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Dear Ms. McClendon,

I am a researcher here in Canada working on a manuscript related to the work of the late Wilbert B. Smith, who headed up the official UFO program for the Canadian Government from 1950-1954.

As part of this book I have an appendix which details statements and involvements from Presidents of the United States related to the UFO situation. There are as I am finding quite a few.

While in Laughlin Nevada this past March I heard a lecture by Dr. Steven Greer who related a story about you and President Clinton. I would like you to check Dr. Greer's quote and confirm whether or not it is accurate. You can naturally add any other things President Clinton might have said that would add some insight into the UFO situation.

*"Sarah McClendon who is a well-know and rather cantankerous, wonderful older lady, who is the Deaconess of the White House Press corps had received a lot of my information and started looking into this. She was always at the press briefings at the White House.*

*She was bugging President Clinton in the last couple of years, " Why don't you do what Dr. Greer is asking - about putting a commission together and get this information out, and the technologies that are being suppressed. They could transform the world and we would no pollution yada yada yada...*

*Finally. This is from her lips to my ears - firsthand. The President of the United States bent down to Sarah and said, 'Well Sarah, there's a secret government within the government, and I have no control over it.'*

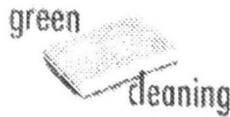
*That is true. This President said that."*

I have also enclosed a "draft" of part of the President Carter section so you can see what I am referring to. Carter was one of the most outspoken along with Ronald Reagan probably because they had sightings prior to becoming President.

I hope you will take time to add to this, especially in light of the fact that George W. Bush has thrown his "promise" to make the release of UFO information Cheney's first task as Vice-President.

Thanks

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# Sarah McClendon

**Our oldest White House correspondent has some critical words for the press--and for government.**

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On Sarah McClendon's first day as a White House correspondent, Bill Clinton was still a twinkle in his mother's eye. It was 1944, and McClendon--just out of the U.S. Army where she had served as a public information officer with the Women's Army Corps in World War II--was a rookie reporter assigned to cover Franklin Delano Roosevelt. A thousand miles from her hometown of Tyler, Texas, she knew little about presidential politics and was at first too nervous to ask any questions.

Ten presidents later, McClendon is still covering the White House. Under the banner of her McClendon News Service (which includes two part-time staff members and one intern), she cranks out a weekly syndicated newspaper column, a biweekly newsletter, and a weekly radio commentary that airs on 1,200 stations across the nation. At the age of 85 (86 this July), McClendon is the true dean of the Washington press corps--a decade older than the venerable Helen Thomas of UPI.

Her age and dependence on a wheelchair, or cane, make it difficult for her to pursue stories as vigorously as she once did. But, continuing to fight for "the people's right to know," McClendon still doesn't miss a day in the White House press room.

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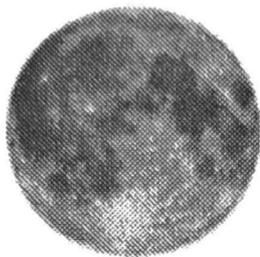
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### **Sarah McClendons' Report**

As reported by Art Bell on his Coast to Coast Radio Show.

Why do people resist learning more about the moon? Richard Hoagland believes there has been life on the moon many thousands of years ago. He believes that these people had extraordinary talents and abilities. Richard also thinks the U.S. should study these abilities and see how they built these structures out of glass. Some structures stand suspended above the moon's surface. Richard thinks this country could benefit economically and in life style, if it would exploit the moon through studies.

There could be a source for energy that could replace the energy struggles on earth. Such energy would eliminate the need for dangerous nuclear energy. We would not have to mine coal and other minerals.

The U.S. could stop its dependence on Saudi oil and other oil supplies from the Middle East countries. Mr. Hoagland has studied these matters for twelve years and is shocked at the fact that the government keeps such knowledge from its own people. He said that there is absolute fear on the part of some policy makers in the U.S., an allegedly Democratic Republic. These policy makers have made positive decisions to keep this moon knowledge from getting to the people.

Hoagland believes that President Kennedy may have had some inkling of a profitable study of the moon. That is the reason that he sent a man there. He thinks this is the reason the late Jacquelyn Kennedy said, this in her memoirs. The moon project was the greatest contribution her husband made during all of his entire carrier.

