in the earliest years of the Cold War, (b) for having toured South America in the early 1950s as Chairman of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) [see own entry] (a fore-runner of the modern World Bank), and (c) for concluding from his accumulated experience that autocracies were OK, but totalitarianisms (that is to say, communism) bad (Lafeber, 1983). He died in 1951 (aged 45 years of a heart attack, having just had a pre-mission medical clearance) en route to his latest placement in Rio de Janiero.
Tryall Conferences: Reportedly a JFK assassination planning meeting (or two) in early 1963 at what is nowadays the Tryall Resort, attended by Clay Shaw.

Tryall Resort: 21st century resort-paradise on Montego Bay, Jamaica. Under previous owners, site of the Tryall Conferences in early 1963. And before that, a top-secret U.K. intelligence base [Ian Fleming had a place just down the road - Ed.]

TSBD: The Texas School Book Depository: The building at 411 Elm Street, Dallas, abbreviated herein as the TSBD, but in some reports referred to as the "Sexton Building" [Wikipedia briefing]. It had been owned since 1939 by oilman D. Harold Byrd. The building is nowadays home to the Sixth Floor Museum [website].

TSBD6: The sixth floor on the TSBD [q.v.]. Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke) conclude that (from the west/left) Window #1 was Loy Factor's, Window #3 was Mac Wallace's, and Window #7 (last) was LHO's.

Tucker, James P., Jr.: American investigative journalist James P. Tucker [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his dogged 1975-2005 pursuit of the generally obscure Bilderberg Group [see own entry], eventually becoming the world expert on them. See the Bilderberg entry for the details.

Turner Memorandum: We refer here to the three-page memorandum - read it here - submitted to New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison 16th February 1968 by investigator William W. Turner [see own entry]. The memorandum (a) introduces a hitherto unknown cluster of inter-related suspects/witnesses, and (b) suggests that they are part of a Christian Right JFK assassination cabal. BUT CAUTION: It is far from impossible that Turner (in concert with his partner Bill Boxley [see own entry]) were in fact infiltrated front-line operatives of a CIA counterintelligence operation, whose mission was both (c) to confound the legal bona fides of the Garrison Inquiry, and (d) to confuse the public at large. For more on all these points, see Timeline 16th February 1968.

Turner, William Thomas: British liner captain William Turner [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been captain of the gun-running Cunarder RMS Lusitania on her final voyage [see 22nd April 1915 and subsequent thread], and (b) for testifying at the subsequent inquiries that there were two explosions in rapid succession, the second of which was quite possibly an internal explosion rather than a second torpedo. In their 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry], Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty [see own entry] draw attention to Turner's testimony before the 8th May 1915 Coroner's Inquiry convened at Kinsale, County Cork. They report as follows ...

"Under oath, Captain Turner [...] stated that immediately after the first explosion caused by the torpedo, there was a second explosion 'that might possibly have been internal'" (p188).

However, by the time of the broader Board of Trade Inquiry in London, the Establishment had decided that Turner was to be made scapegoat for the disaster and no in-any-way-controversial witnesses were called to back him up.

Turner, William Weyland: [Read firstly the entry for the Turner Memorandum.] WW2 veteran (U.S. Navy, Pacific) turned G-man turned investigative journalist William W. Turner [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving with the FBI 1951-1961, (b) for turning to journalism in 1961, becoming one of the first to conclude that the JFK assassination involved a conspiracy, (c) for contributing articles from late 1966 to the investigative magazine Ramparts [Wikipedia briefing], working closely with editor Warren Hinckle, (d) for therefore quickly offering his services to the Garrison Inquiry in 1967, (e) for discovering the Thornhill Letter in Garrison's pending files, and for then going off on what many still regard as a tangential and disruptive investigation, (f) for being the author of what is now commonly referred to as the Turner Memorandum, (g) for standing by
Hinckle during the CIA’s attempts 1967-1968 to put Ramparts out of business as part of Operation CHAOS, (b) for setting down his early experiences with the FBI in the (1970/1993) book "Hoover's FBI" [Amazon RECOMMENDED], (i) for teaming up with Hinckle again to author the (1981/1992) book "Deadly Secrets" [Amazon RECOMMENDED], and (j) for authoring the (2001) exposé "Rearview Mirror" [Amazon STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]. Turner's role in perhaps inadvertently obstructing justice during the Garrison investigations is further explored in the entry for Edgar Eugene Bradley. **FURTHER READING**: Turner's (2001) book devotes an entire chapter to the Ramparts struggle.

Tuttle, Holmes: See the entry for California Rangers.

Twining Memorandum: See the entry for Nathan Twining.

Twining, Nathan Farragut: Senior WW2 air war commander (13th, then 15th, then 20th Air Forces) General (U.S.A.F.) Nathan Twining [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the originator of the 23rd September 1947 "Twining Memorandum" [presumptive full text online - worth a look, because it is nowhere near as flaky as it sounds], a considered technical report concerning a spate of encounters with the unidentified "flying discs" nowadays commonly referred to as "flying saucers" or "UFOs", (b) for accordingly being appointed to the 12-man all-the-talents emergency committee set up by President Truman on 24th September 1947 and now commonly known as the Majestic Twelve ... The <Twining Memorandum> is mentioned in several threads, and to accumulate the fullest context readers will need to check out the entries for <Charles Cabell>, the <Roswell Incident and Cover-Up>, and <Operation MAJESTIC TWELVE>. To maintain Twining's biographical narrative, return here when done.

... (c) for becoming Air Force Chief of Staff 1953-1957, (d) for further promotion to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff 1957-1960, and (e) for retiring to write the 1966 political polemic "Neither Liberty Nor Safety: A Hard Look at U.S. Military Policy and Strategy" [Amazon HIGHLY THOUGHT PROVOKING], in which the central thesis is made that since Pearl Harbour "political decisions [...] have overruled the recommendations of the United States' highest military body, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to the detriment of the country's national interest and security" (contemporaneous review [full text online], p103). He died in 1982, aged 84. **FURTHER READING**: For more on the flying saucers side of things see the above-linked entries. There is also much of value in the (2020) Skeptical Inquirer piece by Eric Wojciechowski entitled "General Nathan F. Twining and the Flying Disc Problem of 1947" [full text online]. We have been unable to locate a formal biography.

"Twist Party", The: See the entries for both Elena Garro de Paz and Mexico City Adventure [WORTH A LOOK because this social gathering in Mexico City in late summer 1963 might well hold the key to solving the JFK Assassination mystery once and for all - Ed.].

Twombly, Phillip A: California based banker Phil Twombly [Spartacus Educational biography] used his position to distribute orders and funds for CIA operations, and reportedly commissioned the LHO/Hidell false ID papers from Chauncey Holt.

Ubico Castañeda, Jorge: Guatemalan soldier-politician President[1931-1944] Jorge Ubico [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been approved by the United States on 14th February 1941 as an on-message and compliant banana republic dictator [elections with just one candidate - Ed.], (b) for repeated displays of murderous barbarism toward political enemies, (c) for having been in the pocket of the United Fruit Company [see own entry] and thereby lining his own pockets at his nation's expense, and (d) for having been duly deposed by the 1944 Guatemalan Revolution [see 1st July 1944].

***** CANDIDATE PRESENT DAY DEEP STATE (LOYB GROUPS) *****

UK National Defence Association (UKNDA): Founded in 2007 as a British deep state lobby group, the UK National Defence Association (UKNDA) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context
for their continual bewailing of low levels of investment in Britain’s armed forces. Among the founder members were (in alphabetical order): **Lord "Ming" Campbell** [Wikipedia biography], **Winston S. Churchill** [Wikipedia biography], intelligence chief **Sir Richard Dearlove** [Wikipedia biography], **Field Marshal Lord Guthrie** [Wikipedia biography], **Colonel Bob Stewart** [Wikipedia biography], **Admiral Lord West** [Wikipedia biography]. For their latest projects check their website.

**Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA):** [Read firstly the entry for Yaroslav Stetsko.] Founded in 1940 to "assist in the struggle for the independence of the Ukrainian nation", **UCCA** [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for assisting over 33,000 displaced Ukrainian refugees to emigrate to the United States between 1938 and 1952, and (b) for being chaired during the mid-1960s by "captive nations" lobbyist **Lev Dobriansky** [Wikipedia biography].

**Ukrainian National Information Service:** Founded in 1976 in Washington, the **Ukrainian National Information Service** [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as an adjunct to the **Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA)** [see own entry], and (b) being well served by **Chumachenko, Katherine** [later Kateryna Yushchenko].

**Ulate Blanco, Luis Otilio:** Costa Rican journalist turned politician President[1949-1953] **Otilio Ulate** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for the controversy surrounding the 1948 elections (he was elected on the day with 55% of the vote, but **President Picado** [see own entry] and rival candidate **Rafael Calderón** [see own entry] Refused to accept the result, alleging vote-rigging) | [see 2nd February 1948], (b) for having waited patiently on the side-lines during the ensuing 18 months of civil war in which acting **President Picado** [see own entry] fought it out with claimant **José Figueres** [see own entry]. Ulate was only able to be safely sworn in on 7th November 1949, complete with a new Constitution which deliberately dis-established the Costa Rican army.

**ULFKOTTE, UDO:** See [Timeline 26th July 2022].

"Ultimate Sacrifice": See the entry for **Lamar Waldron**.

**Umbrella Dart Theory:** [Read firstly the entry for Burris Memorandum] This is the notion which was propounded by **Richard Sprague** and **Robert Cutler** in the mid-1980s, to the effect that **Umbrella Man’s** umbrella was a flechette-firing blowpipe of some sort - [YouTube it now]. It was not. It was something far more sinister - see next the entry for **Louie Witt** - IMPORTANT.

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** The more sinister alternative explanation is that the umbrella was a cynical and pre-calculated farewell insult on behalf of a primary conspirator. As such it must be counted as an unnecessary self-indulgence, because professional assassins have no room for settling scores at a yah-boo personal level. And the conspirators probably realised this. So if we knew who fed the flechette balderdash to Sprague and Cutler we would have a better idea who was protecting the real secrets.

**Umbrella Man:** See the entry for **Louie Witt**.

**Underhill, John Garrett ["Gary"], Jr.:** WW2 veteran (military intelligence), **LIFE** Magazine military correspondent, and some time CIA informant **Gary Underhill** [Wikipedia biography] came to the conclusion after the assassination that a CIA clique had organised it and had indeed used **LHO** as a "patsy". Underhill was found dead by convenient "suicide" 8th May 1964.

**Underwood, Martin:** Democratic Party advance man, "honorary" SS agent [but in many eyes an inveterate story-teller] **Martin Underwood** [no convenient biography] was not present in the motorcade at the time of the assassination, having been employed instead on advance security for LBJ. He would be interviewed by primary researcher **Vince Palamara** in 1992, confirming to him (a) that there had been lots of threats and rumours before the visit, and (b) that special arrangements had had to be made
at Chicago, Tampa, and Miami. In Miami, for example, the Secret Service had compiled a 6-page watch-list of potential suspects. [Our verdict - unsafe witness, but no great surprises in 1992 material.]

Union Terminal Company: Owner and operators of the railyard north-west of the TSBD - see also North Tower.

Union Theological Seminary: See the entry for Reinhold Niebuhr.

Union Terminal Company: 

***** ANTHRAX AND PLAGUE WEAPONISED *****
***** TESTED ON HUMAN GUINEA PIGS *****
***** NOW SAFELY IN CAMP DETRICKMD *****

Unit 731: Based at Harbin, Manchuria, during the 1937-1945 war, **Unit 731** [Wikipedia briefing] was the Japanese Army's CBW research establishment, infamously responsible for the systematic use of Chinese prisoners-of-war and civilians as human guinea pigs in some very ghoulis experiments, that is to say, by systematically exposing them in various experimentally controlled ways to CBW agents so as to determine the most effective way of weaponising same for offensive use; also to develop countermeasures in case Japanese troops were ever to be on the receiving end of a CBW attack - or got too close to one of their own.

**ASIDE AND RECOMMENDED READING:** Two of the most commonly used agents were anthrax spores and bubonic plague, the latter delivered by air-dropped canisters filled with inflected fleas. Both agents - being difficult to contain - were field tested far from base on remote towns and villages across occupied China. This sort of experimentation was also extended to American prisoners-of-war in Mukden. The story first became common knowledge thanks to **Sheldon H. Harris**' 1994 book "Factories of Death: Japanese Biological Warfare, 1932 - 1945, and the American Cover-Up". Check out also the 1998 History Channel documentary "Unit 731: Nightmare in Manchuria" [YouTube; IMDB] (which includes interviews with Mukden survivors). The Harris book is quite expensive now, but the man himself is interviewed to camera in this documentary. Harbin's surviving buildings are today part of the **Unit 731 Museum** [museum website] - take a virtual tour.

Unit 731 was commanded by **Shiro Ishii** [Wikipedia biography], the "Father of Biological Weapons". Ishii had undertaken a two year fact-finding tour of Western microbiological research centres - presumably including visits to the Edgewood Arsenal [see own entry] and Porton Down [see own entry] - in the late 1920s, and upon his return had made CBW his life's work. The Japanese invasion of China then provided him with research subjects a-plenty. After the war, Ishii and his top team successfully plea-bargained with United States CBW specialists from Camp Detrick [see own entry], exchanging the data they had accumulated from their human vivisection experiments [this being a research option not available to conventionally ethical scientists - Ed.] for their lives. Detrick's recorded judgement is that - ethics notwithstanding - the United States "got a bargain. For the parallel extraction of German secret weapons scientists see the entry for Operation Paperclip.

Unitarian Service Committee: See the entry for Albert Schweitzer College.

**ASIDE:** For the broader historical setting and lots of examples, check out the Banana Wars.

**United Fruit Company (UFCO):** Formed by merger in 1899 the United Fruit Company [Wikipedia briefing] controlled the Central American banana trade for the ensuing 70 years. The secret of its success was to maintain sufficient influence in Washington to determine which "servile dictator" would rule the "banana republics" concerned.

**ASIDE:** In the 1950s, the company's high level contacts could hardly get any higher, including as they did their corporate lawyer, Secretary of State **John Foster Dulles** [see own entry], and shareholder, Director of the CIA **Allen Dulles** [see own entry]. The company's most flagrant enforcement action followed the
Guatemalan Arbenz regime's compulsory purchase of some uncultivated UFCO land in March 1953. The company simply used the CIA to depose Arbenz [see 18th June 1954] and install a yes-man in his stead.

**ASIDE:** Back in the 1960s, the United Fruit Company was second only to the CIA on the Hippie left-winger's hate list. This was because the company featured in David Horowitz's [check him out] 1965/1967 book "From Yalta to Vietnam" as being responsible for the systematic exploitation of half of Latin America. The background facts are nowadays freely - almost defiantly - confessed on the Internet, but in those days it was totally intoxicating political gossip, and it fuelled a lot of anti-Vietnam student protests. The present author is on his third copy of the Horowitz book.

United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP): The UNSCOP Committee [Wikipedia briefing] was formed 15th May 1947 to recommend what action to take for the future government of Palestine. Representatives of 11 nations were set to work and reported back 3rd September 1947, recommending an end to the British Mandate and partition of Palestine between Arab and Jew. These recommendations were then the basis of General Assembly Resolution #181 29th November 1947. One of the two Guatemalan delegates was Jorge García Granados [see own entry].

United States Institute of Peace (USIP): Founded in 1984 in fulfilment of a promise by President Reagan, the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as one of the United States' most influential publicly funded war studies institutions.

United World Federalists: See the entry for Priscilla Johnson McMillan.

*Unternehmen Sonnenwende:* See the Companion Timeline at 15th February 1945.

Urdy, Q. D. ['"Red"']: The name Q. D. Urdd [no convenient biography] came up in Bob Vernon's 1994 testimony to the Assassination Records Review Board, when it was alleged that Urdd had been commissioned by Jack Ruby in around October 1963 to acquire some rifles and scopes.


U.S. Cyber Command: Established in 2009 at NSAHQ, Fort Meade, MD, and reporting to the broader U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Cyber Command [Wikipedia briefing] delivers surveillance, analysis, influence [see the entry for propaganda], and direct interference [see the entry for Arab Spring] into the worlds of social media and related communications technology (and thence, of course, into the real world).

USNS Comfort: Converted in 1986 from a supertanker into one of the USN's two uncommissioned hospital ships, the now-ageing USNS Comfort [Wikipedia shipography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been deployed in October 2018 as part of Operation Enduring Promise [see own entry], a hybrid insurgency and intelligence gathering operation dressed up as a humanitarian operation on behalf of the Venezuelan refugee diaspora in neighbouring Colombia and beyond. For more on this operation see this U. S. Southern Command briefing.

U.S. Grain Corporation: See the entry for Julius H. Barnes, then as directed.


Va'ad Le'umi: See the entry for Jewish National Council.
Van Deman, Ralph Henry: American careerist soldier General Ralph Van Deman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning the craft of military intelligence during the Spanish-American War [see 15th February 1898], supporting operations against Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines, (b) for thereby being headhunted for a reconnaissance trip to China in 1906, (c) for thereby being well qualified to head the Mapping Section at the War Department 1907-1911, (d) for returning to China 1911-1912 to report on Japanese activities there, (e) for returning to Washington to modernise the military intelligence capabilities of the War Department, (f) for being put in command 3rd May 1917 of the fledgeling Military Intelligence Division, and for putting it to the test in the European War, and (g) for travelling to France with the American delegation in late 1918, and for acting as head of security for said delegation through until the end of the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 11th January 1919], not returning to Washington until August 1919.

Vandenberg, Hoyt Sanford: Careerist military aviator turned senior Cold War air staff General (U.S.A.F.) Hoyt S. Vandenberg [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating from the U.S. Military Academy in 1923 and being commissioned into the (then) U.S. Army Air Corps, (b) for rising steadily through the ranks and entering staff college at Fort Leavenworth 1934-1936, (c) for joining the teaching staff there, eventually being head-hunted in 1939 as a planning aide to the Chief of the Air Corps, (d) for redeployment in 1942 onto the air staff managing the U.S. air forces in the North Africa Campaign, flying on many operational flights 1942-1943, (e) for time spent 1943-1944 in the Soviet Union on liaison with Stalin's air force, (f) for returning in 1944 to help deliver the air campaign over Normandy and the ensuing advance on the Reich, (g) for being made Director of Intelligence at the (then) War Department in January 1946, (h) for stepping up to Director of Central Intelligence between June 1946 and May 1947, (i) for returning to the air force in June 1947 as Deputy Chief of Staff, thereby (like Secretary of Defence James Forrestal [see own entry IMPORTANT PARALLEL NARRATIVE] a couple of months later) walking straight into the controversy surrounding the spate of encounters with the unidentified "flying discs" nowadays commonly referred to as "flying saucers" or "UFOs", (j) for accordingly being appointed to the 12-man all-the-talents emergency committee set up by President Truman on 24th September 1947 and now commonly known as the Majestic Twelve ...

The <UFO Scare and Aftermath> is mentioned in several threads, and to accumulate the fullest context readers will need to check out the entries for <Charles Cabell>, the <Roswell Incident and Cover-Up>, and <Operation MAJESTIC TWELVE>. To maintain Vandenberg's biographical narrative, return here when done.

... and (k) for making full Air Force Chief of Staff in April 1948, serving through until 1953. He died in 1954, aged 55. Vandenberg AFB (previously Camp Cooke) was renamed in his honour in 1958. FURTHER READING: For more on the flying saucers side of things see the above-linked entries. For a formal biography see Philip S. Meilinger's (1989) "Hoyt S. Vandenberg: The Life of a General" [Amazon (rare)],

Vanderlip, Frank: Banker Frank Vanderlip [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been President of National City Bank [Wikipedia briefing] during the 1900s, when he supported moves to create the Federal Reserve System [check it out].

Vansittart, Robert Gilbert, 1st Baron Vansittart: Career diplomat and author Robert Vansittart [Wikipedia biography] was Permanent Under-Secretary at the British Foreign Office between 1930 and 1938, during which period his consistent anti-Nazism lost him friends in Britain's Nazi-appeasing fraternity. When war came he made his skills and contacts available to the intelligence services until 1941, when he retired to the House of Lords.

Varney, Dudley Dexter: Homicide detective Dudley Varney [Obituary, 2015] led the LAPD investigations into the assassination of RFK.
Varney, Eric: Associate of Fletcher Prouty, who is cited by Prouty as being the first to reach the conclusion that the U-2 Incident was self-inflicted (insufficient hydrogen having been placed on board for the flight, resulting in a loss of power), and that it must therefore have been a CIA black op.

Vaughn, Roy Eugene.: DPD Patrolman Roy Vaughn [no convenient biography] appears in some histories as having worked with Patrolman Marvin Wise to arrest a second set of three tramps - the Harrelson set - which they duly brought back to DPDHQ. This achievement was then soured when Vaughn was subsequently blamed - unfairly, it would eventually be adjudged - for allowing Jack Ruby into DPDHQ on the afternoon of 24th November 1963, on his way to silence LHO. Vaughn's evidentiary profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (perhaps significantly, this deposition covers events of 24th November 1963 only, and makes no mention of the arrests on 22nd) [read it now].

Vaughan, Todd Wayne: Assassination researcher Todd Vaughan [no convenient biography] was author of the 1993 research paper "Presidential Motorcade Schematic Listing" [full text online - ESSENTIAL REFERENCE WORK], in which the vehicles and their occupants are listed and helpfully annotated.

Veciana Blanch, Antonio: Cuban exile Antonio Veciana [Wikipedia biography] was recruited as a CIA death squad member [codename AMSHALE-1 - Ed.] by David Atlee Phillips after the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion in April 1961, only to fail again in an October 1961 bazooka attack on Fidel Castro. In 1962 he co-founded the "aggressively independent exile group" (Hancock, 2010, p50) Alpha 66 to continue the struggle, and by early 1963 he had been adopted as an Army Intelligence asset (Ibid., p55). He reportedly met with Phillips in Dallas sometime in September 1963, at which meeting someone he would later recognise as LHO was also present ...

**ASIDE - THE VECIANA-PHILLIPS-OSWALD MEETING:** Hancock (2010, p99) gives the date 1st September 1963, and states the venue as the Southland Building [Wikipedia briefing and map]. Upon arrival Veciana found Phillips in conversation with a young man he would later testify was LHO, who also expressed anti-Castro views. We have to be slightly flexible as to the date because Judith Vary Baker has it that 1st September was her last day with boyfriend LHO, and that they spent a full [!] day together in New Orleans (Baker, 2014). So think in terms of a window of three or four days starting 2nd September.

In April 2017 Veciana's memoirs (co-written with Carlos Harrison) were published under the title "Trained to Kill" [Amazon] - YouTube one of the reviews.

Velmouth, Robert A.: Bank of Chicago employee Robert Velmouth [no convenient biography] would be called upon by the FBI to explain the banking procedures by which the "A. Hidell" money order for Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 was cleared.

Venona Project: [STUB] Established 1st February 1943 by the U.S. Army's Signals Intelligence Service (SIS) [Wikipedia briefing], and operational through until 1980, the Venona Project [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the United States' main counter-intelligence tier decryption program. It was thus concerned with deeply encrypted diplomatic traffic rather than the more matter of fact operational stuff. For an example of one of its 3000 or so successes over the years, see the entry for John Scott.

Ventura, Jesse: [Born James George Janos] Vietnam War veteran (U.S. Navy special forces) turned professional wrestler turned movie actor turned politician turned author-celebrity Jesse Ventura [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for demonstrating to camera in 2010 that it was not possible for LHO to have got off three aimed shots from the Sniper's Nest in the TSBD in the time available using a Mannlicher-Carcano rifle - YouTube his experiment, (b) for providing a Foreword to the 2011 reissue of L. Fletcher Prouty's (1973/2011) book "The Secret Team" [Amazon], and (c) for pointing to some of the many inconsistencies in the official explanation of the 9/11 False Flag Attacks - YouTube a typical TV interview from 2012.
**Vérinage:** [French = support, jack; and as here, also the applied physics thereof] This is the French term for the science of architectural load bearing and the sister science of demolition. The secret of the Vérinage Demolition Technique [Wikipedia briefing] is to create a horizontal weakness on one or two floors about half way up the building, such that at the moment of truth the final supports can be easily cut through. This brings the intact top part of the building down hard on the bottom part, creating a gravity-sustained simultaneous "crush-down" of the bottom floors and "crush-up" of the top floors. Done properly, all you are left with is a pile of rubble and little or no lateral ejecta beyond the building's footprint. There is a short but highly entertaining (2009) introduction to the subject online under the title "Vérinage Compilation - Explosiveless Demolition" ...

**YouTube it here** ENTERTAINING AND INFORMATIVE

To appreciate the relevance of vérinage in an encyclopaedia of conspiracy theory, see next the entry for Jon Cole, who notes compelling similarities between the behaviour of the French buildings coming down and the collapses of the three Lower Manhattan skyscrapers during the 9/11 Attacks. Here, from his 3rd December 2010 video "The 9/11 Experiments: Collapse vs. Demolition" is Cole's principal accusation (at 5:20 for 70 seconds) ...

**YouTube "The 9/11 Experiments" here** ESSENTIAL VIEWING

**Vernon, Robert G.:** *Truth, Truth, Truth, Inc.* researcher Bob Vernon [no convenient biography] gave evidence to the Assassination Records Review Board in 1994 concerning his organisation's role in uncovering three important new witnesses, namely Q. D. Urdy, Tosh Plumlee, and James Files [q.v.]. Following the death of initial researcher Joe West, he was successful in getting the Files confession on 3rd May 1993. Vernon's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony [read it now].

************ PROBABLE FRONT-LINE RADIO-MAN ************

**Vidal Santiago, Felipe:** Cuban exile and CIA operative Felipe Vidal [Spartacus Educational biography] was a member of INTERPEN and took part in a number of raids on Cuba in the early 1960s. He had reportedly conspired with/been funded by both General Edwin Walker and H. L. Hunt. Some recent theories identify him as the Hispanic radio man - Dark Complcted Man - sat on the kerb of Elm Street a mere 10 feet from the JFK kill zone - YouTube him? in Dealey Plaza now.

**Villard, Oswald Garrison:** [Read firstly the entry for United Fruit Company.] Journalist and civil rights activist Oswald Villard [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 7th June 1922 *The Nation* editorial entitled "The Republic of Brown Bros", in which he warned very explicitly against the perils of "Dollar Diplomacy", that is to say, of framing U.S. foreign policy simply to fill the pockets of financiers and traders.

**Vinson, Robert G.:** [Read firstly the entry for T. F. White. This entry broadly follows the account in Jim Douglass' 2008 book "JFK and the Unspeakable", extracts of which are readily available online.] 34-year-old NORAD assigned U.S.A.F. Ataff Sergeant Robert Vinson [no convenient biography] had travelled to DC on 20th November for a promotion board. On 21st November he had been in the office of a Colonel Chapman when the latter had to take a telephone call. During that call he overheard the Colonel advising a person unknown that the President should call off his visit to Dallas because "there had been something reported". On the morning of 22nd November he was trying to hitch the most appropriate flight out of Andrews AFB in the general direction of Colorado Springs. The first to come up was a flight to Lowry AFB, Denver, which he duly boarded. It was a Douglas C-54 Skymaster cargo plane [check one out], but wholly memorable because it carried no identification markings other than an unfamiliar design on its tail - "Its only identification was on its tail—a rust-brown graphic of an egg-shaped earth, crossed by white grid marks".
The two-man flight crew boarded after him, said not a word to him, and then took off, heading west. Sometime after 1230hr the intercom announced curtly that the President had been shot, whereupon the plane diverted sharply to the south. Three hours later it landed at what Vinson recognised as Dallas, on "a rough sandy area alongside the Trinity River". The plane took on two passengers, who again said not a word to him or to each other.

ASIDE: This is the patch of undeveloped flood plain we have chosen to describe as Oak Cliff International Airport (OCX). Vinson described it as being just under a mile long, and situated between the Cadiz Street viaduct [now the I35E] and the Corinth Street viaduct. The pick-up/turn-round area was at the Corinth end. Google Earth it from Corinth now. The pick-up point is less than a mile's drive from the El Chico restaurant discussed in the entry for T. F. White.

Vinson later described the two passengers as a tall Latino and an LHO Look Alike. They took off, and landed in due course at what he would learn was Roswell AFB, NM, whereupon the two flight crew and the two passengers immediately ran off into the darkness leaving him to make his own way to the tower complex. He was not allowed off base to continue his journey home until the post-assassination alerts were eased. Subsequent assignments kept him close to CIA establishments, and subject to additional CIA oaths of secrecy. After 30 years of keeping his head down - but still bound by his oaths of secrecy - Vinson was interviewed 23rd November 1993 by Larry Hattteberg of KAKE-TV - YouTube it Now - and his story was then featured in James Johnston and Jon Roe's 2003 book "flight from Dallas". Browse both the Balcony Arrest Thread and the LHO Look Alike Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story, but be aware that it might all be a post-JFK intelligence services counter story!

Vlasov, Andrey Andreyevich: Russian Red Army general turned figurehead Nazi collaborator General Andrey Vlasov [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for taking part in the Red Army's Moscow and Leningrad campaigns 1941-1942, being captured by the Germans on 12th July 1942, (b) while in captivity, for volunteering his services to the Nazis, promising them a veritable army of like-minded never-willingly-Communist Russians to fight in field grey alongside them ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: The Germans would most certainly have jumped at the opportunity, having mounted precisely this sort of psy op throughout 1914-1917 to encourage desertions from the Tsarist Russian armed forces [see Timeline 8th April 1917]. Such things are known as "spreading alarm and despondency" [Hansard briefing], and could (and still can) easily get you locked up (or worse) under Britain's 1914 Defence of the Realm Acts [Wikipedia briefing SALUTORY] or its revisions from time to time up to the present day and its ubiquitous Ministries of Truth.

