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The Teamster Connection

by Chip Barlet

A tangled tale concerning stolen tapes of bugged phone conversations may be leading to a story connecting alleged shakedown of Teamsters officials for contributions to President Nixon's re-election campaign with the prison release of former Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa.

Portions of the story have already surfaced in Newsweek and Jack Anderson's column but the story is so complex it may be months before it is unravelled. Preliminary investigations by the Senate Watergate committee have resulted in the opening of a Pandora's Box of deception, charges and counter-charges, lawsuits, backstabbing and outright lies.

According to sources close to the Watergate committee investigation, much of the testimony heard concerning this subject (thus far in executive session) simply cannot be trusted.

But several committee members have publicly stated that presently under investigation by the Senate panel is possible labor union involvement in the Watergate scandal. One person close to the investigation confirms that the alleged "Teamster Connection" is under scrutiny.

The story begins with one Bobby Lewis, who claims to have been a volunteer worker for McGovern's presidential campaign.

While working in the Watergate Democratic headquarters in Washington, Lewis discovered a tape recording which apparently belonged to Walter Sheridan, a campaign consultant who shared an office with Frank Manikiewicz.

Sheridan was a former member of the Justice Department's Criminal Justice Division who participated in the prosecution of Jimmy Hoffa on charges of jury tampering.

Sheridan says the recording is a conversation between Arthur Eagan, a reporter for the Manchester Union Leader, and Edward Grady Partin, a former teamster official whose testimony was pivotal in Hoffa's conviction.

When Bobby Lewis listened to the tape he said he heard Eagan implicating the President, John Mitchell and others in a scheme to help Partin avoid conviction in a federal indictment.

This reporter has listened to the tape and it confirms Lewis' story. Eagan now claims the tape was compiled from several conversations.

Bobby Lewis had no way of determining if the charges were true so he began a year-long trek distributing copies of the tape like falling autumn leaves to literally hundreds of news reporters.

Most reporters felt that Eagan's charges were hot air. But, there is a story. Perhaps not in the tape, but in the charges and counter-charges that keep recurring when the story of the tape is investigated.

The story revolves around the conviction of Jimmy Hoffa on charges of jury tampering. The Justice Department under the direction of Bobby Kennedy was engaging in a series of cases against Hoffa when Edward Grady Partin, a former Teamster official from Louisiana, stepped forward and said that in one trial Hoffa tried to influence jurors. Walter Sheridan was a member of the Justice Department's Hoffa strike force for the jury tampering trial.

Partin, however, was also allegedly involved in activities that later resulted in a federal indictment against him.

Arthur Eagan, in the course of covering the story of Partin's indictment, became convinced that Partin had committed perjury in the testimony which convicted Hoffa.

Eagan says Partin was coached on his courtroom testimony by employees of the Justice Department, including Walter Sheridan. There is no doubt that Bobby Kennedy and the Justice Department were extremely eager to obtain a conviction against Hoffa.

Sheridan denies everything and charges Eagan with trying to influence Partin to change his testimony so that Hoffa might be released from jail.

Sheridan observes that the Manchester Union Leader was the recipient of a \$2 million loan from the Teamsters Union pension fund. The loan apparently went to cover heavy debts. Sheridan feels Eagan's stories stem from this



relationship between the Teamsters and the newspaper.

Eagan claims Partin was shielded from conviction on the federal indictment in return for his Hoffa testimony. Partin was never convicted of the charge.

None of this material is particularly new. These stories have been circulating for years with repeated charges and denials from all involved. But now the Watergate panel is stirring up these earlier stories, because into this interplay over Hoffa's release and the Teamsters comes the 1972 re-election campaign.

Testimony before the Watergate committee is now beginning to link together some of the same figures in the earlier controversy.

Two weeks ago Arthur Eagan appeared before the Watergate committee to testify about the transcript of the Lewis tape, as well as information gleaned from other tapes in Sheridan's possession which appeared in a book Sheridan wrote about the Hoffa case.

Most importantly, the committee was interested in stories Eagan had published concerning CREEP and the Teamsters.

Although Eagan testified in a secret session, Jack Anderson revealed parts of his testimony in a Friday, Nov. 23 column. While Eagan will not comment about his testimony, he claims Anderson may have actual transcripts from the committee.

According to Anderson, Eagan testified that "Teamster vice presidents and other Teamster bigwigs were ordered to kick in \$1,000 each toward a \$175,000 war chest for President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign."

In its Nov. 26 issue, Newsweek magazine quotes Jimmy Hoffa as saying he, too, had heard of the \$175,000 figure and added he felt the Teamsters Union had contributed far more to the re-election campaign than was officially reported.

Hoffa further said that friends of the Teamsters in Las Vegas, who had borrowed money from the union, were also approached to fund the re-election war chest. According to Eagan's testimony, those "friends" were Las Vegas casinos.

One reason Hoffa may be substantiating these charges

is revealed in further testimony by Eagan. According to the Union Leader reporter, the original documents detailing Hoffa's prison commutation by Nixon contained no mention of restrictions on Hoffa's future role within the Teamsters.

It should be noted that the Teamsters during the last few years have been engaged in a power struggle between those officials still loyal to Hoffa, and those owing allegiance to the present union leadership.

When the final commutation papers were released, they contained a provision barring Hoffa from working with the Teamsters until 1980. If this is true, the White House double-crossed Hoffa while publicly reaping the political benefits from his release. Bitterness over these alleged "dirty tricks" could account for Hoffa's willingness to talk.

Stories floating around Capitol Hill imply that the Teamsters and their "friends" may have provided over \$500,000 to the White House in return for Hoffa's release — and the provision preventing him from returning to lead the Teamsters.

Whatever portion of this bizarre story is finally proven to be true depends on the ability of the Watergate committee and their investigators to pierce the almost impenetrable wall of silence thrown up by most of the participants in the sordid tale.

The story leads off in many directions. What ties it all together is the struggle over Hoffa, Arthur Eagan and the Watergate scandal.

The National Lawyers Guild is looking into the charges in connection with a proposed suit asking that the 1972 elections be declared invalid. They have already had long conversations with Bobby Lewis.

The story is indeed complex, many of the charges may not be substantiated. But as one person involved in the Watergate investigation said, "there is something there — and we are looking into it."

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Letters.....

Freeway Stinks

To the Rag,

Thanks for alerting us common citizens of the revival of plans to further invade DC with concrete. And this South Leg highway plan would also invade historic national and natural treasures to boot! Once again the Rag steps in as a community, public service function unparalleled in DC life.

Two things strike me about this ghastly proposal. Above and beyond the invasion of historic and natural values there is 1) its irrationality in light of the fuel shortage and 2) it is alive today only because of a 1966 commitment made by the now-outdated former National Park Service Director George Hartzog.

Perhaps in an editor's note you could again tell folks who to write to and telephone, adding Ronald Walker, Director, National Park Service, Washington, DC 20240. There is no reason why the Park Service needs to "honor" the 1966 commitment to the highway mauls.

The irrationality of invading DC with freeways which require energy to build and encourage invasion by fuel-guzzling Detroit beasts should speak for itself.

However, it is good to remember that a further liability of this is competition for urgently needed funds for mass transit, and competition for people utilizing mass transit facilities when built.

Thanks again, Ed Zahniser

Freeway Smells OK

Dear Rag,

Judging from your article, "Planners Attempting Freeway Revival," in the November 16-23 issue, I obtain the distasteful opinion that your liberated paper is not interested in factual reporting, but only in journalistic innuendo's or sensationalism.

If this is not the case then, where is the other side of the story? Must it come in the form of a letter to the editor such as this?

If your paper has the community interest in mind then you would have interviewed an official representing the Department of Highways and Traffic and not the gentlemen named in your article, who by the way is connected with the DC Department of General Services which is separate from the DC Department of Highways and Traffic.

You would have found out such as I did that as a direct result of the public hearings held Sept. 6, 1972 "Alternative Plan-A-Modified" was born. The purpose and intent of these public hearings are to afford the general public a voice in the departments program, in order to effectively work with the community.

The South Leg, I-695, is an independent system which is completely divorced from the North Central Freeway, the U Street Corridor, the Potomac River Freeway, the North Leg, the Three Sisters Bridge and Virginia's Routes 66 and 266.

Its designed intentions are to replace Independence Avenue which currently is a non-conforming use of public park land with such a high density of vehicular traffic that creates noise, aesthetic and safety conflicts within the Nation's greatest monument area.

Instead of asking "What's wrong with the plan," I say ask what's right with the plan.

This plan affords benefits in 1) improved accessibility between Northwest, Southwest and downtown sectors of the city, 2) opportunity for National Capitol Park Service to implement their "Mall Master Plan," 3) the separation of park vehicular and pedestrian traffic from the through vehicular traffic, 4) complies with the latest Federal noise standards for areas of serenity and quiet, 5) increased availability of space for Park Services, 6) increased employment and 7) does not break up any community neighborhoods.

Also in response to the failure of the Three Sisters Bridge, you would have found either by interview or available published data that the Three Sisters Bridge model was tested to destruction, meaning, at what

point will the bridge design load fail. In simplistic terms, the bridge model was designed to accommodate eight lanes of tractor trailers, side by side, from abutment to abutment, twelve trucks high. Actual and documented failure occurred with eight lanes of tractor trailer side by side, abutment to abutment sixteen trucks high. Results of which, the design successfully surpassed the necessary criteria for bridge structures, thus it will necessitate one hell-of-a traffic jam to cause failure.

