

The CIA's Legacy Of Lies

The recent announcement that the Trump Justice Department is considering indicting WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange for release and publication of materials obtained by federal whistle blowers is contrary to the position of President Donald Trump who said, "I love WikiLeaks", during the Fall campaign.



As I wrote last week the troubling comments made by Director of Central Intelligence Mike Pompeo could be a troubling sign that the same intelligence

agency involved an illegal leaking of surveillance regarding General Flynn is out to destabilize President Trump.

These damn agencies lead the charge for the limited air strike in Syria and worked with their allies in the military to push the president to put 150,000 troops in Syria. They are also responsible for the leak to the NYT on Jan 20 on which Washington Post Reports that Roger Stone, Paul Manafort and Carter Page were all subject to NSA ordered FBI surveillance. There is no evidence that either Stone or Manafort colluded with the Russian State.

The absurd denunciation of Wikileaks, which he, like Donald Trump, had previously been praised by our new Director of the CIA, Mike Pompeo, compounds the agency's determination that Assad had conducted a chemical attack in Syria, which led to the launching of a cruise missile attack that took the lives of innocent women and children, an ironic outcome, given it

was launched because of his desire to protect the lives of innocent women and children.

Syria had surrendered its stockpile of chemical weapons in 2013, following an earlier "false flag" attack, where their removal was verified by an agency of the UN. The CIA failed to distinguish between dropping a chemical bomb (which does not appear to have happened) and dropping a bomb on chemical compounds (which appear to have replaced the conventional munitions that were stored there). This looks like a classic case of "bait and switch"!

Acting on faulty intelligence endorsed by Director Pompeo, the President has now violated international law, the UN Charter and the War Powers Agreement with Congress. While he has won praise from hawks on both sides of the aisle, who have denounced him in the past, and been lauded by the mainstream media, which holds him in contempt, the foreign policy of his campaign increasingly appears to have been overtaken by the neocon agenda.

The competence of Wikileaks, which has yet to release even one inauthentic email, compares very favorably with the performance of the CIA, which neither anticipated the collapse of the Soviet Union or the "terrorist attack" of 9/11. But not only is the public shortchanged by an agency that all-too-often misses either the boat or gets things wrong, its operations around the world have gone far beyond the scope of its charter. The agency is out of control.

Even Harry Truman, who signed The National Security Act in 1947, concluded that creating the CIA had been his most grievous mistake, the American people need to know the kinds of actions that the agency has taken that are not only violate the sovereignty of other nations but subvert the ideas of the United States itself. Its actions have been primarily responsible for the wide-spread belief that America is "the greatest terrorist state" in the world.

We can far more easily replace an incompetent director than we can constrain its pernicious influence in other nations. The CIA has become the most effective instrument for subverting freedom and democracy in the name of "freedom and democracy" the world has ever seen and has permanently tarnished the image of the USA, which virtually everyone but the American public understands. Consider five examples of its subversive acts:

Operation Paperclip

In the wake of World War II, as the Office of Strategic Service was transformed into the CIA, more than 1,600 scientists, engineers and technical experts, including Wernher von Braun and his rocket team, many of whom were not only member of the Nazi Party but among its leaders, were quietly transferred from The Third Reich to the United States, where their antipathy for undemocratic procedures has exerted profound influence. Among them were SS intelligence officers Alfred Six and Emil Augsburg (who massacred Jews), Klaus Barbie (the "Butcher of Lyon"), Otto von Bolschwing (who worked with Eichmann) and SS Colonel Otto Skorzeny (who was a personal friend of Hitler's). There is nothing far-fetched about believing that their collective influence upon the government of the United States has been in the direction of making the nation more authoritarian and autocratic and willing to subvert governments at home and abroad.

Coups and Assassinations

Their contempt has been demonstrated by conducting coups in foreign nations, usurping their right to self-determination, initiated by the 1953 coup in Iran, toppling its democratically elected government and imposing The Shah of Iran, whose brutal and tyrannical regime was only overthrown by the popular uprising of 1979, during which Iranians regained control of their own country, which the CIA had stolen. Its activities include:

- * 1953: Iran coup d'état
- * 1954: Guatemalan coup
- * 1961: Dag Hammarskjold
- * 1961: Ecuadorian coup
- * 1961: Patrice Lumumba
- * 1963: Dominican Republic
- * 1963: The Diem Brothers
- * 1964: Brazilian coup
- * 1965: Indonesian coup
- * 1965: Greek coup
- * 1967: Che Guevara
- * 1968: Peruvian coup
- * 1970: Salvador Allende
- * 1975: Australian coup
- * 1979: El Salvadorian coup
- * 1986: Iran/Contra scandal
- * 1989: Panamanian coup
- * 1991: The Gulf War
- * 1993: Haitian coup

More than 80 coups appear to have been carried out by the CIA, including at least one in the USA. Author Steve Kangas, "A Timeline of CIA Atrocities", Global Research (2016) has remarked that, while the collapse of the Soviet deprived the agency of its rationale (of fighting communism), its budget was not reduced. And, as Vladimir Putin has remarked, 95% of the terrorist acts in the world are conducted by the CIA. It's long past time question its continued existence.

