

Attacks on the U.S. Presidency didn't start with 'Clintongate'

by Scott Thompson

The latest round of British-orchestrated attacks on President Bill Clinton, in the so-called "sex scandals," is designed to weaken, or destroy the U.S. President in the context of a global, systemic financial collapse. Investigation of the individuals involved in the attacks, however, reveals that they are part of political-intelligence networks which have been deployed over decades to destroy the *institution* of the U.S. Presidency itself.

Let us begin with Lucianne "Ma Barker" Goldberg, the purported "literary agent," based in New York City, who helped to orchestrate military intelligence operative Linda "Bad" Tripp's dealings with Monica Lewinsky. Goldberg has a long history of political dirty tricks (see *EIR*, Feb. 6, "The Witches of Whitewater"). During Richard Nixon's 1972 Presidential reelection campaign, Goldberg was part of an undercover unit deployed by Meyer Lansky syndicate attorney Murray Chotiner to infiltrate and destroy the campaign of the Democratic Party Presidential candidate, Sen. George McGovern.

Chotiner, who had been a political strategist and dirty trickster for Nixon since Nixon's first run for Congress from Whittier, California, served as one of three special counsels in the Nixon White House. In 1971, Chotiner moved into private law practice in a Republican law firm in Washington, D.C. There, he set his Committee to Re-Elect the President (CREEP) dirty tricks operations into motion. Chotiner's operation played a decisive role in the outcome of the 1972 Presidential election, when Chotiner's source, codenamed "Sedan Chair II," discovered that McGovern's vice-presidential running mate, Sen. Thomas Eagleton, had undergone electroshock treatment for depression 20 years before.

During 1949-51, while serving as the chief political strategist for Nixon as Nixon moved from the House to the Senate, and then to become President Dwight Eisenhower's vice-presidential candidate, Chotiner defended 221 members of the Lansky syndicate. Chotiner was a personal associate of a succession of Lansky lieutenants operating in Hollywood and Las Vegas, notably "Murder, Inc." co-founder Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, Mickey Cohen, and Morris Barney "Moe" Dalitz. Although Chotiner's connections were a subject of the McClellan Committee and Watergate hearings,

Goldberg claims that she had no idea that her boss was "mobbed up." This is hardly believable, because Goldberg was the agent for columnist Jack Anderson, who helped break the story of how Chotiner arranged money for Nixon's campaigns from Lansky syndicate members, including Mickey Cohen.

NANA: an OSS-CIA 'asteroid' operation

Lucianne Goldberg infiltrated the McGovern campaign using journalist credentials, as a representative of the Women's News Service of the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA), where her husband, Sidney, had risen from associate editor in 1947, to president at the time of the 1972 campaign. Goldberg replaced Seymour K. Freiden, Chotiner's key "journalist" infiltrating the McGovern campaign tour, who had been exposed in August 1972 as a CIA agent. (Freiden did not deny the charge when confronted by reporters, but stated, "I gave my word to Dick Helms," a reference to Richard Helms, who was Director of Central Intelligence during 1966-73.)

From its inception, NANA had close ties with an Anglophile faction of the U.S. intelligence community, and it is known as an "asteroid," or private organization that works with intelligence institutions and other "asteroids," according to mutual interest. The British Security Services has been especially skilled at manipulating these asteroids, either through agents or agents of influence.

The founder of NANA was a former senior Anglophile officer of the Office of Strategic Services, Ernest Cuneo. Working as an assistant to OSS founder William Donovan during World War II, Cuneo, according to his official biography, had been the official OSS liaison with the White House, British Security, the State Department, and the FBI. Senior OSS officer Max Corvo, in the book *The O.S.S. in Italy, 1942-1945*, reported on one operation that Cuneo had taken part in: Cuneo had promoted a British intelligence operation to make a Venetian oligarch, Count Carlo Sforza, the head of a British-selected and U.S.-funded Italian government-in-exile. Meanwhile, *Parapolitics/USA* of March 31, 1982, states that one of the people who helped Cuneo form NANA was Ivar Bryce, who was the only British citizen to be an official member of

the OSS. Bryce, who had come into money through marriage to a Texas oil heiress, wrote the definitive biography of Ian Fleming, the creator of the James Bond 007 myth, entitled, *You Only Live Once*.

Thus, the OSS “Old Boy” founders of NANA were part of the same Anglophile “Oh So Social” faction of the OSS, as was Alan Scaife, the father of Richard Mellon Scaife, the “Daddy Warbucks” of the current attacks on the Presidency; Sir Paul Mellon, the patriarch of the Mellon family and friend of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; and David Bruce, Mellon’s former brother-in-law, who headed OSS operations for Europe from a base in London, and is a lineal descendant of Scottish King David Bruce.

