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Schlumberger/Permindex behind threat to Reagan

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The assassination threat facing President Reagan is much more extensive than indicated by the presence of the four or five Libyan "hit teams" deployed in the United States, now occupying the attention of security officers and the mass communications media. Our readers will recall that this publication had warned of threats to the President's life a few weeks prior to the Nov. 30 surfacing of the public "Libya hit team" scare, in the context of events occurring around the Senate's Oct. 28 vote on the sale of AWACS planes to Saudi Arabia and around a secret Muslim Brotherhood terrorist conference at Rothko Chapel in Texas Oct. 21-25. The Rothko Chapel meeting and the AWACS fight had this in common: they were fights on the substantive issue of whether or not the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia should be politically destabilized.

President Reagan made extraordinary personal efforts to ensure a vote in favor of the AWACS sale as part of his personal commitment to prevent a destabilization of Saudi Arabia at all costs: "We shall not allow to happen to Saudi Arabis what happened to Iran." The Rothko Chapel conferees, all high-level Muslim Brotherhood political operatives with State Department protection, were in Texas to discuss plans for an immediate destabilization of Saudi Arabia. It was ironic to see Islamic fanatics and Zionist spokesmen joining hands in an attempt to prevent the AWACS sale, but they were sharing in common the understanding that a failure of Reagan to win that decisive vote in the Senate would signal the activation of destabilization operations against the desert kingdom. The President won the vote, and the assassination threat came almost immediately afterward. '

In looking for an assassination capability which is capable of threatening the President of the United States, you must first determine whether Permindex is involved. In this particular case, Permindex is involved all over the place. The Rothko Chapel event had been organized by Madame Dominique de Menil of Texas, wife of the de Menil who founded Permindex. The lady's maiden name is Schlumberger, the financial fortune which owns Permindex as well as Schlumberger Ltd., the famous oil technology firm controlled out of Switzerland which dominates the world oil-exploration business.

Permindex, of course, is the notorious assassinationoriented business front, formerly of New Orleans, which was investigated by District Attorney Jim Garrison (r organizing the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in November 1963. Permindex was also responsible for numerous assassination attempts on President Charles de Gaulle of France, and it was on de Gaulle's request that Permindex was forced to shut down its European offices in 1965 and withdraw to South Africa. Garrison's investigations into Permindex were frustrated by a series of mysterious deaths of key witnesses in the Kennedy assassination case and by a number of coverup and disinformation operations conducted by a Justice Department clique associated with Walter Sheridan and by the then president of the the National Broadcasting Company, Julian Goodman. These operations sought to maintain the credibility of the 1964 Warren Commission Report coverup, a coverup orchestrated by powerful interests associated with the United Brands Company, interests closely linked with Permindex.

The Schlumberger connection

To understand Permindex and why it poses such a problem for President Reagan today, so many years after its hits on Presidents Kennedy and de Gaulle, one must understand the character of the financial and historical interests behind Permindex; in short, one must look at the Schlumberger connection. The name Schlumberger is associated with old banking interests in Switzerland, France, Belgium, and the Low Countries. Intermarriage with the de Menil family has brought a reinforcement of old ties with the Russian Orthodox nobility associated with the 19th-century "Black Hundreds" fascist movements. The notorious Kennedy assassination figure, de Mohrenschild, a friend of Madame Dominique de Menil and the person who set up Lee Harvey Oswald as the "patsy," is typical of this little-known East Bloc-Western intelligence interface represented by de Menil and Permindex. The Rothko Chapel, for instance, which runs on de Menil funds, is controlled by the Eastern Orthodox Order of Saint Basil; a cutout arrangement where KGB officers, Catholic Jesuits, and Eastern Orthodox priests meet.

In terms of the relevance of Schlumberger-de Menil-Permindex to the current world strategic situation, one must review the series of events covering the period from the Yorktown victory celebrations on Oct. 19, 1981, to the visit to Israel of French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson on Dec. 7-8. In mid-October, after President Sadat's assassination and before the AWACS vote, President Reagan held a state dinner for the French President François Mitterrand, then in our country to honor the 200th anniversary of the French-American victory at Yorktown, Va. Present at the dinner was Madame de Menil, a generous financial contributor to Socialist Mitterrand. Also present was the chairman of the board of Schlumberger Ltd., M. Jean Riboud, the person who created the Socialist Mitterrand's political carreer and who is known through France to be the sole owner of the Mitterrand government, including its foreign minister, Claude Chevsson.

We are not privy to the arrangement that the Schlumberger-Permindex interests attempted to mediate between President Reagan and Socialist Mitterrand. Shortly thereafter, the daily press gave accounts of statements by official spokesmen to the effect that the U.S. government would allow certain French diplomatic, military, and intelligence initiatives in Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East, on the understanding that the Socialist François Mitterrand was such a staunch champion of U.S. interests that he would fight toothand-nail on the European continent against Soviet military threats and in favor of the Euromissile policy of Washington.

Subsequently, the AWACS vote in the Senate and the President's keen interest in stabilizing the Middle East situation by expanding beyond the Camp David framework to include the proposals and initiatives embedded in the Fahd Plan of Saudi Arabia, indicated that President Reagan was about to destabilize the strategic gameplan from which Permindex's political masters were proceeding. Hence, the President was once again labeled an incalculable quantity, and the assassination threat started resurfacing. In addition, M. Jean Riboud sent Foreign Minister Cheysson to Israel, effecting a 180-degree reversal of French foreign policy toward the Middle East in an effort to undo what Reagan's stabilization policy had started.

