

John Judge November 2000 Interview - Part II

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This interview was conducted as a "living U.S. civics lesson" was beginning to unfold following the November 7th national election. Part I explores the nature of the *illusion* of democracy people in the United States must deal with. Part II focuses more specifically on the Bush Crime Family.

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Ratcliffe:

It's Saturday November 18th and there are supposed demonstrations across the continent today about pro-democracy in America.

Judge:

It's like when they asked Mahatma Gandhi about what he thought of western civilization, he said he thought it would be a good idea. Pro-democracy in America would be a good idea.

Ratcliffe:

It would be a good idea. It has some merits. Whether or not it is something that can break through all the type of barricades. Did you have a chance to see what I sent yesterday about somebody posting what somebody had said from Europe about a person from Africa making some observations about the election.

Judge:

No, haven't had a chance to have a look at that yet.

Ratcliffe:

This was from Tom Warner in Seattle about WTO events:

A history professor from Uppsala Universitet in Sweden, called to tell me about an article she had read in which a Zimbabwe politician was quoted as saying that children should study this event closely for it shows that election fraud is not only a phenomenon of the developing world.

1. Imagine that we read of an election occurring anywhere in the third world in which the self-declared winner was the son of the former prime minister and that former prime minister was himself the former head of that nation's secret police (CIA).
2. Imagine that the self-declared winner lost the popular vote but won based on some old colonial holdover (electoral college) from the nation's pre-democracy past.
3. Imagine that the self-declared winner's victory' turned on disputed votes cast in a province governed by his brother!
4. Imagine that the poorly drafted ballots of one district, a district heavily favoring the self-declared winner's opponent, led thousands of voters to vote for the wrong candidate.
5. Imagine that that members of that nation's most despised caste, fearing for their lives/livelihoods, turned out in record numbers to vote in near-universal opposition to the self-declared winner's candidacy.
6. Imagine that hundreds of members of that most-despised caste were intercepted on their way to the polls by state police operating under the authority of the self-declared winner's brother.
7. Imagine that six million people voted in the disputed province and that the self-declared winner's 'lead' was only 327 votes. Fewer, certainly, than the vote counting machines' margin of error.
8. Imagine that the self-declared winner and his political party opposed a more careful by-hand inspection and re-counting of the ballots in the disputed province or in its most hotly disputed district.

9. Imagine that the self-declared winner, himself a governor of a major province, had the worst human rights record of any province in his nation and actually led the nation in executions.
10. Imagine that a major campaign promise of the self-declared winner was to appoint like-minded human rights violators to lifetime positions on the high court of that nation.

None of us would deem such an election to be representative of anything other than the self-declared winner's will-to-power. All of us, I imagine, would wearily turn the page thinking that it was another sad tale of pitiful pre-or anti-democracy peoples in some strange elsewhere.

Judge:

I wouldn't say 'none of us' -- Ordinary thinking people would, but there is a structure in place to make sure that would be a good election elsewhere. Because in the developing nations it's funny for them to say because they've got it so turned around with the propaganda. He says that it's not just the developing nations -- it's *in* the developing nations because we perfected here and exported it.

Ratcliffe:

As if the developing nations are somehow outside of that yet, they are becoming absorbed into it.

Judge:

Then if it goes awry, we can point and say that it is a developing nation.

Ratcliffe:

That's right -- where there is nothing but corruption-- they . . .

Judge:

Where here we are "fully developed." We have corruption down to an art.

Ratcliffe:

We don't have it in that "gross" sort of form.

Judge:

We do, but nobody's allowed to look.

Ratcliffe:

Nobody's allowed to look -- but the last sentence -- "All of us, I imagine, would wearily turn the page thinking that it was another sad tale of pitiful pre- or anti- democracy peoples in some strange elsewhere." The level of obfuscation and dissembling and never looking once again at all kinds of assumptions -- implicit and tacit about the way things are, the only way

they can be. You were saying yesterday, on the phone briefly, about how they wanted to speed it up because we couldn't take this much time. It was taking too much time. Which everything in the culture of efficiency would cringe at anything having to take too long.

Judge:

The frustration being expressed is that we just want to get this over with. Like the relief that people felt when the buildings at Waco caught on fire: Well, we're finally done with that. It's dragged out too long. I want an end to things. I want things to happen instantly. And that's what they're used to. They've been given election night projections and a gentlemen's agreement.

Another researcher, Bill Kelly is here today and I was talking to him for a moment about the events and how the Republicans have been quick to point out that Nixon conceded in the tight election of 1960 with John F. Kennedy when the projections in the electoral college was called. Even though there were some close votes or contested questions, Nixon conceded. The Republicans are pointing to that as the way the script should go. But Anthony Summers and his new book, *Arrogance of Power* -- which people should get if they want to know about Nixon and how he rose to power and all the things around him -- points out that it was Eisenhower that intervened at that point and told Nixon he'd better not raise any objections for just this reason. It would create a delay and a big mess.

Ratcliffe:

And more, a question of legitimacy.

Judge:

Exactly. And so this has always been the way the script has gone. But the question is who then in the current day called Gore and told him it was okay to not concede. Because it wasn't that Nixon didn't want to. It was Eisenhower and the party told him to 'keep your seat.'

Ratcliffe:

This is the way it's played.

Judge:

That's right. Gore is as much of a player as anyone else certainly. But he went out of the script. So the question is who gave him the green light.

Ratcliffe:

You were saying before that you're wondering where the glitch came from.^[1]

Judge:

Yeah. I really don't know. I've begun to wonder whether the point is to make such a mockery of de-mock-racy that people just won't bother voting at all.

Ratcliffe:

So, it extends, much further in a profound way, the sense of illegitimacy that this election will forever have in people's minds no matter what does happen. That that will actually be extended and compounded by 'paying out the line' here as if you're giving them some rope, but actually, in the end, it's still just, But none of that matters and this person now is the president, and we're not going to do away with the electoral college, whatever.

Judge:

That's right. We're not going to make any reforms. But we're going to just stop playing. Because I've always said that the split, the major spit between the elements of the class when they war, and these scandals like Watergate and Conragate, is that there is one segment that wants to maintain the illusion of democracy while they increase the control. There is another segment that is simply frustrated and wants to rip off the glove and let the iron fist show and get rid of the illusion of democracy and go ahead with the fascist program in the open. The question is, Is this actually going to further that agenda? In other words are they willing to show us what's under the petticoat in order to so discourage us because they then will still not fix it. In the same way Kennedy's assassination was a show, a demonstration, shooting him out in the open like that -- like a dog in the street -- was a very brutal way to show the nation their control. Is that perhaps what underlies this?

Ratcliffe:

That one at that time in 1963 was unique. Never had such a move been made, stepping out in the big-time quite like that before.

Judge:

That's right. They were sending a clear and open message by what they did and the scandals reveal it to us to some extent. But I expect the net outcome of this is that Bush carries the election anyway, as was preordained, and there is no successful move to do anything about the lack of a democratic system here. Alternately, the thing that is most commonly being proposed is that we standardize the voting machinery and technology. But that also just as easily could lead to a corrupted situation. A decentralized situation is harder to control.

