30 Years of Menticide: Part III

The Tavistockians today: Who funds the mind benders?

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Although the Rockefeller Commission and Church Committee revelations about the Central Intelligence Agency's mind control experimentation during the 1950s and 1960s produced some sensational headlines in the liberal press, they appear to have had very little impact on stopping or even slowing down the pace of experimentation today, including large-scale applications of the MK-Ultra research. And it's no wonder.

From the very outset, the role of the CIA was never fundamental to the efforts. Although some of the boys at the CIA's Langley, Virginia headquarters became genuinely enthusiastic about the potential applications of LSD-25, and related non-pharmacological forms of New Age mind bending, the apparatus which Lyndon LaRouche had labeled "the real CIA" back as early as 1973 had very little to do with the federal government or the agencies created by the National Security Act of 1947. That "real CIA," perhaps better known as the Anglo-American financial Establishment, while maintaining agents within the official intelligence agencies, and at times even controlling it from the top down (as during the tenure of Adm. Stansfield Turner and the current reign of William Webster), always maintained its covert operations capabilities outside of and independent from the institutions of government.

As LaRouche underscored in his mid-1970s exposés of the conspiracy centered around Great Britain's Tavistock Institute, the Anglo-American financial Establishment operates principally through an octopus-like structure made up of think tanks, tax-exempt foundations, and law firms which, in turn, act to spawn civic movements, protest groups, political action committees, and even pseudo-religions, as it suits their purposes.

Back in the immediate postwar period, some Establishment "spooks," such as IBM founder Thomas "Pop" Watson, argued that the covert operations function should be run exclusively through private agencies such as the major Anglo-American multinational corporations, banks, and law firms, as they had been prior to World War II. An uneasy

compromise was struck, such that, even as the CIA was being established, parallel private agencies such as the Rand Corporation and the Ford Foundation were coming into being as well. From the outset, Rand, the Ford Foundation, and other foundations and think tanks were firmly under the top-down control of the "utopians," whose vision of a postwar world federalist arrangement was reflected in their sponsorship of the "post-industrial society" myth, the ecology movement, the New Age, and the drug-rock counterculture.

This world federalist faction has also been in the forefront of efforts to revive the Trust, a global power-sharing arrangement with Bolshevik Russia that had been attempted at the time of the Russian Revolution and up through Stalin's consolidation of power in the 1930s.

A review of the Rand Corporation's major projects during the height of the official MK-Ultra and MK-Search efforts reveals that there has always existed a parallel, private probe of mind control methods. New Age gurus Aldous Huxley and Lord Bertrand Russell were both actively involved with the Rand efforts to induce "expanded consciousness" through LSD-25, marijuana, and other drugs.

According to author Gordon Thomas, whose 1989 book Journey Into Madness profiled the CIA's role in the mindbending experiments, the private research into mind-control drugs and related non-pharmacological research had reached such a peak of activity by the mid-1960s that CIA director Richard Helms sought out private funding to keep some key researchers on the government payroll in the face of lucrative offers from major pharmaceutical houses and research centers.

The American Family Foundation

In the two previous parts of this series, we identified the American Family Foundation as one of the key private successor agencies to MK-Ultra. MK-Ultra stalwarts such as Dr. Louis Jolyon West and Rabbi Maurice Davis joined AFF at its founding in 1979. West is formally listed as the director of the AFF's research advisory committee; Davis is a major figure in the AFF-affiliated Cult Awareness Network (AFF and CAN

jointly run the International Cult Education Program). From day one, AFF had no trouble lining up private funding. The bulk of its activities are conducted by private psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers who donate volunteer time to the AFF, augmenting the efforts of a small full-time paid staff.

The AFF serves as a clearing house for a vast network of "mental health" and forensic psychiatric professionals, who in turn command tens of millions of dollars in resources through their positions with university-based research centers and hospitals. Dr. West, for example, a former Air Force major who was assigned to MK-Ultra research at the Veterans Administration hospital in Oklahoma City, currently heads the Neuropsychiatric Institute at UCLA, the largest behavioral science research center in the United States, with a staff of over 1,000 full-time doctors and researchers.

