

## Why My Assassination Was Ordered from Manhattan

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It is now time that I informed all relevant leading circles in West Germany of certain facts most probably known through other channels to all heads of state in Europe—both OECD and CMEA. These are facts concerning me and my political associates, facts which will help you to understand a variety of otherwise mysterious things, including the reason my name is currently at the top of the list for Baader-Meinhof assassination.

Those of you who are privileged to know things of the sort which do not always reach the pages of the press or the floor of the Bundestag have either seen a 24-name Baader-Meinhof list with my name listed second, or have been informed of this fact. A copy of that list circulating in certain B.R.D. circles has come into the hands of my associates in the United States. However, since most of you who have seen that list or know of its contents are also the victims of false, second-hand information concerning me and my associates, you are astonished; “How is this possible? I cannot believe that he is so important!” On the contrary, if you knew the facts, I have an extremely important role, sufficiently important that U.S.A. White House and lower Manhattan circles are, according to inside White House and banking sources, most extremely afraid of the potential I represent.

### ***‘CIA’ and ‘Conservative’ Connections***

For some years, since the New York City teachers strike of 1968, in which my associates and I aided the social-democratic led New York teachers’ union against Maoists and other types, the so-called left in the United States and Western Europe has circulated the wild tale to the effect that the Labor Committees and Labor Parties are both “CIA”-connected and “agents of conservative circles.” This was totally false. The Labor Parties are exactly what they present themselves to be and nothing else.

However, irony of ironies, since the events of November 1–3, 1976, I and my associates have had increasing contact with leading conservative as well as trade-union forces within the

U.S.A., and partially through that contact, active discussions with elements of the military and intelligence communities of the U.S.A.

I shall not name names and so forth, not because I wish to hide anything, but because I am not at liberty to name others. Insofar as I and my organization are concerned, there is nothing to hide in this connection.

There were two key developments which began this process.

The first was a half-hour nationwide television broadcast I made on election eve, November 1, 1976. This broadcast shocked certain leading circles in the U.S.A. because, according to their report at that time, they saw my strategic analysis of the war-danger under Carter was correct. Those circles decided at that point that I and my party would most probably be a growing force in U.S.A. policymaking during the emerging period.

The second was my party's activity in (unsuccessfully) mobilizing forces throughout the nation during the night of November 2–3 to persuade President Gerald Ford to oppose the massive vote fraud of November 2, and my own and my party's continuing role in opposing the massive vote fraud during the following weeks.

This discussion between Labor Party and other forces progressed as those who deprecated our warnings of the dangers a Carter-Mondale Administration represented came to the view that our forewarnings had been correct. In this process both conservative and trade-unionist forces (representing a number of key national trade unions) came into close cooperation with the U.S. Labor Party in support of the Labor Party's energy program, to the effect that the Labor Party has performed a key role in the opposition to the Carter-Mondale-Schlesinger "energy" program to date.

With conservatives, and with military and intelligence circles with whom we have disagreed on various other issues, we have maintained a collaboration discussion around three principal areas of agreement.

- 1) Preventing a Carter-provoked thermonuclear war with the Warsaw Pact, with the included goal of publicizing alternative options for war-avoidance in the mutual fundamental interests of the OECD and Warsaw Pact nations.
- 2) Aiding governments and regular law enforcement agencies in containing and uprooting the Interpol-neo-Fabian-centered international terrorist networks based in the United States.
- 3) Preventing the Carter-Mondale Administration from wrecking the industrial and related strengths of North America, Western Europe, and Japan through combined "energy" and monetarist austerity policies.

Despite our mutually-differing appreciations of the CMEA countries as socialist states and our differences on such topics as “Soviet aggression,” we agreed in particular, that the political and military strategies of the Carter-Mondale Administration and NATO-Brussels were politically and militarily incompetent to the point of lunacy. We agreed that the Carter-Mondale Administration had totally misestimated the Soviet leadership in plotting dangerous provocations of confrontation, and that if NATO were plunged into war by such lunatic political-strategic adventures, the United States would be destroyed and Western Europe overrun, on the basis of considerations including the strategic incompetence and policies of the NATO command.

It was also reported to us that certain U.S.A. agencies in direct contact with Soviet military intelligence representatives had gone through a period of accusing one another of being the agency behind the Labor Committees. After some exhaustive examination of the matter, the various forces concurred that the Labor Committees belonged to no one but themselves. Their sense of the matter, as reported to us, was that it was mutually advantageous that a “third factor” of the Labor Committees’ special strategic-analytical competence continue its independent role of public criticism of errors and so forth of policies of both the OECD and CMEA countries.