... (c) for duly doing the rounds during 1943 and early 1944 as a propaganda asset, with a small staff (and large press corps), but no troops as such ...

ASIDE: When volunteers were found they were issued with a distinguishing shoulder patch and attached to regular Wehrmacht units. Vlasov, in other words, was a general for publicity purposes only.

... (d) for finally being allowed in late 1944 to command a division of the Russian Liberation Army (ROA) [see own entry], Seeing action against the Red Army on the Oder River in February 1945. (e) for being captured in the closing days of the war, and (f) for being executed in Moscow after a brief show trial the following year.

Vlasov Army/Movement: See the entries for Andrey Vlasov and the Russian Liberation Army (ROA).
Voebel, Edward: 23-year-old florist Edward Voebel [no convenient biography] had been a school friend of LHO and fellow member of David Ferrie's Civil Air Patrol squadron. Voebel's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Volkov, Konstantin: See the Volkov cameo in the entry for Kim Philby.

Von Bolschwing, Otto Albrecht Alfred: WW2 veteran (SS\footnote{Intelligence Officer; adjutant to Adolf Eichmann}) Otto von Bolschwing [Wikipedia biography] was recruited by U.S. Army Intelligence toward the end of the war, and he duly supported Allen Dulles' CIA operations in Europe until 1954, whereupon he emigrated to the U.S.

\footnote{Not Secret Service, the other one.}

Von Mohrenschloldt, Dimitri/Sergius: See de Mohrenschilt, Dimitri/Sergius.

Von Peacock: See the entry for George Evica.

Von Pein, David: Online broadcaster David von Pein [no convenient biography] manages a number of YouTube channels, including his personal JFK Channel. This latter offers a highly informative stream of newsreel, editorial, and similar media memorabilia - YouTube one now.

Vonsiatsky, Anastasy Andreyevich: [Nickname Annie] White Russian refugee aristocrat Count Anastasy Vonsiatsky [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being evacuated from the White Russian stronghold in the Crimea in 1920, arriving in the United States in 1922, (b) for organising a network of fellow proto-fascist White Russians in his adopted home country, and for following a generally pro-Nazi line during the rise of Hitler in the 1930s (albeit he was generally careful not to alienate anti-Communist Jews, whose support might later be useful), (c) for founding the Russian Nationalist Revolutionary Party, a.k.a. All-Russian Fascist Organisation (VFO) [ditto] in 1933 (in Connecticut), publishing its Faschist (sic) newsletter, and parading in full Nazi regalia whenever possible, (d) for clarifying in 1940 that his party was directed solely against the Soviet Union and in no way threatened the United States, (e) for being interviewed by the FBI in 1942 [by which time the United States was at war with Germany and an ally of the Soviet Union - Ed.] and jailed for four years for pro-German activities ...

ASIDE: Vonsiatsky was very thoroughly investigated at the time, and the best available biography of his early years is provided by this detailed FBI archive piece. It is not clear how much encouragement the VFO received from the U.S. government in the mid-1930s as part of its quite vicious propaganda campaign against Stalin - see, for example, the entries for Fred Beal, Walter Duranty, and Isaac Don Levine.

... and (f) for featuring quite heavily [that's him on the front cover - Ed.] in John Bevilaqua's (2013) book "JFK: The Final Solution" [Amazon], wherein he is (f.1) named as a long-standing associate of General Charles Willoughby [né Tschepppe-Weidenbach] [see own entry EXPLAINS SO VERY MUCH], and (f.2.) suggested as being one of the two over-talkative accessories to the JFK assassination described in the entry for the Winnipeg Airport Incident [see own entry INTERESTING and Timeline 13th February 1964] [although for our part, we remain to be convinced of this latter assertion - Ed.]. FURTHER READING: For much more on the part played by White Russians in encouraging American Fascism see historian John J. Stephan's (1978) book "Russian Fascists" [Amazon].

Vrangel, Pyotr: See Companion Timeline 19th October 1918 [may appear also as Wrangel – Ed.].

Vrla, Deputy Frank L.: Korean War veteran and Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Frankie Vrla [no convenient biography] was one of three officers sent to Oak Cliff by Allan Sweatt to investigate the killing of Patrolman J. D. Tippit, but before he could get there his car was re-routed to the Texas Theatre, where he finally assisted in LHO's arrest. Vrla's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].
"Vulcans": Named rather appropriately after the Greek God of Fire, the "Vulcans" [Wikipedia briefing] were the coterie of six policy advisors who provided presidential candidate George W. Bush with his veneer of foreign policy competence during the 1999-2000 election campaign and who were then rewarded with positions of power in the ensuing Bush Administration, whereupon one of their first operations was to cover up the 9/11 False Flag Attacks [q.v.]. The six were Richard Armitage [q.v.], Dick Cheney [q.v.], Colin Powell [q.v.], Condoleezza Rice [q.v.], Donald Rumsfeld [q.v.], and Paul Wolfowitz [q.v.]. Wolfowitz's aide Libby Scooter [q.v.] gave close support from time to time after 2001, but was not one of the original six campaign advisors. Other fringe Vulcans are listed in James Mann's [q.v.] 2004 book "Rise of the Vulcans" as Stephen Hadley [q.v.], Douglas Feith [q.v.], Dov Zakheim [q.v.], Richard Perle [q.v.], Robert Blackwill [q.v.], Robert Zoellick [q.v.], Zalmay Khalilzad [q.v.], and Paula Dobriansky [q.v.].

Wade, Henry Menasco: Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade [Wikipedia biography] was at the Dallas Trade Mart at the time of the shooting. Around 1500hr he learned from Sheriff Bill Decker that "Don't say nothing about it, but they have got a good suspect". Wade's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Wadsworth, Gladstone Antonio Marc: Leftish journalist, author, and civil rights activist Marc Wadsworth [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the representative of the Momentum Black Connexions [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] advocacy group, who on 30th June 2016 was the on-stage half of the highly public spat with Labour M.P. Ruth Smeeth which saw her perform a Political Flounce [see own entry] and him subsequently expelled from the Labour Party. For more of the gory details, see the entry for Ruth Smeeth.

Waggoner Carr Papers: A research archive from the desk of Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr is presently maintained at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX [go to the archive homepage].

Wagner, Cyril: Cy Wagner [no convenient biography] was the Advertising Director of the Dallas Morning News, and therefore boss of Jerry Coley [q.v.]. It was he who on 26th November 1963 confirmed that the two FBI agents who wished to interview Coley were, indeed, who they said they were. Wagner's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

***** "War is show business" *****

"Wag the Dog": Directed by Barry Levinson, the (1997) black comedy "Wag the Dog" [IMDB entry] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a minor masterpiece of political satire in its own right, and (b) for being recommended 30th March 2020 by forensic historian James Corbett in a 19-minute piece entitled "The Totally Spontaneous Health Worker Balcony Applause Phenomenon" [YouTube it now LIKE IT OR LOATHE IT, YOU'LL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN]. The film is loosely based on Larry Beinhart's (1995) novel "American Hero" [Amazon], and demonstrates how thin the line is between spin and outright and malevolent political lying, especially in an era where truth precedes events and confirmatory video can be conjured out of thin air by skilled media technicians. The screenplay includes memorable lines as "War is show business", "The President is a product!", and "The war isn't over until **I** say it is". You might even try spotting the devices at work in your country's - whatever that country might be - MSM coverage of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Waibel, Max: See Timeline at 3rd February 1945.

Wainwright, Richard: Great-great-grandson of Benjamin Franklin and career U.S. Navy officer Richard Wainwright [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Executive Officer aboard USS Maine on her final momentous voyage. He had previously served in the Far East 1890-1893, and had been made the Office of Naval Intelligence's Chief Intelligence Officer in 1896, reporting to Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt [see own entry]. One of his first ONI
jobs was to carry out a study into a growing epidemic of coal bunker fires. He then joined the Maine
on her politically sensitive Cuban deployment in November 1897 just after she had been dry-docked
for hull maintenance, monitored her coded communications with the Navy Department during her 21
rather strained days at anchor in Havana harbour, escaped with his life when her recently maintained
hull was blown open on the 22nd evening (possibly from a coal bunker fire), and then closely
managed divers' access to the wreck for the ensuing weeks [check it all out]. When the Spanish-American
War broke out on 25th April 1898, he was transferred to command the armed yacht USS Gloucester,
and served with Nelsom flair at the Battle of Santiago Bay on 3rd July 1898 [check it out]. He then
became Superintendent of the Naval Academy 1900-1902, before becoming heavily involved in the
early "Banana Wars" in Central America in the 1900s [check it out]. He retired 1911, and died 1926.

Wake Island Conference: [Read firstly the entry for Dry River Incident.] The Wake Island
Conference Wikipedia briefing was a high level drains-up conference of U.S. political and military leaders
held on 15th October 1950 on Wake Island. The purpose of the conference was to discuss how best
to handle the diplomatic backlash following the Dry River Incident [q.v.], the 8th October U.S.A.F.
incursion into Soviet airspace west of Vladivostok, during which a Soviet airbase had been strafed.
The Washington delegation (making what for them was an 18,000-mile round trip) consisted of
President Harry S. Truman, Special Assistant Averell Harriman Wikipedia biography, SECARM Frank
Pace, Jr. [Wikipedia biography], Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Omar Bradley Wikipedia biography,
Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs Dean Rusk, and U.S. Ambassador at Large Philip
biography]. And (making a 4000-mile round trip) from Tokyo came theatre commander Douglas
Many juniors accompanied. The conference was - relative to travelling time - brief. It began with a 45-
minute heart-to-heart [read "Truman hit the roof"] between Truman and MacArthur, running into a 20-minute
senior figures meeting, running into a 90-minute general meeting. President Truman announced that
it had been his most successful conference since becoming president [five years earlier - Ed.],
MacArthur just grunted, and the U.S. presented an official apology to the U.N. Security Council on
19th October, saying that the officers responsible had been duly disciplined.

Waldron, Lamar: Assassination researcher Lamar Waldron Wikipedia biography was first author to Thom
Hartmann on the (2005/2006) book "Ultimate Sacrifice" Amazon - RECOMMENDED, in which it is
argued that The Big One, a CIA-backed coup - codenamed AMWORLD [q.v.]- to remove Fidel
Castro from power, had been due to take place on 1st December 1963, but had been turned by the
intervention of rogue CIA man David Morales into an attempt instead on the American presidency.

businessman [Sir]1954 Bernard Waley-Cohen Wikipedia biography is noteworthy in the present context
(a) for working his way through just about every one of London's prime civic appointments at one
time or another, and (b) for having served as Vice-Chairman of the Palestine Corporation [see own

noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the Shell Oil Company in 1901, soon working his
way up to board level, (b) for serving as petroleum advisor to the War Office throughout WW1,
earning himself a 1920 knighthood for his efforts, (c) for helping to set up the Palestine Corporation
[see own entry] in 1922, and (d) for heading the 1936-1939 The Focus [see own entry] fund-raising initiative
by which Winston Churchill's liquor bills (and other expenses) were paid off in return for his taking
a more aggressive line against Hitler.

Walker, Charles T.: DPD Patrolman Charles Walker [no convenient biography] happened to be out of his
patrol car in the Fire Station in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas when he heard of the shooting on their
television. He drove immediately to the TSBD, and parked "right in front of the building". Finding
that the search of that building was already under way, he helped control access and egress. When he then heard that an officer had been shot in Oak Cliff he went back to his car and - allowing "two newspapermen" to ride with him - drove to the site of the shooting. Here one of the newsmen got out, and he then "cruised" the area until he spotted a "person fitting the description on the air" near the library at Jefferson and Marsalis. He called this in and a number of units converged on the building. It proved to be a false alarm however, so he started cruising again until the call came in mentioning a suspect at the Texas Theater. Once there he assisted the search of the aisles and the final arrest of LHO (fully detailed in his Warren Commission testimony below). He was then in the police car which took LHO back to DPDHQ, where he stayed with him "until the time the detectives took him over". Officer Walker's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 3rd December 1963 [read it now - DIFFICULT TO FIND]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Walker, Major-General Edwin ["Ted"] Anderson:** WW2 and Korean War veteran and unapologetic right-winger General Edwin Walker [Wikipedia biography] became part of the JFK story after nightfall 10th April 1963 when an unknown assailant tried unsuccessfully to shoot him at his desk from the darkness of his garden (full details in the Warren Commission testimony below). The assailant made off into the night, and the incident was quickly set aside as an unsolved attempted murder until after the JFK assassination when it was adjudged that the April assailant had in fact been LHO. Many scenarios then come to mind. Was it all a set-up, a publicity stunt perhaps, in which the shooter deliberately shot to miss? Had it indeed been LHO outside in the bushes? Had he been working alone? Was he being groomed as a patsy as early as April? After the shooting Walker was increasingly involved in the John Birch Society right-wing lobbying and personally helped whip up mob hysteria in the run-up to a public speech in Dallas on 24th October 1963 by U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Adlai Stevenson, II [Wikipedia biography]. Walker deliberately spoke in the same venue the evening before, extolling the ultra-right agenda point by point. Interestingly, LHO was one of the 1200 people who had attended, subsequently referring to same in a 1st November 1963 (dated by postmark) letter [read it now] to Arnold Johnson, the head of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. The 24th October speech duly degenerated into the Adlai Stevenson Riot [q.v.]. General Walker's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. It will later emerge that Walker was something of a closet homosexual all this time, with arrests in 1976 and 1977 for "lewdness" in restrooms (Roe, 2016).

**Walker, George Herbert, Sr.:** See the entry for Bush/Walker Family.

**Walker, Walter:** See the entry for Western Goals (UK).

***** Candidate JFK Conspiracy Connally Shooter *****
[LBJ henchman-gopher and house assassin]

**Wallace, Malcolm ["Mac"] Everett:** Texas-born LBJ-gopher, regular at the Dallas Gun Club, and convicted murderer Mac Wallace [Wikipedia biography] was first implicated in the JFK assassination in Glen Sample and Mark Collom's 1995 book "The Men on the Sixth Floor" [Amazon RECOMMENDED], when, acting on information from Loy Factor [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT], they placed him on the 6th Floor of the TSBD along with LHO. Sample and Collom also interviewed fellow workers at Ling Electronics, Anaheim, CA, where Wallace had been working at the time of the assassination, who described him as stand-offish and secretive, and - more to the point - not on site on 22nd November 1963. More recently, Rod MacKenzie's (2016) analysis of the assassination puts him as head of a two-man team stationed on the 6th floor of the TSBD along with Factor himself, and credit him - at Z235 - with firing the second shot from a .30-06 [≈7.62mm] scope-less bolt-action rifle, hitting John Connally in the back.

**CAMEO - WALLACE THE SHOOTER:** In his (1989/2013) "Crossfire" [Amazon], veteran JFK researcher Jim Marrs profiles Wallace's part in the assassination as follows ...
Wallace, who died in a car accident in 1971, was elected president of the Student Union at the University of Texas at Austin after returning home from the Marines during World War II. In 1950, he was introduced to Lyndon Johnson by Johnson's attorney Ed Clark and soon was working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Texas. In October 1951, Wallace was arrested and convicted in the murder-for-hire death of [one] John Kinser, who reportedly was in ill favour with Johnson due to his dating Johnson's sister, Josepha. Represented by Johnson's attorneys, Wallace nevertheless was convicted, with eleven of the jurors calling for the death penalty. However, the trial judge overruled the jury and announced a sentence of five years' imprisonment, which he immediately suspended. This was not the only murder attributed to Wallace. Several deaths occurred during government investigations into Johnson's business dealings but the one that gained the most attention was the shooting death of 

Henry Marshall [see own entry] [+++ details +++]. On the day of the assassination, some twenty-odd fingerprints recovered from [TSBD6] could not be connected to either Oswald, other Depository employees, or investigators. These prints were placed in the National Archives and generally forgotten except by John F. ["Jay"] Harrison [no convenient biography], a Dallas police reservist and JFK assassination researcher. Harrison arrived on the scene of the assassination within minutes and maintained his research until his death in May 2005. In the late 1990s, Harrison enlisted the aid of Nathan Darby, the retired head of the Austin, Texas, Police Department's Identification and Criminal Records Section, in matching the Depository prints with a jail card belonging to Mac Wallace [... concluding that] **there was no doubt that Wallace was one of the shooters**" (pp293-294).

After the shooting Wallace was reported running from the rear of the TSBD and being driven off in a get-away vehicle.

Wallace died 7th January 1971 when his car ran off U.S. 271 and hit a bridge (although as a semi-alcoholic this need not have been the result of foul play).

1 commonly spoken as "thirty-aught-six" or "thirty-oh-six" in shooting circles.

Wallace, Robert A.: Assistant Treasury Secretary Bob Wallace [no convenient biography] was nominally responsible for the Secret Service, but left its day-to-day administration to James Rowley.

Walter, William S.: [Read firstly the entries for Francis Martello and John Quigley.] Teletype operator/night clerk William Walter [no convenient biography] had been on night duty at the FBI's New Orleans office when at around 0145hr 17th November 1963 he received an all-stations SAC [=Special Agents in Charge] teletype from J. Edgar Hoover which said that information had been received to the effect that an assassination attempt would be made on 22nd November, and requesting a trawl of informants for any relevant word on the streets. When this story came to light in 1975 the FBI denied the message had ever existed. However in his 2006/2010e book "Someone Would Have Talked" Larry Hancock points out that it would have been perfectly reasonable for said message to have been sent given the number of threats earlier in the month. Hancock also points out that it was Walter who had processed the message from NOPD's Lt. Martello that LHO, presently in custody for disturbing the peace by distributing **Fair Play for Cuba Campaign** leaflets, wished to speak to the FBI. Walter duly found "multiple cards" of types "105 and 134" (indicating that the prisoner Oswald was an established FBI informer), as a result of which Quigley visited him on 10th August. [Our verdict - if you believe the 17th November story, then you have to believe the informer story; or you can reject both.]

Walters, Ralph: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Ralph Walters [no convenient biography] was one of the law officers who entered the TSBD a few minutes after the assassination. For the primary account of the ensuing search see under Weatherford, Harry. Walters' evidential profile is as follows: Sheriff's Office Notes, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Walther, Carolyn: Dallas resident Carolyn Walther [Spartacus Educational biography] was standing on Houston Street between Elm and Main and saw two men with rifles at TSBD windows, but was uncertain which floor exactly. Walther's evidential profile is as follows: FBI Report, 5th December 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. Note that along with other perfectly credible witnesses to multiple TSBD shooters - not least Richard Carr - Walther was, for whatever reason, not called by the Warren Commission.
Walthers, Deputy Eddy Raymond ["Buddy"]: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Buddy Walthers [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of the law officers who entered the TSBD a few minutes after the assassination. For the primary account of the ensuing search see under Harry Weatherford. Walthers was then sent to Oak Cliff by Allan Sweatt to investigate the killing of Patrolman J. D. Tippit, but before he could get there his car was re-routed to the Texas Theater, where he finally assisted in LHO’s arrest. He was then sent to the Paine House to assist the search there. It may or may not be relevant that fellow Deputy Roger Craig held a dim view of Walthers' abilities, describing him as having "absolutely no ability as a law enforcement officer". Walthers was killed in a shoot-out while making an arrest on 10th January 1969. Walters' evidential profile is as follows: Sheriff's Office Notes, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Wang, Ming: Chinese politician from the early 1920s through to the late 1940s, Wang Ming [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as an early player in the complex politics of the Chinese Civil War [see 12th March 1925]. He sided with the Communists at the time of the Kuomintang-Communist schism in 1927 [see 1st October 1927], spending two years in Moscow founding the 28 Bolsheviks Communist pressure group [see own entry]. In 1929, however, his Russian version of Communism fell flat in China when faced with the home-grown Communism which had been put in place during his absence by the likes of Zhou Enlai [see own entry]. Specifically, they and their Russian handler Pavel Mif [see own entry] were seen as Stalinist stooges. Wang was therefore never quite at the centre of the Chinese Communist war effort during the 1930s and 1940s, and retired to Moscow with no great ceremony in 1956.

War Finance Corporation: See the entry for Eugene Isaac Meyer.

War Welfare Commission: See the entry for Reinhold Niebuhr.

"The mildest-mannered man that ever personally conducted a revolution" (Kellock, 1915)

Warburg, Paul Moritz: German-born American banker Paul Warburg [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having in 1895 joined his great-grandfather's Hamburg-based M. M. Warburg and Company [Wikipedia briefing] as the latest partner in a banking dynasty dating back to 1798 (and still going strong in 2018), (b) for re-locating to New York City in 1902 to join his brother-in-law’s Kuhn, Loeb and Company [see own entry], and (c) for generally leading moves 1906-1913 toward an American central banking system based at all levels upon the use of "promissory notes", and specifically for attending the 1910 Jekyll Island Conference [see 20th November 1910]. After WW1 he will go on to found the American Acceptance Council [no convenient briefing] (a sort of reserve bankers' trade guild/bankerhood) in 1919, and help establish the International Acceptance Bank of New York [full technical briefing] (a reserve banking monopoly trust) in 1921, both closeted administrative adjuncts of the slightly more transparent main Federal Reserve Board [see own entry].

War Propaganda Bureau: Established by Asquith's War Cabinet 6th August 1914 with Charles Masterman [see own entry] as Director, and operational within a month [see 2nd September 1914], the War Propaganda Bureau [Spartacus Educational briefing] was the nerve centre of Britain's WW1 foreign consumption propaganda effort. In February 1917 it was subsumed into John Buchan's more broadly remitted Department of Information, and its work dovetailed with that of the National War Aims Committee (NWAC) [see own entry]. [THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE] [THREAD = CALLERS OF INNOCENTS TO WAR]

------- MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN (1975 VERSION) -------

Ward, Chester Charles, Rear-Admiral: One time Judge Advocate General of the U. S. Navy Chester Ward [no convenient biography, but there are many fragments online to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context as the highest-profile member of the right-wing think tank, the Council on Foreign Relations
(CFR), ever to walk out on it for being too wishy-washy in its vision of what it means to be a modern American. Uncannily foreseeing the MAGA campaigns of the Trump era, the CFR was, Ward claimed, far too interested in "one-world government" for America-First Americans such as he [see the CFR's own entry for more of the details - Ed.].

**Ward, Stephen Thomas**: Osteopath, artist, socialite, and procurer [Wikipedia biography] Stephen Ward was an influential figure in London society between 1945 and 1963 thanks to his skills (a) with dodgy joints, and (b) at procuring girls for Establishment high rollers.

**RESEARCH ISSUE**: It has been pointed out that JFK had three flings as President-Elect or later with girls with suspected links to Soviet intelligence. Of these, two - Mariella Novotny [q.v.] and Suzy Chang [q.v.] were introduced by Ward (the third - Ellen Rometsch [q.v.] - seems to have been sourced locally). It has also been suggested that on his London visit in June 1963 JFK had his famously bad back treated by Ward the osteopath, having been recommended to him by advisor and past satisfied customer Averell Harriman [q.v.].

Ward was also a well-respected portrait artist (many minor royals, and the Eichmann Trial). He committed suicide (perhaps) after having been patsied by MI5 after the Profumo Affair [q.v.].

**Ware, [Sir]1920 Fabian Arthur Goulstone**: British journalist turned colonial administrator turned Western Front ambulance driver turned high end gravedigger Major General [Sir]1920 Fabian Ware [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having held a number of positions in the South African civil service during the early 1900s and for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for becoming Editor in 1905 of Lord Glenelsk's conservative daily The Morning Post, a position he would hold until 1911, (c) for then trying his luck as management consultant to (and soon a director of) the Rio Tinto Company [see own entry], (d) for volunteering in 1914 to command a Red Cross ambulance unit behind the Western Front, (e) for his unit being brought under Army command in 1915 with himself commissioned with the rank of Major, (f) for founding the Imperial War Graves Commission in 1917, and thereby being promoted to Major General and knighted, and (g) for returning to public service in WW2 at the War Office.

**Warren Commission**: [Properly, The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy] The Warren Commission was the enquiry authorised by LBJ on 29th November 1963 under the far-from-willing chairmanship of Earl Warren. The commission submitted its report on 24th September 1964. Its principal conclusion, namely that LHO was a lone-nut non-conspirator, was subsequently formally reversed by the House Select Committee on Assassinations in 1979.

**Warren, Earl**: Lawyer [Wikipedia biography] Earl Warren was asked by LBJ to head up the public enquiry which became known as the Warren Commission. He was initially reluctant to accept the honour, but quickly fell into line when LBJ threatened to tell his wife about a certain extramarital indiscretion.

**Waters, George Roger**: British celebrity musician (Pink Floyd and solo) turned surprise left-wing darling Roger Waters [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for front-paging the campaign to prevent the vexatious extradition from Britain to the U.S. of whistle-blowing Australian journalist Julian Assange [Wikipedia biography].

[YouTube Waters at Work Here](10 minutes)

**WDSU-TV/Radio**: New Orleans television/radio channel founded in 1948 by Edgar B. Stern, Sr and Edgar B. Stern, Jr.

**Wean, Gareth ["Gary"] L.:** WW2 USN veteran turned Ventura County investigator Gary Wean's [no convenient biography] 1987 book "There's a Fish in the Courthouse" exposes graft and corruption in that county in the post-war years. It is noteworthy in the present context for an anecdote concerning a December 1963 lunch date with friends Dallas County Sheriff Bill Decker and film star (and Honorary Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy since honeymooning in Dallas in 1949) Audie Murphy.
With the assassination still fresh in everyone's minds the conversation soon turned to whether LHO could have fired the necessary three shots in the time available. Nobody around the table - Decker included - thought it possible. Decker then offered to introduce the others to someone who "could set the record straight". They re-convened in Ruidoso, NM, a few days later, on which occasion Decker brought with him a man identified subsequently as Texas Senator John Tower, but known cryptically on the day merely as "John". The scenario he presented will now be summarised ...

The Wean Scenario: According to Tower, LHO had been a CIA agent with a carefully constructed Marxist persona (from his highly publicised activities in both Moscow and New Orleans). He had been controlled by E. Howard Hunt, and was part of a major anti-Castro false flag operation, namely an orchestrated attempted assassination of JFK which could then be blamed on Castro. It had all gone horribly right, and the intelligence community was presently (late 1963) in a state of shocked confusion.

Weatherford, H. W.: Dallas County Sheriff's Senior Deputy Harry Weatherford [no convenient biography], reputedly that force's best marksman, claimed in his Sheriff's Office Report, 23rd November 1963 [read it now] to have been "standing in front of the Sheriff's Office" when shots were fired. He then entered the TSBD with Deputies Eugene Boone, Luke Mooney, Ralph Walters, and Sam Webster, and they made their way from 1st, to 7th, to 6th Floor in that sequence. When they reached TSBD6 Mooney soon called out that he had found "some shells" over by the "sniper's nest" window, and Weatherford accordingly gave instructions "to preserve the scene for the Crime Lab". Other theories - not least that put forward in Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke) - place him as a gunman on the roof of the County Records Building, and a 2017 Bitchute video entitled "Where Was Harry Weatherford?" [view it now] very much leaves the matter open.

ASIDE: Just to complicate matters we need to mention that if Weatherford was indeed a gunman his mission would probably have been NOT to shoot JFK at all, but to take out the TSBD6 assassins - see the fake assassination theory suggested by Gary Wean.

***** Investigative Journalist Silenced *****

Webb, Gary Stephen: American investigative journalist Gary Webb [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his Dark Alliance series of anti-corruption investigations 1996-1997, in which he exposed CIA-sponsored cocaine trafficking out of Nicaragua, (b) for moving on to a position with the California State Legislature in 1998, remaining with them until February 2004, (c) for a short period with the Sacramento News & Review later that year, (d) for the dubious accomplishment of committing "suicide" by shooting himself TWICE in the head on 10th December 2004, and (e) for being commemorated in a flurry of postings on Twitter in January 2022, as a martyr to the cause of truth in journalism. Check out the man himself ...

   YouTube - Gary Webb Alive
   YouTube - Gary Webb Silenced

OUR VERDICT (FWIW): This case certainly presents as a revenge killing (either by the CIA itself as an enemy of Freedom, or else by the traffickers for monies lost) dressed up as a suicide. However, we have not seen the detailed autopsy report and therefore accept the Sacramento Coroner's recorded judgement that the first bullet was poorly aimed and would not have been fatal. As such we call it a fifty-fifty suicide-query-murder.

***** Investigative Journalist Professionally Belittled *****

Webb, George: American investigative journalist George Webb [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser; Twitter account] is noteworthy in the present context as the source of the American Patient Zero story [see Timeline 18th October 2019 and 26th March 2020]. The best indicator of the factuality of his story can be calculated from the sheer volume of dismissive vitriol cast his way in the weeks following its publication - click here for an example. Only time will tell whether that proportionality is direct or inverse.
"... no good at maths, no good at science ..."

Webb, Justin: BBC Radio 4 Today current affairs presenter Justin Webb [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the subject of the 23rd November 2017 interview by a La Chât [see own entry] Senior, on the theme of "Impartiality" [see Timeline that date, and follow the sub-threads <The Corruption of the BBC> and <The Corruption of the BBC>] ...  

ASIDE: Alternatively, do without the contextualising narrative and just YouTube it now. Oleagenous.

(b) for nevertheless being accused of sniggerfesting a senior Labour Party politician during the mid-2019 Brexit negotiations - see Timeline 10th July 2019, and (c) for being mentioned by BBC whistleblower John Sweeney - see Timeline 24th November 2019 - as having done "paid corporate gigs" for globe-shrinking Messrs Fix-It, Henley and Partners [see own entry].