Because the AFF receives such heavy infusions of indirect financing, it is useful to review its public sources of direct funds. According to Internal Revenue Service files, from 1979-88 AFF received \$1-2 million in operating funds from a select group of private philanthropic foundations, the most prominent being the Scaife Family Foundation, the Bodman Foundation, and the Achellis Foundation. (In recent years, the Swig Foundation of California has joined the list of regular supporters.) Even a cursory look at those foundations provides some leads as to the specific identities of some of the Establishment's leading occultists.

• The Scaife Family Foundation is part of the philanthropic and tax exempt apparatus of the Pittsburgh-based Mellon-Scaife family. Richard Mellon Scaife, a pivotal figure in all the family foundation efforts, is a financial angel of the U.S. right-wing social democracy. Richard Mellon Scaife provided initial financial backing to one of Rabbi Maurice Davis's protégés, Dennis King, a member of the occult New York Humanist Society, to pen a slanderous book about Lyndon LaRouche. Scaife came a hair's breadth away from being criminally prosecuted for tax evasion during the Iran-Contra probes of 1987.

The Mellon branch of the Mellon-Scaife empire has long been associated with both the occult and mind-control projects. Paul Mellon, the scion of the family for decades, was trained in the 1930s in Ascona, Switzerland, a major international occult center which was for years a watering hole for British Satanist Aleister Crowley. Mellon studied under Carl Jung, the pro-Nazi psychoanalyst. Mellon today holds the largest private collection of books and manuscripts on the occult in the world.

Another family figure, the late Billy Mellon Hitchcock, was a major player in the early privatization of the MK-Ultra work on LSD-25, financing Timothy Leary's offshore LSD-manufacturing and distribution operations in the Caribbean and joining with Leary to found the Brotherhood of Eternal Love, a New Age underground movement linked to both drug trafficking and international terrorism.

From 1980-84, the Scaife Family Foundation gave \$125,000 to the AFF. It gave an equal amount up through 1986, and gave \$25,000 and \$35,000 in 1987 and 1988.

• The Bodman and Achellis foundations, both based in New York City, were established with the endowment of George M. Bodman, a Wall Street broker who held prominent positions with the War Trade Board and the American Red Cross during the two world wars, and who was a director of the Fifth Avenue Bank and the Bank of New York.

The Bodman Foundation, like the Scaife Family Foundation, has been a longstanding financier of such right-wing social democratic "Trust" projects as Leo Cherne's International Rescue Committee and such New Age centers as the Henry Street Settlement House and the Temple of Understanding. The Temple of Understanding, housed at the New York Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, is a hub of Satanic-Luciferian activity among the upper crust of the New York-to-London Establishment.

Both the Bodman and Achellis foundations are currently housed at the Manhattan law offices of Morris and McVeigh, whose senior partner, Lewis Spencer Morris, was a longtime associate of George Bodman at the Bank of New York and other Wall Street firms. Guy Rutherford, a partner in the firm, is the president and treasurer of the Bodman Foundation, and was the vice president and treasurer of the Achellis Foundation.

In 1979, the same year that the Morris and McVeigh firm was processing the Bodman and Achellis foundations' seed financing of the American Family Foundation, it was also representing the Process Church of the Final Judgment. Process Church, one of the important Satanic groups to emerge during the 1960s, had been widely linked to both the Charles Manson mass-murder cult and to the Son of Sam satanic killers of the late 1970s. After having skipped out of the West Coast following the Manson Family arrests, the church changed its name to the Foundation Faith of the Millennium.

The church changed its name again after investigative researcher Maury Terry exposed the Process/Foundation Faith links to "Son of Sam" David Berkowitz. On Oct. 23, 1979, the Foundation Faith of the Millennium changed its business name to the Foundation Faith of God and proclaimed itself a "Christian outreach ministry." The law firm which handled that transaction was Morris and McVeigh. The partner who handled the filing was Rainer Greeven.

• The Swig Foundation, a San Francisco Bay area fund, underscores the longstanding close collaboration between the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the AFF. Melvin Swig, the foundation's trustee, is a Bay Area real estate mogul who is both a national commission and regional board member of the ADL. Swig is also an executive board member of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the official lobby of the State of Israel inside the United States. He runs an AIPAC-linked political action committee called San Franciscans for Good Government.

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