

## The real Billygate coverup: Muslim Brotherhood links

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The national press is now filled with stories of what has rapidly come to be called "Billygate"—the scandal that the President's brother, now formally registered with the Department of Justice as a paid agent of Libya's Muammar Qaddafi, has been influencing White House policy, through both Jimmy Carter and National Security Council chairman Zbigniew Brzezinski. Press are demanding to know why Carter's Justice Department did not prosecute Billy earlier, since it knew then that he was an *unregistered* agent of the Libyans. Other press are charging that Billy was involved in shady business deals with fugitive drug financier Robert Vesco, implicating Democratic National Committee chairman John White and Carter/Mondale campaign chief Robert Strauss.

"Within 24 hours the entire thing could blow wide open," stated a prominent office-holding Democrat this week. "It would undermine the supposed lock on the Democratic National Convention."

While on Capitol Hill, the Senate has already formed a special "Watergate" subcommittee which may call the President himself to testify, some are already calling for Carter's resignation. Buffalo Congressman John LaFalce, a 1976 supporter of Henry Jackson, is also reportedly calling for Carter to "step aside in favor of Secretary of State Edmund Muskie or Senator Jackson." He stated there is a "possibility of the third person being nominated" if Ted Kennedy were to take the floor at the Democratic National Convention and call for the nomination of a third candidate. Others are talking of a scenario in which all Carter delegates abstain on the first ballot.

The press is already announcing that the firestorm will cost Carter the election if not the Democratic National Convention August 11. ABC-TV broadcast the latest Harris Poll, which shows Reagan 61 percent, Carter 33 percent—a two-to-one lead. *The New York Post* headlined: "Jimmy's Little Brother Big Thorn in Polls." Wrote the *Washington Star*: "Billy Business Holdings Danger for President." Calling the probe "a serious threat to the White House, the *Star's* Germond and Witcover write that 53 percent of Jewish voters nationally have already rejected Carter, and with this Libyan scandal, it will now be "a definite problem" for him to carry heavily Jewish New York, Pennsylvania, California, and Illinois—that is to say, most of the electoral votes.

But for all that, the facts of the matter go far beyond the apparent involvement of the Carter administration in protecting the President's drunken brother. "Billygate" is the tip of the iceberg, pointing directly to the facts of Carter and Brzezinski's National Security Council involvement in soliciting and encouraging Muslim "fundamentalism" and the worldwide activities of the secret Muslim Brotherhood.

Among those Brotherhood activities is the seizure and continued incarceration of 52 American hostages in Iran. Among more recent Brotherhood activities is the assassination of Ali Akbar Tabatabai, a leading anti-Khomeini Iranian exile leader, shot down in a Washington suburb this week.

Ali Tabatabai was the head of the Iran Freedom Foundation, which is comprised of exiled Iranians throughout the U.S. who oppose Khomeini. Before the



1979 Islamic revolution, Tabatabai was a counselor for ten years in the Iranian embassy in Washington.

The July 22 assassination of Tabatabai was ordered by the Khomeini dictatorship in Teheran. It was carried out by the agency of the Savama, Khomeini's secret police, which is headed in the United States by Bahram Nahidian, an Iranian rug merchant based in Washington. The controlling agency, for which the Khomeini dictatorship is a mere puppet entity, is the Muslim Brotherhood.

The persons arrested in connection with the murder of Tabatabai are, according to law enforcement authorities and Iranian sources, directly connected to Bahram Nahidian. Other leads in the case point to the Muslim Student Association (MSA), the U.S.-based organization of the worldwide Muslim Brotherhood.

Yet, on the bogus grounds of national security, NSC director Zbigniew Brzezinski and Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti have clamped down the lid on the assassination. Put together with the facts surrounding "Billygate," it becomes clear that "national security" is being invoked to cover up Carter administration involvement with the Muslim Brotherhood dictatorships in both Libya and Iran.

### **The dossier**

The facts of the matter are as follows:

1. The United States, together with Israeli and Egyptian intelligence, as part of the secret agreements of the Camp David pact, has formed an official alliance with the Muslim Brotherhood headquartered in London

and Switzerland. The Muslim Brotherhood has penetrated the top circles of leading Arab governments, including Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt, Syria, and the PLO, to varying degrees. Although responsible Arab leaderships consider the Muslim Brotherhood an enemy infiltrator, and they have acted to exterminate the Brotherhood in the United States, the Muslim Brotherhood remains in the United States in the form of the Muslim Student Association based in Indiana, with a leadership largely drawn from Egypt and Jordan.

2. Together with Ramsey Clark, Amnesty International, and the BBC, the MSA helped the Carter administration overthrow the government of the Shah and install the Khomeini dictatorship.

3. Involved from the American side is an important faction of the U.S. military, including elements of the Defense Intelligence Agency, CIA, and U.S. Navy and Air Force intelligence. The Iranian general staff, during the Teheran mission of General Huyser in January 1979, was ordered to switch allegiance and to support the Khomeini revolution. Crucial in that period was the role of Admiral Habibollahi, then Commander of the Iranian Imperial Navy. Admiral Habibollahi, presently living in the United States, was the conduit whereby the Khomeini regime was warned by the CIA of the impending coup d'etat plan that was foiled in Teheran last week.