NANA and the Kennedy assassination

One individual employed by NANA was Priscilla Johnson, one of two journalists to have interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald in Moscow in 1959. According to J. Newman’s book *Oswald*, Johnson told the Warren Commission that she had been interested in Oswald because State Department consular officer John McVickar “said he [Oswald] was refusing to talk to journalists. So I thought that might be an exclusive, for one thing, and he was right in my hotel, for another.” Johnson’s interview with the “defector” Oswald depicted him as a ranting Marxist.

Newman provides the following documentation on Johnson’s tie with a faction of the CIA associated with the late Anglophile CIA Director of Counterintelligence James Jesus Angleton:

“CIA interest in Priscilla Johnson was reopened in 1956. On August 8, Chief, CI/Operational Approval and Support Division (CI/OA) submitted a new request to a Mr. Rice in the deputy director for security’s office. This was a standard CIA form asking for approval for operational use of Johnson, and it was accompanied by a standard form 1050, Personal Record Questionnaire. The questionnaire listed Priscilla’s previous work in 1955 and 1956 as a translator for the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, and also her ‘freelance’ writing for several publications, including the *New York Times* and the North American Newspaper Alliance.”

Later, as Priscilla Johnson McMillan, she wrote the book *Marina and Lee*, which purportedly “reveals the innermost secrets of Marina’s life with the man who shot JFK.”

Another of Cuneo’s journalists, Daniel James (author of *Red Designs for the Americas*), was one of the first to report to the FBI on the cover story that Fidel Castro may have been involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Gaeton Fonzi, in *A Brotherhood of Deception*, writes: “James’ tip, according to the November 23rd, 1963 FBI report, was that a Cuban source had ‘advised him that Fidel Castro, in early September at a function at the Brazilian Embassy in Havana, remarked that if the United States causes him difficulty he has facilities to ‘knock off’ United States leaders.”

According to S. Blumenthal and H. Yazijian in the 1976 book *Government by Gunplay*, Freedom House, which had been founded by World War II British Security Coordinator Sir William Stephenson in concert with Leo Cherne, held a conference on Cuba that was followed by a May 6, 1963 release announcing the creation of a “new non-partisan Citizen’s Committee to Free Cuba.” The committee’s leading founding members included Cuneo; “Get LaRouche” operative Leo Cherne, representing the sometimes CIA-funded International Rescue Committee, which he chaired, and the chairman of Freedom House; and, AFL-CIO International Department operative Jay Lovestone, who was a friend of Angleton, despite having been appointed by Comintern head Nikolai Bukharin to head the Communist Party USA, which post he held until he was ousted by Josef Stalin.

As the *EIR* bestseller *Dope, Inc.* reports, when Oswald returned to the United States, he was “sheep-dipped” through the pro-Castro “The Fair Play for Cuba Committee,” a countergang chapter of the Free Cuba Committees run by Perminindex member and FBI Division Five (counter-intelligence section) member Guy Bannister, setting Oswald up as the patsy for the British-run Perminindex assassination of President Kennedy.

Ironically, when the Dallas District Attorney first announced that Oswald had assassinated President Kennedy, he said that Oswald was a member of the Free Cuba Committee. Jack Ruby shouted out from the back of the press conference that Oswald was instead with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

Shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy, NANA was bought out from Cuneo by three partners: Drew Pearson, Fortune Pope, and Leonard Marks. Sidney Goldberg remained with NANA as part of the deal, and eventually became president of NANA under the new owners. Sources indicate that NANA’s role as an intelligence community “asteroid” continued.

Marks had been Lyndon Baines Johnson’s TV and radio adviser, and he was appointed by President Johnson to head the U.S. Information Agency.

Pope was one of three sons of Generoso Pope, Sr., an Italian leader of New York City’s Tammany Hall political machine who formed a tie to the Lansky syndicate. Fortune Pope had worked in the CIA during the Korean War, and, in 1952, upon leaving the agency, he bought the *National Enquirer*, transforming it into a conveyor belt for wild conspiracy theories ranging from UFOs to disinformation on the JFK assassination. Through the Generoso Pope Foundation, Fortune Pope was a big contributor to Israeli causes. He was also a close friend of Frank Costello, a Lansky syndicate lieutenant.

Goldberg, Anderson, and the mob

Sidney Goldberg told this author that his wife, Lucianne Goldberg, became the agent for Jack Anderson, who took

over Drew Pearson's column, shortly after she had finished working for Chotiner's CREEP "dirty tricks" operations. At one point after Lucianne Goldberg had been taken on as Anderson's agent, the CIA's Office of Security placed the columnist under heavy surveillance. As reported by Jim Hougan in *Well-Measured Steps*, the memorandum prepared by staff for Gen. Paul Gaynor, the chief of the Security Research Staff, stated that Anderson had close ties with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) and its top spy, Sanford Griffith, who had carried out dirty tricks on behalf of British Security Coordinator Sir William Stephenson. The report noted that not only did the tax-dodging Generoso Pope Foundation aid Zionist operations, but may have been used by another faction of the CIA as a conduit for this purpose. In short, the CIA's Office of Security uncovered a "Liberal Zionist Mafia" conspiracy.

