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FBI invades Pentagon in pro-Moscow coup

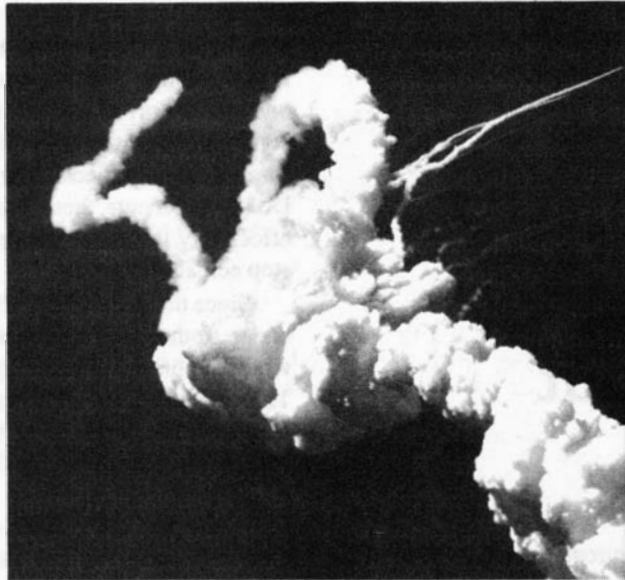
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The June 14 raid by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Naval Investigative Services on the Pentagon and on military and aerospace corporations, represents the culmination of a two-year-long attempt by the Eastern Liberal Establishment to weaken and destroy the national security apparatus of the United States.

In effect, the purpose of this "Operation Ill Wind," was to pull off a "cold" coup d'état inside the U.S. government, on behalf of the powerful Establishment financial interests that seek to destroy the defense buildup America must have in order to meet the growing strategic threat the Soviet Union represents.

In fact, the apparatus located within the Department of Justice (DoJ) which ran the Pentagon raid, is identical to the DoJ grouping which carried out a 400-man raid, in October 1986 in Leesburg, Va., against offices and individuals associated with Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. At the time of that Leesburg raid, President Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Gorbachov were about to meet in Reykjavik, to pave the way for the wretched Intermediate Nuclear Force Treaty which they signed last December. Now, in the aftermath of the Reagan-Gorbachov summit in Moscow, as if on cue, the Justice Department goes on the offensive once more, attacking the foundations of U.S. military programs.

Not coincidentally, the central figure in the "Get LaRouche" operation was, and remains, William Weld, former head of the Justice Department's Criminal Division and a crucial operator against the military-industrial community. As *Executive Intelligence Review* magazine warned at the time of the Leesburg raid, and has warned since, "a secret government" using the Justice Department is seeking to destroy the Constitution of the United States and impose a bankers' dictatorship on our institutions of government. As the "LaRouche raid" was reaching its final planning stages, Weld et al. were launching their attempt to dismantle the U.S. military and its production arm, defense and aerospace companies. According to all public accounts, Weld oversaw the anti-Pentagon operation back to September 1986.



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The Shuttle Challenger explosion in January 1986—one of the first dramatic results of the Department of Justice campaign to shut down American defense. Insets: former Justice Department officials William Weld (right) and Stephen Trott (left), top agents of the Moscow-inspired campaign.

A four-phased gameplan went into effect starting with the “LaRouche raid”—an operation which was to achieve a complete shift in institutional power in the United States away from our scientific, technologically oriented outlook, based on a strong defense and economy, into a post-industrial, militarily devastated society.

The second phase of the operation took the form of the “secret government” reaction to the outbreak of the Iran/Contra scandal; in dealing with the scandal’s eruption, the “secret government” mounted operations whereby the U.S. national security apparatus—already penetrated by a corrupt network of spies and fools—could be transformed and used for an all-out assault against all American intelligence community capabilities.

The third phase was the coup attempt by Weld and his DoJ crony Arthur Burns, to take over the U.S. Justice Department *in toto*. Included in this was the Weld-Burns coup try against Attorney General Ed Meese. The ultimate target of this was never Meese—but the presidency, which Weld means to destroy as an institution.

The fourth phase, is the attack against the Pentagon.

Command structure in the dark

The most outrageous feature of the anti-constitutional raid on the Pentagon is that no one in a command position of authority in the National Security structure was briefed on it. The President, National Security Adviser, Defense Secretary, and Attorney General were brought into the “loop” only late in the game. Attorney General Meese was told about the investigation only in March of this year; the rest of the Cabinet and advisers were informed only in the last two weeks. The President had to invite the U.S. Attorney for Northern

Virginia, Henry Hudson, to the White House so that he could be properly informed.

The Weld-Burns attack on the Pentagon, run on behalf of the Eastern Establishment to which Weld and Burns belong, will try to turn the corruption charges against individuals into an attack on the critical military programs of the United States, ranging from the Strategic Defense Initiative to “black box” programs vital to the national interest. In coming weeks, story after story will be leaked decrying Pentagon “corruption,” and congressional and political pundits will demand the slashing of the U.S. defense budget. Although there are corrupt networks in the Pentagon, associated with former Navy Secretary John Lehman and his Assistant Secretary of the Navy Melvyn Paisley, the pro-Moscow Establishment will try to place the blame on former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and his military buildup programs.

If people in and around the defense and aerospace industries do not mobilize to stop this witchhunt against the country’s military-industrial apparatus, then it is the opinion of this magazine that this nation does not have the moral courage to survive. Patriots must read this report from the following standpoint: The map of institutions and networks which aim to destroy our military and national security, can be known—and hence can be defeated. But if a mobilization of patriots is not pulled together against these traitors, it will not matter what happens in this fall’s presidential election, because the United States as an independent, sovereign nation will have died—without a shot being fired.

This report aims to catalyze a revolt against the “Star Chamber” approach to justice. Our national future depends on whether patriots can muster the courage to combat this violation of our most sacred institutions.