Accordingly, specialists from several nations (in particular) have arranged to “feed us” certain problems for public evaluation through our press—from which everyone concerned could thus discretely receive the information concerning our evaluations with appropriate anonymity. In short, we have been functioning as an independent strategic “think tank” in that way.

### *The ‘American Whig’ Principle*

Parallel to this and intersecting it, the U.S. Labor Party has been building the base for an industry-labor political alliance in the U.S.A., along the same lines the European Labor Party (ELP) proposed to certain of the Italian Christian Democrats, Socialist, and Communist Parties in Italy beginning January 1976, which the EAP has proposed to Gaullist, industrialist and CGT trade-union forces in France, and which is the EAP’s policy for the B.R.D. At the same time, we have worked through all available channels to communicate an understanding of the nature of an industry-labor alliance in the OECD countries to the leaderships of the parties and governments of the CMEA countries. On the problems and importance of the understanding of this in CMEA countries, I shall include some comment below.

The problem most Europeans face in this connection is typified by the textbooks on American history used in West German public schools and universities. Those texts are pure bunk.

The America of the American Revolution was the most literate country in the world, of a higher level of general culture than the population of England, for example. Benjamin Franklin, the “father of electricity” and a close associate of the humanist heirs of Descartes, Leibniz, and so forth in England, France, Germany, Italy, and Scandinavia, worked closely with European humanists for the purpose of bringing forth on the North American shores a humanist republic dedicated to scientific and industrial progress, whose establishment would be used for advancing the same principles of government first in Europe and then throughout the world.

As a result of the establishment of the Holy Alliance, the American Revolution was subverted in a London-linked counterrevolution of 1828, with the result that the advanced but small American republic, then the most advanced culturally in the world, was thrown forcibly into bankruptcy and relative backwardness from 1828 until the period of the Civil War. During and immediately following the American Revolution, cities such as Aachen, Köln, Bonn, Neuwied, Koblenz, Trier, Mainz, and Weimar were “hotbeds” of the influence of Franklin, as was the University at Göttingen. Herder and Forster were leading spokesmen for Franklin’s republican humanist conceptions during that period.

Despite the 1828 counterrevolution of Van Buren and his puppet, President Jackson, and despite the rise of monetarism in the U.S.A. from 1880 onwards, the foundations laid by Franklin, Washington, Hamilton, and reaffirmed by Lincoln and Henry Carey, persisted as an organic current of U.S.A. life, giving that nation its peculiar commitment to industrial progress, the basis for the U.S.A.’s economic power in this century.

It is those humanist republican values and traditions which are now monstrously threatened by the Carter-Mondale Administration’s program of deindustrialization and lunatic hyperinflationary austerity. Since the U.S. Labor Party not only represents those values, but has a specially-developed consciousness of their history and implications, the typical American trade unionist, industrialist, and conservative tends to find himself in principled agreement with the Labor Party’s analysis and programmatic proposals.

The result is that the gap between the pro-capitalist conservative and the Marxist has been bridged in the United States on this basis—at least in respect to the U.S. Labor Party. Naturally, there are subjective and related difficulties in progressing from collaboration on issues to more organic forms of alliance. Without underestimating frictional difficulties of that sort, the Labor Party’s slanderers are half-right in alleging that the U.S. Labor Party is allied with what the slanderers describe as “right-wing” political forces, just as EAPers are regarded as friendly toward humanist Christian Democratic forces in Italy, and Gaullist and certain humanist Christian Democratic forces in France and the B.R.D., respectively.

The key to the matter is that the traditional “left-right” division in political categories has always been a monstrous fraud since that division was invented during the course and aftermath of the French Revolution. The real, fundamental political division in European civilization over 700 years has been between humanists on the one side and nominalists on the other. The humanists included the Hohenstaufen court—the city-builders of the 12th and 13th century Germany, the court of the Hohenstaufen-related and allied Alfonso the Wise of Toledo. The enemies of humanism have been the Welfen and their successors in nominalist irrationalism and monetarism.

Humanism means dedication to a form of society which is in agreement with man’s nature, man’s distinction from the lower beasts. That distinction is man’s power to create, assimilate, transmit, and apply new scientific knowledge to the advancement of general practice. The importance of that is not merely that it increases man’s power over nature, but that a society which so emphasizes the creative powers of mind is the only form of society in which the individual’s self-consciousness and regard for his fellow-man is premised on those powers of mind which distinguish man from a mere lower beast. It was for this purpose that the neoplatonic humanists, following the lead of Dante Alighieri and the great Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, created industrial capitalism in Tudor England as the form of society in agreement with man’s essential nature as a creative being. Despite the essential differences between industrial capitalism and socialism, concerning private ownership of the means of production and distribution, industrial capitalism and socialism are both in principled agreement as humanist forms of organization of society.

