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## The John Markham Dossier

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# LaRouche prosecutor links to Satanic 'Murder, Inc.' confirmed

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Markham, the prosecutor in both the Boston and Alexandria railroad trials of Lyndon LaRouche and a score of associates, was intimately tied into the Process Church of the Final Judgment, a suspected Satanic killer cult, for at least the seven-year period immediately before he went to work for the Department of Justice. Documents obtained by *EIR* confirm that John Markham, while an attorney with prestigious law firms in both New York City and San Francisco from 1974-80, was listed in Process Church literature as a close collaborator of the church.

One citation, from the March 1974 issue of the magazine *The Processian*, reports on Markham's involvement with a Process Church "thrift shop" in Greenwich Village: "The new Disciples' Thrift Shop at 181 West 4th Street in New York's Greenwich Village is now really underway. The stock has been built up entirely from charitable donations, some of which have come from as far afield as California. . . . The shop, which has already become part of the scene on busy West 4th Street is a cooperative venture run by Disciples Robert Lynn, Erica Bulman and Joanne Palacino. John Markham and Joshua Schonhaut are also very much involved." (page 22)

As reported in last week's *EIR*, John Markham is the attorney of record for the Process Church in court papers on file with the State of New York dated both January and May 1974. At the time, Markham was an attorney with Shearman and Sterling, a major Wall Street law firm. In June 1976, Markham left New York City and moved to San Francisco where he joined the law firm of Lillick, McHose and Charles. Shortly after his arrival, the firm was listed with the California Secretary of State's office as the legal address of the Foundation Faith of the Millennium. In May 1974, Markham had filed court papers back in New York that changed the name of the Process Church to the Foundation Faith. The name change was ostensibly linked to a split in the Church brought about when the DeGrimstons filed for a divorce (they were the founders). The actual motives behind the change may be more ominous. According to West Coast news accounts, by 1970, California police were investigating the group for a series of murders of members of the Church of Scientology.

According to author Maury Terry, Markham's membership in the Process Church certainly overlapped that of Sa-

tanic mass murderer, David Berkowitz, who is now serving a life sentence in New York state prison for the infamous Son of Sam killings. Terry's exhaustive investigation into the Son of Sam murders established beyond doubt that the killings were the work of a dozen individuals—including Berkowitz—who were all members of a Westchester County-based cult that was part of the nationwide Process Church. According to Berkowitz, a piece of property in the northeast corner of Westchester County owned by Christopher A. Fripp, was the East Coast headquarters of the killer cult to which he belonged.

In January 1974, John Markham listed the same Christopher A. Fripp as one of three trustees of the Process Church in the papers he filed with the State of New York.

By the time that John Markham, in a highly unusual career move, left a lucrative private law practice to go to work for the Justice Department as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, the District Attorney of Queens County, New York, John Santucci, had officially reopened the Son of Sam investigation on the basis of new evidence suggesting that Berkowitz was merely one member of a Satanic killer cult involved in ritualistic murders in New York, North Dakota, and California. Under those circumstances, it is impossible to conceive that officials of Department of Justice did not know of Markham's Process ties at the time that he was hired.

### The Manson Family dons black robes

Another writer who deeply probed the Process Church, Ed Sanders, linked Process to yet another Satanic killer cult, this one in California. According to Sanders's 1971 book *The Family*, by no later than July 1969, Charles Manson had become an enthusiastic convert to Process:

One of Manson's summer 1969 raps was about how groovy fear was, is. "Getting the Fear," as he called it, was an exquisite physical experience. It's actually an old LSD phenomenon—conquering a period of intense fear. But Manson decided that the entire substance of expanded consciousness was fear—the "infinite plain of fear unto infinity. . . ."

It seemed strange that all of a sudden they got into wearing black capes. . . . Black capes, black clothes, getting the fear. Just like the Process. Because guess

what the Process was doing in the summer of 1969? They were preparing the "Fear" issue of the *Process* magazine, issue number 5, which has to be seen to be believed. . . . The "fear" issue is like a plane wreck. Page after page babbles about fear. There is a page devoted to quotes from members of the Hell's Angels motorcycle club, an article called "Satan is Fear," a grim photo of all twenty-four Process Alsatian dogs lined up in a hostile row, and so on and so forth. The centerfold, so to speak, of the magazine, is a collage honoring the Lamb of Christ and the Goat of Satan. The gibberish of the centerfold ends: "The Lamb and the Goat must come together—pure Love descended from the pinnacle of Heaven, united with pure hatred raised from the depths of Hell. . . ."