I appeal to you Rag, to keep your journalistic values and not be led astray by a group of rejected-democratic-has-beens who are trying at the expense of an approved coordinated transportation system to get back in the main stream of politics.

Sincerely, Loel Schaaf, GWU, SEAS

SEAS Can't Smell

It's a shame the people at the school of Engineering and Applied Science feel compelled to back a system at least one generation out of date; it is like being old fore your time.

There are a few points I wish to raise, however.

1) I don't remember talking to anyone from the Department of General Services, but I did spend several hours at the Highway department after hearing about their secret plan. The people from the Planning and Operations Division were very uptight about my enquiries into "modified-A" and refused to answer legitimate questions. [The gentleman Loel Schaaf talked to must have been Jim Clark because his rap corresponds nearly word for word with the above letter].

2) If I-66 is an independent system (14 miles) why has it been designated an interstate? The Highway Department told me (boasted) that I-695 would hook up to the Potomac River Freeway and I-66 at the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge.

3) I don't know what a "rejected democratic-has-been" is but a look at the Highway Department's own files may be instructive. There are 88 letters from the public on file concerning the original plan; 68 oppose the plan, all from individual and community organizations; 20 oppose the plan—all from corporations (C&P Telephone, Pepco, Marriott, etc.) and the SEAS.

4) The plan stayed a secret until the Daily Rag reported it. The Post broke the story the following day.

5) Nothing is worth \$10,000 a foot.

-Bill Peters

Rag Unfair To Guru

Dear Rag Staff,

I am a member of Divine Light Mission. Prior to the Millennium celebration in the Astrodome, I was traveling around the East Coast doing press interviews for "Soul Rush," the pilgrimage that led to the Millennium. Now I am living in Washington and I will be in charge of public relations here.

Yesterday, somebody handed me the Schwartz Schortz article that was in the November 16th issue of the Rag. Naturally (looking at it from my point of view) I was a little surprised by what old Pink Flamingo Schwartz had to say. Then I checked into our files of past issues of the Rag, and I noticed in thatmost of the reporting that the Rag has done about Guru Maharaji Ji and the Divine Light Mission has been along the same lines.

I feel that your reporting has been immature and in bad taste. But more importantly, I feel that it has been irresponsible and unfair. You say that you have a circulation of 35,000 people. Your paper helps to form their opinions on various topics. Therefore you have a responsibility to do accurate reporting.

There is an active Divine Light Mission community here in Washington. Have you ever contacted them and spoken to some of the people who are really involved in the workings of the mission? Have you done serious research on your work, or have you been content to just toss off smear columns filled only with personal observations?

It is really easy to sit in a room and let your mind explode with hate over a subject about which you are not very well informed. It is a difficult thing to do a fair story, researching all sides, getting below surface observations and trying to find out what's really going on.

Sincerely, David Richman

Humor As A Weapon

Dear Rag and Jack Schwartz,

I can understand your feelings of anger towards the fat little Guru. But why are you flying off the handle? First of all, the Guru's game is an old one. It's the same game that was played by CREEP. It's the same game as Holiday Magic cosmetics. All that the Guru is doing is selling us, and isn't that what America is all about?

And who is this holy ass selling his spiritual vacuum-cleaners to? He's selling it to the sons and daughters of the upper, middle class. If they didn't shell out their money to humiliate themselves in this way, then they surely would find other ways to do it. It's the whole middle class attitude that leads to this transcendental masturbation.

If you want to do in the guru, you've got to use his techniques. They don't come

from God. They don't come from wise prophets. They come from comic books and books like The Selling of the President. The whole idea of sucking up religions is a classic comic book or science fiction gimmick.

Humor can do in this little lump of lipid Guru. This pompous polysaturated profiteer should be ridiculed day in and day out. Here's things you can do:

- * Declare that you are the Messiah and that you have come to bring eternal peace and love to all those who kiss your feet and give you Rolls Royces and Mercedes.

- * Put up signs with your picture on it and wear pajamas so as to look mystical. It might be a good idea to wear a Davy Crockett coonskin hat or a Micky Mouse hat.

- * Suck the Guru into your own religion, say that he was sent to earth to prepare mankind for your coming.

- * Plant cocaine in the merchandise of Divine Sales at 1811 Columbia Road and tell the Pigs and the Washington Post.

- * Hold a Gooroo look alike contest and have the winner go around town making an ass of himself, eg stealing candy from kids.

- * Last, but not least, get FL, SDS, Labor Committee, SWP to unite once and for all and roast that little pig with an apple in his mouth over burning coals.

Love, The Auntie Guru-noids

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Since the Eisenhower Center would represent the District's first entry into the bond market, opponents have also been asking for a public referendum to approve the financing plan.

Currently, the DC election law bars such a referendum, but since much of the impetus for the center has come from Congress, there would presumably be few obstacles toward Congressional enactment of a measure allowing District residents to express their approval or disapproval of the financing scheme.

Thanksgiving At Henry Kissinger's



*Deliver us O Lord,
from the politics of deceit and naked power,
from Henry Kissinger geopolitics,
from adulation of Machiavelli, Metternich,
Clausewitz and Nixon,
from superpower wheeling and dealing,
from Nobel prizes for warmaking,
from corporate ripoffs, arms hucksterism,
and honor for war mongers,
from Nixon-Kissinger slicing of the planetary pie*

With these words, a small group, including Father Phil Berrigan, Sister Liz McAlister and Ed Guinan from DC's Community for Creative Non-Violence, attempted to present Henry Kissinger a "war prize" at his home on Waterside Drive this past Thanksgiving. The prize, which they described as an alternative to the Nobel Peace Prize, was a carved replica of the globe, dripping in blood, with a knife sticking out of Chile, and a fork out of Indochina.

In a letter sent to Dr. Kissinger, the group explained that "we are spending a few short moments at your home to offer prayers for a growing resistance by the world community to your destructiveness and a deepened awareness of the litany of death, which in large part you have mangled and perpetrated."

The group, after offering up prayers, attempted unsuccessfully to present their globe to Dr. Kissinger at his home, under the surveillance of about 20 secret service agents. No one was arrested in the attempt.

In their final reading, the group declared that "Kissinger knows nothing as well as government of, by and for the rich. If one were to diagnose his role, it is one of the Hired Hand, of a diplomatic mercenary."

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Currently, the DC election law bars such a referendum, but since much of the impetus for the center has come from Congress, there would presumably be few obstacles toward Congressional enactment of a measure allowing District residents to express their approval or disapproval of the financing scheme.

Thanksgiving At Henry Kissinger's



*Deliver us O Lord,
from the politics of deceit and naked power,
from Henry Kissinger geopolitics,
from adulation of Machiavelli, Metternich,
Clauswitz and Nixon,
from superpower wheeling and dealing,
from Nobel prizes for warmaking,
from corporate ripoffs, arms hucksterism,
and honor for war mongers,
from Nixon-Kissinger slicing of the planetary pie*

With these words, a small group, including Father Phil Berrigan, Sister Liz McAllister and Ed Guinan from DC's Community for Creative Non-Violence, attempted to present Henry Kissinger a "war prize" at his home on Waterside Drive this past Thanksgiving. The prize, which they described as an alternative to the Nobel Peace Prize, was a carved replica of the globe, dripping in blood, with a knife sticking out of Chile, and a fork out of Indochina.

In a letter sent to Dr. Kissinger, the group explained that "we are spending a few short moments at your home to offer prayers for a growing resistance by the world community to your destructiveness and a deepened awareness of the litany of death, which in large part you have mangled and perpetrated."

The group, after offering up prayers, attempted unsuccessfully to present their globe to Dr. Kissinger at his home, under the surveillance of about 20 secret service agents. No one was arrested in the attempt.

In their final reading, the group declared that "Kissinger knows nothing as well as government of, by and for the rich. If one were to diagnose his role, it is one of the Hired Hand, of a diplomatic mercenary."

Fight Shapes Up To End Indochina War

by Bill Goodfellow

The unprecedented rift between the Executive and Legislative branches of the US government has created new problems for Mr. Thieu in South Vietnam. With his patron, Mr. Nixon, rapidly sinking in the Watergate quagmire, Mr. Thieu surely feels a sense of desperation which may well account for his apparent desire to return to a military struggle before his support in Washington disappears completely.

The very same circumstances that so frighten Mr. Thieu, however, are providing a windfall for forces in this country trying to insure that the struggle in Indochina returns to the political level and does not escalate further into an even bloodier military struggle involving the US.

US aid programs serve to encourage Thieu to continue his offensive military operations against territories administered by the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) and to intensify his repressive police state measures for dealing with his political opponents.

Congress holds the key to the future of Indochina, since it is they who must determine the level of funding that Thieu receives. If they yield to the Administration's requests, further war is virtually insured for all of Indochina. However, if Congress makes a significant cut in the levels of both economic and military aid going to the Thieu government, Thieu will be forced to move in the direction of political accommodation with his political adversaries, including the PRG.

Congress is now in the last three weeks of its current session, and much work remains on their legislative calendar. A num-

ber of bills are currently working their way through the legislative process that could have a profound effect on the future of Indochina, and all three are so contested that a concerted letter-writing and lobbying campaign could substantially alter their final disposition.

