Deep State Operations & Projects They Never Told You About - A Reference Document

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Preface

Throughout the history of the CIA and the FBI and other elements of the United States Government, there have been operations that were either clandestine or if not completely secret, then at least not intended for general public consumption.

Many of them really crossed the line.

In a real democracy these operations would never be allowed, both because of the secrecy and because many target we, the people, viewing us as the enemy. Also, contrary to the perennial claims of "national security", the foreign operations actually make Americans less safe. They stir up animosity all over the world and generate blowback - they are helpful to no one but the paranoid and/or power hungry psychopathic elite.

Included in this document are only United States Deep State related operations. Many other nations, most notably the British, have no doubt carried out numerous secret operations, but those will not appear here. Also not included are the myriad military "operations" that are specific to particular wars. Hopefully I found and included the most essential operations and projects. There are, no doubt, more.

A Few Notes

Most, not all, of the primary descriptions of the operations and projects come from Wikipedia. Note that Wikipedia is a marginal source at best; current issues of importance are highly censored and shaped as propaganda. However, most of these operations have been so widely researched that Wikipedia has much less incentive to dissemble. Having said that, it's safe to assume that whatever one learns about any particular operation from Wikipedia, the real details are probably far more nefarious. And Wikipedia will often play it on the safe side - for example using the word "alleged": *Operation Mockingbird is an alleged large-scale program of the United States Central Intelligence Agency*.

The text for each operation is meant to give an overview. In order to compliment the first source's overview, there are in many cases links to other sources. In some cases

excerpts from these other sources are included, while in other cases there are simply links for the curious reader to go to and explore. Some of the articles linked to are fairly extensive and interesting sources of information with more details.

Finally, the dates are a little iffy; some show only the year of inception, while others show a range of years. And some may have ostensibly ended but, in reality, have become integrated into standard operating procedure since their official termination.

I have not vetted the sources. As always don't take my or anybody's word for anything outright. Realize your own agency and recognize that trust in information can be nuanced.

Sources for Further Exploration

A few interesting sources for information relative to the operations.

- <u>Historical Dictionary of United States Intelligence</u> Michael A. Turner
- Public Intelligence:

Public Intelligence is an international, collaborative research project aimed at aggregating the collective work of independent researchers around the globe who wish to defend the public's right to access information.

- The U.S. School That Trains Dictators & Death Squads a video by Abby Martin about the School of the Americas, where the United States trained Latin American dictators, gives some background to the Latin America targeted operations.
- The CIA "Family Jewels," Then and Now: Federation of American Scientists:

In 1973, the Director of Central Intelligence ordered CIA officials to prepare a descriptive account of all CIA activities that were "outside the legislative charter of this Agency," which is to say unauthorized or illegal. The resulting 700-page CIA compendium of unlawful domestic surveillance, wiretapping, mail opening and detention actions became known as "the family jewels."

• The CIA's Family Jewels - National Security Archive:

June 26, 2007 - The full "family jewels" report, released today by the Central Intelligence Agency and detailing 25 years of Agency misdeeds, is now available on the Archive's Web site. The 702-page collection was delivered by CIA officers to the Archive at approximately 11:30 this morning -- 15 years after the Archive filed a Freedom of Information request for the documents. The report is available here for download in its entirety and is also split into five smaller files for easier download.

- The Family Jewels: The CIA, Secrecy, and Presidential Power (2013) John Prados a
 398 page PDF about the Family Jewels files.
- FBI Records: The Vault FBI website

The Operations and Projects Table of Contents

The information about the projects and operations are listed in chronological order, oldest first, but for ease of finding them by name the table of contents lists them alphabetically. Click on the name of any operation in the table of contents to jump to the section about that operation. Under the operation's date and title each source of information is given and is clickable. Note also that after each operation name there is the link, ** that will take you back to the Table of Contents.

100,000 (1966 Project)

4.1 (1954 Project)

40 (1960 Operation)

Ajax (1953 Operation)

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Eagle Claw (1980 Operation)

FUBELT (1970 Project)

Genetrix (1955 Project)

Gideon (2020 Operation)

Gladio (1956 Operation)

Gladio B (1997 Operation)

Gold (1954 Operation)

Gunrunner (2005 Project)

Wide Receiver (2006 Operation)

Fast and Furious (2009 - 2011 Operation)

Inherent Resolve (2014 Operation)

Ivy Bells (1971 Operation)

Kissinger Report (1974 Agenda)

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Revere (1950 Project)

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Stargate (1977 - 1995 Project)

<u>Timber Sycamore</u> (2012 Operation)

Total Information Awareness and LifeLog

(2003 Programs)

Vigilant Eagle (2009 Operation)

Yellowbird (1989 Operation)



• Operation Paperclip - Wikipedia:

Operation Paperclip was a secret United States intelligence program in which more than 1,600 German scientists, engineers, and technicians were taken from former Nazi Germany to the U.S. for government employment after the end of World War II in Europe, between 1945 and 1959. Conducted by the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency (JIOA), it was largely carried out by special agents of the U.S. Army's Counterintelligence Corps (CIC). Many of these personnel were former members, and some were former leaders, of the Nazi Party.

• Paperclipped Nazis and Stay-behind Gladios - James Corbett, video and transcript:

Convinced that German scientists could help America's post-war efforts, President Harry Truman agreed in September 1946 to authorize Project Paperclip, a program to bring selected German scientists to work on America's behalf during the Cold War.

However, Truman expressly excluded everyone found to have been a member of the Nazi Party and more than a nominal participant in its activities or an active supporter of Nazism or militarism.

The War Department's Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency (JIOA) conducted background investigations of the scientists. In February 1947, JIOA Director Bousquet Webb submitted the first set of scientists' dossiers to the State and Justice departments for review. The dossiers were damning. Samuel Clouse, the State Department's representative on the JIOA board, claimed that all the scientists in this first batch were ardent Nazis. Their visa requests were denied.

Webb was furious. He wrote a memo warning that the best interests of the United States have been subjugated to the efforts expended in beating a dead Nazi horse.

He also declared that the return of these scientists to Germany, where they could be exploited by America's enemies, presented a far greater security threat to the country than any former Nazi affiliations which they may have had, or even any Nazi sympathies that they may still have.

By 1955, more than 760 German scientists had been granted citizenship in the US and given prominent positions in the American scientific community. Many had been longtime members of the Nazi Party and the Gestapo, had conducted experiments on humans in concentration camps, had used slave labor and had committed other war crimes.

In a 1985 exposé on the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, Linda Hunt wrote that she had examined more than 130 reports on Project Paperclip subjects, and every one had been changed to eliminate the security threat classification.

President Truman, who had explicitly ordered no committed Nazis to be admitted under Project Paperclip, was evidently never aware that his directive had been violated. State Department archives in the memoirs of officials from that era confirm this.

In fact, according to Clarence Lasby's book, Project Paperclip, project officials covered their designs with such secrecy that it bedeviled their own president.

• Canada's Nazi Monuments - Lev Golinkin, The Nation:

The most infamous case of Nazis launching successful postwar careers in the New World is Operation Paperclip, when the US government secretly brought over Nazi scientists and engineers who helped pioneer America's rocket program. But Operation Paperclip is known only because of its impact; the truth is, the United States and Canada took in thousands of concentration camp guards, SS fighters, and other Nazi collaborators from Ukraine and other nations such as Latvia, which had its own SS division, one it honors today with parades.

Unlike the Jews they had tortured and murdered, these Holocaust perpetrators got to settle down, start families, work, live, and die in peace. Along the way, they rebranded themselves as "victims of Communism" and "freedom fighters" to whitewash their bloody pasts. Once in a while you hear about one of them—some of the last remaining Nazis in the United States were Ukrainian—but most went on to live unmolested and free in North America.

1945 - 1975 Project SHAMROCK



• Project Shamrock - Wikipedia:

Project SHAMROCK was the sister project to Project MINARET, an espionage exercise started in August 1945. Project MINARET involved the accumulation of all telegraphic data that entered or exited the United States. The Armed Forces Security Agency (AFSA) and its successor, the National Security Agency (NSA), were given direct access to daily microfilm copies of all incoming, outgoing, and transiting telegrams via the Western Union and its associates RCA and ITT. NSA did the operational interception, and, if there was information that would be of interest to other intelligence agencies, the material was passed to them. Intercepted messages were disseminated to the FBI, CIA, Secret Service, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD), and the Department of Defense. No court authorized the operation and there were no warrants.

According to Stephen Budiansky, the precursor to the project occurred in 1940: "In January 1940 the Army's adjutant general sent a letter to the president of RCA, David Sarnoff, asking if a Lieutenant Earle F. Cook might be assigned to the company..." Cook photographed all international commercial cablegrams. "The clandestine arrangement—

almost certainly illegal—set a precedent..." Official wartime censorship began in Dec. 1940, when all cables were "turned over to the government for inspection." According to Louis W. Tordella, "the collection program 'just ran on' ever since its beginning in World War II 'without a great deal of attention from anyone'..." Three major cable companies provided copies of all international telegrams passing through New York, Washington, and San Francisco. In the 1950s, "New Shamrock" tapped the links of 60–70 foreign embassies.

At the height of Project SHAMROCK, 150,000 messages were printed and analyzed by NSA personnel in a month.

In May 1975 however, Congressional critics began to investigate and expose the program. As a result, NSA director Lew Allen terminated it, on his own authority rather than that of other intelligence agencies.

1950 - Project Revere



• Project Revere - SGM Herbert A. Friedman: (the article is full of images of leaflets)

At the height of the Cold War, in those years just after World War II and prior to the Korean War, the United States Air Force joined with academia to predict the reliability of the diffusion of a test message dropped from the air. Project Revere was established to test the distribution and effects of airborne messages and to discover formulas that would guarantee a high probability of maximum diffusion and compliance with leaflet instructions in future conflicts and wars. The name for the project was meant to remind the public of Revere's historic ride and the spreading of his message in a time of national emergency. It was selected because American citizens would recognize the patriotic importance of the project and be more motivated to take part in the project, which required the filling out of the leaflets, and interviews. They would be less motivated if it was considered just a mere scientific experiment.

Because of the Korean War, it has sometimes been surmised that this experiment was to produce better propaganda leaflets for use against North Korea. In fact, it was meant to produce better propaganda leaflets for any friend or enemy in peace or wartime.

• Project Revere: How Propaganda Impacts Populations - Abbi Clark, Grey Dynamics:

Project Revere was one of the most extensive studies ever undertaken on the impact of mass communications during wartime. The scale of the project was immense – the study ran over two and a half years with 20 full-time researchers, dropping millions of leaflets over 30 towns.

At the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, Communist propaganda emanating from North Korean and Chinese forces mounted quickly. The UN called on allied states to help defend the Republic of Korea considering the escalating conflict.

The US had seldom undertaken information warfare, particularly not at this scale. Therefore, the US Air Force funded a study undertaken by the University of Washington. The objective was to understand how best to disperse messaging throughout communities to further political and economic agendas. This study was named Project Revere, after Paul Revere's famous midnight ride to warn of the British invasion.