Ratcliffe:

Decentralized as opposed to standardizing voting machinery?

Judge:

Yes, in other words, if you have all kinds of voting methods, it's harder to manipulate them.

If you have one standardized one you could build the machinery into that standard and thereby compromise all. Like what they call 'backdoor software'. You build it in and then everybody is using it and at the same time, everybody is being siphoned off. So the question is Who called and gave the green light and why did they? But we're definitely stepping outside the script here and tearing the curtain open. A lot of people are saying, 'let's just get it over with.' But of course a lot of those are people that voted for Bush. Just ordinary people. It makes them nervous to watch real democracy in progress. They are much more safe and comfortable and they can just go to bed at night and the press has told them who the president is and that is the way reality goes on.

Ratcliffe:

With every other story that they ever take in from everyday after that until the next election about the way things are. You had said that at the end of your last e-mail, "Bush said he had unleashed the Bush family on America."

Judge:

That's right -- in the Dukakis debate.

Ratcliffe:

That was in 1988?

Judge:

Yes, the late 80s. He put it like a last comment while he's grinning and he said, "I've unleashed the Bush family on America." That has always been my image of this family, steeped in corruption, crime, and fascism that has taken over machinery of the country. They are a British aristocratic family, originally. The current fortune comes from dirty dealings that they had with the grandfather, Prescott Bush who was a graduate of Yale in 1909.

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The real history of World War II was that the battles and the war were won by intelligence operations. The intelligence agencies . . . became interrelated then and after the war and were responsible for picking and choosing who would become the leaders in the different countries. They weren't going to leave it to chance any longer.

People like John Foster and Allen Dulles, William Casey and these others, were investment bankers. At first, it was useful for them to simply know where the next shoe would fall. But eventually it became even more useful to make sure 'when it falls' and to actually manipulate it. It's not just a matter of gathering the intelligence but then of influencing the events so it comes out your way and you make your money or you make your win. However you want it to go.

Prescott Bush was also part of the Committee of 100. He was a wheeler and dealer behind the scenes. He sent George Herbert Walker Bush (the son who eventually became president) to Yale as well. Prescott Bush was tapped for the class (I believe it was 1929) that he graduated in and he was tapped for Skull & Bones as well.

Part of the ritual for the fraternity -- the initiation -- is that you dig up the skull and bones of a famous person and sleep in a coffin with them for a night. There is also a confession sequence where you admit to all of your sexual activities and any crimes. All of this is standard sort of control stuff that they use in any secret society or cabal in order to compromise you. Or they have you commit a crime that you then can be blackmailed with. Many people see such societies from the other side as if the secret societies control the class. But that is not the case. They are a control mechanism *of the class* in order to draw people in and keep them under reign and to form a sort of hegemony by giving certain people privileges. If you go along, you get along with them.

It was said that Prescott dug up Geronimo's bones, the Apache leader, and that George Herbert Walker Bush supposedly dug up Zapata's bones. There was one other story that he dug up Emma Goldman, but Emma Goldman was buried in the Soviet Union so I don't whether that is possible. The one story at least was that he dug up Zapata's bones. That would make sense in terms of Zapata Oil^[2] and other things but these were people that were rebels against the system so they desecrate their graves. At one point, George Herbert Walker Bush became President the Apache tribal elders came to him in order to ask for Geronimo's bones back so they could put them back in the earth and preserve the sanctity.

Ratcliffe:

As if Bush had actually *preserved them* after he dug them *up*?

Judge:

Apparently they are preserved there at the bunker of the Skull & Bones at Yale. Skulls on the top of the mantle piece. Presumably they are preserved. Or at least they hoped they were. Whether the elders got the bones back, I never read the outcome of the story, but a delegation had gone to the White House to ask for it.

Ratcliffe:

Based on their belief that the supposed fact was true?

Judge:

Supposedly they knew that Geronimo was dug up and Skull & Bones they had it. When he got into this public position I guess they felt they could approach him. Prescott Bush was part of the Committee of 100, which was a group of very rich investors that at the end of World War II were casting about for a presidential candidate that they could control. They actually placed an ad in the California newspapers saying that they were looking for someone to be president, no experience necessary. And then took candidates. That ad was responded to by Richard Nixon and then he became their candidate and really was their candidate that they expected to put in and win in 1960 when they felt the election was stolen from them. Some of the plotting against Kennedy began, I'm sure, as soon as that election panned out. Because he was not slated to win by at least a large segment of the class.

Ratcliffe:

That was in *some* respects to be said that was the last national presidential election that was out-of-bounds, that it didn't have so much control on it.

Judge:

Yes I think so. Although they certainly had some. But in 1948, they began of course with Dewey. Dewey's campaign manager was Allen Dulles, director of the CIA. The real history of World War II was that the battles and the war were won by intelligence operations. The intelligence agencies -- many of whom had already gone to bed with each other and were interlaced with double and triple agents (NAZI intelligence, U.S. intelligence, British intelligence, French and German and other foreign intelligence) -- became interrelated then and after the war and were responsible for picking and choosing who would become the leaders in the different countries. They weren't going to leave it to chance any longer.

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events so it comes out your way and you make your money or you make your win. However you want it to go.

So Allen Dulles and Harold Talbott (Secretary of the Air Force under Eisenhower), were the campaign managers for the Republican ticket in 1948. And Dewey was slated to win by them. In fact the press reported it -- the press being controlled by CIA and mob -- reported that Dewey had won and then Truman, who ended up getting the actual vote, held up the newspaper grinning. Then, of course, they compromised Truman as well.

It became clear that, over time, they were not going to just let anybody off the street run. They made it too expensive -- the media made it expensive -- so that it wasn't possible to just rise out of nothing and run for president. You had to have millions of dollars behind you. That of course gave them their control as it did in many other sectors of the society. Just as philanthropy really was for the most part a guise for control like the Carnegies putting all this money into education but then the Carnegies also instituted the whole accreditation system and geared the education for corporate use.

Ratcliffe:

As a meritocracy? So, that only those who would rise in that way would be suitable for leading corporate agendas?

Judge:

That's right. They would train people how to work in the corporate world and how to come out of the schools -- trained even at the high school level -- to take orders and raise your hand, and be compliant and fit in. The courses that were accredited or pushed were the ones that would give them the basic skills to carry out the corporate agenda. Then, you had higher education for the manager level. But only those schools that taught those things and structured themselves in that way were then being accredited by these national organizations that were run by Carnegie.

On the one hand, you're doing a public benefit of educating people, but on the other hand, you're manipulating how or what the paradigm in which they are going to be educated is, for your use. So in the same way, they are smart enough and rich enough to bet both horses in the race and made sure what the race looks like.

