

# The JFK Hit: The Rockefeller-Buckley Connection

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WASHINGTON, D.C. April 3 (IPS) — The Big Lie efforts currently underway to pin the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Cuban Premier Fidel Castro contradict every hard fact known about the 1963 slaying of the president.

U. S. Labor Party presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., conclusively established in a New Solidarity special feature in December 1975 that the Wall Street and right-wing military and intelligence community factions dominated by Nelson Rockefeller were responsible for the Warren Commission cover-up of the Kennedy assassination. These same Rockefeller-aligned interests were also the only group which would benefit sufficiently from President Kennedy's death to resort to such a high-risk political tactic as assassination. Furthermore, they were the only ones with a sufficient control over government agencies and the media to cover up their crime.

The primary motive driving Rockefeller and Co. was their need to maintain control over U.S. foreign and domestic policy machinery which, as an invisible government, they traditionally had dominated no matter who was president or what party was "in power." After the 1963 Bay of Pigs fiasco, which was engineered by operatives of the Rockefeller invisible government, President Kennedy had launched a campaign to take over the entire Rockefeller apparatus — from the policy-formulating "think tanks" to the policy implementation means represented by the military and intelligence community.

## Rocky Floats Castro Big Lie Cover Story

The Castro Big Lie story was first floated by Nelson Rockefeller's Commission on CIA Domestic Activities last year. According to an Associated Press story in March, the Executive Director of the Rockefeller Commission, David Belin, provided Sen. Richard Schweiker (D-Pa.) with CIA documents that implied a possible link between Castro and the Kennedy assassination based upon the statements of a Cuban defector. In leaking the documents to AP, Belin indicated that the Warren Commission had access to the same documents but had ignored them. Ironically, Belin, who was also Chief Investigator of the Warren Commission, had just written an absolution of the Warren Commission's "lone assassin" and magical "single bullet theory" for William F. Buckley's National Review Magazine of Feb. 6.

Virtually every spokesman for the Big Lie Castro line is connected to the crime or its cover-up. Exemplary of this are the sources used by Sen. Schweiker for his Senate Intelligence Committee investigation of the assassination. Schweiker began his inquiry with the proclamation that the Warren Commission report would "collapse like a house of cards," but he soon found himself, as he put it, "walking down a hall of mirrors" created by his main sources in the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At that point, right-wing Rockefeller ally Clare Booth Luce stopped in with a tale linking Castro to the Kennedy assassination. According to a March 19 expose in New Times magazine, Luce received her "evidence" from Cuban exiles

— Gusanos — whose pirate raids into Cuba were financed by her own pin money at a time when President Kennedy had declared such acts illegal.

The line that "Castro killed Kennedy" is merely a variation on the 12-year-old psychological warfare creation that Lee Harvey Oswald was a "Communist." Immediately after the assassination, the Luce-owned Life magazine floated this myth by printing a front-page picture of Oswald wielding the "murder weapon" along with a copy of the Militant, a weekly newspaper published by police-controlled, phony "left" group ((the Socialist Workers Party — SWP) which Oswald had infiltrated. Again in March 1964, William Buckley wrote a column which depicted Oswald as a Soviet KGB agent. Buckley's source appears to have been his long-time friend and fellow CIA associate, E. Howard Hunt.

## Buckley, "Extra-CIA" Responsible for Assassination

While the question of who personally fired the shots that killed President Kennedy will not be finally solved until after the U.S. Labor Party enters the White House, there is now definitive evidence implicating associates of right-wing Rockefeller flunky William F. Buckley Jr. as those charged by the "invisible government" with responsibility for setting up the assassination.

Many of the leaders of this Buckley "Extra-CIA," such as Miles Copeland, James Burnham, and E. Howard Hunt, have been directly employed by the CIA or other intelligence agencies. Their shock troops include strings of mercenaries, trained assassins, terrorists, drug-runners, and various cast-offs from scores of Latin American and Eastern European dictatorships.

These Buckley "Extra-CIA" elements most active in the Kennedy assassination got their start as an ad hoc "Anti-Communist Caribbean Legion" which had long terrorized Latin America in the name of the Rockefeller family's Standard Oil and United Fruit combine. Later this band of marauders formed the core group in the Bay of Pigs invasion, out of which the Kennedy assassination flowed.

