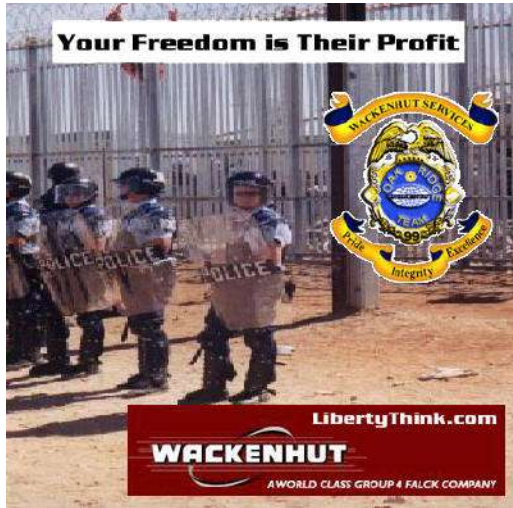


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CORRESPONDENCE FROM JOHN POINDEXTER TO ROBERT MCFARLANE

8/22/85

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20725-4000

August 22, 1985

Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Advisor
Old Executive Office Bldg. Rm. 306
Washington, D.C. 20506

CONFIDENTIAL

Re: MAGE PIE

Dear Mr. McFarlane:

The first transaction on August 17, 1985 involved the sale of 100 TOW missiles. In return for the release of an undetermined number of United States citizens held hostage in Lebanon. The missiles were to be provided from the weapons stock of the Israeli Defense Forces.

We have agreed to replenish the Israeli weapons stock after the transaction with Iran is completed.

As of August 20, 1985, our DC-8 transport aircraft, piloted by Gunther K. Russbacher (ONI) and John R. Segal (CIA), along with Robert Hunt (ONI), Cliver North (NSC) and George Cave (CIA), flew from Israel to Iran loaded with 96 TOW missiles. (Rather than the agreed upon 100).

Contrary to the agreement as you know, none of the hostages were released.

Manucher Ghorbanifar contended that the TOWS were mistakenly delivered to the commander of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard rather than to the Iranian faction for whom they were intended.

Please respond to any clarifications.

Yours truly,
John M. Poindexter
John M. Poindexter
Deputy Director
National Security Council

cc: V-P Bush
William Casey

JNB/sv

CORRESPONDENCE FROM JOHN POINDEXTER TO ROBERT MCFARLANE

9/20/85

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, ANNAPOLIS 20726-4000

September 29, 1985

Robert U. McFarlane
National Security Advisor
Old Executive Office Bldg. Rm. 306
Washington, D.C. 20506

CONFIDENTIAL

Re: MAGG PIE

Dear Mr. McFarlane:

Despite the failure of the first arms transaction, the Iran initiative was continued. Our negotiators agreed, the United States, through Israel, would provide Iran with 400 TOW missiles. In return, the Iranians would arrange for the release of any U.S. hostages, except for Buckley.

The transaction was to take place in the same manner as the first. Israel would provide the missiles and the U.S. would later replenish the Israeli supply.

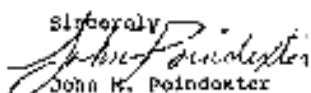
It, Col. Oliver North and Ltjg. Robert Hunt, on staff to the National Security Council, who in their official capacity were to make the necessary arrangements to receive any hostages who might be released.

On September 15, 1985, a DC-8, piloted by Gunther X. Buschacker (ONI) and John R. Segal (CIA) along with Oliver North (NSC) and Robert Hunt (ONI), Howard Teicher (CIA), flew to Tebriz, Iran, loaded with 400 TOWs. On the same day, Iranian hostage Benjamin Weir was released in Beirut on information and belief this transaction was effected to demonstrate the ability of the negotiators on each side to deliver by providing TOW missiles and releasing a hostage respectively.

On September 17, 1985, Manucher Ghorbanifar paid \$290,000 to the Israeli intermediary to cover the costs of transporting the TOWs. The following day, Iran paid \$3 million into Ghorbanifar's Swiss bank account at Credit Suisse, No. 913-216-81-7.

Any further clarifications or changes should be acknowledged.

Sincerely,


John M. Poindexter
Deputy Director
National Security Council

CC: V-P BUSH
WILLIAM CASEY

JMP/ev

CORRESPONDENCE FROM GEORGE BUSH TO JOHN POINDEXTER

6/16/86

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1986

Mr. John M. Poindexter
National Security Advisor
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20506

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Admiral Poindexter:

I would like to take this time to offer my gratitude and appreciation for your hard work and assistance in Operation MAGG PIE.

Your negotiations on our behalf have proven to be quite effective in obtaining the release of United States Citizens held hostage in Lebanon.

I would like you to personally thank Robert McFarlane for his willingness, daring and efforts in meeting with Iranian factions.

I would also like you to thank the Staff of the National Security Council, including Agents, Lt. Col. Oliver North (USMC), and Lt. Robert Hunt (USN) for their dangerous assistance and diligence, without which Operation MAGG PIE would never have been successful.

Finally, you must offer my gratitude to the C.I.A. and their Agents, George Cave, Howard Teicher, John Segal and Gunther Russbacher. These men are dedicated and blessed with the gift of courage. They truly believe in the pursuit of Freedom for all mankind. May God bless you all.

Respectfully,
George Bush
George Bush

CB/Tr
cc: P. Reagan
W. Casey

CORRESPONDENCE FROM RAYELAN ALLAN RUSSBACHER RE SITUATION UPDATE
SITUATION UPDATE RE: GUNTHER KARL RUSSBACHER, CAPT. USN

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May 22, 1992

On February 7, 1992 Gunther Russbacher was sentenced to 21 years in Missouri state prison. The sum total of the alleged crimes was under twenty thousand dollars and most of that had been repaid by the insurance carrier for the brokerage company. When this sentence is compared to Michael Milken who received ten years for a 1.3 trillion dollar offense, the apparent injustice in the American justice system is evident.

After my husband was sent to the Fulton Diagnostic center for psychological and medical evaluation, Ross Perot contacted us and offered to send a lawyer to talk with Gunther. Mr. Perot felt and feels as though a coverup is going on. While Mr. Perot is not totally convinced that Gunther is the October Surprise pilot, he does feel that there were many irregularities in Gunther's case, including numerous violations of his civil rights.

Mr. Perot dispatched an attorney and two pilots to Fulton to question Gunther. Before the Perot team arrived, Gunther had been transferred to the prison hospital ward at the University hospital. Mr. Perot was told that Gunther had experienced a heart attack. The legal team was denied permission to speak with Gunther.

Bob Peck, Mr. Perot's personal assistant, met me at the St. Louis airport and we drove to the hospital to speak with Gunther. When we arrived at the hospital, we discovered that Gunther had requested a transfer back to the prison. Mr. Peck and I spoke with the doctor in charge of my husband's case. He told us that despite doctor's recommendation, Gunther had checked himself out of the hospital. The doctor went on to say that four men, in suits, he assumed they were CIA, were wandering around the hospital asking questions and trying to get past the guards to see Gunther.

Mr. Peck and I contacted the prison the next morning and were allowed to speak with Gunther through glass. While I was visiting with him, he had another angina attack and was rushed to the infirmary where a nitroglycerin patch was put on his chest.

After he returned to the visiting room, he told me he had been threatened in the hospital and that was the reason he checked out. While in the hospital, he was told that if he talked with Perot, his son would be killed. Gunther learned immediately afterwards, that his fifteen year old son had just been charged with seven counts of assault. His son was in the adult jail, NOT the juvenile detention center. His son was awaiting a hearing before the same judge who had sentenced Gunther to 21 years in prison. We later found out that the assault charges against Gunther's son, were filed by a man who had given Gunther, Jr. a six pack of beer. When the man took the remaining bottles back, Gunther, Jr. kicked and beat the man's truck! The man was not charged with giving alcohol to a minor.

The stress of the recent heart problems, the unjustly imposed 21 year sentence and the threat to his son was close to killing him. Gunther was faced with a choice of seeing his son incarcerated or staying incarcerated himself. If he talked to Perot, his son would pay the price.

Gunther decided not to disclose to Perot's aide any pertinent information. This decision prompted Mr. Perot to withdraw his offer until Gunther agreed to disclose top secret details of the SR 71 spy plane and the flight from Paris to the United States...the flight in which vice presidential candidate George Bush was flown back from a secret "October Surprise" meeting with the Iranians.

One day after Bob Peck and I were in Fulton, guards at Fulton took out their anger

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at being pushed around by Ross Perot on my husband. He was given a Rodney King style beating with night sticks. Two bones in his foot were broken. The official accounting of the incident shows that Gunther slipped and fell in the shower. Gunther was put in a cast and put in solitary confinement.

The solitary confinement cell was a small black metal cubicle with a concrete platform and a filthy torn mattress for a bed. There was a light which was too dim to read by, even if he had been allowed reading material. He could not make contact with the outside world. The cell was crawling with cockroaches, some of which crawled into the cast and laid eggs.

At the same time that he was being held in solitary confinement and not permitted contact with me, I began hemorrhaging. The doctor called it metropathia hemorrhagica. The doctor said it is excessive bleeding brought on by severe psychological trauma.

Three weeks later, I hemorrhaged again. In a three week period of time, I lost enough blood to make me severely anemic and too weak to get out of bed ... and I was still losing substantial quantities of blood. The medical doctors assured me that there was nothing wrong with me. The medicine they gave me didn't stop the bleeding.

I finally went to an acupuncturist who treated me with herbs and needles. The bleeding stopped one day later and has not returned. But in spite of iron and vitamin therapy, my energy and endurance levels have not returned to normal, and I seem to catch every cold that comes along.

Gunther was kept in solitary confinement for several weeks. Finally the Governor of Missouri, John Ashcroft, intervened. Gunther was transferred to protective custody in a prison just three blocks from where Governor Ashcroft lives in the Governor's Mansion.

