

on Dec. 4, 1981. These two Executive Orders allowed the creation of a complex of secret activities by private agencies effectively beyond the reach of the public law. Under the provisions of these Executive Orders, numerous U.S. allies, such as Panama, have been illegally subverted, the government of the Philippines overthrown, and foreign governments, including the U.S.S.R., the U.K., and Israel were able to take control over parts of U.S. policymaking.

The foremost example of the growth of lawless private intelligence functions under Executive Order 12333-4 has been "Project Democracy," whose name derives from President Reagan's speech delivered in the London Guildhall in 1982. The idea for Project Democracy originated at the meeting of the Trilateral Commission in Tokyo, Japan on May 31, 1975 which, among other things, discussed the Zbigniew Brzezinski-Samuel P. Huntington-Michel Crozier-Joji Watanuki "ungovernability of democracy" thesis, and also chose Jimmy Carter to be the next President of the United States. In the autumn of 1983, Congress created by law the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) as a private foundation, financed by congressional appropriation of public funds through the State Department and the United States Information Agency. The NED by 1987 was functioning as a private or ersatz CIA, funding 250 political projects, destabilizing the Philippines, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Panama, Colombia, and getting implicated in running drugs and guns. Project Democracy's program has nothing to do with everyday notions of "democracy," but rather prescribes a pro-Soviet, malthusian-ecologist universal fascist corporate state dominated by international cartels. Kissinger and Walter Mondale were founding members of the NED board, along with the heads of the Republican and Democratic parties. The board of the NED has thus been compared to a "Grand Council" of secret government fascism.

Oliver North's notebook and flow charts detailed a money-laundering, drug-and-arms-trafficking and covert actions capability which North referred to as "Project Democracy." This Project Democracy and the NED are substantially identical. Yet, the United States Congress, controlled by the secret government and blackmailed by the omnipresent FBI secret political police, has refused to cancel the funding of the lawless Project Democracy.

CIA old boys' networks

The foot soldiers, mercenaries, adventurers, soldiers of fortune, pilots, arms dealers, roustabouts, and other players who populate the Iran-Contra operational stage tend to be drawn from the CIA old boys' networks. For example, the personnel and activities of the Theodore Shackley-Thomas Clines network have been detailed in court papers prepared by the Christic Institute of Washington, D.C. for a federal lawsuit against the Shackley-Clines "Enterprise." While details of the Christic lawsuit may be erroneous, the following general lines are alleged in numerous published accounts: The old boys' networks in question represent CIA covert

Contras and drugs

In the summer of 1986, a government witness known under the pseudonym of "Wanda Doe" told the U.S. government she had seen a cargo of guns taken off a C-123 cargo plane of Southern Air Transport and replaced with a cargo of cocaine on various occasions at the airfield in Barranquilla, Colombia. Although the witness was sponsored by Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, the witness's testimony was rejected in September 1986 (along with her request for FBI protection) by then-Assistant Attorney General William Weld, who initiated and sponsored the federal witchhunt prosecutions against LaRouche and his friends. The testimony in question would have gone far toward establishing the role of the CIA in drug smuggling in cooperation with the Medellín Cartel of Jorge Ochoa, whose drugs, according to other accounts, were being landed at the Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

On Oct. 5, 1986, a C-123 cargo plane operated by Southern Air Transport was shot down over Nicaragua by Sandinista military action as the plane was flying weapons to the Contras. The plane had been owned by Barry Seal, a pilot for the Ochoa Medellín Cartel before he was murdered some time before. Although the pilot of the plane, Wallace Sawyer (whose flight log put him in Barranquilla on precisely the days cited by Wanda Doe), was killed, another crew member, Eugene Hasenfus, survived, and was captured by the Sandinistas. A telephone number found in Hasenfus's personal address book turned out to be the phone of Felix Rodriguez, alias Max Gomez, a well-known agent of the CIA. Rodriguez/Gomez, in turn, was in direct contact with Donald Gregg, the national security adviser in the office of Vice President Bush.

North flew to El Salvador to supervise the coverup. Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams tried to get right-wing Gen. Jack Singlaub to say that the Hasenfus flight was part of Singlaub's Contra aid operations. Deputy Attorney General Stephen Trott, now a federal judge, told FBI Director William Webster (now CIA director) and Webster's deputy Oliver Revell to "delay" the investigation of Southern Air Transport. At the same time, Admiral Poindexter of the NSC made the same request of Attorney General Edwin Meese: to "delay" the investigation of Southern Air Transport because the airline was involved in "sensitive missions" in the Middle East, obviously including running arms to Khomeini. All of this gave Gregg and others in Bush's office the chance to cover their tracks.