

Kidnapping 'experts' bid to take over Justice Dept.

by Edward Spannaus

During the House Judiciary Committee hearings held April 28, the outlines of the coverup around the massacre perpetrated at the Branch Davidian complex in Waco, Texas began to clearly emerge. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is being attacked for its conduct of the initial Feb. 28 raid, and its director Stephen Higgins is certain to be fired. Most of the congressmen praised and supported the FBI for its handling of Waco.

The ATF, which relied substantially on the advice of so-called anti-cult experts, is never attacked for having done so. Instead, the Justice Department and the FBI are being told that they need to make much more use of outside experts, particularly the Cult Awareness Network (CAN) and the American Family Foundation (AFF). Rep. William Hughes (D-N.J.) took the lead on this point.

Thus, the very same people who set up the bloodbath through the ATF, are now being pushed to become top advisers to the Justice Department and the FBI.

In reality, what is being demanded is that the gang of kidnapers, perverts, and convicted felons which make up CAN, should become official advisers to the Justice Department. That's not all. Behind the creation of CAN, in the American Family Foundation, is a cabal of hard-core brainwashers who emerged out of the CIA's "MK-Ultra" mind-control experiments of the 1950s and '60s. Are these the people that American citizens want running the Justice Department? That is what we will get, unless we stop this coverup and takeover now.

Hughes pushes the mind-benders

During the House Judiciary Committee hearings, Representative Hughes of New Jersey demanded that CAN and the AFF be brought on board as consultants. He began by asking

Attorney General Janet Reno whether she had talked to any of the folks from CAN and AFF. When she said that she had not, Hughes told Reno that those groups have "developed a great deal of expertise," and went on to tell her that his concern was the Justice Department's lack of information on cults.

"And while the CIA apparently many years ago did some in-depth studies on mind control," Hughes continued, "we've done very little. And I realize there are some very serious First Amendment questions involved, but it seems to me that we cannot deal with situations like this without a lot more information."

Hughes then acknowledged that he is working with CAN: "One of the constructive suggestions I've received from those that are working with the Cult Awareness Network—and I've been in touch with them for a number of months—is that we don't know how to deal with people like David Koresh or Vernon Howells in these types of situations because it's not like the usual hostage situation. And I would hope that we try to develop that kind of expertise in the future."

Attorney General Reno then put on the record that Hughes had already met with her to discuss these issues. "As you know, Congressman," Reno said, "we met and I am following up on some of your suggestions and doing everything I can to make sure that we determine all available experts that can advise us in terms of how we address these problems in the future, what do we do now to address the cults that exist, what action should be taken, if any."

Hughes followed up with the next witnesses with much more specific demands for investigating "cults." He asked both the ATF and FBI if they had used any experts on "mind control or cults," and he appeared particularly dissatisfied with the FBI's responses in two respects: 1) that the FBI had relied heavily on its own in-house consultants, and 2) that



The news media line up for miles around to cover the siege in Waco, Texas. Now, as the coverup of responsibility for the tragedy goes into high gear, the media are promoting the self-proclaimed "deprogrammers" of the Cult Awareness Network as "experts" whom the government should consult. Their programs include such violations of the Constitution as setting up computer data files on all "cults" and their members.

the FBI protested that it cannot gather information on groups or individuals generally, unless it has evidence that a crime has been, or is about to be, committed.

Clearly keying off the CAN "cult" profiles, Hughes asked the FBI witnesses if they have information in their records on cults, i.e., "Do we know who they are, where they are located?"

FBI Special Agent Jeff Jamar, who headed the FBI's team in Waco, responded that "we can't investigate cults generally. . . . We have no authority to do that." Jamar said that the FBI's "behavioral scientist consultants" have done extensive studies on cults, including preparing a "White Paper" on cults and a profile on "psychopathic cults leaders."

Not satisfied, Hughes pressed Jamar: "The one thing we can do is that we can compile information on how they manipulate, and what they do when they begin to manipulate. . . . We can do that consistent with First Amendment rights."

But Jamar still resisted: "The FBI has no authority to accumulate information regarding cults generally, to investigate people generally. We can't just gather information generally."

Hughes then attempted to qualify his demands: "I don't say investigate them generally, but those people who are accumulating weapons," and so on.

Jamar responded: "We have to have specific information that people have committed a crime or are about to commit a crime. We can't just gather intelligence information on people generally—whatever their motivation. In this coun-

try, nobody wants us to be able to do that."

As Hughes persisted, Larry Potts, the head of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division, jumped in. "We don't just compile information. If we have information they're violating the law, then we do an investigation, and follow through with that, arrests, search warrants, etc." Potts went on to defend the FBI's in-house expertise, by pointing to the FBI's own behavioral science experts' work on serial killers, and how "they've tried to develop the same kind of profiles of people who are involved in manipulations and these different kinds of crimes."

The FBI's own in-house experts and trusted outside consultants are in fact part of the same networks that created CAN and the AFF in the first place. FBI Director William Sessions had a short while earlier identified two of the FBI's most important consultants as forensic psychiatrist Dr. Park Elliot Dietz and "psycholinguist" Dr. Murray Miron of Syracuse University.