Gunther was finally allowed calls to the outside. I want to thank all of you who wrote to the Governor on our behalf. It was your letters that helped get my husband out of the "hole". It was your calls to the Missouri Capitol and to radio stations across the country that kept him alive.

THANK YOU! Thank you!

In March a public defender was appointed to represent Gunther. In spite of delays in obtaining Gunther's legal files, the attorney was able to get the appeal filed in time. The appeal is very well presented and makes several strong points, the most important being that the statute a limitations ran out 15 months before sentencing. In other words, Gunther was held for nine months in a county jail on charges that had already expired.

The point is also made that Gunther went into court to plead guilty to a misdemeanor which carried a maximum one year county jail term, and ended up being railroaded into a felony plea which carried 4 consecutive 7 year terms. He was then placed on five years probation. It was this probation that was revoked, for allegedly impersonating a Naval officer. Gunther was then sentenced to 21 years in prison.

Another attorney, Paul Wilcher from Washington D.C., came to Missouri pro bono, to help Gunther prove that he is a Navy Intelligence officer who is attached to the CIA. Paul is the first person to take the time to fully debrief Gunther.

Paul has prepared a 350 page document which he has submitted to the October Surprise Task Force, which is headed by Representative Lee Hamilton. It is my personal belief that the committee will do nothing with this information.

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I received a letter from my own Congressman, Leon Panetta. I was told by him not to bother Congress anymore with telephone calls or letters until we have documents in our possession that prove conclusively who my husband is. At the time of my husband's original arrest in 1989, all of his possessions were confiscated from my home. The FBI took his clothes, his suitcases, his briefcase and his papers. After the FBI left, there was nothing in my possession that belonged to my husband. At the time of his arrest in 1989, he was living in a CIA safe house and his office was at the Langley, Virginia CIA headquarters. In other words, all evidence of Gunther's ties to the intelligence community were taken from me, or in CIA controlled safe houses and offices. I am sure my Congressman, a Democrat, knew this!

With the exception of a two week period in July of 1990, my husband has been in prison the entire three years of our marriage. We did make attempts to retrieve documents three times during the two weeks that he was out of prison. The attempts were unsuccessful.

I would like to ask Mr. Panetta and other members of Congress, who are capable of demanding my husband's service record, why they expect us to do it and how they expect my husband, from his prison cell, to accomplish this?

We have requested his Navy and CIA records, but as of this date, we have not received one page from the government, even though the CIA told us that we owe a \$100.00 copying fee for the documents they mailed us.

While Gunther was held in solitary confinement, I called Kurt Waldheim, the President of Austria and begged him to help us. I knew that Austria had records of my husband's CIA activities in Austria. I asked President Waldheim to disclose this information. President Waldheim dispatched the Vice Consul General from Chicago to visit my husband in Missouri.

The first thing Austria did was restore Gunther's Austrian citizenship. It had been revoked because Gunther was an employee of the United States government. The Austrian government then began looking into the case. What they discovered were gross violations of human and civil rights. In looking into my husband's case they discovered a pattern of human rights abuses perpetrated on Austrian citizens starting at the end of World War II and continuing to this day.

The violations have grown more intense during the Reagan/Bush years. One can only wonder if this pattern of deprivation of the rights of Austrian citizens residing in the United States had anything to do with President Reagan's banning of President Waldheim for war crimes. One must also wonder why the so-called Waldheim war crimes were not brought up when Kurt Waldheim was the head of the United Nations?

Why did these war crimes only surface in 1986, the same year that the discrediting of Gunther Russbacher began ... the same year that the Iran/Contra scandal first surfaced when Eugene Hasenfus (an Austrian) survived the crash of an American plane in Nicaragua. This plane was part of the private air force that supplied arms to the Contras. These private planes were actually owned by various CIA proprietaries (dummy companies set up by CIA operatives to carry out covert activities).

The money to run these proprietaries was channeled through National Brokerage Company in St. Louis. NBC was a CIA proprietary set up by Emory J. Peden (an alias used by Gunther Russbacher) for the specific purpose of laundering black budget CIA funds which could then be used to purchase planes and arms for the Contras, the Afghan rebels and Iran.

It should also be known that Karl Gunther von Russbach, Gunther's father, was a

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close friend of Kurt Waldheim's and Mr. Waldheim served as substitute godfather for young Gunther after Gunther's official godfather, Ernst Kaltenbrunner, was put to death.

It should also be known that Austrian intelligence had in their files documented proof of arms being transferred through Austria to Iran as part of the Iran/Contra scandal. This was operation Gladio.

After looking into Gunther's case, the government of Austria has initiated suit in the World Court in the Hague charging the United States with human rights violations on behalf of twelve of its citizens. These men had been forced into virtual slavery for the United States intelligence community. These men were former intelligence officers from World War II days who were forced to work for the United States after the war. When their children were old enough, they too were also put to work for the United States government. These men, and their children, have been virtual slaves of the United States government since the end of World War II. My husband is the son of an Austrian intelligence officer. Karl von Russbach was part of the conspiracy to assassinate Adolph Hitler. When the attempt failed, the elder Russbach fled to Britain and was recruited by the OSS. He was then bought to Winnemucca, Nevada where he helped train CIA operatives, until his death in 1973.

Karl Russbach began training his son from the time young Gunther could walk and talk. The von Russbach family has a history of espionage dating back to the crusades.

My husband had no choice in his career. He father started his training, and as soon as the United States government needed someone with his talents, he was forced to go to work for them. Gunther was drafted, out of high school, at age seventeen. A young man who could speak German, English and Russian was needed for a mission in Europe. Gunther spent a little over a year in the United States Army, then charges were manufactured, giving him a criminal record and a dishonorable discharge. His official discharge papers give a code which states that he was given a lateral transfer into a civilian agency. I.e., the CIA.

It was done this way for two reasons:

1. To keep him in the intelligence community. If he tried to leave the Community, he would be thrown in jail until he changed his mind and started working for them again. This is the type of coercion and forced servitude that Austria is looking into.
2. To give him a criminal background so that he could more easily (and safely) infiltrate terrorist and other illegal operations.

Gunther has tried to get out of the CIA several times. Each time, he was arrested and thrown in jail. Each time he tried to tell the American people the truth about their government, more charges were filed. To keep him quiet about the Iran/Contra affair he was charged in 1986 with 26 counts of stealing by deceit. These charges had lain fallow, with no follow up, until he married me. At the time of our marriage, I was working with Barbara Honegger, the author of the book, "October Surprise". At the time, Barbara was the most well known October Surprise researcher. Gunther was arrested two days after we were married and has been incarcerated ever since.

I have no idea what, if anything, will be the outcome of the lawsuit in the World Court. I am not overly optimistic about our chances of ever getting the truth out. I do not believe that the October surprise committee in the Congress is really doing an in investigation. Lee Hamilton, the head of the committee, has already gone on record saying that he does not believe that George Bush was involved in the October Surprise scandal. If he believes that, he cannot also believe my husband's

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story. Also remember that Lee Hamilton was part of the Iran/Contra coverup.

No matter how hard we have tried to bring our story to the attention of congress and the media, nothing has helped ... Gunther is still in prison and there is nothing in the foreseeable future which gives any indication of a reversal of conviction.

It will be six years before he is even eligible for parole. If you have any suggestions regarding anything else we should do, please contact us or do it yourself.

We are still having money problems. Our telephone bills are enormous. By June 12th I need to pay \$1,000.00 or the phone is disconnected. In addition, we have been paying Paul Wilcher's expenses because he has given up his job and is devoting all his time to helping us. His phone bill is over \$600.00, due immediately. Needless to say, we are all living at poverty level. It is very hard for me to ask for money, because I have never been poor. I have never known what it was like to have no food in the house and no money to buy food.

I have developed deep compassion for the poor and oppressed in our country. I have discovered that you can't understand the poor by studying them. You have to become one before you feel their pain, their frustration and their rage. I am different from most poor people because I have become poor by fighting the injustice that has been done to my husband. I made the choice to devote my time to getting him out of prison and exposing the criminal conduct of our country. Even though I am poor by choice, it is a choice I think you would have made if you had been in my place.

When I was working and making money, I was the one who paid Barbara Honegger's phone bills and bought food for her and her dog while she was writing her book, October Surprise. I now find myself in the identical situation of needing money for food and phone bills while I do my work.

So far, our friends, like you, have helped me through the money problems. It has been a year since I ran out of money from the sale of my home. In that year God has truly blessed us because when we have appealed for money, it arrived. I continue to pray that the money miracles will continue until our ordeal is over. If you can help us again, thank you ... if you can't, please don't feel badly. I understand what having no money feels like ... if you can't help financially, you can help in other ways ... with your prayers, your blessings and your letters to Congress, the media and Governor Ashcroft of Missouri. We can't let Gunther's name slip out of their sight.

The Geraldo Rivera news program, "Now It Can Be Told," recently taped a segment with my husband and me. I don't know yet when or if it will be shown. Paul Wilcher taped the entire interview for us. It is available in a 5 90 minute audio tapes.

I am constantly asked how I have endured this three year horror. When that question arises several images flash through my mind:

An image of Valley Forge and the winter my direct grandfather Patrick Rhoads, endured there..

The image of his grandsons, Daniel and John, trudging through deep snow, on their way to rescue the Donner Party.

The image of my great grandmother, Susan Wardlow Smith, giving birth to my grandfather just hours after burying her husband, who was killed during the battle of Shiloh.

My family has suffered and endured great hardships to build this country. Compared

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to them, my sacrifice is small and my burden of it is lightened by friends like you.

Thank you. Without your moral support, financial support, and your prayers, I could not continue the fight.

Most sincerely,

Rayelan Allan Russbacher

CORRESPONDENCE FROM RAYELAN ALLAN RUSSBACHER RE SITUATION UPDATE

SITUATION UPDATE RE: GUNTHER KARL RUSSBACHER, CAPT. USN

FROM RAYELAN RUSSBACHER

FEBRUARY 1993 UPDATE

GUNTHER RUSSBACHER IS STILL INCARCERATED IN A MISSOURI PRISON

Dear Fellow Patriot,

It has been a long time since I have written an update on our situation. 1992 has been a long and eventful year.

