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America Declassified

Chronicling the Official History of US Conflict Dependence

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February 1946 *George Kennan's Long Telegram.*

As deputy head of the US mission in Moscow in February 1946, George Kennan sends a telegram of 8000 words from Moscow to Washington. In his telegram, Kennan carelessly exaggerates Soviet intentions, concluding that, "World communism is like a malignant parasite which feeds only on diseased tissue (and which must be opposed by western efforts)." Kennan returns to Washington a hero and President Truman appoints him top advisor on Soviet affairs. Kennan's Long Telegram proves to be the perfect instrument for exploiting the emerging paranoia in Washington and beyond, most strongly stoked by James Forrestal, the Navy Secretary who later becomes the first secretary of defense.

1946 to 1948 *"War Scare" Letters Between Military-Industry Heads and Government Officials.*

1946 letters from military-industry heads reveal a collapsing industry; they beg Air Force officials for government subsidies. 1947 letters reveal an increasingly acquiescent government, frightened by the prospects of a second Depression. 1948 letters confirm massive subsidies and a concerted US government effort to create a "war scare" in Europe to stimulate manufacturing and sales of military products. The Soviet Union makes repeated attempts to publicize this false alarm as a US attempt to exploit fear for profit through the United Nations and diplomatic channels—attempts that are uniformly ignored by the State Department.

April 27, 1946 *Eisenhower's Blueprint for A New Military-Academic-Industrial Complex.*

This memo by General Dwight Eisenhower proposes a fusion of industry, science, academia, and the military.

July 26, 1947 *Establishment of Central Intelligence Agency and Department of Defense.*

Both are established by the National Security Act of 1947.

September 18, 1947 *Activation of CIA and DOD.*

Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter is appointed first Director of Central Intelligence; James V. Forrestal is appointed first Secretary of Defense.

1947 to 1949 *CIA National Intelligence Estimates.*

Throughout these years, CIA NIE consistently report no evidence of a Soviet threat, no infrastructure to support a sustained threat, no evidence of efforts to spread communism outside its borders, and no evidence of a desire for confrontation with the United States.

July 14, 1949 *USSR Tests First Atomic Bomb, US Possesses 250 Atomic Bombs.*

January to April 1950 *US Possesses 500 Atomic Bombs, Begins Building the Hydrogen Bomb.*

Brought into the White House by his former Wall Street colleague James Forrestal in 1940, Paul Henry Nitze leads the hydrogen bomb program. In November 1949, Nitze, with no background in Soviet history, replaces top Soviet advisor George Kennan after Kennan admits to President Truman that his 1946 Long Telegram assessment of the Soviet Union was mistaken. Kennan makes a last appeal to the new secretary of state, Dean Acheson, who replies that Kennan should retire to preach his “Quaker gospel” outside the State Department.

1950 to 1952 *CIA Reforms.*

Paul Nitze helps create the Committee on the Present Danger (CPD), which influences President Truman’s administration to carry out “reforms” of CIA NIE processes to agree with pro-military-industry leaders and policymakers. CPD is instrumental in similar “reforms” throughout subsequent decades.

January to June 1950 *NSC-68.*

Authored by Paul Nitze, this document launches the Cold War and the “defense” industry as America’s primary economic engines. Signed by President Truman in April, NSC-68 is approved by Congress in June with the advent of the Korean War. The primary cause of the Korean War dates to September 1945 when the US failed to abolish the divisive system established by the Japanese occupation. Instead, the US government simply replaced Japanese forces with its own, creating a more clearly divided nation and, ultimately, the pretexts for an easily triggered “civil war.”

1952 *CPD Backs Eisenhower for President.*

The Committee on the Present Danger, the group whose presence strongly steered policymaking in the Democratic Truman administration, creates a publicity campaign of its own to elect Republican Dwight Eisenhower as the next president. CPD subsequently jumps from party to party over the next 55 years (to present day) to maintain its agenda of perpetuating conflict and conflict preparation for economic gain.

November 7, 1957 *Gaither Report.*

Cold War architect Paul Nitze authors this document exploiting fears of a “missile gap.”

November 6, 1958 *The Delicate Balance of Terror.*

In response to the Soviet launch of the first-ever satellite, called Sputnik, Paul Nitze’s friend, Albert Wohlstetter of the RAND Corporation (America’s first think tank) writes this report calling for a never-ending buildup of nuclear weapons. This is additionally noteworthy because Albert Wohlstetter’s math professor at Columbia University was a man named Jacob Wolfowitz. In the late 1960s—by then well known in defense-industry circles as the model for Stanley Kubrick’s character Dr. Strangelove in the film of the same name—Albert Wohlstetter is a professor of political science at University of Chicago. Among his students are future Iraq War architect Paul Wolfowitz, future chairman of the Pentagon Defense Advisory Board Richard Perle, future CIA head James Woolsey, and Zalmay Khalilzad, the future ambassador to Afghanistan and eventual ambassador to Iraq. In an interesting side note, around the same time (1960s, early 1970s) CPD manages to transfer into the public mindset the moniker of Dr. Strangelove onto their comparatively moderate rival Henry Kissinger.

