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IS A CONSPIRACY RESPONSIBLE FOR AMERICA'S DECLINE?

In recent years, there has been growing interest in the belief that there is an international "conspiracy" which has, as its aim, the goal of submerging the United States into a Soviet controlled one-world government. The so-called "conspiracy theory of history" has also intrigued not a few members of the Worldwide Church of God as well. It should be noted at the outset, that while some "conspiracy literature" is put out by neo-Nazi hate groups, and is directed against Jews and blacks,¹ the particular version of the theory which is held by Church members isn't. ~~The~~ The Missing Dimension in World Affairs, for example, could in no way be classified as anti-semitic or anti-black.²

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as "Fourth Reich
of the Rich"

The issue of conspiracy is raised in the minds of some by the publication in The PLAIN TRUTH magazine of articles chronicling the decay of the power of America, fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies concerning the general decline of the power of modern Israel. These articles, however, do not attribute this decline to a conspiracy on the part of a few rich bankers, financiers, and wealthy capitalists, or a secret group known as the Illuminati; rather they pinpoint the problems as being a direct result of sin and lack of the knowledge of God and His way (Hosea 4:1); that the English-speaking world is suffering national curses of disobedience (Lev. 26 and Deut. 28). Nevertheless, some members of the Church believe that America's decline is the result (or largely the result) of self-conscious manipulation on the part of cleverly-entrenched conspirators.

The News Bureau felt it was necessary at this time to investigate in some detail the "conspiracy theory of history" in order to give ministers in the Worldwide Church a better background of this complicated, controversial subject.

It should be noted at this outset that the easiest way to get oneself ridiculed in academic circles today is to proclaim

a belief in the existence of a secret society which controls world affairs. As one dissenting political scientist, G. William Domhoff, has pointed out,³ many college professors have an absolutely closed mind on the subject and often resort to ridicule and ad hominem arguments when they are confronted with the idea of a conspiracy. Conspiracy theories simply aren't "respectable" and professed belief in them is likely to forever brand one as a member of the right-wing lunatic fringe. (Of course the approach of educated critics, of itself, neither denies nor confirms the theory.) Combine this with the historical anti-semitic associations of conspiracy theories⁴ and it is easy to see why the issue carries such a strong emotional charge.

A Conspiratorial Taxonomy

Most of what is written about the "conspiracy theory" may be placed in the following categories:

John Birch publications: Most of those Church members who believe in the existence of an international bankers' conspiracy have been influenced by John Birch Society publications, if not by The Missing Dimension in World Affairs. The Birch Society was founded in the 1950s to warn against the "Communist conspiracy." Initially, there was little to distinguish the Society ideologically from any other right-wing or conservative group: it stood for militant anti-communism abroad and for undiluted free enterprise at home.

The John Birch Society, has of course, a very bad image: "Bircher" is often used as a epithet and indiscriminately lumped with "American Nazi" and "Ku Klux Klan." In this sense the reputation is clearly undeserved as the Society professes absolutely no anti-semitism, anti-catholicism or racism in its literature and, as a matter of fact, takes great pains to divorce itself from such groups as the Nazis and the Klan. Significantly, much of the criticism of the Society results from its "from the top down" structure of internal government, which also distinguishes it from other right-wing groups.

About the time of the Goldwater defeat in 1964, however, the John Birch Society made some ideological changes. Part of the reason was the Goldwater defeat itself, but another part was that members of the Society, upon researching the history of the Russian Revolution, had discovered links between wealthy American capitalists and the Russian Revolution. Thus the Society came to concentrate much of its intellectual firepower on those wealthy American capitalists who seemed to be "collaborating" with the Russians. From this, the Society developed a

model of American political life in which a few bankers and financial dynasties were steadfastly subverting the true values of the United States and using their power to "sellout" the U. S. to a one-world government.

Other right-wingers: A populist strain in American politics has always been weary of the big financial centers situated on the Eastern seaboard. For example, the conventional wisdom of the period 1880-1920 was to be weary of the "Wall Street Trust." This populist strain of thought tends to be very isolationist in foreign policy; its best representative was Senator Robert Taft who almost gained the GOP presidential nomination in 1952. Today it is represented by Dan Smoot, whose literature is promulgated by the Birch Society. Smoot emphasizes that a small group of wealthy "internationalists" has been busy "entangling" America with other sovereign entities, most notably the United Nations.