Webber, John D. ["Death Squad"], Jnr.: Colonel John Webber [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having commanded the United States' presence in Guatemala in the mid-1960s, and, as U.S. military attaché, for encouraging the use of government death squads in the struggle against the Fuerzas Armadas Rebeldes (FAR) [see own entry]. For more on these events we recommend William Blum's (2004 [extracts online]) entitled "Killing Hope: U.S. Military and CIA Interventions since World War II".


***** PRIMA FACIE FAUX DEFECTOR TO THE SOVIET UNION, 7/59-5/62 *****

Webster, Robert Edward: [A.k.a. Guide-223] American polymers chemist turned exhibitions technician turned intelligence double-agent Robert E. Webster [Mary Ferrell Database entry] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of the "guides" - intelligence assets - mentioned in a now declassified document dated 20th October 1959 as having been on the montage staff at the American National Exhibition in Moscow [Wikipedia briefing] the preceding month ...

Readers unfamiliar with the use of trade fairs and commercial organisations as "fronts" for the infiltration of intelligence operatives into hostile lands should check out the entry for <CIA Front Organisations> (and/or any James Bond book) before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the story of <Lee Harvey Oswald>'s faux defection to the Soviet Union should check out the Timeline entry for 16th October 1959 before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the <1960 U-2 Incident> should skim this Wiki before proceeding.

PREFACE - WEBSTER, THE BASICS: Webster was "Guide-223". The "Guide-nnn" naming standard seems to have been a CIA codenaming protocol in force at that time within the Domestic Contacts Division (DCD) [Wikipedia briefing]. Operation LONGSTRIDE [contemporary CIA internal briefing] was the Air Force Intelligence codename for the computerisation of its record-keeping systems at that time (Hill, op. cit. inf.). However, precisely what this IT project involved [it could, for example, have been just creative accounting with the Congressional allowance - Ed.], and why it might have required the insertion of a "dangle" inside the Soviet Union, remains unclear (ibid.). In any event, such "defections" (predictably enough) fooled nobody.

CAMEO - WEBSTER, THE DEFLECTION: Guide-223's insertion began in July 1959 and took nearly three months to accomplish. Here from Simpich (op. cit. inf.) is the broad perspective ...

"Here's something to mull over. Robert Webster defected to the Soviet Union in late 1959, two weeks before Lee Oswald. He returned two weeks before Oswald's return in 1962. It wasn't a coincidence. Whether Oswald and Webster knew it or not, U.S. intelligence used both men as 'dangles' to learn more about Soviet military plans and to try to unearth enemy spies known as 'moles'. Webster, a materials specialist at the Rand Development Corporation [Wikipedia briefing], was on the cutting edge of the use of fibreglass [albeit not as a proper boffin - Ed.]. He was asked to help out at the construction of the American Exhibition in Moscow in 1959. [+++ details +++] A [10th September 1959] Domestic Contacts Division memo refers to Webster as Guide 223, days after he announced his intention to defect. [+++ other guides discussed +++] Soviet intelligence took the bait. They sought out Webster and asked
him if he could help them in the burgeoning field of rockets and jet engines. Webster's American handlers were delighted. [...] Webster and Oswald had some similarities in appearance [+++ details +++]. On [22nd November 1963], fifteen minutes after JFK was shot, an 'unidentified witness' described the shooter as slender, 5 foot 10, 165. This description was picked up by the Dallas police radio. There is nothing slender about a man of that size. These were words off a script, designed to frame Oswald for the killing of the President. [...] Similarly, Webster was surrounded by intelligence officers both before and after his sojourn to the Soviet Union. One of them was Ned Bennett [see own entry PREDICTABLY REVELATORY], who made a point of interviewing Robert Webster at length when he came home from the Soviet Union. Bennett was described at the time as a CIA officer specialising in 'covert action and propaganda'. [...] Five years later, when public distrust about the government's version of the JFK case was at one of its periodic high-water marks, Bennett wrote a memo [providing] 'chiefs of certain stations and bases' around the world with 'material for countering and discrediting the claims' of all those who challenged the notion of Lee Oswald as the sole assassin of President Kennedy. He advised that 'book reviews and feature articles are particularly appropriate for this purpose'. [...] Webster's role in the JFK story is an important one. Like many people, he was unwittingly used by elements within U.S. intelligence in the development of the 'legend' surrounding the Soviet defector Lee Oswald" (pp1-3).

... (b) for filing a full report after his return ...

CAMEO - WEBSTER'S ACCOUNT: Hill devotes his entire Chapter 3 to the day-by-day account of Webster's time in the Soviet Union. Here - heavily abridged - are the key dates (we have interpolated the date of the U-2 shoot down [thus] in order to align the two narratives) ...

"In July 1959 [...] Webster approached two of the Soviet officials involved in arrangements for the Exhibition [...] He asked them for information concerning the procedure for a U.S. citizen to remain in the Soviet Union. [+++ detail +++] Webster was told not to tell anyone of his intentions and given a biographical sheet to take with him and fill out. Later, when reviewing the data sheet, the Soviets were dissatisfied with his motives for defecting. [...] He subsequently rewrote the form [...] but still] the Soviet authorities tried to dissuade Webster from defecting. [+++ another meeting is arranged +++] He told Soviet chemists that he could help them make the Rand spray gun he had demonstrated at the U.S. exhibition. This seemed to do the trick and on September 9 he was told he had been accepted by the Soviets. [+++ detail +++] On September 30, just as his visa was about to expire, Webster wrote the American embassy and told them he would be staying in the U.S.S.R. [...] On October 17, 1959, Webster was living in Moscow. [+++ details of settling in +++] On January 27, 1960, a letter was delivered to Webster from his father. It contained [+++ disturbing family news +++]. At that point, Webster decided to return to the United States. [...] Moscow arranged for Webster and his girlfriend to visit there for the May Day celebration. [1st May 1960 U-2 shot down] [+++ prolonged negotiations then take place +++] and in February 1962, Webster was finally granted a Soviet exit visa. [...] He arrived in the United States as an alien under the Russian quota on May 20, 1962. [...] He then applied for repatriation” (pp47-51).

... (c) for featuring in a wave of lurid press pieces at the time of his defection and return, but then quickly disappearing into obscurity [Hill provides a detailed resumé, if interested - Ed.], (d) for being located by Hill in 1993 in a nursing home, but proving not competent to be interviewed, and (e) for featuring as the "other Oswald" in Hill's eventual op. cit.. He died in 1999, aged 71. FURTHER READING: Webster is the eponymous "other Oswald" in Gary Hill's (2019) "The Other Oswald: A Wilderness of Mirrors" [Amazon RECOMMENDED]; lawyer-encyclopaedist Bill Simpich [see own entry] provided the Preface to that work. The Mary Ferrell Foundation entry lists several dozen declassified government documents of relevance, if interested.

Webster, Deputy Sam: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Sam Webster [no convenient biography] was one of the law officers who entered the TSBD a few minutes after the assassination. For the primary account of the ensuing search see under Weatherford, Harry. Webster's evidential profile is as follows: Sheriff's Office Notes [UNABLE TO TRACE]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT TAKEN].

Wecht, Cyril Harrison: Experienced medical examiner Cyril Wecht [Wikipedia biography] published academic critiques in the late 1960s of the medical conclusions put forward in the Warren Commission Report, and his research interests earned him the privilege, over two days in mid-August 1972, of being the first to inspect the National Archives autopsy evidence. As reported in the New York Times on 27th August, JFK's brain was not at that time available to inspect [nor would it subsequently
This in turn earned him a seat in 1976 on the nine-member Forensic Pathology team advising the House Select Committee on Assassinations. He was the sole dissenter to the Committee's validation of the Single Bullet Theory. Wecht's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; House Select Committee on Assassinations testimony [read it now]. Browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story. He speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

Wedge Issues: This term first appeared in the early 1990s. It refers to the deliberate and cynical targeting of persuasive discourse on divisive issues - abortion, civil rights, belief in aliens, chemtrails, etc., etc., etc. - precisely because they can be guaranteed to split a population in two and set them - ultimately - at each other's throats. As explained in Steven Hager's 2017 book "Killing Kennedy", "wedge issues are the fulcrums deployed to divide and conquer" (p152). That hum you hear - as you read these words - is social media doing exactly that. And it does not just happen: it is both a precise science and a major big-campus industry.

Weil, Felix: See the entry for Institute for Social Research (ISR).

***** INFLUENTIAL KABBALIST-ZIONIST *****

Weisblum, Elimelech [of Lihzensk]: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching COMPULSORY SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] White Russian (b. 1717, Tykocin [map], then Kingdom of Poland) proto-Zionist activist Elimelech of Lizhensk [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for forging a career as a rabbi in Israel ben Eliezer's [see own entry] Hasidic Judaism [Wikipedia briefing], (b) for promoting same across Eastern Europe during the middle decades of the 18th Century, and (c) for setting down his teachings in 1786 in "Noam Elimelech" [full text online (courtesy of the Targum Press) WELL WORTH A LOOK].

Weishaupt, Adam: Dealt with in the entry for Nesta Webster, which see.

Weiss, Seymour: Businessman and civic leader Seymour Weiss [Wikipedia biography] was a business associate of Clay Shaw in the NOLA International Trade Mart. One of his businesses was the New Orleans Hotel Roosevelt [as mentioned in the entry for Enno Hobbing].

Weiss, Victor J.: Psychiatrist Dr. Victor Weiss [no convenient biography] was the mental health assessor at East Louisiana State Hospital, Jackson, LA, where Rose Cherami was hospitalised on 21st November 1963, suffering a drug withdrawal crisis.

Weissman, Bernard William: Having arrived in Dallas only as recently as 4th November 1963, 26-year-old Bernard Weissman [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having served as a Military Policeman in the U.S. Army between August 1961 and August 1963, alongside fellow veteran Larrie Schmidt [see own entry], (b) for then helping to set up "a conservative organization" - in fact, a chapter of the John Birch Society - in Dallas, (c) for thereby being involved with Joseph P. Grinnan, organiser of right-wing protests in the run-up to the Presidential visit, even to the extent of having his name at the bottom of the famous Welcome Mr. Kennedy advertisement, (d) for later being rumoured to have met with Jack Ruby and DPD Patrolman J. D. Tippit around this time (which rumour he strongly denied), (e) for being interviewed in 1992 by forensic historian Dick Russell, who noted as follows ...

"Weissman was one of five Jews whom Schmidt had recruited in Munich in the summer of 1962. [...] Joseph Grinnan, an independent Dallas oilman and volunteer coordinator for the John Birch Society, gave Weissman the nearly $1,500 he had collected to pay for the ad [...] Until the rapid capture of the 'fanatic leftist' Oswald, the initial press reports of November 22, 1963, focused on the right-wing-sponsored, black-bordered, ad. Its creators quickly decided to go 'underground'. [...] From all the testimony taken by the Warren Commission,
Weissman certainly seemed to have no inkling of what was to transpire the day of the ad. [Nevertheless he] left Dallas a few days after the assassination" (Russell, 1992, pp204-205

Weissman's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2 - WORTH A LOOK].

Weitzman, Seymour: Texas-born WW2-veteran and DPD Deputy Constable Seymour Weitzman [Spartacus Educational biography] was standing on the corner of Main Street and Houston when the shooting occurred. He then ran to the railway yard and found "numerous kinds of footprints that did not make sense because they were going different directions". He then took part in an ascending search of the TSBD, and when he saw the rifle recovered there identified it "in a glance" as "a 7.65 Mauser bolt action". Weitzman's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report (where the Mauser was first recorded) not found online; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera, CBS 1968 [YouTube it now] in which he corrects himself.

Weizmann, Chaim: White Russian-born German-trained British naturalised chemist and Zionist activist turned munitions magnate turned statesman Chaim Weizmann [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for combining his early studies (at Darmstadt, Berlin, Fribourg, and Geneva) with Zionist activism, (b) for moving on to the University of Manchester in 1904, for being naturalised British in 1910, and for lobbying Zionism into the British political establishment at ever higher levels of seniority, (c) for discovering how to produce acetone by the industrial-scale fermentation of readily available starchy biomass such as maize and horse chestnuts, (d) with acetone (a key solvent in the production of cordite) in seriously short supply, for thereby being asked by Munitions Minister Lloyd George at the height of the 1915 Shells Crisis [see the 14-part sub-thread beginning 27th March 1915, or go direct to Part XIII at 6th June 1915], to oversee the requisitioning of brewery sites to brew acetone instead of beer, (e) for being deeply involved with the Zionist lobby in the period of the Sykes-Picot negotiations [see 5th January 1916], (f) for becoming the fifth President of the World Zionist Organisation in 1921 (a position he would hold until 1931, then again 1935-1946), and for Chairing the 1921 12th Zionist Congress [see 1st September 1921], (g) for continuing in like vein during the interwar years, (h) for succeeding David Ben-Gurion [see own entry] as Chairman of the Provisional State Council of Israel [see 16th May 1948] and (i) for becoming in due course first President of the State of Israel [see 17th February 1949]. [THREAD = THE SHAPING OF THE MODERN WORLD] [THREAD = THE NEVER-ENDED RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR, 1917-ONGOING]

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Welch, Robert Henry Winborne, Jr.: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching ESSENTIAL.] Atheist fundamentalist [!] Robert W. Welch [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as one of the founders in 1958 of the ultra-right wing John Birch Society (JBS), and the author of its constitutional "Blue Book" [Amazon], (b) for making much of the threat of world communism, and for arguing for a return to the McCarthyist purges of the early 1950s, (c) for drafting a 200-page polemic entitled "The Politician" [Amazon], a copy of which was leaked to the Chicago Daily News in August 1960, famously accusing President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles of perhaps being communists themselves, so half-heartedly did they act against it ...

***** See the JBS entry for his activities 1958-1963 *****

... and (d) for falling out with fellow JBS founder Revilo Oliver in the mid-1960s, by which time he was preaching a updated variant of the much older Illuminati Conspiracy [Wikipedia briefing], which posited a world-wide secret society which made it their business to parachute compliant politicians into nations which somehow displeased it. He died in 1985, aged 85. FURTHER READING: For the full story see Chapter 14 in John George and Laird Wilcox's (1996) "American Extremists" [Amazon].

Wellington House: Synecdoche for the War Propaganda Bureau, which see.
Welsh, David: Political journalist David Welsh [no convenient biography] was the author of the November 1966 Ramparts article entitled "In the Shadow of Dallas", in which, using the vehicle of a spoof review of a non-existent new book, he cleverly made the case for a three-shooter assassination conspiracy. The piece worked admirably in a land which knows a conspiracy when it sees one (it chooses to blind-eye them, but that's a different story). Unfortunately its very success brought the dangers posed by grassroots conspiracy theorists to the eyes of the villains of the piece, the CIA, who immediately called down fire upon them, with the result that they have fought a very one-sided losing battle ever since.

**** CANDIDATE JFK CONSPIRATOR (TECHNICAL SERVICES) ****

[Veteran OSS irregular and CIA camp follower; specialist armourer; denizen of the moral deep]

"The master armourer of the CIA" (Hinkle and Turner)

"The silencer was Mitch WerBell's trademark" (ibid.)

"Silencers were used extensively [in Dealey Plaza]" (Twyman)

"To get to the bottom of the JFK assassination, look at WerBell" (Twyman)

WerBell, Mitchell Livingston, III: WW2 OSS veteran (Burma-China theatre) turned Cold War arms dealer with close CIA connections (Far East and South America) Mitchell WerBell [Wikipedia biography; Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been born in Philadelphia in 1918 to a refugee Czarist - that is to say, White Russian - cavalry officer, (b) for serving with the OSS in the Burma-China Campaign ...


It may also help to skim the 36 entries for <Chennault's Various Air Forces> in the Timeline 3rd June 1937 through 11th August 1960.

CAMEO - WERBELL AND THE BURMA IRREGULARS: Here is Hancock (op. cit. inf.) with some important background ...

"A look at WerBell's WWII OSS associations may be even more interesting than WerBell himself. WerBell was in the OSS unit that operated in Burma/China during the war. This unit was commanded by Colonel Paul Halliwell [featured in the entry for Thomas G. Corcoran INDICATIVE] [...]. Other personnel included Howard Hunt [see own entry], Lucien Conein [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY], and John Singlaub [see own entry SOME INTERESTING RUMOURS] (p322).

... (c) for prospering as a freelance security consultant in Latin America during the 1950s ...

CAMEO - WERBELL JOINS THE CIA: The literature is thin for the years in question. Mellen (op. cit. inf.) describes WerBell as "a CIA contract employee and former Batista security adviser" (k3138), and Burns (2020 [full text online RECOMMENDED ARTICLE]) mentions similar work for the Dominican Republic's President Rafael Trujillo. Hancock (op. cit. inf.) then explains how the earlier Batista connections evolved into anti-Castro contracts after the Cuban Revolution [Wikipedia briefing] ...

"WerBell's first contact with the CIA was in July, 1959 [...] when he managed to get a call through to General [Charles] Cabell [see own entry A CONSPIRACY SUSPECT IN HIS OWN RIGHT]. He informed Cabell that he was engaged in public relations activities with Cuban exiles [who] had asked him to assist them in returning to Cuba. [...] General Cabell [referred] him to the Western Hemisphere staff, and they brought WerBell up to D.C. for a meeting. Details of this interview (at the Statler Hotel) are covered in a lengthy CIA memorandum [concluding] that WerBell had helped some Cuban exiles (Batista followers) by brokering currency exchange in Miami, and this had gained him an introduction to Batista's people in the Dominican Republic. [...] The CIA memo notes that WerBell talked about his personal military expertise, but that his military record shows no actual combat experience. [...] The summary section of the CIA memo refers to WerBell's business difficulties and pictures him as a typical promoter, prone to exaggeration. [...] The underworld associations detailed [...] Based on this meeting, WerBell was given provisional operational approval in July, 1959, and activated as a temporary field agent. [...] He was terminated as a source in October [it being judged] that he wanted to use the Agency to fund his personal business ventures and that his information was all second or third hand. [...] WerBell's next encounter with the CIA was in the fall of 1962 [then working with FINCA, Frutas Intercontinentales in Santo Domingo [capital city of the Dominican Republic - Ed.]] [...] and] with Mario
... (d) for becoming best buddies with fellow soldier-of-fortune Gerry Hemming [see own entry ARCHETYPAL MERCENARY], reportedly modifying the latter's prized Johnson M1941 and Bushnell Hunting Scope in readiness for the April 1961 Bay of Pigs Operation (Jackson, op. cit. inf.) ...

To avoid duplication, this story continues in the entry cluster for <Roy B. Payne>, <Richard Hathcock>, <Jerome K. Crowe>, and <Loran Hall>.

To maintain flow of narrative, divert to those entries and return here when done.

... (e) for consolidating his arms business at "The Farm", in Powder Springs, making himself a world specialist in silencer technology [with a valuable patent in said technology in 1964 - Ed.] ...

CAMEO - DOWN ON THE FARM: HSCA senior researcher Gaeton Fonzi [see own entry] describes WerBell as "an arms dealer who ran a 'farm' outside of Atlanta that was really a training camp for professional killers" (k1548). Other sources add specifics, as follows ...

"WerBell was a colourful character, a connoisseur of fine whiskey, bon vivant of staggering stamina, and showman extraordinaire. He was known to drag a potential customer from a hotel bar to the lobby, where he demonstrated a gun by firing into the phone book. Once, in the Georgetown Inn in Washington, he impressed Israeli officers with how quiet his expensive silencer was by shooting through a window at garbage cans below" (Hinckle and Turner, 1981/1992, p301).

"Silencers were used extensively [in Dealey Plaza]. These were Sionic [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] silencers purchased through Mitchell WerBell. [...] Hemming told me several times, 'If you want to get to the bottom of the JFK assassination, look at WerBell'" (Twyman, 1997, K16874/17809).

... (f) for being there in the shadows in the early months of the JFK conspiracy ...

Readers unfamiliar with U.S. Cold War operations in Eritrea should see the entry for <Thomas G. Proctor> before proceeding.

Readers unfamiliar with the recovered diary of contract assassin (possibly the infamous QJ/WIN himself) <Jean Pierre Lafitte> should see the separate entry before proceeding.

CAMEO - WERBELL AND QJ/WIN-LAFITTE: WerBell features in no less than five of the entries in Lafitte's 1963 datebook (the last on 28th February). Here is the first (the "Proctor" in question was political scion and deep state facilitator-lawyer Thomas Grattan Proctor [as above]): "[WerBell] was known to Pierre Lafitte, who, on February 5, 1963, made the note: 'Werbell guns - in desert with Proctor in Eritrea'" (Albarelli, op. cit. inf., p276). Albarelli also has a lot to say about WerBell in a chapter entitled "The Generals, The Teams, and the Kill Squads". Here is an indicative extract ...

"No investigation into the long shadows cast while the conspiracy to assassinate Kennedy took shape is complete without naming Mitchell Livingston WerBell, soldier of fortune and successful arms merchant. [...] Named in the Lafitte datebook on five dates during the first quarter of 1963, [...] it's indisputable that in early 1963, Lafitte was privy to (and perhaps directly involved with) certain of WerBell's activities" (pp441-443).

... (g) for possibly being in Dallas on the day of the assassination itself ...

CAMEO - WERBELL IN DALLAS: A number of sources (e.g., Burns, op. cit.) place WerBell in Dallas on the day of the assassination. This accords well with the opinion expressed by Prouty (op. cit. inf.) that the CIA's specialist coupster Edward Lansdale was also on the scene.

ASIDE: For more on the faces-in-the-crowd approach to assassination research, see the entry for Lucien Conein, which, having briefed you, will then direct you to the work of Eaglesham and Schallhorn (2000 [full text online - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED (IF ONLY TO EXCLUDE)]).
CBS film documentary team headed by producer Jay McMullen [Wikipedia biography], only to descend into a veritable comedy of errors (a long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"The commander-in-chief was to be Rolando ["El Tigre"] Masferrer [see own entry] who was in New York as 'one of the most successful weapons dealers specialising in exile supplies'. McMullen [...] agreed that it might make an interesting documentary on 'international intrigue' and how arms were smuggled in the United States. Thus was born Operation Nassau, as the network codenamed it. [...] In fact, the documentary never aired. [+++ further detail +++] Adding a touch of professional steel was an international arms dealer named Mitchell Livingstone WerBell [...]. He also impressed McMullen when the producer flew down to the WerBell estate [...]. The place was guarded by a fence, German shepherds, and a paramilitary detail in blazers and berets. [...] In June [1966] McMullen took a camera crew to Miami to begin filming. [...] Some lively footage was put into the can. [+++ specimen dialogue +++] Project Nassau was ready for its climactic scenes. McMullen set up field headquarters at the Ocean Reef Club on Key Largo [map] [...]. [+++ further detail +++] On the day after New Year's, 1967, the party was over. The customs men sprung a raid [and 74 men] were taken into custody. The group was indicted for conspiring to violate the Neutrality and Munitions and Control acts, but the press derisively labelled it the 'Bay of Piglets' [*] and questioned whether Masferrer had had any intention of setting out to sea. [...] The claim that there had been a tacit government sanction was given credence when the charges against WerBell were suddenly dropped. [...] Masferrer [two names] and others were convicted and sent to jail” (pp299-309).

[*] The 'Bay of Piglets' sobriquet will resurface in 2020 when a similar operation was mounted against Venezuela - see Operation GIDEON [Wikipedia briefing].

Dorschner (2021 [full text online SHORT BUT SAYS A LOT]) has recently revisited Operation NASSAU, describing it as "the CBS Invasion". The operation was then subject of a Congressional Special Subcommittee, which explains why authors know so much about it - see list of Congressional material here.

... (i) for going into business with Gordon B. Ingram [Wikipedia biography] in 1967 to help market the Ingram range of silenced-armed machine pistols [Wikipedia briefing] ... 

CAMEO - WERBELL AND THE INGRAM: Here is Fonzi again, with the basics ...

"WerBell had run a series of weapons manufacturing and marketing firms - principally Military Armament Corporation [Wikipedia briefing] and its Washington-based parent, Quantum Ordnance Bankers [Wikipedia confirmation] - which supplied countries and select revolutionary groups around the world with advanced weaponry, including the Ingram M-11, a hand-held, quiet machine gun” (k1567).

... (j) for featuring in the 1967 Garrison Investigation, becoming linked to one of the (only) two people ever to be charged in respect of the JFK assassination, namely Edgar Eugene Bradley [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY], and only narrowly escaping being forced to give evidence himself ...

To avoid duplication, this story continues in the entry cluster for <Edgar Bradley>. To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.

... (k) for helping to plan an operation into the Bahamas in 1974 ...

CAMEO - THE ABACO AFFAIR: Here are Hinckle and Turner again ...

"In 1973 WerBell began a 'New Country Project' [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] for a group of capitalist revolutionaries on Abaco Island [map] in the Bahamas [who] believed that the black population of the tourist islands was [preventing their exploitation for] gambling casinos, resorts, and housing restricted to the wealthy” (pp396-397).

... and (l) for being interviewed by the aforementioned Gaeton Fonzi for his (1993) book "The Last Investigation" [Amazon] ...

CAMEO - FONZI'S ASSESSMENT OF THE MAN: Here, to round off this entry, is Fonzi's summary of our man ...

"Down through the years WerBell has popped up with uncanny consistency in operations which have the imprimatur of the CIA, either overtly or covertly. He was all over Miami working with anti-Castro activists at the height of Kennedy's secret war against Cuba. He was in Guatemala when assassination teams swept through that country to bolster the reign of the military. He was in the Dominican Republic when the United States moved in to quash the Communist threat, In

West, Louis Jolyon, MD: Psychiatrist and Korean War veteran (psychiatric) Dr. Louis West [Wikipedia biography] had been involved at Lackland A.F.B., San Antonio, TX, in the psychological debriefing of indoctrinated repatriated prisoners of war, becoming personally convinced that simple deprivation of sleep was the most effective brainwashing vector. He later contributed papers on same to the MK/ULTRA mind control program. He is noteworthy in the present context for having visited Jack Ruby twice in hospital in order to assess his fitness to plead [although some (not least Ruby himself) have argued that it might just as easily have been to shut Ruby up - Ed.].

West, James Files. He speaks fleetingly on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

Westbrook, William Ralph ['"Pinky"']: 46-year-old DPD Personnel Division Captain Bill Westbrook [no convenient biography] was in his office at DPDHQ in plain clothes when the news of the assassination came in. He then helped send all spare officers to Dealey Plaza, and, having done that then set off - on foot - himself. He arrived outside the TSBD just as the call came in that there had been a shooting out at Oak Cliff, and he duly hopped a ride in one of the responding patrol cars. Just as they arrived at the scene he was diverted to a suspect-sighted report in the Public Library, only to find that this was a false alarm. He then returned to the shooting scene and started taking witness notes. He then took off again when the call came in regarding the suspect sighting at the Texas Theater, where he observed LHO's struggle and arrest. He then returned to base. He retired the force in 1966 and took a job as a CIA officer advising the South Vietnamese police force. It is this last factor which would lead Ian Griggs (and others) to assert that Westbrook was part of the conspiracy itself, not just of its cover-up! Westbrook's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. Browse the LHO Wallet Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

BLUE VEIN OF CORRUPTION: [Read firstly the entry for Kenneth Croy.] Westbrook's testimony makes no mention of Oswald's Wallet. Nevertheless he is clearly seen ON CAMERA handling it at the scene - see the entry for FBI Agent Bob Barrett. By any theory of jurisprudence Westbrook should therefore have been asked far more questions than he was.

Western Goals Foundation: Founded as a Private Gestapo [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY] in 1979 by U.S. Congressman Larry P. McDonald [see own entry REVELATORY], black op specialist General John K. Singlaub [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY], and "publisher and spy" John H. Rees [see own entry AN
INTERESTING FELLOW], the Western Goals Foundation [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as an archetype for the sort of privately funded and politically factional intelligence services which at time of writing [= April 2022] have - by systematically silencing debate and pre-approving opinion - brought Humankind to the brink of nuclear, chemical, or microbiological extinction ...

CAMEO - TARGETED SNOOPING IN POLITICAL WARFARE: The story has been told of many senior politicians (not least LBJ, as it happens) that they deliberately started rumours to the effect that an overly popular political rival lay with swine in the Biblical sense, their motivation being that mudslinging of this nature was nigh on impossible to openly refute ("Of course it ain't true, but I want to make the son-of-a-bitch deny it"). Rivals are easier to silence, however, if the accusation is essentially true, and so a politician's staff are always on the lookout for blackmail opportunities. Here, clipped from the Wiki, is how the Western Goals Foundation set up a merry-go-round of professional snoopers not just "digging the dirt" on people, but systematically spreading it, in order to silence dissenting voices ...

***** NOTE THE CYCLICAL MISUSE OF CONGRESSIONAL PRIVILEGE *****

"As a private foundation, Western Goals collected information about alleged subversives and passed the information to law enforcement officials, akin to a 'mini-deep state'. According to former employees, agencies receiving information from Western Goals included the Drug Enforcement Agency, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency, and police departments. [...] The organization was based in a townhouse in Alexandria, Virginia. It also said it had offices in West Germany and Austria. A former employee told Politico in 2018 that more of its funding came from West Germany than the United States. [...] People in law enforcement sometimes leaked derogatory intelligence to Western Goals, which Rees then published in newsletters, which in turn were entered into the Congressional Record by McDonald, which shielded him from libel. Western Goals would then cite McDonald’s statements in its own public reports. Unverified reports by Western Goals accusing American pacifist groups of ties to communism and the Soviet Union were also publicized in Reader's Digest and by the Reagan administration."

