

by suicide in July 1993, was actually murdered, and that the Clinton White House has been covering up the assassination ever since.

And now, Scaife is the principal sponsor of the Ron Brown “bullet hole” thesis, being used to rile up both right-wing activists and African-American leaders against the Clinton administration.

Scaife didn’t get into this business by accident.

Dickie Scaife’s use of the news media to defame and discredit his adversaries, is a product of his training by British and U.S. intelligence agencies. This is what he was groomed to do. (He also comes by political dirty tricks naturally, having given a million dollars to Richard Nixon’s Committee to Re-Elect the President—CREEP—which financed the Watergate shenanigans, among other things.)

During World War II, Scaife’s father, Alan Scaife, as well as many of his mother’s cousins (the Mellons), occupied high positions in the Office of Strategic Intelligence (OSS), the wartime predecessor of the CIA. Alan Scaife, a lieutenant colonel in OSS, was the deputy head of the Secret Intelligence (SI) branch of the London OSS office. Paul Mellon and his brother-in-law David Bruce also operated directly out of London during the war; Paul trained under British troops, and later worked under Allen Dulles in Berne, Switzerland. Bruce was put in charge of all OSS operations in Europe, and was based in London.

It was this family circle which tracked Dick Scaife into various British intelligence projects usually mis-identified as “CIA fronts” in the 1970s, both in the news media and in philanthropy.

In 1973, Scaife was permitted to take control of the Scaife family foundations, which were funded by his mother’s inheritances. He quickly changed the focus of the foundations, to emphasize British-U.S. cooperative political projects such as the Heritage Foundation, the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the National Strategy Information Center, a Harriman-Bush intelligence think-tank.

At about the same time, Scaife was put in charge of Forum World Features, a joint British intelligence/CIA propaganda operation based in London. This was an outgrowth of a CIA publishing operation set up by Kermit Roosevelt a decade earlier. Scaife ran Forum World Features until it was publicly exposed in 1975 as a CIA proprietary organization which was, according to an internal CIA memorandum, “run with the cooperation and knowledge of British intelligence.”

When the Reagan-Bush administration came into office in the early 1980s, Scaife-financed think-tanks provided much of the organization and personnel which developed into the “secret government” apparatus operating out of the NSC and the Office of the Vice President—doing the types of things which used to be done by the CIA before the demise of its clandestine operations, following the exposés and reforms of the 1970s.

One element of this in which Scaife took a direct, personal

interest was the “public diplomacy” unit in the National Security Council and State Department, a veritable U.S. government “Ministry of Propaganda” run by former CIA propaganda specialist Walter Raymond.

“Public diplomacy,” just like Forum World Features, was used to circulate articles and columns promoting the “secret government’s” projects—such as the covert, guns-for-drugs wars in Central America and Afghanistan—as well as to organize media attacks on the “secret government’s” opponents. Among the most prominent targets of a “Public Diplomacy”-organized campaign of news media defamation in the 1980s was Lyndon LaRouche. The coordinated media attacks against LaRouche were organized at a series of secret meetings in 1983-84, which included representatives of both major media outlets and U.S. intelligence agencies.

Today, Scaife is doing exactly the same thing to President Clinton. For the past four years, the principal sources of the Vincent Foster “murder” line have been Scaife’s own *Tribune-Review*, plus two other Scaife-funded organizations, the Western Media Center and Accuracy in Media (AIM).

The much-maligned 1996 report compiled by the White House, entitled “Communication Stream of Conspiracy Commerce,” put together one of the first overall profiles of the propaganda operations of the secretive, reclusive Richard Mellon Scaife, and the picture of the “media food chain” from the British tabloids into the U.S. press.

The first time that propaganda-czar Scaife himself ever received much national publicity was in early 1997, when Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr announced his resignation in order to take a cushy “retirement” position at Malibu’s Pepperdine University. The charges of conflict-of-interest directed at Starr caused the special prosecutor to reverse himself and to promise to stay on until he had completed his effort to frame up the President of the United States.

But Scaife continues his pernicious activities behind the scenes. If you want to know how a lot of things really work in this country, Richard Mellon Scaife is someone you need to know more about.

LaRouche calls it ‘disgusting!’