In February, 1992, Gunther was sentenced to 21 years in prison for an alleged crime which amounted to \$20,000. Later that month Ross Perot contacted us and offered to help. Within days of being contacted by Mr. Perot, my husband suffered an attack of angina. The prison withheld his nitroglycerin, and as a result, Gunther suffered a heart attack.

Gunther was taken to the Columbia Missouri University Hospital. That was where Mr. Perot's men tried to see him. They were not allowed to see him. Upon Gunther's release from the hospital he was taken back to the prison that withheld his nitroglycerin. As he was showering, three guards entered the shower and beat him with night sticks. Gunther is trained in martial arts. He disarmed the guards, broke one's shoulder blade, and knocked another one unconscious. However, in the process, Gunther's foot was broken in two places and he received a concussion. After the beating, he was thrown into the hole. As the year went on things got even worse.

I fell ill in March. It took me almost six months to fully recover. During that time we were dealing with the House of Representatives', October Surprise Task Force. We were trying to surface the documents which would prove that Gunther is CIA, and would indict George Bush for treason.

In July we finally had everything in place to deliver absolute proof of Bush's treasonous flight to France in October of 1980. The proof was delivered... in the form of a video from the SR 71 in which Gunther flew George Bush back from the Paris suburbs where the final meeting was held. Unfortunately, the Senate and the House immediately buried the video and announced that there was no credible evidence that the October Surprise happened.

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We were disappointed the cover up was so extensive, but we were not surprised. We then decided to concentrate our efforts on the legal aspects of my husband's case and hope that Clinton or Perot won the election.

In late October of 1992, I was back in Jefferson City visiting my husband at the prison where he is incarcerated. A friend of ours was there with me. The weather was beautiful and the visit with my husband was going very smoothly. Everything seemed fine. And then the roof caved in.

On October 29th, 1992, my husband, Gunther, myself and our friend William Smith, were set up as the fall guys in a failed attempt to assassinate George Bush. The attempt was planned by men at the top level of the CIA because they knew Bush was going to be defeated and they did not want to relinquish their power. The purpose of the assassination was threefold. First to assassinate the president, second to declare martial law and suspend the election and the constitution. The third reason the assassination was set up this way was to blame Navy Intelligence for the plot and deactivate the admirals within the CIA who oppose its present direction.

From October 30th to Christmas eve there were four attempts to kill, me and our friend William Smith, who everyone thinks is a high ranking Naval Intelligence officer. During that same time over fifty CIA operatives, their wives and families were killed in an attempt by the Robert Gates faction of the CIA to cover its tracks before Clinton's team came to power. After the last attempt on my life, my husband's SEAL team arranged safe passage for me to Vienna, Austria, where I stayed until Robert Gates was removed as Director of the CIA.

Immediately upon my return from Vienna, I went on a Santa Barbara live television talk show. It was the first time I had told my whole story. It was also the first time I laid out ALL the ramifications of the October Surprise.

From Santa Barbara I flew to Salt Lake City, Utah where I was the keynote speaker at a Survivalist Expo. It was January 21st. I told my whole story without the fear of being killed. George Bush was no longer President and Robert Gates no longer had the power to activate "assassin teams"... or so I thought at the time.

Bo Gritz and John Coleman were also there. I was happy to have a chance to talk with them.

On the last day of the expo I received a call from a friend telling me that Gunther had been thrown into solitary confinement because the warden feared his life was in danger. This was January 23rd. Two days later, on Monday, January 25th a gunman shot five CIA employees at the entrance of the CIA Langley, Virginia headquarters. Two of the five were killed.

This morning, February 2, Gunther called to let me know that he had been released from solitary. He said that all CIA operatives who have personal involvement in the crimes of the Reagan-Bush years have been targeted by the Bush-Gates faction of the CIA. The people who orchestrated the wholesale raping and pillaging of the United States want no witnesses to incriminate them in their crimes. If the slaughter is successful, there will be no witnesses left to testify to anything.

The men and women who have been targeted are fighting back. These are not people who will simply lay down and wait to be killed. They have an active plan to defend themselves and neutralize their enemies. Unfortunately, their enemies are very powerful. The enemy camp is placed squarely within the Council of Foreign Relations and the International Elite who are behind the One World Government.

This evil cabal cannot afford for the American people to know how diabolical their plan is and the lengths to which they went to carry it out. The International Elite

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has the money and the connections to continue this war until every witness is dead.

These murders will never be covered in the newspapers or on radio. The people who are being killed have names that no one has ever heard and so they won't be missed or even remembered. If I had not been able to bring our story forward through the various radio and newspapers that have covered us, then Gunther and I would have also been among the anonymous dead of this war.

At the moment, Gunther and I are simply trying to stay alive. My biggest problem, aside from the attempts on my life, is money. It's hard to earn money while you are in hiding, just trying to stay alive. This, of course, is part of the way the CIA breaks its enemies.

For the months of November, December and January, I was unable to raise any money at all, above and beyond the rent. Unfortunately the gas, electric and telephone bills have just kept mounting. I am still supporting myself from the sale of tapes and from loans and gifts from friends and patriots.

So far, God has provided for me, and I know He will continue to do so.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOSHE BEN-MANASH TO LT. CMDR. ROBERT HUNT

11/11/93

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.



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November 11, 1993

Lt. Cmdr. Robert Hunt
Seal Team-Four/ONI
ICRX NAB
Norfolk, Virginia 23505

Re: MAGG PIE
Spare Parts

Dear CDR. Hunt:

This letter is to confirm your previous request from the National Security Council, as we had stated on May 25, 1986, a delegation headed by Robert C. McFarlane and including Oliver North (NSC), Robert Hunt (ONI), George Cave (CIA) and Howard Teicher (CIA), left Israel on a plane piloted by Gunther K. Russbacher (ONI) and Joan H. Segal (CIA).

On the plane was one pallet of Hawk spare parts. As part of the plan, General Richard Secord remained in Israel with the 707 loaded with the additional twelve pallets of spare parts. Gen. Secord stood ready to deliver them to Iran upon receiving word from the delegation.

The Iranians however did not release the hostages at the end of the three days of negotiating. The Iranians offered the U.S. delegation the release of two hostages in return for the delivery of the remaining 12 pallets of Hawk spare parts. Col. North was ready to accept the offer, but Robert McFarlane refused and the delegation left Iran. This is all I can provide to you on the subject. Please direct all inquiries to our Office of Foreign Affairs, at 3 Kaplan Street, Kiryat Ben-Gurion, 91919, Jerusalem, Israel.

Yours truly,

Moshe Ben-Manash
Special Envoy to the Ambassador

cc: Office of the Ambassador
Office of Legal Counsel

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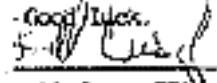
MEMORANDUM FROM BILL CASEY TO JOHN POINDEXTER

5/20/86

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
memorandum

DATE: 20 May 1986
REPLY TO: Bill Casey HQ, CIA.
ATTN: SUBJECT: Ruesbacher Karl Guntler ONI. Ssgt. Robert John CIA.
TO: John Poindexter NSA.
RE: Operation MACT PIE.

Please be advised these men will meet with agents Robert Hunt ONI, Bud McFarlane NSA, Cliver North NSA, George Cave CIA, and Howard Teicher also CIA. They will give complete briefing at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion airport. Pilot selection is now final. If you have any questions please call me soon. We leave Sunday the 25. Im keeping my fingers crossed.

-Good/Lyle.

Bill Casey CIA.

CC: VP. Bush

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MEMORANDUM FROM JOHN POINDEXTER TO WILLIAM CASEY

5/27/86

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

memorandum

DATE: 27 May, 1986
REPLY TO: Mr. John M. Poindexter, NSA
AFFR OF:
SUBJECT: HAGG PIE PROFS: 313058 90

TO: William J. Casey, HQ, CIA

Bill:

Several days after the last of Khadhoggi's payment was deposited in Lake Resources account - number 386-430-22-1, Agents Robert Hunt (ONI) and Oliver North (NSC) worked on Alhon Valves - a shell company for additional funding. They deposited \$26,493 to an account named "Korel." Four days later, Hyde Park Squares, another account dispensed \$200,000 as capital for the Button Account set up for Robert Hunt, Oliver North, George Cave, Howard Feicher, Gunther Russbacher and John Segal and their families. We considered the personal benefits of these agents. These accounts must be kept confidential for security reasons.

Yours truly,

John Poindexter
John Poindexter

cc: VP Bush
O. North

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MEMORANDUM FROM OLIVER NORTH TO JOHN POINDEXTER

5/30/86

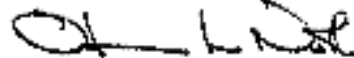
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
memorandum

DATE: 30 May, 1986
APPLY TO: Oliver L. North NSA.
SUBJECT: MACG PIE. PROFS: 31305DB6
TO: John M. Poindexter. NSA.

- Admiral

There has been a problem in negotiations in Tehran. Manucher Ghorbanifar had assured us that we would be meeting with Hashemi Rafsanjani and president Ali Khamenei on this trip. Instead we met with Dr. No. and the Australian. During this meeting we were told that our pilots Russbacher Gunther Karl and Segal John Robert were being brought to our hotel. Agents Hunt Robert and Cave George had spoken to Robert McFarlane and had decided to cancel negotiations due to security and nature of this trip. Please get back to me on this as soon as possible. I will call you in the morning.

Senper Fideis,



Oliver L. North

CC:
VP. G. BUSH
CIA. W. Casey

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OFFICIAL RECORDS FROM OFFUT AIRFORCE BASE

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SARAH MCCLENDON'S WASHINGTON REPORT

March 2, 1991

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2. Illegal Contra Base in Arkansas

GUNTHER RUSSBACHER WHO CLAIMS HE FLEW CANDIDATE BUSH TO PARIS in 1980 suffered a major heart attack in prison at Fulton, Mo., on Feb. 28. At the time he was being held in a secluded place in a psychiatric hospital where he was permitted only one phone call at intervals to his wife. He was not allowed to talk to reporters or friends. He had been given 21 years in prison by a state judge in Missouri, alleging that Russbacher had violated parole of four years. The original charges were stealing by deceit.