One of the things the Process was doing in the summer of 1969 was recruiting in the Los Angeles area on the sly. They were going around to various extant cults and seeking membership. There is also indication that they had their own secret Process commune out in the San Fernando Valley. Tex Watson has said that Manson raved and ranted about the Process in his lectures. Bruce Davis was involved with them in England. The family knew about the Process group in Santa Barbara. But when asked about the Process, most family members merely dealt out that blank hostile stare they are famous for. Manson may have visited New York City during July of 1969, using the name Chuck Summers—his "Hollywood name." For instance, in July 1969, a man named Chuck Summers bought a book in a Scientology bookstore in New York. Robert and Mary Anne DeGrimston-Moor, the founding couple of the Process, are thought to have been in New York in July 1969. There are ominous rumors that Manson may have "hooked up" with Robert DeGrimston, the co-founder of the Process Church of Final Judgment. . . . When asked about the possibility that he knew DeGrimston, Manson replied, "I am DeGrimston. . . ." Since the trial, Manson has been visited by Process members through the kind offices of his attorney. Manson has written an article for the so-called "Death Issue" of the *Process* magazine, issue number 6. . . . The Process symbol is a sort of inverted swastika. And why has Manson, since he has been found guilty of murder, carved an inverted swastika that looks remarkably like the Process symbol into his forehead? (pages 224-226)

In a recent interview, John Markham openly acknowledged that he had ties to the Process Church during the mid-1970s in Bronx, New York. He also strongly urged the interviewer to establish contact with Charles Manson. The comment was suggestive that Markham may have, himself, visited Manson in prison in California.

## Drugs, murder, and perversion

More than a common link to the nationwide Process Church ties the Manson Family to the Son of Sam cult in Westchester County. Both groups were heavily involved in drug trafficking and pornography, including "snuff films" in which animals and human beings are murdered in front of the camera in Satanic "sex magik" rituals. Charles Manson is purported to have been the "author" of the term "snuff films." His involvement in selling the hallucinogens peyote and LSD up and down the West Coast is notorious. Likewise, the Son of Sam coven in Westchester was largely financed through drug dealing, according to Maury Terry's *The Ultimate Evil*. Terry linked the Berkowitz-Son of Sam group to a Long Island-based lodge of the original Aleister Crowley O.T.O. Satanic secret society. Among the individuals whom Terry suspected of being overlapping members of the Process Church and O.T.O. were the late Broadway mogul Roy Radin.

The Radin saga sheds further light on the Process Church.

On Friday, May 13, 1983, Roy Radin was murdered in Los Angeles. He was apparently driven to a desolate location and then shot in the back and in the head 13 times. It was not until last year that four individuals were arrested and charged with the murder. The accused trigger man in the killing of Radin is William Malony Mentzer, a professional killer and a suspected member of the Process Church. According to *The Ultimate Evil*, Mentzer was an early member of the Manson Family. In 1976, he participated in at least one of the Queens, New York, Son of Sam murders, and probably also was the murderer of a young woman from North Dakota who was raped and killed in the chapel of Stanford University during the same time frame as the Son of Sam murders. At the time of the Radin murder, Mentzer was employed as a bodyguard for porno publisher Larry Flynt.

According to an account in the *New York Daily News* in May, another prime suspect and unindicted co-conspirator in the Radin murder would be Hollywood producer Robert Evans. Evans is also suspected of being a member of the Process Church, as well as a bigtime cocaine user and trafficker. Evans allegedly had a falling out with Radin over an investment in a big Hollywood movie.

The Evans-Radin-Mentzer affair demonstrates that the Satanic murder spree of a coast-to-coast underground of Process Church members and fellow travelers continued well into the 1980s. The fact that the full extent of this Satanic Murder, Inc. has been largely covered up over a period of more than a decade raises some important questions that bring us full circle to the case of John Markham: Has the Satanic underground, with its deep involvement in ritualistic murders, drug trafficking, international child pornography, etc., consciously deployed into key institutions of the government, particularly the judiciary apparatus? Has there been a "Satanic March through the Institutions?" How many more John Markhams are there inside the judicial establishment?