

form, revealing that Sumner M. Redstone owns 23.4% of WMS common stock; that WMS chairman and president Louis J. Nicastro owns 24.9% of WMS; and his son Neil D. Nicastro, the boss of Midway, owns 23.4% of WMS.

Redstone's personal fortune of \$6.4 billion jumped him from 37th to 15th place among the super-rich, *USA Today* reported on Jan. 26, 1999. Besides producing slot machines and killer-trainer games, Redstone owned MTV, Paramount Pictures, and Blockbuster Video.

Also on the Midway board is Chicago executive William C. Bartholomay, a partner of media magnate Ted Turner and the chairman of the Atlanta Braves baseball team.

Hasbro

Players seize new territories, crush enemies, and betray allies in a fast-paced, ruthless quest for world domination.

Does this promotional for a video game sound like propaganda for the British Empire, or Henry Kissinger?

The game, "Risk II," published by Hasbro, was developed for Hasbro by its former employees in a British firm, Deep Red Games Ltd.

Hasbro is also the official U.S. distributor of Pokémon, on behalf of the Japanese manufacturer Nintendo. Hasbro decides how American elementary school children will use the Pokémon monsters and battle figures for fantasy maiming and killing, hour after hour, day after day.

Among the board members of Hasbro are Alan Batkin, vice chairman of Kissinger Associates, Inc.; Paul Wolfowitz, former Undersecretary of Defense and now a power behind George W. Bush's foreign policy team; Marie Josee Kravis, director of the British Empire media cartel Hollinger International and wife of Henry Kravis, the corporate raider and moneybags for President Bush's rise to power.

Hasbro owns Avalon Hill, one of the original recreational war-game companies. Thus, Hasbro is close to the center of a tight little world of game designers and the kook-faction of the military and intelligence community.

The infamous Gary Gygax was a designer with the Avalon Hill company, before he set up his own firm, TSR, to make

Top Ten in Killer Games

In a Feb. 1 press release, Midway Games reported the leading U.S. video-game software companies, as ranked according to unit sales by the "NPD Group's TRSTS" in 1999. EIR has supplied the addresses, phone numbers, and sample corporate products:

1. Nintendo of America, Inc.

P.O. Box 957, Redmond, Wash. 98073. Telephone: (425) 882-2040.

Pokémon (manufacturer); game-boys; equipment for satanic video-games.

2. Electronic Arts, Inc.

209 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City, Calif. 94065. Telephone: (650) 628-1500.

Road Rash (hit and run, criminal assault on police).

3. Sony Computer Entertainment

Sony Corporation of America c/o CDNow, Inc.
1005 Virginia Drive, Fort Washington, Pa. 19034.
Telephone: (215) 619-9000.

Equipment for satanic video games.

4. Midway Home Entertainment

Midway Games Inc.
3401 North California Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60618. Telephone: (773) 961-2222.

Mortal Kombat, Doom, Quake.

5. THQ, Inc.

27001 Agoura Road, Suite 325, Calabasas Hills, Calif. 91301. Mail: 5016 North Parkway, Suite 100, Calabasas, Calif. 91302. Telephone: (818) 871-5000.

Summoners (evil sorcerers, satanic monsters).

6. Acclaim Entertainment

One Acclaim Plaza, Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542. Telephone: (516) 656-5000.

Hard Core Wrestling (nails in head, strangulation).

7. 989 Studios (Sony)

Sony Corporation of America c/o CDNow, Inc.
1005 Virginia Drive, Fort Washington, Pa. 19034.
Telephone: (215) 619-9000.

Everquest (followers of the god Cazic-Thule inflict "pain, misery, violence, torture, living sacrifice").

8. Activision, Inc.

3100 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite 1000, Santa Monica, Calif. 90405. Mail: 11601 Wilshire Blvd., 3rd Floor, Suite 1000, Los Angeles, Calif. 90025. Telephone: (310) 255-2000.

Soldier of Fortune (assassination, race-war).

9. Namco Ltd.

Yaguchi, Ota-ku, Tokyo 146-8655, Japan.
Soul Calibur ("the Evil Seed is loose, threatens to swallow souls in its chilling wake"; Boss character is "Inferno").

10. Hasbro Interactive

Hasbro, Inc., 1027 Newport Ave., P.O. Box 1059, Pawtucket, R.I. 02861. Telephone (401) 431-8697.
Pokémon, Dungeons and Dragons.