Their involvement was secret initially. Later on declassified documents show that the US Airforce's Human Resources Research Institute funded a significant amount of money to the Washington University to undertake the project. The team chosen for the project was a group of Psychology and Mass-Communications professors, led by Dr Stuart Dodd. Dodd summarised Project Revere as follows:

"The Air Force wants to know how far, fast, fully and how effectively a message would be apt to spread through a given population. People answering the "Four F's" answered with as high generality as possible. They wanted us to study the basic principles of message diffusion."

As part of Project Revere, the University of Washington dropped millions of leaflets over rural areas of Washington State, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Alabama. The scholars then surveyed these local communities to understand how, if at all, these messages had diffused throughout the target communities.

The leaflets ranged from innocuous advertising for coffee to alarming statements of imminent war threat. These were dropped over rural communities en masse. These had return slips for participants to return with details as to how they found the communications and how the communication made them feel. Researchers also canvassed the areas to take more in-depth interviews as to the impact of the leaflets.

As a result of the leaflet drops as part of Project Revere, many members of the impacted communities called police, radio stations, and civil defence organisations in panic. In addition, several protesters complained against the study. The project would though continue until 1953.

1950 - Operation Mockingbird



• Operation Mockingbird - Wikispooks:

Operation Mockingbird is a CIA project started in the early 1950s to control the corporate media, and has been so successful that this site refers to them as the "corporate/controlled media", to contrast with independent publishers on the internet. The implications for Wikipedia's policy of deeming big media as "reliable" and "notable" are obviously dire.

Operation Mockingbird is a CIA project to subvert the original mission of the news media, to control corporate media for its own purposes. The existence of such projects should explain the rationale of this website.

Operation Mockingbird began in 1950, organized by Allen Dulles and Cord Meyer. The CIA spent today's equivalent of one billion dollars a year hiring journalists from Corporate Media including CBS, The New York Times, ABC, NBC, Newsweek, Associated Press and others, to promote their point of view. The original operation reportedly involved some 3,000 CIA operatives and hired over 400 journalists.

• Operation Mockingbird - Wikipedia:

According to author Deborah Davis, Operation Mockingbird recruited leading American journalists into a propaganda network and influenced the operations of front groups. CIA support of front groups was exposed when a 1967 Ramparts magazine article reported that the National Student Association received funding from the CIA. In 1975, Church Committee Congressional investigations revealed Agency connections with journalists and civic groups.

In the early years of the Cold War, efforts were made by the United States Government to use mass media to influence public opinion internationally. After the United States Senate Watergate Committee in 1973 uncovered domestic surveillance abuses directed by the Executive branch of the United States government and The New York Times in 1974 published an article by Seymour Hersh claiming the CIA had violated its charter by spying on anti-war activists, former CIA officials and some lawmakers called for a congressional inquiry that became known as the Church Committee. Published in 1976, the Committee's report confirmed some earlier stories that charged that the CIA had cultivated relationships with private institutions, including the press. Without identifying individuals by name, the Church Committee stated that it found fifty journalists who had official, but secret, relationships with the CIA. In a 1977 Rolling Stone magazine article, "The CIA and the Media," reporter Carl Bernstein expanded upon the Church Committee's report and said that around 400 press members were considered intelligence assets by the CIA, including New York Times publisher Arthur Hays Sulzberger, columnist and political analyst Stewart Alsop and Time magazine. Bernstein documented the way in which overseas branches of major US news agencies had for many years served as the "eyes and ears" of Operation Mockingbird, which functioned to disseminate CIA propaganda through domestic US media.

• Operation Mockingbird - John Simkin, Spartacus Educational:

In 1948 Frank Wisner was appointed director of the Office of Special Projects. Soon afterwards it was renamed the Office of Policy Coordination (OPC). This became the espionage and counter-intelligence branch of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Later that year Wisner established Mockingbird, a program to influence the domestic American media. Wisner recruited Philip Graham (*Washington Post*) to run the project within the industry. Graham himself recruited others who had worked for military intelligence during the war. This included James Truitt, Russell Wiggins, Phil Geyelin, John Hayes and Alan Barth. Others like Stewart Alsop, Joseph Alsop and James Reston, were recruited from within the Georgetown Set.

In 1951 Allen W. Dulles persuaded Cord Meyer to join the CIA. However, there is evidence that he was recruited several years earlier and had been spying on the liberal organizations he had been a member of in the later 1940s. According to Deborah Davis, Meyer became Mockingbird's "principal operative".

After 1953 the network was overseen by Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency. By this time Operation Mockingbird had a major influence over 25 newspapers and wire agencies. These organizations were run by people such as William Paley (CBS), Henry Luce (*Time Magazine* and *Life Magazine*), Arthur Hays Sulzberger (*New York Times*), Helen Rogers Reid (*New York Herald Tribune*), Dorothy Schiff (*New York Post*), Alfred Friendly (managing editor of the *Washington Post*), Barry Bingham (*Louisville Courier-Journal*) and James S. Copley (Copley News Services).

- Operation Mockingbird New World Order Wiki
- Former CIA John Stockwell About CIA Disseminating Propaganda and its Relationship with the Media (a short video of a John Stockwell interview)

1951 - Project Artichoke



• Project Artichoke - Wikipedia:

Project Artichoke (also referred to as Operation Artichoke) was a project developed and enacted by the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for the purpose of researching methods of interrogation.

Initially known as Project Bluebird, Project Artichoke officially arose on August 20, 1951, and was operated by the CIA's Office of Scientific Intelligence. The primary goal of Project Artichoke was to determine whether a person could be involuntarily made to perform an act of attempted assassination. The project also studied the effects of hypnosis, forced addiction to (and subsequent withdrawal from) morphine, and other chemicals, including LSD, to produce amnesia and other vulnerable states in subjects.

Project Artichoke was succeeded by Project MKUltra, which began in 1953.

Project Artichoke was a mind control program that gathered information together with the intelligence divisions of the Army, Navy, Air Force and FBI. In addition, the scope of the project was outlined in a memo dated January 1952 that asked, "Can we get control of an individual to the point where he will do our bidding against his will and even against fundamental laws of nature, such as self-preservation?"

Project Artichoke was the Central Intelligence Agency's secret code name for carrying out in-house and overseas experiments using LSD, hypnosis and total isolation as forms of physiological harassment for special interrogations on human subjects. At first agents used cocaine, marijuana, heroin, peyote and mescaline, but they increasingly saw LSD as the most promising drug. The subjects who left this project were fogged with amnesia, resulting in faulty and vague memories of the experience. In 1952, LSD was increasingly given to unknowing CIA agents to determine the drug's effects on unsuspecting people. One record states that an agent was kept on LSD for 77 days.

1952 - 1954 - Operation PBFortune



• Operation PBFortune - Wikipedia:

Operation PBFortune, also known as Operation Fortune, was a covert United States operation to overthrow the democratically elected Guatemalan President Jacobo Árbenz in 1952. The operation was authorized by U.S. President Harry Truman and planned by the Central Intelligence Agency. The United Fruit Company had lobbied intensively for the overthrow because land reform initiated by Árbenz threatened its economic interests. The US also feared that the government of Árbenz was being influenced by communists.

The coup attempt was planned with the support of the United Fruit Company and of Anastasio Somoza García, Rafael Trujillo and Marcos Pérez Jiménez, the US-backed rightwing dictators of Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, and Venezuela respectively, who felt threatened by the democratic Guatemalan Revolution, and had sought to undermine it. The plan involved providing weapons to the exiled Guatemalan military officer Carlos Castillo Armas, who was to lead an invasion from Nicaragua.

1953 - Operation Ajax



• Operation Ajax - Wikispooks:

Operation Ajax, headed by Kermit Roosevelt was the CIA's first large scale regime change operation - the first of many. It was initiated by the 1951 announcement of Mohammad Mosaddegh [Prime Minister of Iran] that he intended to cut the Seven Sisters [The 'Seven Sisters' was a common term for the seven multinational oil companies of the "Consortium for Iran" oligopoly or cartel, which dominated the global petroleum industry from the mid-1940s to the mid-1970s.] oil profits by nationalising their operations in Iran. It was approved by President Eisenhower on July 22, 1953.

Official narrative: For almost 50 years the official narrative was that MI6 and the CIA had nothing to do with the coup, which changed in 2000 when the US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright openly referred to the US role in the coup. After 60 years, the CIA released documents which admitted that "The military coup... was carried out under CIA direction as an act of US foreign policy". It would be more correct to admit that it was "covertly organised by MI6 and the CIA". Averell Harriman went to Iran to negotiate an Anglo-Iranian compromise, asking the Shah's help; his reply was that "in the face of public opinion, there was no way he could say a word against nationalisation".

Problems: The coup's trigger is generally agreed to have been the nationalisation of the oil industry announced by Mohammad Mosaddegh in 1951. Charlotte Dennett notes that the coup was planned since this date and so the role of the Seven Sisters should not be underestimated. As with the ensuing 1954 Guatemalan coup d'état, US "national security" appears to have overlapped very largely with the private commercial interest of the rich elite who were in a position to command the CIA. To see the coup as *organised* by MI6 or the CIA is therefore probably a mistake.

• 1953 Iranian coup d'état - Wikipedia:

The 1953 Iranian coup d'état was the U.S.- and British-instigated, Iranian army-led overthrow of the elected Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh in favor of strengthening the monarchical rule of the shah, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, on 19 August 1953, with one of the significant objectives being to protect British oil interests in Iran. It was aided by the United States (under the name TP-AJAX (Tudeh Party) Project or Operation Ajax) and the United Kingdom (under the name Operation Boot).

1953 - Project MKUltra



• Project MKUltra - Wikipedia:

Project MKUltra was an illegal human experiments program designed and undertaken by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to develop procedures and identify drugs that could be used during interrogations to weaken individuals and force confessions through brainwashing and psychological torture. It began in 1953 and was halted in 1973. MKUltra used numerous methods to manipulate its subjects' mental states and brain functions, such as the covert administration of high doses of psychoactive drugs (especially LSD) and other chemicals without the subjects' consent, electroshocks, hypnosis, sensory deprivation, isolation, verbal and sexual abuse, and other forms of torture.

MKUltra was preceded by Project Artichoke. It was organized through the CIA's Office of Scientific Intelligence and coordinated with the United States Army Biological Warfare Laboratories. The program engaged in illegal activities, including the use of U.S. and

Canadian citizens as unwitting test subjects. MKUltra's scope was broad, with activities carried out under the guise of research at more than 80 institutions aside from the military, including colleges and universities, hospitals, prisons, and pharmaceutical companies. The CIA operated using front organizations, although some top officials at these institutions were aware of the CIA's involvement.

MKUltra was revealed to the public in 1975 by the Church Committee of the United States Congress and Gerald Ford's United States President's Commission on CIA activities within the United States (the Rockefeller Commission). Investigative efforts were hampered by CIA Director Richard Helms's order that all MKUltra files be destroyed in 1973; the Church Committee and Rockefeller Commission investigations relied on the sworn testimony of direct participants and on the small number of documents that survived Helms's order. In 1977, a Freedom of Information Act request uncovered a cache of 20,000 documents relating to MKUltra, which led to Senate hearings. Some surviving information about MKUltra was declassified in 2001.