But in 1948, they had planned for Dewey to win. His running mate was Earl Warren. Warren, of course, later did their bidding on the Warren Commission and played out their games in exchange for the positions they'd given him for when he was just a nobody in California. He was politically discovered by a hatchet man for Nixon named Murray Chotner. Chotner helped him rise up in the Republican ranks. They painted him as a crime-buster and this honorable man that they could then come in -- having created this persona -- they could in and have him put the sanctity of his name to the phony conclusion of the Warren Commission in order cover-up the crime. He balked at it even. But Johnson gave him military orders.

They had a direct hand in the electoral politics, certainly in the post-war period. 1947-48 is

the establishment of national security law, the national security state. History goes down the memory hole and they own history. They can classify it and they began in the postwar period to consolidate their intelligence gains and to run things from behind the scenes. But there was some machinery that still had to be tweaked. If they got the wrong guy in they could compromise him. Remember that Truman signed their bill.^[3] They would use the intelligence to tell them the wrong things in order to manipulate them.

Kennedy, if you remember, began to balk at that. He realized that he had been lied to about the Bay of Pigs. He was furious about the agenda that they clearly had set out: to go to war with the Soviet Union during the Cuban Missile Crisis and to have an actual nuclear war and end the matter. He was not playing the game.

They continued to try to control through assassination of candidates like Wallace and RFK, or through discreditation like what they did with Gene McCarthy and others. Whatever they have to do (the Chappaquiddick incident with Ted Kennedy) in order to keep the wrong people from running even if they could get enough money and to keep the wrong person from getting in, they've continued to do that.

At the same time the running tickets represent these varying elements in the class. Especially the division between the old banking establishment moneys that the Bushes came out of it and the southern rim economy of speculative capital: oil, munitions and aerospace, and land speculation that the Bushes melded into. That family crossed the border of both elements of the class. The rise of the military-industrial complex is out of the southern rim which is what Eisenhower saw coming and warned about as against the old banking money in the east.

They had different world views. How they saw other countries. The extent to which they were nativist or just wanted the control to rest here or to the extent that they saw England or Europe as important or something that they would cooperate with. How they sought to control the populace. The southern rim are definitely more impetuous, more trigger-happy and more nativist.

Ratcliffe:

What do you mean by Nativist?

Judge:

Nativist in terms of America-first and America-only. We don't really have to have an international president because those other countries don't matter. We just take care of our own stuff. Whereas the Rockefellers and the investment bankers had gone out and been internationalists for a long time. This other mentality is more a sort of 'Fortress America' within our own borders, and that's enough, and shut the world out.

That internationalism was what the investment bankers saw as an advantage in relations between monarchists and big industrialists and the rich in the post-World War I period. Especially after the rise of Bolshevism and their response to that, their fear of that, got Rockefeller and the others in trouble with the more populist and nativist elements here in the United States. A lot of the rise of the whole right-wing conspiracy theory in the John Birch

analysis of the Rockefellers and Eisenhower and these people as "communists", came from their lack of ability to understand their internationalism and that their international diplomatic efforts didn't always match an 'America first' agenda.

But Prescott Bush was also part of the America first view. He and Pat Buchanan's father were in that together, and Gore's family. Gore Vidal is the cousin of Al Gore. He changed his name around. He is part of the Gore family. Gore Vidal was quoted just recently -- I heard him on the radio -- saying that he is the only member (of this upper class school that he went to I think up in Connecticut) he was the only member of the America First committee on campus. But his father had been more a populist and more in that tradition and to keep America out of international affairs.

All I'm saying is that there are differences. For a while they tried balancing the ticket, where you would have a Kennedy from the eastern establishment and a Johnson from the southern rim. But the ascendancy was always, I believe, for the military-industrial complex in the southern rim. So they eventually starting knocking the eastern establishment out of it's seat.

Now the tickets are more unbalanced. You'll have Gore and Clinton from the Trilateral Commission and the eastern establishment money but there is always some cross-over into the other themes. Then on the other side you have Bush and Cheney from the military-industrial complex. But it's not a pure line but I think the tickets have been less balanced by a president and a vice president from one end of the class to the other to more of an open contention between the two elements of the class. One side putting up their boys and the other side putting up theirs.

But you have cross-overs like Bush. They wanted Nixon to win and they had this dirty money and they'd been proto-fascist and they were moving but they kept losing these elections and they weren't happy with it. George Bush moves from the east, goes to Texas, and invests the family money in oil speculation. He's making money on that and extends that into Mexico and does some dealings there, some of which aren't legal by Mexican law, and forms partnerships.

Then, apparently, Bush has early connections with the intelligence networks because he is doing oil which is always tied with intelligence and manipulation worldwide and because he is dealing with Mexico and other countries. I remember in that time there was even moves by people around William F. Buckley and the right-wing of the Republican party -- Buckley had oil in the Katanga province in the Congo -- to have the CIA intervene there with the assassination of Patrice Lumumba in order to protect assets.

If you remember Buckley and George de Mohrenschildt started a Cuban-Venezuelan oil venture and then were kicked out of Cuba and lost their money there. But the development of access to oil, and oil manipulation, and how oil would move, was often part of the CIA agenda after intelligence was created.

We're exporting exactly the kind of corrupt democracy we have here, which is rigged and manipulated elections and press manipulation in order to keep in power or put in power the people that we want to be in those countries for the purpose of having our investments protected and milking what we can out of the resources and the labor available in any of those countries.

The resource agenda is the reason we go to war. The reason we do many of the things we do on an intelligence level, or the reason that we manipulate elections in other countries, has to do with direct access to certain key resources or the manipulation of those resources so others can't get them.

In that way that is probably why the cross-over went. De Mohrenschildt knew Bush. George de Mohrenschildt was a White Russian and an intelligence agent who came out of the Soviet Union. His father had been the main person in charge of the Nobel oil fields in Russia, a very rich family in the pre-Bolshevik period who knew the Czar and were tight with the Czar and the court. His father was called the Minister of Mobility in Minsk and Byelorussia (in White Russia), because he could move somebody up the chain and get them in to the court and basically pick people. He was like a Skull & Bones person.

When the revolution came, the brother Vaughn de Mohrenschildt was captured by the Bolsheviks and imprisoned. When they finally got him out of prison, the de Mohrenschildt family took what they could of the family fortune and ran to Germany. They made relations there with the emerging Solidarists network of White Russians, eastern European revanchists, and the emerging Nazis from the 20s on -- the reactionaries in those countries that were rising against any change and supporting the monarchist and fascist agendas.

George de Mohrenschildt's cousin, Baron Constantine Maydell, was part of the Brown network which was a pre-war spy network that went all over the world for the Nazis. He came and did pro-Hitler propaganda in the United States and made films. De Mohrenschildt became a spy himself for the Nazis in France and was caught spying later at Corpus Christi in Texas during the war and only by dint a letter he had from Rockefeller was he not charged. He was kicked out of Mexico for spying with Douglas McArthur's nephew. He was tight with the entire spy network around the Tolstoy foundation, Anna Tolstoy, which was White Russian and an anti-Communist and CIA-funded.