The motive

The assassination threat against the President will persist even after the "Libyan hit team" fever abates. The political motivation for such an assassination is the desire to cause an institutional destabilization of the U.S. government. If a security specialist desires to answer the question, "Why do they want to kill the President?" he should make a quick calculation to figure out what the consequences of such an assassination would be on the institutions of our government. Those expected consequences on our institutions are the motivation for the contemplated assassination.

The next question then is: "Who would desire such consequences?" From all the major policy factions in the international strategic arena, whose programmatic perspectives would benefit most from the institutional consequences flowing out of a presidential assassination? That is how one will arrive at the circles of high finance promoting the neo-Malthusian Global 2000 perspectives associated with the Club of Rome and Federal Reserve Chief Paul A. Volcker. Schlumberger and Permindex are the powerful associates of the major world financial interests behind the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), the Bank of England, the Central Bank of Switzerland (Schlumberger's banking home), and the Banque de France, currently under the sway of M. Jean Riboud.

In the course of the week of Dec. 7, the three above-named central banks, under BIS supervision, held a series of strategy sessions in which they agreed on a six-month gameplan to collapse the U.S. dollar in collaboration with Paul Volcker. The objective, as described privately by insiders of the International Monetary Fund's Group of Ten, is to manage a worldwide deflationary collapse within 1982, a necessary financial precondition for implementing the population-reduction targets of the *Global 2000 Report*. An institutional destabilization of the United States, such as indicated by the results of a presidential assassination, is required to accomplish this objective.

Threat and deception

The "Libyan hit team" threat was both a real threat as well as a deception. The hit teams are real enough. Who controls the Libyan hit teams is another story. Who tipped off the American security services about this threat is yet another. If one follows the threads from Armand Hammer, Max Fisher, and Edgar Bronfman into United Brands, from there into Schlumberger-Permindex, and from there into the Libyan intelligence service arrangement known as the "Jamahuriya," one will eventually be able to demonstrate that those who deployed the hit teams and those who "tipped off" the United States are either the same agency, or agencies in coordination.

The object is to deceive and thus blind the intended victim into looking toward a direction which appears to be a reasonable target of one's suspicions: that crazy Qaddafi of Libya. The suspect has a reputation which makes the suspicion justified. The deployed hit teams are real. The informants who supply the victim with the advanced warning are giving sterling information; their credibility and thus their advantages increase. The informants of the U.S. government in the case of the Libyan hit teams happen to be associated with British and Israeli intelligence services, probably parts of those services contaminated by Permindex.

Thus, while the Libyan hit teams were deployed to pose a real threat to the President's life, they were also deployed as the opening gambit intended to evolve rapidly into end-game. The successful foiling of the Libyan hit team threat is designed to provide credibility to agents who may play a lethal role at a future move in the game (by supplying the intended victim with sterling information during an earlier move). The initial deployment of the Libyan hit teams, even when frustrated, will be used to weave the cover story, the legend of "fanatical assassins," under whose cover Permindex will disappear into the night just as it did after the Kennedy assassination.

The President's best defense at this time is to open the Warren Commission Report, open up the nest of worms in the Justice Department associatted with Walter Sheridan and Benjamin Civiletti, the nest of worms which has covered up and protected Permindex from scrutiny, which has pardoned and freed assassins and terrorists in the past, and which, finally, holds the key to Billy and Jimmy Carter's connections to Libya. The President's best defense will also include a scrutiny into the business associates of Schlumberger Ltd. in the southwestern part of the country, their clients, vendors, bankers, and lawyers. It is from there that the enemy might be tempted to find unsuspecting pawns for deployment in its games.

Part I

Introducing NBC's dirty-tricks chief of

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Most Americans have never heard of Walter Sheridan. His biography does not appear in *Who's Who* or other standard listings of influentials in the United States government. Yet Sheridan, presently operating as an "investigations" specialist under the patronage of Senator Ted Kennedy, Minority Leader of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, is so powerful that some in Washington call him "the 101st Senator." Walter Sheridan is a super spook.

For the past three decades, since graduating from Fordham University, briefly attending Albany Law School, and joining the FBI, Sheridan has moved from one shadowy federal intelligence or investigative post to another—a "hatchetman" for some of the dirtiest political frameup, blackmail, and coverup operations in history.

A full examination of the unopened Sheridan file, only part of which is revealed here, would provide many key leads into the assassination and blackmail capability threatening Senators, Congressmen and other government officials, up to and including the President of the United States.

During his long career, Sheridan has been a key figure in the following operations:

Assassinations

• Functioned as an agent of the FBI's Division Five, Counterintelligence, while working for NBC News to abort and cover up the mid-1960s investigation of New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy—an investigation which pointed the finger of suspicion at the Permindex corporate entity headed up by Major Louis M. Bloomfield. Bloomfield was also head of FBI Division Five and a Canadian subject of the British Crown implanted in the U.S. intelligence apparatus by British Special Operations Executive Sir William Stephenson (*A Man Called Intrepid*) during World War II. Permindex was also identified by French intelligence as the entity implicated in the over 30 assassination attempts on the life of President Charles de Gaulle. Walter Sheridan, for his