The Liberty Lobby is another group which emphasizes a banker's conspiracy: through their publication The National Spotlight, The L. L. chronicles the supposed machinations of this conspiracy to bring about a world government.

Finally, of all the "right-wing" or "conservative" anti-conspiracy groups or individuals, the one who most closely approaches "respectability" is Phillis Schlafly, who is best known for her crusade against the Equal Rights Amendment. While it is not clear that Schlafly, an upper-class lady herself who holds a MA from Harvard, believes in a "conspiracy," per se, she certainly does believe that a small number of elite groups such as the Bilderbergers, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the various Rockefeller financial establishments, all of which figure prominently in conspiracy literature, are up to no good.⁵

Marxists: Though left-wingers do not believe in a "conspiracy," they do believe in the existence of a capitalist "ruling class" which manipulates the government for its own purposes. The chief Marxist exponent of anti-Rockefeller literature has been the U. S. Labor Party. Ironically, the Labor Party, which made headlines in 1976 with its claim that Nelson Rockefeller was planning to get the U. S. into a nuclear war with the Soviet Union, is now in the process of trying to identify with the right instead of the left; how successful it will be is another matter. One John Birch Society official has expressed the belief that, on the basis of its having more money than one would expect given its membership, the Labor Party is a KGB operation.

The most prominent left-wing "conspiracist" is Gabriel Kolko, a historian who argues in The Triumph of Conservatism that the wealthy upper class in the period 1900-1920 used "progressive" or "left-wing" political means (e.g., the progressive income tax, the federal reserve system, increased government economic interventionism) to achieve "reactionary" or "right-wing" political ends, (i.e. keeping themselves on top maintain the "corporate system," preventing a redistribution of the wealth of the rich).

Elite Theorists: These are political scientists who believe that small groups of people at the "top" of society exercise disproportionate influence, and in some ways manipulate national affairs, but that they do not engage in conspiracy. The most notable are G. William Domhoff of the University of California at Santa Cruz, and the late C. Wright Mills who became famous for his book on The Power Elite.

These analysts and others of their persuasion argue that the American political reality is not as "democratic" as one is normally lead to believe, and that the country is really being run by a small group of upper class individuals. The idea, put this way, has a widespread following on many university campuses. Domhoff has devoted his professional career to studying the upper class,⁶ and what he has found are many of the same facts which have caused Dan Smoot and the John Birch Society to smell a conspiracy. The upper class elite, he has discovered, send their children to the same schools (both secondary and higher), maintain membership in the same social clubs, sit on the boards of the same corporations, and also belong to the same "public affairs" groups. Domhoff emphasizes, however, that while the people who hold much of the power in America constitute a wealthy elite, they are not engaged in any conspiracies. Rather, he sees the "social upper-class" as exercising its disproportionate influence to maintain a society in which they keep themselves on the top.

Origins of Interest

Most people become interested in conspiracy theories because they don't like what is going on in America government. Moreover, they simply cannot bring themselves to believe that what they perceive to be deleterious policies are not the result of self-conscious contrivance.

There is plenty of data to justify the assertion that some governmental policies at least are the product of relatively small, elite groups. Two areas stand out: monetary policy and

foreign policy, both of which are centered on by conspiracy theorists.

Monetary policy in the United States is made by the Federal Reserve Board, a "quasi-private" entity created by Congress to act as the central bank of the United States. The Board of governors is publically appointed but it enjoys autonomy in decision-making. While there is some talk now in Congress that the Federal Reserve Board should be directed by legislation to seek a given rate of monetary growth, it is unlikely that such an idea will be implemented. In this regard, we know that an absolute contraction in money supply can cause a depression. (See Milton Friedman and Anna Schwartz, A Monetary History of the United States.) Thus even "respectable economists such as Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman point out that the Great Depression of the 1930s was caused by the "Fed," as it is known in banking circles, failing to stem such a contraction. At one point during the depression, for example, the amount of money in circulation as represented by checking accounts and currency was a third less than its pre-depression high.