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Of course if straightforward opportunities for blackmail cannot be found, it will be possible in many cases to set up an entrapment of some sort, financial or sexual, whereby a political enemy is filmed talking indecorously, or taking bribes, or stealing, or indulging in sexual peccadillos. Note also from the example above that the snooping is far more powerful when embedded in a broader media programme [see the entry for C. D. Jackson for an assessment of Reader's Digest's contribution to this - Ed.].

... (b) for being disbanded in 1986 after the Tower Commission [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY], but not before (c) spinning off a British offshoot, Western Goals (UK) - see separate entry - in May 1985.

Western Goals (UK)1985-1989 / Western Goals Institute (WGI)1989-2001: [Read firstly the entry for Western Goals Foundation ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT.] Founded as a Private Gestapo [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY] in May 1985 as an offshoot of the American parent organisation and known until 1989 as Western Goals (UK), the Western Goals Institute (WGI) [Wikipedia briefing RECOMMENDED] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for sharing exemplar status with its parent as a privately funded and politically factional intelligence service guilty of corrupting nothing less than the democratic ideal itself, (b) for the targeted silencing of criticism of Apartheid in South Africa in the late 1980s, (c) for affiliating itself with the U.S. deep state's World Anti-Communist League (WACL) [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY] and Britain's Conservative Party, (d) for re-branding as the WGI in 1989 ...

CAMEO - THE WGI STATES ITS MISSION: From time to time, WGI's leaders included such specimens of Britain's political elite as General Walter Walker [Wikipedia biography], martinet, duffer, and useful idiot (figurehead); Sir Patrick Wall [Wikipedia biography], right-winger; Gregory Lauder-Frost [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser]; and Merlin Hanbury-Tracy, Lord Sudeley [Wikipedia biography] (vice-president). Their executive director was one Andrew Smith [no convenient biography LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE ONLINE; perhaps on occasions "A. V. R. Smith"]. This, from the Wiki, clearly indicates the unwholesomely racist nature of the endeavour ...

"The institute stated its aims on the BBC in 1991: 'Western Goals works to establish networks and links with conservative groups dedicated to the preservation of the cultures and identities of western nations. We are conservatives who believe in traditional conservative values. A multicultural society does not
work. We wish to protect the way of life we had before immigrants arrived. It was a mistake to permit these people to come here. Politicians must now accept this. Large numbers of immigrants reject European culture and wish to remain alien in religion and culture. We want European culture in European countries. We would seek to have treaties with countries to permit resettlement. " (accessed 29th April 2022).

BREAKING: At time of writing, the Conservative Party is bringing in the Rwanda Resettlement Project [Wikipedia briefing not yet available but plenty of nauseating press commentary] to do just this.

The work of the WGI was assisted by a compliant rightist media and supported by its house journal, European Dawn [no convenient briefing LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE ONLINE].

... (e) for forging links 1989-1991 with France's Front National [Wikipedia briefing], duly attracting protest from equally determined leftish groups, (f) for officially becoming WACL's U.K. chapter in 1991, and (g) for continuing in like vein during the 1990s, before winding itself up in 2001 after the death of figurehead General Walker. Determining the identities of those who took up their banner remains a matter for future research.

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Weyl, Nathaniel: WW2 veteran (U.S. Army) and right-wing journalist Nathaniel Weyl [Spartacus Educational biography] was author of the 1961 anti-Castro book "Red Star Over Cuba" and ghost-writer for John Martino’s [see own entry IMPORTANT SIDE CONSPIRATOR] 1963 book "I was Castro's Prisoner". He also co-wrote Martino's January 1964 article claiming LHO had been to Cuba and met Castro, and was acting on Castro's behalf in assassinating JFK. This combination of career success and right-wing writing indicates he was part of the CIA’s Operation Mockingbird brainwashing program.

Weyler y Nicolao, Valeriano, 1st Duke of Rubi, 1st Marquess of Tenerife: Majorcan born soldier-diplomat General Valeriano Weyler [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been installed by Madrid as Governor of Cuba on 17th January 1896, tasked with defending the island against republican insurgents in the Cuban War of Independence [check it out]. His chosen strategy [in what has recently been described as the Cuban Holocaust - Ed.] is to round up the population at large into tightly curfewed concentration areas, thus deriving the guerrillas of their popular support. This policy - known as reconcentrado in Spanish - causes no little hardship, and both sides are guilty of bloody atrocities. Unfortunately for Weyler, the Cuban insurgency has a well-oiled propaganda machine at its headquarters in New York City, and their pamphletting makes much of Weyler's "brutality" (so too will the American jingo press once they decide to jump on the bandwagon in early 1896). Madrid will be forced to withdraw Weyler following carefully stage-managed international condemnation of reconcentrado on 9th October 1897, leaving behind him an influential faction of right-wing empire-loyalists - the "Weylerites" [see next].

Weylerites: The Weylerites [no convenient factsheet] are notable in the present context for being followers of General Valeriano Weyler [above], Governor of Cuba between 1896 and 1897, and architect of the reconcentrado concentration camps. Their number included senior army officers, businessmen, right-wing politicians, and journalists, and they shared an unquestioned loyalty to Madrid [think Ulster Unionist at the time of the 1914 Curragh Incident and you won't be far out - Ed.]. Which is why they were, and still are, one of the prime suspects in the mining of the USS Maine on 15th February 1898 [check it out].

CONSPIRACY TROPES: In the lexicon of Conspiracy Theory, the Weylerites are a natural candidate for an <over-my-dead-body socio-political elite>. They worked together, worshipped together, wrote and then approvingly read the same newspapers, and generally knew each other inside out. And because of this they were conspiratorial without resorting to lodges, fraternities, and secret signs; nor - should they occasionally resort to direct action - were they ever short of funds in the collection hat or a safe house to go to ground in.

Weyrich, Paul Michael: [Read firstly the entries for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preachers and the Religious Right.] American right-wing activist Paul Weyrich [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for founding
the highly successful **Heritage Foundation** [Wikipedia briefing] in 1973, with financial backing from brewer Joseph Coors, and (b) for jointly founding the **Moral Majority** with **Jerry Falwell** in 1979.

**Wharton, Donald J.**: SS Agent **Don Wharton** [no convenient biography] was the agent whom **Emory Roberts** ordered off the right-side riding step of **limo #1** as it moved off from Love Field - **YouTube it now** - and who then remained at the airfield.

**Whatley, Dick**: [Seen sometimes, wrongly, Watley] Miami-based soldier-of-fortune **Dick Whatley** [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having associated with slightly murky Los Angeles private investigator **Richard Hathcock** for "several years" prior to 1963, (b) for serving in Guatemala during the preparations for the **Bay of Pigs Invasion** (but not actually taking part in said operation), (c) for introducing **INTERPEN** commander **Gerry Hemming** and **Loran Eugene Hall** to Hathcock on the occasion in "late" January 1963 that Hemming pawned his **Johnson M1941** and **Bushnell Hunting Scope** [check them out], the sniper's combo which some researchers suspect was used in the **JFK shooting**, and recovered at the scene.

**Wheat, George Clinton**: [1913-1979] Convicted murderer**1940** turned Klansman and hard-right militiaman **G. Clinton Wheat** [no convenient biography but see FBI FOIA below] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being associated with **Loran Hall**, **William Potter Gale**, and **Wesley Swift**, (b) for being mentioned by name 16th February 1968 in the **Turner Memorandum** (but not in the 19th March 1968 **Boxley Memorandum**) ...

**CAMEO - WHEAT IN THE TURNER MEMORANDUM**: Here is what the (possibly vexatious) Carol Aydelotte had to say about Wheat in her Turner Memorandum evidence against Edgar Eugene Bradley ... "Mrs Aydelotte mentioned one other man as being very close to Bradley, a Clinton Wheat. She was unable to expand upon this relationship. [...] This Wheat is probably identical with the Clinton Wheat of Hollywood area who has been a backer of Col. Gale of the California rangers and his colleague Wesley Swift of the **Church of Jesus Christ - Christian”** (Turner Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p3).

(c) for being briefly mentioned in **Joan Mellen**'s (2005) book "**A Farewell to Justice**" [Amazon] as "an ex-Klan member who held meetings at his house where they discussed the assassination, and who disappeared after Garrison attempted to have him subpoenaed" (p278), and (d) for a similar brief mention in Peter Dale Scott's (2015) book "**Dallas '63**" [Amazon] ...

"A flurry of dubious stories connecting Col. Gale and his associate Clinton Wheat to the Kennedy assassination filled FBI files in 1964, and were later used by Gerry Patrick Hemming to distract the Garrison Investigation" (Scott, 2015, K4502).

**FURTHER READING**: Probably the most informative supporting source on Clinton Wheat is a FOIA'd FBI dossier on him - **read it here**. Note the links to Gerald Smith, the pushy letters to J. Edgar Hoover, and the confusion over what Jim Garrison might have had in mind when he subpoenaed him.

**Wheeler, John Neville**: See the entry for Ernest Hemingway.

**Wheeler, Keith**: Columnist **Keith Wheeler** [no convenient biography] was author of a **LIFE** Magazine article entitled "**Cursed Gun: The Track of C2766**", published 27th August 1965, which tells the official version of the movements of Mannlicher-Carcano **C2766** from importation through to delivery to LHO’s P.O. Box 2915, and thence to Room 317 (Homicide Bureau) at **DPDHQ**.

**Whitaker, George, Sr**: In the days after the assassination Ford Motor Company technician **George Whitaker** [no convenient biography] was involved in repairing the windsreen of **limo #1**, and would subsequently report seeing a front impact bullet hole. Assassination theories now regularly tie this to
JFK's throat wound. This explanation becomes even more attractive if the throat wound is seen as a fragment wound rather than a complete bullet.

White, Geneva: [later Geneva Dees; later Geneva Galle] Wife of deceased DPD officer Roscoe White [q.v.]. Geneva White [no convenient biography] came forward in 1975 with a previously unknown third Backyard Photograph CR-133-C. She would then feature in Gary Cartwright's (1990) paper entitled "I was Mandarin" in which she alleged that she had overheard her husband plotting the assassination with Jack Ruby, and had then tried unsuccessfully to talk him out of it.

White, George Hunter: [Read firstly the entry for Operation MK/ULTRA.] California life guard turned crime reporter turned private detective turned agent with the Federal Bureau of Narcotics (FBN) George Hunter White [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being headhunted into the OSS at the outbreak of WW2 and sent for special operations training in Canada at Camp X [Wikipedia briefing], (b) for spending a year as OSS training instructor, passing on his experience to the likes of Richard Helms, William Colby, and James Jesus Angleton, (c) for becoming a field operative in October 1942 in the Middle East, (d) for returning state-side in summer 1943 to work with Stanley Lovell [see own entry] On the latter's Truth Drug Committee [see own entry] ...

**ASIDE:** White seems to have been responsible for the field trialling of various psychoactive chemicals and their delivery vectors. In its simplest application, an agent would befriended an unsuspecting target, slip them the mickey, and then take notes as the target - his/her tongue now loosened - tells you everything you want to know.

(d) for then being transferred to OSS counter-intelligence projects in India and Burma for the remainder of the war ...

**ASIDE:** The biographies say little about White's experiences in Burma, but it seems reasonable to presume that he had taken his truth potions with him and was using them in counter-intelligence operations against the Japanese.

(e) for returning to his old job at the FBN after the war, (f) for thereby being head-hinted 9th June 1952 by Camp Detrick's famed Doctor Death, Sidney Gottlieb, to undertake projects within Operation MK/ULTRA (Wojculewski, 2013, K1987), (g) for testing LSD on himself and former student Angleton one evening in November 1952 (and reportedly enjoying the experience immensely), (h) for setting up an elaborate laboratory-cum-brothel at 81 Bedford Street, Greenwich Village, NYC, in July 1953, there to conduct live subject experimentation as part of the (very aptly named) Operation Midnight Climax [see own entry] ...

**ASIDE:** The thrust of the Midnight Climax program was that men availing themselves of the brothel could be filmed at their enjoyment through two-way mirrors by MK/ULTRA technicians. The Independent Variable - the Stimulus - in these experiments was a secretly administered dose of LSD or similar psychoactive chemical. The Dependent Variables - the Responses - were the mood changes and Altered States of Consciousness which might occur as a result. Informed consent was not obtained.

and (i) for continuing these experiments in San Francisco from March 1955, until retiring due to ill health in 1965. He died of a heart attack in 1975, aged 67. **FURTHER READING:** This entry has been condensed from material in Stan Wojculewski's (2013) book "Danger, Drugs, and Dirty Work" [Amazon], wherein considerably more detail is given if interested. See also researcher Colin A. Ross' excellent review piece to camera - YouTube it now.

White Helmets: [Properly Syria Civil Defence (SCD)] Ranging far and wide in rebel-held territory in the three-way Syrian Civil War, 2014-2018 (ongoing), the White Helmets [Wikipedia briefing] were founded in 2014 by British mercenary and intelligence asset James le Mesurier [q.v.]. According to their friends the 3000-strong White Helmets deliver humanitarian and civil defence resources to point
of civilian need in the battlezone. According to their doubters they are a cover organisation for covert operations and intelligence gathering.

White, Jack D.: WW2 veteran (U. S. N.) turned photographer-journalist Jack White (Spartacus Educational biography) made himself such an expert on the three Backyard Photographs [q.v.] that he was asked to be one of the photographic scientists advising the House Select Committee on Assassinations - read his testimony. He testified at the outset that the backgrounds to all three shots was the same, that is to say, that they could not have been taken from a handheld camera, but rather either (a) from a tripod, or (b) photo-engineered in a darkroom "from a single photograph originally". After further consideration of bodies, heads, shadows, etc., his judgement, on balance, was "just as Oswald said, I think they are fakes", and - more importantly, perhaps - "extremely sophisticated" ones. White died in 2012, but not before leaving some useful online documentaries - YouTube his critique of the Zaprunder Film - COMPULSORY VIEWING.

White, Ricky: Assassination celebrity Ricky White [no convenient biography] did not enter the histories until he announced at a 2nd August 1990 press conference that his father, Roscoe White, had been one of the Dealey Plaza shooters. The story was that some ten years earlier White had found his father's diary and a treasure trove of related artefacts, and had been working with researchers like Gary Shaw and Joe West not just to explain their significance but to monetarise them - YouTube the fuller story. In the end, however, many of the artefacts were dismissed by mainstream researchers such as the La Fontaines as fakes.

White, Roscoe ["Rock"] Anthony: Only recently recruited into the DPD, Officer Roscoe White (Spartacus Educational biography) has recently emerged as a possible shooter for JFK's throat shot. For example, Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination asserts that White (in uniform) was, along with J. D. Tippit (also in uniform) and Frank Sturgis, part of a three-man shooting team assigned to the eastern end of the Picket Fence.

ASIDE: White would thus be an excellent candidate for Badge Man. It would also account for the two men in uniform seen at that location by Lee Bowers [q.v.]. Note that JFK's throat wound would probably be better explained as the result of a fragment of a full metal jacketed round (fragmented by striking the windshield first), and not an intact round. Awkwardly there are two other potential frontal firing positions, namely the western end of the Picket Fence (see the entry for J. C. Price) and the South Knoll (see the entry for Sherry Fiester).

Other suggestions include Gary Cartwright's (1990) paper entitled "I was Mandarin" in which White's wife Geneva White alleged that she had overheard her husband plotting the assassination with Jack Ruby. There are also theories to the effect that White went on to kill fellow-officer Tippit some 40 minutes after the assassination, and that he had personally silenced up to 28 of the witnesses. Also that his was the body used in the incriminating LIFE Magazine photocomposite.

****** SO RIDDLE ME THIS ... ******

****** WHAT IS IT THAT'S BIGGER THAN AN ATROCITY, BUT NOT *****

****** QUITE A POGROM, NOR A GENOCIDE, NOR A HOLOCAUST ?? *****

White Terrors (Generic): [INDEXING STUB] In general terms, a White Terror [Wikipedia indexing stub] is an historically significant period - at least a month, say - of widespread, deliberately inflamed, and frequently mob-hysterical bloody violence motivated solely by differences in belief and inflicted by Rightists (the Whites) against Leftists (the Reds).

Readers uncertain as to what constitutes the extremes of the <Rightist-Leftist Continuum> should compare and contrast (from Right to Left) ...

this profile of a Fascist << these are the Whites

with this profile of a Conservative << these are closet Whites
with this profile of a Liberal << so are these

with this profile of a Socialist << these, on the other hand, are nice human beings

with this profile of a Communist << these are the Reds

(note that for psychologically technical reasons they share some traits with fascists)

Readers wishing to learn where they stand personally on <Fascism> should complete the following stock exercise ...

STUDENT EXERCISE - ARE YOU A FASCIST OR CLOSET FASCIST?: Readers interested in the psychology of the hard and unrepentant right may find some value in the entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric. We also strongly recommend readers to take the online <California F-Scale assessment> - check it out, since we hold it to be ESSENTIAL SELF-KNOWLEDGE. The applet will return a score between 1 and 6, and suggests that scores of 5.5 or above are fully Fascist. The next two bands down, for scores 3 to 5.4, indicate some level of closet Fascism. The assessment takes about ten minutes.

***** ON TERRORS IN GENERAL *****

To deal with the noun first, the word terror was originally chosen - in French as La Terreur - because it goes some way toward conveying the emotional element of the gory revolutionary excesses of the Committee of Public Safety [see Timeline 6th April 1793 through 10th June 1794] during the French Revolution's infamous 1793-1794 Reign of Terror [ditto]. The defining factor is that mass deaths only become a Terror when people are targeted for some sort of existential heresy presently in vogue. Terrors are what happen when we are persuaded by headlines lurid or whispered that some of US have become THEM [Wikipedia briefing] ...

***** ON WHITE TERRORS IN PARTICULAR *****

La Terreur, note, was a Leftist - or Red - terror. Such things exist, of course (they even have their own Wiki - check it out), but in the present entry we are concerned only with White Terrors, that is to say, with excesses by Rightists against Leftists. Having done the STUDENT EXERCISE above, readers will have already learned which side they are going to be on. So let us look at some real death examples ...

EXAMPLES: Here are some class-defining White Terrors, some emerging more or less spontaneously within a particular conflict, others externally fomented as part of what we know nowadays as a Proxy War [Wikipedia briefing]. We have not included the 1938 Kristallnacht massacre because, being more a riot than a terror, it is better treated as the opening act of the broader Nazi Holocaust. Even so, examples of White Terrors are depressingly easy to come across. Here, in date order, are some of the historically most significant (readers who score 3 or more on the California F-Scale above may find themselves applauding, perhaps even cheering, some of the killing, but may rest assured that this is entirely F-Score-appropriate) ...

France, 1795, First White Terror [Wikipedia briefing] (a reprisal for the Reign of Terror above)
France, 1815, Second White Terror [Wikipedia briefing]
Russia, 1918-1922, White Terror [Wikipedia briefing] (in the West-proxyed Russian Civil War)
Germany, 1918-1923, Freikorps White Terror [Wikipedia briefing]
‡ Finland, 1918, Mannerheim's White Guard [Wikipedia briefing; see also Timeline 26th January 1918]
Estonia and Latvia, 1919, Goltz's White Terror [see Timeline 3rd January 1919, then as threaded]
Hungary, 1919-1921 The Hungarian White Terror [see own entry] (U.S. proxy war)
Bulgaria, 1923 The Bulgarian White Terror [Wikipedia briefing] (U.S. proxy war)
Mainland China, 1927 The First Kuomintang White Terror [Wikipedia briefing]
Spain, 1936 The Spanish White Terror [Wikipedia briefing] (Nazi proxy war)
‡ Ukraine, 1941-1945 The Bandera Nazi Proxy [see entry Operation KEELHAUL]
Greece, 1945 The Greek White Terror [Wikipedia briefing] (British proxy war)
Chile, 1963-recent, The CIA White Terror [Wikipedia briefing] (U.S. proxy war)
EDITORIAL NOTE: Every CIA-organised coup or attempted coup in the past 75 years - and there have been more than 40 of them - has killed Leftists in numbers, but not always in sufficient numbers to count as a Terror. However, there is little to be gained from listing them separately here, and - taking Chile as the paradigm for all the others - we recommend the 1982 movie "Missing" as a dramatisation of what a CIA terror looks like from the sharp end. You Tube the movie's Trailer here (from the time long gone when movies spoke truth).

2014-2022, Ukraine's Donbass Provocations (U.S. proxy war)

As it happens, we have long pondered as to the personalities of those who delight in spreading the necessary division ...

STANDING RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked many times throughout this resource that little is known about the deep psychology of people - primarily preachers, journalists, and politicians - whose life's work is to have others see the world precisely as they do themselves. Such fervid behaviours are simultaneously aggressive, intolerant, and intellectually stifling, and when eventually the causation does come to be understood, we suspect that it will reveal an intensely abusive element within the personality of the preacher, journalist, or politician under investigation. In short, pontificating of any sort is a "Controlling Behaviour" and perhaps even an indication of latent psychopathy. For the technical justification of this line of argument, there are more fully referenced support documents in the entries for Dwight L. Moody, John R. Mott, and Arthur Pierson.

Another unknown is the long-term effect of a terror on the very gene pool of the country in question. Specifically, does killing Leftists lead to a perhaps metaphorical, perhaps not, Rightist DNA? The examples of Ukraine and Finland make convenient study instances, because at time of writing both might well be reverting to a fascist archetype, Ukraine to its Bandera-ite WW2 collaboration in the Holocaust, and Finland to its years of cooperation with "Butcher" Mannerheim at the end of WW1.

Readers unfamiliar with these events clearly haven't done the reading above. Gotcha!

FURTHER READING: All of the particular White Terrors named above have supporting readings in their Wikis. For the broader perspective on how to conjure up a howling mob out of a previously "normal" community see Reece Peck's (2019) "Fox Populism: Branding Conservatism as Working Class" and Claire Conner's (2013) "Wrapped in the Flag". For more concerning dangerously over-romanticised national heroes see Vamik Volkan's (2006) monograph "Killing in the Name of Identity".

White, T. F.: 60-year-old Dallas auto mechanic T. F. White was at work at Mack Pate's garage at about 1400hr on 22nd November 1963 when he saw a blue 1957 Plymouth (all cheesy-chrome smile and shark's fins) pull into the El Chico restaurant across the street and park "behind a billboard facing Davis Street".

ASIDE: We checked these addresses on Google Earth February 2018 and it looks like Mack Pate's Garage is now the service station at postal 150 East Davis Street and El Chico - now a building lot - is, although just across the road, postal 599 North Beckley. Both addresses appear to be full block sites between West/East Davis to the north and West/East Seventh to the south. Assuming that the service bays in 1963 were where they are now, then there is a perfect line of sight across to the northern parking bays of the El Chico restaurant.

On his toes because of sirens screaming everywhere he noted that the occupants were behaving suspiciously, and crossed the road to get a better look. One of them, he would soon realise, was a decent LHO Look Alike. Taking note of the car's registration number - PP4537 - he then wisely backed away.

The 1957 Plymouth story continues in the entry for Wes Wise.
Price's story was re-examined by the 1976-1978 House Select Committee on Assassinations under the heading "The Wise Allegation", whereupon it was adjudged that White must have taken the car number down wrongly.

Pivotal Moment: Be that as it may, White's line of evidence makes perfectly good sense if the LHO Look Alike driven away from the rear of the Texas Theater a few minutes previously - see the entries for Bernard Haire and Warren Burroughs - had been handed over to a get-away car, whose next move was to drive the remaining mile to Oak Cliff International Airport (OCX) to catch a CIA flight out of town - see the entry for Robert Vinson.

Browse both the Balcony Arrest Thread and the LHO Look Alike Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Whitney, Peter R.: British-born\textsuperscript{1945} Canadian\textsuperscript{1951} assassination researcher Peter R. Whitney \textit{[convenient autobiography]} is noteworthy in the present context for a succession of niche archive and fieldwork investigations starting in 1986 and driven by that author's judgement that the 1964 Warren Commission Inquiry had been nothing but a long-winded state cover-up. The following separate studies have been particularly well-received ...

EDITORIAL NOTE: This entry is presented in publication date sequence, not by date of occurrence. It may therefore be necessary to read through the material a couple of times to align the chronology of the original events with that of the revelations of those events.

... (a) in 1990 Whitmey published the first (and most detailed) of a number of papers concerning the 13th February 1964 Winnipeg Airport Incident ...

To avoid duplication, this part of the Whitmey story has its own entry, which see.

To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.

... (b) in 1994 he published a paper entitled "Pershing Gervais and the Attempt to Frame Jim Garrison" \textit{[full text online]}, revealing the part played by one of Jim Garrison's field investigators, Pershing Gervais \textit{[see own entry EXPLAINS A LOT]}, in the U.S. government's subversion of the Garrison case against Clay Shaw ...

To avoid duplication, this part of the Whitmey story continues in the <Pershing Gervais> entry.

To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.

... (c) for corresponding in 1994 with Garrison's New Orleans witness Perry Russo \textit{[see own entry MATERIAL WITNESS, NEW ORLEANS CONSPIRACY]}, being one of the last people to receive mail from him before his death in 1995 ...

To avoid duplication, this part of the Whitmey story continues in the <Perry Russo> entry.

To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.

... (d) in 1996 he published a paper \textit{[full text online SOME INTERESTING POINTS]} analysing Jack Ruby's long-distance telephone calls from FOIA document releases, (e) in 1999 he published a paper entitled "Jean Hill, the Lady in Red" \textit{[full text online]} in which he re-examined the testimony of Dealey Plaza eyewitness \textit{[in fact, the closest civilian eye witness to the killing - Ed.]} Jean Hill \textit{[see own entry SUPPRESSED TESTIMONY]} ...

To avoid duplication, this part of the Whitmey story continues in the <Jean Hill> entry.

To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.

... and (f) also in 1999 he published a paper entitled "My Brief Correspondence with the Late Aline Mosby" \textit{[full text online]}, in which he probed Mosby's recollections of life as a journalist in Moscow at the time of Lee Harvey Oswald's faux defection ...

To avoid duplication, this part of the Whitmey story continues in the <Aline Mosby> entry.

To maintain flow of narrative, switch to that entry and return here when done.

FURTHER READING: There are recommendations for further reading in each of the linked entries above. For a full autobibliography \textit{[is that really a word?]}, \textlink{click here}. 
Whitmeyer, George: Commander of all the U.S. Army reserve units in East Texas Lieutenant-Colonel George Whitmeyer [no convenient biography] was in the middle-rear seat of the Pilot Car at the time of the shooting.

"Whitten, brilliant if overbearing" (Morley, 2008, p.89)

Whitten, John Moss: [1920-2000] [Nom-de-witness-box John Seelos] WW2 veteran (U.S. Army, military intelligence) turned CIA careerist John M. Whitten [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been appointed in March 1963 as head of CIA covert operations in Mexico and Central America, thus ...

"Our Mexico station was the most elaborately equipped and effective in the counterintelligence field of any we had in the world,' said John Whitten, who played a big role in the CIA's Mexican and Central American operations for close to five years" (Morley, 2008, p.89).

"CIA official John Whitten would recall: 'The main thrust of the station's effort was to attempt to recruit Russians, Cubans, and satellite people,' an action program he called 'absolutely enormous’" (Whitten, HSCA testimony 16th May 1978, quoted in Russell, 1992, p.144).

(b) for thereby being very much in the thick of things during mid-1963 operations against Fidel Castro, not least Operation AMWORLD, the wizard wheeze which utterly backfired when it was piggybacked by the JFK assassins, (c) for thereby also being very much in the thick of things during the immediate post-assassination drains up ...

ASIDE: Rapidly scanning the archives, and reporting directly to Director of Plans (DDP) Richard Helms, it took only 48 hours for Whitten's investigations to allow Helms (who later freely confessed to lying through his teeth to defend the Agency) to reassure President Johnson that LHO had acted alone. During December he oversaw the investigation into the relationship between LHO and Silvia Duran. Helms then took him off the case 24th December 1963.

and (d) for testifying in May 1978 to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA). Whitten would in due course be assessed by Mellen (2005) as "the one [CIA] officer who had spoken frankly to the HSCA regarding the Agency's manoeuvres with respect to the assassination" (p.359), and by Kaiser (2008) as a "man of intelligence, integrity, and strong opinions" (p.283).

Wilcox, Robert William Kalanihiapo: Native Hawaiian politician Robert Wilcox [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having led the counter-rebellion - the Wilcox Rebellion - of 1889 [check it out], in an honourable but unsuccessful attempt (a) to fight the United States' possible annexation of the islands, and (b) to restore the powers of the Hawaiian monarchy stolen in the Rebellion of 1887 [check it out].

Wilder, Robert P.: See the entry for Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions.

Wilford, Hugh: Academic historian (California State University) Hugh Wilford [no convenient biography] was the author of the 2008 book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America'', in which the CIA's use of "front" organisations such as the National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [q.v.] is explored.

Wilkinson, Sydney: Assassination researcher Sydney Wilkinson [no convenient biography] purchased a third generation copy (the best ordinary mortals can get) of the Zapruder Film from the National Archives in 2008, and set about forensic digital reconstructions of it in an attempt to spot tinkering. Early online chatter [2010-2014] had it that the dirty hands of Hawkeye [q.v.] were clearly to be seen, but at the time of writing [February 2018] things have gone eerily quiet and we still await the definitive publication.