So this reactionary, anti-Communist George de Mohrenschildt befriends the supposed communist, red defector Lee Harvey Oswald and becomes his manipulator. But de Mohrenschildt knew Kerr of Kerr-Mcgee. He was an oil geologist and a speculator in oil. He had lost many fortunes to Soviets and Russian communism but also to the rise in China because his wife's family Jean de Mohrenschildt, her father had formed the Trans-Siberian railroad and they lost investments to the change-over in China when communism came in.

George de Mohrenschildt lost another small fortune in Cuban-Venezuelan oil when Castro came in. He had no love for the Communists. They had kept him from his capitalist aspirations. He also had George Bush's number in his notebook.

Bush seems to have played a role in the Bay of Pigs. Bush seems to have been (by documents we have), approached right after the Kennedy assassination and debriefed by Naval Intelligence and CIA about what was the reaction in Florida by the anti-Castro community in Miami to the assassination of Kennedy. Apparently, he knew people in that circle. That would make sense in terms of this network of spies that figures in from the Bay of Pigs, through the Kennedy assassination, through Watergate, on up into the current time into Contragate.

These same characters show up over and over again out of this anti-Castro Cuban network that was imported here and then used as basically a standing mercenary intelligence army. So Bush had his finger in many of those things and then rose up eventually to be the director of the Central Intelligence Agency and then on to the presidency.

Of course, as you say, in any other country, if we were looking disdainfully (as we do) at other countries, if the head of the CIA became the president and there was a scandal, everybody would see it for what it is. But here, being that the CIA is considered somehow "benign" or "patriotic", but only if you refuse to look at what it does -- unless you're very rich -- then it helps you out. For ordinary people, it does horrendous things in the name of America.

In the period when Reagan came in, I believe Bush took over. He was vice president and rose to power, I believe, on March 31 1981 when Reagan was nearly assassinated. The person placed as the patsy, not the person that actually shot Reagan but the person placed as the patsy in the case, was John Hinkley. His family ties were to oil. Through that oil connection, Neil Bush -- George Herbert Walker Bush's son, who worked in oil -- knew Scott Hinkley who also worked in oil. Neil had been involved with Scott in many oil operations -- both working for oil speculation and oil companies.

The two families lived close to each other. They knew each other socially and financially. When the Hinkley oil company started to fail in the sixties, Bush's Zapata Oil financially bailed out Hinkley's company. It went from being Vanderbilt Oil to Vanderbilt Energy or Vanderbilt Resources in the 60s after Bush intervened. The Hinkleys had been running an operation with six dead wells but then they were making several million dollars a year after the Bush bailout. I always thought this was some sort of a money-pass front where they were laundering money through on this phony oil operation but actually operating some type of an intelligence pay-off.

The father in that family, John W. Hinkley Sr., was also the president of the board for World Vision. World Vision is a far-right evangelical missionary operation that does missionary and "good work" operations in countries where there is a political purpose for it to be there. From its inception, it was rabidly anti-Communist and it focused on refugee populations of people running from countries that had been taken over by Communism. This was from the fifties on.

World Vision had a hand in the movement of the Cubans into the United States and other refugees of revolutionary regimes. When you're a refugee you're cut loose, basically, and pretty much fair game to be manipulated by whoever is willing to give you a hand because you don't have a home or any place to stay and somebody has got to accept you.

World Vision was able to recruit out of these mercenary populations, people who could be politically turned to their intelligence purposes. World Vision served as a penetration force -- not as visible as the military actually going in or the CIA going in -- going in as missionaries and working among the people.

This link between missionary and intelligence for capitalistic infiltration operations goes way back. It was part of the internationalism with the Rockefellers. It's talked about in a book called *Thy Will Be Done*^[4] about Rockefeller, Venezuela, and Latin American Oil, the Summer Linguistic Institute, World Vision and others. But they operated in this way for a long time.

They were paid by the CIA for a long time during the Vietnam war and went into SE Asia -- Cambodia and Laos. Throughout Vietnam they were given U.S. military equipment to use. They still maintain a budget under USAID, which was just (Agency for International Development), which was just a pass-over in order to give the CIA more cover. They ran operations through USAID. The current cover replacing that is the NED (National Endowment for Democracy), which is supposed to be how we're exporting democracy around the world.

But of course, we're exporting exactly the kind of corrupt democracy we have here, which is rigged and manipulated elections and press manipulation in order to keep in power or put in power the people that we want to be in those countries for the purpose of having our investments protected and milking what we can out of the resources and the labor available in any of those countries.

World Vision was part of that scheme and they did some nasty things. They ran the refugee camp in Sabra-Shatilla where the fascist Phalange were allowed in to kill the Palestinians. Moe Dalitz, a Cleveland syndicate mobster, had building operations and construction stuff going on in Miami that the anti-Castro Cubans were hired to take part in. They meld them in -- and so they recruit from them, whoever they can.

They ran the Cuban and Thai refugee camps in the United States. Mark David Chapman -- who eventually shot John Lennon -- worked at the Thai refugee camps out in Arkansas that World Vision operated there. They ran these camps brutally, forcing people into political education against Castro, refusing to feed people, beating people -- by many reports -- and bringing in Alpha 66 and Omega 7 people (the worst of the killing teams -- or murder squads -- of the anti-Castro Cubans in the United States) to run the camps in Florida, Fort Chafey in Arkansas and other places where the Cuban exiles were. These people came in and there were eventually riots in the Cuban refugee camps against their treatment there. This according to legitimate refugee charity workers and organizations that I have spoken to.

Ratcliffe:

This is during what period?

Judge:

This is in the seventies, after the boat lift and all that. But they were in there trying to recruit a whole new batch of anti-Castro Cubans that could be used in, not only domestic, but international operations. It was anti-Castro Cubans that were used in the murder of Lumumba for instance, by the CIA. These people were interchangeable units but World Vision was part-and-parcel of running these camps and manipulating these refugees. At the same time doing a television presence that made them seem as if they were some sort of charitable Christian operation.

Their CIA funding and their background had been exposed over a long time. The chairman of the board for some period was John W. Hinkley Sr.. The son worked at Fort Chafey at the Thai refugee camps. There were pictures of him after the Reagan shooting running in his World Vision T-shirt around the edge of the camp. He was tied-in but he was not going along with the program at the same level as Scott was. Scott was already doing the wheeling and dealing and was tight with Neil Bush. Bush's daughter was making the dating arrangements for Scott Hinkley and helping to set him up for dates.

They knew each other socially quite well. The press said that they were to have dinner -- Scott Hinkley and Neil Bush were to have dinner on March 31 1981. But they cancelled the dinner after the news of the shooting. The press said that that was ironic. It gives a new meaning to the word 'irony'. Because if Robert Oswald, Lee Harvey's older brother and Lynda Bird Johnson were going to have dinner the night of the JFK assassination, somebody would figure out it meant something.