Raye Allan Russbacher, his wife, said the last time she talked with him he did not seem like himself. She feared they were giving him mind-altering drugs. She also feared he might get killed in prison. Recently in another prison, a cell mate suffered a violent attack of stomach illness immediately after eating food brought to Russbacher. Safety in prison seems to be an issue, his wife told friends.

A network of friends is trying to help but the prison authorities ordered the hospital where Russbacher was taken in Columbia, Mo. not to admit that he was a patient, and not to give out any information, despite the fact this was a hospital funded by taxpayers under the auspices of the University of Missouri. (It is ironic that this University is the location of the first School of Journalism in the U.S., a center for advocating freedom, of speech and human rights.)

President Bush could do something about this if he wanted to do so, in the name of humanity. Bush claims that Russbacher has been lying about that trip to Paris.

Who is Russbacher? He is a descendant of the royal family Hapsburg of Austria who was brought to this country as a young boy by his family. He became involved in the Navy, especially Naval Intelligence, and the Central Intelligence, agency which for years has been dominated by Naval Intelligence. Russbacher claims he was ordered, in October of 1980, to Andrews Air Force Base, Md, and there outfitted to pilot a plane to the Paris suburbs. On the plane, he claims, were, Bush and friends who included Jennifer Fitzgerald.

After arrival, Russbacher went to a hotel to sleep but was awakened and asked to fly Bush back to Washington. He then flew Bush from another Paris suburb to McGuire Air Force base in New Jersey. The plane used was the SR 71, the needle-nosed spy plane, one of the fastest in the U.S. arsenal. The trip was made in less than two hours.

Purpose of the trip was to cinch a deal between Iran and Presidential Candidate Ronald Reagan and Vice Presidential Candidate Bush to keep 52 American hostages until after the November election of 1980 at which time they would be delivered to the U.S. in exchange for weapons and spare parts and money which Iran needed to carry on its war with Iraq. Bush claims he did not go. Ariel Ben-Menasche, Iran-born Israeli, working for the Israel government, said he took down the names of those who entered the conference in Paris. One was Bill Casey, and the other was George Bush. Casey was chairman of the Reagan-Bush campaign.

Russbacher finished serving a 20-month sentence at Terminal Island, Calif., on Dec.23, 1991. The Immigration Service sought to deport him, but found it could not do so. Then he was remanded by force to the court in Missouri. That case originated, Russbacher claims, that on orders from the CIA he was operating a

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brokerage firm to get money through private investments to spend on covert operations. The CIA disavowed his claim of connection and he is forbidden to wear the Navy uniform any more.

He is not the only one claiming knowledge about Bush being in Paris to linger in jail. There are several other cases of men being put in prison for claiming knowledge of "October Surprise," a name given by Republicans in the 1980 campaign to what they expected would be a rescue attempt of American hostages by President Jimmy Carter.

A BASE TO AID FOREIGN REBELS in Nicaragua was established in quiet Mena, Ark,, at a municipally-owned airport. This became a base for drug smuggling, weapons running and for training foreign troops in ways of killing their fellow countrymen. This base began operations in 1982 and continues to this day, run by the Central Intelligence Agency with a number of U.S. governmental offices collaborating, under orders. Oliver North was often there, using the alias of John Cathey. Felix Rodriguez, a CIA operative and close associate of George Bush was in and out working under the name of Max Gomez. Weapons produced on the base for the Contras were disguised to look like Soviet arms so if captured the Soviets could be blamed for supplying them. Airplanes were retrofitted to provide larger storage space for hauling supplies which mostly were tons of cocaine from South America. The cocaine was sold in this country to provide money for further Contra weapons purchases and to provide money for CIA activities.

The Arkansas congressmen were refused information about the operations of the base or who was responsible. Gov. Bill Clinton was asked to provide state money for an investigation but never provided it. He readily consented for the Arkansas National Guard to go to Guatemala. He gave a job to Larry Nichols, a supporter of the Contras.

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SARAH MCCLENDON'S WASHINGTON REPORT

10/20/92

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5. Reagan-Bush Escape Public Blame for the Illegal War in Central America. Lawrence Walsh covers up
6. Henry Hyde Meets Henry Hyde.

The people of the U.S. may be the losers in the presidential campaign. At times it seems that the same money pot may be funding both political parties. Else, why does not the Democratic party come out with some of the scandals they know about George Bush's administration? Both sides appear to have been co-opted by the same blackmailers inside and outside government. The fact that the same people may be in control of both parties is a thought for the people to look into further in the years ahead. Change is what people seem to want in the majority. But will there be change? In some respects health, education and welfare policies there may be, but otherwise it may be more of the same.

More people will vote this time than ever before in U.S. history; the debates were too rigidly controlled; they were boring: they produced little new information; they cost a lot in time, effort, money, speculation but they were not worth it in the long run.

BELIEVABLE REPORTS ARE CTRLING LIKE A NOOSE AROUND THE NECK OF GEORGE BUSH that he went to Paris in October of 1980 to make sure Iranians kept 52 American hostages 71 more days so that President Carter could not get credit for their deliverance. What the American people did not know before was that leading Democrats in Congress aided Bush by going along with him to Paris.

According to the pilot, Gunther Russbacher, now in prison in Missouri, those on the plane with Bush were Senator Robert Byrd, D, W. Va, former majority leader of the Senate and chairman of the Appropriations committee (Byrd denies that he went on this trip); Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D, IL, chairman of the House Ways and Means committee and an outstanding pusher of the North American Free Trade Agreement for President Bush. Rostenkowski is an employee of the CIA.

Other surprises among the group were Senators John Heinz, R. PA, and John Tower, R., TX, both of whom were killed in separate plane crashes in recent months! Richard Allen, advisor to President Reagan on foreign affairs, Robert MacFarlane, diplomatic runner in the negotiations with the Iranians from the start. He and Allen were present at a first meeting arranged by Senator Tower between the Reagan-Bush campaign committee and the Iranians. Also on the plane and playing an important part in those first negotiations were William Casey, chairman of the

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campaign committee. Bob Gates, CIA official and Bush pal, now the director of the CIA and another close Bush friend and 30-Year veteran of the CIA, Donald Gregg. Little known but extremely important as a messenger, money bearer and plotter was Dr. Earl Brian, who once bought UPI. There was one woman, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Bush associate, who also is a member of the CIA.

A half dozen or so other employees of the CIA were there for messenger, guard duty or for general observations. The pilot of the plane was Gunther Russbacher, high-born Austrian, whose father was long associated with international plots in Europe and clearly connected with the CIA. He was a member of Naval Intelligence who had high responsibilities in the CIA as well as being an ace pilot, linguist and with a photographic mind.

After the group landed, they disassembled into small groups for committee work of various kinds in different hotels. Bush went to a hotel to meet with the top-level Iranian officials. He got off the elevator, was seen by a group of people including the Israeli Intelligence officer, Arie Ben-Menashi. Bush then went into a room, then into an inner conference room. He only stayed in Paris a few hours, Gen. Maxwell Taylor called Russbacher from a European base. Bush was flown back to the U.S. in a different kind of plane, an SR-71, the Black Bird. The voyage was made in one hour and 45 minutes and the plane landed at McGuire Air Force base, New Jersey, rather than Andrews Air Force base in Washington, where too many people were watching the base.

The deal struck was that Iran was to buy spare parts and weapons from the U.S. which Iran desperately needed for its war with Iraq. There was to be a third party to all this – Israel, which was to handle the actual weapons exchange. The U.S. hostages were released the minute after President Reagan was sworn into office.

From then on there were alibis erected among Secret Service, country clubs, golf courses, even Barbara Bush, to prove that Bush never left Washington. But on the trip back, there were cameras on the specially equipped SR-71 and pictures of Bush were filed away in secret military archives along with other computer data showing that Bush was on board.

The pictures are now in the hands of persons who plan to release them before the Nov. 3 election. They prove something about integrity, credibility and character which Mr. Bush accuses Bill Clinton of lacking.

"UNSOLVED MYSTERIES," the television show with more than 33 million viewers, has started work on a, 30-minute show based on the life of reporter Danny Casolaro of Virginia, whose body was found in a bloody tub of water in his hotel room in West Virginia.

Casolaro had been working for a year on the case of the computer system owned by the Bill Hamiltons of Washington (the Inslaw company) and believed he had all the information he needed. He had been getting information from one main source with whom he sought to make one more contact in West Virginia. He had been there only from Thursday to Saturday when he was found dead.

He talked frequently after getting material with a source on a telephone at Leesburg, Va. This line was disconnected shortly after his death.

In his book was found a wadded piece of paper with these names on it:

John Nichols who worked for Wackenhut on the Cabezon Indian reservation of California where the Promis software owned by Inslaw was put together; Fred Alvarez, once director of the project at the reservation.

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Danny believed that the conspiracies to push through government their own special desires was like an octopus. The arms reached out to envelop top officials of the U.S. government and nations around the world. Their purpose was to use their talents, knowledge, influence and clout to serve their own financial interests and usually it meant big-money for them, not the people.

On Casolaro's list were George Pender, Richard Helms, former head of the CIA; Dr. John Nichols, E. Howard Hunt; Ted Shackley; CIA veteran, Thomas Cline; Ray Cline of Washington's, Center for International Strategic studies; Dr. Earl Brian of Washington, the man who bought the UPI; Michael Riconosciuto; and Robert Booth Nichols, no kin to Dr. Nichols.

Casolaro was found with both arms hacked to enable him to bleed to death, with bruises on his body and three finger nails missing, indicating Middle Eastern-style torture. He had talked with a mysterious lawyer of West Virginia, who is impossible to contact.