Willauer, Whiting: American lawyer turned WW2 special forces admin turned diplomat-cum-CIA-operative Whiting Willauer [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating
Harvard Law School 1931, (b) for practising "admiralty law" 1931-1939 [earning a reserve commission in naval intelligence in so doing - Ed.], (c) for transferring to the Department of Justice 1939-1941, specialising in detecting "techniques of international subversion" (Leary, 2002, p8), (d) for being head-hunted 1941 to serve as secretary to the newly incorporated and politically highly sensitive China Defense Supplies [see own entry], ending up one of the stockholder-directors of Claire Chennault's [see own entry] Civil Air Transport (CAT) [see own entry TRULY REVELATORY] ...

... (e) for serving 1944-1946 as head of the Far East and Special Territories Branch of the Foreign Economic Administration [see own entry], overseeing the flow of government monies to the many projects clamouring for support, (f) for selling CAT to the CIA outright in 1950, (g) for duties unspecified 1951-1953, and (h) for being appointed U.S. Ambassador to Honduras 5th February 1954, from which vantage point he cheered on the overthrow of the Árbenz government in neighbouring Guatemala [see Timeline 18th June 1954]. He died in 1961, aged 55. FURTHER READING: There is a detailed - affectionate even - bio in Chapter 1 of William M. Leary's (2002) "Perilous Missions: Civil Air Transport and CIA Covert Operations in Asia" [Amazon REVELATORY], whereafter he features in roughly one page in three for the remainder of that work!

Williams, Arthur Frederic Basil: British civil servant and Boer War veteran Basil Williams [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating from Oxford in 1891, and then working as a clerk in the House of Commons until the outbreak of the Second Boer War in 1899 ...

ASIDE: It happened that in 1896 he clerked the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Jameson Raid [see own entry], coming into contact with Cecil Rhodes and generally helping to cover up that which needed covering up.

(b) for volunteering for service in South Africa, where he adventured alongside Erskine Childers [see own entry], (c) for forsaking Westminster life for the Transvaal civil service during the 1900s and for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (d) for finding the time to act as foreign correspondent for The Times, and for writing Volume IV of "The Times History of the South African War", (e) for being commissioned in 1903 to go first author to Childers in producing the HAC's 1908 regimental memoir "With the HAC in South Africa" [full text online], (f) for joining the Royal Artillery in WW1, (g) for becoming involved with the War Refugees Committee [see own entry], being based for some time at Folkestone, then one of the BEF's main transit ports, (h) for his 1918 monograph "Raising and Training the New Armies", in which he provides "a general survey of the methods of enlistment and training and of the organisation of the New Armies" (Preface, v) ...

ASIDE: This book had been in preparation for at least a year (the Preface is dated November 1917), and is from the outset well-informed, wide-ranging (it extends to the training of intelligence officers and joint operations between tanks, infantry, and aircraft), and detailed. Published by Constable, it is as "official" a publication as you can hope to get without an HMSO imprint.

(i) for then settling down after 1921 to a series of professorships in modern history, one of the products of which was the 1921 biography "Cecil Rhodes".


Williams, Bonnie Ray: 20-year-old order checker Bonnie Ray Williams [no convenient biography] was with Harold Norman and James Jarman at the TSBD5 window directly under the Sniper's Nest, it not being possible to safely access TSBD6 because it was being refloored by outside contractors at the time. Unlike Norman he did not recall the sound of cartridges hitting the TSBD6 flooring above. Williams’ evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].
Williams, Garland H.: American Treasury agent turned counter insurgency expert turned chemical warfare guru Garland Williams [no convenient biography, probably deliberately; there is much to reward the determined browser but beware many name clashes] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the U.S. Treasury in 1926 as a field agent tracking down bootlegging syndicates, (b) following the repeal of Prohibition in 1933, for transferring across to Commissioner Harry Anslinger's Federal Bureau Narcotics (FBN), helping to shut down a number of heavy duty operations, (c) for being rewarded for a job well done by being put in charge in 1937 of the FBN's NYC branch, 90 Church Street, Manhattan [not to be confused with the much larger NYPD drug squad - Ed.], again with a number of high-profile busts to his credit, (d) for forming a lasting professional relationship in these years with George Hunter White [see own entry ESSENTIAL AS PARALLEL NARRATIVE], of whom more later, (e) thanks to his earlier successes, for being assigned 1940 to the War Department's Corps of Intelligence Police (CIP) [Wikipedia briefing], soon being promoted head thereof ...

ASIDE: Albarelli (2009, op. cit. inf.) explains how Williams started to shape the CIP's training program (note the mentions of Jean-Pierre Lafitte [see own entry ASSASSINATION CENTRE STAGE] ... "Like subordinates George White and Charles Siragusa [see own entry], Williams would gravitate from the world of pursuing gangsters and illegal drug traffickers to the world of deep intelligence. Williams' baptism into the clandestine world occurred in June 1940, when as a reserve officer at the rank of colonel, he was reactivated for wartime duty and made chief of the resurrected Corps of Intelligence Police (CIP), part of the Army's Military Intelligence Division. The CIP, forerunner to the Army's better known Counter Intelligence Corps, originated in 1917, and at its peak operated with 250 agents. Its mission was to serve as a secret domestic intelligence group that spied on German-Americans and infiltrated groups suspected of subversive activities. [...] The CIP also served as a special security group for the American Expeditionary Force in France. [...] Among the rag tag group was a French teenager from Louisiana [...] who would later work in New York under the name Jean-Pierre Lafitte on assignments for George White and Garland Williams. [...] In 1940, the outfit resurfaced with the outbreak of a new war in Europe, and the Army scrambled to staff it with qualified men. In late 1940, Garland was detailed from the Narcotics Bureau to the CIP [...]. When Williams was promoted to head the CIP a year later, in 1941, he quickly established additional operational training centres at secluded military bases in and around Washington, DC. These included Maryland's Fort Holabird [mentioned in the entries for Winston Lawson, Richard Case Nagell, and Jim Southwood], Fort Meade [corrected typo] [mentioned in the entries for the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, the National Security Agency (NSA), and U.S. Cyber Command], Fort Belvoir [mentioned in the entry for Ed Butler], and Camp Ritchie [Wikipedia briefing], and Virginia's Fort Hunt [mentioned in the entry for Enno Hobbing]" (p405).

... (f) for staying in post in 1942 when the CIP was renamed the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) [Wikipedia briefing], where he remained for the rest of the war ...

ASIDE - GARLAND WILLIAMS, SPECIAL FORCES: Albarelli goes on to describe how in as early as December 1941 Williams managed to get American personnel included in the special forces training provided by Britain's SOE out of their Camp X (Special Training School #103) [Wikipedia briefing], on the north shore of Lake Ontario at Oshawa, a few miles east of Toronto [map]. He personally underwent an advanced commando and parachute course in May 1942.

... (g) for duties largely unknown 1946-1950, but definitely including time at the U.S. Army's European Command Center and debriefing station at Heidelberg, Germany ...

CAMEO - GARLAND WILLIAMS AT HEIDELBERG: The U.S. base at Heidelberg included the Seventh Army Document Center [see Eckert (2013 [full text online]) for an academic briefing], a massive collation and analysis operation for the paperwork generated by the Third Reich. We get a decent idea of the documentation which was being handled at Heidelberg from this clip from Jacobsen (op. cit. inf.) (an escaped Jewish German physician named Leopold Alexander [Wikipedia briefing A FASCINATING STORY] has been investigating Nazi human vivisection research, and is here passing on some of his findings) ...

"I learned that the entire contents of Himmler's secret cave in Hallein, Germany, containing a vast amount of miscellaneous specially secret SS records, had recently been discovered and taken to the Seventh Army Document Centre in Heidelberg. [...] These papers would turn out to be among the war's most incriminating discoveries in a single document find" (p149).
... (h) for service with the 525th Military Intelligence Group [Wikipedia briefing] during the Korean Emergency 1951-1952 ...

A VERY STRANGE CALL FOR HELP

... (i) for being called upon in 1953-1954 to support the logistical side of things at Camp/[Fort]1956 Detrick's Special Operations Division (SOD), for example by importing research animals (rhesus macaques by the hundred), thus ...

"Often overlooked in the chronicles of Camp Detrick are the countless deaths suffered by the hordes of research animals [species listed] brought there for experimental purposes. [...] Judging from partial CIA records for 1953 and 1954, SOD researchers transported over 500 rhesus monkeys into its laboratories during one eight month period. Eventually, a CIA front company, the Amazon Natural Drug Company [see below], operated in part by [...] Garland Williams, transported many of the monkeys from South America" (Albarelli, 2009, pp84-85).

QUICKIE - THE AMAZON NATURAL DRUG COMPANY (ANDCO): Here's a quickie on these guys, from the horse's mouth ...

"In 1966, with considerable CIA backing, J. C. King [see below], the former head of the Agency's Western Hemisphere Division who was eased out after the Bay of Pigs, formed an ostensibly private firm called Amazon Natural Drug Company. King, who loved to float down jungle rivers on the deck of his houseboat with a glass of scotch in hand, searched the backwaters of South America for plants of interest to the Agency and/or medical science. To do the work, he hired Amazon men and women, plus at least two CIA paramilitary operators who worked out of Amazon offices in Iquitos, Peru" (Marks, 1979, [full text online courtesy of CIA archives], p203).

The "J. C. King" here referred to is Joseph ["J. C."] King [Wikipedia biography]. Albarelli (2009) has it that Williams was King's number two.

... and (j) for maintaining still unexplained professional contacts with Beirut-based drugs baron Hanna Yazbeck [see own entry] ...

"A revealing December 19, 1960, FBN bio-sheet contained in Hanna Yazbeck's CIA 201 file, most likely written by FBN supervisor Garland Williams [...] reads: 'Yazbeck lives in Beirut, Lebanon, and worked for my office intermittently during the past ten years. [...] He often heads up a hatchet squad when disputes arise between the Moslem and Christian underworld factions in Beirut’ " (Albarelli, 2021, p204).

Williams' year of/age at death have not yet been located by the present author. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2009) "A Terrible Mistake" [Amazon], (2013) "A Secret Order (Volume I)" [Amazon], and (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK" [Amazon]. For more specifically concerning the Heidelberg years see Annie Jacobsen's (2014) "Operation Paperclip: The Secret Intelligence Program that Brought Nazi Scientists to America" [Amazon]. A (2008) paper by John W. Chambers, II [Rutgers University homepage] entitled "OSS Training in the National Parks" [full text online] offers convincing excerpts from Williams' military service records, if interested.

Williams, J. Doyle.: Dallas-based FBI Special Agent J. Doyle Williams [no convenient biography] was sent by SAIC Gordon Shanklin to Parkland Hospital to establish liaison with the Secret Service, speaking to Roy Kellerman and Jackie Kennedy and almost coming to blows with some very stressed SS men (Hurt, 1985). Accounts differ as to whether it was he who placed the Magic Bullet on the stretcher.

Williams, Harold Whitmore: New Zealand-born Methodist preacher turned state propagandist Harold Williams [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for relocating to Germany in 1900 and living the life of a poor student, (b) for obtaining a doctorate in linguistics from the University of Munich in 1903, (c) for using his grasp of the Russian language to earn a living 1903-1914 as special correspondent on Russian affairs for The Times, interviewing Leo Tolstoy in 1905, (d) when Europe descended into war in August 1914 for reporting from the Russian lines during the campaigns in the Carpathians, (e) for thereby becoming confidante and advisor to the British Ambassador in Petrograd,
Sir George Buchanan [Wikipedia biography], and thus in effect a field agent for the Foreign Office in London, (f) for contact 1914-1917 with author-journalist-spy Arthur Ransome [see own entry], (g) for helping to set up a Foreign Office propaganda service in Petrograd in 1916, liaising with the Tsarist press in publicly bigging up Allied progress in the war whilst privately loudly warning of impending revolution, (h) come the Revolution in 1917 for generally supporting Allied intervention in support of the White Russians, (i) for continuing to report on the Revolution through until the signing of the Brest-Litovsk Treaties in early 1918, being then forced to relocate to London where his experiences were constantly in demand, (j) for syndicating highly politicised positional propaganda concerning Russian affairs to newspapers in the United States, (k) for returning to Russia in 1919 to represent The Times on the Southern Front of the Russian Civil War, (l) for thereby featuring large in propaganda theorist Walter Lippmann’s [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] landmark analysis of how America's views on the Bolsheviks were carefully constructed by the media in the period 1917-1920 [see Timeline 1st May 1917 FASCINATING STUFF], and (m) for returning to London as Foreign Editor of The Times 1921-1928. He died in 1928 aged 52 years.

Williams, Kenneth: Phoenix-based FBI special agent Kenneth Williams [no convenient biography] was the author of the 10th July 2001 "Phoenix Memo" to FBHQ, in which it was reported that a number of suspicious Middle Eastern types had been/still were on pilot training courses at Prescott's Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Williams suggested that a nationwide intelligence trawl be conducted for terrorist airstrikes under preparation, but his suggestion was not followed up.

Williams, Otis N.: Bookkeeping Supervisor Otis Williams [no convenient biography] was spectating from the front steps of the TSBD. After the shooting he ran up to TSBD4, checked around, and then returned to his office on TSBD2.

Willing, Thomas: Lawyer-businessman-politician-revolutionary Thomas Willing [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been one of the United States' first bankers. In fact, he did as much for his country before the war as after it, having been an associate of Robert Morris [see own entry] in supplying the Continental Army with munitions and military supplies.

ASIDE: Willing, Morris and Company first transacted with banker Francis Baring [see own entry] in December 1774, and Baring with the French government in September 1776, just as they were beginning shipments of arms via Martinique (Tearle, 2017, Chapter 9).

After the war he became president of the new Bank of North America [see own entry], and became one of the richest Americans in history

Willis, Phillip LaFrance and Rosemary: WW2 veteran (U.S.A.F.) now realtor Phil Willis [Wikipedia biography] was spectating with his family from the corner of Main and Houston. After the first four cars had passed he ran northward along Houston toward Elm, followed closely by his daughter Rosemary Willis [Wikipedia biography], then 10 years of age. In all he took 12 slides over the last 25 seconds of JFK’s life, and one of them - Willis5 - shows the President just grasping at his throat. Willis’ evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Clay Shaw trial testimony [read it now]. Ms Willis interview to camera, 1991 [YouTube it now].

***** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

***** Candidate JFK Top-Management Primary Conspirator *****
[Selected the target; assembled the top team; arranged finance; trumpeted the propaganda]

"It is not stretching a point to say that Willoughby was a racist, an anti-Semite, and, as even MacArthur referred to him, 'my little Fascist'“ (Russell, 1992, p66).

Willoughby, Charles Andrew: [possibly (for even his birth and education might be cover stories) Adolf Karl Tscheppe-Weidenbach] German-born1892 American WW1 veteran (A.E.F. and - quite likely - Prussian intelligence), interwar U.S. Army intelligence officer, and "Franco-German Nazi" in U.S. uniform General Charles
Willoughby [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been pro-Mussolini and pro-Franco before the war, (b) for being assigned "G-2 Far East Command" to General Douglas MacArthur throughout WW2, the occupation period (1945-1950), and the Korean War ...

ASIDE: The U.S. Army divides its staff officer resources into five headings, namely G-1 (Personnel), G-2 (Intelligence), G-3 (Operations), G-4 (Logistics), and G-5 (Civil-Military Operations).

(c) presumably working in close concert with the CIA, for collating and directing the intelligence gathering effort of all army corps in the Far East, including therefore those of Texas' own Philip Bethune [see own entry], with Eighth Corps at the time. (d) more importantly, for also controlling the war narrative, overseeing the production of news releases in which carefully selected elements of the available intelligence were merged with falsehoods here and there, prior to being fed to home and international news service, (e) for being affectionately referred to by MacArthur as his "little fascist", (f) after retiring in 1951, for associating with Texas oilman H. L. Hunt and rabid right-winger General Edwin Walker in promoting extreme right "umbrella" organization activities ...

CAMEO - THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE DIGEST: On behalf of his backers Willoughby edited the Foreign Intelligence Digest 1958-1963, campaigning, amongst other things, for the use of "weapons of mass destruction" against North Vietnam (Twyman, 1997, K14453). On White Russian issues he is known to have consulted ex-Waffen SS man and Ukrainian patriot Yaroslav Stetsko.

CAMEO - WILLOWBY AND STETSKO: Having noted the link between Willoughby, the SS, and Ukrainian politics, Twyman then reminds us that Stetsko had founded the American Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (AFABN), and that it was another of that organisation's senior officers - a certain Spas Raikin - who, at the request of the State Department, would later calmly collect LHO and Marina Oswald from the New Jersey quayside as they arrived back from the Soviet Union 13th June 1962.

(g) for similarly associating with those doyens of the "Religious Right", Billy Hargis and William Gale, (h) for founding and heading the International Committee for the Defense of Christian Culture (ICDCC) [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser], with funding from Hargis and Nelson Bunker Hunt, and (i) for supporting Young Americans for Freedom (YAF). Willoughby would in due course feature large in Dick Russell's (1992) heavyweight "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [Amazon] as a possible JFK conspirator, by virtue of his being a "leading member of numerous radical right organisations" (xxviii, p112), thus ...

"In the thick of it all, and much more, was Charles Willoughby [...] whose holy war against the 'Red Menace' found him sitting on the boards of most of the major conservative groups, and reaching into Europe and Latin America to start his own International Committee for the Defense of Christian Culture" (op. cit., p111)


Wilson, Charles: Pro-Israel Congressman from Texas Charles Wilson [Wikipedia biography] organised Operation Cyclone [q.v.], the arming of the Mujahideen in Afghanistan during the 1980s as proxy warriors against the Soviet occupation.

Wilson, [Sir]¹⁹¹⁵ Henry Hughes [1st Baronet]: Ulsterman and careerist British Army officer [Field Marshal]¹⁹¹⁹ [Sir]¹⁹¹⁵ Henry Wilson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been so tall that it delayed development of his brain [he failed his Army entrance examinations a number of times, and this was his excuse :=)], (b) for being a veteran of the Third Burmese War, 1886-1887, during which he was wounded in action, (c) for being transferred 1887-1893 to the British Army's Camberley Staff College to recuperate, and for impressing his tutors, (d) for becoming thereby the protégé of Lord Roberts (at that time C-in-C, Ireland), (e) for wrangling an 1894 posting to the War Office as an intelligence officer, (f) for helping the 1897-1899 planning of a possible invasion of the Boer...
her own would have no chance, and the Franco...

ASIDE: [See firstly the inset in the entry for Lord Haldane.] Wilson spent the winter of 1910-1911 studying a map of the Franco-German border, and came to the view that "there was no military problem to which the answer was six divisions". He therefore spent many months supervising "a great strategical war game" to determine what a German invasion of France might look like, and how Entente Cordiale [=British and French] forces might best respond to it.

DOUBLE ASIDE - THE RELEVANCE OF RUSSIA: The single most important factor in these war games turned out to be whether the Germans were using merely half their army or all of it. Against an all-out German attack, France on her own would have no chance, and the Franco-British Entente would have to work for a stalemate on the ground in the hope that the Royal Navy could decide things at sea. It therefore became militarily vital that a Russian-German conflict be taking place simultaneously, in order to divert as many German troops as possible to her frontier in the east. This explains why Entente relations with Russia would be assiduously cultivated between 1912 and 1914, and then desperately maintained for as long as possible thereafter.

TREBLE ASIDE: SPECIFICALLY, IT IS ALSO WHY THE M.I.(6) STATION IN NEW YORK CITY TOOK SUCH PAINS IN 1916-1917 TO KEEP THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION FROM SUCCEEDING, AND WHY THE GERMANS, BY BACKING LENIN AND HIS BOLSHEVIKS, TRIED SO HARD TO SUPPORT IT. The British operation was ultimately unsuccessful, of course. For the fuller narrative, see the entries for Sir William Wiseman and Jacob Schiff.

(j) for being promoted Major-General in November 1913, and for becoming more and more ensnared in the political wranglings in Ireland which led to the 1914 Curragh Mutiny [see 20th March 1914] ...

ASIDE - WILSON AND ULSTER: Wilson was a Unionist Ulsterman, that is to say, he was against a partition of the old British Ireland into a self-governing south and a "Loyalist" north. Many on both sides took entrenched, over-my-dead-body, positions, headed, in Ulster, by the likes of Sir Edward Carson. The Unionists were not universally loved at Westminster either, with Asquith describing Wilson as "that poisonous tho' clever ruffian" on one occasion, and as a "serpent" on another [and that's just what's down on paper - Ed.].

(k) for stage-managing the no-longer-hypothetical deployment of the B.E.F. in August 1914 [see 5th and 9th August 1914], (l) for spending much of 1915 performing liaison duties with the French High Command, (m) for returning to field command in early 1916, conducting major corps-level actions in Artois (May) and on the Somme (July-September), (n) for returning to the War Office in September 1917, attending the Rapello Conference [Wikipedia briefing] in November and thereafter helping to set up the inter-Allied Supreme War Council [Wikipedia briefing] in Versailles, (o) for being promoted CIGS [=Chief of the Imperial General Staff] in February 1918, thereby becoming buck-stops-here during the touch-and-go defeat of the German Spring Offensive and the war-winning Allied Summer Counter-Offensive, (p) for overseeing the ongoing North Russian Campaign [see 2nd August 1918 and follow the onward pointers], (q) for being Britain's chief military advisor at the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, during which time he came to approve of Zionist help in governing occupied Palestine, (r) for re-turning his attention to Ireland in June 1919, taking a consistently hard line against Republicans, be they armed or not, and (s) for entering parliament 21st February 1922 as Ulster Unionist member for North Down, only to be assassinated by Irish Republican gunmen in the street outside his London residence four months and a day later, for being "a violent Orange partisan" (Michael Collins, attrib.).

***** DESERVES MORE BLAME THAN HE GETS *****

[AFTER ALL, HE TAUGHT ALLEN DULLES HIS JOB!!!]

Wilson, Hugh Robert: Well-born American career diplomat Hugh R. Wilson [Wikipedia STUB] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating from Yale University in 1906, followed by
"business" (details not known), followed by postgraduate study in Paris in 1910, (b) for then joining the diplomatic service, serving as Secretary to the U.S. delegation to Guatemala in 1912, (c) for subsequent quick-fire postings to (per his Wiki) "Buenos Aires, Berlin, Vienna, Tokyo, and Bern" ...

Readers unfamiliar with the story of Lenin trying to speak to Dulles on the eve of the 1917 Russian Revolution should check out the

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before proceeding. Note that if Lenin started a revolution which took Russia out of the war on the Eastern Front, it would be bad for the French, British, and Americans because there would suddenly be twice as many Germans facing them on the Western Front. It might also be a good idea to form an opinion as to whether Lenin's surprise telephone call to the Bern Embassy was as unexpected as Dulles later said it was.

**CAMEO - WILSON IN BERN, 1917:** It is the posting to Bern (studiously ignored in his Wiki) which presently concerns us most, because it matches mentions of Wilson in the bio-line for Allen Dulles [see own entry **ESSENTIAL ONWARD CONTEXT**]. In 1917, Wilson was a 32-year-old mid-ranking diplomat, whilst Dulles was a 24-year-old junior intelligence officer. Between them they had (post-university) a paltry ten years' experience of the world, and between them their insufficiently thought through meddling in European affairs started an east-west confrontation which continues to command the front pages through to the present day [= December 2021]. Here, by way of introduction, is Grose (op. cit. inf.), describing the relationship between the two men while in Switzerland (a long passage, heavily abridged) ...

"The United States Legation in the **Hirschengraben** [Wikipedia briefing] was a modest establishment [but] a much more professional operation than the formal embassy in Vienna [...]. The minister himself, a Georgia schoolboy friend of **Woodrow Wilson**'s named **Pleasant A. Stovall** [Wikipedia biography], was, to the junior officers, a non-entity. [...] The real manager of the legation was the second-ranking officer, Hugh Wilson, who instilled a style of crisp efficiency [...] Ten years Allen's senior, Wilson was a notable exemplar of that founding generation of the professional Diplomatic Service [...]. [+++ other staff introduced ++++] Hugh Wilson quickly turned Allen's diligence to good use: 'I called him into my office and told him that he was appointed expert of all the places I had listed [...] and he duly reported. He had spent the ten days in Geneva, Zurich, and Basel, and had become acquainted with the refugee representatives of the South Slavs, of the Czechs, with the Bulgarian Legation, with Hungarian malcontents. [...] Certainly from that moment on he was never at a loss as to the means of ascertaining any piece of information.' [...] Even the staid Hugh Wilson got caught up in the adventurous mood [...]: 'Up to this time in my life I had never encountered a spy outside the pages of a thriller,' Wilson recalled. 'Suddenly I found myself in a society where spies and spying was one of the principal subjects of conversation' " (pp30-31).

... (d) for being reassigned 1924-1927 to the State Department in Washington, (e) for returning to Switzerland 1927-1937, taking over as Minister there, (f) for being promoted Assistant Secretary of State 1937-1938, (g) for being appointed U.S. Ambassador to Germany 3rd March 1938, being received in post by Hitler personally, (h) for then being formally withdrawn that November in protest against the **Kristallnacht Riots** [Wikipedia briefing], (i) for nevertheless going on record after the **June 1941 Barbarossa Invasion** [Wikipedia briefing] to the effect that the British might be better advised to take the pressure off Germany in the west, so that the Nazis could solve the Soviet problem in the east once and for all, (j) that same year, for being recruited into **William J. ["Wild Bill"] Donovan**'s [see own entry] **OSS**, (k) for resigning the OSS in 1945 to become Director of the Foreign Affairs Section of the Republican National Committee. He died in 1946, aged 61. **FURTHER READING:** For more of Dulles' more or less one-man war against Communism 1919-1962 see both **Peter Grose**'s (1994) "**Gentleman Spy: The Life of Allen Dulles**" [Amazon] and **Richard Harris Smith**'s (1972) 'OSS' [Amazon]. After that, just read the morning papers.

**Wilson, Jesse R.:** See the entry for Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions (SVM).

**Wilson, Robert Anton:** Author and mystic **Robert Wilson** [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the **Illuminatus!** Trilogy (1969 to 1971), a fictionalised glorification of the 18th Century cult, the **Illuminati** [Wikipedia briefing]. No problem so far. HOWEVER, in his 2017 book "Killing Kennedy",...
counterintelligence analyst Steven Hager notes that this work was the "launching pad for decades of nutty Illuminati conspiracies" (p156). And the cyberlemmings are still [February 2018] lapping it up.

"I follow Winchell and read every line" (The Lady is a Tramp, lyric)

Winchell, Walter: American WW1 veteran (U.S. Navy, Lieutenant-Commander) turned long-serving journalist-propagandist Walter Winchell [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the Hearst Publishing Empire [Wikipedia briefing] in 1930, working with Isaac Don Levine [see own entry] HIGHLY REVELATORY, (b) for gaining a following as gossip columnist and radio personality, and becoming influential in the late 1930s when promoting the Interventionist wing in U.S. politics (motivated apparently by the plight of fellow Jews under the Nazis) ... 

CAMEO - WINCHELL AND THE ENGINEERING OF CONSENT: In the late-1930s, Americans were divided between Isolationists [Wikipedia briefing] (those who had no particular beef with - and often loudly cheered for - the Nazis) and Interventionists [Wikipedia briefing] (those who - for whatever reason - saw the Nazis as America's enemy). Thus it happened that in mid-1940, after the Fall of France, Britain's War Cabinet initiated a secret charm offensive in order to make sure that the latter faction prevailed. Here is Conant (op. cit. inf.) on the resulting world historic psy op ...

Readers unfamiliar with the part played by <British Security Coordination (BSC)> in influencing U.S. public opinion during WW2 using American journalists coordinated by <Ernest L. Cuneo> should see the separate entries before proceeding

"By the advent of the war, Winchell was a powerhouse widely feared because of his penchant for exposing the private lives of important public men [...] and inaugurating a regular feature called 'The Winchell Column vs. The Fifth Column'. A typical Winchell column would contain several dozen separate references to individuals and events, ranging from minor celebrity sightings [example given] to an impassioned denunciation of Nazi sympathisers [...]. While there were a number of prominent American journalists sympathetic to the British plight, [Walter] Lippmann [Wikipedia biography], [Drew] Pearson, [Wikipedia biography], and Winchell went beyond publishing Ministry of Information handouts to actively aiding the cause whenever they could, and they were in close contact with British intelligence. [+++ supporting detail +++] Cuneo had such close ties to the BSC that he [...] had his own code name - CRUSADER - and was empowered to 'feed' select British intelligence items [...] to Pearson, Winchell, and other hand-picked outlets. At the time he was actually ghost-writing many of Winchell's columns and radio broadcasts, which parroted the British propaganda line of the day. For the BSC, journalists like Ingersoll, Lippman, Pearson, [Ogden Mills] Reid [Wikipedia biography], and Winchell, and the facilitator Cuneo, were stealth operatives in their campaign against Britain's enemies in America" (pp53-55).

... (c) for being equally critical during WW2 of American Rightists such as the Klu Klux Klan and American Leftists such as the National Maritime Union, (d) after the war for moving further to the right in his writings, eventually becoming a loud supporter of Senator Joseph McCarthy during the anti-Communist Witch Hunts of the early 1950s [Wikipedia briefing], and (e) for going out of fashion in the later 1950s and failing to command peak interest slots on either radio or television. He died in 1972, aged 74. FURTHER READING: For more of the background see Jennet Conant's (2008) "The Irregulars: Roald Dahl and the British Spy Ring in Wartime Washington" [Amazon].

Winstanley, Asa: British investigative journalist Asa Winstanley [Professional homepage] is noteworthy in the present context for maintaining The Electronic Intifada website, a research and campaigning database of investigations into malpractice by the Labour Party's anti-Corbyn advocacy groups. For a typical investigation, see Timeline 7th and 13th March 2019.

Winston, Patricia: See the joint entry with Mumford, Pamela.