Nominalism, or monetarism or “Maoism” typify the principled enemies of humanism. Monetarism, as exemplified by Malthusianism or “environmentalism,” denies the primary necessity of technological progress, and thus proposes a form of society in which human nature is degraded to a likeness with that of the lower beasts. Nominalism is represented on the one side by the financiers who deindustrialize societies, or impose technological backwardness on colonies and semi-colonies, for the sake of building the financial bubbles which lead into periodic monetary collapses such as the present one. Nominalism is represented by the “leftist” followers of Hobbes, Rousseau, Bakunin, and Charles Maurras, the Rousseauvians who guillotined the great Lavoisier with the ugly words, “The Revolution has no need of men of science.”

The issue before the world now, the fundamental issue, is whether the world will follow Carter-Mondale into a deindustrialized “Middle Ages” or whether we shall have a humanist policy. A humanist policy means nuclear and fusion energy development, both to enable man to continue his mastery of nature, but, more essentially, to build the world on the basis of developing and advancing the creative potentialities of the individual through the experience and benefits of technological progress.

“Right” and “left” become lunatic’s gibberish, especially now when most of the self-certified “left” are committed to returning society to the condition of the Thirty Years’ War and the 14th-century Black Death. There are those dedicated or receptive to the humanist principles of progress and those whose policies are antithetical to the most fundamental interests of our species.

Because the United States is a powerful nation—unlike Western European nations, which tend to gauge everything against fear of losing the U.S.A. “nuclear umbrella,” because the United States has never been conquered, and because our American Revolution’s humanist traditions are still embedded in much of our population, the emerging alliance on issues between the U.S. Labor Party and important sections of conservatives portends the development of a powerful industrialist-labor political alliance.

Most Western Europeans do not, unfortunately, know the real United States. Europeans know their contacts in Manhattan, Washington, and Chicago, and mistake *Newsweek*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and such sources for the real United States. Moreover, from 1828 to about 1860, and from 1880 onwards, Manhattan has kept a tight lid on much of the real United States, so that Europeans for the most part are sincerely astonished whenever the real United States breaks through and asserts itself on this or that issue. Nonetheless, the real United States is a powerful political force, *on condition that major portions of industrialists and labor are united*.

That is the goal of the U.S. Labor Party’s work at this juncture. That according to inside White House gossip, is why the Carter-Mondale Administration itself is in such a state of panic concerning me and the U.S. Labor Party.

### ***Some Examples***

Some of you have direct, independent evidence of the importance Henry Kissinger attributed to me, and the increased importance presently attributed to me by the Carter-Mondale Administration. Some of you know the direct and indirect interventions of the U.S. embassies in Bonn, Rome, Paris, and elsewhere. Some of you are involved in agencies and firms which have been pressed either directly from U.S. official and financial agencies or through intermediaries in the B.R.D. to cooperate in financial warfare and other containment operations against the EAP because of that party’s association with my name. Does not a certain party almost monthly issue fresh slanders against the EAP in its internal releases and official gossip? What has been done to the EAP on such account makes the much-celebrated Abhör-Affäre<sup>1</sup> seem relatively quite trivial.

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<sup>1</sup> [Editor’s note: The “Wire-Tapping Affaire” began in 1977 when it was revealed that in 1975 and 1976, with the approval of German federal intelligence agency officials, discussions between jailed members of the terrorist Red Army Fraction and their attorneys had been illegally intercepted and recorded by the Stuttgart district

There is no point in pretending that this is not so. We are informed from U.S.A. sources what certain U.S.A. agencies are doing on this matter in Western Europe. We also know the names of some of the channels and personnel responsible for conduiting similar pressures into the top layers of the Soviet leadership. Certain frightened friends of ours in Western Europe—top representatives of governments, industries, and political parties—have entrusted us with their confidences, which I shall not violate, on certain details of these pressures.

Also, do not pretend that the Baader-Meinhof gang is a native B.R.D. “sociological problem.” I know who gives the orders *from the U.S.A.*, and the names of the organizations which principally coordinate the European agencies directly involved in directing terrorist operations. One can speak of London and other places, but the ultimate control lies inside the U.S.A. I can also tell you, but I will not here, the name of a famous U.S.A. figure who was directly involved in attempting to facilitate my assassination.

Some Western Europeans do not wish to even think of such things; the fear of losing the “American nuclear umbrella” constrains them from even thinking such things. The facts are nonetheless facts, and the problems will persist until the truth is recognized for practice.