What it means is that Bush was part of the planning of the take over -- and it was a take over, I believe. There were elements that matched the Kennedy assassination. Richard Bartholomew, a researcher in Texas, told me that he himself talked to Strategic Air Command bomber pilots who, like the pilots I talked to that were in the air the hour of the Kennedy assassination, told him that on March 31 they had no code books aboard.

The black box, the presidential communication box for national emergencies -- the "nuclear football" as they call it, disappeared in Dallas after the Kennedy shooting and did not fly back on Airforce One with LBJ and didn't get back to him for many hours.

Similarly, Rodriguez, an Army Colonel that was in charge of carrying it with the president, at the time of Reagan's shooting, ducked, hit the ground during the shooting, got up and ran in the other direction and came back hours later with a Secret Service Agent trying to get the control card out of Reagan's wallet that was under the control of the FBI. FBI Agents had taken his clothes as they were clipped off in the emergency room. At that point an FBI Agent called William Sessions, the Director. But he wasn't at the Agency. He was in the situation room where the big fight had emerged between the Reagan loyalists and the Bush loyalists. Sessions told him to hold on to the card.

Ratcliffe:

Sessions told the guy who had taken the football with him?

Judge:

No, he told the FBI Agent who had the card. The nurses were taking Reagan's clothes off, cutting them off, whatever they had to do and in his wallet was the card that activates the box. The FBI had control of that back at the hospital. The guy in control of the box itself ran off and came back with a Secret Service Agent trying to get the card, as well. The FBI guy said 'Wait a minute. I have to call headquarters.' Sessions told him 'No, don't give up the card.' That's the level at which the battle was going on.

Ratcliffe:

And Sessions would be with Bush or Reagan?

Judge:

Sessions would have been loyal to Reagan, I believe.

Ratcliffe:

Rodriguez was loyal to Reagan?

Judge:

Well, Rodriguez was obviously playing the other side. Rodriguez was running off with the box.

Ratcliffe:

He didn't stay with the Commander-in-Chief?

Judge:

That's right. He broke rank. And then, whoever in the Secret Service -- the Secret Service helped to set-up Reagan too. Reagan was told not to wear his vest that day -- his protective vest. I'll bet he wore it after that. They did not call the procedure with the limousine. He should have come out the door and gone directly into the limousine. That's how he arrived.

He came, the Secret Service formed two rows on either side of the back door, they opened the back door and he goes in. When you hire a limousine, they don't go to the house down the street, they come to your door. When you're the president, they'll move it six inches to make sure that it's in the right place. It was in the right place when he arrived. He got out and went in through the phalanx of the two rows of agents. He's safe into the VIP entrance.

He comes out the same exit and where's the car?' It is nowhere near the door. It's 40-50 feet

down the pavement. So, he's got to walk out into the open. What's supposed to happen? The Secret Service is supposed to surround him like a diamond and protect him. One guy goes forward, McCarthy, to open the door for him. The rest don't surround him. They all file out like a line of ducks off to the right and they leave Reagan walking in the open with Brady and these other guys. Then, the shooting happens.

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The damage that was done there once the shooting started was quite extensive. Brady was hit which literally took a large chunk of his brain and knocked him on to the ground. A black cop was nicked in the neck, a big beefy cop, and he spun and hit the ground hard by the shot.

McCarthy, 160 pounds, was *lifted* by the shot, that hit him in the groin at the back door of the car, and thrown through the air to the front bumper of the car. He himself says that was no 22.

All of the early press reports said that Hinkley was firing a 38 and that is much more consistent with these kinds of reactions. A 22 will hurt you, enter you and do damage inside you, but it's not going to knock you over. A 38 is a much larger caliber of bullet. Hinkley purchased a 38 at a pawn shop on Elm Street in Dallas -- the same street where Kennedy was assassinated.

All of this was to give us an early signal that this is one of their jobs. But at the same time none of Hinkley's bullets hit Reagan and that was clear from Reagan's *lack* of this kind of reaction. Reagan gets to the car still standing. He is pushed into the car by McCarthy. He's got some pain in his rib, which he thinks McCarthy caused by pushing him in and eventually coughs up a little blood. But even when he finally gets down to G.W. [George Washington University] Hospital, he is still standing when comes in and walks into the hospital and they put him on the gurney. He's not at all in the same shape as everyone else that's hit by Hinkley's 38.

Then the official story changes after three or four hours and Hinkley supposedly had a 22. I went through the ABC footage and you can actually see the replacement of the 22 and the pick-up of the 38 by a Secret Service agent.

Ratcliffe:

How do you mean 'see the replacement?' -- you can see it in watching the replay?

Judge:

In watching the footage, you can see a Secret Service agent at the outer edge of the crowd. There's a group that have sort of tackled Hinkley and they're taking him in and you can see the gun is on the ground. Hinkley's 38 is on the ground at the edge of the that crowd near the retaining wall. The Secret Service agent kind of sidles over to the wall, takes a handkerchief out of his pocket, kneels down, like crouches, and lifts the gun up and puts it in his pocket.

Meanwhile, a DC cop in a slick yellow raincoat comes to the outer edge of the crowd -- this is after they already have Hinkley subdued -- and for no apparent reason he comes to the edge of the crowd and puts his hand out. He's a motorcycle cop.

That motorcycle rentinue did not leave with Reagan's limousine when he did leave. He has no escort when he goes. That is not explainable either, especially if there has just been an assassination attempt -- why he would be put out there without escort. But he does, he goes without anybody.

This cop comes over, off of his motorcycle, spreads his arms and kind of moves back and forth in front of -- at the edge of the crowd. He's not serving any purpose but he's there and after a moment the camera pans back and you can see at his feet, this 22, as if he's dropped it. One of his hands goes in towards the center of his coat and then comes out and right after

that, as the camera is panning all around, it pans right between his feet, and you can see this 22 that becomes the official weapon.

There is also a weapon near Brady's head that one of the Secret Service guys drops. That's how they explain the 38, saying that it was a confusion because it was really the Secret Service guy's gun. I believe, Hinkley *was* firing a 38. Hinkley damaged everybody but Reagan, also put holes in the car and the building across the street. But he only had six rounds and each one of those is explained and then a seventh round has to explain the wound in Reagan.

Reagan's wound is so minimal that it doesn't match either a 22 or a 38. It is described as a little thin razor line when they finally get his clothes off. They think he's having a heart attack -- actually his lung had collapsed because of the thing penetrating him. Then finally a nurse sees a little line of blood underneath his left arm pit. She determines that something has gone in but it's a little razor cut. They know what a bullet hole looks there in the emergency room at G.W.U.. They get them all the time.

They do poke around until they finally find this thing in the x-ray. They try three times to get it out and finally pull it out and it is a little disc, a flattened disc, that was described as 'thin as a dime' and 'razor-edged.' This fits the profile of these aerodynamic discs that are used by the intelligence agencies in weapons that the Church Committee showed during the time that they did their testimony. They are fired with a CO2 (carbon dioxide) cartridge, so they are relatively silent. They just make a little puff. They have an accuracy up to a great length. They can be fired out of a regular gun or even out of these little tubes with the CO2 cartridge at the back. They also can be loaded with toxins.