Barbara Videnieks, chief of staff to Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia, refused to come to the telephone to answer questions about the case. She said she knew nothing about a mysterious absence of the lawyer right after the reporter died. She sent word for Sarah McClendon to quit calling that office and pestering her with questions. She is the wife of another mysterious character, Peter Videnieks, who was the contracting officer at Justice who dealt with the Hamiltons when Justice was trying to obtain the equipment and later took possession of it, telling the Hamiltons they did not want to buy or lease it. But immediately Justice started selling it around the world. When Justice would not pay the Hamiltons for their equipment, they brought suit against Justice.

Videneks is now employed in a hidden job at U.S. Customs service having to do with operational procurement with "stings" setup to trap companies. If you ask to speak to him, Justice and Customs will act as if they never heard of such a character. But he is at Customs now.

Papers on the Casolaro case have been sent to the Investigative Center at the University of Missouri School of Journalism. Several persons connected are alive and well; others are dead. It is ridiculous for the Bush government to think it can keep it a secret. It will all come out eventually.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DO NOT REALIZE THEY ARE BEING DECEIVED by President George Bush and company. If ever there was a case of a man not telling the truth, it is the president's refusal to tell the American public that he went to Paris in 1980 to arrange weapons for Iran in exchange for keeping 52 American hostages 71 more days. The president frequently in the past said he would never trade money for hostages and he did just this for those hostages in Lebanon. Only this week did he own up to trading hostages for money.

He should tell the truth that he was the commander of Black Eagle and other campaigns in Central America which were illegal whereby we provided arms and money to rebels in Nicaragua in exchange for narcotics to sell to get more money for covert activities. The President should own up to the fact it was he, not the CIA and not the Justice department who was the main motivating force behind using \$5 billion of Agriculture funds as credit guaranties for Iraq to get nuclear, chemical and biological weapons from the U.S.

The President does not tell how Iran-Contra illegal operations in Latin America was run from his vice president's office throughout the 80s. Donald Gregg, CIA 30-year man was in the Bush office directing the operation. Oliver North reported there. So

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did Felix Rodriguez. Bush set up bases for the CIA to operate which are still in operation. Bush was never questioned publicly about his part in Iran-Contra. Neither was President Reagan. Both have arranged to keep their actions in Iran-Contra from the public through promises with Lawrence Walsh, independent prosecutor, and with the press. Bush only this week, arranged to not be asked questions on Iran-Contra before he would go on shows with ABC's "Good Morning America," according to Cox News Service and in a widely published article by White House correspondent Julia Malone.

The truth is not what we are getting out of the White House from Presidential Candidate George Bush and Vice Presidential Candidate Dan Quayle, both hollering about Presidential Candidate Bill Clinton not being truthful.

THERE ARE TWO HENRY HYDES, both have a part in Intelligence matters. It was my mistake to say that Henry Hyde, Republican congressman from Illinois, 68, was the board member of veterans of the Office of Strategic Services of World War II, who is still having much to do with overseeing policy at the successor agency, the Central Intelligence Agency. That Henry Hyde is a New York city lawyer, 76, whose colleagues say he worked "in the days when a lot of intellectuals in this country did".

Congressman Henry J. Hyde is furious at my mistake designating him a veteran board member of the OSS. My informants say that he was also at the meetings, wearing ribbons and being influential. But he says he never went to such a meeting. He should know if he was there. Congressman Hyde says he does not know the other Henry Hyde. (his office was informed of the confusion)

Henry J. Hyde was in the Navy in World War II. He served as senior republican on the House Intelligence committee but resigned. He claims he has no close relationship with the CIA. I am glad to make the correction.

However, my informant was at the meeting. I declined to withdraw the report I made that Congressman Hyde elicited and obtained a promise from Chairman Lee Hamilton, D., Ind. of the House Task Force on October Surprise, that the group would clear President George Bush of going to Paris to cinch a deal of weapons for Iran in exchange for retaining American hostages to be delivered to President Ronald Reagan and not to outgoing President Jimmy Carter. Hyde says he made no such deal and I must remember that Hamilton is a Democrat. That makes no difference. Hamilton held a press conference to clear Bush before the investigation into the deal between the Reagan-Bush candidates for presidential office and the Iranians, had even started. Hamilton then admitted he had not interrogated witnesses or talked with his special attorney hired to investigate the matter. Hyde was questioned about other obstructionist tactics in the House as a Republican leader on behalf of Bush administrations cover-up but denies all.

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SARAH MCCLENDON'S WASHINGTON REPORT

JULY 4, 1993

THE DEATH OF MY FRIEND AND INVESTIGATOR OF GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION

PAUL WILCHER

THERE HAS BEEN ANOTHER UNSOLVED DEATH IN WASHINGTON

PAUL WILCHER, AN ATTORNEY WHO DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO SOLVING SOME OF THE POLITICALLY CONNECTED MYSTERIES AND DEATHS IN GOVERNMENT, WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS APARTMENT ON JUNE 22 IN NORTHEAST WASHINGTON. HE HAD BEEN DEAD FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Wilcher, who felt his family had been beaten out of their estate by corrupt judicial processes in Chicago, came here to Washington, to find a new life. Then he heard about a man whom he believed to be a political prisoner, Gunther Russbacher, the man who says he is being persecuted because he flew former President George Bush to Paris to meet, with leading Iranians and make a deal to supply Iran with weapons in exchange for that government keeping the 52 American hostages until after the November election so that former President Jimmy Carter would not get, a boost. by bringing home the American citizens held there. Instead the deal was they were to be delivered to Candidate Ronald Reagan. That agreement was kept as soon as Reagan inaugurated in 1981.

Wilcher was working daily for Russbacher. He also was working on the connection between the Central Intelligence Agency and the Waco annihilation of a religious community, on the death of Danny Casolaro in West Virginia, a writer who felt that he almost had the link to the greedy rich clique who were really ruling the world, the Inslaw case whereby a system of computer intelligence could unseal secrets of governments, and the BCCI case, the Pakistan bank that was disrupting financial empires in many countries, including the United States.

Wilcher wanted to ask the new Attorney General Janet Reno to grant immunity from prosecution to Russbacher so that he might testify to the government about the goings on inside the CIA. These are covert activities that include bizarre interference with other governments, sale of arms around the world to inspire more wars, mysterious deaths, intimidation of Congressmen by blackmail about their own personal escapades, misuse of billions of U.S. taxpayers money yearly that ought to go for other purposes.

Somehow Wilcher got it into his head that he ought to talk to Janet Reno – the new attorney general; I could not believe that he really thought he had an appointment with her. He went to keep it. The officials who insulate her against others would not let him in.

They demanded to know what he wanted to talk to Miss Reno about. He would not say as he did not trust the Bush employees still in the department. He felt she alone could provide immunity from prosecution. He was interviewed by her public relations man, Carl Stern, formerly of NBC, and building guards who thought Paul was emotionally overwrought. I would say yes. But not a psychiatric case. Upset with the manipulations and the crime inside government, yes! Paul recently told a friend, Miss Marion Kindig, that he felt his life might be in danger because he had obtained much more information on the Casolaro probings that the victim himself had acquired. This and other information he had obtained caused him to feel his life might be in danger.

I had to beg the police for 24 hours to go in to see where the missing man was. They found he had been dead for several days. There so far has been nothing in the autopsy to indicate the cause of death. There was no bodily signs of strong handling. Like Casolaro, in West Virginia, Wilcher's body was found in the

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bathroom. They cannot tell if it was natural or induced. A government operative was in the apartment next to the one Wilcher rented. About the same time both telephones had been disconnected.

I believe Wilcher to be a causality of good citizenship and patriotism. I tried to get possession of the papers and tapes he left behind, but his family, who did not know how to assess these things, took them away.

THE OCTOPUS, SECRET GOVERNMENT AND THE DEATH OF DANNY CASOLARO

by Kenn Thomas and Jim Keith

Excerpts:

Over time, Michael Riconosciuto lost three lawyers and an investigator under what could be construed as mysterious circumstances. In February 1987 Larry Guerrin, a private investigator conducting Inslaw-connected work for Riconosciuto, was killed in Mason County, Washington. After Eisman's death, in April 1993, another attorney who worked with Riconosciuto, John Crawford, died suddenly from a heart attack in Tacoma. (Stich, p. 407). The decomposed body of a third Riconosciuto lawyer, Paul Wilcher, was found in Wilcher's Washington, DC apartment on June 23, 1993. Wilcher also had been an attorney for the pilot Gunther Russbacher, who claimed to have videotape proof and sixteen witnesses to his having flown George Bush to one of the October Surprise meetings. (Russbacher, Guenther, Interviewed by Alex Horvat and Joe Palermo, 3/17/93). Wilcher belonged to the American Patriot Fax Network and had recently prepared an ambitious 55 page fax summarizing information on circumstances leading to the fiery deaths of David Koresh and his followers in April 1993 that he sent as a challenge to Attorney General Janet Reno. The fax included details of the story of his client, Russbacher, concerning the October Surprise, and a page of information on the Inslaw case, pointing out that an executive assistant to Senator Robert Byrd, Democrat from West Virginia, was the wife of Peter Videnieks, who had threatened Riconosciuto. (Wilcher, Paul, American Patriot Fax Network Fax, 5/21/93, p. 60).

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THE SECRET LIFE OF GUNTHER RUSSBACHER

By C.D. Stelzer

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. -- North, south, east and west. The lines in Gunther Karl Russbacher's brow run in all directions. There appears to be a crease for every one of his 50 years. Deep undulating furrows that register emotional changes across a craggy facial landscape.

"I'm trying to catch my breath, I'm not quite with it yet," says Russbacher, after entering the Control Unit of the Missouri Correctional Facility here. He is carrying a foot-thick binder of court briefs, depositions, memos, diary entries, bills of lading, letters of credit and loading manifests. And while not gasping for air, the heavy paper load makes it easy to believe this man is under stress.