• Project MKUltra - New World Order Wiki:

Project MKUltra is a CIA mind control program that conducts experiments on human subjects that are designed and undertaken by the United States Central Intelligence Agency. The operation was officially sanctioned in 1953 and continues today, but under a different name. Desired test subjects have been under experimentation on Canadian soil, and are also taken oversees, in collaboration with allied intelligence agencies, such as AIVD and MIVD in the Netherlands. Many of the techniques and much of the data concerning mind control is claimed to have been acquired by Nazi war criminals exonerated under Operation Paperclip.

• Project MKUltra - Wikispooks:

MK-ULTRA, was the code name for a covert, illegal human research program, run by the CIA's Office of Scientific Intelligence. This official U.S. government program began in the early 1950s, continuing at least through the late 1960s, using mainly U.S. and Canadian citizens as its test subjects.

The published evidence indicates that Project MKULTRA involved the use of many methodologies to manipulate individual mental states and alter brain function, including the surreptitious administration of drugs and other chemicals, sensory deprivation, isolation, and verbal and sexual abuse.

Although the CIA insists that MKULTRA-type experiments have been abandoned, 14-year CIA veteran Victor Marchetti has stated in various interviews that the CIA routinely conducts disinformation campaigns and that CIA mind control research continued.

• Project MK-Ultra - The History Channel

1954 - Operation PBSuccess



• 1954 Guatemalan coup d'état - Wikipedia:

The 1954 Guatemalan coup d'état deposed the democratically elected Guatemalan President Jacobo Árbenz and marked the end of the Guatemalan Revolution. The coup installed the military dictatorship of Carlos Castillo Armas, the first in a series of U.S.-backed authoritarian rulers in Guatemala. The coup was largely the result of a CIA covert operation code-named PBSuccess.

The Guatemalan Revolution began in 1944, after a popular uprising toppled the military dictatorship of Jorge Ubico. Juan José Arévalo was elected president in Guatemala's first democratic election. He introduced a minimum wage and near-universal suffrage. Arévalo was succeeded in 1951 by Árbenz, who instituted land reforms which granted property to landless peasants. The Guatemalan Revolution was disliked by the U.S. federal government, which was predisposed during the Cold War to see it as communist. This perception grew after Árbenz had been elected and formally legalized the communist Guatemalan Party of Labour. There was also the fear that Guatemala's independence of the U.S. could inspire nationalists wanting social reform throughout Latin America. The United Fruit Company (UFC), whose highly profitable business had been affected by the softening of exploitative labor practices in Guatemala, engaged in an influential lobbying campaign to persuade the U.S. to overthrow the Guatemalan government. U.S. President Harry Truman authorized Operation PBFortune to topple Árbenz in 1952, which was a precursor to PBSuccess.

1954 - Operation PBHistory



• Operation PBHistory - Wikipedia (includes Kufire and Kugown):

Operation PBHistory was a covert operation carried out in Guatemala by the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). It followed Operation PBSuccess, which led to the overthrow of Guatemalan President Jacobo Árbenz in June 1954 and ended the Guatemalan Revolution. PBHistory attempted to use documents left behind by Árbenz's government and by organizations related to the communist Guatemalan Party of Labor to demonstrate that the Guatemalan government had been under the influence of the Soviet Union, and to use those documents to obtain further intelligence that would be useful to US intelligence agencies. It was an effort to justify the overthrow of the elected Guatemalan government in response to the negative international reactions to PBSuccess. The CIA also hoped to improve its intelligence resources about communist parties in Latin America, a subject on which it had little information.

PBHistory documents were used to support the CIA's existing operations Kufire and Kugown, which sought to track Latin American communists and to disseminate information critical of the Árbenz government.

Operation Kufire

Operation Kufire was a wide-ranging effort to track communists from various countries across Latin America who had come to Guatemala during the presidency of Árbenz. The CIA expected that these individuals would return to their home countries, or to other countries that had liberal policies about political asylum, and by tracking them, the CIA hoped to disrupt their activities. During the course of this operation, a CIA analyst asked Philips whether to open a file on a 25-year-old physician, who did not at the time appear to be particularly threatening. Philips said yes, thereby opening a file on Ernesto "Che" Guevara, which would quickly become one of the thickest files the CIA had on a single individual. Che's name was added to a secret CIA kill list of individuals targeted for assassination. Few other documents resulted in files that were of enduring value to the CIA.

Operation Kugown

Operation Kugown was the name given to the psychological warfare operation that had played an important part in the overthrow of Árbenz. During the coup, its primary targets had been the Árbenz government. After the conclusion of the coup, Kugown continued, targeting the rest of Guatemala, and the wider international audience. The aim of the operation was to disseminate derogatory information about Árbenz, and to convince Guatemalans—and the rest of the world—that Árbenz's regime had been communist-dominated. The use of documents from PBHistory for Operation Kugown began in August 1954. The standard method employed by the CIA was to select a document that could be portrayed as incriminating and write an explanation covering it. This would then be released to the press by the *Comité*, so that the local agency could receive some credit. The *Comité* also released a short documentary film, titled *Después Descubrimos La Verdad* ("*Later We Discovered the Truth*"). Through these avenues news media in Guatemala and elsewhere in Central America were saturated with stories of how the Árbenz government had been controlled by communists.

1954 - Operation Midnight Climax



• Operation Midnight Climax - Wikispooks:

Operation Midnight Climax has been described as "a free-wheeling illicit criminal operation" to research the effects of LSD and other drugs which were administered to unwitting victims. It was initially established by Sidney Gottlieb and placed under the direction of Narcotics Bureau officer George Hunter White (under the alias of 'Morgan

Hall') for the CIA as a sub-project of Project MKULTRA, the CIA mind-control research program that began in the 1950s.

The project was established in order to study the effects of LSD on unwitting individuals. It operated out of a set of at least 3 CIA-run safehouses in San Francisco, Marin, and New York. The walls were adorned with photographs of tortured women in bondage and provocative posters from French artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. Prostitutes on the CIA payroll were paid \$100 a night and were guaranteed protection from police harassment in return for luring clients back to these safehouses, where they were surreptitiously plied with a wide range of drugs, including LSD, and monitored behind one-way glass. Several significant operational techniques were developed in this theater, including extensive research into sexual blackmail, surveillance technology, and the possible use of mind-altering drugs in field operations. The Operation was soon expanded and CIA operatives began dosing people in restaurants, bars and beaches.

• Operation Midnight Climax - Wikipedia:

Operation Midnight Climax was an operation carried out by the CIA as a sub-project of Project MKUltra, the mind-control research program that began in the 1950s. It was initially established in 1954 by Sidney Gottlieb and placed under the direction of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics in Boston, Massachusetts with the "Federal Narcotics Agent and CIA consultant" George Hunter White under the pseudonym of Morgan Hall. Dr. Sidney Gottlieb was a chemist who was chief of the Chemical Division of the Office of Technical Service of the CIA. Gottlieb based his plan for Project MKUltra and Operation Midnight Climax off of interrogation method research under Project Artichoke. Unlike Project Artichoke, Operation Midnight Climax gave Gottlieb permission to test drugs on unknowing citizens, which made way for the legacy of this operation. Hundreds of federal agents, field operatives, and scientists worked on these programs before they were shut down in the 1960s.

1954 - Operation Gold



• Operation Gold - Wikipedia:

Operation Gold (also known as Operation Stopwatch by the British) was a joint operation conducted by the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the British MI6 Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) in the 1950s to tap into landline communication of the Soviet Army headquarters in Berlin using a tunnel into the Soviet-occupied zone. This was a much more complex variation of the earlier Operation Silver project in Vienna.

The plan was activated in 1954 because of fears that the Soviets might be launching a nuclear attack at any time, having already detonated a hydrogen bomb in August 1953 as part of the Soviet atomic bomb project. Construction of the tunnel began in September

1954 and was completed in eight months. The Americans wanted to hear any warlike intentions being discussed by their military and were able to listen to telephone conversations for nearly a year, eventually recording roughly 90,000 communications. The Soviet authorities were informed about Operation Gold from the very beginning by their mole George Blake but decided not to "discover" the tunnel until April 21, 1956, in order to protect Blake from exposure.

Operation Gold: The CIA's Berlin Tunnel - Warfare History Network:

Construction of the tunnel was a mammoth undertaking. The tunnel extended 1,476 feet beneath sandy soil and reached a cable approximately 27 inches beneath the ground near the end of a busy highway that was used by East German and Russian forces. When it was finished, the tunnel went 500 yards underground, right to the Soviet border, and another 500 yards to the area containing the main Soviet switching cable facility. Three prefabricated rooms were built to house the men monitoring the underground post, and air conditioning systems were installed to provide them with minimum creature comforts.

At the height of the tunnel operation, American listeners were able to monitor over 500 connections at the same time, over 121 voice circuits, including over 4,000 feet of teletype. By the time Operation Gold ended, the CIA had eavesdropped on some 50,000 reels of tape, monitored 443,000 fully transcribed conversations between the Soviets and East Germans, accumulated 40,000 hours of telephone conversations, and gathered 1,750 intelligence reports. "Harvey's Hole," as the tunnel process was dubbed, was an intelligence bonanza for the West. The CIA recorded every important political and military conversation emanating from East Germany to all Soviet outposts across Europe.

• Berlin Tunnel: America's Ear Behind the Iron Curtain - CIA website

1954 - Project 4.1



• Project 4.1 - Wikipedia:

Project 4.1 was the designation for a medical study and experimentation conducted by the United States of those residents of the Marshall Islands exposed to radioactive fallout from the March 1, 1954 *Castle Bravo* nuclear test at Bikini Atoll, which had an unexpectedly large yield. Government and mainstream historical sources point to the study being organized on March 6 or March 7, 1954, less than a week after the *Bravo* shot.

In the wake of the Castle Bravo detonation, a new research section was added to the *Castle Bravo* Weapons Effects research section. Program 4, "Biomedical effects," was to include one project, Project 4.1, titled "Study of Response of Human Beings exposed to Significant Beta and Gamma Radiation due to Fall-out from High-Yield Weapons." Eugene

P. Cronkite of the National Naval Medical Center was designated as Project Officer. Cronkite's instructions stressed the importance of secrecy surrounding the project:

... the project is classified SECRET RESTRICTED DATA. Due to possible adverse public reaction, you will specifically instruct all personnel in this project to be particularly careful not to discuss the purpose of this project and its background or findings with any except those who have specific "need to know."

- Nuclear Savage: The Islands of Secret Project 4.1 Zinn Education Project
- How the U.S. betrayed the Marshall Islands, kindling the next nuclear disaster Susanne Rust, L.A. Times
- <u>Project 4.1 Nuclear Testing Human Experiment on Marshall Islands Tales of Moai,</u> video

1955 - Project Genetrix

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• Project Genetrix - Wikipedia:

Project Genetrix, also known as WS-119L, was a program run by the U.S. Air Force, Navy, and the Central Intelligence Agency during the 1950s under the guise of meteorological research. It launched hundreds of surveillance balloons that flew over China, Eastern Europe, and the Soviet Union to collect intelligence on their nuclear capabilities. The Genetrix balloons were manufactured by the aeronautical division of General Mills. They were about 20 stories tall, carried cameras and other electronic equipment, and reached altitudes ranging from 30,000 to over 60,000 feet, well above the reach of any contemporary fighter plane. The overflights drew protests from target countries, while the United States defended its action.