It is also notable that, given Lucianne Goldberg's role in the affair with Chotiner, it was Anderson who first broke the Thomas Eagleton story.

As M.C. Piper writes in *Final Judgment*, Anderson's mentor, Pearson, had been engaged in business dealings with attorney Max Kampelman, who later became chairman of the ADL and who was extremely close with Vice President Hubert Humphrey, himself a man with close ties to the Lansky syndicate, the ADL, and the British-run grain cartels. And, Pearson had close ties to the Canadian-born Sir William Stephenson, who, according to Pearson's authorized biographer, would feed Pearson stories targetting those who opposed a U.S. "special relationship" with Britain.

Meanwhile, Anderson maintained a close working relationship with Herman "Hank" Greenspun, a Lansky syndicate member who was one of the leading smugglers of arms to Israel. Greenspun had been very close to Chotiner's friend, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel. Greenspun's arms smuggling to Israel was done in coordination with the late Maj. Louis Mortimer Bloomfield, a Canadian and protégé of Sir William Stephenson, who became a leader of the British-controlled Permindex "Murder, Inc.," which, as *Dope, Inc.* documents, carried out the October 1963 assassination of President Kennedy.

In the same orbit

The Goldberg family is in the same "asteroid" orbit today. For example, Jonah Goldberg, one of Lucianne Goldberg's two sons, is the producer of Benjamin J. Wattenberg's national weekly public television program, "Think Tank." It was at Jonah's Adams-Morgan home in Washington, D.C. that Lucianne Goldberg met with Michael Isikoff, who runs the "bimbo beat" at *Newsweek*. (Isikoff arrived at *Newsweek* from the *Washington Post*, after he wrote a major story promoting the Paula Jones case.) The purpose of that meeting was to discuss the Monica Lewinsky case, concerning which Isikoff had been in touch with Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

Jonah Goldberg's employer, Wattenberg, is a longtime participant in Social Democrats USA, with close ties to the Zionist *Eretz Yisroel* crowd. Wattenberg is also a senior fellow at the neo-conservative American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C.

In 1970, Wattenberg served as a campaign adviser to the re-election campaign of Senator Humphrey. In 1972, Wattenberg helped co-found the Coalition for a Democratic Majority, whose "bible" was Wattenberg's *The Real Majority*. A Wattenberg puff-piece describes it as "the book used by both liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans in planning their strategies."

In 1981, Wattenberg was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the Board of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, serving for 10 years and becoming vice chairman. In 1991, he was appointed by President Bush to the Task Force on U.S. Government International Broadcasting.

According to a source at Public Information Research (PIR), while Wattenberg served in these capacities, he became involved in the "secret government" apparatus which Sir George Bush led during the Reagan-Bush administration. According to this source, Wattenberg was involved under Project Democracy with the "Quasi-Official Government Operation," or "Quango," affiliated with the National Endowment for Democracy known as Prodemca. Wattenberg was on Prodemca's National Council. Some of these Bush secret government ties, including Prodemca, were exposed during the Iran-Contra scandal.

The source also reports that Wattenberg has been involved for many years with Freedom House, which is still chaired by Cherne. According to a Freedom House spokesman, Wattenberg is on Freedom House's board of trustees.

As vice chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board during the Reagan-Bush administration, it was Cherne who helped instigate the "Get LaRouche" railroad on behalf of Sir Henry Kissinger. Also, among those working with Cherne's International Rescue Committee, was investment counselor John Train, who is known as one of the last OSS "Old Boys" on Wall Street.

After Executive Order 12333 revived the "secret government" private intelligence asteroid operations, establishing, for example, Project Democracy's "Public Diplomacy" operation with Richard Mellon Scaife, LaRouche slanderer Sir James Goldsmith, and others, Train convened a series of salons to plot a propaganda campaign to defame Lyndon LaRouche and railroad him to prison.

It is known that Mellon Scaife attended the first of Train's meetings, and frequent participants included NBC-TV reporter Pat Lynch, and former CIA agent turned ADL dirty trickster Mira Lansky Boland. It was this Train salon which initiated a slanderous campaign to defame LaRouche, while Cherne et al. pushed for an investigation of LaRouche's finances, which led to a railroad of LaRouche in the Alexandria, Virginia "rocket docket" in 1988.