In a radio interview with “EIR Talks” on Jan. 15, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. commented on those who are claiming that Ron Brown was murdered at the behest of President Clinton:

I think the most disgusting case of this is what’s happened with Maxine Waters and company. You recall, that when the evidence came out that George Bush, George Bush’s opera-

tion, had run crack cocaine into the United States, Maxine Waters took the point in deflecting attention from George Bush, and going after the CIA, which was not directly in the line of fire on this crack cocaine operation. So, what she did, is, she actually *protected* George Bush, and covered up for the actual crack cocaine dealers, with this particular tactic, where she *refused*, after being told again and again: “You’re on the wrong track, Maxine. These are not the facts. This was not run through the CIA as such. This was run through George Bush, the Vice President’s so-called Iran-Contra cover.” And the facts, the evidence, is all there.

So, now what happens is this: According to the experts, there is no factual basis for the charge that Ron Brown had a bullet hole in his head, in the course of the plane going down in the Balkans. That is, there’s no scientific evidence which even suggests that that ever happened, even though Richard Mellon Scaife has come out with this, another one of his hoaxes, like the Vince Foster hoax, which he created almost singlehandedly with the guy he pushes.

What is the channel that Maxine Waters is using for this? Its channel is the Republicans! What happened was, as you saw it in 1996: When President Clinton made the stupid mistake of announcing that he was not going to veto the welfare reform bill, the people around Kemp and so forth in the Republican Party, went to work, and *killed* the Democratic Party’s chances for re-winning at least the House of Representatives, during the 1996 campaign.

As part of that operation, the Republicans, including the Moon group, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, moved in heavily on African-American organizations, and began to, in a sense, buy them up, in the usual manner: either direct cash—and cash will buy a lot of people, particularly poor people—and with foundation grants, and this and that, and so forth.

Now you find Maxine Waters, presumably an African-American leader, the leader presently of the House, the Black Congressional Caucasians, as it’s called—taking money, in a sense, by using a Republican anti-Clinton funding operation, a Bush League operation, working for George Bush, Jr.’s Presidential ambitions, running a *fake* campaign on the Ron Brown issue.

This is absolutely disgusting, and it has to be exposed. You know, you can’t say that that’s because these are black people, or African-Americans, that they have their sentiments, and so forth, and they have a right to express. No; they have a right *to tell the truth!* And the trouble that African-Americans face, is that they have a paucity of truth directed against them, in terms of things said about African-Americans. And what we have to do, particularly when we’re the oppressed, is *we have to emphasize the truth and justice, more than those who are not oppressed.* Because that’s our only strength: truth and justice. And Maxine Waters has walked away from the truth, and she’s walked into something which bodes no good for the African-American, including the African-American Black Caucasians in the Congress.

Why the British hated Ron Brown

by Richard Freeman, Kathy Wolfe, and Edward Spannaus

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown was committed to the idea that the mission of the United States should be to assist the developing countries in raising their own standards of living, through U.S. exports of capital goods and industrial equipment. This necessarily included the creation of millions of well-paying, productive jobs for Americans. To fulfill this dream of improving the lives of people around the world, Brown was committed to promoting trade on the basis of government-to-government relations, and was firmly opposed to the British free-trade approach.

The Clinton administration, Brown said on Aug. 29, 1994, “has junked a 12-year tradition of laissez-faire government,” and would now mobilize government funds “to fight for U.S. exporters in the global market.”

The China mission

In August-September 1994, Brown travelled with a large delegation of government officials and heads of American companies to China and Hong Kong. His objective was to realize \$25 billion worth of trade. He proposed that over \$10 billion in U.S. Ex-Im Bank credits be allotted for exports to China—a proposal which Congress later killed; in fact, Republicans in Congress were attempting to dismantle the Commerce Department altogether.

Before departing for China, Brown said: “The U.S. has been lagging behind in the Chinese market, especially in infrastructure. In selecting the 24 companies in the mission, we chose telecommunications, transportation, and power generation. . . . There will be several hundreds of billions of dollars spent on infrastructure and development between now and the year 2000. I certainly am interested in American companies participating heavily in those infrastructure projects; that is clearly one of the purposes of the mission.”

The National Export Strategy

Brown’s trade policy toward China was part of a broader Clinton administration strategy called the National Export Strategy (NES), which had been announced by the President in September 1993. At that time, the Commerce Department designated ten Big Emerging Markets (BEMs), all in the