Unquestionably, the Fed does indeed enjoy an enormous amount of actual power. In terms of policy, however, the Fed, rightly ~~for~~ wrongly, is seen as a conservatizing influence. The "business community" wants an "independent" Fed, i.e., one which won't give in to every election-year whim of Congress and the Administration to drastically increase the money supply, which in turn causes inflation. Most of the political criticism of the Fed, in fact, comes from liberals who complain that it doesn't pump enough money into the economy and/or that it keeps interest rates too high. There is also a significant amount of conservative economic criticism of the Fed's policies by Milton Friedman and other "monetarist" economists based at the (Rockefeller founded) University of Chicago. Their complaint is that the Fed has been wishy-washy in following a steady target of money growth because this could mean widely fluctuating interest rates. Thus the Fed tries to find a compromise between desirable interest rates and desirable money supply growth. (According to Friedman, the important thing is that money supply growth be "steady" at a constant rate of increase.)

The area where elite decision making stands out is foreign policy. Because foreign policy is primarily the responsibility of the executive branch, it is easier for elite or small groups to disproportionately influence it. The State Department is primarily responsible for foreign policy, and it is responsible to the President.

What We Found

The "conspiracy" theory is a pattern of beliefs about the way power is exercised in the world. While it is believed widely among the lower middle class, it is largely rejected in our society by those with a college education.⁷

To a large degree, as we have already noted, this is because of the disreputability of the word "conspiracy" when applied to world affairs. It is also because of a view which political scientists call "pluralism," the belief that there are many different groups in society, each with its own interests, and that these groups engage in shifting coalition. Thus "farmers" may win on this policy and lose on that; labor may join forces with business here and oppose it there. There is no room for any "conspiracy" in the pluralist model; each group simply pursues its own interest, but is not powerful enough by itself to impose its will.

The "pluralist" model is the one which most people learn in their civics classes. However, there is a considerable amount of data which to some degree contradicts the pluralist model; it is this data which, when viewed by some people, leads them to believe in a conspiracy which is out to sell-out the United States to a one-world Soviet controlled government. Some of the evidence is as follows:

--Most of the major corporations in the United States are "interlocked" with each other. That is, one member of the board of Corporation A sits on the board of Corporation B. Of the 750 top corporations in the United States, most, in fact, are interlinked, according to political scientist Michael Schwartz.⁸ Schwartz has used a computer and boolean algebra to describe the "centrality" of each major corporation. Centrality means the number of ties a corporation has to other corporations as a proportion of a given group: the most "central" corporations would be the ones with the most ties to other corporations, and thus would probably be the most important. After studying the centrality of the top 1000 corporations in the United States, Schwartz has found that the most important ones are all banks.⁹ And not only are they all banks, but they are banks connected to either Rockefeller or Morgan financial interests! From this Schwartz theorizes that the corporate business structure in the U. S. is dominated by the big banks. See Appendices A and B.

--The big foundations are also tightly interlocked with each other through their boards of trustees. The Rockefeller,

Carnegie and Ford foundations draw heavily from the same group of people, which group in turn is heavily interlocked with such policy planning groups as the Council on Foreign Relations. See Appendix C.

--The major think-tanks, study groups, and world affairs institutes are also tied to the same group of people. Private non-profit, supposedly non-partisan groups such as the Brookings Institution, the Council on Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission (a David Rockefeller project) make detailed policy recommendations to the executive branch of government and the government often tries to implement those recommendations. Whether this is because the officials in the executive branch are themselves members of such groups or because they were influenced by the cogency of the recommendations is a moot point. We should note here, however, that two Marxist historians, Laurence Shoup and William Minter point out that over a period of two decades almost half the important policy positions in the State Department were held by members of the Council on Foreign Relations.¹⁰

As an example, consider the current effort to relinquish control of the Panama Canal. The only political group in the United States with a tangible interest in giving the Canal away is that part of big business whose companies have Latin American subsidiaries. These subsidiaries might suffer from turmoil in the hemisphere should violence erupt over the Canal issue. There are also banks which might suffer should the Torrijos regime default on its heavy debt service payments. These businessmen who are well represented on the CFR, and the CFR has, through sponsoring two books on the subject, and through several articles through recent years in its magazine Foreign Affairs, for all practical purposes advocated the surrender of American sovereignty over the Canal.