4. Until the closing of the Teheran embassy in Washington several months ago, Admiral Habibollahi's chief contact in the Iranian Foreign Ministry was the defense attaché at the Iranian embassy, Captain Siavash Setoudeh. Captain Setoudeh represented the liaison from the Iranian regime to the MSA and Nahidian; Setoudeh, using his diplomatic cover, smuggled arms and money to terrorists planning actions such as the Tabatabai murder.

Until January 1980, Captain Setoudeh occupied offices at the premises of the U.S. Office of Naval Intelligence, from which he conducted his activities as defense attaché of the Iranian Islamic Republic. Captain Setoudeh's responsibilities included serving as liaison to several dozen U.S. universities at which Iranian students of the MSA Persian-Speaking Group were deployed, with serving Iranian armed forces officers as their control.

Setoudeh was a close collaborator of Bahram Nahidian. All of this activity occurred with the full knowledge of Pentagon and White House officials.

5. Setoudeh, again with the full knowledge of U.S. officials, supplied Nahidian with not only financial and arms support, but also helped up to 300 Iranian terrorists enter the country on false passports. These 300 terrorists were funneled into the network associated with Nahidian, who represents the MSA in Washington, and Nahidian provided identities and cover to the key

controllers among the deployed terrorists.

In the United States, Canada, and Western Europe, these Muslim Brotherhood assassins are under the overall command of Savama and the Anglo-Zionist intelligence community behind it. The assassination of Tabatabai, the attempted murder of Shahpour Bakhtiar, and other such acts—including the murder of Prince Shafik in Paris last year—have been carried out by this circle.

6. Since the departure of Setoudeh, part of the control of the U.S.-based operation has been taken over by Cyrus Hashemi, an Iranian businessman at 9 West 57th Street in New York, who heads the First Gulf Bank and Trust Co. Hashemi supplies the conduit for illegal funds transferred into the United States via the Bahamas and Switzerland for the activities of the MSA and the Iranian terrorists, according to sources.

### Our authority

In the past 18 months, the *Executive Intelligence Review* has become the established authority in the field of counterintelligence concerning the Muslim Brotherhood. Extensive documentation has been provided to the U.S. law enforcement agencies, intelligence and security services of Western Europe, and to Arab governments and intelligence services. Published dossiers on the MSA and the Muslim Brotherhood are extensive.

If this information, all of which has previously been published, had been acted upon by the relevant authorities, the assassination of Tabatabai might have been prevented. But because of Carter-Brzezinski sabotage, law enforcement officers' work has been prevented from following *EIR's* leads.

Now, another coverup is underway.

The DNC's John White is subject to investigation. The actions of Attorney General Civiletti must come under the closest scrutiny. It is the duty of the Senate and House Judiciary and Armed Services committees to investigate the allegations made above to the fullest extent. To date, the Carter administration has given the Iranian hostage-takers a free license to carry out assassinations and terrorism within the borders of the United States itself.

Over the coming days, the *EIR* will provide a complete dossier on the activities of the MSA and the Muslim Brotherhood worldwide, including new evidence concerning the inside story of the financial and political organization of the MSA put together from information from defectors from the MSA and related organizations. Together with the Lyndon LaRouche presidential campaign, the *EIR* has already accomplished more than the entire investigative officialdom of the U.S. government. The information is there to put the MSA and the Muslim Brotherhood out of business.

## Book review

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*Decent Interval*, by Frank Snepp.  
Random House: New York, 1977.  
Vintage: New York, 1978.

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Shortly after Admiral Stansfield Turner and Vice-President Walter F. Mondale had completed their destruction of the Central Intelligence Agency, over the summer of 1977, one of the younger generation of ex-CIA employees, Frank Snepp, struck back at the CIA's wreckers with a book which made mincemeat of the political reputation of Henry A. Kissinger. The Trilateral Commission-owned government, the Carter administration, was not pleased. Snepp was successfully prosecuted for failing to permit pre-publication censorship of the manuscript.

Apart from the devastating job Snepp's *Decent Interval* does on Kissinger and others responsible, the lasting importance of the book for the U.S. today is the detailing of the coming-apart of the Thieu government, combined with the hysterical exertions of the entire U.S. intelligence community officialdom in the effort to conceal from itself the fact that such a collapse was occurring.

Was not the collapse of the Thieu government the collapse of a product created over a period of more than a decade by the leading policymaking thinktanks as well as the military and intelligence command of the United States? All glib, self-consoling excuses put on the one side, is that collapse not then a mirror of grave flaws within the U.S. command?

If one superimposes the principal features of Snepp's account on the United States today, like a map overlap, one has the immediate, eerie, frightening perception that our leading policymaking, military and intelligence commands are doing to the United States today precisely what they did to Vietnam over the course of the 1972-75 collapse of the Thieu government.

Perhaps the most frightening feature of the Saigon collapse, in these terms of reference, is the manner by