The Military Assistance Services Funded

First, there is the Military Assistance Services Funded (MASF) bill, which provides military aid to Vietnam and Laos and is part of the \$21.3 billion Military Procurement Authorization bill. It has passed both the House and the Senate and is headed for the President's signature. The MASF authorization figure is \$1.1 billion for fiscal year 1974, reduced \$800 million from the Administration's initial request. But it is still over twice the amount necessary to provide for the piece for piece replacement of war materials permitted under the Paris Accords.

The Foreign Assistance Authorization Bill

The Foreign Assistance Authorization bill, which provides economic, and a substantial amount of military, aid to South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, was reported out of a House-Senate Conference Committee on November 15, 1973. The conferees agreed on a \$504 million figure for "Indochina Post War Reconstruction," exactly between the House's figure of \$632 million, also the Administration's request, and the Senate's much lower \$376 million.

On many other provisions, however, the Senate conferees yielded to the House and the Administration. Deleted was a Senate amendment that would have prohibited all

military and economic aid, save for purely humanitarian aid, "to any party [to the Paris Agreement] unless that party agrees to comply, and does comply," with the Agreement's provisions and protocols.

However, the most stunning defeat for anti-war forces was a provision that came out of the Conference which authorizes the Department of Defense to transfer up to \$200 million worth of munitions to Cambodia on an emergency basis. This is in addition to the \$150 million military aid

provided by the Foreign Assistance Act through the Military Assistance Program.

The \$200 million request for Cambodia had originally been part of a much larger "emergency security assistance" request which included \$2.2 billion for Israel submitted by President Nixon to Congress on October 23, 1973. Cambodia is thus eligible to receive \$169 million more military aid than the Administration had originally requested.

The Funding Procedure

Once the Authorization bills are voted on and then signed by the President, a whole new process begins. Authorization bills merely set up programs and establish funding ceilings, but do not provide the actual funds. The House and Senate Appropriation Committees are responsible for funding, and although they cannot exceed the authorized ceilings, they can, and commonly do, make cuts in funding levels and impose restrictions on how the monies can be spent. New bills for economic and military aid must work their ways through the Appropriations Committees, pass floor votes in both the House and Senate, and be signed by the President.

Committee mark-up on the appropriations bills will begin probably in the week following the Thanksgiving recess, but it will be mid-December before they finally reach the House and Senate floors for a vote.

The appropriations bills afford an opportunity to effect further cuts in aid to the Thieu regime (and the Lon Nol government in Cambodia) and to include additional amendments limiting the use of US aid monies for prison and police support and related police-state programs in South Vietnam.

You Can Act Now

Letters to local Congressional Representatives and Senators urging them to support aid cuts are extremely important. Congressman Edward R. Roybal (R-Calif.) will introduce an amendment, to the House Appropriations bill that would prohibit the use of US funds "to provide training or financial or material support for the police forces or the prison system within South Vietnam." Constituents should urge their Congresspeople to support Roybal's amendments.

The effects of the Watergate scandal and the obvious failure of American foreign policy in Indochina combine to create a unique situation for people wishing to have their ideas heard by their Congresspeople. No longer can the Administration depend on Congress to merely rubber-stamp the President's aid programs. Congress is in mood to challenge Mr. Nixon, and will do so on the question of aid to Indochina if there appears to be support for such a move.

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Often Imitated, Never Duplicated

Schwartz' Infamous Schortz

by Jack Schwartz

Gas Shortage Hoax: Nixon's oil crisis isn't taking in everybody. The AFL-CIO has called for a limit on the outrageous profits the oil corporations are making off the phony shortages. Houses are getting cold, schools are closing early, and it takes many more hours to travel from place to place. Yet industry and big business, who use and misuse most of America's energy, aren't cutting back. The Great Speckled Bird, Atlanta's alternative paper reports Nixon used 300,000 gallons of jet fuel in the past ten months, flying to Key Biscayne and San Clemente. That amount of petroleum would heat about 500 homes for a year, according to the Senate Commerce Committee.

New York Post Columnist Pete Hamill writes that the crisis is a ploy to keep the public from dealing with impeachment. "He has lost the Chinese and Russians as enemies, because big business interests want detente, to create new markets. He briefly tried making the press the enemy, but nobody bought that either. Now he can create the image of the Arabs strangling America... But it's a bunch of nonsense. There are oil and gas reserves in this country sufficient to sustain us for at least another 80 years. The oil and gas people don't want to go after them right now, because the potential profits are not yet large enough."

In response to such consequences of fuel routine as reduced economic production, unemployment, higher prices on food and other products, and a rebirth of anti-Semitism ("our protection of Israel is causing the shortages"), Hamill suggests we counter-attack: "Turn on all your lights. Drive 65 miles per hour. Refuse to turn down thermostats." Let's call Nixon's bluff, and use the fabricated crisis as another nail in his political coffin.

Drug Raids occurred all over last summer, and I reported on some very good accounts written in Rolling Stone about narcs and cops beating, harassing and killing suspected drug users.

In April of '72, local and federal pigs pulled a Vietnam-style raid on the home of Dirk Dickinson, and shot him to death



when he ran from twenty armed plainclothesmen. On October 18 of this year, US District Court Judge Sweigert ruled that the raid was illegal, but a federal investigation said that the murder was "justified." However, the Humboldt County (California) grand jury indicted one of the pigs for second degree murder and involuntary manslaughter, and the Federal government is challenging their right to prosecute a fed.

The results of this case will be very important, not only in terms of federal misconduct across the country, but especially for DC where so many of the enforcement acts are done by Federal authorities who may or may not be indicted, or sued, for their acts.

Michael Malik, also known as Michael X, a prominent Black activist in Trinidad, has been framed and found guilty of murder. In the words of his defense committee, Malik had been framed for being a brilliant author and an eloquent defender of

human rights, and for organizing the Black and Caribbean communities in London, where he once lived.

He was later forced to leave England, with his family and the British controlled press in Trinidad whipped up a racist hysteria that prevented his receiving a fair trial. The final appeal is before the Queen's Privy Council, and if it is denied, he will be hung the following Tuesday.

Many activists in this country, including William Kunstler, members of Amnesty International, Kate Millett, Allen Ginsberg, John Lennon, Dick Gregory, Yoko Ono and many others in Europe are asking all interested individuals and organizations involved in self-determination and justice struggles to send a telegram, immediately to: H.M. Elisabeth, Queen of England and R. Trinidad, Buckingham Palace, England, with a copy sent to: The In'tl Comm. to Save Michael X, 105 Newington Green Rd, London N1, England, and demand that his life be spared. For more information, write to no. 1 White Street, NYC. 10013.

A Letter to the Guardian asks why on October 11, China threw out the Marxist ambassador from Chile, and allowed the pro-junta second secretary to take over the embassy. China then recognized the junta, and the Chinese ambassador "was given lavish treatment in Santiago." Good question...any answers out there?

Inmates at Walpole State Prison in Massachusetts are organizing a national fast of the Christmas dinner inside all American prisons. The boycott is in support of the Attica brothers who are still being dragged through the courts of New York. They ask anyone with contacts inside jails, to publicize this call amongst the inmates. Information about the Walpole Chapter of the National Prisoners Reform Association, Prisoners against Poverty, Racism and War, can be gotten from the Mass. Lawyers' Guild, 595 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. (617) 661-8898.

Next issue!! Watch for details of a gala Grateful Dead Christmas Benefit in Atlanta for the Wounded Knee Legal Defense fund.

Assassination Conference Attracts Varied Types

by Tim Butz

Like the Vietnam war and Watergate, assassinations of American political figures have produced a myriad of unanswered questions. In the ten years since the death of John F. Kennedy in Dealey Plaza, murder and cover-up reminiscent of the 1930's 'Banana Republics' coups has become an accepted fact within the American political process.

At Georgetown University over Thanksgiving weekend, 200 authors, researchers, and independent investigators held a two day symposium on American political assassinations. Designed to mutually explore conspiracy theories and their supportive evidence, participants came with their ideas on 'why' and their evidence on 'how' political figures have been murdered in this country.

The conference, the first of its kind and organized by the Committee to Investigate Assassinations, was chaired by Bernard Fensterwald — the current lawyer for Watergate conspirator James McCord. Fensterwald told the opening session that the CTIA was only four years old, but that the effort to find the truth behind the Kennedy assassination had begun on the day he was killed.

Fensterwald was followed by Norman Mailer, who spoke briefly for the need of a 'Fifth Estate' to force the truth from the government. After the opening remarks, the conference began to hear panel discussions on the status of prominent assassination cases, research methodology, medical and physical evidence supporting conspiracy theories, and how the media has covered political assassinations.

While the bulk of information and discussion was centered on the murder of John F. Kennedy, there was some attention given to the murders of other political figures. James Lesar, the attorney for James Earl Ray, told the symposium that his client had not killed Martin Luther King, but rather had been framed when the Justice Department and the FBI 'wrongly solved' the King Murder. Lesar pointed out that the pattern for political assassinations is for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to seize control of the case from the local police department. The FBI and the Justice Department, he concluded, are the only organizations with the resources to follow the leads that prove James Earl Ray's innocence; and it is highly unlikely that they will ever do so.