CFR members have played major roles in every administration's Panama policy since 1964 when it became the official position of the executive branch to renegotiate the treaty of 1903. Moreover, in contrast to overwhelming public opposition to the Canal giveaway, of over 1600 members of the CFR, only one is on record against the giveaway.

The CFR is heavily interlocked with foundations controlled by a few wealthy bankers (See Appendix C) (e.g., David Rockefeller) and corporations controlled by the same people.

--There is a large amount of data to the effect that these same bankers did indeed help finance the Communist Revolution

in Russia in 1917, which has been documented by former Hoover Institution researcher (and former CSULA professor) Anthony C. Sutton in Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution.¹¹ At the Hoover Institute, Sutton had access to State Department cables during the period of World War I.

--As The PLAIN TRUTH has documented, the foreign policy of the United States since the Vietnam War has been one of unrelieved retreat. Many of the people who are directly responsible for the content of foreign policy do indeed have strong ties to various Rockefeller financial institutions. Henry Kissinger, for example, received the main advances in his career from the CFR, which is indeed funded with Rockefeller, Ford and Carnegie foundation money. The Chairman of the Board of the CFR is David Rockefeller. Until they became the two highest foreign policy officials in the Carter Administration, both Cyrus Vance and Zbigniew Brzezinski were not only members, but officials of the CFR.

--The network of connections among the social upper class is indeed a fascinating study. For example, Sol Linowitz, the man who negotiated the giveaway of the Panama Canal, also sits on the Board of Directors of a bank which has lent money to Panama, and of an airline which needs Panama City as an important stop over. What is more, he is also on the Board of Directors of Time Inc., which publishes TIME Magazine. David Rockefeller, whose bank stands to benefit from American foreign aid, did indeed found the Trilateral Commission (an offshoot of the CFR) to bring together political and business leaders in Japan and Western Europe. Jimmy Carter really was a member of the Trilateral Commission, and 39 top policy making jobs in the current administration (among which are President, Vice-President, Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury, HEW, HUD, CIA director and UN ambassador) are held by members of either the CFR or the Trilateral Commission.

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We have just presented an outline of empirical evidence of what appears to be a disproportionate amount of political leverage in the hands of powerful, wealthy, exclusive circles. But does the evidence also support the existence of a conspiracy?

Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary defines "conspiracy" as "the act of conspiring" and defines "conspire" as a., "to join in a secret agreement to do an unlawful or wrongful act or to use such means to accomplish a lawful end," and

b., to act in harmony.

When conspiracists use the word, they mean in the first of these senses; the second definition could and does apply to many people at many times. If by "conspiracy theory" one means that international bankers have acted in harmony to achieve mutual goals, one is on uncontested ground. But the assertion is made that a small group, the members of which may be even completely unknown publically, is "manipulating" world events to bring about a one-world government, including actually contriving to bring about wars and depressions to accomplish this purpose.

The idea that David Rockefeller, the top echelon of the CFR, Trilateral Commission, Brookings Institution, Chase Bank, Citicorp, Exxon, the Links (golf) Club, etc., are involved in a grand scale plot to do what they do is inferred by conspiracy believers from the already given evidence. Thus the evidence supports their theory -- which is what it is. But proof of conspiratorial motives is lacking. (A conspiracy theorist would answer that this lack of evidence is what one would expect from a "conspiracy.") There is plenty of evidence that a small group of people exercise disproportionate influence on world affairs; that they are trying to bring about a one-world government under the Soviet Union is another matter.