Some reasons given for keeping secrets from the people of the potential value of the moon exploration is that it would topple the Stock Market, upset religious leaders and some of their teachings, and shock people profoundly, if they learned of life on other planets. There are other reasons, justifiably, for keeping a wide area of knowledge from the citizens who are required to have knowledge in order to make judgements in a democratic and educated society. Most citizens if asked would rather have the knowledge, rather than be kept in the dark.

Much to the disgrace of present day journalism in the Nation's Capital, Hoagland was treated with ridicule and disgust by demeaning reporters after his presentation at the National Press Club. He was backed by a brace of seemingly qualified scientists. That did not keep the Washington Post from talking nonsense and calling him a "Kook." National Public Radio broadcasts said similarly, I am told, but, did not hear it.

Hoagland met with much difficulty even with the NBC staff. The National Press Club staff. The machine he used for the presentation, while talking, added to the difficult presentation, by breaking down every few minutes.

Hoagland was charged \$900 (nine hundred dollars) to serve coffee to a small group attending. Some had discouraged reporters from attending. When Sarah McClendon announced she was presenting him as a speaker at her bi-weekly Study Club at the National Press Club the following week, she learned later that the National Press Club staffers had told many callers there was no such meeting scheduled. Even though McClendon held the briefing.

How was it received by the listeners, inquired a Toronto, Canada broadcaster. It went quite well, she said. The listeners were fascinated. They were a varied group of citizens who meet regularly to study the Federal Government and its service and dis-service to the public. Why did McClenden present him? She thought that it was a giant subject that ought to be explained more fully. She does not believe in keeping anything from the public.

The presentation proved one more thing, the treatment of our National Archives by public agencies, including the National Aeronautics and Space Agency is deplorable. Hoagland presented numerous incidences of destruction, alteration or loss of Archive. One such incidence was when a Oklahoma University did not preserve priceless pictures and information given to it by a scientist associated with Hoagland. At other times NASA officials had ordered pictures destroyed. Hoagland believes there are still Archives from the Astronauts Mission in Space, which have been kept from the public.

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INTRODUCTION**

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Sarah McClendon is one of the nation's most prominent women journalists. She evokes such strong feelings, both positive and negative, among her colleagues that I was excited and anxious to meet this woman. We set a meeting to get acquainted with one another at the National Press Club (and she missed it.) She felt very bad about forgetting the lunch and quickly set up a second appointment. She was the best source of information about herself, generously loaning me a file of clippings about herself, videotapes of television interviews, and on the promise of secrecy, a copy of her revised "My Ten Presidents" to draw on. My questions were also developed through talking to Eileen Shanahan, Peggy Simpson, and Sarah Fritz, who are fellow women journalists in Washington, D.C., and have heard "Sarah McClendon stories" for years. Another very helpful informant was Donald Ritchie, associate historian in the Senate Historical Office and author of *Press Gallery: Congress and the Washington Correspondents*.

We held the first three interviews in her townhouse in Woodley Park. Then, primarily due to her declining health, she moved to an apartment in the Kennedy Warren where we held the video interview and the final interview.

I found her anxious and eager to talk. And she is tireless. Scheduling two- to three-hour segments with her was a challenge because she is still writing a column for several (I could never pin her down to how many) Texas newspapers and doing a radio program at six a.m. It wasn't unusual to be interrupted by phone calls relating to a story she was writing. And we easily filled the time before and after interviews with spirited discussion on current events.

It is clear that writing and reporting is her life. Even when we talked about when she would quit the business, she responded with a story about someone who was still working on her deathbed.

Margot H. Knight  
December 1990

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**Sarah McClendon**

## **White House Correspondence**

Sarah McClendon has dedicated nearly six decades of her life in a relentless effort to raise human rights issues in the mass media. As an independent freelance reporter, she has provided a strong and assertive role model for women in journalism by asking controversial and provocative questions. She has covered the White House for over 50 years--and at 88 continues to work as an analyst and lecturer, appears on countless radio and tv broadcasts, and has recently authored her second book, "**My Eight Presidents: Part II**."

