

ies. His prospects for a job with the Reagan administration were nearly dashed when Kissinger began openly lobbying for him shortly after election day.

Richard Burt: The man Haig picked to run the bureau of politico-military affairs, Burt is a "spook" operating under journalistic cover. A member of the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies and the New York Council on Foreign Relations, Burt has been the New York Times' military correspondent and earned a well-deserved reputation as Zbigniew Brzezinski's chief press outlet.

Brent Scowcroft: Haig's choice for Ambassador to Moscow, Scowcroft served on Henry Kissinger's NSC staff and then succeeded him as national security advisor in 1975.

Haig is reportedly trying to extend his influence into other key departments, including the NSC, the Defense Department and the CIA. In addition to his plans for taking over NSC's policy-making functions, Haig has installed two former underlings, Major Schweitzer and Admiral Nance, on the NSC staff. He is also reported to be collaborating closely with Vice-Admiral Bobby Inman, recently appointed to the powerful number-two spot at the CIA. As for the Department of Defense, the fact that both Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Deputy Secretary Frank Carlucci lack any significant defense background "has opened the door wide to a Haig policy takeover," as one source put it. Furthermore, reports are circulating that Haig collaborator Fred Iklé will be named to the number-three spot at the Pentagon as a means of mollifying Helms and other conservatives. Iklé is a psychological warfare expert and futurist kook who masquerades as a hard-line realist on defense matters.

Containing Haig

Haig's power grab has met strong resistance from Reagan loyalists. Although the media have been insisting loudly that Haig has been Reagan's first choice for secretary of state for a year, Washington observers now acknowledge that "Reagan doesn't like Haig, and he sure doesn't trust him."

One telling indication of President Reagan's real attitude is the appointment, officially announced Jan. 23, of William Clark as deputy secretary of state. The man who will be holding that powerful position which controls the day-to-day function of State was Reagan's chief of staff in Sacramento. Reagan later appointed him to the California Superior Court and then to the state Supreme Court. Clark was also responsible for bringing Ed Meese into Reagan's California gubernatorial administration.

Whether Reagan loyalists like Meese, Baker and Clark can contain Haig from repeating his inside role in the Watergating of Richard Nixon is still an open question.

Who's mapping out 'Reagangate'

by Scott Thompson

Months before the vote in the 1980 presidential election, a series of slanderous "exposés" had been nearly completed which link Ronald Reagan to "organized crime figures."

The news agencies that prepared these icebox pieces—including the *New York Times*, the NBC-RCA constellation, the *Washington Post*, and the Institute for Policy Studies-linked radical press—are precisely the same that were behind the Watergate coup against President Nixon. And, it was these same news agencies, acting in collusion with a corrupt "old boys circuit" in the Justice Department, that were responsible for railroading thousands of local constituency leaders through a series of "trial by press" smears that made Abscam-Brilab possible.

The decision to release these icebox pieces was not, in fact, made until the pre-inaugural fight over Cabinet appointments was underway. A flurry of cut-and-paste slanders followed the appointments of William French Smith and Raymond Donovan, respectively, as Attorney General and Secretary of Labor. Both represent constituency machines targeted for destruction by Abscam-Brilab.

A still heavier barrage of slander is planned as part of the blackmail to assure that Secretary of State Alexander Haig, the notorious "Deep Throat" of the *Washington Post* during Watergate, be named "dual president." Through this barrage Reagan is to be watergated before he even has a chance to do anything.

A trail of lies

Within days of William French Smith's appointment, *New York Times* columnist William Safire, the self-proclaimed paragon of journalistic ethics during Watergate, served as the conduit for a slander that was hatched by McCarthyite attorney Roy Cohn and *Washington Post* publisher Katherine Graham. It was Graham who, according to eyewitness accounts, called for Nixon to be watergated at a secret meeting held before the 1972 election.

Perhaps the crowning irony of Safire's charge that Smith's friendship with Frank Sinatra left him hopelessly tainted by organized crime is the fact that Roy Cohn and his East Side Conservative Club associates who

helped cook up the smear are themselves no strangers to the uglier denizens of organized crime. Among those Cohn claims as a friend and business partner is Joe "Bananas" Bonano.