Contrary Evidence

Thus, we have seen the rough outline of the data which can easily justify the theory of a power elite. However, this data alone does not justify belief in a "conspiracy", and further, must be tempered by the following consideration which would mitigate against a conspiracy:

--Neither the CFR, the Brookings Institute, the Trilateral Commission, or for that matter the Bohemian Grove Social Club are monolithic organizations. While they are heavily biased to the moderate left of the American political spectrum, they do include small numbers of conservatives and foreign policy hardliners. About 40 members of the CFR, for example, belong to the Committee on the Present Danger, a very hawkish, anti-Soviet group which has directed its fire at the SALT talks. If there's anything that the C.P.D. doesn't want, it is the betrayal of American sovereignty to the Soviet Union. Furthermore, one has only to survey the immense amount of literature published by the CFR and Brookings Institution to realize that while their center of gravity is to the political left, conservative ideas do get published by these organizations also. An example of

this is a recent piece in Foreign Affairs which supports South Africa.) Finally, the size of such groups runs into the thousands: it would be pretty hard for that many people to keep a secret conspiracy to sell out the United States secret for very long.

Rather, it appears that the social upper class operates within a "climate of opinion" which precludes a number of policy options (e.g., fighting to keep the Panama Canal) and this in turn gives the policies of the power elite a seeming left-of-center bias.

* The Illuminati Connection

The empirical evidence with which political science deals does not reveal a conspiracy among the "power elite" by itself. This much is clear. However, there is one facet of the subject which more easily lends itself to conspirational theorizing. This is the significant (perhaps one could even say voluminous) literature on secret societies. We do know that secret societies in history have existed, and even the Encyclopedia Britannica will document that an 18th Century group known as the "Illuminati" really did exist, and was in fact founded on May 1, 1776.

The literature on secret societies generally involves such groups as the Illuminati, the Knights Templar, the Rosicrucians, and the Masons. Furthermore, the literature of secret societies which forms the basis of the thesis of Missing Dimension in World Affairs, leads quickly to the study to the occult: one discovers that the Illuminati is linked to the Masons. In turn, the "final secret" of the Masons with which one is entrusted during one's progression up the Masonic ladder (from degrees 1-33) is that Lucifer is to be worshiped as God.

Thus, the fascinating thing is that one is no longer merely counting corporation interlocks or reading declassified State Department cables; rather, one is practically studying witchcraft!

That secret societies have existed, that they have had grandiose plans for world conquest, and that they have been involved in devil worship seems fairly clear from the literature, much of it compiled by Nesta Webster, an upper-class English historian who wrote extensively, and was reviewed extensively, in the 1920s and 30s. That there are specific links from secret societies (such as the Palladian Rite Masons who purportedly worship Lucifer)¹² to the power elite

seems much more unclear.¹³ If pressed, some conspiracy proponents will admit that even David Rockefeller might not be, strictly speaking, a full member of the Illuminati, but only a "dupe," getting his orders through his Masonic superiors.

These specific links from secret societies (specifically, the Palladian Rite Masons who purportedly constitute the modern Illuminati) to the documented members of the power elite are not to be found in books such as The Missing Dimension in World Affairs. Such links (what lodge does David Rockefeller attend? Who are his Masonic superiors? How many members of the power elite are Masons? And of what degree? etc.) constitute the empirical essence of conspirational theorizing at this point and must be brought forth in order for the standard political and historical model of conspiracy to claim scholarly validity.

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As well as the alternatives to a conspirational explanation of the power elite data, we should also note certain criticisms of the thesis in toto which can be made:

--If the theory is correct, the conspirators long-ago acquired the power to accomplish their ends and the American society we are living in now -- with its good points as well as its bad points -- is the result of the conspiracy. Theorists argue, for example, that every U. S. President and Canadian Prime Minister since 1900 has been under the thumb of the Illuminati.

--If the theory is correct, certainly Nelson Rockefeller would have taken the opportunity to have secretly assassinated Gerald Ford, and, upon assumption to the presidency, used some excuse to declare martial law: we should now be living under the reign of Emperor Nelson I.

--We know that there were power struggles among the members of the 18th Century Illumanti. Why haven't there been any visible power struggles among the Palladian Rite Masons in the last 100 years? How could any such group not be the scene of gigantic struggles for power? - *there has been!!!*

--How is the Soviet Union "controlled" by the Illuminati? Gary Allen, in None Dare Call it Conspiracy (page 75) postulates that the Soviet leadership is kept in line by "Smersh," (the spy organization of the James Bond novels,) but offers absolutely no proof.

