

Is Ronald Reagan falling into the EPAgate trap?

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Sources in the intelligence community report that the scandal-mongering attacks by Congress and the media on the toxic waste clean-up program of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mark the beginning of a dangerous new Watergate, run by the people who drafted and back the Carter administration's *Global 2000 Report*, the blueprint for global genocidal population reduction.

The ultimate targets of this new Watergate are the White House and President Reagan himself. Our sources warn that the "EPA-gate" is already diverting White House attention away from critical international and domestic problems. More importantly, within the White House inner circle, the continuous and apparently ever-widening scandal has produced a defensiveness and realpolitiking climate that is carrying over into all policy questions. As one source who had recent contact with the White House reported, "They're pulling in the wagons. They are panicked and are thinking about how to cut losses."

How 'EPA-gate' is organized

By putting the White House under such stress, the hope of the Global 2000 cabal is to shatter all policy channels, leaving what remains of the administration the helpless prey of such eastern establishment insiders as Secretary of State George Shultz and White House Chief of Staff James Baker III. This network will then be in a position to work out a deal with its Democratic Harrimanite counterparts on key domestic and foreign policy questions. At this point, the Reagan administration would be virtually indistinguishable in policy content from the Carter administration.

The new Watergate is organized on three levels.

- On the "outside" are the environmental groups such as the Sierra Club, the Friends of the Earth, and the Environmental Defense Fund. This network circulated stories of alleged EPA malfeasance and led the attacks on Interior Secretary James Watt. The attacks received massive coverage from such papers as Madame Katharine Graham's *Washington Post*, papers which in turn deployed their own stables of Institute for Policy Studies-linked investigative journalists to get to the bottom of the alleged scandal.

- Starting last year, the environmentalist lobby in Congress joined the fray. The ringleaders of the Congressional witchhunt against the EPA, which includes investigations by some five Congressional Committees and the possibility of the appointment of a special Watergate-like super-committee under the sponsorship of House Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neil (D-Mass.), are Reps. James Scheuer (D-N.Y.) and John Dingell (D-Mich.), both outspoken backers of the *Global 2000 Report*. They have recently been joined by another Global 2000 zealot, presidential aspirant Sen. Gary Hart (D-Colo.), who has demanded that the Senate conduct a criminal probe.

- The entire operation—the press attacks, the congressional probes, etc.—depends, however, on a network of moles inside the administration. Most of the charges, including mismanagement and political corruption in the handling of the multibillion-dollar fund created by the Carter administration, have a common inside source. According to reliable sources, the moles, located in the EPA itself, the White House Council on Environmental Quality, and the environmental staff of the Justice Department, trace their political lineage back to either the Carter administration or the era

when GOP Global 2000 backers Russell Train, who heads the American branch of Prince Philip's World Wildlife Fund, and former Attorneys General William Ruckelshaus and Elliot Richardson created the U.S. government's environmental apparatus under former Presidents Nixon and Ford.

Train, Ruckelshaus, and Richardson are all members of the elite "Year 2000 Committee," set up by Train at the behest of Prince Philip. The committee also includes Harrimanite former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who initiated the Global 2000 project. Last year, spokesmen for the committee bragged about their plans for increasing their influence within the Reagan administration. They "predicted" that the administration would soon find itself in a severe political crisis that would force it to turn for help toward the committee and its global environmentalist plans.

When President Reagan came into office, his supporters pledged that they would clean out the nasty infestation that produced the *Global 2000* document. Now, more than two years later, whole chunks of this network are still in place. Sources in the intelligence community attribute this to a deal between Reagan's backers and the Eastern Establishment. This same deal gave Reagan his Vice President, George Bush, a self-described closet environmentalist and a supporter of the Year 2000 Committee crowd.

The moles include:

- **Hugh Kaufman**, the EPA official who has spent much of the last year accusing the administration of illegal practices before congressional committees. Kaufman, a former Carter official, is said to be a close collaborator of the Year 2000 Committee.

- **EPA counsel Perry**, another "whistle-blower," the source of charges about alleged EPA sweetheart deals with polluters; Perry is a protégé of Ruckelshaus.

Our sources further report that the White House and EPA director Anne Gorsuch Burford are being deliberately misadvised on the handling of the ongoing Congressional investigations. They are being encouraged to seek deals with their accusers, with the White House being told that it can "limit the damage" to a few people inside the EPA. The intent of this disinformation is to politically disarm the White House until it is too late to launch a credible counteroffensive. As of this writing, the White House is falling for these lies. Wishful thinking has prompted the deals on the provision of EPA files to Congress, the firing of EPA staff, and the ridiculous buy-up with super-fund monies of a Missouri town allegedly threatened by toxic waste.

But there are no deals possible with the new Watergaters, as a series of interviews this week with relevant congressional committee staffers demonstrates.

"Our real target is the White House," confided an aide of Representative Scheuer. "We have drawn blood. We have forced the White House to act like they are guilty. . . ."

"Once we taste blood," raved another aide on a House

subcommittee, "we will go for more. We are going to pull down as many people as possible around this scandal. It is like Watergate—you won't know how many people are involved until it is all finished. . . ."

"Because of the way they are making deals left and right, now everybody believes that the White House is really covering something up," said another committee aide, gleeful over the latest EPA firings.

Does anybody care about facts?

The media barrage of allegations and half truths has, as usual, overwhelmed the facts. Most of the charges about the toxic waste program are either overblown or scientifically baseless. Contrary to daily media scare stories about the alleged dangers of dioxin and how the EPA has failed to clean problems up, there is absolutely no scientific proof that dioxin is harmful to humans. Or take the charges of sweetheart deals between the EPA and polluters that have delayed waste clean-ups. The so-called sweetheart deals, especially in the case of the much discussed Indiana site, have actually saved taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars by avoiding costly legal cases.

The Watergaters admit that they have no concern for facts.

"It doesn't matter what the facts are of a particular case," said a staffer on the House Public Works Committee, describing the Watergate process. "We started with a small scandal. Then we enlarged the scandal with new charges. People are beginning to believe that something is very wrong, because they are reading about a new daily scandal in the papers or hearing about it on the television. People start asking themselves what's next, and they are ready for new suggestions of wrongdoing. Then you mention that the White House is involved and this triggers memories of Watergate. I'm not saying that we'll get to Reagan directly, but you are already disrupting his key people into running a defensive operation. They are already making the errors that will help us ensnare them."

So far the president's advisers are resisting advice from trusted "outsiders" to break up the wagons and come out fighting, going public to expose the new Watergate as politically motivated and debunking the hoax charges of widespread toxic waste pollution.

One excellent counter-offensive would be to launch a full-scale investigation of the banning of the pesticide DDT by then EPA director Ruckelshaus in 1972. Ruckelshaus, one of the controllers from the inside of the current Watergate, based his decision on a still-classified EPA memo which sources report is a gross scientific fraud. The banning of DDT has led to the death of tens of millions of people in the developing sector, according to noted biologist Dr. Gordon Edwards. In Congressional testimony, Ruckelshaus admitted that his decision was "political." If Congress wants a real scandal, this is it.