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SARAH McCLENDON'S WASHINGTON REPORT

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By Sarah McClendon

Washington, D.C. --- Leo Wanta, whose purchase of huge sums in Russian rubles is credited with bringing down the Soviet Union in the Cold War, will be put through a third party lunacy test in Madison, Wisconsin circuit court on Tuesday. He has successfully been declared of sound mind in two previous lunacy tests under the Wisconsin state attorney general's office. His own attorney, James Shellow of Madison, Wis., is instituting this test. Shellow says that under the rules for attorneys in Wisconsin he has to notify the court that he thinks the lunacy test should be given. Shellow admits to being a former attorney for a deceased Mafia chief in Wisconsin named Belistiari. Shellow thinks Wanta will be declared sane in the upcoming hearing on Tuesday, but Shellow claims to know nothing as to how Wisconsin was able to extradite Wanta in chains and shackles from Switzerland, where he was doing business with Swiss banks after having given up his citizenship in Wisconsin. Wanta claims that he had just been made ambassador to Switzerland and Canada when Wisconsin state officials seized him bodily in Switzerland. Wanta claims that they took his briefcase from him at that time which contained billions in Treasury bills and Promise software technical equipment which the U.S. was using to get inside information about foreign treasuries.

Although the briefcase was taken by Wisconsin authorities in 1993, it has never been returned to Wanta nor has he any knowledge of what happened to its contents.

The charge is that he owed Wisconsin originally approximately \$14,000. He claims to have paid back that amount in 1992. The state attorney general's office seized his house worth \$120,000 and sold it for \$60,000, but there is no record of this in the Department of Revenue in Wisconsin nor is there any trace of the proceeds from the sale.

Wanta was buying rubles from Russia at the request of the President, Ronald Reagan. Wanta had worked at the White House, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency and six other government agencies during his career.

He and President George Bush set up the Ameritrust account in the Credite Suisse bank for the U.S. government to use in case it needed to counter terrorists from overseas, according to Pat Cameron, Los Angeles attorney for Wanta. Wanta says that when former president George Bush sought to withdraw funds from the \$210 billion on deposit that Wanta, a co-signer of the account, refused to give his signature for the withdrawal because the funds, he said, belonged to the U.S. government, not to an individual.

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I don't know what to think yet. Good for Sarah McClendon. She has been the only journalist to challenge Bill Clinton about Mena, Arkansas and cocaine running. Clinton stumbled around after the question and claimed, at his White House news conference, that he had nothing to do with Mena.

**Posted by: Doug from Upland** ([dc4afee@keyway.net](mailto:dc4afee@keyway.net))

08/26/97 18:19:49 PDT [Reply](#)

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**To: Doug from Upland**

I thot Sarah retired a few months ago in a Pres. new conf., forcing Blue Bill to [not deny] that the UN is pervading every aspect of American life, including militarily. The question was to be her swan song [I thot.]

**From: Bob Ireland** ([corsair9@cyca.com](mailto:corsair9@cyca.com))

08/26/97 19:38:49 PDT [Reply](#)

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**To: Bob Ireland**

This is just way too strange. I can't believe that this kind of story is not being tracked by the big guys in the media. Are they letting it mellow or decompose?

**From: Phil Veerkamp** ([pbarner@directcon.net](mailto:pbarner@directcon.net))

08/26/97 20:41:00 PDT [Reply](#)

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**To: Phil Veerkamp**

Text of McClendon's question/remark and Blue Bill's response:

BRESNAHAN on the Right Side

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Who says the mainstream press doesn't have the guts to ask President Clinton the tough questions? Sarah McClendon, a veteran reporter, fired off the question conservatives wanted to hear, sort of.

She asked the president to **"counteract the rumormongers that are abroad in the land who are spreading all these rumors that are scaring people to death. Large segments of our citizens believe that the United Nations is taking over whole blocks of counties in Kentucky and Tennessee. And some of them believe that you're going to put us in a concentration camp and you're going to give our army to Russia and all that baloney. Could you do something about this, because it's hurting the unity of the United States."**

Clinton began his response, "We're all laughing about it, but there is not an insubstantial number of people who believe that there is a plan out there for world domination and I'm trying to give American sovereignty over to the UN."