Newsman Ronald Van Doren spoke about the attempt to kill Gov. George Wallace. Van Doren said 'There is no doubt that Arthur Bremer pulled the trigger on George Wallace. The question is 'Who pulled the trigger on Arthur Bremer?' Van Doren outlined Bremer's behavior and attacked his 'diary' as being a contrived document. The motivation for the Wallace assassination attempt was laid to expectations that Wallace would run as an independent and take votes away from President Nixon's 'mandate.'

The most interesting and also the most disappointing, panel discussion took place at the close of the conference. A panel on theories of conspiracy was presented, and its participants included Victor Marchetti (former CIA official), Fletcher Prouty (former Defense Department liaison to the CIA), Earl Gols (investigative reporter for the Dallas Morning News), Richard Popkin (author of *The Second Oswald*), Robert Brown (former Army Special Forces officer), and Peter Dale Scott (political scientist and author of *The War Conspiracy*).

Scott was the only panel participant to state the feelings of many in the conference audience. Scott charged that John Kennedy was murdered as a result of a conspiracy between anti-Kennedy corporate powers using the Federal government intelligence apparatus, the Special Services Bureau of the Dallas Police Department, and elements of organized crime as resources for their murder plan.

Other members of the panel talked of possible complicity between the Secret Service and organized crime, but their theories were weak in motivation for the murder—only Scott's charges of corporate involvement provided a believable motive for the assassination.

There were small problems at the conference. Members of the Zippie/Yippie crew from New York came down to raise hell at the meeting. Yip/Zip leader Tom Forcade, in an unbelievable display of violent sexism, upturned a table on a woman CTIA worker who had told him not to pass out leaflets for a Zippie demonstration.

The next day, A. J. Weberman began to bait Fletcher Prouty about his job with the Amtrak Corp., charging that Amtrak was a government organization. Weberman and other Zippies present were promoting Sherman Scolnick, a Chicago-based researcher who claims Mrs. E. Howard Hunt was murdered in order to silence her. Scolnick, who is known to be a publicity hound, was overshadowed by the presence of more capable



researchers, and his affiliation with the Zippies was an exercise in 'who-was-using-who.' While their disruptions were minor, they did serve to distract and use time that was needed for more discussion of the issues.

The Zips decided to hold a demonstration during the meeting, and about 15 of them attracted a small crowd of 60 outside the National Archives. The demonstration was called to draw attention to the fact that JFK's brain is missing from the Archives—a point that was brought out and thoroughly discussed at the symposium by Pittsburgh coroner Dr. Cyril Wecht.

The Decade of Assassinations conference ended on Saturday night with the showing of the Zapruder film of the Kennedy assassination. While no single theory of conspiracy was adopted by the conference, those studying assassinations finally had a chance to meet and exchange information. For many, the showing of the Zapruder film was the first opportunity they had ever had to view the suppressed piece of evidence.

While the views on conspiracy differ, the film brought out the important concept shared by all: in slow motion, JFK's head is split by a bullet from the front. The contention of the Warren Commission that one lone sniper killed Jack Kennedy from the back is totally disproved by the film, and the search for the truth continues. It will only come from those who are independent and unafraid—like those who attended the CTIA conference.

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South Leg: Nothing Yet

The DC Council Transportation Committee has yet to decide on a course of action regarding the proposed South Leg Freeway.

The six-lane road would run from the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge to 14th St., tunneling under the Lincoln Memorial and part of the Tidal Basin, ultimately replacing Independence Avenue.

The committee could simply report out the highway plan to the full council for an up or down vote, delay action for a month or so to allow time for public comments, or schedule a full-blown public hearing on the proposal.

Either of the latter approaches would delay final action on the plan for weeks, if not months, a development freeway opponents would welcome since it would give them more time to prepare their case against the highway plan.

The Environmental Protection Agency's transportation control plan, unveiled Nov. 20, will play a prominent role in any of the discussions of the highway plan.

The freeway plans were developed years ago in response to projections that automobile traffic into the District would double in the next two decades.

The EPA plans, however, are designed to reverse this trend. The agency's goal is to cut traffic in the area by over ten percent in the next two years and greatly reduce the current rate of growth of auto and truck traffic.

The council can not ignore the EPA's dicta, since under a rule proposed Oct. 30 and scheduled to be finalized by Dec. 15, the highway project — if approved by the DC Council — would have to be submitted to a DC air quality official who would pass on the impact of the road after a period for public comments.

If this official decides the highway plan violates the traffic control rules, the road cannot be built. Even if he does approve the project, his decision would still probably be subject to judicial review.

Because the final dimensions of the traffic control plan were not known last summer when the final South Leg plans were drawn up, the reports prepared for the DC Council do not address the problem in detail.

If the South Leg is found to be unnecessary because of the EPA action, the remainder of the \$1.08 billion freeway package would also probably have to be scrapped.

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How The Bread Really Rises

An oligopoly is the 70's version of a monopoly. Rather than one company controlling an entire industry, two or three do. A good example is in the breakfast cereal industry, exposed by the Federal Trade Commission last year. Four companies controlled 90 percent of cereal sales. Three companies — Kellogg, General Mills and General Foods — controlled 80 percent. There was no competition between these companies; they jointly decided on the price a consumer would pay for cereal, the nutritional quality of cereal (which was very poor), and spent tens of millions of dollars on advertising to convince people they did have a choice.

The FTC took action against the cereal industry and began a study of other oligopolies operating in the U. S. economy. They discovered some startling facts: approximately 45 percent of the U. S. economy is based on these oligopolies, including the tire, automobile, steel, oil, television and computer industries.

In the food industry there are several particularly obnoxious examples. According to an FTC study leaked to the *Anti-Trust Law and Economics Review*, consumers in 1972 were overcharged:

- \$143 million for canned fruits and vegetables
- \$191 million by breadmakers
- \$483 million by meat packers
- \$256 million by milk producers
- \$88 million by flour mills
- \$84 million for frozen food

In the general economy, an oligopoly is called just that — an oligopoly. In the food and agriculture industry, an oligopoly is called *Agribusiness*.

What is Agribusiness?

Agribusiness is not so much a thing as a system, a way of doing things.

Agribusiness is multimillion dollar corporations like Tenneco (51 percent of the vegetable market, also feed & insecticides), Del Monte (95% of the processed vegetable market), LTV (54 percent of the turkey market, also electronics and aviation), Purac (97 percent of broilers), other examples include Prudential Insurance, the Bank of America, Coca Cola and Safeway.

Agribusiness is the way these corporations push around the Department of Agriculture. Earl Butz, now Secretary of Agriculture, was formerly Chairman of the Board of Ralston Purina. Clifford Hardin, now on the Board of Ralston Purina, is former Secretary of Agriculture.

Clarence Palmy helped negotiate the Russian wheat deal for the USDA, then moved over to Continental Grain while that corporation cashed in on the deal.

Agribiz is Carrol Brunthaver at the USDA who, when told the government was stopping subsidies on the Russian wheat deal, said "God, you mean we've got to suspend the subsidies? We've got to call and warn the traders!" No one had bothered to notify the family farmer when he sold his wheat a month earlier at one-quarter to one-half the market value.

Agribiz is when a corporation or corporations own huge farms and control the production of a large percentage of a particular crop. This corporation will probably also be 'vertically integrated', an economists' term meaning they will own the companies which supply their strategic materials. For example, most agribusiness firms own a piece of a tractor company, or insecticides, or seed. These same firms have interests in canneries, or chain stores, or railroad cars.

In this way, Agribiz sells a farmer his supplies, buys the farmer's goods at a price agribiz - not the Farmer-sets, and meanwhile competes with him through their own farms.

Sometimes, such as in the asparagus industry, one company, Del Monte, controls 90 plus percent of the market. Del Monte decides what they will pay for asparagus. If the farmer does not want to sell, he can just go on down the road... except the nearest competing buyer is 900 miles away.

Agribiz is when the US taxpayer pays for programs at land grant colleges which 'modernize' production of tomatoes. The new processes put thousands of small farmers and farm workers out of work. The hybrid tomato that was

Mr. NADER. The Federal Trade Commission has data showing that if the leading oligopoly industries are broken up, there would be about a 25 percent price reduction in the cost of products that are sold.

Senator NELSON. You say the Federal Trade Commission has such information?

Mr. NADER. Yes.

Senator NELSON. And there would be a 25 percent reduction in the price of those products?

Mr. NADER. If these industries are broken up into more competitive units.

Senator NELSON. That information has not been made public, has it?

Testimony of Ralph Nader before the Subcommittee on Monopoly, Select Committee on Small Business, US Senate, November 9, 1971

developed does not taste as good as the old, "inefficient" tomato. So now the taxpayer is paying for another program which will isolate the flavors in a tomato and then inject the flavor into the tomato after it has been grown.

Agribiz is Stokely Van Camp and Del Monte which hires 60,000 migrant farm workers each year, housing them in shacks, without medical care, without opportunities to educate their children, and sometimes without running water. Agribiz is what keeps these people trapped in poverty so desperate that many people find it hard to believe. Agribiz maintains the trap that causes a 49-year lifespan, an infant mortality rate 200 times the national average, tuberculosis rate 500 times the national average and alcoholism 50 times the national average. And it is Agribiz that fights tooth and nail to stop these people from unionizing, a right most American workers earned 60 years ago.