To reach inmate 184306, a visitor must be escorted through three check points and five clanging sets of iron bars. Gunther Karl Russbacher is a prisoner-- and not just any ordinary prisoner. But beyond that, no one is sure who he really is.

So far, those interested in finding out have included Texas billionaire Ross Perot, the United States Congress and Geraldo Rivera.

In the past, Russbacher has admittedly used aliases such as Emory Joseph Peden, Robert Andrew Walker and Robert Behler. He has also allegedly been known as "The Raven." The last pseudonym could be classified a nom de guerre, because Russbacher claims to be a Navy captain -- and not just any ordinary Navy captain.

Federal authorities arrested him in July 1990 for impersonating a military officer at Castle Air Force Base in Atwater, Calif. The charge led to Russbacher's probation revocation in St. Charles Co., where he had a 1989 conviction for stealing through deceit. Russbacher pled guilty in that case to defrauding clients of the St. Louis-based National Brokerage Companies, which he headed. He received a 21 year sentence. In both of these instances, Russbacher now claims he was carrying out covert duties for the United States government.

By his own account, he is a CIA operative with knowledge of the agency's involvement in financial fraud, drug trafficking, and illicit arms trading. Russbacher established National Brokerage and other proprietary companies, including a failed savings and loan in Pennsylvania, at the behest of the CIA, he alleges. He further charges that his military and criminal records-- ostensibly altered to infiltrate terrorists and narcotic rings -- are now being used against him.

In addition, Russbacher claims his 1990 arrest followed a secret flight to inform Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev of the pending war with Iraq. This would be fantastic enough, but it's not all.

As an aviator attached to the Office of Naval Intelligence, Russbacher says he piloted a BAC-111 aircraft -- with George Bush on board -- to Paris in 1980. Perhaps more importantly, Russbacher claims to have shuttled Bush back to the United States a few hours later in an SR-71 spy plane -- and he professes to have proof.

His knowledge of these events is the real reason he is in prison, Russbacher says. Bush's French rendezvous purportedly finalized earlier negotiations between the Reagan-Bush campaign and Islamic revolutionaries. Those talks supposedly centered on delaying the release of 52 American hostages then being held by Iran until after the November presidential elections. In exchange for prolonging their captivity, the Iranians were allegedly promised arms and spare parts to supply their

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burgeoning war with Iraq. According to Russbacher, the Reaganites also forked over \$40 million up front to seal the deal.

The move was meant to assure a Republican victory over then-President Jimmy Carter and pre-empt any "October surprise," or last-minute administration plan to gain the hostages release.

Russbacher is not the first nor most credible person to make these allegations. Reagan administration member Barbara Honegger published the initial October Surprise book in 1989. In 1990, Gary Sick, a National Security Council member in the Carter administration, renewed interest in the subject through a New York Times op-ed article. Sick followed it up last year with a volume of his own.

Although there seems to be substance to these claims, there is uncertainty as to Bush's presence at the Paris meetings. Citing Secret Service logs and interviews, the House October Surprise Task Force, a congressional inquiry now under way, dismissed the possibility of president's participation in an interim report issued June 30. In February, a lengthy analysis by writer Frank Snepp of the Village Voice similarly refuted the premise.

Another writer delving into related scandals didn't get a chance to jump to any conclusions. Journalist Danny Casolaro was found dead in a Martinsburg, W. Va. motel room last August. The local coroner ruled it a suicide. But Casolaro's investigation into the BCCI banking debacle and Inslaw computer software case has left doubt as to the actual cause of his death. Within this context, and given his alleged association with such shadowy figures as arms merchant Richard Brenneke and self-proclaimed CIA contract agent Michael Riconosciuto, Russbacher's incredible story teeters on the verge of plausibility.

Inside the Control Unit of the Missouri Correctional Facility at Jefferson City, the air conditioning isn't working in one of the two visiting rooms. The four by four closet-sized space is furnished with two metal folding chairs and divided in the middle by a narrow counter top. Windows and a concave mirror allow prison guards to keep watch. The cubbyhole is thick with humidity as Russbacher, dressed in a sky blue sweat suit, begins to divulge the trump that he believes will set him free, and, ultimately, lead to either President Bush's impeachment or resignation.

"It's actually quite a simple thing," says Russbacher. "Every (SR) 71 flight-- be it a training session or actual mission -- is documented through a voice cockpit and video cockpit recorder," he explains. According to Russbacher, the plane's recording devices "document each and every facial expression, every movement of your hands and every turn of the instruments." After the video is transmitted in six-second bites to one of three satellites positioned at "keyhole 11, 12 or 13" a signature is superimposed at the bottom of the screen, which includes: the exact time, aircraft of origin and its location.

"It's beamed back down to the NSA (National Security Agency) station at Fort Meade, Md. There is no way to tamper with it. If you try to make a secondary copy from the original, bar codes jump up," says Russbacher.

"This tape is in our possession," he adds. Once the tape is turned over to congressional investigators and authenticated, he has been promised a release from prison and immunity from prosecution, Russbacher claims. His supporters, those who purloined the recording, form a cadre of disgruntled covert operatives, according to Russbacher. The way he explains it, there is a war going on within the intelligence community that involves three groups. "Faction one is the pro-Bush or the loyal faction within the agency," says Russbacher. "Faction two (is) comprised mainly out of ONI (Office of Naval Intelligence) handlers." These are the good guys, according to Russbacher. "Faction two is loyal, basically, to the Constitution and to the concept of military law and order." Russbacher indicates

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the third bunch is in league with the second. "They're called rouge elephants. They're stationed overseas, they're stringers, they're cutouts, they're low-level agents."

Be it an act or the bonafide portrayal, Russbacher's stance hasn't gone unreviewed. Back in February -- days after announcing an interest in the presidency -- Ross Perot sent his top lawyer, David Bryant, and two pilots to interview the Missouri inmate. Perot also contacted Rep. Richard A. Gephardt in regard to Russbacher's treatment at the Fulton Correctional Facility. Gephardt's office in turn requested Missouri House Speaker Bob Griffin inquire about Russbacher's condition. Griffin then spoke to George Lombardi, a state prison official. This flurry of concern came after Perot's delegation was refused the right to interview Russbacher. At the time, Russbacher, who claims a heart condition, was being cloistered at the University Hospital in Columbia, Mo. News accounts have implied Russbacher feigned illness to dodge the investigators. Russbacher denies this, but says he still can't state what transpired out of fear for himself and his family.

When The RFT asked why he had been admitted, a hospital spokeswoman said the information was confidential. Since being moved to Jefferson City, Russbacher has been placed in protective custody. Because of the delay, Bryant and both pilots departed before speaking to Russbacher. To determine his familiarity with the SR-71, the remaining investigator, Bob Peck, asked a specific question about TEB, a jet fuel additive, according to Russbacher. The question came despite agreeing in advance not to discuss the aircraft, he says. With a prison official monitoring the interview, the self-professed spy plane pilot either couldn't answer the question or was unwilling to do so under the circumstances.

Russbacher's reticence became one more reason for the press to label him a charlatan. Russbacher has no compunction about discussing the SR-71 now, however. "You know what TEB stands for?" he asks. "That's for tetra ethyl-borane, which is like the stuff you squirt into a car on a cold morning."

Such details and jargon add credibility to Russbacher's story. There is also the stubble of beard that contrasts with his bald pate, and a subtle comportment that projects a military air. The combination seems almost enough to transform "Capt." Russbacher's prison garb into a flight suit. More startling is his missing fingernails, the result, Russbacher claims, of having been tortured by the enemy after he crashed over Laos during the Vietnam War. Eyeglasses offer the finishing touch to his persona.

If this were a movie, Robert Duvall would be cast in the role. Indeed, Russbacher's alleged exploits have already piqued an interest within the entertainment industry. He is quick to cite Gorby Leon, of Columbia Picture's story department, as one of his contacts. He also granted Geraldo Rivera's "Now it Can be Told" a five-and-a-half hour interview recently. The segment never ran, and since then the TV show has been cancelled. True to character, Russbacher attributes its demise to forces more nefarious than low ratings. Likewise, members of the House October Surprise Task Force aren't tuning in the "Gunther Russbacher Show," or so they would have it seem. Richard Lewis, a spokesman for the task force in Washington, D.C., cannot comment on specifics, but says all individuals who claim participation or knowledge of events surrounding the October surprise are being interviewed.

However, as mentioned earlier, the task force has already refuted Russbacher's allegation that Bush attended the 1980 Paris meetings. To explain this premature judgment, Lewis notes that task force chairman, Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-Ind.), "is intent upon not having this seen as a partisan investigation." Russbacher sees just that. "Hamilton entertained thoughts that he would become Mr. Clinton's running mate.

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You will find that Mr. Hamilton will be more at ease now with the situation, ... and I think you will see a retraction quite soon," he says. "Lee Hamilton doesn't play little games like that," responds Lewis. The spokesman concedes Hamilton was "very wary" of accusations against Bush from the beginning. The committee chairman wanted to "show good faith" and give the perception of professionalism by refuting the allegations as soon as possible, Lewis says.

Presidents always seem to garner "good faith" from the polls and the press. Russbacher hasn't been nearly as fortunate. Mainstream media, when it refer to him at all, often doesn't mention his name. The best reporting on the subject has been by small independent newspapers like the Jefferson City News Tribune and the Napa (Calif.) Sentinel. The St. Louis Post Dispatch, by contrast, calls Russbacher "the great pretender," but seems more fawning to Bush administration officials. In reporting a visit by U.S. ambassador Donald Gregg on June 8, the newspaper failed to mention that the former CIA official has been implicated in the October surprise. And only in the photo caption is there word that Gregg conferred with Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft before speaking to the World Affairs Council. Interestingly, this was the first time Ashcroft attended such a seminar, according to a council spokeswoman.