He then chided those "extremists" who believe such nonsense, and then proceeded to vindicate their concerns. It was rather amazing to hear. Study what he had to say for yourself. He not only didn't deny the claims, he actually tried to justify them.

**"Let me just say this," Clinton began. "For people that are worried about it, I would say, there is a serious issue here that every American has to come to grips with . . . and that is, how can we be an independent, sovereign nation leading the world that is increasingly interdependent, that requires us to cooperate with other people and then to deal with very difficult circumstances in trying to determine how best to cooperate?"**

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Well, I know that clears it all up for me.

**From: Bob Ireland** ([corsair9@cyca.com](mailto:corsair9@cyca.com))

08/26/97 21:32:51 PDT [Reply](#)

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**To: Bob Ireland**

Good info, Bob. I understand they have already registered my name in the eastern sector.

**From: doug from upland** ([dc4afcc@keyway.net](mailto:dc4afcc@keyway.net))

08/27/97 11:13:34 PDT [Reply](#)

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**To: Doug from Upland**

Please correct the spelling of the name of the dead Mafia boss in Sarah McClendon's report. It's not "Belistiari" but "Frank Balistrieri." Thank you!

**From: Dr. Reinhold Aman** ([aman@sonic.net](mailto:aman@sonic.net))

08/27/97 13:10:51 PDT [Reply](#)

**To: Dr. Reinhold Aman**

The previous posting is not from "Upland" but from me. Sorry, I pressed the wrong button.

**From: Dr. Reinhold Aman** ([aman@sonic.net](mailto:aman@sonic.net))

08/27/97 13:16:10 PDT [Reply](#)

**To: Dr. Reinhold Aman**

Thanks, Dr. Aman. The story was sent to me by facsimile, and I copied it as Sarah wrote it. Do you have some knowledge about him which you can share with us?

**From: Doug from Upland** ([de-lafec@keyway.net](mailto:de-lafec@keyway.net))

08/27/97 23:11:30 PDT [Reply](#)

**To: Doug from Upland**

No wonder Sarah says she's been audited by the IRS three times! She has a way of asking those embarrassing questions at Clinton's press conferences. I've got to hand it to her. She has more *stones* than Bubba does.

IMHO, Bev

**From: Beverly Specht** ([bespecht@westol.com](mailto:bespecht@westol.com))

08/28/97 19:12:56 PDT [Reply](#)

**To: Doug from Upland**

After reading the post and remembering about Sarah I am somewhat confused because Sarah has always been a butt Kisser of the Democrats and I think that question was asked in order to let slick willie lie his way out of something, I think It might have backfired I am a firm believer that Sarah is, and has been one of the most librial, biased news reporters of all times. Now this is only an old conservitive's opinion who has watched her for many years. watch out.. Ken

**From: Ken Birdsong** ([birdie@phoenix.net](mailto:birdie@phoenix.net))

08/29/97 06:40:41 PDT [Reply](#)

**To: Ken Birdsong**

Ken, you are mostly right about old Sarah. She *is* hard-core liberal left and her lip prints are all over the DNC's collective butts. However, she thinks Bill Clinton is a wonderful *liberal* president who is the answer to an old feminist's prayer (if they ever say any). The only problem is, according to Sarah's thinking, that *evil* Republican George Bush is really the one running the show and giving orders to our beloved (not!) Bubba. It's that mean, nasty Bush who was running the drugs through Mena, Arkansas while poor, sweet, *innocent* and pure at heart Bill Clinton was just trying to do the best possible job of being a governor of a southern state and had *no* idea that the CIA and the evil Bush-man were doing nefarious things with drugs & guns & such at his little airport.

Sara is a treat to watch. She asks those pesky and very *embarrassing* questions of Clinton at very public press conferences because she thinks she's *helping* him out by pointing the finger of blame in the right direction--at George Bush (and Reagan, too)! Sarah thought she was giving Slick a chance to appear fatherly and caring by soothing the fears of Americans about being put in concentration camps while the U.N. troops in their blue helmets march down our streets and take over our best wilderness lands, etc. Little does Sarah realize that her icon of liberalism in the White House is all part and parcel of those evil doings (IMHO). She is *SO* freakin' liberal that she can't bring herself to even consider that old Slickmeister is anything but what he projects as part of his public PR image.