Evidence presented in the carefully documented **Coup d'Etat in America**, which has been blacked out, implicates Buckley "Extra-CIA" man E. Howard Hunt as field coordinator of the assassination. Despite his cultivated Watergate "bungler" image, Hunt was one of the invisible government's top covert operations specialists. Hunt, for example, directed the Caribbean Legion's 1953 coup against the pro-Soviet Arbenz government in Guatemala on orders from United Fruit's CIA proxy, Tracy Barnes. Hunt later served directly under Barnes and CIA Deputy Director of Planning (covert operations) Richard Bissell as controller of the gusano "Cuban puppet government-in-exile" until the Kennedys forced his removal.

After the Bay of Pigs, Hunt was appointed special assistant to CIA Director Allen Dulles with primary responsibility for covering up the agency's worst invasion blunders. In this capacity he recycled Bay of Pigs personnel and other Agency "undesirables" into the newly created CIA Domestic Operations Division. Later he took charge of the Division's highly illegal covert operations section. Photographic evidence in

the **Coup d'Etat** book suggests that Hunt personally was present at the scene of the Kennedy assassination disguised as a hobo. His presence is another indication of how tightly the invisible government controlled the assassination outside the scope of formal intelligence community channels.

#### Who Was Lee Harvey Oswald?

Lee Harvey Oswald, the man chosen to be "paty" for the assassination, was passed through several Buckley-"Extra-CIA" networks in the course of building his phony cover as a "leftist." Oswald was recruited into the intelligence community after he joined the Marines in 1956. He received a crash program in Soviet culture and language studies at the top secret U-2 spy base in Atsugi, Japan. In September 1959 he was suddenly given a "hardship discharge," allegedly because of his mother's ill health.

Using the supposed "hardships" of finding a job and getting social services as a cover, the now "anti-imperialist," "oppressed GI" Oswald, within a few weeks made his way to the Soviet Union as part of a major infiltration operation jointly coordinated by the CIA and RAND, a top invisible government think tank. One of Oswald's tasks was to prepare for the defection of a KGB Colonel (Soviet Intelligence Officer) which he did by marrying the colonel's daughter, Marina. On his return to the U.S., Oswald's citizenship was immediately reinstated and he was reassigned to the CIA-financed Eastern European networks.

Oswald's primary controller, George DeMohrenschildt, came from these rabidly anti-communist circles. DeMohrenschildt's White Russian family had managed Nobel Oil until the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. During World War II, George DeMohrenschildt worked in the Office of Strategic Services as well as directly under Nelson Rockefeller, who was at the time Western Hemisphere Intelligence Chief as Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. After the war, DeMohrenschildt found a cover for his continued covert activities as an employee of the Buckley family's Caribbean-based Pantepec Oil Co. and the Venezuelan branch of the Rockefellers' Mobil Oil Co. Later he founded a company which owned oil leases for more than half of Cuba until after Castro's 1959 Cuban Revolution. During this period, DeMohrenschildt also worked for the murderous CIA-front, the Agency for International Development (AID), and he was in Guatemala for the CIA coup there.

DeMohrenschildt provided Oswald with a house job in Dallas in 1962 and, most important, introduced him to his immediate controllers, Ruth and Michael Paine. At that time Michael Paine held a classified job in the munitions industry, and his wife's father worked for AID. In Dallas Oswald moonlighted as an FBI informant, a job which he held until the Kennedy assassination.

In spring 1963, Oswald was sent to New Orleans to build up his cover as a "Communist." There he worked with Guy Banister to create a branch of the Socialist Workers Party's "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" after obtaining an official franchise from SWP officials in New York. Banister was an old "Extra-CIA" member who had worked with Hunt in Guatemala before an assignment as FBI Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago region. At the time he met Oswald, Banister was a national leader of the right-wing paramilitary Minutemen group, controlled by the "Extra-CIA."