"A wicked little white snake" (attrib. Mark Sturgis)

Winter, [Sir] Ormonde de l'Épée: British artillerist turned intelligence officer turned very deep international masterspy Brigadier-General [Sir] Ormonde ["O"] Winter [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for service with the Royal Artillery before (India and Ireland) and during (Gallipoli and Western Front) WW1, (b) for serving with the Army of Occupation in
Europe during 1919, reportedly with the Boundaries Commission set up under the authority of the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 18th January 1919 then browse by <Boundaries and Borders>], (c) for being headhunted by Secretary of War Winston Churchill in May 1920 into the Army of Occupation in Ireland, based at Dublin Castle, as head of military intelligence during the second half of the 1919-1921 Irish War of Independence [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for surviving an IRA assassination attempt 2nd June 1920 with just a wound to the hand, (e) for generally dark operations, some of which possibly in Palestine, 1921-1924, (f) for then helping to run the British Fascisti [see own entry] through until the late 1920s ...

**ASIDE:** It has been suggested that this membership might have been as a *planted agent* of some sort. We see little value in that particular analysis; indeed there is a strong natural affinity between the hard right in Dublin Castle and the hard right in England.

... (g) for going even darker during the 1930s, with hinted at involvement in a couple of major anti-Communist operations ...

**ASIDE:** During this period (if not earlier) he learned Russian - *vid. inf.*

... (h) for redeploying, now as a Russian speaker, in 1940 to assist early SOE operations on the Tornio Sector of the Finnish-Russian War, (i) for the 1955 autobiography "Winter's Tale" [Amazon]. He died in 1962, aged 87. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail read ideally with the autobiography [difficult to come by]. Other than that, try Peter Hart's (2002) "British Intelligence in Ireland" [Amazon]. For a brief mention of his mission to Finland see Alan Ogden's (2011) "A Spur Called Courage: SOE Heroes in Italy" [Amazon].

**WION:** Noted during YouTube searching 22nd November 2021 on keyword <Evergrande>, the World is One News (WION) [Wikipedia briefing] news channel is noteworthy in the present context as an Indian English-language news channel, part of Mumbai's broader Essel Group [Wikipedia briefing] media, financial services, and packaging empire. At time of writing (November 2021) WION's non-executive Chairman was named online as billionaire politician Subhash Chandra [Wikipedia biography].

**Wise, Marvin L.:** DPD Patrolman Marvin Wise [no convenient biography] appears in some histories as having worked with Patrolman Roy Vaughn to arrest a second set of three tramps - the Harrelson set - which they duly brought back to DPDHQ. Wise it was, indeed, who was recorded for posterity in the famous Three Tramps Photograph [view it now]. Wise's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

**Wise, Westley Arthur:** [Read firstly the entry for T. F. White.] WFAA/KRLD-TV reporter Wes Wise [Wikipedia biography] covered the motorcade in Dealey Plaza. Then, on 23rd November, he returned to TSBD to obtain background material, parking his KRLD truck in the Houston Street dead end to the east of the building. While parked there he spoke briefly to Jack Ruby, an encounter which duly became something of a scoop after Ruby's murder of LHO the following day. Then on 4th December 1963 he was giving an after-luncheon talk at the El Chico restaurant about the Ruby encounter when Mack Pate, the owner of the service station over the road, told him that one of his mechanics, T. F. White, had seen an LHO Look Alike. They went immediately to speak to White, and he gave them the number of the 1957 Plymouth he had seen. Wise then contacted the FBI, initiating the link to Carl Mather ...

The 1957 Plymouth story continues in the entry for Carl Mather.

This line of evidence was re-examined by the 1976-1978 House Select Committee on Assassinations as "The Wise Allegation", whereupon it was finally adjudged that White must have taken the car number down wrongly. Wise went on to be three-term Mayor of Dallas between 1971 and 1976, and was interviewed in 1993 during the post-"JFK" reawakening of interest in the assassination [YouTube]
Wiseman, Abe: [Read firstly the entry for Rod Mac Kenzie.] Murky figure Abe Wiseman [no convenient biography] is cited in Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)'s 2016 book "The Men That Don't Fit In" as the Defense Intelligence Agency handler who got Mac Kenzie his "CIA Seals and Flaps School" training.

Wiseman, John: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy John Wiseman [no convenient biography] was spectating from the steps of the Sheriff's Office when the first shot was fired, and was already around the corner into Houston Street by the time the last one was fired. He was directed by bystanders toward the TSBD, where he quickly searched TSBD7. He then assisted DPD officers in the more methodical search of TSBD6 and was close at hand when the rifle was found. Wiseman's evidential profile is as follows: Report, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

***** MUCH MORE TO THIS MAN THAN MEETS THE EYE *****
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Wiseman, [Sir]1918 William George Eden [10th Baronet]1893: [Read firstly - and very carefully - the entries for Jacob Schiff and Richard B. Spence] Minor British aristocrat-businessman turned WW1 army officer turned master-spy turned banker [Sir]1893 William Wiseman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a junior investment banker before WW1, (b) for enlisting in the British Army in 1914, being one of those gassed in April 1915 in the chlorine attack during the Second Battle of Ypres [see 22nd April 1915], (c) for being invalided out of the front line and into military intelligence, (d) for arriving 28th October 1915 in New York City to head British SIS [=Secret Intelligence Service; later M.I.(6)] operations from the Consulate there, perhaps his most important assignments [Wiseman took his orders from "C" - Mansfield Cumming [see own entry] - in London] being (1) to keep Russia in the war by fair means or foul, and (2) to bring the United States in as well, if he could ...

CAMEO - LEON TROTSKY IN THE BIG APPLE: War games conducted by Sir Henry Wilson [see own entry] in 1911 had indicated that the Franco-British Entente would be unlikely to win a ground war against the Central Powers unless half the German Army was simultaneously diverted to a war in the east against Russia. Wiseman is mentioned in Chapters 30 and 31 of Macgregor and Docherty's 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry], and repeatedly throughout Richard B. Spence's 2017 book "Wall Street and the Russian Revolution, 1905-1925". The authors of both works are making the case that Leon Trotsky's mysterious 1917 visit to New York City was part of a multifaceted conspiracy to influence the outcome of the then-daily-unfolding Russian Revolution. Penniless and exiled from Russia for sedition, Trotsky had sailed (first class) from Barcelona 28th December 1916 aboard the Spanish liner Montserrat, arriving NYC 13th January 1917, being met on the quayside by representatives of that city's Jewish activist groups (coordinated, in all probability, by the fanatical anti-Tsarist banker Jacob Schiff [see own entry], partner in investment bankers Kuhn, Loeb and Company). Macgregor and Docherty note with interest that during the crossing Trotsky had reportedly spent time in conversation with a larger-than-life Swiss performance artist and (failed) prize-fighter Arthur Cravan [Wikipedia biography]. Cravan, they suggest, had likely been engaged by the British secret service to loosen Trotsky's tongue en voyage. If so, then he would have had to have been debriefed in NYC by Wiseman. Trotsky spent the next three months working the audiences (and wallets) of NYC's Jewish community, and presumably met secretly with who-knows-what intelligence factions, offering who-knows-how-much for who-knows-what political favours.

ASIDE - THE PROBLEM OF CUI BONO: One of the enduring historical mysteries is why Schiff and Wiseman appear to have been working to the same ends. Schiff was anti-Tsarist by conviction but pro-German by birth and family links. By rights, therefore, he should have been supporting the German-backed Vladimir Lenin rather than his pro-Allied rival Trotsky. Equally, a Lenin-Trotsky alliance had a better chance of taking Russia out of the war than a revolution at odds with itself, so why should Wiseman have been supporting that, when it meant doubling the number of Germans on the Western Front? The scholarly debate goes on to this day. For the fuller - but still open-ended - story see the entry for the Trotsky-in-NYC Affair.

Trotsky departed NYC 27th March 1917, was delayed for a month in Halifax, Nova Scotia, while the British closely observed the outcome of the February Revolution [see 8th March 1917], and arrived back in St. Petersburg
17th May 1917. His first major act was to attend the just convened All-Russia Congress of Peasants' Deputies, where - presumably as agreed - he threw his weight behind Lenin's Bolsheviks against the Provisional Government of Prince Lvov [see 15th March 1917]. By the time of the more decisive October Revolution [see 7th November 1917], he was ready to become one of the seven members of the new Communist Politburo, taking the post of Foreign Minister. He then switched to being Minister of War [=People's Commissar of the Armed Forces] 13th March 1918, overseeing the creation that year of the Red Army and its attendant Supreme Military Council, and remaining in post during the first five years of the ensuing Reds-versus-Whites Russian Civil War. He was finally "thrown overboard" during the rise to power of Joseph Stalin in 1924.

(e) for liaising closely with White House advisor-extraordinary Edward Mandell House in the period 1916-1919 ...

**ASIDE:** House master-minded Woodrow Wilson's re-election in the 1916 second term presidencies (marginal though that victory had been). This included constructing Wilson's European foreign policy from scratch. In so doing, since he had no great personal expertise in such matters, he is widely regarded as having taken perhaps a briefing too many from British diplomats such as Wiseman. Indeed, much of what we nowadays know about Wiseman comes from the House archives in Yale University's Sterling Library.

(f) for being part of the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, (g) for continuing in post during the period of ultimately unsuccessful Western interference in the Russian Civil War through to 1922, and (h) for becoming a partner in investment bankers Kuhn, Loeb, and Company [see own entry] in 1929, no doubt having earned his keep many times over. [THREAD = WW1 GRAND STRATEGIES] [THREAD = THE BATTLE FOR HEARTS AND MINDS] [THREAD = THE SHAPING OF THE MODERN WORLD] [THREAD = THE NEVER-ENDED RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR, 1917-ONGOING]

**** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH ****

"Balding and self-importantly running to fat" (Philby, 1968)

Whenever we want to subvert any place, we find that the British own an island within easy reach" (Ibid., Wisner confiding to Philby)

Wisner, Frank Gardner: American lawyer turned wartime special ops chief turned senior career spook (OSS then CIA) Frank Wisner [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating from the University of Virginia Law School in 1934, then working for a Wall Street legal practice through until the outbreak of war, (b) for WW2 service (U.S. Navy), joining OSS in 1943 with assignments in (in date order) Cairo, Istanbul, Bucharest (as operational chief for South-Eastern Europe) 1944-1945 ...

CAMEO - WISNER AND THE ROMANIAN HONEYTRAP: While on the Romanian station, Wisner became close to local society beauty Alexandra ["Tanda"] Caradja [Wikipedia biography (mother-daughter shared)], with whom he may or may not have had an affair. The lady would later be classified as a likely Soviet agent. Here is how Thomas (op. cit. inf.) tells the tale ...

"Wisner's war didn't really begin until he arrived in Bucharest, Romania, just as the Germans were pulling out in August 1944. His first assignment was to organise the return of 1800 American flyers shot down over the Ploesti oil fields [...], but his real job soon became keeping an eye on the Russians. Within a month Wisner was reporting [...] that the Soviet Union is attempting to subvert the position of the government and the King [seeking] domination of Southeast Europe, including Turkey'. [...] William Donovan [see own entry], the head of OSS, cautioned Wisner in October [1944] 'against speech or action' that might show 'antagonism to Russia'. [...] In fact, he was deeply involved in palace intrigue in Bucharest [where he] had requisitioned the thirty-room mansion of Romania's largest brewer [...]. He befriended the brewer's wife, Tanda Caradja, a twenty-four-year-old Romanian princess [...]. She threw elaborate parties for King Michael's advisors [...] and invited the Russians as well [...]. Wisner became an informal advisor to the royal family and, according to Caradja, the life of the party. [...] But in Wisner's view Washington wasn't doing enough to stop communism from coming to Romania [and] on March 1 [1945] the Russians took over the newspapers, the police headquarters, and the palace [but] by then Wisner had gone, pulled back to Washington at his own request, for reassignment" (pp20-22).

Thomas doubts, however, that Caradja had been a Soviet agent, instead blaming the later rumours to that effect on interservice rivalry between J. Edgar Hoover's FBI and the CIA, thus ...
"After Wisner left Bucharest, [Caradja] divorced her husband, the wealthy brewer, and married an American pilot [following] him to Vienna a few months later. But at the American embassy there she was interviewed and accused of spying for the communists. Her file was sent to Washington, where it made its way into the hands of J. Edgar Hoover [who] hated Wisner, whom he regarded as a rival. [...] Hoover probed the Agency, seeking new information on Wisner and Caradja, but Allen Dulles was steadfast in resisting. Wisner had been the subject of 'vicious rumours' from Romanian émigrés, Dulles wrote Hoover on April 19, 1954 ..." (pp138-139).

**OUR VERDICT:** Since Thomas wrote his book U.S. government documents have been released [in 2010 - Ed.] which cast doubt upon his assurances that Wisner had been innocent. Here is an undated U.S. Immigration and Naturalisation report on Caradja's mother, which seems to originate from late 1953/early 1954 ...

Memorandum of Classified Information from the Immigration and Naturalization Service Files Re Princess Catherine Caradja, Beneficiary of Private Bill S. 1624, 1957-1959 (archives.gov)

Noting (1) that Wisner was one of the "high-ranking American officials" mentioned in paragraph c of that document, (2) that his might sensibly be several of the names therein redacted, and (3) the unambiguous warnings in paragraphs h, n, and q, we therefore judge that Wisner was on balance of probabilities indeed the victim of a Soviet honeytrap after all.

... and Germany's top secret Camp King [Wikipedia briefing] 1945-1946, (c) for joining the State Department in 1947 as Assistant Director in the then Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) [Wikipedia briefing], tasked by the State Department's Director of Policy Planning George F. Kennan [see own entry] with "breaking up the Soviet empire" (Wilford, op. cit. inf., p44), (d) within that remit, for helping to set up Operation MOCKINGBIRD [see own entry REVELATORY] in 1948 ...

**ASIDE:** The MOCKINGBIRD masterplan was to have the American mainstream media (and thus, in turn, the world's) reduced to little more than passive town criers [and my, what a good job they did - Ed.]. In fact, the media was only one facet of Kennan's broader "interventionist" program - that of "political warfare", thus: "The CIA constructed an array of front organisations that [Wisner], the Agency's first chief of political warfare, liked to compare to a 'Mighty Wurlitzer' organ, capable of playing any propaganda tune he desired" (Wilford, p7 [Wilford liked the analogy so much that he named his book after it - Ed.]).

... (e) also within that remit, for using his Germany posting to set up the Gehlen Organisation [Wikipedia briefing] ...

**QUICKIE - THE GEHLEN ORGANISATION:** This was the Nazi espionage and special ops network created during WW2 by Generalmajor Reinhard Gehlen [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT], whose survivors, on both sides of the Iron Curtain, found themselves incorporated lock-stock-and-barrel into the U.S. intelligence service during the opening years of the Cold War. When the U.S. occupation ended in 1956, Gehlen became the founding president of the Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND), the West German intelligence service [Wikipedia briefing].

... (f) on 1st June 1949, also within his original remit, for setting up the National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [see own entry TRULY REVELATORY] anti-Communist propaganda network, appointing DeWitt C. Poole [see own entry] as its first Director and getting help on the ground from a certain Dimitri de Mohrenschildt [see own entry REVELATORY] ...

**ASIDE:** Other front organisations were to follow, initially targeting the many refugee communities displaced by the Soviet occupation of Eastern Europe in 1944-1945 and using them to foment dissent back home. Yeaden (op. cit. inf.) asserts that $2 million of recovered but undeclared Nazi gold was used to cover its costs.

... (g) also in 1949 for working closely with MI-6's man in Washington Kim Philby [see own entry OH DEAR] to mastermind that July's "dismally" unsuccessful Operation VALUABLE [Wikipedia briefing] attempt to depose Albanian dictator Enver Hoxha, (h) for heading Operation PAPER [see own entry] 1950-1952, deploying aircraft of Claire Chennault's [see own entry Civil Air Transport (CAT) [see own entry TRULY REVELATORY] to run supplies to Nationalist guerrilla-exiles in the Kengtung Region [Wikipedia briefing and map] of northern Burma and Thailand, close to the Chinese border, (i) for being promoted 23rd August 1951 to Deputy Director of Plans [Wikipedia briefing], (j) for thereby being deeply involved in the
successful 1953 Mosaddegh Coup in Iran [Wikipedia briefing], (k) ditto for Operation PBSUCCESS [see own entry], the successful 1954 Árbenz Coup in Guatemala [see Timeline 18th July 1954], (l) for lending his weight 1953-1955 to the Lockheed U-2 Spy Plane Programme [Wikipedia briefing], (m) for systematically and cynically inciting 1956's historically catastrophic Hungarian Revolution [Wikipedia briefing] ...

**ASIDE : DID THE HUNGARIAN FAIL BREAK WISNER?:** In some accounts, the harsh realities of his Hungarian meddling crushed Wisner's crusading spirit. He reportedly visited neighbouring Austria at the height of the uprising, seeing, perhaps for the first time, what happens when words of distant encouragement persuade vulnerable refugees into harm's way, thus: "People [were] killed by the Russians as he stood there, in his sight', recalled a colleague. 'It was a profound emotional shock'" (Wilford, p49).

... and (n) for reportedly suffering some sort of mental breakdown in September 1958, receiving Electroconvulsive Therapy [Wikipedia briefing] and being thereafter deployed only to less stressful postings, such as Head of Station, London 1959-19??.

**ASIDE:** We note without further comment the conjunction of the following four aspects of the above story ...

(1) The possible Caradja honeytrap.

(2) The association with British MI-6 operative Kim Philby in the failed Albania coup.

(3) His presence in London shortly before ...

(4) The outing of Philby as a Soviet masterspy in 1963.


***** A VERY strange tale *****

***** A VERY, VERY strange tale *****

***** A VERY, VERY, VERY strange tale *****

Witt, Louie Steven: [a.k.a. Umbrella Man] [Read firstly the entry for Burris Memorandum] Based in the Rio Grande Building [q.v.], insurance man Louie Witt [no convenient biography] was self-confessedly the so-called Umbrella Man [Wikipedia briefing], seen from behind in the Zapruder Film at the very edge of the killing zone - YouTube him now. He was gesticulating with his umbrella from no more than ten feet away at the moment of JFK's throat injury, and after the shooting simply sat down on the kerb next to Dark Compeledt Man (radioman Orlando Bosch) before making off into the crowds outside the TSBD. When he came forward in 1978 he explained that he was "a conservative-type fellow", knew that "the umbrella was a sore spot with the Kennedy family" [since 1939 it had been a symbol of cowardice - Ed.], and had simply decided it would be a good idea to "do a little heckling". Then came the smokescreen counter-story in the form of the Umbrella Dart Theory [q.v.], the in-our-opinion-preposterous notion that Witt's umbrella was some sort of cross between a set of bagpipes and a poison-dart blowpipe.

**Pivotal Occurrence:** We side with those who regard the umbrella as a brutal farewell message, a symbolic "So long, you yellow S.O.B.!". And so the pivotal question is who instructed Witt to be where he was when he was, how did they know, did they share the Rio Grande Building with him, and how much he was paid for his umbrella to be one of the last things JFK ever saw! **FIND THE MAN BEHIND UMBRELLA MAN AND YOU HAVE A VERY SENIOR CONSPIRATOR INDEED!!** And there is a feeling out there in the histories that a good place to start would be with Buck Turgidson himself, General Curtis LeMay.
Witt's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; House Select Committee on Assassinations testimony [read it now].

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** After the shooting Witt simply sat down on the kerb. Giving him the benefit of the doubt, we read this as follows. He had been duped into delivering his schoolboy insult, only to see JFK's head blown open and his umbrella (by then 50 feet away, but straight downwind!) spotted with his brains. He suddenly felt very weak in the knees. He realised that he, too, was just a patsy, and would have been very, very afraid. So it would be nice to know who knew whom, who he told, etc., etc.

**Wolff, Harold George:** Psychiatrist-neurologist Harold G. Wolff [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for studying as a young physician with the likes of Ivan Pavlov, (b) for coming to specialise in the mind-brain relationship, (c) for thereby being head-hunted by the CIA in the early years of the MK/ULTRA psychoactive drugs program, and (d) for thereby getting the contract (and the attendant government funding) to set up the Human Ecology Foundation [see own entry] research program in 1954. **FURTHER READING:** For more on the MK/ULTRA program in general and Harold Wolff's involvement with it in particular, see Colin Ross' (2000/2006) book "The CIA Doctors" [Amazon].

**Wolff, Joachim:** See the entry for Hans Casparis.

**Wolfowitz, Paul:** Classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] as a "Leo Strauss student and philosophical adherent" and further described by him as a "key player in designing our new strategy for pre-emptive war" Paul Wolfowitz [Wikipedia biography] was "the most influential underling in Washington" (Mann, 2004, §678) between 1972 (when he worked under Fred Iklé [q.v.] at the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency), and May 2005 (when he left politics to become President of the World Bank). After his early work on arms control he was promoted in 1977 to be Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Regional Programs at the Pentagon. In 1981 he was made Director of Policy Planning at the State Department, then in 1982 Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Between 1989 and 1993 he was Undersecretary of Defence for Planning in the George H. W. Bush administration, during which period he headed the production of the Defense Planning Guidance Report, 1992 [q.v.], nowadays regarded (e.g., Mann, 2004) as the first clear statement of the "Lone Superpower" strategy [this report set U.S. policy in the wake of the Gulf War of winter 1990-1991 and the breakup of the Soviet Union - Ed.]. Between 1994 and 2001 he was Professor of International Relations at Johns Hopkins University, and in that role was (1) closely associated with the Project for the New American Century (PNAC) [q.v.], (2) one of the authors and signatories of the 30th May 2000 Joint Vision 2020 [q.v.] strategy report calling, among other things, for U.S. "full-spectrum dominance" on the world's battlefields by 2020, and (3) one of the Vulcans [q.v.] advising George W. Bush on foreign affairs during his 2000 presidential campaign. Following Bush's electoral success he was rewarded by being made Deputy Secretary of Defense on 2nd March 2001, and it was in this latter role that he delivered the now infamous 6th June 2001 Pearl Harbour Speech [q.v.], in which the American public was taken to task for being so slow to anger [no warnings are heeded, Wolfowitz complained, until spectacular attacks actually take place - Ed.]. He also hosted talks at the Pentagon on 18th January 2002 in which the spirit of Israel's 1982 Yinon Plan [q.v.] was resurrected as a blueprint for joint US-Israel operations in North Africa and the Middle East. He was made President of the World Bank in May 2005, departing during a maliciously contrived scandal in June 2007. Much of his time since then has been spent as blogger for the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research [q.v.].

**Wood, Edward Frederick Lindley, [Lord Irwin]1925-1934, [Lord Halifax]1934-1959(d.):** British WW1-era politician and front-line army officer, turned Viceroy of India (as Lord Irwin) and later senior WW2 diplomat. Edward Wood, [Lord Halifax]1934 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having entered parliament in 1909 as member for Ripon, which seat he would hold until 1925, (b) for service on the Western Front between 1916 and 1917, (c) for promoting a hard line against Germany during the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry], (d) for rising to cabinet level in...
Bonar Law's 1922 administration, a job he did so loyally that (e) he was appointed Viceroy for India in 1925, a position he would hold until 1931, (f) for having closely associated during the mid-1930s with the generally Nazi-admiring members of what would in 1937 be named the Cliveden Set [see own entry], (g) for holding informal discussions (possibly including proposals from that opinion group) with Adolf Hitler and senior Nazis in 1937, following which he was made Foreign Secretary in 1938, a position he retained until December 1940, and (h) for then serving as Ambassador to the United States between December 1940 and the beginning of the Cold War in 1946.

Wood, Leonard: Soldier-diplomat General Leonard Wood [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having commanded the 1st Volunteer Cavalry Regiment in 1898 (before handing over to second-in-command Theodore Roosevelt), and (b) for having commanded the American forces at the Moro Crater Massacre [see 5th March 1906].

Wood, Simon: See the entry for Jeremy Hunt.

Woolsey, Robert James, Jr.: Classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] as an "Other", R. James Woolsey, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] was DCI [=Director of Central Intelligence] between 1993 and 1995, and then a member of the Project for the New American Century (PNAC) [q.v.]. Prior to the Iraq War of 2003 he argued that an engineered coup against Saddam Hussein would not be anywhere near as likely to succeed as would a war on the ground.

Workers Defense Union (WDU): See the entry for Eugene Lyons.

***** CANDIDATE JFK STRUCTURAL DEEP STATE (LOBBY GROUPS) *****
[Centre stage in the well-respected Willoughby Theory of the Assassination]

"A man named Tscheppe-Weidenbach, born in Heidelberg, Germany, masterminded the assassination"[Later]

World Anti-Communist League (WACL): Founded originally in 1952 as an American deep state lobby group, the World Anti-Communist League (WACL) [Wikipedia briefing] re-emerged in 1966 and is noteworthy in the present context (a) for rationalising the earlier efforts of (in Europe) the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN) [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT] and (in Asia) the Asian People's Anti-Communist League (APACL) [Wilson Center Digital Archive entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT] ...

CAMEO - THE WILLOUGHBY YEARS, 1952-1965: We introduced the ABN in WW2 Ukraine and post-war Germany, where it heavily promoted the Ukrainian neo-Nazi Yaroslav Stetsko [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT]. As for the APACL, that organisation's founding fathers seem to have been [rogues both - Ed.] Nationalist Chinese leader Chiang Kai-Shek and South Korea's President Syngman Rhee (Singlaub, op. cit. inf.). This from the Wiki ...

"The World Anti-Communist League (WACL) is an international non-governmental organization of anti-communist politicians and groups founded in 1952 under the initiative of Chiang Kai-Shek [...] and retired General Charles A. Willoughby [see inset below]. It united mostly ultra-right and authoritarian people and organisations, and acted with the support of the right-wing authoritarian regimes of East Asia and Latin America. During the Cold War, WACL actively participated in anti-communist and anti-Soviet positions" (Accessed 20th April 2022).

***** PAY ATTENTION NOW!! *****

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED - GENERAL WILLOUGHBY: The WACL moves centre stage in the JFK assassination literature as soon as it is pointed out that the headlined "Tscheppe-Weidenbach born in Heidelberg", after emigrating to the United States in 1910 and enlisting in the U.S. Army, proceeded to change his name in 1914 to Charles Andrew Willoughby [see own entry ASSASSINATION PIVOTAL]. He followed a conventional enough career progression as an intelligence professional between the wars, serving in WW2 as chief of intelligence for General Douglas MacArthur's Far Eastern Command through to 1951. He then associated with Texas oilman H. L. Hunt [see own entry] and rabid right-winger General Edwin Walker [see own entry REVELATORY] in promoting extreme right "umbrella" organization activities, editing the Foreign Intelligence Digest 1958-1963, and campaigning, amongst other things, for the use of "weapons of mass
destruction" against North Vietnam (Twyman, 1997, K14453). On White Russian issues he is known to have consulted ex-Waffen SS man and Ukrainian hard man Yuvaroslav Stetsko [above HIGHLY REVELATORY]. He also associated with those doyens of the "Religious Right", Billy Hargis [see own entry REVELATORY] and William Gale [see own entry REVELATORY], featured large in Dick Russell's (1992) "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [Amazon] as a possible JFK conspirator, and then featured again (as one of the eponymous three barons) in Joseph Lateer's (2017) book "The Three Barons" [Amazon] (whole Chapter 7).

... (b) for being resurrected in 1966 by the "notorious pseudo-scientific racist" (Singlaub, p442) Roger Pearson [Wikipedia biography], who managed to survive attempts to force his resignation until 1978, (c) for lying fallow 1978–1981, (d) for then reforming in November 1981 as the U.S. Council for World Freedom (USCWF) [no separate briefing], under the chairmanship of retired action hero John K. Singlaub [see own entry HIGHLY REVELATORY] ...

ASIDE: General Singlaub puts himself on the back for his work "purging the League of non-democratic elements" (p447). However, since the general's bio clearly indicates that he was no democrat himself, we suspect he was cleverly just giving finger to his critics.

... and (e) for respawning a third time in 1990 as the World League for Freedom and Democracy (WLFD) [see own entry POTENTIALLY WORLD HISTORIC], FURTHER READING: In order of mention see J. W. Lateer's (2017) "The Three Barons: The Organisational Chart of the Kennedy Assassination" [Amazon], John K. Singlaub's (1991) "Hazardous Duty" [Amazon], Noel Twyman's (1997/2010) "Bloody Treason" [Amazon], and Dick Russell's (1992) "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [Amazon]. We also found much of value in Thierry Meyssan's (2004 [full text online]) "The World Anti-Communist League: The Internationale of Crime".

World Bank: Founded in July 1944 following that year's Bretton Woods Conference [see Timeline 1st July 1944] and under the temporary chairmanship of the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT], Eugene Isaac Meyer [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT], the World Bank [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of the two mechanisms (the other being the International Monetary Fund (IMF) [see own entry]) by which the United States arranged to dominate the post-WW2 economic world, (b) for itself being subdivided into the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) [see own entry] and the International Development Association (IDA) [see own entry], and (c) for subsequent consolidation as the modern World Bank Group [Homepage], distributor of largesse to compliant administrations worldwide.

World Brotherhood: [Frequently seen also by its French name, Fraternité Mondiale] Founded 8th-11th June 1950 [see Timeline that date] by a conclave of philanthropists and (it must be declared at the outset) some very high-up U.S. intelligence operatives, the World Brotherhood [Wikipedia briefing; see also Timeline 8th June 1950] is noteworthy in the present context for being very transparently a CIA front operation ...