In St. Charles, assistant prosecutor Phillip W. Groenweghe appears no more eager to talk about the Russbacher case. Repeated calls to his office went unreturned last week. Robert Fleming, a court-appointed public defender, provided the following background on his client. Russbacher acquired a record for passing bad checks in the Army as a teenager. Then in the 70s, he was placed on probation after being convicted on federal charges in Louisiana of carrying bearer bonds, while dressed in a Army major's uniform. Before now, Russbacher "doesn't seem to have served any time in any penitentiary," says Fleming. This dovetails with his contention that he has been "sheepdipped," Fleming says. The espionage term describes a spy whose identity has been changed. Fleming is challenging Russbacher's conviction on grounds that the statute of limitations had expired and that his client previously received inadequate legal counsel.

National Brokerage Companies, the alleged CIA proprietary, was registered with the state in January 1986. The names connected to the company are Emory Joseph Peden, Russbacher's alias, and Peggy Russbacher, his former wife. A Florissant firm now using the title appears to be unrelated, Fleming says. Russbacher and his wife also incorporated other companies, according to Fleming, but investigators have been unable to find records of any National Brokerage spin-offs, which Russbacher asserts were part of the CIA operation. Russbacher says he ran the CIA proprietary at 7711 Bonhomme in Clayton and shared an office with the Connecticut Mutual Insurance Company.

There may even be a more secretive organization behind Russbacher's activities. As the interview concludes, he shows off a the wide gold band he wears on one finger. There are enigmatic symbols inscribed on the ring. "The pyramid is also the symbol for delta," Russbacher cyptically explains. Other symbols, shaped like asterisks, represent the eight points of the earth, he says. "I'm just telling you very few people wear this ring. "My wife has one, I have one. All other married couples wear them. They're handmade. It signifies the ability to strike as a unit for the sake of humanity," says Russbacher. "It's a very long story."

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WHEN GEORGE BUSH WANTED RUSSBACHER SILENCED, MISSOURI GOVERNOR, JOHN ASHCROFT INTERVENED AND KEPT HIM ALIVE

Why Did John Ashcroft Risk His Career To Protect Gunther Russbacher?

By Rayelan Allan (Russbacher)

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Last week George W. Bush told us that he wants Senator John Ashcroft as our next Attorney General. In February of 1992, when Gunther was sentenced to 21 years in a Missouri prison, John Ashcroft was Governor of Missouri. Gunther had become "infamous" ten months earlier as the "October Surprise" pilot. At that time, Gunther was in Federal Prison in California for misuse of a government airplane. An attempt was made to kill Gunther. He called his friend, Rodney Stich, author of Defrauding America. Gunther spent a half hour telling Rodney the reasons that the Bush Administration wanted him dead. Gunther told Rodney not to release this information unless Gunther was killed.

Rodney felt it was better to release it immediately. He called his friend Harry Martin, the Publisher of the Napa Sentinel. Harry listened to the tape Rodney had made of the conversation and wrote an article based on the information Gunther gave. The article ran in the next edition of the Napa Sentinel. The next week, it was picked up by the Spotlight Newspaper in Washington DC. A day later, Harry Martin was the guest on worldwide Short Wave radio. In less than a week, Gunther's name was known by people around the world.

Immediately after Gunther's story of George Bush's involvement in the October Surprise was published, two things happened that I still find amazing.

The first thing that happened was William Webster, the Director of the CIA suddenly resigned. There has never been a good reason given for his rapid departure. Gunther had introduced me to Webster over lunch on Offutt Air Force Base. Webster was in the room directly next to ours. He and Gunther pounded on the walls and played practical jokes on each other while we were there. Gunther and Webster were friends. (This was shown to me one other time, in the visiting room of the Missouri prison where Webster and I both waited to see Gunther. Gunther, William Webster and John Ashcroft were/are all from Missouri.)

The second thing that happened was congress convened not one but TWO committees to investigate the allegations that the Reagan Campaign made a deal with Iran to win the 1980 election. These were the October Surprise hearings. Investigators had tried since 1985 to get Congress to look into this deal. Until Gunther Russbacher told his story, no one in Congress paid attention to the October Surprise. It was put in the class of "conspiracies" .

I have often wondered what power Gunther had that other CIA whistle blowers, like Richard Brenneke and Oswald LeWinter didn't have. Why did congress act so rapidly once Gunther Russbacher stepped forward and told his story? Was it because they knew Gunther's God Father was Kurt Waldheim, the current President of Austria? Did they fear Austria would release evidence that would be damaging to the United States?

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Did Gunther have powerful friends in the CIA like William Webster who coerced congress into opening these hearings? As much as I would like to believe one or the other of these reasons, I sadly have to admit that the Democratic Congress convened the hearings into the October Surprise in order to defeat George Bush in the 1992 elections.

President Bush had just won the Persian Gulf War. The economy was good and it looked like he would sail into the White House in 1992. If the Democrats hoped to win the White House in the 1992 election, they had to do something to give George Bush a black eye. At the time, I had NO idea that Gunther and I were being used to bring down George Bush!

I also had no idea that one day my phone would ring and it would be Ross Perot on the other end. He wanted to know about Gunther. He talked with me for several hours and then told me to give Gunther his numbers and have him call him either at home or at work. Gunther talked with Perot and the two of them agreed that Perot would send two lawyers to Missouri to talk with Gunther.

Ross Perot was one of the first people to contact us after Gunther had been sentenced to 21 years in prison. I now realize that he was planning on running for President, and wanted to know what Gunther knew about George Bush. At the time, I knew Ross Perot only by reputation. Perot had funded missions in South East Asia to look for POWs. Gunther had been a POW for 18 months in our undeclared war with Laos. Shortly after Perot talked with Gunther, the world would know that he was planning to form a third party and run for President.

On the day that Perot's men were scheduled to visit Gunther, Gunther had a heart attack and was taken to the Columbia University Hospital. I will never forget that day. My telephone rang. It was Ross Perot. In his twangy Texarkana accent, he told me, "Miz Russbacher, your husband is in the hospital. He is alive. He had a heart attack. Can you get to San Francisco and catch a plane to St Louis?"

I could barely think. Mr. Perot told me he had made a reservation for me on a flight out of San Francisco. He said his personal assistant, Bob Peck would be in St. Louis to meet me. Then he gave me his private telephone number in case something went wrong and I needed to reach him.

I was met in St. Louis by Bob Peck. We drove directly to the Hospital in Columbia, which is about a two hour drive from St. Louis. When we arrived at the hospital, we were told that Gunther had discharged himself and went back to the hospital. I wouldn't know for weeks that the reason he did this was he feared he was going to be murdered in the hospital.

Peck and I drove to the prison where we were given an opportunity to see that Gunther was still alive.

After Peck and I left, Gunther was attacked by prison guards and beaten. I had barely gotten home to California when I found out. It was a weekend. Another prisoner called me and told me what had happened. Gunther was beaten with night sticks and thrown in the hole. The solitary confinement cell was black metal box that was filthy, cold and filled with cock roaches. Gunther had just had a heart attack, which he thinks was induced. He had just gotten out of the hospital hours before the beating, and now he was in the "hole", with his leg in a cast from the bones that were broken during the beating.

I hung up the phone. I was so numb I couldn't even think. Who could I call? Who could tell me what to do? It was a weekend. I knew I couldn't reach anyone. Suddenly, an idea popped into my mind. Gunther was an Austrian. He told me that his God-father was Kurt Waldheim. Waldheim was President of Austria at the time.

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Gunther had Christmas cards and birthday cards that Waldheim had sent him. I never doubted that Waldheim and he were close.

But how could I reach Kurt Waldheim?

I called an AT&T operator and asked to be connected to an international operator. She connected me with an Austrian information operator who spoke English. I said to the Austrian Operator, in a voice wracked with desperation, "Please help me. President Bush is trying to kill my husband. My husband is President Waldheim's Godson. I need to speak with President Waldheim."

The operator put me on hold for what seemed like an eternity. I was certain she was going to come back and tell me that she couldn't give me the number. Instead, she connected me with President Waldheim's personal secretary, who sat at a desk outside the President's bedroom. I later found out that the man sits there to take emergency calls that come in the middle of the night.

I told the secretary who I was and what had just happened. He told me that President Waldheim had just gone to bed. It was 9 PM in Austria. He gave me his telephone number and told me to call him back in 15 minutes.

As I waited, I prayed that President Waldheim would help and not turn his back on us as so many had done. The fifteen minutes ticked by so slowly I thought my clock had stopped. Finally, I dialed the number. The secretary answered. He told me that President Waldheim had already called the Consul General in Chicago. I was given his home telephone number and told to call the Consul General at home. I thanked the secretary and quickly dialed the number he had given me. The Consul General's wife answered. She told me that her husband had just left the house for his office. It hadn't even been ten minutes since Waldheim called him. She gave me the telephone number and told me to call in about 20 minutes.

I spoke with the Consul General who told me that he would be in the Governor's office on Monday morning.

After the Consul General met with Governor Ashcroft, Gunther was transferred to a prison that was just two blocks away from the Governor's Mansion. While John Ashcroft was Governor of Missouri, Gunther was well taken care of. The attempts on our lives did not start again until several days before the election of 1992, when Gunther and I were implicated in a plot to assassinate George Bush.

After finding out the FBI put a "shoot on site" order out on me, I drove directly to the Missouri Capital, double parked my car, grabbed my black briefcase and ran up the stairs to Governor Ashcroft's office. I sat down in a chair in front of his secretary's desk. I was clutching my black briefcase as I breathlessly said, "I am Mrs. Gunther Russbacher"

The Secretary bolted out of her chair as if she had been launched by a rocket. Several minutes later three men came into the office. They looked apprehensive or frightened. They stared at my black briefcase as if they believed I had a bomb or an Uzi in it.

One of the men told me that the Secret Service was waiting at the Police Station to interrogate me. I told him that a rogue FBI agent had a hit order out on me and I wasn't leaving this office until I had a police escort. After a few phone calls, I was told the police were down stairs and would take me to the police station. Several days earlier, someone had made an anonymous call to the FBI and told them I was in Missouri to kill George Bush, and I had guns with me. The police raided the house where I was staying and had confiscated the two guns. After the Secret Service debriefed me, the police GAVE me back my guns!! Maybe they knew I was going to need them!