Authorized by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on December 27, 1955, Project 119L was the first espionage use of the balloons that had been tested in previous projects, such as Project Moby Dick. It succeeded Project Mogul, Project Skyhook, and Project Grandson.

1956 - 1971 - COINTELPRO



COINTELPRO - Wikispooks:

COINTELPRO (syllabic abbreviation derived from COunter INTELligence PROgram) (1956–1971) was a large series of covert and illegal projects conducted by the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) aimed at surveilling, infiltrating, discrediting, and disrupting American political organizations.

It was COINTELPRO that enabled the FBI and police to eliminate dissident leaders without undermining the image of the United States as a democracy, complete with free speech and the rule of law.

On March 8, 1971, a private group called the Citizens' Commission to Investigate the FBI raided the Bureau field office in Media, Pennsylvania. They published more than 1,000 memorandums and detailed descriptions of COINTELPRO's wiretapping and infiltration activities, and sent them to newspapers nationwide. In a terse April 28 note, Hoover abruptly canceled all COINTELPRO-related operations. The program was further exposed by the Church Committee, in the brief thaw in the United States power apparatus in the mid-1970s.

The program officially closed in 1971, but the FBI's use of these methods never really stopped.

• COINTELPRO - Wikipedia:

According to a senate investigation, "If COINTELPRO had been a short-lived aberration, the thorny problems of motivation, techniques, and control presented might be safely relegated to history. However, COINTELPRO existed for years on an 'ad hoc basis before the formal programs were instituted, and more significantly, COINTELPRO-type activities may continue today under the rubric of 'investigation." Many of the tactics used in COINTELPRO are alleged to have seen continued use, including discrediting targets through psychological warfare; smearing individuals and groups using forged documents and by planting false reports in the media; harassment; wrongful imprisonment; illegal violence; and assassination. According to a Senate report, the FBI's motivation was "protecting national security, preventing violence, and maintaining the existing social and political order".

Groups and individuals targeted by the FBI included:

- · feminist organizations,
- the Communist Party USA,
- anti-Vietnam War organizers,
- activists in the civil rights and Black power movements,
- Martin Luther King Jr.,
- the Nation of Islam,
- the Black Panther Party,
- environmentalist and animal rights organizations,
- Chicano and Mexican-American groups like the Brown Berets and the United Farm Workers,

- independence movements (including Puerto Rican independence groups such as the Young Lords and the Puerto Rican Socialist Party),
- the American Indian Movement (AIM).

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover issued directives governing COINTELPRO, ordering FBI agents to "expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize" the activities of these movements and especially their leaders.

• COINTELPRO: The True Story of the FBI's Illegal Projects - Marina Manoukian, Grunge:

At least 29 Black Panther members are known to have been murdered by COINTELPRO between 1968 and 1971, including Bobby Hutton, George Jackson, Arthur Morris, and Babatunde X Omarwali. Out of roughly 295 COINTELPRO operations that were aimed at "the Black liberation movement," 233 were aimed at the Black Panther Party between 1967 and 1971. Unfortunately, the total number of fatalities may never be known.

Hundreds of Black Panther Party members as well as leaders of the American Indian Movement were incarcerated in the United States government's attempts to destroy the organizations. At least 750 Black Panther members were imprisoned, while countless AIM organizers were imprisoned even before AIM formally emerged.

Another widely used method by COINTELPRO was infiltrating an organization and subsequently encouraging its members to commit criminal or violent acts. Known as "Agents Provocateurs," people like Larry Grathwohl or "Tommy the Travler" Tongyai instructed and encouraged people on how to bomb buildings.

• FBI Records: The Vault - COINTELPRO - FBI website

1956 - Operation Gladio



• Operation Gladio - Wikispooks:

Operation Gladio is a NATO-backed paramilitary network established after WW2, reportedly inspired by fear of the USSR. It was also called the "Stay behind network", since if the Red Army invaded Europe, its members would "stay behind" enemy lines to disrupt Soviet control. Officially non-existent, secrecy was so extreme that these networks were hard for NATO/MI6/Deep State officials to control. Gladio was responsible for bombings, kidnappings and assassinations to such an extent that the network was publicly exposed in Italy in the 1980s and was the subject of a BBC documentary by Alan Francovich some years later. The project was adapted in the mid 1990s as "Gladio B", using "Moslem terrorists" as a substitute enemy image for communists.

The name Gladio, (or 'Sword' in Italian) was technically the name given to their operations in Italy, but has since come by extension to stand for the phenomenon as a whole. Evidence of such arrangements, which had been kept secret from both public and politicians in democratically elected governments in the host countries for a quarter of a century was revealed through a series of scandalous revelations in Italy and other NATO countries during the 90s, and meticulously documented by Swiss historian Daniele Ganser in his 2004 book *NATO's Secret Armies*, arguably the most shocking book ever to be ignored by the corporate media.

JFK: From Mongoose to Gladio - James Corbett, video & transcript:

What most people commonly refer to as Operation Gladio—well, they're misnaming that. Because, in fact, Operation Gladio refers specifically to the Italian branch of a much broader program of a NATO clandestine network of secret stay-behind armies that were put in place in NATO member states in Europe and in Turkey and even some neutral states—non-NATO members—with (or usually *without*) the knowledge of those nations' security forces or political leaders, supposedly to commit sabotage and subversion in the event of a Soviet invasion. But, in reality, it was a bunch of fascists and literal "ex"-Nazis and others who staged false flag terror attacks to blame on left-wing governments, assisted in and/or organized and/or helped in various ways with political assassinations and other assorted nastiness.

- Paperclipped Nazis and Stay-behind Gladios James Corbett, video and transcript
- <u>Dr. Daniele Ganser Interview: NATO's Secret Armies Operation GLADIO The Mind Renewed, video</u>
- Operation Gladio Wikipedia

1960 - Operation Looking Glass



• Operation Looking Glass - Wikipedia:

Operation Looking Glass is the historic code name for an airborne command and control center operated by the United States. In more recent years it has been more officially referred to as the ABNCP (Airborne National Command Post). It provides command and control of U.S. nuclear forces in the event that ground-based command centers have been destroyed or otherwise rendered inoperable. In such an event, the general officer aboard the Looking Glass serves as the Airborne Emergency Action Officer (AEAO) and by law assumes the authority of the National Command Authority and could command execution of nuclear attacks. The AEAO is supported by a battle staff of approximately 20 people, with another dozen responsible for the operation of the aircraft systems.

The code name "Looking Glass" came from the aircraft's ability to "mirror" the command and control functions of the underground command post at the U.S. Air Force's Strategic Air Command (SAC) headquarters at Offutt AFB, Nebraska.

The SAC Airborne Command Post or "Looking Glass" was initiated in 1960, with the conversion of 5 KC-135A tankers into Airborne Command Posts. On July 1, 1960 operational testing began, operated by the 34th Air Refueling Squadron at Offutt AFB. The mission transferred to the 38th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron in August 1966, to the 2nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron in April 1970, to the 7th Airborne Command and Control Squadron in July 1994, and to the USSTRATCOM's Strategic Communications Wing One in October 1998.

The Strategic Air Command put Looking Glass mission on continuous airborne alert starting February 3, 1961. EC-135 Looking Glass aircraft were airborne 24 hours a day for over 29 years, until July 24, 1990, when "The Glass" ceased continuous airborne alert, but remained on ground or airborne alert 24 hours a day.

 11 interesting facts about the US 'Doomsday Plane' - Christopher McFadden, Interesting Engineering

1960 - Operation 40

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• Operation 40 - Wikipedia:

Operation 40 was the code name for a Central Intelligence Agency-sponsored counterintelligence group composed of Cuban exiles. The group was formed to seize control of the Cuban government after the Bay of Pigs Invasion. Operation 40 continued to operate unofficially until disbanded in 1970 due to allegations that an aircraft that was carrying cocaine and heroin in support of the group crashed in California.

On 17 March 1960, President Eisenhower signed a U.S. National Security Council directive on the anti-Cuban covert action program authorizing the CIA to organize, train, and equip Cuban refugees as a guerrilla force to overthrow the government of Cuban prime minister Fidel Castro.

Operation 40 was not only involved in sabotage operations. One associate of the group, although never a member, Frank Sturgis, allegedly told author Mike Canfield: "this assassination group (Operation 40) would upon orders, naturally, assassinate either members of the military or the political parties of the foreign country that you were going to infiltrate, and if necessary some of your own members who were suspected of being foreign agents... We were concentrating strictly in Cuba at that particular time." The group sought to incite civil war in Cuba against the government of prime minister Fidel Castro. When Operation 40 failed in accomplishing this goal, then in October 1960, Brigade 2506

was created, a CIA-sponsored group made up of 1,511 Cuban exiles who fought in the April 1961 Bay of Pigs Invasion.

1961 - Alpha 66

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• Alpha 66 - Wikipedia:

Alpha 66 is an anti-Castro paramilitary organization. The group was originally formed by Cuban exiles in the early 1960s and was most active in the late 1970s and 1980s. Its activities declined in the 1980s.

Alpha 66 was founded by Cuban exiles in the early 1960s to act as an anti-Castro, paramilitary group. Although it has undergone changes in personnel and leadership, it still exists today and is based out of Florida. Alpha 66 was most active during the late 1970s and early 1980s, but remains active in the Miami area. At the height of its power, Alpha 66 operated at a level similar to Abdala, Brigade 2506, Omega 7, and the FLNC (Cuban National Liberation Front) amongst other Cuban-exile paramilitary groups. It claimed to have sixty-three chapters in operation during 1977.

• Alpha 66 - Wikispooks:

The group was linked to a spate of bombings and assassinations in Miami during the 1970s, directed at Pro-Castro speakers. No Alpha 66 member was convicted of these crimes.

In 1976 Antonio Veciana told the House Select Committee on Assassinations that he obtained operational guidance from a CIA agent known as 'Maurice Bishop'. He said that the group was actively supported by the CIA from 1960 to 1973.

1961 - Operation Mongoose

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• Operation Mongoose - Wikipedia:

The Cuban Project, also known as Operation Mongoose, was an extensive campaign of terrorist attacks against civilians, and covert operations, carried out by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency in Cuba. It was officially authorized on November 30, 1961 by American President Kennedy. The name Operation Mongoose had been agreed at a prior White House meeting on November 4, 1961. The operation was run out of JM/WAVE, a major secret United States covert operations and intelligence gathering station established a year earlier in Miami, Florida, and led by United States Air Force General Edward Lansdale on the military side and William King Harvey at the CIA and went into effect after the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion.

Operation Mongoose was a secret program against Cuba aimed at removing the Communists from power, which was a prime focus of the Kennedy administration. A document from the United States Department of State confirms that the project aimed to "help Cuba overthrow the Communist regime," including its leader Fidel Castro, and it aimed "for a revolt which can take place in Cuba by October 1962". US policymakers also wanted to see "a new government with which the United States can live in peace".

• JFK: From Mongoose to Gladio - James Corbett, video & transcript

1961 - Operation Coldfeet

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Project Coldfeet - Wikipedia:

Operation Coldfeet was a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) operation to extract intelligence from an abandoned Soviet Arctic drifting ice station.