Agribiz is characterized by huge, highly technological farms, run by corporate money managers from city desks across the country. Emphasis is on 'cost effectiveness,' 'technical integration,' and 'systems design.' When they hire help, they hire thousands of migrant farmers at a time. When they buy gasoline, they buy it by the truckload... chemicals by the truckload... tractors by the carload.

Agribiz spends millions of dollars for TV and newspaper advertising to convince people that it is more efficient and cheaper to grow food this way. This is not true.

U. S. Department of Agriculture report No. 209 clearly establishes that one or two-man farming operations are more efficient and have more yield at less cost per acre than the massive agribiz corporations which farm hundreds of thousands of acres. This is because in order to farm that much land, Agribiz needs managers, and managers to manage the managers, and administrators to manage them. And lobbyists in Washington. And lobbyists in the statehouses. And millions of dollars of advertising to keep the whole thing afloat. These costs are all passed to the consumer.

Agribiz is the tax subsidy rip-off game played by large corporations and rich individuals. These 'write-off rip-offs' cost the taxpayer \$10 billion per year according to figures supplied by Congressional Joint Economic Committee. We will examine this in more detail in the next Black Star Report.

Agribiz is a small group of men and corporations which seeks to control America's largest industry: agriculture. They are well-mannered and well-respected; they have connections at the top of our government. They know where all the tax loopholes are. Despite complaints about high food costs, they made higher profits in the first half of 1973 than at any other time in the last several years. They are driving the family farmer out of business.



1. Get the facts. Several books and groups are listed below.
2. Do your shopping at a coop store. There are three in Washington: Stone Soup at 18th & S Sts. NW; GLUT in Mt. Ranier, 779-1978 and Rainbow Bridge, 5604 Kenilworth Ave., Riverdale, Md. These stores bring you high quality food at prices usually about 10 to 15 percent below Safeway. They do this by cutting out middleman-buying as much as possible and with a worker-owned non-profit structure.
3. Organize a coop store in your community. There is a group of people planning a new store at 18th & Columbia Rd., NW. Call 332-2628 for information.
4. Support efforts to achieve a just redistribution of wealth and power. Take the rich off welfare!
5. Support the United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO in their struggle with Agribiz giants. Boycott lettuce, grapes and Safeway stores.
6. Demand a government which serves the people, not big business profits.

HEARINGS before the Subcommittee on Monopoly, Senate Committee on Small Business, 11A, 1B, 2, 2A, 2B—Corporate Security and Volumes 3, 3A, 3B—Agribusiness, 1973, from the Government Printing Office or through your Congressperson.

HARD TOMATOES, HARD TIMES from the Agribusiness Accountability Project, 1000 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20007. The Project has numerous short articles of great value.

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Esalen Comes East....

It's OK To
Be Here,
It's OK ...

by Andrew Gaines

The weekend before Thanksgiving a conference on various techniques of human growth, ranging from Gestalt Therapy to Sufi chanting, was presented by Esalen Institute at the University of Maryland. The sessions, lasting about two hours each, were largely experiential, with participants learning by getting actively involved.

Starting as a resort south of San Francisco, where weekend seminars on psychology and philosophy were held, Esalen has evolved into the most influential "growth center" in the US. It is best known for having originated encounter groups, but as the conference and the Esalen catalog show, growth techniques dealing with altered states of consciousness (psychosynthesis, meditation) and with direct means of improving neuro-muscular and energy functioning in the body (Feldenkrais, Rolfing, oriental martial arts) have become of major importance.

For me, the main import of Esalen is the vision that one does not live life crippled or hypnotized, but one can live life on one's own terms, finding both biological and spiritual satisfaction. The key to this is consciousness and a well-organized somatic structure.

There are many approaches and technical details to such a vision. We did not get bogged down in them. Sessions I attended had an excellent balance between experiential work from which newcomers could easily learn, and broad conceptual insights that indicated new directions for experienced people.

Beyond that, the conference had pervasive good humor. The opening session established a milieu where friendly physical contact—hugs, mov-

were genuinely witty.

One of the most integrative concepts was "centering." Standing, we were told, "It's OK to be here. Centering is just being here. Let yourself settle in. Let your spine straighten a little; let your shoulder relax. It's OK to be here..."

Simple. And yet pointing to a different mode of consciousness, a different way of being in the world, in which one is fully present. Being centered one functions optimally, both physically and psychologically.

We did some experiments in moving against a resistance, while being centered, noticing our own particular style of getting off center. One woman cried, because she felt how much resistance she gives herself in her life.

In a session on Tai Chi Chuan, a Chinese martial art, Al Huang suggested that the most important thing in Tai Chi is to have energy and movement originate and return to your lower belly. Your body should be relaxed and settled at the start of each movement. This allows your intuition to operate, and you respond to your environment without having planned just how.

We can develop this quality in everyday life by listening to the natural rhythms of the people and things around us, and dancing to them, rather than moving stiffly. I thought this was useful to the serious student of Tai Chi as well as to people with little movement experience.

Many people are familiar with the idea that emotional trauma and pain from childhood are held in the body in the form of tight muscles. These tensions limit our motility, physical and emotional. The aim of body therapies such as Bio-Energetic Analysis and Gestalt Therapy is to improve functioning by allowing the held-back emotions to be expressed.

There were several suggestions at the conference that people do not have to relive old traumas one by one. Blocks, when they occur, occur in the whole system: in our muscles, in the brain that gives orders to the muscles, and in the consciousness that regulates/participates in the whole thing.

There are times when the system functions well no matter what a person's past has been. By learning to sense what effective functioning feels like, we can move and more choose to live that way. This was the idea in back of centering.

The idea of learning to sense what effective functioning feels like was also explored in the Feldenkrais body awareness session. By doing exercises very slowly at first, with concentration on sensing each detail of the movement, people can discover how their

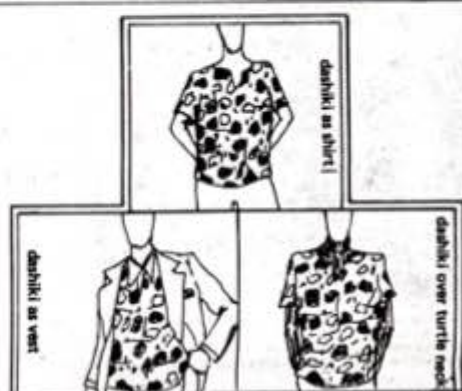
bodies organically want to move.

The brain is designed to regulate physical movement in such a way that there will be minimal strain. It will do this if we attend to our movement, but do not interfere with it. It became evident during the session that by working slowly with attention we could increase both our flexibility and our coordination.

I found that for the first time in my life, I could roll from lying to sitting with the entirety of my lower spine curling against the floor, instead of one spot being stiff and inflexible as usual. This improvement was not because I

had pushed myself, as is often encouraged in dance or calisthenics classes, but because I had increased by awareness I had learned how my back works, instead of forcing it.

"Let your mind pervade your body—and the whole universe," a Zen teacher once told me. Every distortion of the body is a distortion of your true self. As we clear out those distortions, we find at every level that we are much more than we had supposed. The body is a peculiar machine: it operates best when operated with awareness. Perhaps this is why Jonathan Livingston Seagull started with level flight.



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by David Riley

When I first heard the name, "Baba Ram Dass," I turned off. Anyone with a name like that had to be a hype. When I first saw the book *Be Here Now*, which Baba Ram Dass wrote, I wanted to throw up. Any book that babbled on about gurus and sweetness and light and printed words in circles with drawings and slanted letters had to be a rip-off appeal to hip fashion. When I visited the Lama Foundation above Taos, New Mexico, where Baba Ram Dass wrote *Be Here Now*, I was awe-struck by the sunset across the valley. But the adobe domes, the meditation areas, the old dinner bell, the kitchen with a dirt floor, the people on vows of silence wandering around with chalk boards, the blissed out man just back from a week in the woods on oatmeal and peanut butter — it was all too much, too precious, too trite. For me it was, as they say, bad karma.

Then six months ago I read Sara Davidson's article on Baba Ram Dass in *Ramparts* (Jan. '73). What he said about renouncing desire and attachment to the world wasn't for me, but it did make me think. It made me think, for one thing, that this weird guy was not just an empty hip hype but someone who could think and talk clearly about his world.

That's why I went to hear Baba Ram Dass at All Soul's Church last Saturday night, sponsored by the Temple of Cosmic Religion. He began as expected, in silence. The early arrivals sat still on the floor and in pews up front. Ram Dass sat facing them meditating; a lot of them were meditating too. He wore a wrinkled beige Indian shirt and brown corduroy levis; his shoes were off, his tambora behind him. He had a long beard and frizzy hair sticking out behind a bald spot and thick eyebrows. He looked like a freaked out Santa Claus. After a while he opened his blue eyes, looked around the room, and smiled at a few people; then he got up on the table in front of the altar and sat on some pillows and waited.

Baba Ram Dass strikes me as two people. He is a converted Indian mystic who speaks with a photograph of his guru before him, sprinkles his talk with Hindi religious words like prana, dharma, and karma, and accepts flowers from turbaned yogis with bowed head and prayerful hands. He's also a preppy old college prof with a cardigan sweater who speaks with a slight Boston accent, uses cultured Ivy League expressions like "It's a lovely story, an exquisite death," and reminds me of my rather ordinary older brother.

He is kind and soft and accessible and totally inclusive of all beliefs, and he is a witty, articulate showman filtering eastern spiritualism through his western intellect, dramatizing ancient parables in hip slang.