One of the uses they had for them was making them out of plastic and filling them with shellfish toxin which goes in and makes a razor split in the skin which wouldn't be noticed during an autopsy. The x-ray won't pull up the plastic and the shellfish toxin, once it gets into any part of the bloodstream, will cause a heart attack within 30 seconds. Very lethal -- several milligrams of the shellfish toxin is enough of a dose. Whether this thing had a poison load in it or not, who knows? But it didn't immediately kill him so if it did have such a load, it didn't work. It didn't shoot off.

It bounced off of his rib. It would have cut into his aorta but bounced on his rib and missed the aorta by a quarter of an inch and went into the lung instead. But they did finally get it out. The lung was collapsed from it but they got him stabilized.

Meanwhile, all night, there were people trying to move him back to the Bethesda. Because when the car takes off from the Hilton where the shooting happens, they're screaming 'Rawhide is okay' into the radio. Rawhide is the code name for Reagan. They're radioing back according to McCarthy, 'Rawhide is okay, Rawhide is okay.' But I don't think he is *supposed* to be okay. I think he was supposed to have been killed there and they've got a problem.

So the car goes up to Connecticut Avenue and if they were going to go to G.W.U. Hospital, they needed to either go straight across down Florida to 21st and then (it's close) around a little traffic circle. Or they could have gone left further down to M Street and then turned

across M to 21st.

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McCarthy's story is that they went under the bridge at M Street and then he coughed up some blood and then they realized he'd been hit and they said 'get to the nearest hospital.' But they still didn't even turn on M, which they could have easily done. They went all the way down to the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue -- four or five more blocks. Then they turned to the right from 17th over to 21st and then came *back up* to 21st until they hit G.W.U. Hospital, which is going along three sides of a triangle instead of just cutting across. So if you're in a hurry -- the president's in an emergency -- you take the quickest route.

But what McCarthy says in his book is that when the car went up to Connecticut Avenue, that they went right and went toward the White House. If you turn right on Connecticut off of T, where they were, you're not going towards the White House, you're headed north toward Bethesda Hospital and out Connecticut Ave.

That was confirmed for me later when ABC News had on the doctor who was the head of the

trauma room after they had the press conference with the doctors. The head of the trauma room was there with the news anchor. The newscaster said 'I understand that there were people that wanted to move President Reagan out to Bethesda Naval Hospital after he had come into your trauma room.' And the doctor said, 'Yes, there were people.' There were reports that it was Secret Service up to as late as 6 a.m. the next morning, insisting to move him. But in fact, he wasn't moved and it was because this trauma room doctor said, 'When someone comes into my trauma room in that condition, I don't care who they are -- President of the United States or not -- they are not going to be moved.' He doesn't understand that he saved Reagan's life.

If they had gotten Reagan to Bethesda, they could have finished the job there and then done the same phony autopsy they did on John F. Kennedy at Bethesda Hospital. But instead, this trauma room doctor intervened and kept Reagan there and then Reagan recovered in relatively safety and security.

There was a strange incident that Mae Brussell noticed that they brought blood in to him. First, it is unusual for them to bring blood because the Secret Service already knows when they travel to a city what hospital has blood and what the closest one is. They make sure that the hospitals nearby where the president travels, and those DC hospitals, have enough blood of his type in storage. It was unusual, first, that they didn't have enough and secondly, this vehicle that arrived to bring the blood wasn't anything formal from the pictures. It looked like some kind of a van where somebody had painted a red cross on the back of it but it clearly was not an official vehicle. Mae thought that tainted blood might've been brought in and caused Reagan problems later with cancer or other things.

Generally, his care there was certainly better than what would have happened to him. Interestingly enough, when the ABC News Anchor asked the doctor this and he said, 'In my trauma room, they are going to stay there and we're not going to move him.' The response of the news anchor was, 'No matter how much the Navy yells?' The doctor said, 'That's right. No matter how much the Navy yells.' The question that we have to ask, 'What is the Navy yelling about moving the president for after he's been shot?'

Meanwhile, Brady, who's lying on the ground, and still on the ground five minutes after Reagan takes off, ends up getting to G.W.U. before Reagan does. Reagan's on his way to Bethesda. Brady, who takes five extra minutes to even get the ambulance in to load him, gets to G.W.U. and is taken in on a stretcher surrounded by Secret Service agents. That became confused with Reagan. In the first hour, they said Reagan was shot, he wasn't shot, he was dead, he wasn't dead, Brady was shot, he wasn't shot, he was dead, he wasn't dead. The stories went back and forth on the news about who had been shot and who was alive or dead. Nothing was clear. And then that Reagan had gone in to the hospital on a stretcher and then another story that Reagan had walked in on his own.

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But it is very significant, I think, that Reagan was taken somewhere else and then turned around. I think the timing of the turn around relates to a huge fight that they later admitted broke out in the situation room at the White House in the emergency between the Reagan loyalists and the Bush loyalists in the administration.

There was a clear split along those lines because Reagan represents the southern California (what they used to call) 'Irish Mob Money' out there and the southern rim economy -- the military-industrial complex and Bush is somewhat of a cross-over coming out of Yale and the upper class schools but also having his money in the south. There are different loyalties. That was clear in a number of instances.

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I think, the loyalists won the concession that Reagan will be allowed to stay alive but Bush would come into power and at that point Haig emerged from the situation room to the press and said, his famous quote, "Gentlemen, I am in charge here until the Vice-President returns." That meant two things: number one, that they were going extra constitutional -- beyond twenty-fifth amendment, a military take-over and Haig in this office of preparedness, prior to Bush and basically he's taking charge. The press were questioning What does this mean? It's not the twenty-fifth amendment which goes to the Speaker of the House or the Vice-President. What's happening that Haig can come up and say this?

What they don't understand is all that Constitution stuff is pushed aside once they declare National Emergencies. Then they go into FEMA and they have whole other orders of succession that have to do more with the military and the Pentagon than with any of the civilian sector.

So Haig is jumping into that breach. Haig has his own strange progress up the chain-of-command and at one point jumps over literally hundreds of other people that were in line to be promoted when Califano moves him up into these high positions to take over the White House for the removal of Richard Nixon. So Haig is part of their larger game.

The second thing Haig is saying is 'until the Vice-President returns.' Bush is said to be in a jovial mood on a flight between (of all places) Fort Worth and Dallas when he gets the news. There is no indication that his joviality diminished. He says that he'll come back in a few hours. There is no rush to get back on his part. Again this lack of any emergency response indicates to me that the thing is planned, they knew it was going to happen, the only thing that didn't work out right was that Reagan actually survived the shooting and survived this small disc going in under his arm.