What became known as Operation Coldfeet began in May 1961, when a naval aircraft flying an aeromagnetic survey over the Arctic Ocean reported sighting an abandoned Soviet drift station. A few days later, the Soviets announced that they had been forced to leave Station NP 9 (a different station, NP 8 ended up being the target) when the ice runway used to supply it had been destroyed by a pressure ridge, and it was assumed that it would be crushed in the Arctic Ocean.

The prospect of examining an abandoned Soviet ice station attracted the interest of the U.S. Navy's Office of Naval Research (ONR). The previous year, ONR had set an acoustical surveillance network on a U.S. drift station used to monitor Soviet submarines. ONR assumed that the Soviets would have a similar system to keep track of American submarines as they transited the polar ice pack, but there was no direct evidence to support this. Also, ONR wanted to compare Soviet efforts on drift stations with U.S. operations. The problem was how to get to NP 9. It was far too deep into the ice pack to be reached by an icebreaker, and it was out of helicopter range.

To Captain John Cadwalader, who would command Operation Coldfeet, it looked like "a wonderful opportunity" to make use of the Fulton surface-to-air recovery system.

• Robert Fulton's Skyhook and Operation Coldfeet - William M. Leary, PDF

By 1958, the Fulton aerial retrieval system, or Skyhook, had taken its final shape. A package that easily could be dropped from an aircraft contained the necessary ground equipment for a pickup. It featured a harness, for cargo or person, that was attached to a 500-foot, high-strength, braided nylon line. A portable helium bottle inflated a dirigible-shaped balloon, raising the line to its full height.

The pickup aircraft sported two tubular steel "horns" protruding from its nose, 30 feet long and spread at a 70-degree angle. The aircraft would fly into the line, aiming at a

bright mylar marker placed at the 425-foot level. As the line was caught between the forks on the nose of the aircraft, the balloon was released at the same time the spring-loaded trigger mechanism (sky anchor) secured the line to the aircraft. As the line streamlined under the fuselage, it was snared by the pickup crew, using a J-hook. It was then attached to a powered winch and pulled on board.

1962 - Operation Northwoods

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• Operation Northwoods - Wikipedia:

Operation Northwoods was a proposed false flag operation that originated within the US Department of Defense of the United States government in 1962. The proposals called for CIA operatives to both stage and commit acts of terrorism against American military and civilian targets, blame them on the Cuban government, and use them to justify a war against Cuba. The possibilities detailed in the document included the remote control of civilian aircraft which would be secretly repainted as US Air Force planes, a fabricated 'shoot down' of a US Air Force fighter aircraft off the coast of Cuba, the possible assassination of Cuban immigrants, sinking boats of Cuban refugees on the high seas, blowing up a U.S. ship, and orchestrating terrorism in U.S. cities. The proposals were rejected by President John F. Kennedy.

• Operation Northwoods - Public Intelligence:

In the recommendations section of the "Justification for US Military Intervention in Cuba (TS)" memo, the Joint Chiefs of Staff make clear their willingness to stage actual terrorist events with legitimate casualties to sustain their intentions to "intervene" militarily in Cuba's affairs. The cumulative effect of many of the recommendations is stated as being to provoke reactions from the Cuban government which would justify "military intervention". Many of the suggested actions have a strong component of Psychological Operations (PSYOPS) designed to simultaneously engender domestic U.S. support for "military intervention" while portraying the Cuban government as a rogue, dangerous entity which will internationally serve to justify the U.S. military intervention. The suggested actions include:

- Creation of "terror campaigns" inside the U.S. with legitimate victims
- Staging fires and mortar attacks on U.S. military bases to cause actual damage to installations and potentially personnel
- Using friendly provocateurs to stage riots
- Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Justification for US Military Intervention in Cuba
 [includes cover memoranda], March 13, 1962, TOP SECRET, 15 pp. The National
 Security Archive (Operation Northwoods Document PDF)



• Project Camelot - Wikipedia:

Project Camelot was the code name of a counterinsurgency study begun by the United States Army in 1964. The full name of the project was Methods for Predicting and Influencing Social Change and Internal War Potential. The project was executed by the Special Operations Research Office (SORO) at American University, which assembled an eclectic team of psychologists, sociologists, anthropologists, economists, and other intellectuals to analyze the society and culture of numerous target countries, especially in Latin America.

The goal of the project was to enhance the Army's ability to predict and influence social developments in foreign countries. The motive was described by an internal memo on December 5, 1964: "If the U.S. Army is to perform effectively its part in the U.S. mission of counterinsurgency it must recognize that insurgency represents a breakdown of social order and that the social processes involved must be understood."

Controversy arose around Project Camelot when professors in South America discovered its military funding and criticized its motives as imperialistic. The US Department of Defense ostensibly canceled Project Camelot on July 8, 1965 but continued the same research more discreetly.

• Project Camelot: A Legacy of Imperial Geostrategy - Galtung-Institut:

Project Camelot was an ambitious study-project that almost came into existence in late 1964. However, on July 8th, 1965, the program was cancelled by the Secretary of Defense of the United States due to a 35-year-old whistleblower who had recently founded the first academic institute for peace research at the University of Oslo. The period between the introduction of Project Camelot and its ultimate demise raises interesting questions about the relationship between government, the military, and social sciences. It exposed many of the U.S. government's assumptions about the U.S. role in Latin America and the world at large.

The goals of the project were made explicit in the following testimony to the House Subcommittee on International Organizations and Movements of the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

"The Research Office (SORO) at American University, the Army began to prepare a project, which sought to integrate many disparate research problems in pursuit of a single operational objective by attempting to develop a generalized model of a developing society. The purpose of this project was to produce a better understanding of how the processes of social change operate in the developing countries. On the one hand, Project

Camelot was intended to assist in identifying the forerunners of social breakdown and the resultant opportunity for Communist penetration and possible takeover; on the other hand, it was also expected to produce basic information which would furnish some guidelines with respect to actions that might be taken by or with the indigenous governments to foster constructive change within a framework of relative order and stability."

As stated more clearly elsewhere, the Army's main purpose for creating Project Camelot was:

"Success in such tasks as equipping and training indigenous forces for an internal security mission, civic action, psychological warfare, or other counterinsurgency action depends on a thorough understanding of the indigenous social structure, upon the accuracy with which changes within the indigenous culture, particularly violent changes, are anticipated, and the effects of various courses of action available to the military and other agencies of government upon the indigenous process of change."

 Pentagon Funds 'Cold War-Style' Science Study To Track and Steer Mass Civil Unrest -Shawn Helton, 21st Century Wire

1966 - Project 100,000

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Project 100,000 - Wikipedia:

Project 100,000 (also McNamara's 100,000), also known as McNamara's Folly, McNamara's Morons and McNamara's Misfits, was a controversial 1960s program by the United States Department of Defense (DoD) to recruit soldiers who would previously have been below military mental or medical standards. Project 100,000 was initiated by Defense Secretary Robert McNamara in October 1966 to meet the escalating manpower requirements of the American government's involvement in the Vietnam War. The project was ended in December 1971.

Inside the Pentagon's shameful effort to draft mentally disabled men to fight in Vietnam
 Buchanan Waller, Task & Purpose:

In 1967, a young man named Johnny Gupton was drafted into the Army to fight in Vietnam. Gupton didn't know how to read or write; he didn't even know what state he was from. He had never heard of Vietnam. When a fellow soldier questioned a noncommissioned officer (NCO) about how someone with such an obvious mental disability could join the Army, the NCO responded, "Ehh, he's one of McNamara's Morons."

In 1967, Defense Secretary Robert McNamara lowered military recruiting standards as part of a program called *Project 100,000*. Its goal, as the name suggests, was to recruit 100,000 men each year who were otherwise mentally, physically or psychologically underqualified for service. These men all had IQs below 91, and nearly half had IQs below 71. From the Project's launch in 1966, through its termination in 1971, it allowed 354,000 previously ineligible men into the military.

Unlike forging a test result during basic training, performance in combat isn't something that can be manipulated. As a result 5,478 mentally disabled soldiers lost their lives. *Project 100,000* soldiers saw combat at a rate nearly twice as high as other soldiers and were killed at a rate three times as high.

Project 100,000 soldiers weren't just a danger to themselves. Having soldiers who could not understand even basic commands posed a danger to everyone in their vicinity.

 How a Plan to 'Salvage' Military Rejects for Vietnam War Service Ended Disastrously -Hamilton Gregory, Historynet

1967 - 1972 - Operation Popeye

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Operation Popeye - Wikipedia:

Operation Popeye (Project Controlled Weather Popeye / Motorpool / Intermediary-Compatriot) was a military cloud-seeding project carried out by the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War in 1967–1972. The highly classified program attempted to extend the monsoon season over specific areas of the Ho Chi Minh Trail, to disrupt North Vietnamese military supplies by softening road surfaces and causing landslides.

The former U.S. Secretary of Defense, Robert S. McNamara, was aware that there might be objections raised by the international scientific community but said in a memo to the president that such objections had not in the past been a basis for prevention of military activities considered to be in the interests of U.S. national security.

The chemical weather modification program was conducted from Thailand over Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam and allegedly sponsored by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and the CIA without the authorization of then Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird, who had categorically denied to Congress that a program for modification of the weather for use as a tactical weapon even existed.

Operation Popeye, Motorpool, Intermediary, Compatriot: Weather Warfare Over Vietnam
 - Jim Lee, Climate Viewer News:

The top secret weather modification operations were conducted by military WC-130 planes and RF-4 jets spraying silver iodide and lead iodide into monsoon storm clouds. Operation Popeye first came to public light in March 1971, when reporter Jack Anderson

published The Pentagon Papers and a story in the New York Times based on a secret 1967 memo (below) from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to President Johnson. The memo read:

During the rainy season each crew flew once a day, on the average, in addition to regular missions. A "scout" plane (WC-130) would call back and "scramble" us — giving us a flight level, which was usually 19,000. We would go into the roll cloud (or whatever you WX guys call it) by the side of each thunderstorm. When it got to raining like crazy we would pickle off a cart, count to 5, pickle off another one and then you were out in the blue, made a 360 degree turn and, like magic, another thunderstorm had usually formed and you did the same thing again. It was all over Laos and we would go over the passes to do our thing.

Operation Popeye: Make Mud, not War - Robbie Mitchell, Historic Mysteries:

Led by a team of top scientists, meteorologists, and military strategists such as atmospheric physicist Dr. Vincent Schaefer and Dr. Ben Livingston (the "father of weaponized weather") Operation Popeye's primary goal was to extend the monsoon season over key sections of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. It was hoped if the days of rainfall each season could be extended by 30 to 45 days it would soften road surfaces, cause landslides over roadways, and wash out river crossings, disrupting North Vietnamese military supplies.

Operation Popeye also set an international precedent for the militarization of weather and raised questions about the legality and ethics of using environmental manipulation as a weapon of war. The covert nature of the operation and its potential implications for international law and norms of warfare prompted concerns among the global community.