Ram Dass has been more than two people in the past. He's been through what he calls the "social science stage" as Richard Alpert, PhD, super-driven middle class Jewish hot-shot psychology professor at Harvard. Then there was the "psychedelic stage" as Alpert the freak who got boot-ed out of Harvard for going to the outer reaches with fellow explorer: Tim Leary in Leary's house in a quiet neighborhood in Newton, a few blocks from his parents' home. Now there's the "yogi stage" as Baba Ram Dass, a name meaning servant of god given to him by his guru who he stumbled on in 1967 near the bumpy end of a flying trip across India on a cloud of LSD and hashish. In *Be Here Now*, Ram Dass tells the story of the transformation of Richard Alpert in the endearing style of a Holden Caulfield in his 40's.

Ram Dass is not now and never has been in our time frame a "realized being," which in the language of mystics means someone who is "fully conscious" of the different planes of existence. This physical world is only one plane, the most frequently experienced example of another being dreams in which we think we are experiencing a physical reality but aren't. (That also happens during meditation, LSD trips, and death when the astral and causal planes of existence may come to the fore.) Ram Dass is "relatively conscious." He has experienced different planes of existence and is in the process of becoming conscious.

He is not a guru: a realized being who understands fully the paradox of existence and is beyond the dualities of good and evil, love and hate, beauty and ugliness. In full consciousness, everything is interrelated, part of the whole. Everything is nothing, and nothing is everything. Such

Baba Ram Dass:

"The Universe Is My Guru in Drag"



mind-blowing word games have limited value for us non-initiates. But consider this key paradox about life here: being, as Ram Dass says, "totally involved in this world but totally unattached to it."

Ram Dass is sitting in the foothills of the Himalayas in a "beautiful green valley, a lovely, lovely place" with his guru. "Maharaji used to keep saying to me, 'Ram Dass, don't you see it's all perfect?' And there were a hundred miles from Bangladesh. I'd be thinking, 'What about Bangladesh?'"

Some among the poor or the very rich may be very attached to material things on this physical plane, and so their "karmic predicament may be too great to overcome on this round," Ram Dass explains. In the long run, though, over the different lives people live, "it all comes out in the wash. But you can't use that as a cop-out for avoiding social responsibility. That's where the battle lines have always been drawn between the spiritual and the revolutionary movements. That's a phony battle."

"I've talked to Jerry Rubin and Allan Ginsberg and Huey Newton about that, and all of us realize it's a phony issue because spiritual consciousness does not make you socially irresponsible. It makes you recognize the responsibility from a different angle, so that your compassion for everyone is not blinded by your emotions of the moment. It doesn't make you any less desiring to end suffering, but it makes you not get uptight about it. That uptightness is what creates the destructive aspects of revolution, the fact that revolutions just perpetuate revolutions."

"Someone asked me, 'Can you love Nixon?' Yeah, I can love Nixon. He's another being. He's got heavy karma, lots of paranoia and power trips, but I have compassion for him. I may protest against him, but if I do, it's because that's my function. I am totally involved in my function, but not attached to it. You can stop evil without being attached to the realm of good and evil. In fact only by being unattached can you stop evil, because if you're

attached to good, that's part of the evil. Rejection of evil is a negative attachment to it."

In the cosmic scheme of things, there's total justice. In this world's physical scheme, there may be total injustice. "There's a level at which it's perfect," says Ram Dass, "and a level at which it's horrible. We've got to keep both levels in mind. That's the responsibility of consciousness: to live with the paradox, to live simultaneously on many levels. That's the whole secret of the game."

Unattachment to Ram Dass does not mean fear of closeness and involvement in the psychological sense. There's that kind of defensive detachment, and then there's the spiritual detachment of being involved in everything but allowing it all just to pass through you knowing on another level it's unimportant.

Everyone has their function here and now, and they have to look into themselves to find out what their function in their particular karmic predicament is. Ram Dass' function is to be a Karma Yogi (the yoga of service) on the lecture circuit. That's his way of following the command of Buddha to "relieve the suffering of all sentient beings," which you do "not to be a good guy, because you ought to, but because it's the only thing to do, it's the only game in town."

In personal relations, involvement without attachment means concentrating on what people have in common behind all the differences in form of personality, age, sex, thought, and action. The forms that people appear in that bother us may be projections of things in us that we don't want to recognize our own negative attachment to, or they may just be forms that we choose not to work with. Anger is being hung up on someone's bothersome form. A conscious person knows that emotions come in waves: they pass, and in another moment other emotions take their place.

The thing is to watch them pass and wait until you can see the god in a person underneath the wave of emotions. (Or if you are involved in the emotions but not attached to them, you can still see the god in the person while on the wave of emotion.) In that way, no matter how bad someone's karma is, it doesn't rub off, because there's no mirror-magnet in the conscious person for it to attach to. That's how you can love Nixon.

The ultimate in unattachment is of course no longer fearing death. Ram Dass' guru died a few weeks ago from a heart attack by the side of the road. He was carted off to a hospital, woke up there with tubes and needles stuck in him, pulled them out, said "Lord of the Universe" twice in Hindi, and died. "If he wants to do that, that's ok," says Ram Dass. He went back to India for a short visit because many of the old Indian devotees of Maharaji (a general term of respect for gurus) were still attached to his body and grieved its loss.

In dying, the guru was saying, "I'm just trading in my Ford for a Chevy, and you're hooked on my Ford." Ram Dass explains, "Death is just changing your form of existence. Your body ends its existence, but your self doesn't. The only thing that dies is the thought of your physical separateness, and your attachment to that thought causes the fear of death." In *Be Here Now*, Ram Dass writes, "Fear of death only comes through the brittleness of the ego." Working with families in which someone is dying, Ram Dass notices that "if there is a lightness about death, an acceptance of the process, that affects others around the person, and everyone gets off on it."

Saul Alinsky, a kind of Karma Yogi in disguise, said in a 1965 interview in *Harper's*: "Once you reach that point of accepting your own death, you no longer care much whether you're important or not. I've frequented the cemeteries too long—I know that's it." Through a completely opposite path—power politics for profession, agnostic for belief, and materialistic, physical orientation for his life—Alinsky arrived at the same approach to life as Ram Dass.

Ram Dass' constant theme is that the form doesn't matter. No form of living, working, worshipping, or not worshipping is better than another; no guru, no person, no practice is holier than another. "No act in itself is spiritual. It's all in the way it's done." One person can study and meditate and do holy work and eat vegetables for a lifetime and not become conscious. Another can eat hamburger and drive a bus and never get his knees any closer to the lotus position than the level of the gear shift and yet become conscious.

The problem of consciousness is in your head, not in your external actions. "Huey Newton is a beautiful, clear guy," says Ram Dass. "I asked him how he did it. 'I was in solitary confinement,' he said. Solitary confinement can be like the Himalayas if you know how to use it. Tim Leary says Folsom Prison is one of the best hotels he's been to. He didn't choose it, but once there, he knows how to use it. There's a teaching in everyone you meet, every experience you have, every time you stub your toe. The whole universe is my guru in drag."

For more information, *Be Here Now* is a good introduction to the spiritual world for \$3.33. Unpromoted and unacknowledged by national publications, the book has sold over 200,000 copies, twice the total of most best-sellers. Also, a six-record album and a booklet compiled from four all-night shows Ram Dass did on WBAI can be had by mail order only ("because I'm interested in alternative economics," Ram Dass says) for \$4.50 by writing ZBS Foundation, RD no. 1, Fort Edward, NY 12828.

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by Richard Shell

The scene is a livingroom in a small apartment. It is late Sunday afternoon. Two roommates, Tweedledum and Tweedledee are sitting on the floor, the Washington Post spread around them.

TWEEDLEDUM: So then I went to this bar on the corner of Wisconsin and M Streets where I got my cigars stolen and met a very nice girl who lived in the back of a '56 Chevy...

TWEEDLEDEE: Yeah, yeah. So what then? (He yawns in boredom.)

DUM: So then I went to this midnight play at the Cerebus theater.

DEE: A play at the Cerberus?

DUM: Yeah, it's called *The Rape of Reason*, and it's about a stupid guy Candide. The people who did *Warp!* are doing it.

DEE: You mean *Candide* like Voltaire?

DUM: Yeah, except this *Candide* ends up in Los Angeles and Spark, Iowa. It is based on the real *Candide*, though. They go back to the story whenever they need it, and the characters are the same as the ones in the book.

It's an amazing show. At one point *Candide* ends up at a \$150,000 penthouse where a fifteen year old Guru is holding court. It turns out that the Guru is really *Candide's* girl friend's brother, and, after knocking him off his high stool, *Candide* escapes dressed up in the Guru's outfit.

DEE: No shit.

DUM: I've got it all mixed up now, but there is a piano/organist/flute player who starts the whole thing. He has a blue spot on him and he does some pretty good work on a blues progression. Then he sings a kind of theme song about *Candide*.

Hand me that program will you?

DEE: Sure. (He hands over the program.)

DUM: He did all the arranging himself and wrote the songs. Richard Dylinger is his name. Then there is a sequence about a lady who loses one of her buttocks to a thresher in Iowa. *Candide* meets her when he is escaping from Eldorado with all kinds of diamonds and rubies.

