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IA MANIPULATION

Journalist ills of FBI's Media tampering

By Michael Bayliss

Use of revelations from government documents revealed through the Freedom of Information Act on Congressional Hearings conclusively shows that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has engaged in a secret fight of Orwellian proportions to manipulate the writing of hundreds of unnamed journalists, news executives and organizations.

The purpose of the twenty-year-old media campaign was to distort the public's picture of many law-enforcement groups that became the FBI through the use of capricious government policy. These groups included civil rights, anti-religious and social reform organizations.

The manipulation of the news has been achieved by the not only through the selective dissemination of inflammatory and derogatory information, but has included the use of news-stand FBI informers who, in the advantage of their stolen access to confidential relationships, piped their reports directly to the nearest field office. The pervasiveness of these practices was brought to light during Senate hearings on domestic intelligence abuses in 1976, as reported by FREEDOM in the following two issues.

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CULT OF INTELLIGENCE

CIA SOUGHT MIND CONTROL WITH POISONS, DRUGS, SHOCK

Documents detailing the top secret efforts of the Central Intelligence Agency to perfect a form of "mind control" have revealed schemes that range from prophetic and chilling to the bizarre and ridiculous.

Obtained by the Church of Scientology's American Citizens for Honesty in Government, the documents were part of a 25-year CIA campaign that went by various code names before ending under the umbrella title of "MK ULTRA."

Literally, "mind control" was conducted by the spy agency's search for chemical, drug or mechanical substances which would make people into unwitting pawns capable even of killing others and themselves. Drugs, hypnosis, electric shock, poisons and even radiation have been used or reviewed by the CIA to perfect a program that was allegedly phased out a few years ago when news services began to catch wind of the stranger than science fiction activity.

Officially approved by the then Director of Central Intelligence, Allen W. Dulles, on April 13, 1953, the spy agency was quick to put their plans into action with the "ARTICHOKE" project, a forerunner of MK ULTRA.

In a report dated January 22, 1954, less than one year after Dulles had given his official blessing, the "ARTICHOKE" Team on first assignment reported on a "hypothetical

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TO THE POINT IRS — WIN, PLACE OR SHOW?

by Richard Weiland

This time of the year is approaching again. I know, because I got my tax forms in the mail yesterday. There's always a sinking sort of feeling that goes with getting my 1040's from the IRS. It's THE SAME FEELING I get when I found out my brother-in-law was coming to visit for Christmas — the same brother-in-law who borrowed \$50 from me three years ago and hasn't paid it back since.

The only difference between the IRS and my brother-in-law is that the IRS comes around with its hand out much more often, and takes a bigger bite every year.

Then it occurred to me this might be the year to conduct an interesting experiment. When my brother-in-law asked for another \$25 I asked him what happened to the last \$50 I loaned him. He snatched a little, said something about Casey's Pride and walked off muttering about how I had just cost him \$100 in the fifth of a sure winner.

So, I started wondering about how many sure winners the IRS has picked. A quick look at the last year shows your money. Tax money is being spent on everything from passing out free tax advice to lining the pockets of fraudulent building contractors at a cost of millions of dollars a year.

One of the smaller bits the IRS placed this year was on back — a sure thing, one would suppose. But wait. Each year, the IRS gives taxpayer advice on filing their tax forms, a service offered at taxpayers' (in the words of the IRS) "at their own risk." The warning should be well heeded as, according to one independent survey last year, one in ten answers given out by the IRS was wrong. That makes me think that 1040's should have a little warning typed in the corner, similar to the ones on cigarette packs — Danger: Accepting advice from the IRS could be hazardous to your pocketbook.

Or better yet, perhaps a good, old audit of the IRS is in order. When was the last time anyone checked over the IRS's books to make sure they were okay? I am informed that, in fact, the IRS has never been the subject of a General Accounting Office audit. After all, if the IRS insists on being supported like my brother-in-law, then the least I can ask for is a proper accounting.

Greed, Stupidity, Avarice

Another big bit the IRS laid down this year was on the score of the General Services Administration. GSA came under investigation last year on charges of theft, kickbacks and mismanagement, which is costing the government an estimated \$265 million a year. GSA contracts included such items



as painting 20 miles of pipe inside the Veterans' Administration Building in Washington, D.C. The job was paid for without anyone questioning the fact that the pipes were inside the walls of the building and in order for them to have been painted, most of the walls would have to be ripped out.