1967 - 1974 Operation CHAOS

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• Operation Chaos - Wikipedia:

Operation CHAOS or Operation MHCHAOS was a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) domestic espionage project targeting American citizens operating from 1967 to 1974, established by President Lyndon B. Johnson and expanded under President Richard Nixon, whose mission was to uncover possible foreign influence on domestic race, anti-war, and other protest movements. The operation was launched under Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) Richard Helms by chief of counter-intelligence James Jesus Angleton, and headed by Richard Ober. The "MH" designation is to signify the program had a global area of operations.

When Nixon came to office in 1969, existing domestic surveillance activities were consolidated into Operation CHAOS. Operation CHAOS first used CIA stations abroad to

report on antiwar activities of American citizens traveling abroad, employing methods such as physical surveillance and electronic eavesdropping, utilizing "liaison services" in maintaining such surveillance. The operations were later expanded to include 60 officers. In 1969, following the expansion, the operation began developing its own network of informants for the purposes of infiltrating various foreign antiwar groups located in foreign countries that might have ties to domestic groups. Eventually, CIA officers expanded the program to include other leftist or counter-cultural groups with no discernible connection to Vietnam, such as groups operating within the women's liberation movement.

Targets of Operation CHAOS within the antiwar movement included:

- Students for a Democratic Society
- Black Panther Party
- Young Lords
- Women Strike for Peace
- Ramparts magazine

At its finality, Operation CHAOS contained files on 7,200 Americans, and a computer index totaling 300,000 civilians and approximately 1,000 groups.

1970 - Project FUBELT



• Operation FUBELT - Wikispooks:

Project FUBELT (also known as Track II) is the codename for the secret Central Intelligence Agency operations that were to prevent Salvador Allende's rise to power before his confirmation and to promote a military coup in Chile. This project came after the circumstantial failure of Track I, which involved making president Eduardo Frei Montlava interfere with the 1970 national election in opposition to Allende.

The highlights of Project FUBELT are cited in declassified US government documents released by the National Security Archive on September 11, 1998, 25 years after the coup, as well as in papers uncovered by a 1975 congressional inquiry.

CIA memoranda and reports on Project FUBELT include meetings between United States Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and CIA officials, CIA cables to its Santiago station, and summaries of secret action in 1970, detailing decisions and operations to undermine the election of Salvador Allende in September 1970 and to promote a military coup.

In November 1970, after the failure of the operation with the killing of general René Shneider, the US National Security Council issued National Security Decision Memorandum 93, which replaced FUBELT.

1971 - Operation Ivy Bells

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• Operation Ivy Bells - Wikipedia:

Operation Ivy Bells was a joint United States Navy, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and National Security Agency (NSA) mission whose objective was to place wire taps on Soviet underwater communication lines during the Cold War.

In the early 1970s the U.S. government learned of the existence of an undersea communications cable in the Sea of Okhotsk, which connected the major Soviet Pacific Fleet naval base at Petropavlovsk on the Kamchatka Peninsula to the Soviet Pacific Fleet's mainland headquarters at Vladivostok. At the time, the Sea of Okhotsk was claimed by the Soviet Union as territorial waters, and was strictly off limits to foreign vessels, and the Soviet Navy had installed a network of sound detection devices along the seabed to detect intruders. The area also saw numerous surface and subsurface naval exercises.

Despite these obstacles, the potential for an intelligence coup was considered too great to ignore, and in October 1971, the United States sent the purpose-modified submarine USS *Halibut* deep into the Sea of Okhotsk. Funds for the project were diverted secretly from the deep-submergence rescue vehicle (DSRV) program, and the modified submarines were shown with fake DSRV simulators attached to them. These were early diver lockouts. US Navy Divers working from *Halibut* found the cable in 400 feet (120 m) of water and installed a 20-foot (6.1 m) long device, which wrapped around the cable without piercing its casing and recorded all communications made over it. The large recording device was designed to detach if the cable was raised for repair.

Eventually, more taps were installed on Soviet lines in other parts of the world, with more advanced instruments built by AT&T's Bell Laboratories that were radioisotope thermoelectric generator-powered and could store a year's worth of data.

1974 - Kissinger Report

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• National Security Study Memorandum 200 - Wikipedia:

National Security Study Memorandum 200: Implications of Worldwide Population Growth for U.S. Security and Overseas Interests (NSSM200), also known as the "Kissinger Report", was a national security directive completed on December 10, 1974 by the United States National Security Council under the direction of Henry Kissinger following initial orders from President of the United States Richard Nixon.

NSSM200 was reworked and adopted as official United States policy through NSDM 314 by President Gerald Ford on November 26, 1975. It was initially classified for over a decade but was obtained by researchers in the early 1990s. The memorandum and subsequent policies developed from the report were observed as a way the United States could use human population control to limit the political power of undeveloped nations, ensure the easy extraction of foreign natural resources, prevent young anti-establishment individuals from being born and to protect American businesses abroad from interference from nations seeking to support their growing populations.

Under the administration of President Richard Nixon during the Cold War, his government adopted an agenda of enforcing human population control in order to prevent the global spread of communism and, under the advice of major general William Henry Draper Jr., supported the creation of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in order to establish a global source of population control to avoid an image of imperialism. Believing that future generations birthed throughout the world posed a danger to wealth accumulation, wealthy individuals and the US government backed a policy of global population control in an effort to avoid blame.

The basic thesis of the memorandum was that population growth in the least developed countries (LDCs) is a concern to US national security, because it would tend to risk civil unrest and political instability in countries that had a high potential for economic development. The policy gives "paramount importance" to population control measures and the promotion of contraception among 13 populous countries to control rapid population growth which the US deems inimical to the socio-political and economic growth of these countries and to the national interests of the United States since the "U.S. economy will require large and increasing amounts of minerals from abroad" and the countries can produce destabilizing opposition forces against the US.

• Exposing the Global Population Control Agenda - Brian Clowes, Human Life International:

According to the report, elements of the implementation of government population control programs could include the legalization of abortion, financial incentives for countries to increase their abortion, sterilization and contraception-use rates, indoctrination of children, and mandatory population control and coercion of other forms, such as withholding disaster and food aid unless an LDC [less-developed country] implements population control programs.

This particular form of coercion is evident in this story of Peruvian women who did not wish to be sterilized. The workers visited one woman "day and night, day and night" to wear her down to agree to sterilization. Some food programs leveraged their power, demanding that women be sterilized or stop receiving food. Women weren't told about

Natural Family Planning. And many weren't informed about the dangers of sterilization. Some women were even sterilized without knowledge or consent.

 National Security Study Memorandum NSSM 200 - Implications of Worldwide Population Growth For U.S. Security and Overseas Interests - (The Kissinger Report), December 10, 1974 (PDF)

1975 - Operation Condor

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• Operation Condor - Wikipedia:

Operation Condor was a campaign of political repression involving intelligence operations, coups, and assassinations of left-wing sympathizers, liberals and democrats and their families in South America which formally existed from 1975 to 1983. Condor was formally created in November 1975, when Augusto Pinochet's spy chief, Manuel Contreras, invited 50 intelligence officers to the Army War Academy on La Alameda, Santiago's central avenue. Officers came from Chile, Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia, and Brazil, which comprised the right-wing dictatorships of the Southern Cone of South America. The United States and, allegedly, France (which denies involvement) were frequent collaborators and financiers of the covert operations.

Due to its clandestine nature, the precise number of deaths directly attributable to Operation Condor is highly disputed. Some estimates are that at least 60,000 deaths can be attributed to Condor, with up to 30,000 of these in Argentina. This collaboration had a devastating impact on countries like Argentina, where Condor exacerbated existing political violence and contributed to the "Dirty War" that left an estimated 30,000 people dead or disappeared. Others estimate the toll at 50,000 killed, 30,000 disappeared, and 400,000 imprisoned.

1977 - 1995 - Stargate Project

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• Stargate Project - Wikipedia:

The Stargate Project was a secret U.S. Army unit established in 1977 at Fort Meade, Maryland, by the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and SRI International (a California contractor) to investigate the potential for psychic phenomena in military and domestic intelligence applications. The project, and its precursors and sister projects, originally went by various code names – 'Gondola Wish', 'Stargate', 'Grill Flame', 'Center Lane', 'Project CF', 'Sun Streak', 'Scanate' – until 1991 when they were consolidated and rechristened as the "Stargate Project".

The Stargate Project's work primarily involved remote viewing, the purported ability to psychically "see" events, sites, or information from a great distance. The project was

overseen until 1987 by Lt. Frederick Holmes "Skip" Atwater, an aide and "psychic headhunter" to Maj. Gen. Albert Stubblebine, and later president of the Monroe Institute. The unit was small scale, comprising about 15 to 20 individuals, and was run out of "an old, leaky wooden barracks".

The Stargate Project was terminated and declassified in 1995 after a CIA report concluded that it was never useful in any intelligence operation. Information provided by the program was vague and included irrelevant and erroneous data, and there were suspicions of inter-judge reliability.

• Project Star Gate - Defense Intelligence Agency

1979 - Operation Cyclone



• Operation Cyclone - Wikipedia:

Operation Cyclone was the code name for the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) program to arm and finance the Afghan mujahideen in Afghanistan from 1979 to 1992, prior to and during the military intervention by the USSR in support of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. The mujahideen were also supported by Britain's MI6, who conducted their own separate covert actions. The program leaned heavily towards supporting militant Islamic groups, including groups with jihadist ties, that were favored by the regime of Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq in neighboring Pakistan, rather than other, less ideological Afghan resistance groups that had also been fighting the Soviet-oriented Democratic Republic of Afghanistan administration since before the Soviet intervention.

• Operation Cyclone - Wikispooks:

Several CIA officers trained Osama Bin Laden's divisions and financed them. Milton Bearden, the CIA's Islamabad station chief from mid-1986 until mid-1989, took an admiring view of bin Laden at the time. Some of the CIA's greatest Afghan beneficiaries were Arabist commanders such as Haqqani and Hekmatyar who were key allies of bin Laden over many years.

This party contributed to the political power Bin Laden was allowed, and made his image surge to enemy image and leader of "radical Islam." This is alleged to be the plan of a NATO-US plan known as Gladio B, where, according to Sibel Edmonds [former FBI translator turned whistleblower] senior US intelligence agents were regularly meeting Ayman al-Zawahiri (then leader of Al Qaeda) at the U.S. embassy in Azerbaijan and Baku, starting in 1997 and continuing right up to the 9/11 attacks. They were also meeting members of the bin Laden family (including Osama Bin Laden) and other mujahideen who were transported by NATO aircraft to Central Asia and the Balkans to participate in false

flag "destabilization operations". Other people were also flown, on US Intelligence orders, to Turkey, a major base of the operations where agents were trained and prepared to participate in these operations. Edmonds specifically reported that some of the 9/11 hijackers were being trained there. This fits with Michael Springmann's testimony that his visa denials to the majority of the 19 hijackers were regularly overruled by the US State Department.

What Really Happened In Operation Cyclone? - Marina Manoukian, Grunge:

Those who seek to defend the CIA and the United States government's involvement in Afghanistan during the 1980s are often quick to point out that the United States was never directly involved in training the mujahideen, claiming that therefore no responsibility is borne for the creation of the Taliban. However, this understanding disregards the billions of dollars in money and weapons that the United States, along with several other countries, poured into the mujahideen cause. And they did so without any long-term considerations and with no regard for the fragmentation that it caused amongst the Afghan people.