Dr. Miron has in fact been on a 15-year retainer for the FBI, and has developed an extensive computer system for profiling threatening messages. Miron recommended that the FBI follow the strategy which it adopted in Waco on April 19, arguing that the FBI was dealing with a dangerous, psychopathic felon, and that the rule of law must be enforced.

Park Elliot Dietz was the FBI's most important psychiatric expert consulted on Waco, according to Sessions's testimony. FBI official Jamar testified that Dietz had come to Waco, and had listened to the negotiations and gone through

documents. Dietz particularly pushed the allegation that “child abuse” was going on in the Branch Davidian complex, according to Sessions, and told the FBI that “every day increased the risk to the children.” (It is clear that these dubious reports of “child abuse” were used to induce Attorney General Reno to approve the FBI raid plan—which ended up killing the children whom Reno believed she was protecting.)

Dietz’s career has been based on profiling violent criminals and especially developing “psychological profiles” which are supposed to predict violent behavior. (For example, if you read *Soldier of Fortune* magazine, have a gun, or belong to a volunteer fire department or rescue squad, Dietz thinks you are a potential mass murderer.)

The CAN kidnapping gang

Who are these “experts” whom Congressman Hughes thinks the attorney general and the FBI should rely upon?

Immediately after the first Waco raid at the end of February, two top “cult deprogrammers” appeared on national media as experts to “explain” the events; these were Galen Kelly and Rick Ross of CAN. Since then, numerous other CAN and AFF spokesmen, including CAN Executive Director Cynthia Kissler, have appeared to illuminate the public with their “expertise.” Interviewed on WAMU-FM in Washington on May 4, Kissler demanded that the federal government create centralized computerized files on all “cults” and their members and leaders, and take preemptive legal action against “violence-prone” cult leaders.

The principal local “deprogramming” adviser to the ATF and FBI on the Branch Davidian sect in Waco was Rick Ross. Ross was publicly described by CAN Executive Director Cynthia Kissler as “among the half-dozen best deprogrammers in the country.” Ross is a convicted jewel thief, who was arrested in November 1975 and pled guilty to conspiracy to commit grand theft.

A few days after the Feb. 28 Waco raid, Galen Kelly was indicted by a federal grand jury in Alexandria, Virginia on a felony charge that he had kidnapped one Debra Dobkowski in May 1992. Miss Dobkowski, the roommate of the intended target, was on her way home from work late at night when she was grabbed by two men and two women and forcibly taken to Leesburg, Virginia, some 40 miles northwest of Washington. (This was Kelly’s second indictment for kidnapping; at the end of 1992, he barely escaped conviction on another kidnapping charge in the same Alexandria courtroom.)

CAN is best described as “Kidnappers, Inc.” It functions as a clearinghouse and referral service for people who, for a fee, will do whatever it takes to break a targeted individual from his or her beliefs. It was founded in 1974 by a group of advocates of “deprogramming,” a euphemism for making someone change his or her beliefs by force. The chief founder of CAN described Ted Patrick as a prime force behind the formation of AFF. Patrick, a pioneer of “deprogramming”

who has been convicted numerous times for violent crimes, wrote in his book *Let Our Children Go!* that deprogramming involves “kidnapping at the very least, quite often assault and battery, almost invariably conspiracy to commit a crime and illegal restraint.”

Estimates are that CAN maintains a network of 20 to 25 full-time deprogrammers, and 30 or so part-time deprogrammers. Each full-time deprogrammer handles approximately 25 deprogramming jobs per year, making a conservative estimate of over 500 deprogrammings per year. Of those deprogrammings, some 25% involve outright kidnapping. The rest involve “detaining” the victim against his or her will. It has been reported that at the 1992 CAN conference in Los Angeles, a CAN deprogrammer claimed that over 2,000 deprogrammings occurred in the United States in the last year.

In October 1990, the president of CAN, Rev. Michael Rokos, resigned after it became public he had been arrested in July 1982 for soliciting sex with a Baltimore vice squad officer posing as a minor. According to an affidavit from arresting officer Joseph G. Wyatt, Rokos solicited him, saying, “I want you to tie me up, put clothespins on my nipples, and make me s—k your d—k.”

While hiding his perverted criminal past, Rokos frequently spoke before law enforcement and civic groups, portraying himself as an expert on “political cults” and “Satanism.”

CAN is also closely tied to the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith (ADL), which is now under investigation in California for spying on domestic political and activist groups, illegally obtaining official police information, and providing this material to foreign governments.

MK-Ultra: the mother of CAN and AFF

When Congressman Hughes referred to the CIA’s “mind control” studies during his questioning of Attorney General Reno, the reference was not fortuitous.

After World War II, up through the 1960s and 1970s, the CIA and U.S. military agencies funneled money through research foundations and universities to study the various effects of torture, brain surgery, hypnosis, sensory deprivation, and hallucinogenic drugs on individuals. These experiments were seeking to perfect methods of mind control. In many cases, the subjects were not volunteers, but were given drugs and otherwise tortured without their permission.