--Alternative explanations exist for America's global decline: specifically that the "power elite" has many common interests and values, and that these values are hopelessly wrong-headed. An excellent article in Harper's (Oct. 77) by Commentary Editor Norman Podhoretz recently detailed the failure of nerve and lack of will which has taken root in the power elite after World War II. His contention is that America is in global decline because its ruling elite has for a number of psychological and philosophical reasons, lost its nerve. Since these indeed are the people who make foreign policy, this failure of nerve has shown up in American policies.

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There is one additional area which in conclusion should be touched on, and that is the conspiracy theory and the Bible.

One should differentiate conspiracy literature in and outside of the Worldwide Church of God. Members who believe in the Illuminati (mainly, Michael J. Goy in The Missing Dimension in World Affairs) emphasize that it is by means of the Illuminati that Satan controls the world. They emphasize the counterfeit nature of the Illuminati's plan for world government as a Satanic parallel of the millenium. (It also should be noted, in this connection, that there are other religious conspiracy theorists, notably Doug Clarke of Santa Ana (Religious conspiracy theorists of all varieties, of course, trace the "Conspiracy" back to Satan.)

This brings us to the religious significance of the conspiracy theory. How does such teaching accord with the accepted doctrines of the Worldwide Church of God? On the basis of the available scriptural evidence, moral blame for those events which culminate in the Great Tribulation must be assigned to the whole of society and not just to a small group of "plotters." It is not in accord with what the Church teaches about the nature of man to argue that the course of world history would have been much better if it just had not been for a small group contriving to make things go wrong: it should be stressed that history would have taken as morally reproachable a course as it has with or without the particular individuals who make up the Illuminati. Consider the following scriptures:

"Hear the word of the Lord ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood touches

blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away...My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame. (Hosea 4:1-3,6-7).

Note also from the above that when God singles out a group of individuals from the mass for a particular indictment it is not some conspiratorial plotters but rather the religious leaders of the land!¹⁴

Another scripture which bears on the subject states:

"Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint.

"From the soul of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises and putrifying sores...." (Isa. 1:5-6). This passage indicates that our modern ills are not the result of a small unrepresentative group of people, but are rather the result of moral decay in the whole population.

On the other hand, we must also realize that Isaiah emphasizes the role of elites in prophecy:

"O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths," (3:12) and "the leaders of this people cause them to err, and they that are led of them are destroyed." (9:16).

As far as the specific prophetic matter of the Bible is concerned, (the rise of Europe, the tribulation, the clashes in the middle east, the destruction of Israelish countries) the Bible only says that these events will happen, not how. What we must bear in mind is this one thing: whether we believe that the general moral decay which precedes certain prophetic events may be traced back to the Illuminati or to the general workings of human nature, the fact is that no theory is Biblical unless it takes into account that the whole society is to blame for prophetic ills.

Conclusion

It should come as no surprise that there are indeed elite

"power centers" in both business and politics -- with a healthy cross-fertilization between the two sectors, which in turn are well represented in such influential opinion-shaping organizations such as the CFR. Members of these "inner circles" moreover generally have a shared political framework, one of an educated left-of-center orientation.

The burden is placed on the conspiracy believer, however, to prove that there is more to the empirical evidence than meets the eye. Actual proof of a secret conspiracy linked to the U.S.S.R. or even above it to some sort of James Bond master manipulator is lacking. The conspirator takes discoverable facts and weaves into them a theory of alleged motives.

Biblical prophecies clearly indict all segments of our society -- the common people as well as the leaders -- political and religious -- as being responsible for our national wounds, sicknesses and immorality. "What a catastrophe! They have doomed themselves," is the message of the prophet Isaiah (Isa. 3:9, Living Bible.)