Readers unfamiliar with the use of religious and/or philanthropic organisations as "fronts" for the infiltration of intelligence operatives into hostile lands should check out the entry for <CIA Front Organisations> before proceeding

... Among those contributing either at the inauguration or at earlier scoping meetings, but not also appearing in the table below, were (in alphabetical order): John J. McCloy [see own entry] and (according to some sources) James D. Zellerbach [see own entry]. By 1954, the organisation's letterhead (NYC office) proudly named 6 "officers" and 44 "sponsors", as follows ...

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<td>Everett R. Clinchy, Administrative Chairman</td>
<td>Religious right-winger [see own entry]</td>
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**SPONSORS ...**

**CAUTION:** It is standard practice for lobbying and interest groups to enlist celebrity endorsements. Many of those listed below will therefore have been unaware of the Brotherhood's mixed allegiances.

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<td>Samuel Bronfman, Toronto</td>
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<td>Sir Stanford Cooper, London</td>
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<td>William J. Donovan, New York</td>
<td>The famous &quot;Wild Bill&quot; Donovan, Director, OSS Special Operations, WW2 [see own entry]</td>
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<td>Allen W. Dulles, New York</td>
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<td>Lady Eaton, Toronto</td>
<td>(as Flora McClea Eaton) married money; noted occultist [Wikipedia biography]</td>
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<td>John D. Hayes, Toronto</td>
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<td>François Lebedeux, Paris</td>
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<td>Victor Loeb, Berlin</td>
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<td>Henry R. Luce, New York</td>
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<td>Thomas J. Watson, New York</td>
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Intriguingly (but then again, perhaps not), there is not much concerning the Brotherhood in the histories. The most recent mention is in Michele Metta's (2021) "Accomplishing Jim Garrison's
Investigation on the Trail of the Assassins of JFK" [Amazon], where comparisons are drawn with the Italian Centro Mondiale Commerciale (CMC) [see own entry], as follows ...

"[World Brotherhood] was an organisation which, exactly like the CMC, had a double identity. Officially dedicated to propagating world peace, it was instead doing just the opposite” (k3628).

(The CMC, it may be recalled, was the Italian sister branch of Clay Shaw's New Orleans International Trade Mart [see own entry], hence the allusion in Metta's book title. And Clay Shaw, of course, was an active CIA asset.)

**** MORE TO THESE GUYS THAN MEETS THE EYE ****

World Commerce Corporation (WCC): Founded in September 1945 (although not formally incorporated until April 1947) by Canadian businessman-turned-Whitehall-asset [Sir]William [Codename "Intrepid"] Stephenson [see own entry HELLUVA STORY] and lately OSS chief William J. ["Wild Bill"] Donovan [see own entry and multiple mentions ANOTHER HELLUVA STORY], the WCC [no definitive briefing but a very great deal to reward the determined browser; readers may like to start with McCloughry (2018) albeit just about every assertion therein (and there are lots!) calls for due diligent triangulation before being relied upon] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a stop-gap measure to continue OSS operations following the formal disbanding of that service, (b) as a daughter organisation to the British-American-Canadian Corporation (BACC) [no definitive briefing] formed four months previously, (c) for quickly succeeding in placing ex-OSS agents in no less than 47 different countries, where they operated as "a mercenary intelligence network" (Herbst, op. cit. inf., pp143-144), complete with a sales office in NYC ...

CAMEO - WCC, THE EARLY YEARS: Herbst further informs us as follows (two long passages, heavily abridged) ...

"The primary function of the WCC was to assist foreign underground groups, which included Chiang Kai-Shek's army in Taiwan, the Mafia in Italy, Monarchists in Greece, among others. Funding came from various sources who had a history of supporting anti-Communist ventures, including Nelson Rockefeller [see the Rockefeller Family entry], Joseph C. Grew [see the entry for Gordon Auchincloss], Alfred DuPont [believed to be Alfred Victor DuPont (1894-1970), a secretive man], and [...] Charles Hambro [see own entry INTERESTING]. [...] Providing weapons to underground groups throughout Europe is worth noting, considering that Donovan met with William Colby [see own entry REVELATORY] while in Paris. Like Tracy Barnes [ditto] [...] Colby was a member of the Jedburghs [Wikipedia briefing]. This elite group supplied weapons to underground resistance fighters working against the Nazis, who would then parachute into Europe to train these local groups in paramilitary techniques. [...] Another connection to this group was James Angleton [see own entry REVELATORY], who had remained in Italy after the war, using ex-Nazis against the Communists. Angleton had headed X-2 [Wikipedia briefing ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE], the counter-intelligence branch of the OSS, and had brought Tracy Barnes to Italy to help train stay-behind armies. Ricardo Sicre [see own entry MORE REVELATORY THAN MOST] was in the middle of it all. [...] the Donovan group, with WCC funding, handled sensitive and illegal projects the Agency could not perform. And Frank Wisner [see own entry MORE REVELATORY THAN MOST] The murder and cover-up of George Polk dispelled any question regarding Bill Donovan's continued connection to U.S. intelligence and to what extent he was willing to go in the war against communism. [...] It was not a coincidence that many of those associated with the Donovan/Dulles group would eventually wind up with the CIA, engaged in the most infamous operations, in violation of U.S. law, [...] Even the assassination of an American president, if necessary, would eventually be justified in their distorted pursuit of a better future” (pp144-151).

"Bill Donovan instituted a plan under cover of WCC to form private paramilitary resistance groups made up of former American, British, Canadian, and French operatives, which partnered with the Service d'Ordre du RPF [no definitive briefing but see Oxley (2002)]. This privately-run French intelligence service was part of a larger organisation called the Rassemblement du Peuple Français (RPF) [Wikipedia briefing]. Wealthy industrialists secretly funded the FPF. They had a non-Communist vision to maintain French colonial rule throughout the third world. It operated independently, with the French government unaware of its existence. So, two intelligence organisations worked together as the war against Communism was waged in France - the WCC and the Service d'Ordre, operating independently of their respective governments and funded by wealthy right-wing financiers. [...]"
Things were particularly precarious in Marseilles, where 80,000 striking workers shut down the docks. In response, money and arms were sent from American intelligence sources to the Corsican Mafia, who then assaulted Communist picket lines, harassed union leaders, and murdered striking workers. In conjunction with this, a significant propaganda effort inundated the striking workers with radio broadcasts, posters, and pamphlets, creating division among their ranks" (pp169-171).

Albarelli (op. cit. inf.) provides a broadly confirmatory account, including the following snippets ...

"Gen. Bill Donovan's evolution from the post-war dissolution of the OSS to the creation of the World Commerce Corporation extended his personal commitment to national security at all costs during the Cold War. [...] The WCC was a multilayered conglomerate made up of hundreds of international front companies and lawful private corporations collaborating with the government/military/intelligence apparatus to protect and advance interests around the world which might otherwise be vulnerable to mass revolt against predatory capitalism. While Donovan was operating the WCC, the Central Intelligence Agency, successor agency to his OSS, had taken up where 'Wild Bill' left off [...] and built an effective, privatised global spy network [...] At the same time [...] even more sinister elements within U.S. intelligence were in play, including cooperation with a highly secret criminal cabal, the Corsican Brotherhood [Wikipedia briefing]" (pp29-30).

"It is believed that BACC/WCC was initially funded in part with about $10 million that was in the accounts of the OSS London office at the time of Germany's surrender. [Source] writes: 'This money could not be 'returned' to the U.S. government without stating where it had come from [and thereby provoking] a Congressional investigation'. [...] Some credible reports centred on what appeared to be a large number of OSS officials who had stolen millions in gold from captured Nazi stockpiles and hidden warehouses. [...] Within a five-year period [...] the WCC had organised at least 275 additional corporations under its umbrella. Many of these enterprises appear to have been aligned with the Swiss-based holding company Permanent Industrial Exposition or 'Permindex' [see own entry MORE THAN NORMALLY REVELATORY], alleged to be [...] a CIA front" (pp138-140).

We shall be returning to Permindex shortly. Albarelli also notes the involvement of Hitler's favourite special forces commander Otto Skorzeny [see own entry MORE THAN USUALLY REVELATORY] and a certain Aline Griffith [see own entry]. In the meantime we need to switch continents for a moment ...

... (d) from about 1953 for expanding its network of assets and regional command centres, the better to keep the peons of Central and South America in their place ...

CAMEO - WCC AND THE SOUTHERN DEFENCE LINE: In 1953, America's southern national border consisted in effect of a string of military bases running from the San Diego CA naval base on the West Coast through the large southern state cities of San Antonio, Houston, New Orleans, Tampa, and Miami. There were outstations and/or offshore training camps in Mexico City, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, and Haiti. The giant JMwave [see own entry REVELATORY] installation at Miami was built up as regional command centre in these years and features large (1) in operations against Fidel Castro, and (2) in the JFK Assassination itself.

... (e) for expanding its web of deep state assets during the later 1950s to create a world-wide network of knavery, complete with a field force of embedded mobsters and mercenary killers, and a command structure of superannuated military men (American and Nazi), propagandists, complicit editors, profiteering industrialists, bent politicians, and a veritable tax haven of bankers ...

***** PAY ATTENTION NOW! *****

CAMEO - WCC AND THE ELUSIVE PERMINDEX: Albarelli (op. cit. inf.) connects some of the dots as follows ...

"Informed researchers assert that Permindex was a direct extension of Bill Donovan and William Stephenson's World Commerce Corporation and that WCC worked closely with the World Trade Mart of New Orleans, nominally to promote world trade. Better recognised under the title International Trade Mart of New Orleans [see own entry REVELATORY], ITM was founded by Col. Clay Shaw [see own entry THE ONLY PERSON EVER CHARGED IN RESPECT OF THE JFK ASSASSINATION], who during WWII served under Donovan as an OSS liaison officer to Winston Churchill's headquarters. It was in front of the ITM building that Lee Oswald staged one of his Fair Play for Cuba leaflet demonstrations in August 1963. After the war, Donovan's comrade-in-arms Stephenson established a haven in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Dubbed the "Tryall Club' [see the entry for the Tryall Resort], the enclave served as a protected planning centre for global corporatists and ideologues [names given below]" (p158).
... (f) for thereby becoming a mainstay of the deep state as it existed in 1963, one Sonderkommando of which contrived the assassination of JFK ...

CAMEO - WCC AND THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION: Among the names given at the end of the above quotation, are George de Mohrenschildt and Clay Shaw. We rest our case!

... and finally (g) for being rebranded and re-camouflaged in 1964 (while Americans had their attention distracted by the Warren Commission investigations), handing over its operations to a new generation of black operators such as those behind the Iran-Contra Affair [see own entry REVELATORY].

FURTHER READING: For the supporting detail see Walter Herbst's (2021) "It Did Not Start with JFK (Volume 1)" [Amazon] and Hank P. Albarelli, Jr.'s (2021) "Coup in Dallas: The Decisive Investigation Into Who Killed JFK" [Amazon].

World Council of Churches (WCC): Founded in 1948 by a conclave of religious leaders, the WCC [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for its laudable overt mission of promoting common religious understanding worldwide, and (b) for its less laudable subversion by the U.S. intelligence community as a cover organisation for espionage and black ops during the Cold War. For specific examples start with the entries for George Evica and Stewart Herman, and follow the onward pointers.

World Economic Forum (WEF): Founded by (then aged 33) Wunderkind economist Klaus Schwab [see own entry] in 1971 as the European Management Forum and given its modern name in 1987, the World Economic Forum (WEF) [Wikipedia briefing] is at time of writing [= August 2021] noteworthy as the principal publicly confessed financial lobbying group in global economics [the real decisions, of course, are taken behind the scenes - Ed.]. Its past operations have been centred around its annual Davos Conferences [see the Wiki], and the organisation is regularly criticised for having successfully created a Global Elite [see Freeland (2011 [full text online])] without substantively addressing any of the underlying issues. It is, however, perhaps best known for its ongoing 50th Anniversary special project, the "Great Reset" [see own entry], and at time of writing it remains to be seen whether this will be an initiative for better or worse.

World is One News (WION): See the entry for WION.

***** CANDIDATE PRESENT DAY DEEP STATE (LOBBY GROUPS) *****

World League for Freedom and Democracy (WLFD): [Read firstly the entry for World Anti-Communist League (WACL) ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT.] Founded by conference resolution 23rd July 1990 by way of modernising the ancestral WACL, the World League for Freedom and Democracy (WLFD) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for promoting U.S. satellite regimes in Pacific Rim countries such as Taiwan and South Korea, as well as U.S.-compliant political parties in countries as far afield as Scandinavia, Italy, the Balkans, and South America. At time of writing its mission is as set out on the website of the league's Taiwan head office, which see.

World Student Christian Federation (WSCF): See the entry for Stewart W. Herman.

***** HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT *****

World Trade Center and Performance Art: In 1997, the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) [see own entry] started to encourage the use of the (Old) World Trade Center's spaces and resources as part of a rolling residency program for artists. Here is a little background from the LMCC's program director Moukhtar Kocache [see own entry], written nearly six months after the 9/11 Attacks ...

"The program was initiated four years ago and provided emerging artists with studio space on the 91st and 92nd floors of the North Tower. Artists worked in painting, sculpture, new media, photography, and art
installation and were selected by a jury for residencies that lasted six months. At the end of each six-month period, the studios were opened to the public. Thousands of people came to the Open Studios each year. The LMCC also organized public performances in the large plaza of the Trade Center for thousands of audience members. . . a venue often noted as one of the city's most democratic public spaces" (Kocache, 28th February 2002 [full text online]).

The work of two of the troupes involved in the scheme is worth noting - check out the artistic practice of The E-Team [see own entry] and Gelatin/Gelitin[2005] [see own entry]. However, note also that there may be a significantly darker side to all the arty posings and caperings ...  

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: The work of the LMCC and its sponsored artists and performers has not gone unnoticed by 9/11 conspiracy theorists. Indeed, it is central to the Mossad Did It Theory of 9/11 [see own entry], which argues, in short, that a special operations team infiltrated the genuine North Tower exhibitors and secretly planted controlled demolition charges in the structural steelwork.

"World Views": [See firstly the entry for World Trade Center and Performance Art.] Sponsored by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) [see own entry], "World Views" [New Museum Digital Archive briefing] was an all-media artists' residency program housed on the 92nd Floor of the WTC North Tower between 1997 and its destruction in the 9/11 Attacks.

ASIDE: The New Museum piece referenced above lists the following as among the 15 recipients of residencies approved for the period May to November 2001: Simon Aldridge [Wikipedia biography], Naomi Ben-Shahar [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Monika Bravo [Wikipedia biography], Laurie Halsey Brown [Wikipedia biography], Justine Cooper [Wikipedia biography], Lucky DeBelleveue [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Carola Dertnig [Wikipedia biography], Mahmoud Hamadani [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Kara Hammond [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Jeff Konigsberg [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Motonobu Kurosawa [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Geraldine Lau [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Nathan See [difficult to isolate with certainty on Internet], and Hyungsub Shin [no convenient biography, but lots on social media].

Wrangel, Pyotr: See Companion Timeline 19th October 1918 [may appear also as Wrangel – Ed.].

W. R. Grace and Company: Founded in 1854 in ColumbiaMD by politician-businessman William Russell Grace [Wikipedia biography; modern website], W. R. Grace and Company [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for (a) having a century-long diversification into high profit strategic supplies, initially guano (for gunpowder), and later cotton (for nitrocellulose, uniforms, and webbing), cattle (as leather, for belts and strapping), and sugar (for, inter alia, industrial alcohol), and, later still, steamships (eventually Grace Line) and an airline (eventually Panagra) (b) for getting a listing on the NYSE in 1953, and (c) for still going strong [modern website]. Read next the entry for its longest serving CEO J. Peter Grace.

Wright, Elizabeth L.: [previously Goode] Mother (then as Mrs. Goode) of the wife of DPD's Sergeant Patrick Dean [q.v.]. Elizabeth Wright [no convenient biography] was Director of Nursing at Parkland Hospital. She was off site at a workshop at the time of the assassination, and made her way through heavy traffic into the hospital, arriving at 1325hr. She then spent the remainder of the afternoon and most of the evening in necessary administration, and some time before 2245hr was able to inform her husband Otis Wright, Personnel Director, of the path taken by the bullet which had injured Governor John Connally. She then signed off. She attended church on the morning of 24th November 1963 and noted the precise time that the priest asked the congregation to pray for LHO. "Thy will, not ours, be done," he said. It was 1125hr. LHO had been shot four minutes previously and would be at Parkland shortly. Wrily she would note in her 11th December report that He "had already dealt". Little would be heard of her until she was interviewed in 1993 by Wallace Milam for the Assassination Records Review Board, and on 11th October 1994 by Mark Oakes. Wright's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [not called to testify, but detailed account in the at-the-time-top-secret

Price Exhibit 11].
Wright, Lawrence: Award-winning American political journalist Lawrence Wright [Homepage] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for teaching English at the American University in Cairo in the late 1960s (coincidentally being well placed to observe the rise of the Muslim Brotherhood in that country during those years), (b) for travelling extensively in the Middle East while researching his 2006 book "The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11" [Amazon], and (c) for advising in the production of the 2018 TV miniseries of the same name. For an insight into his use of CIA and FBI contacts in his journalism, we recommend his 14th September 2007 Google Lecture - YouTube it now.

Wright, Otis Pope ["O. P." or "Pokey"]: Step-father-in-law of some-say-suspicious DPD's Sergeant Patrick Dean [q.v.]. O. P. Wright [no convenient biography] was the Parkland Hospital Personnel Director, and was at his desk when a telephone call at about 1245hr asked him to send all security personnel to Emergency because of a "shooting". He sent the one who was to hand, and only learned the identity of the patient five minutes later, whereupon he, too, went to Emergency. Once there he rounded up a couple of administrators to help discipline the crowds, a task which became easier once Chief Jesse Curry contributed some DPD officers. Much has since been made of Wright's role in receiving the Magic Bullet from Darrell Tomlinson and passing same to a Secret Service agent en route to Robert Frazier at the FBIHQ Forensics Lab in DC. YouTube him now. Nevertheless his 4th December 1963 summary of the events mentioned only the chain-of-evidence handling of the late President's wristwatch. Wright's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. Wright's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [not called to testify, but detailed account in the at-the-time-top-secret Price Exhibit 29]. Browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

"There are not now nor ever have been any extraterrestrial visitors or equipment on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base" (U.S. National Archives; accessed 12th May 2023)

Wright-Patterson AFB: [INDEXING STUB] This U.S. air base is mentioned in the following entries (alphabetical order) ...

General Charles Cabell; Enno Hobbing


Xi'an Incident: See the entry for Agnes Smedley.

Yalta Repatriations: Dealt with herein as Operation KEELHAUL, which see.

Yarborough, Senator Ralph Webster: Senator from Texas Ralph Yarborough [Wikipedia biography] was in the left-rear seat of the vice-presidential open sedan. In a later interview to camera he would confirm the positioning of witness Gordon Arnold at the top of the Grassy Knoll - YouTube him now (a few seconds at 4.00min). Senator Yarborough's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 10th July 1964 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

***** QUITE DATED BUT STILL TERRIFYINGLY RELEVANT *****

Yarmolinsky, Avrahm: White Russian WW1 refugee turned American librarian-historian Avrahm Yarmolinsky [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the author of the 1928 book "The Jews and Other Minor Nationalities under the Soviets" [Amazon]. The aim of this work (produced in only the sixth year of the Russian experiment with a Sovieised Communist government) was to provide a "scientific and impartial" account of how the 1905 and 1917 Russian Revolutions had affected Russia's Jewish and other ethnic minorities. Yarmolinsky's main accusation was that the Tsarists had consistently failed during centuries of imperial expansion to ensure that conquered...
peoples became assimilated as "Russian". Here is Yarmolinsky's central thesis (we have deliberately highlighted the section dealing with "the typical case of the Ukrainians" because, a century later, tensions in that region could still [May 2019] very easily get us all killed) ...

"History, in assembling an agglomeration of peoples under Russia's harsh sovereignty, brought into being the so-called 'national question'. This was among the most weighty and urgent matters of domestic policy which confronted the government set up by the triumphant revolution of March, 1917. That the problem became so galling and knotty was largely the fault of the old regime."

ASIDE #1: This specific accusation warrants further discussion - see ASIDE #2 and our closing remarks.

"The treatment accorded the subject nationalities was, indeed, one of the worst aspects of Russia's notoriously bad government. During the last half century of its existence the Petersburg administration pursued a narrow, coercive, illiberal policy which was bound to cause profound discontent among the non-Russian elements of the population [...]. The law distinguished between ordinary citizens and inorodtsy (subjects of alien birth). These formed a special estate which included, besides the Jews, the aborigines of Siberia and Turkestan and some of the more primitive tribes of the European part of the country. [... Generally speaking,] the inorodzty leading a settled life enjoyed all the usual rights, while the nomad and roving 'aliens' were on a par with the peasant class. [...] The idea of a super-national State failed to take root in Russia. The empire remained Russian, in a narrow sense, although it had spread far beyond the ethnic frontiers of the people that was historically identified with it. [...] The intolerant aggressive nationalism of the administration increased [...] and under the last two Romanovs it was erected into a system. The idea of forcible Russification was rigorously pursued [...] and [the use of other languages, some of them ancient and cultivated instruments of expression, was considered] subversive [...] In order to appreciate what the non-Russians had to contend with, let us look at the typical case of the Ukrainians. Under Peter I it was forbidden to print a Ukrainian primer, and under Catherine II Russian became the language of instruction in all the southern schools. [...] In 1875 the importation as well as the publication of all Ukrainian printed matter became a criminal offence. [Two pages of similar complaints omitted.]

ASIDE #2: Readers confused by Yarmolinsky's distinction between Russian Russians and non-Russian Russians should check out the Timeline entries for the Novgorod Republic [Part 2, 1136 C.E.], the Great Northern War [Part 5, 22nd February 1700], and the Great Game [Part 7, 2nd July 1834]. The heartland of the Russian Empire was Muscovite, with an administrative and diplomatic capital at St. Petersburg. Moving anti-clockwise from there, the Estonian and Latvian states, great swathes of the ancestral Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the Ukraine (with their high numbers of Jews), the Cossack lands of the Caucasus, the Islamic States of mid-Asia (which so threatened British India), and the wastelands of Siberia, were all acquired by Muscovite conquest, and - just as England became the centre of an empire which largely hated the English - non-Russian Russians hated the real Russians. In the fullness of time of course, no matter that the Tsar had been assassinated and the Bolsheviks were now in charge, these non-Russian Russians were finally persuaded to get together as a coordinated anti-Muscovite confederacy - the "White Russians" - in the Russian Civil War [see the summative ASIDE in the entry for DeWitt Poole, Jr.], heavily supported (surprise, surprise) by the Western Allies. When the Whites proceeded to lose that Civil War, the anti-Russian intrigues were simply redirected onto Stalin's U.S.S.R. instead; and there (witness the daily word storm directed at Putin's Russian Federation) they have stayed ever since [May 2019]. Indeed, the West now uses professional sludge stirrers such as the International Crisis Group [see own entry] to coordinate such operations. Der kamf geyt foroyys.

"It goes without saying that official attempts to Russianise the population were not crowned with success. Here and there the upper classes were won over, but the masses resisted assimilation. In fact, all through the second half of the nineteenth century a nationalist movement was steadily gaining ground among the lesser peoples of the empire. Some of them, notably the Poles, organised secret schools of their own. The Lithuanians transferred their presses to Prussia and the United States, the Ukrainians drew spiritual sustenance from Lwow in Galicia, and in the east Pan-Islamic and Pan-Turkic propaganda raised its head. [...] This insurgent nationalism naturally found itself aligned with the forces hostile to the existing regime" (Op. cit., pp2-7).

Yarmolinsky's concluding sentence is especially noteworthy because the practice of stirring up one's enemy's internal dissidents is both the single most cost-effective tool for achieving "dominance" in time of peace, and a valuable adjunct to force of arms in time of war. Yarmolinsky clearly recognises this factor, but neglects to quantify its effect. As such, we suspect he has inadvertently underplayed the extent to which Russia's problem of "insurgent nationalism" had been deliberately made "galling and knotty" by Russia's enemies earlier in the 19th Century, rather than being "largely the fault of the
old regime". Russia did not just fall, in other words, it was pushed. [THREAD = THE NEVER-ENDED RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR, 1917-ONGOING]

Yarrow, Bernard: See the entry for Franklin A. Lindsay.

***** Too many curtain rods! *****

Yates, Ralph Leon: Refrigeration mechanic Ralph Yates [no convenient biography] gave a hitchhiker a lift on 20th November 1963. He was carrying a long brown paper parcel containing - he said - curtain rods. The conversations then turned to the forthcoming Presidential visit, whether it would be possible to assassinate him from a high building, what sort of rifle would be needed, etc. He dropped the hitchhiker off at Elm and Houston. Yates would then come forward two days later once pictures of LHO started to appear on the TV, and when interrogated by the FBI identified his passenger as "identical with Oswald". The FBI - including J. Edgar Hoover personally - then spent the ensuing months belittling the report, probably, it is now suggested, because it clashed with Buell Frazier's story [q.v.]. The final confrontation saw Yates carted off to psychiatric hospital. He was never able to work again, and died 3rd September 1975 of heart failure at 39 years of age.

Yatskov, Pavel: See the entries for Valeriy Kostikov and Oleg Nechiporenko.

Yazbeck, Hanna: [Read firstly the entries for June Cobb and Edward Lawton Smith, noting especially their association with the Federal Bureau of Narcotics (FBN):] Lebanese crime lord Hanna Yazbeck [no convenient biography and little online; this archive entry gives the absolute basics] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a Beirut Christian mobster in the 1950s in the best Chicago tradition, who somehow (b) became involved with the FBN's not necessarily always legitimate operations ... CAMEO - YAZBECK AND THE FBN: Readers who diligently did the "read firstly" above will already have seen how the FBN stands accused of getting so close to the narcotics industry that it almost became part of it. Informers were needed to build cases against the drug cartels, but only crooks stood any chance of mixing successfully with other crooks. Informers had perfence to be selected from the very small gene pool of bright and basically honourable crooks, and were accordingly difficult to come by.

... and who (c) was thereby further cultivated by the CIA's Beirut station as a good source of "mechanics" [= murderers for hire] for its QJ/WIN [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] executive action program ...

CAMEO - YAZBECK AND QJ/WIN: There is a distinct suspicion out there in the Conspiratorium that the FBN was on occasions a front for some rather nefarious CIA operations, firstly because the drugs were often grown in countries like Colombia and the Golden Triangle of Indochina where Communism had its greatest appeal, and secondly because the business was flush with cash in an era when Congressional funding was too tightly audited to permit clandestine ops of any size. Again only real villains stood any chance of survival if sent undercover. The main administrative overlap of CIA and FBN seems to have been between the CIA's narcotics supremo George Hunter White [see own entry ESSENTIAL PRIOR AND ONWARD CONTEXT] and the FBN's Garland Williams [dino]. In his (2013) "A Secret Order" [Amazon], Hank P. Albarelli, Jr. describes how Yazbeck's name appears in these complex international operations alongside those of Edward Lawton Smith [see own entry PARALLEL NARRATIVE] and Harold "[Happy"] Meltzer [dino], thus (four clips) ...

"[Activities in Mexico City] involved two CIA assassins, Harold Meltzer and Hanna Yazbeck, recruited by the CIA through the efforts of William Harvey and David Morales [...] initially for the Agency's QJ/WIN assassination program. (QJ/WIN is often cited by researchers as the codename for an individual CIA assassin, but the cryptonym also referred to a CIA program under which other assassins were recruited. This author has been able to identify twelve such individuals)" (k4018-4036).

"A revealing December 19, 1960, CIA bio-sheet contained in Hanna Yazbeck's CIA 201 file, most likely written by Garland Williams, a Federal Bureau of Narcotics supervisor, who worked for the CIA as a contract employee, reads: 'Yazbeck lives in Beirut, Lebanon, and worked for my office intermittently during the past ten years. [...] However, he is quite well known in Beirut as the leader of a gambling syndicate. He often heads up a hatchet squad when disputes arise between the Moslem and Christian underworld factions in Beirut. Yazbeck is of the Christian faith [...] and has an available pool of assassins. [...] In addition to his very wide circle of criminal friends in Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, and
Egypt, he also has many friends in high political positions in these countries. Yazbeck lives ostentatiously. He has a beautiful home and both he and his wife are loaded with jewellery. He has a stable of girls for his own private enjoyment. [...] Rumours were constantly received regarding his importance as a narcotics trafficker but we have been unable to develop a successful case against him.[...]

An undated typed CIA document [...] reads in part: "Yazbeck is well known to Garland Williams [FBN official who worked on occasion for the CIA] as a major drug trafficker [...], according to FBN official Charles Siragusa [see own entry ANOTHER SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER] [who] says that if anyone could assemble a reliable team of murderers, Yazbeck is the man" (k4075).

"Said former CIA operative and Morales associate Charles F. Gilroy [see own entry], 'I was never aware of Yazbeck. I guess he was beyond my pay grade contact wise'" (k4094).

"Yazbeck, who occasionally teamed up with QJ/WIN for lucrative extortion schemes, was also involved in white slavery and prostitution, often travelling to Algiers and Morocco" (k5721).

**FURTHER READING:** For more on drug smuggling through the Mediterranean (Beirut, Marseilles, and the Corsican Mafia connection) start with Robin Moore's story-breaking (1969) "The French Connection" [Amazon], and then update same from Peter Kross' (2012) "JFK: The French Connection" [Amazon].

Ydígoras Fuentes, José Miguel Ramón: Guatemalan soldier-politician President[1958-1963] Miguel Ydígoras [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having confronted the growth during the 1960s of the MR-13 left-wing insurgency [see 2nd March 1958], and (b) for having been the CIA-friendly president of Guatemala at the time of both the Bay of Pigs Invasion [see 17th April 1961] and the Cuban Missile Crisis [see 16th October 1962].