In fact, CAN and the American Family Foundation are outgrowths of these CIA projects; many of the CIA’s pioneer experimenters from the MK-Ultra project are today board members and advisers to CAN and AFF.

For example, Dr. Louis Jolyon West received CAN’s 1990 Leo J. Ryan Award for “extraordinary courage, tenacity, and perseverance in the battle against tyranny over the mind of man.” Dr. West knows something about “tyranny over the mind of man.” Over the course of 30 years, West has experimented on the minds of veterans, prisoners, alcoholics, and drug addicts with hallucinogenic drugs, electro-

shock, isolation, and small group behavior-control techniques.

In 1977, Dr. West was exposed on the front page of the *New York Times* as being funded by the CIA to perform experiments in mind destruction using LSD, as part of the MK-Ultra project. In John Marks's book *The Search for the Manchurian Candidate*, West was exposed as a pioneer of LSD and mind control experiments funded by the CIA. Despite these and other damaging stories, West continues to be held in high regard among CAN's members, and is a frequent lecturer and oft-cited researcher. West is also an advisory board member of the AFF.

The *grande dame* of the Cult Awareness Network is Dr. Margaret Singer, who has frequently appeared for news media interviews in the wake of the Waco massacre. Singer, also an AFF advisory board member, got her start as an Army psychiatrist, studying Korean War veterans and prisoners of war. She worked in projects with Drs. Edgar Schein and Albert Biderman, both exposed in Marks's *The Search for the Manchurian Candidate* as running the parallel military MK-Ultra programs.

Rabbi Maurice Davis, another member of the CAN advisory board, works closely with Dr. John G. Clark of Harvard in arranging "deprogrammings." Davis was an early sponsor of Galen Kelly, and also helped create cult leader Jim Jones by arranging for an empty Indianapolis synagogue to house Jones's early activities. Jones later moved to San Francisco, where he founded the People's Temple. In 1978, after moving his followers to Guyana, Jones led them in a mass suicide after one of his followers murdered U.S. Rep. Leo J. Ryan. The resulting publicity propelled the anti-cult mafia into prominence. Patricia Ryan, the late congressman's daughter, is now the president of CAN.

Davis worked with the MK-Ultra program at the federal prison in Lexington, Kentucky with Dr. Harris Isbell, who was administering psychotropic drugs to inmates. One subject was kept on LSD for 77 days.

Another MK-Ultra figure of particular interest is Dr. Ewen Cameron, whose brainwashing and electro-shock experiments in Canada during the 1950s and 1960s were financed by the CIA. (The Canadian government recently compensated victims of Cameron's experiments for the damage they suffered at his hands.)

Cameron developed a technique called "depatterning," using sensory deprivation, which was followed by "reprogramming." It is clear that Cameron's "depatterning" techniques are a model for CAN "deprogramming" methods. Part of Cameron's technique was to play a tape with one message repetitively for up to 16 hours a day, first playing a "negative" message, followed by a "positive" command. If Cameron's methods remind you of the FBI's loudspeaker tactics used against the Koresh group in Waco, you are on the right track.

Are these the people that Representative Hughes wants to be running the Justice Department?

Will the U.S. keep its nuclear lead?

by Marjorie Mazel Hecht

Advanced nuclear reactor research and development is on the Clinton administration's chopping block for ideological reasons, a move that could cost the United States its nuclear lead. The proposed energy budget for fiscal year 1994 eliminates the advanced liquid metal reactor (called the Integral Fast Reactor) that is designed to run on recycled nuclear waste, parts of the space nuclear power research, the fast flux test facility, and the modular high-temperature gas-cooled reactor. There are \$200 million in cuts for 1994 and \$1.2 billion proposed for the following four years.

President Clinton called for these cuts in his State of the Union address, saying bluntly that his budget would end "programs that are no longer needed, such as nuclear power research and development." In his "Vision of Change for America," released Feb. 17, Clinton specified that the research and development (R&D) programs to be eliminated were "nuclear reactors that have no commercial or other identified application."

This phaseout of advanced nuclear research, coupled with a major influx of funding to "renewables," is euphemistically referred to by the Department of Energy (DOE) as "shifted priorities to meet the needs of a changing world." How such a shift is justified was explained to this writer recently by a DOE press spokesman: "It is the *public will* not to build new nuclear plants. . . . And if we're not going to build new plants, why should we continue pouring money into advanced nuclear reactors when the economic reality is against it?"

That the majority of the "public" in several recent nationwide polls has been *for* keeping nuclear power in America's future made no impression on this DOE spokesman. Nor did the economic fact that "renewables" (like solar or wind power) are inherently incapable of powering an industrial society. It was clear that the shift in the DOE was to "politically correct" environmental ideology, presented to the public in "greenspeak."

Congressional opposition

Congress may not go along with the DOE's "shifted priorities." At April 29 congressional hearings on the nuclear budget, Rep. Marilyn Lloyd (D-Tenn.) stated flatly that the