To say that the United States bears no responsibility is to get off on a technicality, but to say that the United States directly funded the Taliban is also widely inaccurate. Instead, the project known as Operation Cyclone created an environment where money and weapons were freely flowing, mostly into the hands of those whom foreign powers knew were working in their favor. And the United States wasn't alone in this. Pakistan arguably played the biggest part in Operation Cyclone while the United States and Saudi Arabia provided the cash. And at this point, the Taliban didn't even exist yet. All this was done towards defeating the spread of Soviet influence.

1980 - Operation Eagle Claw

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• Operation Eagle Claw - Wikipedia:

Operation Eagle Claw was a failed operation by the United States Armed Forces ordered by U.S. President Jimmy Carter to attempt the rescue of 53 embassy staff held captive at the Embassy of the United States, Tehran on 24 April 1980.

The operation, one of Delta Force's first, encountered many obstacles and failures and was subsequently aborted. Eight helicopters were sent to the first staging area called *Desert One*, but only five arrived in operational condition. One had encountered hydraulic problems, another was caught in a sand storm, and the third showed signs of a cracked rotor blade. During the operational planning, it was decided that the mission would be aborted if fewer than six helicopters remained operational upon arrival at the Desert One site, despite only four being absolutely necessary. In a move that is still discussed in

military circles, the field commanders advised President Carter to abort the mission, which he did.

As the U.S. forces prepared to withdraw from *Desert One*, one of the remaining helicopters crashed into a transport aircraft that contained both servicemen and jet fuel. The resulting fire destroyed both aircraft and killed eight servicemen.

1989 - Operation Yellowbird

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• Operation Yellowbird - Wikipedia:

Operation Yellowbird was a British Hong Kong-based operation to help the Chinese dissidents who participated in the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989 to escape arrest by the Chinese government by facilitating their departure overseas via Hong Kong. Western intelligence agencies such as Britain's Secret Intelligence Service (SIS a.k.a. MI6) and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) were involved in the operation. Other contributors included politicians, celebrities, business people and triad members from Hong Kong—forming the "unlikely" alliance which sustained the operation for most of its duration.

The operation began in late June 1989, following the issuing of an order by the Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau on 13 June 1989 to apprehend the leaders of the Beijing Students' Autonomous Federation who were on the run. The operation continued until 1997. Yellowbird successfully helped more than 400 dissidents, who were smuggled through Hong Kong, and then onwards to Western countries. Notable escapees include Wu'erkaixi, Chai Ling, Li Lu, Feng Congde, Chen Yizi, and Su Xiaokang. Three Hong Kongbased activists were arrested by the Chinese authorities, but later released after the intervention of the Hong Kong government.

• <u>The Tiananmen Square Hoax: Massacre or Failed Color Revolution? - Matthew Ehret, video and show notes:</u>

In this episode of The Multipolar Reality on Rogue News, I take a deep dive into the truth of Tiananmen Square and prove that everything you've been taught about this Massacre on June 4, 1989 is a lie covering up a CIA-driven attempt at color revolution more akin to Ukraine's Maidan in 2014.

This presentation will also introduce the origins of the National Endowment for Democracy from the bowels of the Trilateral Commission, Open Society Foundations, the Malthusian takeover of the trans-Atlantic, the Club of Rome and the hive of transhumanists who were more successful with their program to destroy Russia during the 1980s-1990s than they were to achieve their takeover of China.



• Operation Merlin - Wikipedia:

Operation Merlin was a United States covert operation under the Clinton Administration to provide Iran with a flawed design for a component of a nuclear weapon ostensibly in order to delay the alleged Iranian nuclear weapons program, or to frame Iran.

In his book *State of War*, intelligence correspondent for *The New York Times* James Risen relates that the CIA chose a defected Russian nuclear scientist to provide deliberately flawed nuclear warhead blueprints to Iranian officials in February 2000.

The Russian emigre selected was first contacted by the CIA in August 1994, and received a monthly salary of US\$5,000 (plus travel expenses) in 1997 and 1998, which was raised to US\$6,000 beginning in February 1999. The weapon component selected was based on the Russian TBA-480 Fire Set (High Voltage Automatic Block), which was modified in an attempt to make it "fatally flawed". The CIA estimated that the TBA-480 Fire Set, which had been developed at Arzamas-16, was 20 years more advanced than anything required to get a first generation nuclear weapon operational. After the delivery of the designs to Iran on March 3, 2000, the CIA extended the employment of the Russian emigre to at least March 2003, with the intention of conveying the flawed TBA-480 plans to another country suspected of interest in developing nuclear weapons.

- How 'Operation Merlin' Poisoned U.S. Intelligence on Iran Consortium News
- 'Operation Merlin': Another self-serving CIA project Gareth Porter, Middle East Eye

1997 - Operation Gladio B



• Operation Gladio B - Wikispooks

Operation Gladio B (also Gladio 2 or 2.0) is a codename the FBI have used since 1997 for the relations between the US intelligence community, the US military and Al Qaeda. This was revealed by Sibel Edmonds, whose revelations Daniel Ellsberg termed "far more explosive than the Pentagon Papers".

The original Operation Gladio was a Europe wide network of fascist "stay-behind" cells that NATO/CIA/MI6 trained to carry out bombings and assassinations in the event of a Soviet invasion. Gladio B substituted Muslims for fascists, and continues to carry out false flag attacks in Europe and maybe elsewhere.

 An Introduction to Gladio B – James Corbett on Breaking The Set with Abby Martin, video:

James Corbett of The Corbett Report joins Abby Martin of Breaking The Set to discuss "Gladio B," the continuation of the clandestine NATO program, Operation Gladio.

We talk about the history of Gladio and the transition of the program into a campaign to fund and foment Islamic terrorism in the Central Asia/Caucasus region.

• Gladio B and the Battle for Eurasia - James Corbett video & transcript:

'Operation Gladio B'-the continuation of the old NATO Gladio program-covers a tangled web of covert operatives, billionaire Imams, drug running, prison breaks and terror strikes. Its goal: the destabilization of Central Asia and the Caucasus. In this presentation to Studium Generale in Groningen on November 19, 2014, James Corbett lifts the lid on this operation, its covert operatives, and the secret battle for the Eurasian heartland.

2003 - Total Information Awareness and LifeLog Programs

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Total Information Awareness - Wikipedia:

Total Information Awareness (TIA) was a mass detection program by the United States Information Awareness Office. It operated under this title from February to May 2003 before being renamed Terrorism Information Awareness.

Based on the concept of predictive policing, TIA was meant to correlate detailed information about people in order to anticipate and prevent terrorist incidents before execution. The program modeled specific information sets in the hunt for terrorists around the globe. Admiral John Poindexter called it a "Manhattan Project for counterterrorism". According to Senator Ron Wyden, TIA was the "biggest surveillance program in the history of the United States".

Congress defunded the Information Awareness Office in late 2003 after media reports criticized the government for attempting to establish "Total Information Awareness" over all citizens.

Although the program was formally suspended, other government agencies later adopted some of its software with only superficial changes. TIA's core architecture continued development under the code name "Basketball". According to a 2012 *New York Times* article, TIA's legacy was "quietly thriving" at the National Security Agency (NSA).

• DARPA LifeLog - Wikipedia:

LifeLog was a project of the Information Processing Techniques Office of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) of the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD). According to its bid solicitation pamphlet in 2003, it was to be "an ontology-based (sub)system that captures, stores, and makes accessible the flow of one person's experience in and interactions with the world in order to support a broad spectrum of associates/assistants and other system capabilities". The objective of the LifeLog concept was "to be able to trace the 'threads' of an individual's life in terms of events, states, and relationships", and it has the ability to "take in all of a subject's experience, from phone

numbers dialed and e-mail messages viewed to every breath taken, step made and place gone".

LifeLog aimed to compile a massive electronic database of every activity and relationship a person engages in. This was to include credit card purchases, web sites visited, the content of telephone calls and e-mails sent and received, scans of faxes and postal mail sent and received, instant messages sent and received, books and magazines read, television and radio selections, physical location recorded via wearable GPS sensors, biomedical data captured through wearable sensors. The high level goal of this data logging was to identify "preferences, plans, goals, and other markers of intentionality".

Another of DARPA's goals for LifeLog had a predictive function. It sought to "find meaningful patterns in the timeline, to infer the user's routines, habits, and relationships with other people, organizations, places, and objects, and to exploit these patterns to ease its task".

• Facebook - Wikispooks:

Facebook was officially founded on 4 February 2004, the same day that DARPA shut down the LifeLog universal surveillance project. The Facebook CEO was Mark Zuckerberg, at Harvard University. The official narrative declares that Zuckerberg was a computer genius who coded the site himself. Another version has him as a front man for the US Deep state's DARPA-backed LifeLog project.

It stands to reason that data from Facebook feeds into projects like Sentient World Simulation or others of similar nature, officially acknowledged or not. The initiative to predict behavior of populations goes back to counter insurgency planning after the second world war.

The Military Origins of Facebook - Whitney Webb

In the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, DARPA, in close collaboration with the US intelligence community (specifically the CIA), began developing a "precrime" approach to combatting terrorism known as Total Information Awareness or TIA. The purpose of TIA was to develop an "all-seeing" military-surveillance apparatus. The official logic behind TIA was that invasive surveillance of the entire US population was necessary to prevent terrorist attacks, bioterrorism events, and even naturally occurring disease outbreaks.

The architect of TIA, and the man who led it during its relatively brief existence, was John Poindexter, best known for being Ronald Reagan's National Security Advisor during the Iran-Contra affair and for being convicted of five felonies in relation to that scandal. A less well-known activity of Iran-Contra figures like Poindexter and Oliver North was their development of the Main Core database to be used in "continuity of government" protocols. Main Core was used to compile a list of US dissidents and "potential troublemakers" to be dealt with if the COG protocols were ever invoked. These protocols

could be invoked for a variety of reasons, including widespread public opposition to a US military intervention abroad, widespread internal dissent, or a vaguely defined moment of "national crisis" or "time of panic." Americans were not informed if their name was placed on the list, and a person could be added to the list for merely having attended a protest in the past, for failing to pay taxes, or for other, "often trivial," behaviors deemed "unfriendly" by its architects in the Reagan administration.

In light of this, it was no exaggeration when *New York Times* columnist William Safire remarked that, with TIA, "Poindexter is now realizing his twenty-year dream: getting the 'data-mining' power to snoop on every public and private act of every American."

The TIA program met with considerable citizen outrage after it was revealed to the public in early 2003. TIA's critics included the American Civil Liberties Union, which claimed that the surveillance effort would "kill privacy in America" because "every aspect of our lives would be catalogued," while several mainstream media outlets warned that TIA was "fighting terror by terrifying US citizens." As a result of the pressure, DARPA changed the program's name to Terrorist Information Awareness to make it sound less like a national-security panopticon and more like a program aiming specifically at terrorists in the post-9/11 era.

The TIA projects were not actually closed down, however, with most moved to the classified portfolios of the Pentagon and US intelligence community. Some became intelligence funded and guided private-sector endeavors, such as Peter Thiel's Palantir, while others resurfaced years later under the guise of combatting the COVID-19 crisis.