Banister's office (located in Hunt's headquarters for Gusano paramilitary operations in New Orleans) became the

center of Oswald's Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Numerous publicity stunts were staged including a highly publicized Oswald "fist fight" with gusano leader Carlos Bringuier. Hunt Protege Bringuier directed the Student Revolutionary Directorate which was ousted from a dual-power role by Castro after Batista was overthrown.

Banister also arranged Oswald's trip to the Soviet and Cuban Embassies in Mexico which coincided with Hunt's return for a two-month stint to his old job as Mexican CIA Station Chief. It was during this period that CIA took the notorious picture of an "Oswald double" standing in front of the Soviet Embassy.

In New Orleans, Oswald received paramilitary training at an "Extra-CIA" Minuteman camp near Lake Ponchatrain. The camp was provided by associates of dispossessed Cuban Mafia chieftain Meyer Lansky, and earlier it was used to train teams for assassinating Castro, a contract which involved Chicago Mafioso Sam Giancana (Jack Ruby's boss). One of Oswald's Ponchatrain instructors was David Ferrie, later indicted for his role in the Kennedy assassination by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison.

According to information from former National Security Council operative Roy Frankhouser, the Lake Ponchatrain camp was also used to grind out thousands of covert operations trainees for Hunt's CIA Domestic Division. Many of these were trained as back-ups for the Kennedy assassination and for a post-assassination contingency plan which called for the slaughter of leftists, militant trade unionists, and liberal congressmen.

#### The Invisible Government Covers Up Its Crime

The Warren Commission Report on the Kennedy Assassination is a pack of bald-faced lies. Apart from its primary task to cover the invisible government is leading role in the assassination, the report served two additional functions. First, it left open ended any future cover story that was later found convenient from the "Big Lie" Castro line to the cover story of last resort that either the CIA or the Buckley "Extra-CIA" forces alone were responsible for the murder. Second, the report's flagrant lies insidiously served to brainwash sectors of the U.S. population into the belief that they could never control the "democratic" process.

The invisible government's main representative on the Warren Commission was John J. McCloy. An honorary Rockefeller family member, McCloy is chairman of the board of the Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank, and a director of the Rockefeller Foundation and United Fruit. McCloy is one of a handful of men whose orders far outweigh those of any other individual within the intelligence community, including the head of the National Security Council who is traditionally a Rockefeller invisible government appointee. In addition to direct control over the formal intelligence apparatus, McCloy, et al., have at their disposal several auxiliary networks beyond the right-wing Buckley "Extra-CIA" group.

The Rockefellers' second-ranking Commission member was William T. Coleman (the present Secretary of Transportation) from the law firm of J. Richardson Dilworth that handles the Rockefeller family's assets. Also on the Commission were two leading Rockefeller operatives Allen Dulles and Lyman Lemnitzer, who in their roles as CIA Director and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff respec-

tively were responsible for the Bay of Pigs fiasco. Lemnitzer is currently a leader in the warmongering American Security Council which works closely with the Buckley "Extra-CIA" network. Along with the American Security Council presidential candidate Ronald Reagan, Lemnitzer was selected as a member of the Rockefeller Commission coverup.

Other government representatives were chosen to look for any final damaging leaks in the Warren Commission report before applying President Johnson's rubber stamp: then-Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon representing the Secret Service and Treasury Department's Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Division, Deputy Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach representing the FBI, John McCone who was Dulles' replacement as CIA Director, and Presidential Security Advisor McGeorge Bundy. Every one of these men was a ranking invisible government appointee. Dillon, for

example, was a senior partner in the Rockefeller banking satellite, Dillon, Reed, Brown and Co., and was later selected for the Rockefeller Commission; John McCone had won invisible government approval as a World War II partner of the CIA's Bechtel Corporation which handles most major construction projects for Standard Oil; and war chieftain McGeorge Bundy, who forced an "eye-ball to eye-ball" tactic on Kennedy during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

Each of the men mentioned above had at his disposal the means to uncover the real assassins within a matter of weeks. Instead they used their intelligence networks and agencies (especially the FBI which was then ostensibly controlled by Attorney General Robert Kennedy) to destroy vital evidence. Masses of documents were shredded, and witnesses were terrorized or murdered to keep the invisible government and its accomplices from being brought to trial.