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I felt I needed to "get out of Dodge", so I drove from Jefferson City, the Capital of Missouri, down to the Lake of the Ozarks. I stayed in a small cabin at a lakeside resort. It was cold and snowing. No matter how high I turned up the heat, I couldn't get warm.

That night, as I had the guns apart cleaning them, several men tried to break down my door. Gunther's men were guarding me. They had been from the time Gunther and I married. I heard a fight taking place on the front porch. I heard one gun shot. I looked out the side window and saw a man being dragged to a van and thrown in it.

George Bush lost the election. Mel Carnahan was elected Governor of Missouri. Gunther and I thought our troubles were over. We thought the attempts on our lives would end. Little did we know, they had just begun! In December there were more attempts to kill me. Gunther arranged for me to go to Austria where President Waldheim put me in protective custody until Gunther told me it was safe to come home.

From the time John Ashcroft intervened in February of 1992 until late October of 1992, no one tried to kill Gunther or me. The moment Mel Carnahan, a Democrat, was elected Governor, our troubles began again. God only knows how either of us survived that last year of Gunther's incarceration in Missouri. Last year, Mel Carnahan ran against John Ashcroft for Ashcroft's Senate seat. Carnahan was killed in a plane crash. The new governor told voters that if Carnahan was elected, he would appoint Carnahan's widow as the replacement Senator. The major media wants you to believe that this is how Mel Carnahan, a dead man, won the election. No one wants to investigate the voting irregularities in Missouri which I feel are the real reason Mel Carnahan won the election.

John Ashcroft stopped campaigning against Carnahan once Carnahan was killed. Ashcroft also refused to challenge the election results even though I am sure he knew they were fraudulent.

One of the things I was told about Ashcroft, at the time Gunther was a prisoner in Missouri, was he is a real Christian. He is a man who has a moral compass and he follows it no matter what it costs him. Because he followed his own ethics and moral code after Mel Carnahan was killed, it cost him the election.

One thing I would really like to ask John Ashcroft is why he protected Gunther? By doing this, he went against President Bush. If John Ashcroft thwarted attempts by the Bush Administration to kill Gunther, why did George W. Bush nominate him for Attorney General? Something doesn't make sense and I doubt very seriously if any of us will ever know the truth.

I am sure there could have been many reasons that Governor Ashcroft chose to tell his prison authorities to do whatever it took to keep Gunther Russbacher alive. It could have been that the supporters of Gunther Russbacher were flooding his office with thousands of letters, faxes and phone calls. It could have been that the men who ran the large covert CIA operations that are run out of Missouri, told Ashcroft that Gunther was their money man, and if he were killed, Missouri would suffer economically. Or, President Waldheim could have offered Missouri a lucrative trade agreement with Austria.

There could have been any number of reasons that a Republican Governor, who was running for the Senate, would go against a Republican President, but none of the ones I have listed above seem powerful enough for Ashcroft to stand between President Bush and the man who was accusing him of treason! I would like to think that Governor Ashcroft intervened and saved Gunther's life because of his deep religious beliefs.

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A few people, who know John Ashcroft, and also know what he did for Gunther, believe that he did the only thing his religious beliefs would allow him to do. One woman told me that John Ashcroft is like the good sheriff in an old west town that is run by crooks. She told me this six years ago. If she was right, I wonder what six years in the Washington District of Criminals has done to him. He is still the Sheriff with the White Hat, or has he sold his soul for power?

I don't have an answer. I don't know John Ashcroft. I only know that he kept Gunther alive. He stood between Gunther and the men in the Bush Administration who wanted Gunther dead. In my opinion, that took more courage than most politicians have. A man with courage and morals is hard to find these days.

I think John Ashcroft is going to be a breath of fresh air in the Department of Justice. After eight years of Janet Reno we need a man who has both courage and morals.

What I can't understand is how John Ashcroft ended up as George W. Bush's nominee for Attorney General. Didn't G.W. know what Ashcroft did to help Gunther? Or is something else going on behind the scenes that no one but the shadow men will ever really understand?

ADDENDUM

January 14, 2001

Last week President Elect George W. Bush left his designated nominee for Secretary of Labor, Linda Chavez, hanging in the wind. Why did he do this? Neither he nor his advisors are stupid people, (contrary to what the press wants you to believe).

Did the Bush Administration do this to set a precedent? Did they do it to embolden the special interest groups that are now currently attacking John Ashcroft?

If I am right in what I think... and it is only a hunch. But if I am right, then John Ashcroft is not completely trusted by the Bush Family. I believe George W. was coerced into picking John Ashcroft by members of Faction Two. I believe William Webster was/is a member of Faction Two. For all I know, John Ashcroft is also a member of Faction Two.

After the Governor of Montana withdrew himself from the running for the Attorney General, the two main candidates were Frank Keating, Governor of Oklahoma, who used his influence as Governor and former FBI agent to cover up the bombing of the Murrah Building.

The other candidate was ex Senator John Danforth, who covered up the Waco tragedy.

Then suddenly, out of no where, George W. picks John Ashcroft. If I am right, George W. will do NOTHING to help John Ashcroft win confirmation by the Senate. In my opinion, John Ashcroft is the best qualified man in history for the job of Attorney General.

John Ashcroft was Attorney General in Missouri. He was Governor of Missouri. He was a United States Senator. Janet Reno was a prosecutor in Florida. She has never been an elected official. Robert Kennedy had never even practiced law. He had never been elected to anything, and he was 36 years old when his brother made him the Attorney General!

I believe John Ashcroft is the best possible choice for Attorney General that George W. Bush could have made. I believe that he will follow the LAW, no matter

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WHOSE neck is on the chopping block. I believe THIS is the reason that George W. has now been advised, probably by family members and former Reagan/Bush officials, that he should let Ashcroft to "hang in the wind", just like he did with Linda Chavez.

If John Ashcroft is defeated in his nomination, then a man like James Baker would probably step in. This would insure that NONE of the scandals of Bush the Elder's Administration would ever see the light of day! I am certain that everyone in the circle of Bush friends and family would be very relieved if this happened.

For the good of the country, I hope John Ashcroft becomes Attorney General.

The following is the letter I wrote to Governor Ashcroft shortly after Gunther was convicted and sentenced to 21 years in prison. I wrote an even stronger letter after Gunther was beaten and thrown in the dark, filthy and roach infested "hole". I can't find a copy of the other letter. When I find it, I will add it. It is a classic piece of pathos in which I compare Ashcroft to Pontius Pilate.

Sometimes I get embarrassed when I read the letters I wrote to government officials in those days. But the letters did their job. They got attention and they kept Gunther alive. Wherever he is and whatever he is doing, I hope he remembers all the people who gave of their time and money to make sure he stayed alive.

The sad thing that I now realize, is the CIA always wins. Even though it appeared as if Gunther won his battle and was freed from prison, this was only an illusion. Gunther's health was purposely destroyed shortly before he was released from custody in Missouri. He was forced to undergo a quintuple bypass that was intended to kill him. Just as Gunther and I were about to be reunited in Austria, Gunther disappeared. When he reappeared, he had no memory of being married to me or EVER having married me. When he married another woman, I demanded a divorce. Before he would sign the divorce papers I sent him, HE demanded to see our marriage license. I faxed him a copy. But he did not believe it was real. He had Rodney Stich call the Reno Marriage records to make sure I was telling the truth. Only then did he sign the divorce papers.

As I said, when you fight the CIA, even if it looks like you have won, I assure you, you have lost. This is why the appointment of John Ashcroft as Attorney General is such a mystery to me.

Letter from Rayelan Allan Russbacher to Missouri Governor John Ashcroft

February 17, 1992

The Honorable John Ashcroft Governor, State of Missouri
Missouri State Capitol
Box 720
Jefferson City, Mo 65102

Dear Governor Ashcroft,

I am asking for your help to insure that my husband, Gunther Russbacher, stays alive while he is incarcerated in your state prison system. It would be to your advantage to intercede in this matter. George Bush has dumped his biggest problem in your lap. My husband is the October Surprise pilot. If anything happens to him

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while he is in your state prison system, you will be the one blamed, not the president.

Do you love George Bush enough to allow him to destroy your career? Because if you allow Gunther Russbacher to die or to be rendered incompetent while he is incarcerated in Missouri, I assure you, Congress and the media will see to it that you are never given another position of responsibility. You are being used by the President. He has nothing to lose by this arrangement. You have everything to lose.

The House of Representatives has just authorized a special investigation into the October Surprise scandal. There is no time limit, there is no dollar limit to this investigation. The truth will eventually come out. If the October Surprise pilot dies in Missouri prison while you are Governor, then I pity your grandchildren when they read the history book accounts of your participation in the coverup.

My husband is a deep cover Navy Intelligence officer, who has been attached to the CIA for the last twenty years. Because he is deeply connected to the October Surprise scandal, not just as the pilot but in other negotiations, a full scale discrediting campaign has been launched against him by the Department of Justice. The FBI has been the instrument which carried out the campaign. In Missouri. It was the prosecutor in the County of St. Charles who ultimately was used to convict him.

Since my husband can implicate the president in treason, the president would like him dead or discredited. At the moment Gunther is in Fulton Reception and Diagnostic Center being evaluated medically and psychologically. I can only wonder what type of treatment he is undergoing. As you know, prisoners are not allowed any contact with the outside world for the first thirty days.

I know you are a Republican, but I pray you are an American first. This president has sold out the Republican party and the United States of America. Look into the charges made against George Bush by my husband. Look into the way my husband has been set up. Review his case and you will begin to understand the truth of what I am saying.

If you love this country, if you are an American first, you will not let this pass without your personal attention. If you let Gunther Russbacher die while he is incarcerated in your prison system you run the risk of taking the fall for George Bush in the history books. George Bush will not always be president, but you will always be blamed for the death of the October Surprise pilot. God forbid, that it comes to this.

Sincerely,

Rayelan Allan Russbacher