Yinon Plan: The Yinon Plan [Wikipedia briefing] was a February 1982 blueprint by Israeli defence journalist Oded Yinon [no convenient biography] for joint US-Israel operations in the Middle East aimed at recreating Eretz Israel at the expense of large tracts of Syria and Iraq. The plan seems to have been resurrected on 18th January 2002 and incorporated into the Iraq War of 2003 and the Arab Spring Offensive [q.v.] of 2010 (ongoing).

**ASIDE:** Eretz Israel means literally "Land of Israel", but in the sense of Israel as the Biblical "Promised Land" before the diasporas and hence usually translated as "Greater Israel". [Click here](#) for a map of the Arab territory at risk.

YMCA: The YMCA/World YMCA [Wikipedia briefing] is the Geneva-based headquarters organisation of a worldwide network of national charitably funded socio-humanitarian support groups for needy male youth. It was founded in 1844 to deal with victims of Dickensian industrialisation, but the idea soon went international. Our present interest in the organisation is restricted to its humanitarian involvement in WW1 war zones, in which respect it worked closely with similar agencies. For the fuller story see the separate entries for British Red Cross, American Red Cross Mission, 1917, and the YMCA WW1 Missions.

**YMCA WW1 Missions:** The YMCA [see own entry] had aid teams in Russia from 1899 onward, passing their skills on to indigenous look-alike groups badged as Mayak [Russian = "lighthouse"; YMCA briefing]. From 1915 YMCA workers - known as "secretaries - operated the War Prisoners' Aid (WPA) field network [Western Michigan University minibrief] from offices in Geneva, Switzerland, providing support to Central bloc prisoners-of-war in Russia's Siberian prison camps.

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** Readers are reminded that humanitarian field networks such as the WPA are routinely used by intelligence services as cover. The pay-off in this case would have been to identify, and if possible "turn", potential dissenters for future operations against their home nations.

**FURTHER READING:** For a repository of YMCA documents from this period see the University of Minnesota archives "Records of YMCA International Work in Russia" [catalogue online]. After that, there is a lot of microscopically documented background in Jennifer Polk's (2012 [full text online])
The young American economy was significant in the present context (a) for being the daughter of old New England stock, (b) for marrying George Lyman Paine, Jr. [see own entry] in 1926, the union being blessed with sons Michael Ralph Paine [see own entry] in 1928, and Cameron Paine [nothing known] in 1932, (c) for being a close friend 1926-1933 of future spy Mary Bancroft [see own entry], (d) for divorcing Paine in 1934, followed by a short-lived marriage to one Giles Thomas 1940-1944 (dec'd), (e) for marrying Bell Helicopters' Arthur M. Young [see own entry] in 1948, (f) for giving financial backing to the International Peace Academy [Wikipedia briefing] when it was formed in 1970, and (g) for helping her husband to found and endow the [Arthur Young] Institute for the Study of Consciousness [Website] at the University of California at Berkeley in 1972. She was widowed in 1995 and died in 1998, aged 95.

"Young, Arthur" [Alias]: See the entry for Charles Thomas [Passport Officer].

Young, Arthur Middleton: [Step-father of Michael Paine] American mech. eng. (aero)\(^1\) Arthur M. Young [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the designer of Bell Helicopters' 1943 Model 30 [Wikipedia technical briefing], (b) for marrying divorcee/widow Ruth Forbes Paine [see own entry] in 1948, thus becoming step-father to Michael Ralph Paine [see own entry MAJOR PLAYER IN THE JFK ASSASSINATION STORY], (c) for relocating to Bell's factory in Fort Worth, Texas, in the early 1950s, as Chief Development Engineer, (d) for wangling a job in his department in 1958 for step-son Michael ...

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: Bell's engineering vice president at this time was none other than Walter Dornberger [Wikipedia biography], late of the V-2 programme at HV Peenemünde [Wikipedia briefing], and one of the most senior of America's many Nazi-scientists-going-straight. With the Cold War going strong, security was tight, and Michael Paine was therefore vetted and given a security clearance. The background checking for this would readily have picked up on the fact that his biological father, George Lyman Paine, Jr. [see own entry] had been a bit of a leftist.

... (e) for becoming increasingly interested in the nature of consciousness during the 1950s, (f) with his wife for helping to found and endow the [Arthur Young] Institute for the Study of Consciousness [Website] at the University of California at Berkeley in 1972, and (g) for being author of a number of scholarly works in this field, notably his (1976) "The Reflexive Universe: Evolution of Consciousness" [Amazon]. He died in 1995, aged 89.

\(^1\) Professional engineering is divided into around 40 discrete specialisms, organised under half a dozen broad headings. You thus have electrical engineers, mechanical engineers (as here), civil engineers, electronics engineers, process engineers, etc. all subdivided by specialised application. Arthur Young was an aero-specialised mechanical engineer. (The present author, incidentally, is a paid-up systems engineer, specialised in large databases and artificial consciousness.)

Young, Arthur Nichols: American economist Arthur N. Young [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being on the advisory team to the Dawes Plan of 1924 [see Timeline 16th August 1924].

Young, Ruth Forbes: [Mother of Michael Paine; née Ruth Forbes; Ruth Forbes Paine 1926-1934; Ruth Forbes Thomas 1940-1944; Ruth Forbes Young 1948-1995] American socialite-philanthropist Ruth Forbes Young [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the daughter of old New England stock, (b) for marrying George Lyman Paine, Jr. [see own entry] in 1926, the union being blessed with sons Michael Ralph Paine [see own entry MAJOR PLAYER IN THE JFK ASSASSINATION STORY] in 1928, and Cameron Paine [nothing known] in 1932, (c) for being a close friend 1926-1933 of future spy Mary Bancroft [see own entry], (d) for divorcing Paine in 1934, followed by a short-lived marriage to one Giles Thomas 1940-1944 (dec'd), (e) for marrying Bell Helicopters' Arthur M. Young [see own entry] in 1948, (f) for giving financial backing to the International Peace Academy [Wikipedia briefing] when it was formed in 1970, and (g) for helping her husband to found and endow the [Arthur Young] Institute for the Study of Consciousness [Website] at the University of California at Berkeley in 1972. She was widowed in 1995 and died in 1998, aged 95.
Youngblood, Rufus Wayne, Jr.: Assistant Special Agent (SS) Rufus Youngblood [Wikipedia biography] had been in charge of Vice-Presidential security since March 1961, and was duly rear-seat right in the Vice-Presidential car, protecting LBJ to his left. Upon hearing the shooting he noted - like many, many, others - something different about the first shot, thus ...

"But in my mind, I think I identified the last two positively as shots, whereas the first one I thought was just an explosive noise, and I didn't know whether it was a firecracker or a shot. It seems, as I try to think over it, there was more of a crack sound to the last two shots. That may have been distance, I don't know."

He immediately ordered LBJ down and covered his body with his own during the drive to Parkland. Youngblood's actions during the ensuing hour or so have since been analysed by Larry Hancock in his 2006/2010e book "Someone Would Have Talked".

Young Enterprise: Founded in Britain in 2014 as the U.K. chapter of the broader JA Worldwide [see own entry], and with an annual charity glean of £6.5 million, Young Enterprise [Charity Commission briefing; Charity No. 313697] is noteworthy in the present context for being tangentially associated with the star of Pedleygate Three, Ryan Jacobsz [see own entry].

Yusuf, Gokay Hasan: Assassination researcher Gokay Hasan Yusuf [no convenient biography] was author of the 2014 essay entitled "Gerald Hill and the Framing of Lee Harvey Oswald" [extract online], which accused DPD sergeant Gerald Hill [q.v.] of planting much of the evidence which incriminated LHO; also of a 2016 blogged essay entitled "Who Was Behind the Assassination?" [read it now], which suggested that LHO's cover mission was to observe "known subversive" Joe Molina.

Zabludowicz, Chaim ["Poju"]: Finnish-born billionaire Poju Zabludowicz [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) per se as one of Britain's 151 billionaires, having inherited his initial fortune in 1994 from his father's Israeli arms company, and (b) for funding pro-Israel lobbyists the British Israel Communications and Research Centre (BICOM) [Wikipedia briefing]. In this 4th January 2009 piece in The Guardian entitled 'How the Pro-Israel Lobby in Britain Benefits from a Generous London Tycoon' [full text online], investigative journalist Rajeev Syal gives some of the background ...

Britain's most active pro-Israeli lobbying organisation - which flies journalists to Israel on fact-finding trips and organises access to senior government figures - has received nearly £1.4m in two years from a billionaire donor whose father made a fortune manufacturing arms in Israel. The British Israel Communication and Research Centre, known as Bicom, has been one of the most active organisations behind the scenes in the UK during the present Gaza offensive, organising briefings and interview opportunities with senior Israeli spokesmen. Its biggest funder is Poju Zabludowicz, a London-based tycoon, who has underwritten its campaigning since 2007. [...] Foreign affairs specialists say that the injection of funds has ensured that Bicom has become one of the most persistent and slickest media operations in the battle for influence over opinion formers. Company accounts show that Zabludowicz, whose fortune was founded on the success of his father's arms company, donated £937,995 to Bicom in 2007, around half its total income, and £341,694 in 2006. Bicom, which claims to be an independent organisation devoted to seeking a more supportive environment for Israel, is at the forefront of the campaign to win over the British media. Foreign reporters are bombarded with press releases and invitations to interview senior Israeli ministers and advisors at top London restaurants. Set up in 2001, it has regularly flown journalists to Tel Aviv. Despite its prominence, Bicom has declined to discuss its operations. But insiders claim that the company is based in plush offices just off London's Oxford Street and employs more than 20 people. While the CEO is Lorna Fitzsimons, the former Labour MP for Rochdale, those close to the organisation say that Zabludowicz, the chairman, controls it. 'He and his associates are very important in defining the direction of the organisation,' said one former employee. Zabludowicz, 55, [...] is the 31st richest man in Britain with a £2bn fortune, according to the Sunday Times Rich List. His father, Shlomo, an Auschwitz survivor, built up the Israeli arms company Soltam in the 50s after working closely with Shimon Peres, who was then the director general of the Israeli defence ministry. After Shlomo's death in 1994, his son took over the business and most of the defence interests were sold. The family business is now controlled through the Tamares Group, which is based in Liechtenstein, with huge property portfolios in Israel and Las Vegas. Some journalists believe that the resources behind Bicom have contributed to an improved image of Israel in the British media over the past seven years. One foreign reporter said: 'The scale of their activity is
amazing. They fire off press releases several times a day, and have access to those at the very top of the Israeli government. You cannot compare then to the pro-Palestinian groups' media operations, which are frankly amateurish".

There is a town in eastern Poland called Zabłudów [Wikipedia briefing], spelled with the Polish-Lithuanian letter <ł>, which can be either phonetically westernised to a "w", or visually westernised to an "l". We therefore presume that Zabludowicz's ancestors, and perhaps even those of the famous Abraham Zapruder, have roots in this region.

"Zaboth, James D.": [CIA OPERATIONAL ALIAS] See the entries for both Henry Hecksher and Carl Jenkins [there exists some confusion as to which - Ed.].

***** THE CLASS-DEFINING "MERCHANT OF DEATH", WW1 *****

Zaharoff, Basil: Greek arms-dealer-extraordinary Basil Zaharoff [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having in 1877 had the good fortune and personal strength of purpose to blag [English slang = persuade by any means] his way into the arms industry as agent for the Nordenfelt Company [see 1875], spending the ensuing decades hawking machine guns and (later) submarines around the procurement ministries of whichever states could afford such expensive luxuries, (b) for doing likewise for the Maxim Company [see 1888] after their merger with Nordenfelt, (c) for having been duly cultivated by the Rothschild banking empire, who saw great profits to be made from war industries ...

ASIDE: In their 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry], Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty [see own entry] summarise Zaharoff's part in WW1 profiteering thus ...

"As an arms dealer, Zaharoff was pre-eminent in his time. [...] The First World War represented the peak of his career and influence, and he was described as 'virtually the minister of munitions for all the allies'. More convincing is the allegation that it was he who ensured that governments refrained throughout the war from attacking and destroying mines, factories, blast furnaces, and armaments production sites" (p332).

... (d) for having acquired an especial hold over David Lloyd George during the latter's tenure firstly as Britain's Minister of Munitions, and subsequently as Prime Minister, thanks to an (alleged) infidelity with his wife, (e) for reputedly helping to broker Greece's entry into the war on the side of the Allies in December 1916, (f) for featuring in mid-1917 [see Timeline 1st June 1917] in the failed global carve-up sometimes referred to as the "Ottoplan" [see Timeline 1st June 1917], and (g) for continuing in like vein through into the 1920s. He died in 1936, aged 87. The average age of those killed by the weapons he peddled has yet to be reckoned.

Zakheim, Dov S.: Alternating between Department of Defense official in some administrations and pundit-advisor in others, Rabbi Dov Zakheim [Wikipedia biography] was a fringe member of the Vulcans [q.v.] during the 1990s (Mann, 2004), one of the contributors to the September 2000 think-tank report Rebuilding America's Defenses [q.v.], and specialist in defense budgeting systems during the Bush administration's 2001-2004 investigations into Pentagon overspend. He retired in 2010, but features in some of the more fanciful conspiracy theories relating to the 9/11 False Flag Attacks [q.v.].

Zangwill, Israel: British-born to recently arrived Jewish immigrants from Latvia (in that era part of the Russian Empire) journalist, novelist, and playwright Israel Zangwill [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for popularising the use of the term "ghetto" to describe the lives of Jews in Central Europe [he wrote five novels with that word in the title between 1892 and 1907 - Ed.], (b) for popularising the use of the term "melting pot" to describe the way America was taking immigrants of all ethnicities and turning them into Americans [his thesis, not ours - Ed.]

ASIDE: No visit to New York City is complete without taking in the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration [see museum website], for it is one of the most moving places on the planet. Based in the middle of New York Harbour, it was the main control station for immigrants from Europe between 1892 and 1954.
450,000 immigrants were processed in its first year of operation, and by the time it closed 12th November 1954 the number had reached some 12 million. Ellis Island is nowadays a heritage museum, and a haunting witness to the inability of the European nations to offer these people a future in the lands of their birth. Here is the tale of one Irishman for whom passport control turned out to be the least of his problems: "I came to America because I heard the streets were paved with gold. When I got here, I found out three things: First, the streets weren't paved with gold; second, they weren't paved at all, and third, I was expected to pave them."

... and (c) for advocating a Jewish homeland, although falling short of the harder line Zionist insistence that this should be in the Holy Land itself. Further Reading: Zangwill's role in the Zionist settlement of Palestine is covered in the Companion Timeline - see the entry for 21st November 1895 and follow the onward threading.

**Zapata Petroleum Corporation:** [usually just Zapata Oil] Zapata Petroleum [Wikipedia briefing] was founded in 1953 by a consortium of investors led by George H. W. Bush. The company lent its resources to the CIA-backed Bay of Pigs Invasion, but started to shed its original management team in a parade of deals starting in 1964.

**Zapruder, Abraham:** [a.k.a. (uncharitably) sixteen million dollar man] Everybody knows where Ukrainian born fashion clothes manufacturer Abraham Zapruder [Wikipedia biography] was at the time of the assassination. Not so frequently mentioned is the fact that his offices on the 4th floor of the Dal-Tex Building were a mere 10 feet above a CIA front company (where in all likelihood a shooting team was based (no matter that they were possible executing a false flag operation designed to incriminate Fidel Castro)). Nor that he knew Jack Ruby (from synagogue). Nor that he suffered an acute psychiatric episode in the hours between having his camera safely locked away by his P.A. Lillian Rogers [q.v.] at, say, 1330hr, and then sitting in on the negotiations for the film rights between his partner Erwin Schwartz and LIFE Magazine's Richard Stolley in "late evening". It would therefore not take long for the more suspiciously minded researchers to ask "How did Zapruder know where to stand?", and whether what he saw happen was what he had been told was going to happen (his breakdown indicates that he, like LHO, suddenly realised he had been used). Harrison Livingstone goes into all this in his 1995 book "Killing Kennedy", which see. Browse the Zappruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Zapruder Film:** Simply accumulate the 50 or so references to "Zapruder Film" in this glossary and you will have a decent entry. (And take care not to forget the rarely seen lead-in clips of Lillian Rogers [q.v.] and Marilyn Sitzman.)

**Zavada, Roland:** Photoscientist Roland Zavada [no convenient biography] was the Standards Director for Imaging Technologies at the Eastman Kodak Works (and thus closely associated technically and physically with Hawkeye). Although he had retired in 1990 he was called upon in 1998 to inspect the National Archives copy of the Zappruder Film, duly declaring it to be a "camera original". For the purposes of this glossary we shall regard this as purchased testimony, and go instead with the film's every-bit-as-well-qualified critics - see the entry for Ron Redmon and this Doug Horne YouTube. Browse the Zappruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Zelikow, Philip David:** Lawyer, diplomat, and academic political theorist Philip Zelikow [Wikipedia biography] was third author of the influential 1998 think-tank report entitled "Catastrophic Terrorism" (Carter, Deutch, and Zelikow, 1998 [full text online]), in which the phrase Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) was first loudly introduced. He was appointed Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission on 27th November 2002, presenting its conclusions on 22nd July 2004.

**Zellerbach, James D.:** American businessman-diplomat James D. Zellerbach [Wikipedia stub biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for inheriting Crown Zellerbach [Wikipedia briefing] (the family firm), inventors of the restroom folded paper towel dispenser, (b) for becoming affiliated in the 1930s with the closet right-wingers of Everett R. Clinchy's [see own entry] National Conference of Christians
and Jews (NCCJ), (c) for then being a founder member in 1950 of the World Brotherhood (Fraternité Mondiale) [see own entry], (d) for being appointed U.S. Ambassador to Italy 1957-1960 (taking over the post from Clare Boothe Luce [see own entry]), and for having to work alongside the intelligence team at the Embassy who were engaged with Operation Demagnetise [see own entry], (e) in that role, for attending the 1959 inauguration proceedings for the decidedly suspicious Centro Mondiale Commerciale (CMC) [see own entry] ... 

Contemporary Italian Newsreel

[we think Zellerbach might be the guy with the moustache at 2:06]

... and (f) for being present at the 1959 meeting of the World Brotherhood, receiving a medal for "exceptional merit" (Metta, 2021). Zellerbach was thus (presumably unwittingly) close to a Dulles-era CIA-Italian campaign to take down comparatively liberal politicians, not just in Italy, but also back in the United States, not least JFK! Zellerbach died in 1963, aged 71.

Zernotrest: See the Companion Timeline at 19th March 1930 [Caution - we are talking the 1928 incarnation of this company, not the 2015 Ukrainian re-incarnation - Ed.].

Zevi, Sabbatai ben Mordecai ["The AMIRAH"]: [Optionally Zebi, Zvi, Tzvi; amongst followers, the AMIRAH, derived acronymically from the Hebrew words for “Lord and King, May He Be Exalted”] [Read firstly the entries for Sacred Mysteries VITAL SOCIOHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.] Ottoman-born of Diasporic Romaniote ancestry [Wikipedia briefing INTERESTING] (b. 1626, Smyrna/Izmir [map]), Sephardic cleric Sabbatai Zevi [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for coming as a young man under the influence of the Lurianic Kabbalah [see own entry] ...

Readers unfamiliar with the term "Millenarian" should check out the separate entry on that subject before proceeding

... (b) from around 1648 (aged only 22), for packaging up his preachings into the Millenarianist variant of Kabbalism soon to be known as Sabbateanism [Wikipedia briefing], (c) for settling briefly in Salonika [map], a Kabbalist hub, during the 1650s, and for there enjoying a growing following thanks to a surging belief in an imminent Second Coming [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for then spending 1660-1662 in Cairo, where his Messianic claims found sponsorship from a local levite financier named Raphael Joseph Halabi [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser], (e) now quite famous as the AMIRAH, for moving to Jerusalem in 1663, and for there obtaining additional support from one Nathan Benjamin Levi ["Nathan of Gaza"] [British Museum biography] ...

CAMEO - "ELIJAH" PROCLAIMS THE MESSIAH: Nathan of Gaza instantly became Sabbatai's right-hand man, declaring himself to be the risen Old Testament prophet Elijah, and announcing in around April 1665 that the Second Coming would begin the following year [it contained the portentous numbers 6-6-6, see - Ed.] , and that Sabbatai the Messiah would be leading the Lost Ten Tribes [see own entry] back to their Promised Land "riding on a lion with a seven-headed dragon in its jaws".

... (f) for relocating to Smyrna/Izmir [map] later in 1665, and thence to Constantinople, to await events, (g) for there getting arrested by the Ottoman authorities and imprisoned at Abydos [map] ...

ASIDE: The story goes that Sabbatai had gotten too big for his Messianic boots, and had clashed with Judaism's more conventional "Talmudists". These not only formally dismissed him as a "False Messiah" but also reported him to the Ottomans as a threat to law and order.

... (h) for continuing his campaign during 1666 from captivity, aided by his close supporters, (i) for finally being hauled before the sultan 16th September 1666 and told to choose between conversion to Islam and death, (j) for then winning over the sultan himself to a fusion cult of Kabbalistic Islam, even being rewarded with a token position as "doorkeeper" in the Ottoman court ...

CAMEO - THE DÖNMEH: Some 300 Jewish families joined Sabbatai in Turkey, where they attracted a small Turkish following and became known as the Dönneh [Wikipedia briefing]. In March 1668 he claimed yet
another vision, this time to the effect that his Kabbalistic Islam was all part of God's plan for heaven on earth. This notion clearly appealed to the sultan, for the Dönmez continued to be tolerated, at least in the short term.

... (k) for being regarded most other places as a fraud, and (l) for eventually going too far with the Kabbalistic elements of his fusion cult, and being sent back to prison. He died 1676, aged 50. The historian of Judaism Simon Dubnow (op. cit. inf.) offers the following summary of his life (note the element of rapture toward the end)...

"The mystical and sectarian tendencies which were in vogue among the masses of Polish Jewry were the outcome of the Messianic movement, which, originated by Sabbatai Zevi in 1648, spread like wildfire throughout the whole Jewish world. The movement made a particularly deep impression in Poland, where the mystical frame of mind of the Polish-Jewish masses offered a favourable soil for it. It was more than a mere coincidence that one and the same year, 1648, was marked by the wholesale murder of the Jews of the Ukraine [see Timeline 27th May 1648] and the first public appearance of Sabbatai Zevi in Smyrna. [...] There is no doubt that the descriptions of this catastrophe deeply affected the impressionable mind of Sabbatai, and prepared the soil for the success of the propaganda he carried on during his wanderings in Turkey, Palestine, and Egypt. When, in the year 1666, the whole Jewish world resounded with the fame of Sabbatai Zevi as the Messianic liberator of the Jewish people, the Jews of Poland responded with particularly keen, almost morbid sensitiveness. [...] Some abandoned their houses and property, refusing to do any work and claiming that the Messiah would soon arrive and carry them on a cloud to Jerusalem. Others fasted for days, denying food even to their little ones ..." (k163-166).

FURTHER READING: For general background (but little specifically on Sabbateanism) see Chapter IV of Nahum Sokolow's (1919) "History of Zionism, 1600-1918" [Amazon]. For more of the specifics see Chapter VI of Simon Dubnow's (1916-1920/2020) "History of the Jews in Russia and Poland" [Amazon]. For more on humankind's vulnerability to apocalyptic tales of monstrous beasts, demons, vengeful angels, lights in the heavens, and faux miracles, see again the header reading.

ZHI-29: This is our stab at the "magnificent Czech-made automatic" rifle featured in the entries for Robert Easterling and "Manuel Rivera". According to various gun enthusiast websites, the 7.00mm option [= .275"] began life as an 1892 Mauser calibre, but was subsequently taken up by the Zbrojovka works at Brno, [then] Czechoslovakia. The 7.00mm proved popular for export orders to Spain, and South America, not least Argentina and Mexico, while an 8.00mm option proved popular in the Far East. YouTube an 8.00mm variant demonstration.

***** A MASTER OF INCESSANT DEMANDS *****

Zhabotinsky, Ze'ev: [Born Vladimir Yevgenyevich Zhabotinsky, but often misleadingly transliterated as Jabotinsky, despite the fact that this invites it being wrongly pronounced as Yabotinsky] White Russian (Tsarist Ukraine) journalist turned anti-Tsarist pamphleteer turned Zionist activist Ze’ev Zhabotinsky [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning his journalistic craft through overseas placements (Bern and Rome) as cub foreign correspondent for the Odessa News between 1897 and 1902, (b) for being arrested in April 1902 by the Okhrana for having been too vocal with his criticism of the Tsar and his government, (c) for founding an armed militia to help defend Jewish communities against Tsarist pogroms, (d) for thereby being selected in 1903 as one of the Russian delegates to the Sixth Zionist Congress in Basel [see 26th August 1903], where he sported his newly adopted name Ze’ev [Hebrew = “wolf”], (e) for becoming the leader of the hard line Zionists after the death of Theodor Herzl in 1904, relocating to St. Petersburg to help produce Zionist propaganda in support of a future Jewish state, preferably in the Holy Land itself, (f) for mercilessly hectoring those less zealous than he as to their duties in fulfilling his vision ...

ASIDE: Zhabotinsky is thus another of history’s special personalities. Single-minded political right-wingers are authoritarian to the core and hear no arguments but their own. And because their personal hang-ups and inadequacies express themselves as zeal and charisma, they are often devastatingly successful. Once again, therefore, we have to refer readers to the separate entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric [READ IT AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT, BECAUSE IT DOES].
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... (p) angered by Britain's refusal to allow White Russian immigration into Palestine, for planning an armed insurrection in 1939 against the British, and - helped by sympathisers in Poland - for organising arms and training for the Betar and similar paramilitary groups, and (q) after WW2 broke out and the Poles found more important uses for Britain, for shelving that plan and cosying up to Winston Churchill with proposals for a WW2 re-run of his WW1 Jewish Legion. Zhabotinsky died on a recruiting/fund-raising tour of the United States in August 1940, aged 59. FURTHER READING: For more concerning events 1936-1940 see Chapter 5 of Sonja Wentling and Rafael Medoff's (2012) "Herbert Hoover and the Jews" [Amazon].

Zhou, En-Lai: Initially one of the CPC's most active youth officers, then from 1924 a political officer at the Whampoa Military Academy, Zhou En-Lai [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been purged from the KMT army in the April 12th Incident [see 12th April 1927], (b) for having shown some promise as a military commander at the Nanchang Uprising [see 1st August 1927], (c) for having then developed CPC structures nationwide (including a network of intelligence agents reporting from inside the KMT), (d) for having then taken part in the 1934 Long March [see 16th October 1934] and the war against Japan [see 7th July 1937], (e) in 1943 for becoming one of Mao Zedong's top team, active in such matters as foreign affairs and intelligence gathering, and (f) in 1949 for becoming Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China [see 1st October 1949].

Zimmer, [Sir] Alfred Eckhard: British liberal scholar turned WW1 propagandist turned expert on world government [Sir] Alfred Zimmer [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having graduated from Oxford in 1902 and for having then spent the remainder of that decade as an academic and social campaigner, (b) for taking a sabbatical in 1909 to tour Greece, there to research his 1911 book "The Greek Commonwealth"...
This work will be well-thumbed over the ensuing decade by those responsible for shaping the British Commonwealth [see own entry]. Also, as an Oxford man in the Balkans at a time of tectonic political unrest [check it out], readers must suspect that he had been asked to combine his legitimate research activities with some political note taking (to a Whitehall brief) on the side.

... (c) for supporting the Round Table Movement [see own entry] after its foundation in 1910, (d) for publishing articles promoting a post-war "League of Nations", (e) for coming thereby to the attention of those within government charged with influencing public opinion (at home as well as abroad), who eased him into the Political Intelligence Bureau [see own entry] in 1918 alongside Arnold Toynbee [see own entry] and Lewis Namier [see own entry], (f) while there, for doing much of the spadework for the Versailles Covenant [see own entry], as eventually taken by Lord Cecil to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry] (Quigley, 1949; Markwell, 1986), (g) for attending said peace conference on Lord Cecil's staff, (h) for helping to set up Chatham House [see own entry] in 1920, (i) for taking an administrative post with the League of Nations [see own entry] between 1926 and 1930, spending much time in Paris and Geneva, (j) for being appointed in 1930 Montague Burton Professor of International Relations at Oxford, and for the resulting 1936 book "The League of Nations and the Rule of Law" [Amazon], (k) for serving as state propagandist a second time during WW2 [his biographer prefers the words "did much work for the Foreign Office" (Markwell, 1986, p281) - Ed.], (l) for helping to set up UNESCO in 1946, (m) for relocating to the United States in 1947 as visiting professor at Trinity College, Hartford CT, and there helping to set up the Hartford Study Center for World Affairs [since incorporated into the World Affairs Councils of America movement we think - Ed.].


Zinsser, Hans: This entry will be found in the companion COVID encyclopaedia.

Zionist Organisation: Dealt with herein as the World Zionist Organisation (WZO), which see.

Zohar: See the entry for Kabbalah.

ZR/AWARD: See the entries for Latin-American Information Center (LAIC) and Enno Hobbing.


ZRRIFLE: ZRRIFLE [Spartacus Educational briefing] was the CIA codename for William Harvey's assassination plot against Fidel Castro, which, some believe, eventually passed resources to Operation AMWORLD [see own entry], an even more covert CIA false flag attempted assassination plot against JFK (that is to say, an attempted failed-assassination which, by itself failing, became a successful one).