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They've got a patsy. But Hinkley, instead of being taken under civilian custody or even federal custody -- he is in a military district in DC but he is also in several federal districts -- he's whisked off to Quantico Marine Base and that's where he is held for questioning. I think that that was part of his debriefing and deprogramming. But he's not taken under

civilian control, he's taken under military custody.

Then he's moved from there for psychiatric evaluation to Fort Butner, South Carolina, which was the first prison that was developed where the cells (and the blueprints) were called labs. It was the first mind-control experimentation prison in the country. He spends his time down there. Again with a group of psychiatrists that are interlinked with other assassinations and then he is eventually brought to court and declared not guilty by reason of insanity for the assassination attempt.

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You may remember the people from the Baltimore group that got arrested and put in jail for six months for holding a banner inside the Congress that said 'Ask them about the drugs!' and people trying to bring up the cocaine matter. Because the cocaine matter intimately involved Bush. Bush was the Drug Czar there in the Reagan years and it was during his tenure that the amount of drugs coming in actually increased.

They had this phony drug war -- the major contribution of Bush is that he further broke down the lines established under the Constitution and the Posse Comitatus Act of the military and the police not performing the same function and allowed more and more military involvement in drug policing. Therefore, corrupted further the ability of these few honest agents, that were trying to do something about the drugs, to actually stop them.

Bush played a role as former director of the CIA. The CIA has its hands in the drug trade from the 1940s on. The drug trade becomes the major way that, through heroin and cocaine, the CIA financed many of its covert operations all over the world. It was a sort of devil's alliance on both sides between these drug dealers and these covert operatives and genocidal killers to have a way to finance what they were doing.

I think part of the reason that they still to this day refuse to release to the public the CIA budget figures is that the official budget that they would release could not possibly cover all their activities. Then somebody would have to start asking 'what is the covert financing?' Some of it is dummy-front corporations that launder or bring through money on false situations. But a lot of the baseline is the tremendous profits made on drugs, which go into the billions now per year worldwide, and a very lucrative business.

Also those drugs and the drug dealers around them link into the reactionary elements in the society. So there is a hidden drug story in almost every major situation, whether it is the Nicaraguans and the Contras or even in Vietnam with the heroin -- every counterinsurgency war -- in Afghanistan, even the Kosovo situation, the KLA had dealings at the same time that it was doing its shenanigans. It was financing its weapons and having dealings with supporting running the drugs down through Kosovo and into Europe.

Almost every covert operation has a drug tie and the Conragate situation was no exception. They were taking weapons down in planes that then they were filling up with drugs and bringing back. One major input point for cocaine in those years was Florida. There was a whole substructure there between the anti-Castro Cubans and the drug dealers and people being paid to look the other way while they brought this stuff in through Miami. Miami was one of the main areas, main ports for importation of huge amounts of cocaine into the United States. Later Los Angeles became a main input point for crack-cocaine.

But these are routes, and routes up through Mexico, that supported what they were doing. The Bush family had ties in *all* of that in the covert operations, in oil interest down in

Mexico and that border, in Florida, and more. If you remember November 23rd, the day after the JFK assassination, Bush was debriefed along with a Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) Officer about the reactions of the anti-Castro Cuban community in Florida, in Miami.

How could he know about that? Because he has ties going back to Florida, to the Florida mob, to the covert operations there, to the Bay of Pigs with his Zapata Oil^[2] and similarly Zapata Oil went down into Mexico. So they are already in these places.

Then eventually Jeb Bush is put in as the *Governor* in Florida and all the scandal that is breaking around that now. Jeb Bush had ties there in Florida through the anti-Castro Cubans. He was also tight with the people that ran these little quick "cigarette boats," as they were called, in and out of the ports that were there in Miami that were excellent smuggling boats for drugs because they didn't get picked up on as quick as the larger boats would. He had ties to some of the major drug runners there.

The family has it's hands in the dirt. But Bush, I think, was responsible for the attempted murder of Reagan. I think Reagan found that out shortly after he told his aids to get the demographics on that kid, meaning Hinkley.

Bush is also implicated in the bombing murder here in DC of Orlando Letelier that was an extension of the DINA and the Secret Police of Chile and the Chilean fascists into the United States along with Ronni Moffitt from the Institute of Policy Studies. They were bombed and killed here.^[5]

The anti-Castro Cubans that have been part of other kinds of bombings and terrorist operations were allowed into the U.S. at a time when Bush was head of the CIA and had the information that they were coming into the country but did nothing to block them. And then Orlando Bosh and the Nova brothers and these people that eventually killed Letelier.

There's just a story breaking now in the Philadelphia papers about the murder of Pablo Escobar -- the Medellin drug cartel person who was tight with, again, elements of U.S. intelligence up to a certain point. But then when they want to change the route, or someone else comes in, these people become expendable. Escobar was murdered by a joint operation of the DEA, the Drug Enforcement Agency, who at that point were chasing him down. Just in the same way that they eventually chased down Manuel Noriega who had been a drug and information contact for CIA and for Bush for many, many years. But then is abandoned at the point that they want to take over and in Noriega's case, was eventually put in jail.

Escobar was murdered and the DEA is a joint operation with something called Center Spike, which was National Security Agency, NSA. Center Spike had global positioning satellites in place and they were also able, because they monitor all electronic communications all over the world, they were monitoring the cell phone transmissions of Pablo Escobar and putting the cell phone transmission together with the global positioning satellite. They were actually able to track his physical location and once they got him making calls from a certain place then the DEA sent in the kill team and the orders came from Dick Cheney and George Herbert Walker Bush.

The CIA has its hands in the drug trade from the 1940s on. The drug trade becomes the major way that, through heroin and cocaine, the CIA financed many of its covert operations all over the world. It was a sort of devil's alliance on both sides between these drug dealers and these covert operatives and genocidal killers to have a way to finance what they were doing.

I think part of the reason that they still to this day refuse to release to the public the CIA budget figures is that the official budget that they would release could not possibly cover all their activities. Then somebody would have to start asking 'what is the covert financing?' Some of it is dummy-front corporations that launder or bring through money on false situations. But a lot of the baseline is the tremendous profits made on drugs, which go into the billions now per year worldwide, and a very lucrative business.

Also those drugs and the drug dealers around them link into the reactionary elements in the society. So there is a hidden drug story in almost every major situation, whether it is the Nicaraguans and the Contras or even in Vietnam with the heroin -- every counterinsurgency war -- in Afghanistan, even the Kosovo situation, the KLA had dealings at the same time that it was doing it's shenanigans. It was financing its weapons and having dealings with supporting running the drugs down through Kosovo and into Europe.

Almost every covert operation has a drug tie and the Contragate situation was no exception.

Ratcliffe:

What year was that?

Judge:

This was in the early nineties when he was still president, still in the White House. But Cheney and he were the ones who gave the kill orders. Mae Brussell used to call him "Killer Bush" and felt that he was behind a number of murders. Then, of course, as head of the CIA, all the international murders that they were doing and some history going back.

Neil Bush was part of a huge scandal that involved the whole family and dirty dealings with

Silverado Savings and Loans and was part of the collapse of the Savings and Loans. The Savings and Loans had been corrupted entirely by mob and Intelligence.