Plainly, the IRS's track record is no better than any perpetually indigent brother-in-law's. But the difference is, when my brother-in-law comes around looking for money to bet on sure losers, I tell him to get lost. Say that to the IRS, and you're likely to wind up arrested on tax evasion charges.

Yet, it is time to start asking what our yearly tax dollar buys. More painted pipes inside the walls of the Veterans' Administration? Kickbacks into the pockets of building contractors? Mismanagement on the part of government officials?

How much more corruption can we afford? The IRS, whether it understands

it or not, deals with one of the more valuable resources in the country — money. In the American system, money represents an exchange of goods and services. It is a kind of energy that flows through the veins of the country and keeps it healthy by allowing us each to produce products for which we can gain money which will allow us to exchange with others for more products and services. That is how a viable economy grows.

But when an agency like the IRS hangs onto the neck of the country like a leech, siphoning off valuable energy and spending it on internal government waste and corruption, we are all disadvantaged, for it is our money — really, our work that is being wasted.

Perhaps it is time for us all to start asking the IRS just how our money will be spent. If we can only look forward this year to buying more kickbacks, more scandal and more government waste, I'd rather put my tax dollars on Casey's Pride in the fifth.

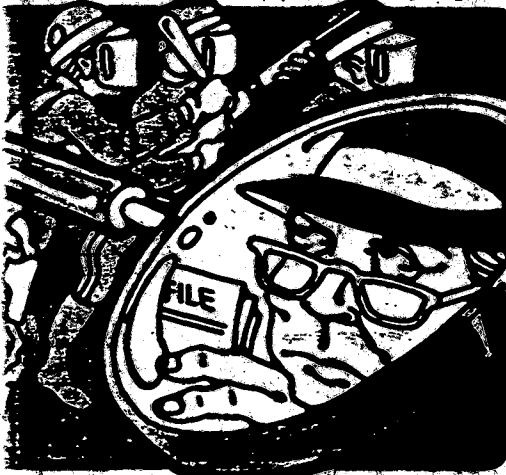
INSIDE THE FBI

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 Swearingen also stated in the **FEDOM** interview that FBI Director James B. Adams' affidavit in the Italian Workers Party case was porous. Details, Swearingen said, out of the interview, have been turned over to the Department of Justice to review.
 During his 26 years with the FBI, Swearingen personally participated in hundreds of burglaries (black bag jobs) that the Bureau conducted against political activists. He was also close to corruption within the ranks. In his retirement in May, 1977, he had to work on a book about

Swearingen and physical retaliation as well as having a "destructive effect on the overall investigative effectiveness of the FBI." He makes it plain in 12 pages but first, what's your overall reaction to this affidavit?
 A: Well, first of all, I'm assuming that Adams was using factual information in the affidavit and not just writing off the top of his head, so my responses are based on that assumption. Two months before that affidavit, in August, 1976, the Bureau requested that different field offices furnish information that Italian mass had been targeted. So I may also assume that is what he got some of his information. However, if you go carefully over what he wrote to read the

OSI), the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and other governmental agencies. That's the "broadest sense." That's how he covers himself.
 A: Adams says, "Without informant, conclusion of the many bombings and violent deaths would have been highly unlikely, if not impossible." Do you agree?
 A: No, and I personally recall a situation like that Adams was only in the field for something like two or three years and I don't know if he ever investigated a bombing or even a case of national importance, but I have. I was in New York investigating the anti-Castro Cuban bombings. There had been about 25 during 1968, across the

actual firm that would have provided him with the knowledge of how to place a bomb to do the most damage. So once you had figured out the most logical impact we got an informant to meet Melville and tell him about some bombings and get in close to him. Well, it worked out and we got Melville while he was planting some bombs. We used an informant, but it was not to solve the case but to get Melville off the streets. We could have even used discreet surveillance and some manpower to prove it. We didn't even need the informant to testify, which was handy because he was going to testify in the Chicago 7 case. So, for Adams to say we needed informants to solve bombings is not true because I solved just about 35 bombings without an informant. Unless someone comes up with some other statistics, I don't think there is anyone in the history of the FBI who has solved or been in a position where he could say 35 bombings had been solved through his investigative efforts. There were others who worked on these — agents in New York, Miami, Los Angeles — but I was the first one to pick him up as the suspect and without informants.



