

The invoking of "state secrecy" is reserved for military and foreign policy information of the highest national security classifications.

While DOJ and FBI were taking these extraordinary measures, the CIA released documents to Campaigner and *EIR* attorneys—over the objection of the Justice Department—showing that the Carter administration at the highest levels had foreknowledge of the Nahidian-Hashemi plot to assassinate Tabatabai.

According to a CIA cable No. 4504464, dated June 11, 1980, "The lead commented on a covert funding mechanism utilized by pro-Khomeini Iranians residing in the U.S. Lead told source that funds for clandestine purposes are handled by the Gulf Bank located in NYC. Funds for activities in Washington DC are passed by Gulf Bank through (FNU)Nahidian."

In a followup CIA cable No. 4632503, dated July 3, 1980, the assassination plot is identified: "He has learned that Persian carpet dealer FNU Nahidian . . . were probably involved in the . . . assassination. . . . Nahidian had admitted to him . . . that he is the Savama representative in the Washington area. Nahidian also reportedly claimed that if Iranians in the U.S. were going to be against Khomeini then they would be killed one by one if necessary. . . . Nahidian is also to have told . . . that he and some other pro-Khomeini Iranians will be filming the anti-Khomeini demonstration planned for 27 July 80 in Washington DC."

A footnote on Belfield

Exactly 42 days after the submission of Revell's sealed affidavit to the court, on April 18, 1983, the DOJ-FBI cover-up of the Tabatabai assassination took another bizarre and ugly twist, when Iranian-backed terrorists blew up the U.S. embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, killing over 50 people, including Robert Ames, a senior CIA Middle East specialist, and his entire staff. According to highly reliable regional sources, when a team of six FBI agents arrived in Beirut days later to probe the bombing, to their horror, they discovered that David Belfield had been among the terrorists who carried out the attack. Wearing a stolen Marine uniform and using forged identification, Belfield had, according to the sources, entered the embassy compound and planted a suitcase of explosives in the basement, that went off at the same time as the car bomb.

It seems that after Belfield escaped by car to Montreal, with FBI complicity, he traveled to Geneva, where a Muslim Brotherhood financier, Said Ramadan, paid him \$100,000 for the Tabatabai hit. After spending several months in training in Teheran, Belfield was assigned on loan to Syrian intelligence in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. Under joint Syrian-Iranian auspices, Belfield participated in the April 1983 embassy bombing. According to recently published sources, Belfield is now back in Teheran working at the North American Propaganda Section of the Iranian foreign ministry.

The 'comsymps' in the Justice Department

"Stephen Trott, Meese's investigator, will try to dig a prosecutor's trap for the president. Trott will argue that his inquiry must be kept secret. . . . If he prevails, . . . Trott may succeed in saving his prosecutions at the cost of the presidency. If Mr. Reagan is wise, he will communicate everything discovered, early and often." So wrote John Ehrlichman, former aide to President Nixon, who was once prosecuted by Trott for the alleged break-in into the office of the psychiatrist of "Pentagon Papers" peacenik, Daniel Ellsberg. Ehrlichman's warning in the Dec. 8, 1986 issue of *Newsweek*, was borne out when "high-level Justice Department officials," widely reported to be Trott and his sidekick William Weld, head of the Criminal Division, leaked to the *Washington Post*, that Meese must be excluded from the investigation of Iran arms sales ordered by the President, because of conflict of interest within the Justice Department.

But statements by President Reagan and Attorney-General Edwin Meese that they support the appointment of an "independent counsel" to investigate illegalities in the Iran arms deals, sent would-be watergaters, such as Trott's collaborator Oliver "Buck" Revell, executive director of the FBI, scurrying to cover up their own conflict of interest. Revell announced on Dec. 4 his withdrawal from investigations of the arms deals, because of his past involvement in a National Security Council committee with Lt.-Col. Oliver North.

For a real investigation

As editors of *EIR* warned in a Dec. 3 press conference in Washington, D.C., only an investigation totally independent of Trott and Revell's dirty Justice Department apparatus, could bring to light the U.S. traitors who helped Khomeini into power in Iran, and provided support for his arms supply and terrorist operations since 1979. *EIR*'s editors released to the press documents proving Revell's involvement in the Carter administration's protection of Iranian gun-runner Cyrus Hashemi.

The same team, led by Revell and Trott, that blocked investigation into the Iranian terrorist financiers, is also the heart of the Justice Department's "Get LaRouche" operation,

which has run a two-year investigation of Lyndon LaRouche's 1984 presidential campaign, and which ordered the Oct. 6 raid on companies, including this magazine, associated with LaRouche in Leesburg, Virginia, with nearly 400 machine gun-armed federal, state, and local troops.