January 17, 1961 *President Eisenhower’s Farewell Speech.*

Famous for Eisenhower’s “military-industrial complex” warnings, Paul Nitze claims co-authorship of this speech in his 1989 autobiography, *From Hiroshima to Glasnost*.

March 13, 1962 *Operation Mongoose, Operation Northwoods.*

CPD’s Ray Cline (CIA) and General Lyman Lemnitzer (chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) draw up several scenarios providing pretexts for war with Cuba, including shooting down a plane carrying US students on vacation over Miami using a mockup of a Cuban fighter jet.

August 7, 1964 *Gulf of Tonkin Report.*

This one-page report “details” events that are quickly used as a pretext for war in Vietnam.

November 3, 2005 *Gulf of Tonkin: The Truth Declassified.*

This 56-page report details the true chain of events in the Gulf of Tonkin, and reveals its total fabrication as a pretext for war. Written in 1998 by Robert J. Hanyok, this document was approved for declassification by the NSA in 2005.

August 5, 1968 *Letter to CIA from UC Berkeley Administrator.*

CIA asks University of California administrator Earl Clinton Bolton, who is spending some time at CIA headquarters, to suggest ideas on how to improve relations between the Agency and academia. Bolton provides numerous ideas on how to deceive the public regarding research agreements and military research on and adjacent to campuses. All are adopted.

1969 *Paul Nitze Begins Training Paul Wolfowitz in Conflict Architecture.*

“Paul Nitze has had a huge mark on my career over many, many years, starting with 1969, when I was still a very much wet-behind-the-ears graduate student who came to Washington to work with three great men: Paul Nitze, Dean Acheson, and Albert Wohlstetter.” *Excerpt from April 15, 2004 “Wolfowitz Speech to the Aspen Institute” (below).*

1976 *Team B Report (concluded December 1976).*

At the behest of the new DCI George Bush Sr., co-authors Paul Nitze, Albert Wohlstetter, Richard Pipes, and Paul Wolfowitz challenge established CIA methods for compiling National Intelligence Estimates. (Nitze and CPD had done the same thing in 1950-2.) CIA underwent these highly suspicious “reforms” every time its NIE professed no threat posed by the Soviet Union. Most significantly, major reforms occurred at two crucial junctures: before the Cold War in order to launch the Cold War (1950), and in 1976 in order to kill détente. When CIA NIE bluntly stated that the Soviet Union posed no threat, was economically incapable of posing a sustained threat, and sought diplomatic means to avoid hostilities—assessments that stood to reduce public tolerance for US defense spending—the Agency reformed its NIE processes under pressure to agree with pro-military-industry policymakers.

1976 *Presidential Campaign.*

Strongly manipulated by CPD in the wake of the Watergate scandal, President Gerald Ford bans the use of the word “détente” for the duration of his candidacy for re-election.

February 18, 1977 *Presidential Review Memorandum 10 (PRM-10).*

In 1973, Paul Wolfowitz fails to persuade Nixon to create a “war room” for the oil-rich region of the Persian Gulf. In 1977, he fails to persuade President Carter to anchor barges of military equipment in the Persian Gulf. At this time, Wolfowitz is working in the Pentagon providing the Middle East Limited Contingency assessment for PRM-10. Today, this part of PRM-10 is the only entirely redacted section among the 150-page report—declassified on January 6, 1992, while Wolfowitz serves as Undersecretary of Defense (under Dick Cheney) assigned to “realign US military strategy in the post-Cold War environment.” NOTE: 32 members of CPD follow Ronald Reagan into the White House in January 1981, and within a year Paul Wolfowitz’s previous advice to President Carter—to anchor military equipment in the Persian Gulf—is approved. The equipment is the first to be deployed by the George Bush Sr. administration in the 1991 Gulf War.

May 1977 *General George Keegan’s “Soviet Death Ray” Assertion.*

With President Carter moving away from CPD’s perpetual Cold War desires, CPD’s George Keegan (Air Force Chief of Intelligence) attempts to create a scare and kill détente by asserting that he has found solid evidence of a Soviet “death ray.” The Washington Post later reveals the assertion to be a ploy promoting the Strategic Defense Initiative.