Mae thought that besides drugs, the major way that covert operations were being financed during the 70s and 80s was by draining the paper resources and the credit off of these S&Ls. She used to talk about what she called the "missing millions" of all this money that went up in smoke from these financial institutions that were compromised and then drained up to the point that they would announce their bankruptcy and everybody lost their money.

Silverado was a similar one. Pete Brewton did work on the collapse of the Savings and Loans and the role of the Bushes and Bush's ties within the CIA and also ties to the mob. Little of that history has gotten out.

Neil Bush was also sent into a strange situation that I discovered just in reading the *Post* and the *New York Times* as I used to. There was a point at which Michael Manley, who was the president in Jamaica, refused to take the International Monetary Fund loans that were being offered by the IMF because he understood the strings that came with them. Manley was deposed in a CIA-orchestrated coup by someone named Edward Siaga. When Siaga got in, he was CIA-backed and very reactionary, he had these criminal thugs that were helping support him and some of them were sent to a concert of the political reggae rock musician, Bob Marley. Siaga's goons shot Marley on the stage. They didn't succeed in killing him but they wounded him pretty severely.

He recuperated from the shooting up in this mountain retreat he had called 'Sugarloaf'. There was a visit while he was recuperating by someone from *Rolling Stone* magazine to interview him. It came out later that *Rolling Stone* denied that they had sent anyone to interview him and it came out in the press that the person posing, as a *Rolling Stone* reporter was actually Neil Bush.

Ratcliffe:

Where was that reported?

Judge: They have a daily society and gossip column about celebrities, or people in the news, in the *Washington Post*. The *Washington Post* reported the story about *Rolling Stone* making this denial and that it was Neil Bush that actually did the visit. Neil Bush has no more business with reggae than the man and the moon. He doesn't have any interest in reggae music. He's the son of the former director of the CIA and the President of the United States sneaking into Bob Marley's house after the CIA has already tried to kill him.

Within a period after that, Bob Marley got cancer, supposedly got something in his toe and the next thing, he was dead of brain cancer. Mae Brussell was suspicious of the death. But yet another link of the family member -- as I said, was tight with Scott Hinkley -- right at the periphery of these assassinations.

I think that Bush continues, even to this day in a private mode, many of his covert operations. Cheney had to give up a multi-million dollar money pocket that he was put into in one of the military-industrial complex companies that was making big finance for him.

The people around Bush are part and parcel to the problems that go on.

Thus they're bringing in the only son that was literally, I think, too limited to even be allowed to participate in the crime operations and the dirty dealings. He was just a sort of party animal and a buffoon. But he is the one now that the family is now running into the Oval Office and pushing him in regardless of a vote or popular will. Which has always been the case. They are just doing it in a very blatant way now of taking power and putting the Bush back in for yet another term of control over this country and to bring about the reactionary agenda.

Now, I think, they are going to take the glove off the fist in a more clear way. They have already militarized the police to a tremendous degree that even the progressive communities talk about militarization of police now as I was doing in 1984, now in 2000 somebody is finally noticing; it was clear in Seattle, it was clear in D.C. and it's clear in other countries. It won't be just be that but it'll be tremendous economic pressures because they have concentrated the wealth to such a degree and the technology to such a degree that most of us in their schema are expendable.

Bush will preside over that sort of ravaging of even the last of the social services. For example they want to get their hand into the social security pot and privatize and use that to spend on the stock market to make more profits for themselves. There is not any social money that they don't want to put into their profit scheme.

The defense money that they keep wanting to increase is clearly nothing but a cash flow to these corporate munitions and weapon companies and aerospace people who make tremendous profits off of these contracts but has nothing to do with what people in this country need. The reason that we have a deficit is the military. The reason that we go and fight wars for oil is the military because the military is the largest user of oil.

Bush is right in the center of all of that; the oil and its secret history in the manipulations around oil. What actually goes on in other countries many, many times has to do with oil resource and access to oil or blocking access to oil. It's a family that's grounded in criminal activity and covert operations and in dirty money and in oil profits and oil manipulation and speculation and control, not only here in the United States but all over the world. One of the sons, I believe it's Neil again, has controlling oil interest rights in the country of Bahrain, which is a country that sits a little bit off the coast of Kuwait.

They have both direct financial interest in what goes on and a long dirty history of having their hands in these things. That's whose being brought in to preside over this next move towards social repression and control from the darker side. Which is not to say that that agenda would not have gone forward or hasn't gone forward in the time that Clinton and Gore have been in. It has.

These people are not really in charge but they are going to give us a different spin while they're in. They're going to give us the appearance of a breather and we're even less likely to complain about the things as our rights are being taken away. A lot of basic first and fourth amendments rights were trampled during the Clinton years.

That went on almost without comment. Not just in the Supreme Court but also by much legislation that they supported and backed-up and put into law. That goes almost without comment because we supposedly have had a liberal group in power.

But now we come into this election sequence. The Bush family is yet again "unleashed." Dummy Bush is going to become President, the dummy that sits on your knee while the old man makes him yap. Cheney is there to make sure that that works out. It certainly would've changed the mood of the country, don't you think, if Cheney had had his heart attack *before* the election. I wonder if he had something and they never said anything about it.

Ratcliffe:

Exactly. If they could have somehow snuffed it over they certainly would have left *that* out.

Judge:

Exactly. He's not in the best of health and then the question is who is going to replace him? They got somebody else worse waiting in the wings? The rumor beforehand was that they were going to find a way to replace Cheney and then put in Colin Powell to make him a more acceptable election choice. I don't know if that is still on the back burner in the works or not.

It's people coming into the White House again that are openly tied to these kinds of dirty tricks that mark our current period. Of course, none of them have an agenda or a social program or *anything* that deals with the real pressing needs of the people of this country. Everything is still geared on global international corporate control. There are just basically two attitudes in the class: one is that they should show their hand as they slap us. The other is that they shouldn't. But we still get slapped.

There are several books out about Bush's perfidy: Jonathan Vankin wrote *Conspiracies, Cover-ups and Crimes: Political Manipulation and Mind Control in America* (1991); Pete Brewton wrote *The Mafia, CIA and George Bush, The Untold Story of America's Greatest Financial Debacle* (1992); Stephen Pizzo with Mary Fricker and Paul Muolo wrote *Inside Job, The Looting of America's Savings and Loans* (1989, 1991). Another book called *Hot Money and the Politics of Debt* by R.T. Naylor gets a little bit into the machinations and Penny Lernoux's book *In Banks We Trust, Bankers and Their Close Associates: The CIA, the Mafia, Drug Traders, Dictators, Politicians, and the Vatican* (1984) shows the narcotic and banking circles. And then there is spate of books about the cocaine deal -- Gary Webb's *Dark Alliance, The CIA, The Contras, and the Crack Cocaine Explosion* (1998),^[6] *Powder Burns* and other books.

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