An even lower level of scurrilous lies was reached during confirmation hearings for Raymond Donovan held before the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee. Senator Ted Kennedy and his chief staff henchman, Walter Sheridan, former head of the infamous "Get Hoffa Squad," promoted charges by one Ralph "Little Ralphie" Picardo that Donovan had made payoffs to the Teamsters for "labor peace." During a final day of hearings on Jan. 28, the FBI said that despite 68 agents spending over 1400 manhours, not an iota of proof could be found to back "Little Ralphie's" lies. "Had this been a criminal investigation," the FBI spokesman admitted, "it would have ended long ago."

Nonetheless, reliable sources at NBC report that the network is preparing a special TV report on the Reagan administration's alleged links to "organized crime," which is to lead with the Donovan "revelations." And, in the final day of hearings Sen. Thomas Eagleton, the rejected former vice-presidential running mate of liberal senator George McGovern, insisted that both Picardo and Donovan be forced to take lie detector tests. Picardo, a convicted murderer on the payroll of the Federal Witness Protection Program, had already refused three earlier requests.

No sooner had the charade over Donovan's appointment reached its final phase than the *Miami Herald*, a cornerstone of the Knight-Ridder chain, launched an even more outrageous attack against Sen. Paul Laxalt (R-Nev.), who served as President Reagan's 1976 and 1980 campaign chairman. In a piece entitled "Las Vegas Ties Taint Reagan Confidant," Jim McGee and Patrick Riordan charged that Laxalt had maintained "long-standing associations with organized crime figures and Nevada casino officials."

Well-placed sources confirm that this same icebox slander was used earlier to pressure Laxalt out of the Vice-Presidential slot with Reagan.

Footprints of the slanders

As the case of the Roy Cohn-foisted slander against William French Smith highlights, many involved in tainting the new administration as organized crime-linked are directly connected to Dope, Inc., the \$200 billion international drug cartel. Dope, Inc., which was founded by the elite core of the British Special Operations Executive and allied offshore banking institutions after World War II, has good reason to fear such men as Senator Laxalt, who has called upon the new administration to toughen drug laws and enforcement.

The RCA-NBC group represents one of the filthiest affiliates of the SOE-controlled Dope, Inc. crowd in

America. It was RCA that with former SOE operatives founded the National Security Agency, an ultra-secret snooping agency that forms a cornerstone of the "military-industrial complex" against which President Eisenhower warned.

Walter Sheridan, a former chief of counterintelligence for NSA and ringleader of the "Get Donovan" charade, is believed to be a prime "insider" feeding material for RCA's NBC affiliate to run its slander series. As an "investigative reporter" for NBC in 1967, Sheridan was charged by New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison with harassing witnesses who held critical evidence that could link the SOE-controlled Permindex Corporation to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

In a recent shakeup of the RCA board, Thornton Bradshaw, former president of the Atlantic Richfield Co. and board member of the Atlantic Richfield funded Aspen Institute, was installed as the new chairman. Under its chairman, Robert O. Anderson, Aspen has been instrumental in many despicable operations. In 1971, Aspen convened a meeting to counter Vice-President Spiro Agnew's attack upon the liberal, Eastern press. Since then, Aspen has functioned as a higher order outpost of the British Secret Intelligence Service.

Knight-Ridder, which sources report plans further "exposés" on Senator Laxalt, includes on its board John L. Weinberg, a senior partner in the Dope, Inc.-connected firm of Goldman Sachs, and Clark Clifford, senior partner in the law firm of Clifford, Warnke, Glass, McIlwain & Finney. It was Clifford who as President Johnson's defense secretary set up "Operation Gardenplot," a planned destabilization of America through massive urban riots. Clifford is a member of the Socialist International wing of the Democratic Party, which includes Averell Harriman and Clifford's law partner, Paul Warnke, who is on the board of the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS).

One IPS-linked radical journal named *Mother Jones* will keep up a drumbeat of slanders against the Reagan administration to be picked up by other press, according to U.S. intelligence sources. Adam Hochschild, the publisher of *Mother Jones*, is heir to the fortune of a former chairman of American Metals Climax, another SOE-linked firm. The board of directors at Amax includes George Ball, the managing director of Lehman Brothers, Kuhn Loeb, which also maintains a seat on the board of RCA. The son of Amax founder Carl Loeb, John Loeb, is a close associate in many business deals with McCarthyite attorney Roy Cohn.

Co-founders of *Mother Jones* include former *Ramparts* editors Andrew Kopkind and Bo Burlingham, both of whom are on the board of IPS's Boston affiliate, the Cambridge Policy Studies Institute, and part of the immediate circles around KGB-linked "mole" Philip Agee.