Soon after TIA was initiated, a similar DARPA program was taking shape under the direction of a close friend of Poindexter's, DARPA program manager Douglas Gage. Gage's project, LifeLog, sought to "build a database tracking a person's entire existence" that included an individual's relationships and communications (phone calls, mail, etc.), their media-consumption habits, their purchases, and much more in order to build a digital record of "everything an individual says, sees, or does." LifeLog would then take this unstructured data and organize it into "discreet episodes" or snapshots while also "mapping out relationships, memories, events and experiences."

The firestorm of criticism of LifeLog took its program manager, Doug Gage, by surprise, and Gage has continued to assert that the program's critics "completely mischaracterized" the goals and ambitions of the project. Despite Gage's protests and those of LifeLog's would-be researchers and other supporters, the project was publicly nixed on February 4, 2004. DARPA never provided an explanation for its quiet move to shutter LifeLog, with a spokesperson stating only that it was related to "a change in priorities" for the agency. On DARPA director Tony Tether's decision to kill LifeLog, Gage later told *VICE*, "I think he had been burnt so badly with TIA that he didn't want to deal

with any further controversy with LifeLog. The death of LifeLog was collateral damage tied to the death of TIA."

Fortuitously for those supporting the goals and ambitions of LifeLog, a company that turned out to be its private-sector analogue was born on the same day that LifeLog's cancellation was announced. On February 4, 2004, what is now the world's largest social network, Facebook, launched its website and quickly rose to the top of the social media roost, leaving other social media companies of the era in the dust.

• 15 Years Ago, the Military Tried to Record Whole Human Lives. It Ended Badly - Vice

2005 - Project Gunrunner

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• Project Gunrunner - Wikipedia:

Project Gunrunner is a project of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) intended to stem the flow of firearms into Mexico, in an attempt to deprive the Mexican drug cartels of weapons.

The primary tactic of Project Gunrunner is interdiction of straw purchasers and unlicensed dealers to prevent legal guns from entering the black market; between 2005 and 2008, 650 such cases involving 1,400 offenders and 12,000 firearms were referred for prosecution. However, other tactics ("gunwalking" and "controlled delivery") have led to controversy.

In early 2011, the project became controversial when it was revealed that Operation Wide Receiver (2006–2007) and Operation Fast and Furious (2009–2010) had allowed guns to "walk" into the hands of Mexican drug cartels.

The ATF began Project Gunrunner as a pilot project in Laredo, Texas, in 2005 and expanded it as a national initiative in 2006. Project Gunrunner is also part of the Department of Justice's broader Southwest Border Initiative, which seeks to reduce cross-border drug and firearms trafficking and the high level of violence associated with these activities on both sides of the border.

• ATF Gunwalking Scandal - Wikipedia:

Gunwalking, or "letting guns walk", was a tactic used by the Arizona U.S. Attorney's Office and the Arizona Field Office of the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), which ran a series of sting operations between 2006 and 2011 in the Tucson and Phoenix area where the ATF "purposely allowed licensed firearms dealers to sell weapons to illegal straw buyers, hoping to track the guns to Mexican drug cartel leaders and arrest them" - however as of October 2011, none of the targeted high-level cartel figures had been arrested. These operations were done under the umbrella of

Project Gunrunner, a project intended to stem the flow of firearms into Mexico by interdicting straw purchasers and gun traffickers within the United States.

2006 - Operation Wide Receiver

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• Operation Wide Receiver - Wikipedia:

The first known ATF gunwalking operation to Mexican drug cartels, named Operation Wide Receiver, began in early 2006 and ran into late 2007. Licensed dealer Mike Detty of Mad Dawg Global informed the ATF of a suspicious gun purchase that took place in February 2006, in Tucson, Arizona. In March, he was hired as a confidential informant working with the ATF's Tucson office, part of their Phoenix, Arizona field division.

With the use of surveillance equipment, ATF agents monitored additional sales by Detty to straw purchasers. With assurance from ATF "that Mexican officials would be conducting surveillance or interdictions when guns got to the other side of the border", Detty would sell a total of about 450 guns during the operation. These included semi-automatic AR-15s, semi-automatic AK-pattern rifles, and Colt .38s. The majority of the guns were eventually lost as they moved into Mexico.

2009 – 2011 - Operation Fast and Furious



Operation Fast and Furious - Wikipedia:

On October 26, 2009, a teleconference was held at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. to discuss U.S. strategy for combating Mexican drug cartels. Participating in the meeting were Deputy Attorney General David W. Ogden, Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer, acting ATF Director Kenneth E. Melson, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Administrator Michele Leonhart, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Robert Mueller and the top federal prosecutors in the Southwestern border states. They decided on a strategy to identify and eliminate entire arms trafficking networks rather than low-level buyers. Those at the meeting apparently did not suggest using the gunwalking tactic, but Phoenix ATF supervisors would soon use it in an attempt to achieve the desired goals.

Since the end of Operation Fast and Furious, related firearms have continued to be discovered in criminal hands. As reported in September 2011, the Mexican government stated that an undisclosed number of guns found at about 170 crime scenes were linked to Fast and Furious. Reflecting on the operation, Attorney General Eric Holder said that the United States government is "...losing the battle to stop the flow of illegal guns to Mexico," and that the effects of Operation Fast and Furious will most likely continue to be felt for years, as more walked guns appear at Mexican crime scenes.



• Operation Vigilant Eagle - Wikipedia:

Operation Vigilant Eagle is an American law-enforcement effort headed by the FBI aimed at identifying and preventing violence from white supremacists and "militia/sovereign-citizen extremist groups". The operation was first mentioned in the *Wall Street Journal* in April 2009.

Operation Vigilant Eagle exists as part of a larger national security effort to target individuals associated with "Left Wing" and "Right Wing" extremist groups. In certain cases targets have been labeled as mentally ill with "oppositional-defiance disorder", and more cases show that veterans are being targeted since the beginning of Operation Vigilant Eagle and the cause could be as simple as posting controversial song lyrics and political views on Facebook.

Operation Vigilant Eagle: Is This Really How We Honor Our Nation's Veterans? - John W.
 Whitehead, The Rutherford Institute:

Making matters worse, thanks to Operation Vigilant Eagle, a program launched by the Department of Homeland Security in 2009, military veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are also being characterized as extremists and potential domestic terrorist threats because they may be "disgruntled, disillusioned or suffering from the psychological effects of war." As a result, these servicemen and women—many of whom are decorated—are finding themselves under surveillance, threatened with incarceration or involuntary commitment, or arrested, all for daring to voice their concerns about the alarming state of our union and the erosion of our freedoms.

In the four years since the start of Operation Vigilant Eagle, the government has steadily ramped up its campaign to "silence" dissidents, especially those with military backgrounds. Coupled with the DHS' dual reports on Rightwing and Leftwing "Extremism," which broadly define extremists as individuals and groups "that are mainly antigovernment, rejecting federal authority in favor of state or local authority, or rejecting government authority entirely," these tactics have boded ill for anyone seen as opposing the government.

2011 - 2017 - Operation Observant Compass



• Operation Observant Compass - Wikipedia:

Operation Observant Compass was an American military operation initially focused on apprehending Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army in Central Africa. It was overseen by United States Africa Command. NBC News wrote in March 2017 that "The area of operations is the size of California, with about 80 military personnel and several

dozen support personnel tasked with finding around 150 fighters with Kony's Lord's Resistance Army, operating across portions of four countries in some of the world's most inaccessible terrain."

In 2017, with around \$780 million spent on the operation, and Kony still in the field, the United States wound down Observant Compass and shifted its forces elsewhere. But the operation didn't completely disband, according to the Defense Department: "U.S. military forces supporting Operation Observant Compass transitioned to broader scope security and stability activities that continue the success of our African partners."

2012 - Operation Timber Sycamore



Timber Sycamore - Wikispooks:

Operation Timber Sycamore was a classified weapons supply and training operation run by the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and supported by some Arab intelligence services, such as the security service in Saudi Arabia. Launched in 2012 or 2013, it supplied money, weaponry and training to rebel forces fighting Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. According to US officials, the operation was run by the CIA's Special Activities Division and has trained thousands of rebels. The operation's existence was suspected after the US Federal Business Opportunities website publicly solicited contract bids to ship tons of weaponry from Eastern Europe to Taşucu, Turkey and Aqaba, Jordan. One consequence of the program has been a flood of US weapons including assault rifles, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades into Middle East's black market.

Vice-President Joe Biden is known to have been an active proponent of Operation Timber Sycamore within the Obama administration, and the President secretly authorised the CIA to begin arming Syria's rebels in 2012.

In July 2017, US officials stated that Timber Sycamore would be phased out, with funds possibly redirected to fighting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), or to offering rebel forces defensive capabilities.

• Timber Sycamore - Wikipedia:

CIA director David Petraeus first proposed a covert program of arming and training rebels in the summer of 2012. Initially President Obama rejected the proposal, but later agreed, partially due to lobbying by foreign leaders, including from King Abdullah II of Jordan and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

According to American officials, the program was highly effective, training and equipping thousands of US-backed fighters to make substantial battlefield gains. American officials stated that the program began to lose effectiveness after Russia intervened militarily in the Syrian Civil War. David Ignatius, writing in *The Washington Post*,

remarked that while the CIA program ultimately failed in its objective of removing Assad from power, it was hardly "bootless": "The program pumped many hundreds of millions of dollars to many dozens of militia groups. One knowledgeable official estimates that the CIA-backed fighters may have killed or wounded 100,000 Syrian soldiers and their allies over the past four years."

2014 - Operation Inherent Resolve

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• Inherent Resolve - Wikipedia:

Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) is the United States military's operational name for the international war against the Islamic State (IS or ISIL), including both a campaign in Iraq and a campaign in Syria, with a closely related campaign in Libya. Through 18 September 2018, the U.S. Army's III Armored Corps was responsible for Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF—OIR) and were replaced by the XVIII Airborne Corps. The campaign is primarily waged by American and British forces in support of local allies, most prominently the Iraqi security forces and Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). Combat ground troops, mostly special forces, infantry, and artillery have also been deployed, especially in Iraq. Of the airstrikes, 70% have been conducted by the military of the United States, 20% by the United Kingdom and the remaining 10% being carried out by France, Turkey, Canada, the Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Australia and Jordan.

2020 - Operation Gideon



• Operation Gideon - Wikipedia:

Operation Gideon was an unsuccessful attempt by Venezuelan dissidents and an American private military company, Silvercorp USA, to infiltrate Venezuela by sea and remove Nicolás Maduro from office in Venezuela. The plan involved entering the country by boat into Macuto port from 3 to 4 May 2020 in order to take control of Simón Bolívar International Airport in Maiquetia, capture Maduro and other high-level figures in his government, and expel them from the country. The operation had been infiltrated by officials of the Maduro government early on. Commentators and observers, including Guaidó officials who initially contacted Silvercorp, described the operation as amateurish, underfunded, poorly-planned, having little or no chance of success, and a suicide mission.

• Inside Operation Gideon, a Coup Gone Very Wrong - Kevin T. Dugan, Rolling Stone