DEE: Wait a minute, man, where did you say this was playing?

DUM: She loses her ass at the annual non-harvest in Spark Iowa where they are celebrating a non working year by spending some of the profits they have made by not farming.

DEE: So, it's a political satire?

DUM: No. It's just a satire. In a back handed way, they are really honest with Voltaire. They just updated the story and added some liberal fantasies of their own. The idea is still that *Candide* is incredibly innocent. Doctor Pangloss tells him that "all is for the best in this best of all possible worlds," and neither war nor rape nor screams in the night can persuade him that people deliberately hurt each other.

DEE: Kind of a Christ figure.



DUM: Not exactly. The way they do it is funny, too. The characters tell their own stories.

DEE: What do you mean?

DUM: Well, *Candide* has lines like "and then *Candide*, tired and weary from his long journey, collapsed." Then he falls on his face.

DEE: Oh yeah.

DUM: The funniest person in it, though, is the girl who plays the lady with one buttock—Geraldyn Luty. She just stumbles around and tells her story but somehow it is perfect.

I talked to her after the show, and it turned out she was a school teacher with no other acting experience besides *Warp!*. The whole company is good, though. The guy who plays *Candide*—Nelson Christianson—also wrote the scripts. They are called the Georgetown Theatre Company.

DEE: And it is at the Cerberus?

DUM: It is on every Friday and Saturday night until the end of December. It costs the same as a movie—\$3.10. The Cerberus is a great place for a play, too. It is just small enough for an audience to feel like they are part of what is going on. The same company is going to be putting on *Children's Theater* at the Cerberus starting December 8th. They are doing *A Christmas Carol* every Saturday—once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

DEE: You're starting to sound like a drama critic.

DUM: I am. Go see *The Rape of Reason*. Comedy lives.

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FCC Courses

The Office of Continuing Education at Federal City College has introduced a register-by-mail system for DC residents interested in taking one of ten adult education courses. The classes begin Jan. 7, run for ten weeks, and will be offered for college credit.

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shorthand course which costs \$8. The enrollment period closes Dec. 14. For information on all the courses offered and how to register call the FCC Office of Continuing Education at 727-2024.

Clinic Crisis

The Washington Area Free Clinic will run out of its grant money by Jan. 15, with little prospect of getting additional financial support from either local or national foundations. To discuss the problem and get community suggestions on a future course of action the clinic will hold a public meeting Sunday Dec. 9 at 8 pm at the clinic's office, 1556 Wisconsin Ave. NW.

The clinic staff foresees three basic options from which to choose: closing down altogether, continuing the operation on a fundamentally altered and sharply curtailed basis, or finding a new source of financial support to replace the foundations' money.

The most obvious source of money would be the community served by the clinic. Current operating expenses are around \$5000 a month, which could be raised if 1,000 people donated between \$1 and \$5 a month to maintain the service.

Since the clinic operates on a bare-bones budget already, any cuts in expenditures would have to result in reduced services. During the community meeting, the clinic workers will try to determine which services should be curtailed it that becomes necessary.

The clinic workers have already begun a fund-raising effort aimed at those who have used its services in the past.

They would like to be able to follow the example of the People's Free Medical Clinic of Baltimore which is supported entirely by monthly pledges, patient donations and special fund drives.

Anyone with questions, money or spare time, can visit the clinic or call them at 965-5476 for more information.

Real Estate Taxes

In the wake of court rulings which challenged the equity of the DC real estate tax system, Rep. Thomas Rees (D-Cal.), chairman of the House DC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee has proposed a major overhaul of the current DC property tax law.

In order to allow input from DC residents before Congress acts, the DC Council will hold two days of hearings on the bill Dec. 19 and 20. The daytime sessions of the hearings, which will be chaired by council member Tedson Meyers, will focus on specific provisions of the proposal while the two evening sessions, which begin at 7:30 pm, will be open for general comments on the entire package.

The Wednesday, Dec. 19, daytime sessions will deal with:

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- Making the tax payable on 100 per cent of assessed property value;

- Prohibiting excessive tax increases in any single year;

- Granting a \$5,000 homeowner exemption to reduce the burden on low and middle-income residents, and

- Providing additional special relief for low income households.

On Thursday, Dec. 20, the daytime sessions will cover provisions providing for:

- Tax incentives for rehabilitation and new construction in selected areas of the city;

- Tax relief for historic properties, and
- A plan to dispose of delinquent property in a way which will encourage private home ownership.

Copies of the draft bill and a title-by-title analysis are available from the council's secretary, room 509 of the District Building.

Persons who wish to testify in person should call Lee Partridge at 638-2223 or 629-3806 by Friday, Dec. 14. Written comments can be sent to Edward B. Webb Jr., secretary to the council, at the District Building, 14th and E St. NW, Washington, DC 20004.

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- 9 pm "Sullivan's Travels" at American Film Institute, at JFK Center, 785-4600
- 10 pm Showing of Kenneth Clarke's "Civilization" part V at Pipes Beard Coffee House, 220 E. Capitol St.
- 10 pm Cassa Culver, a dynamite singer on the first leg of her tour from Woodstock performing at Town House Restaurant Bar, 506 8th St SE, Thursday Original material
- midnight "The Rape of Reason" an exception-at take off from Voltaire, by the Georgetown Theatre Co (who brought you War!) playing at the Cerberus Theatre, call 337-0027 for ticket info.



calendar

Saturday, December 1

- 7:11 am Bluegrass Unlimited, WAMU-FM 88.5
- 10 am to 6 pm "Discoveries in Relating" a workshop for couples, Quest Center, 4933 Auburn Ave, Bethesda, 652-0697. Also Sunday
- 10:30 pm "Fantastic Voyage," AFI Theater
- 10 pm "A Human Response to the Natural Resources Church," a workshop-conference at All Souls Church, 16th and Harvard Sts. NW. Our planet does not contain the resources to sustain the present rate of consumption. A discussion of the requisite changes in our society
- noon to 6 pm Gay men's VD Task Force at Washington Free Clinic, 1556 Wisconsin Ave, 462-4960
- noon "The Rise of Student Protest: The Greek, Thai and South African Explosions," Socialist Educational Weekend, GWU Marvin Center, room 402, 347-1317
- 1 to 10 pm Arts/Artisan: a show and sale at Coughlin College, 4121 Harvard Rd, NE, call Tom Zotten at 529-2188 for more info
- 3 pm "The Energy Crisis: Who Turned Out the Lights," featuring James Ridgeway, editor of Ramparts; Sam Love, Environmental Action Fund, and Richard Robohm, YSA, GWU Marvin Center, room 402, 347-1317
- 4 pm Eugene McCarthy at Georgetown University's Garton Hall
- 7:30 pm Speaker from the Bahai Religion will speak on aspects of the Bahai faith at the
- 8 pm Body-talk Workshop, Quest Center, 652-0697
- 8 pm "The Tidy Curse" and "Current as a Sometime Thing," American Society of Theater Arts, 1724 20th St NW, 927-0314
- 8:30 pm "Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright," Howard University Theater, Ira Aldridge

Sunday, December 2

- 10 am to 6 pm Discoveries in Relating. A workshop for couples, Quest Center, 4933 Auburn Ave, Bethesda, 652-0697.
- 11 am, 1:30 pm "Fantastic Voyage," AFI Theater, JFK Center
- 2:30 pm Tiger Tiger, Burning Bright, Howard Univ, Ira Aldridge Theater, 636-7700, \$1 student, \$3 general admission.

- 3 pm China: Amilestone in Human Development. Talk by Felix Greene, author, filmmaker, at Congressional United Church of Christ, 10th and G Sts. NW, \$2 donation.
- 5 pm Piano Recital, Roy Hamilton Johnson, Free Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW.
- 5:30 pm Smithsonian Fall Film Trips, Seven new experimental films. Museum of History and Technology, \$1.25.
- Temple of Cosmic Religion, 3830 Warren St. NW
- 8 pm "Man of La Mancha," Georgetown University Theater, Stage One, \$2.50
- 8 pm Slavic Folk Dance Group, Georgetown University Hall of Nations, donation
- 11 pm Cassa Culver at Town House Restaurant and Bar, 506 8th St. SE
- midnight "The Rape of Reason," produced by Georgetown Theater Company at Cerberus, Call 337-0027 for ticket info
- 7 pm Dance and movement workshops. All Souls Church, 16th and Harvard St. Featuring Miki Becker, teacher at Federal City College; and Bernard Sweetney, currently drumming at the Top O'Fooley.
- 8 pm "The Tidy Curse" and "Current as a Sometime Thing," American Society of Theater Arts, 1724 20th St NW, 927-0314.
- 7:30 pm Non Violent Literature in Latin America, Special lecture by Hildegard Gross Mayr, 936 23rd St. NW. Sponsored by the Community for Creative Non-Violence.
- 8 pm Introduction to Acupuncture, at Yes! Restaurant, 1039 31st St. NW.

- 8 pm Body-Talk Workshop, Quest Center, 652-0697.
- 8 pm to midnight Gay Women's Open House, Sophie's Perior, 1736 R St. NW, BYOB.
- 8:30 pm Walt Disney's "Robin Hood," AFI Theater, JFK Center.