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APPENDIX A

The 34 Most

"Central" Corporations

In the U. S. Economy

<u>Corporation</u>	<u>Type</u>
Morgan (J. P.)	Bank
Chase Manhattan Corp.	Bank
Equitable Life Assur.	Ins.
Chemical New York Corp.	Bank
New York Life	Ins.
First National City Corp.	Bank
Betropolitan Life	Ins.
Southern Pacific	Trans.
Mellon National Corp.	Bank
Manufacturers Hanover Tr.	Bank.
AT & T	Util.
Penn Central	Trans.
INA	Ins.
Bankers Trust	Bank
General Electric	Ind.
U. S. Steel	Ind.
Westinghouse Electric	Ind.
Charter New York	Bank
Harris Bancorp	Bank
Phelps Dodge	Ind.
Lehman Bros.	Inv.
United California Bank	Bank
General Motors	Ind.
Internat'l Harvester	Ind.
Pacific Mutual	Ins.
First Chicago Corp.	Bank
Western Bancorp	Bank
Nat'l City Bank-Cleveland	Bank
General Foods	Ind.
Colgate Palmolive	Ind.
Cummins Engine	Ind.
IBM	Ind.
Mutual of New York	Ins.
Burlington Northern	Trans.

APPENDIX B

Council on Foreign Relations

Representation on Boards of Directors

of the 34 Most Central Corporations in the

American Economy

Corporation	Type	CFR	Percentage on Board
Morgan (J.P.)	Bank	6/22	27%
Chase Manhattan Corp.	Bank	10/24	42
Equitable Life Assur.	Ins.	8/31	26
Chemical New York Corp.	Bank	8/23	35
New York Life Ins.	Ins.	6/23	26
First National City Corp.	Bank	5/25	20
Metropolitan Life	Ins.	4/26	15
Southern Pacific	Trans.	3/13	23
Mellon National Corp.	Bank	3/24	13
Manufacturers Hanover	Bank	5/18	28
AT & T	Util.	5/19	26
Penn Central	Trans.	0/7	0
INA	Ins.	2/13	15
Bankers Trust (data for parent company)	Bank	5/13	38
General Electric	Ind.	3/18	17
U. S. Steel	Ind.	3/17	18
Westinghouse Electric	Ind.	1/17	6
Charter New York	Bank	5/17	29
Harris Bancorp	Bank	0/21	0
Phelps Dodge	Ind.	3/17	18
Lehman Brothers	Inv.	4/20	20
United Calif. Bank	Bank	2/19	11
General Motors	Ind.	3/23	13
International Harvester	Ind.	3/16	19
Pacific Mutual	Ins.	2/16	13
First Chicago Corp.	Bank	4/24	17
Western Bancorp	Bank	2/15	13
National City Bank-Cleveland	Bank	1/24	4
General Foods	Ind.	6/17	35
Colgate Palmolive	Ind.	1/13	8
Cummins Engine	Ind.	3/16	20
IBM	Ind.	11/20	55
Mutual of New York	Ins.	6/30	20
Burlington Northern	Trans.	0/16	0

APPENDIX B

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Average CFR percentage for financials (N=20):20.6%

Average CFR percentage for non-financials (N=14):18.4%

Sources: Standard and Poor Corp., Standard and Poor's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives, New York 1977.

CFR, Annual Report 1975-1976, New York, 1976.

APPENDIX C

CFR-Foundation Interlocks

Foundation	CFR Representation	
Carnegie Corp. of New York		
Officers:	1/4	25%
Trustees:	5/16	31
Carnegie Endowment for Int. Peace		
Officers:	3/4	75
Trustees:	13/20	65
Ford Foundation		
Officers:	3/10	30
Trustees:	5/17	29
Lilly Endowment		
Officers:	1/6	16
Trustees:	0/7	0
Kettering Foundation		
Officers:	1/7	14
Trustees:	3/12	25
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation		
Officers:	1/3	33
Trustees:	1/6	16
Rockefeller Brothers Fund		
Officers:	2/5	40
Trustees:	6/13	46
Rockefeller Family Fund		
Officers:	1/5	20
Trustees:	3/10	30
Rockefeller Foundation		
Officers:	2/6	33
Trustees:	12/20	60
Tinker Foundation		
Officers:	4/6	66
Trustees:	Chemical Bank	

Sources: The Foundation Center, The Foundation Director, New York 1975.

CFR, Annual Report 1975-1976, New York, 1976.