Operation Mockingbird

To counter the influence of communist propaganda, Frank Wisner, Director of the Office of Policy Coordination of the NSA, envisioned a program for recruiting American journalists to support the policies of the government by means of their media affiliations. After Allen Dulles recruited Cord Meyer to the CIA, he became the point man for the agency. In 1975, William Colby, then its Director, told Congress that the

agency owned everyone of significance in the media at the time. An article by Carl Bernstein, "The CIA and the Media" (1977), confirmed his testimony and reported that agency officials had boasted that their greatest successes had been with The New York Times, Time/Life, Inc., and CBS, which gave it a lock on news at the time.

The situation has become far worse in the decades since, where (what is now known as) "fake news" dominates the mainstream (as opposed to the alternative) media. The development of computers and internet communications has made it more difficult to keep the truth from the American public, where many of the most egregious outlets are resorting to "fact checkers" to reinforce the views the agency wants to prevail. This is a new variation on the standard technique of one dis-info op supporting another, creating the impression they are independent sources, when they are conspiring together. The obvious problem is, who is fact checking the "fact checkers", who are in on the scam?

JFK

The agency's ingenuity was challenged by skeptics of The Warren Report (1964), who raised questions about the backyard photographs (which had been faked), the role of the Secret Service setting him up for the hit (leaving two agents behind at Love Field, the vehicles in the wrong sequence, changing the route four days before the motorcade and other blatant clues), forcibly stealing the body from Dallas (to get it under military control), the impossibility of the alleged shots (which not even the best sniper in the Marine Corps could replicate) and assorted other anomalies. So they sent out a memo on dealing with critics and proposed the phrase, "conspiracy theorists", to implicitly shift the burden of proof as though, unless they could account for every aspect of the crime, they did not deserve to be taken seriously, which continues to this day.

Even though medical experts have shown that JFK was hit at least four times—once in the back (from behind); once in the throat (from in front); and twice in the head (once from behind and once from the right/front), which could not have been done by a lone shooter, the CIA continues to play “The Mighty Wurlitzer” (as Wiser called the mainstream media, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, MSNBC and more), who which does its best to drown out those who have done their homework and cannot be taken in. Today we know the body was altered, the X-rays were fixed and the home movies were revised to conceal the true causes of the death of our 35th president, especially the limo stop to make sure he would be killed. The agency appears to fear that, if the public understood the truth, its role in managing the flow of information to the people would be exposed, which it resists to this day.

RFK

Not only was the agency profoundly involved in the assassination of JFK in collaboration with the Dallas Police and Sheriff’s Department, but Bobby was taken out by four shots fired from behind, as the acclaimed forensic pathologist, Thomas Noguchi, ascertained, where the fatal shot was fired behind his right ear from a distance of an inch-and-a-half. Since Sirhan Sirhan—who just happened to be a Palestinian—never got closer than several feet of Bobby and fired all of his shots from in front, it would not do to let his autopsy report stand uncontested. In spite of his standing, the coroner was fired for issuing a report that contradicted the LAPD’s conclusions. And the public remains unaware to this day that three of the agency’s key players—George Joannides, Gordon Campbell and David Sanchez Morales—were identified by several persons who knew them, including Bradley Ayers, who had served with them in the CIA, and Wayne Smith, a former Ambassador with JFK’s Latin American Task force of the Department of State from 1957 to 1962.

Author David Talbot has written a new book painting Allen Dulles as the brains behind the death of JFK, after LBJ forced himself on the ticket in Los Angeles in 1960 in order to ascend to the highest office when Jack was taken out. He maneuvered JFK into making the Texas trip; and even sent his Chief Administrative Assistant, Cliff Carter, down to Dallas to make sure all the arrangements for the assassination were in place.

Concluding Reflections

Once again, the controlling media does its best to manages public perceptions, which continues to this day. With Donald Trump in the White House, many of his supporters, myself included, had high expectations that the “Deep State” would be cut down to size—and, indeed, in some respects, it has been. But appointments like that of new CIA Director, Mike Pompeo, indicate that nothing has really changed, that there is an active effort to co-opt the Trump Presidency. If coopted by the neocons we are in for more wars, not fewer, and more interference in our private lives by The Surveillance State, which can use the information it gathers on each of us to blackmail, intimidate or even kill us in order to preserve its control of the nation’s course of events. Without the truth, we cannot know which actions are most appropriate in a fake world of orchestrated events. If we want to do better, we are going to have to get rid of the forces that control us. The CIA would be a good place to start. President Trump should clean house.

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