"[Police] Raids were staged so that the informant could remove the files and turn them over to the FBI. The idea was that the leaders of the American Nazi Party would assume the files had been taken by the Police Department when they discovered that the records were missing."

A: Adams says, "It is common knowledge that informants in criminal investigations have been the subject of brutal physical and mental retaliation including murder, kidnapping, physical beatings, death threats against the informant and his family members." Is that true?
 A: It's not accurate for FBI informants. There might be some isolated instances in organized crime and those could be understood. But he is saying it is "common knowledge" and it is not. It may be to a local police officer but not to an FBI agent — certainly not to me in my 25 years with the Bureau.

stated by the ACHG, Swearingen concerned to be interviewed for **FEDOM** because he wanted people in American Guineas to know what is going on within the FBI. Standing well over six feet tall, he is a quiet, soft-spoken man who feels it is his duty to be forthright, providing vestiges of the Hoover corruption be cleaned from the ranks. Like any other agents, he joined the FBI trying to help his country and his realization that the Bureau was not as pure as the publicity was gradual. Unlike other agents who have left the Bureau, Swearingen departed with intention to seek reform.
 Concerned about information supplied Judge Griest by Associate Director James B. Adams in an affidavit, Swearingen was asked to respond.
 On October 1, 1976, FBI Associate Director James B. Adams signed an affidavit "based on personal knowledge" as well as information acquired in his "general supervisory responsibilities" about the Bureau's informant program. He states that if the informant files are released it would have a "destructive effect" on the program and subject the informants to

actual facts, it is not difficult to see there is a question of honesty with the courts.
 Q: Then let's start looking at what he said. The Associate Director wrote that, "Informants are the most effective tool in the investigation of revolutionary groups and often are the only means of providing accurate information about these groups. Without informants, the investigation of such organizations would be limited to public source data." What's your response?
 A: The FBI is hardly limited to "public source data" as the daily alternative. It has traditionally used wiretaps, microphone surveillance, physical surveillance, photographic surveillance, bug jobs, mail covers, trash covers, undercover agents and other means to obtain information. He says further on that in the Socialist Workers Party case, "almost all information obtained was supplied by informants, in that sense it used in its broadest sense." Well, the key there is when he says "informants" is being used "in its broadest sense," which includes wiretaps, bug jobs, trash covers, etc. We also had red squads, U.S. Army Intelligence, the Office of Naval Intelligence

cloning. We had found some latent fingerprints at one of the New York bombings and some more in Los Angeles so I requested that the LAPD send them to the FBI lab. I got the ones from the NYPD and sent them to the lab asking for a comparison with a list of suspects I had developed. The lab did so and identified two of them on my list. Well, we got the confessions and they were processed which solved a couple dozen bombings and we didn't use any informants.
 Q: Did you work on other bombing cases?
 A: Yes, I worked on the Sam Melville case in New York City. The bombings had a certain characteristic in that they all took place in the part of the building that would do the most damage; like knock out the electrical, water and phone lines all at once. This was quite different from what the Weathermen were doing, blowing up a few toilets. Melville even did three bombings one night with all of them going off within seconds of each other, so I knew he was a technician because he was working with precision. We had a lot of suspects under investigation and there was one aspect of Melville's I found interesting. He had spent some time with an archi-

A: Adams tries to support this by saying the SWP has "followers" within it who favor "assassination, kidnapping and terrorism" who "might be expected to undertake physical retaliation against the informants." How do you feel about that?
 A: I'm sure the Republican and Democratic parties contain followers who believe this but that doesn't mean you throw out the President of the U.S. because some Democrat was found guilty of murder last week.
 Q: What about Adams' claim that the FBI's investigative efforts would be seriously hampered if these informants were exposed?
 A: In September, 1976, a month before Adams filed his affidavit, Director (Cleveland M.) Kelley advised the field offices that he was not satisfied with the Bureau's current informant program, yet a month later Adams was protecting it. Kelley had even ordered a task force to review and revise the program so there must have been something wrong. But you can't find this out from Adams' affidavit.
 Q: The FBI has recently had a reduction in the number of informants. Is this as a
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