Monday, December 3

- 9 am Alternative News, WGTB-FM, 90.1.
- 9:30 am to noon Job referral services at Pathways Job Coop, 1800 AAA Connecticut Ave. NW, 265-7850.
- Noon Public Hearing with a panel on community leaders to discuss the future of the Public Library, including changing hours and increasing services. At Martin Luther King Library, 9th and G Sts. NW.
- 2 pm Miriam Goodman will read her poems; feminine activist, George Mason Univ., Fairfax, Va., (off Chain Bridge Rd) Free.
- 2 to 4 pm Vocations for Social Change counseling, at Pathways Job Coop, 1800 AAA Connecticut Ave. NW, 265-7850.
- 2:45 pm Radio Free Women, WGTB-FM 90.1.
- 6 pm Alternative News, WGTB-FM, 90.1.
- 6:30 pm Interface, local people's weekly news program on recent events of import, WGTB-FM, 90.1.
- 6:30 pm "Snow White," AFI Theater, JFK Center.
- 7:30 pm Gay Switchboard Meeting, 1724 20th St. NW. New volunteers welcome.

- 7:30 pm Gay Men's Growth Center, All Souls Church, 16th and Harvard Sts. NW
- 8 pm Mass Transit Poetry Reading, Community Bookshop, 2028 P St. NW.
- 8 pm YES! Lecture Series: Second Acupuncture lecture by Michael Rosoff, 1039 31st St. NW
- 9 pm "Pinocchio," AFI Theater, JFK Center.

Tuesday, December 4

- Works by Crafts Faculty and Students at the gallery at Architecture Bldg of Univ of Md, College Park, Md, every day until 4 pm, thru Dec 19
- 2 pm Slides "USSR—Moscow & Kiev" at the Mt Pleasant Library, 16th & Lamont St NW
- 2 pm Youth counselling about work at the Job Coop, 1800 AAA Conn. Ave, nw 265-7850 until 4 pm
- 6:30 pm "The Crowd," King Vidor's silent film at the American Film Instit. JFK Center
- 6:30 pm Radio Free Women, WGTB-FM 90.1
- 6:30 pm "Vietnam Veterans Inside Wounded Knee" on MBJC-FM, 91.3, Baltimore
- 7 pm Open policy meeting at Bread and Roses, Wash's Record Co-op, 1724 20th St NW
- 7 pm WGTB Open Staff Meeting, call 625-3017
- 7:30 pm Monthly meeting of federation of the Blind, 5th fl. conference room of Dupont Circle Bldg
- 7:30 pm "Food & Nutrition" sponsored by the Medical Comm. for Human Rights, an open meeting, Howard Med. School, 4th floor faculty lounge, 520 W St NW
- 8 pm Scottish County Dancing at St. Columba's Episcopal Church 4201 Albemarle St NW, small fee, beginning and intermediate.
- 8 pm General meeting of Gay Activists Alliance at 1724 20th St NW, 3rd floor, new members and guests welcome
- 8 pm Wash. Area Free University weekly meeting at 2028 P St NW-upstairs
- 8 pm International Fiddling, Dawson Terrace Recreation Center, 2133 No. Taft St. Arl., small fee, 558-2270
- 8 pm Coordinating Comm. cut CUT CUT.
- 8 pm Latin American film series: "Mexico-The Revolution" & "Introduction to Chile" 103 Resa Science Bldg, Georgetown Univ. Free
- 8 pm Proteus Magazine poetry reading at Grace Church, 1041 Wisc. Ave.
- 9 pm Oscar Williams' "Five or the Black Hand Side" film at American Film Institute at JFK Center, 785-4600

Wednesday, December 5

- 2:45 pm Interface, WGTB-FM, 90.1.
- 6:30 pm "Pinocchio," AFI Theater, JFK Center.
- 7:30 pm Gay Women's Open House in Va. Call 671-3762 for directions.
- 7:30 pm Meeting for a new community food store, AMO Office, 2831 18th St. NW.
- 8 pm Gay youth general meeting, 1724 20th St. NW. New members welcome, for Gay teenagers only, aged 13-19, coed.
- 9 pm Guest Who's Coming to Dinner, Georgetown Univ. Gorman Auditorium, \$1.50.
- 8 pm New Techniques for Emotional Release, Quest Center, 652-0697.
- 9 pm Disney Award-Winning Shorts, AFI Theater, JFK Center

Thursday, December 6

- 10 am to 3 pm An Overview of the Current Nutrition Concerns, Conference sponsored by the Dairy Council of Greater Washington, 737-1150.
- Noon to 7 pm International Bazaar sponsored by Stewards and Stewardesses of Pan American Airlines, benefit for junior citizens group Slater Hilton Galleries, 16th and K Sts. NW.
- 6:30 pm "Dumbo" AFI Theater, JFK Center.
- 7 pm KRIYA yoga classes, by Yogi SAA Ramala of India, direct disciple of deatness Master Kriya Babaji Nagara, with instruction in asanas, followed by pranayama and meditation satsang, bhajans and chants. 1818 Riggs Place, NW, 332-0428.
- 7 to 10 pm Meditation with chanting. All welcome. Puja adn Aarti. At the Temple of Cosmic Religion, 3830 Warren St. NW.
- 7:30 pm American Society of Theater Arts workshop for actors, directors, writers, 1724 20th St. NW, 525-5661.
- 7:30 pm Transcendental Meditation Center, 46 Eastern Ave. NE. Free introductory lecture. Geared toward bringing together third world communities and their people.
- 7:30 pm Peace Education Film Series, "The Selling of the Pentagon," Free, 2111 Fla. Ave. NW, 234-2000.
- 8 pm Aeschylus' tragedy, "The Oresteia," American University New Lecture Hall, 686-2311
- 9 pm Disney's "Mickey and his Gang" AFI Theater.

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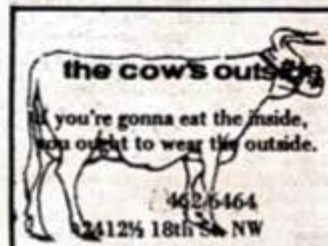
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by Kate Green

Nixon has been a tool of the industrial powerbloc from the beginning of his career, a fact obvious to thinking people for decades. Personally, I am convinced that, no brighter than the average backward-looking capitalist, Mr. Nixon has some general attitudes which have never been examined, which he shares with the backward-looking capitalists who surround him and use him, and these he calls his "beliefs," and that he acts in accordance with these "beliefs."

But right now something very sick is happening and it isn't Richard Nixon. We have met the enemy and they are us. Suddenly, nobody voted for Nixon. All of a sudden pillars of society all over the nation are crumbling in dismay and Shocked Disbelief. Public servants high and low are stunned that it has come to this.

You would think no one ever heard of industrial spying, white collar crime, and taking care of Number One, and that when Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon and shouted hooray for the American Way, the military industrial complex was just the furthest thing from his mind.

And all us good guys, us holy radicals who thought seriously about leaving the country when Nixon won the first time, we are all organizing Impeach-ins. Everyone is screaming in flaming righteousness, Impeach!

I'll tell you, it begins to have a funny sound. It begins to sound like a call for blood, a call for a devil dance to exorcise the evils of society.

Impeachment Could Stir Witch- Hunt

There is a serious and little recognized danger here. When the energies of anger focus their attack on one individual, that individual has begun to take on the *They* mystique. It was the same with Socrates and Louis the Fifteenth and George Wallace and Martin Luther King. If *They* were out of the way, the problem would be solved.

And the fact, of course, is that the problem will not be solved that way. *They* are never the problem, because, as I know you know, there isn't any *they*. Impeaching Nixon will mean shit, in terms of solving the problems he represents and embodies.

The only way is to begin with *Us*, on the ground whereon you stand. We need grassroots action here; an all out attack on the Police State of Washington, D.C. What about Get the Sadists off the Force! What about making sure there is no freeway, and preventing the passage of a law which will force you to buckle your seatbelt? (Whoever heard of anything so un-American, so dictatorial, so patronizing, as a law forcing you to protect yourself! Pretty soon we'll have a law that you have to wear your longies in winter to prevent flu. For your own good. Thus is freedom lost.)

What I'm saying is that if we organize to defeat the little foxes, the corroding rot that eats the fibre of our daily lives, here in this city, now, maybe the people of this city will begin to understand what justice and honesty in a government *for the people* means.

On the Other Hand

Four Washington attorneys last weeks proposed a 28 count indictment against President Nixon for crimes ranging from illegal wiretapping and accepting bribes to tax evasion and embezzlement of public funds. They stated that this indictment could be used as the basis for impeachment proceeding conducted by the House of Representatives against Nixon and former campaign officials and White House aides.

The attorneys have contended that the head of an organization can be held criminally responsible for the illegal activities of his subordinates, according to court established precedent. In reference to the many illegal activities engaged in by Nixon's subordinates, the attorneys have written: "President Nixon was the head of the organization. He was the individual who would benefit from the illegal acts. It is conceivable, given the range and scope of the illegal acts, that Mr. Nixon could not have been aware of them or that they could have been carried out without his consent or approval. He is as culpable as those who physically carried them out."

The four attorneys responsible for the proposed indictment are William A. Dobrovir, Andra N. Oakes, Samuel J. Buffone, and Joseph D. Gebhardt.

Millionaire Stewart R. Mott financed the project. The proposals have been presented in a paperback study entitled *Bribery and Other High Crimes and Misdemeanors*. The booklet is available to the public at the attorneys' offices at 2005 L St. NW.

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