June 1982 *“International Terrorism”: The Propaganda War (thesis by Philip Paull).*

Perhaps the most stunning account of any attempt to perpetuate conflict for the sake of industry profits, this extremely rare document describes the 1979 Jerusalem Conference on International Terrorism, organized by George Bush Sr., Benjamin Netanyahu, and CPD, to create a worldwide media campaign portraying the Soviet Union as the sole source of international terrorism. This meeting leads to the publication of several books by CPD members claiming just that. The authors, however, cite each other and have no other source material to back up their claims, but by the time Paull’s thesis is written, highlighting the invented claims, 32 members of CPD (including Vice President Bush) have followed their fellow member Ronald Reagan into the White House—and Secretary of State Alexander Haig has announced (in January 1981) that, “international terrorism will replace human rights as our (top) concern.” The 1979 conference also serves to derail President Carter’s efforts toward peace with the Soviet Union. Carter becomes the first and last president to attempt to work around the highly influential CPD, and within months after the conference, Carter is speaking their words and Cold War rhetoric is renewed. The implications of this are particularly relevant today as CPD continued to influence policy after the Cold War and legitimized US dependence on

militarism even further by turning the focus from communism to Islamic terrorism; easily done, since the CIA had fashioned “Islamic terrorism” to terrorize the southern border of the Soviet Union six months before the December 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan—and precisely simultaneous to the June 1979 Conference on International Terrorism. It was after this transition from one ideological threat to another in the early 1990s that Pentagon outsourcing became pandemic, with both the Bush Sr. and Clinton administrations giving this task to Halliburton, leading to nearly half a million DOD subcontractors worldwide today with shareholders expecting a profit.

March 8, 1992 *Defense Planning Guidance Report.*

This report contains Paul Wolfowitz’s infamous assertion that the US has “won the Cold War” and is destined to spread freedom around the world, starting with Iraq. The report is later used as a blueprint by the Project for the New American Century for its September 2000 *Rebuilding America’s Defenses* report.

2000 *Rebuilding America’s Defenses: Strategy, Forces, and Resources for a New Century.*

This Project for the New American Century report calls for US Space Forces, the overthrow of Iraq and other sovereign nations, later dubbed the “axis of evil,” and (among its other recommendations that have been adopted) advocates the Future Combat Systems Program and the development and use of bioweapons that “target specific human genotypes” using nanotechnology.

February 2001 *Preparations for Attack on Afghanistan Completed.*

Contrary to post-September 11 assertions, plans for invading Afghanistan and troops stationed on its northern border are ready by February 2001. The written operational plans arrive on the desk of President Bush September 9, 2001.

February to March 2001 *Cheney’s Energy Task Force Maps of Assets in the Persian Gulf.*

Through a lawsuit, Judicial Watch obtained these maps, used by top energy-industry leaders during Vice President Dick Cheney’s secret Task Force meetings.

February to May 2001 *National Security Presidential Directives.*

These early 2001 documents reorganize the National Security Council to (among other things) allow the vice president to preside.

June 2, 2001 *Prophetic Remarks of Hon. Paul Wolfowitz to the Graduating Class at West Point.*

This speech hauntingly emphasizes the imminence of a Pearl Harbor-like event.

September 2002 *National Security Strategy.*

February 2004 *National Military Strategy.*

March 2005 *National Defense Strategy.*

February 2006 *Quadrennial Defense Review.*

All four papers bear a striking resemblance to the Project for the New American Century’s September 2000 *Rebuilding America’s Defenses* report.

March 2003 to current *The Looting of Iraq.*

Reports from the New York Times and other sources detail a massive and highly organized looting campaign, wherein Iraq’s infrastructure—from entire supplies of copper and steel to parts from stripped-down factories, railroads, hospitals, and power stations are trucked out across US-controlled borders while Halliburton brings in the same equipment overpriced.

April 15, 2004 *Wolfowitz Speech to the Aspen Institute.*

A speech wherein Paul Wolfowitz states that he and Donald Rumsfeld took top members of the 9-11 Commission to lunch during deliberations and told them to produce a report “like the Long Telegram or NSC-68.”

March 4, 2005 *Pentagon Sued by Judicial Watch for Records on Propaganda, Psy-Ops, and “Perception Management” Targeting US Civilians.*

The Pentagon is caught sponsoring children’s education programs.

March 14, 2005 *Conflicts Since World War II.*

This list of 155 instances of US armed forces abroad, increasing in frequency each decade from 1945 to 2004, is part of a larger list (*Instances of Use of United States Armed Forces Abroad, 1798–2004*) compiled by Richard F. Grimmitt, Specialist in National Defense, March 14, 2005. The larger list (322 total instances) can be found at:

<http://www.history.navy.mil/library/online/forces.htm>.

2005 *National Defense Education Act for the 21st Century.*

This document, released by the Association of American Universities (a lobby for DOD funding to schools, made up of 62 university presidents), calls on Congress to renew the 1958 Cold War NDEA to continue America's "dominance in science and technology for the next half century" on behalf of "national security."

2007 *DOD Foreign Country Statistics for FY2005.*

Compiled by Intelligent Future, this list quantifies the number of foreign countries on the Pentagon payroll (166) and Pentagon contracted companies (10,581) and universities in those countries (112 verified minimum, above 140 likely). The list reveals Pentagon contracts with purported adversaries China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and Syria. Topping the list in nearly every category (number of companies and schools, and total dollar amounts) are Iraq, Japan, and Germany.

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