The Trott-Revell grouping described below has been caught repeatedly protecting, and indeed collaborating with, the Soviet KGB. In the case of Trott, his ties to Communist Party sympathizers in the music industry, may constitute the next major investigation Reagan and Meese should conduct to clean out the administration.

Stephen Trott: Widely misidentified as an "Edwin Meese conservative," Trott is a product of the political machine reflected by California Attorney-General John Van De Kamp, whose political career was built on contributions from California's organized crime apparatus, and long-time Soviet agent Armand Hammer.



In the early 1960s, Trott, then in college, became a successful folk music star in the group known as The Highwaymen. The rights to the group's most successful hit song, "Michael," were owned by Sanga Music, the company owned by Harry Leventhal, a well-known Communist Party fellow-traveler, who also handled accounts for Pete Seeger, Woody and Arlo Guthrie. Through Leventhal and an associate, Ken Greengrass, who became manager of the group, The Highwaymen obtained a contract with United Artists, run by Arthur Krim, a Hollywood organized-crime-linked figure. The earnings from this arrangement financed Trott's legal education at Harvard.

The political connections of Krim were no doubt important for Trott's later career. Krim and his wife, Mathilda, are Los Angeles politicians who are still close to Armand Hammer and Van De Kamp.

At Senate hearings this past August to confirm Trott's promotion from head of the Criminal Division in the Justice Department to the number-three post, Trott boasted that he would make the activities of the Office of Special Investigations, the so-called Nazi-hunting section that is the main channel for Justice Department collaboration with the KGB, one of his priorities. Trott also promised that, with the help of William Weld, who was being confirmed the same day for Trott's old job, he would put together a "super" unit to churn up prosecutions of defense contractors. In 1985, Trott personally supervised the re-opening of the prosecution of NASA chief James Beggs on a fraud case (later dropped), that caused Beggs to resign from the NASA post. Beggs's resignation,

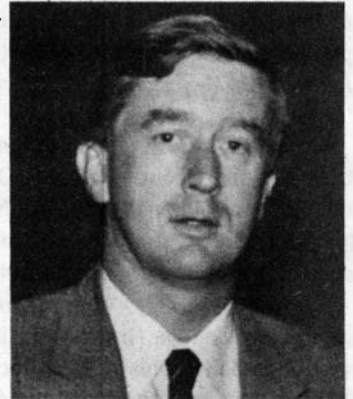
and his replacement with the incompetent William Graham, directly contributed to the loss of the Challenger Shuttle in January 1986.

Oliver Revell: The FBI's "dirty tricks" specialist, Revell was the architect of the "Abscam" entrapments that used convicted felons to bribe and blackmail U.S. congressmen. Revell works closely with NBC "hatchet men" Brian Ross and Ira Silverman, whom he uses to "try" his targets in the press, before indictments are even obtained.

Since 1984, Revell maneuvered to oversee the FBI's anti-terrorist and "white collar crime" investigations, and was personally involved in FBI director William Webster's repeated contradictions of President Reagan's identification of the Soviet Union's hand behind terrorism and international narcotics traffic.

In 1980, Revell signed letters to *EIR* acknowledging receipt of information about involvement by Iranians Cyrus Hashemi and Bahram Nahidian in the murder of anti-Khomeini Iranian leader Dr. Ali Tabatabai. The FBI kept Nahidian out of the case, despite the fact the accused assassins had been recruited by Nahidian.

William Weld: The former U.S. Attorney in Boston, who opened the investigation into Lyndon LaRouche's 1984 presidential campaign at the behest of the dope lobby and "bankers' CIA," Weld is now head of the Criminal Division of the Justice Department. He detailed at his confirmation hearings in August, that he will run a "fraud unit" that will make prosecutions of the defense industry his personal priority. Weld, a self-avowed "environmental terrorist," is planning an operation through the Justice Department to gut the research capability through private industry that is essential to the President's Strategic Defense Initiative.



Weld is the offspring of the notorious Weld banking family, that made its fortune by running opium in the 19th century, and expanded that fortune through business deals with *Crédit Suisse*, the world's best-established laundry for drug money. In 1985, Weld negotiated a plea-bargain to fine the Bank of Boston a mere \$500,000 for currency violations upwards of \$1.22 billion—identified by top Treasury Department officials as drug-money proceeds.

Weld is also a funder of U.S.- and Canadian-based pro-terrorist networks, through the (now-defunct) Boston *Real Paper*, and his reported secret investment in Filmlines International, which funnels money to the Greenpeace radical ecologist group, and is in a film partnership with the People's Liberation Army of Communist China.