Finally, some of you know that I have intense enmity from certain quarters in Manhattan and London. One of those Manhattan quarters was the first known source of the specific estimate that I was “more dangerous than Hitler,” the slogan used to indoctrinate the various B.R.D. and U.S.A. terrorist gangs waiting to assassinate me. I shall not give you the name of that source, but I know it precisely. Manhattan is enraged because I threaten their particular game in terms of those forces to which my party is closest in the U.S.A. and other countries. One London phrase to us is, “Our networks will never cooperate with your networks.”

### ***The Ugly Truth***

There are some ugly truths you ought to face.

The United States is a powerful nation. If its government embarks on a lunatic course toward early total war, that war will occur. The United States will be destroyed and Western Europe will then be overrun by Warsaw Pact forces. The only way the B.R.D. could avoid being overrun under such circumstances would be to sabotage NATO, which too few B.R.D. leaders would have the courage to do—hence, you would be overrun after the United States had first been destroyed by an in-depth attack on its population and logistical centers.

Your only hope, since you have not mustered the organic capabilities of a Gaullist alternative, is that the Carter-Mondale Administration is remedied. That boil on the U.S.A.

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political process is probably in the process of being “Lanced” at this juncture. Unfortunately, the tearful, self-righteous resignation of a shamed Carter does not eliminate the problem. Carter is a menace because of what he is not; Mondale would be a menace because of what he is.

Unless the forces which I represent are effective in the current impeachment scrambles inside the U.S.A., the B.R.D. is doomed to war, probably by the end of this year.

Some leading Europeans have said that I am analytically correct on the strategic and economic-monetary issues, but “too tough.” Those who imagine that I am too tough obviously fail to understand either the United States in general or the real nature of the Carter-Mondale Administration in particular. If you vacillate once too often before what you call the “Carter problem,” if you wait too long, too cautiously, to accomplish certain preventive measures, you are doomed—unless my allies and I can act quickly enough and effectively enough to make Europe’s world safer for you.

My first principal job now, my special task in this effort is to hold myself in readiness to establish the regulated new gold-reserve marketplace to replace the bankrupt IMF system. Manhattan forces behind the Carter Administration know that special role of mine, and they are in deadly fear I will succeed.

### ***The Soviet Danger***

The danger from the Soviet side is that the Soviet leadership will prove itself so confused concerning the international political processes of the OECD countries that it will overlook a number of crucial war-avoidance strategic maneuvers, or pursue those maneuvers in a crude fashion in respect of form and timing. Any miscalculation by the Soviets on this account could most probably prove the margin which turns potential war-avoidance into total war.

If you blame the Soviets, as “aggressors” or something of that sort for the war-danger, you are behaving very foolishly. The Soviets will fight a total war if forced to it, but they have no need or desire to risk upwards of 30 millions Soviet lives otherwise. The danger is that the Soviets will prove naive, insufficiently clever in their war-avoidance efforts.

Those of you who follow the Soviet press closely can quickly recognize the principal source of danger.

There is a very stupid faction within the Soviet leadership, a faction strongly influenced by U.S.A.-based private intelligence networks, including the Dartmouth-Conference conduit and the intelligence unit controlled by certain U.S.A. agencies which control the so-called “KGB” section in the leadership of the Communist Party USA. I speak of those miserable Moscow creatures akin of Georgy Arbatov. (I concede that U.S.A.-controlled elements of the

Socialist International and other conduits are quite significant in the same overall picture, but the U.S.A. end is most crucial and ultimately controlling.) This mixture of fools and agents-of-influence in and around the Soviet leadership is characterized by the doctrine that the “military-industrial complex” in the U.S.A. and “B.R.D. industrialist revanchists” are the chief enemy of peace. That is deadly nonsense, but even certain Soviet circles which are not corrupted like Arbatov are so insular in their world-outlook, so ignorant of the “outside world” that they are too easily taken in by such foolish talk.

I stress, therefore, that it is of the utmost urgency that responsible press and others ridicule such nonsense from Soviet sources whenever it appears, making clear to those misguided Soviet layers that it is those German industrialists and trade unionists who wish economic cooperation who typify the real force for world peace in all the OECD and developing nations.

Otherwise, if a prevailing majority of the Soviet leadership does not get the “American Whig” conception and its Western European equivalent into Soviet policymaking perceptions, the Soviets can be lured by Manhattan and certain allied Socialist International forces into failing to push those measures of economic cooperation which secure peace. In that case, unless we in the United States quickly correct the Carter-Mondale problem, most of you in Western Europe are already as good as either dead or conquered.

Obviously, those of you who are afraid of being detected in contact with EAP members, who can be intimidated into complicity with U.S.A.-inspired harassment of the EAP, prove by such lack of courage that you must indeed lack the courage to deal with the other problems, including the uprooting of the terrorism launched against both you and me.