She was appearing with Sam Donaldson on some show on public TV called "The Press Corp and the White House" or something like that. Sarah admitted that she is hard-core liberal and proud of it. She also admitted that she has been audited at least 3 times

by the IRS--and it isn't getting any easier! But she can't put two-and-two together to figure out that she is really on Slick's doo-doo list for asking those pesky questions and that maybe--just maybe--those nasty audits are a message for her to lighten up.

Sarah is a hoot! IMHO, Bev

**From: Beverly Specht** ([bspecht@westol.com](mailto:bspecht@westol.com))

08/29/97 13:50:58 PDT [Reply](#)

**To: Beverly Specht**

Beverly You know! It sounds as though you know this woman too.. Thanks for your reply.. Ken

**From: Ken Birdsong** ([birdie@phoenix.net](mailto:birdie@phoenix.net))

08/29/97 20:28:00 PDT [Reply](#)

**To: Beverly Specht**

Seems George Bush has been rumored a shadowy, central figure in many of the major scandals spanning over the last **three** presidencies. Brian Redman draws the same parallel in "Son of Bush" Looms on Horizon. I wonder why no one stops to take a closer look in his closet? Why bother attempting to root corruption out of government if we fail to investigate what might be the **root** cause of the corruption we are seeing now?

**From: RoarNLion** ([honhart@mja.net](mailto:honhart@mja.net))

08/29/97 21:33:45 PDT [Reply](#)

**To: helpful angels of our better nature...**

Did I mention that I am also an *inspired* Thrift Store shopper? Well, today I picked up a copy of Barbara Honnegger's 1989 book *October Surprise*, which the jacket assures me will electrify and thrill me with the tale of the Reagan-Bush campaign's 1980 shenanigans. In particular, cutting a deal with the Iranian government to delay the release of American hostages in Tehran, thereby denying any triumphal 'October Surprise' to the hapless Jimminy Cricket, er, Jimminy Carter, no, well YOU know who I mean...

So my question is this: can any of you suggest anything that would contradict or support Ms Honnegger's thesis? Suggest some other references to check on the internet? Know what the term 'octopus' might have to do with any of this? Thanks, friends, I'll just check back on this thread, or if you're worried about some of the OTHER boys at your agency seeing what you may be spilling, just drop it off from a black chopper -- you know where, heh heh heh

**From: rich** 

08/29/97 23:05:37 PDT [Reply](#)

**To: rich**

Ah yes, the *Octopus* rears its ugly tentacles once again.

Rich, I trust you are familiar with the tragic fate of reporter/writer Danny Casolaro who was working on a troubling tome which he referred to as "The Octopus". Danny was found dead of a questionable "suicide" in Room 517 of the Martinsburg, WV Sheraton Inn on Aug. 10th, 1991. His nude body was in the bathtub and his wrists were slashed--*many times* and so deeply that even the tendons were cut through. According to Danny's family he had a great fear of cutting himself, so that in itself makes his "suicide" by slashing his wrists highly suspect.

Danny Casolaro was investigating the (alleged) theft of the PROMIS software from Inslaw Co. by the U.S. Justice Dept. (note, for legal purposes, I typed "alleged theft", thank you). He was tracking the story which led to international bank spying, money laundering, drug dealing, arms dealing, and on and on. The story which began with the theft of intellectual property led Danny into a widespread story of a massive international criminal cabal so far reaching and powerful, with ties into the governments and criminal activities of so many countries that it led Casolaro to name this entity "The Octopus" because its tentacles seemed to reach everywhere.

On the day of his death, Danny Casolaro was supposed to meet with some *very* highly placed and well connected government figures (I will eschew naming any names here). This meeting was reported to have been arranged by a U.S. Army Special Forces

operative. Our old friend Chuck Hayes (the *Angel of Death* of Fifth Column fame) figures in here. According to J. Orlin Grabbe, Hayes knew Danny and was following his work on the Octopus story closely. He reportedly tried to dissuade him from going to this meeting. But Danny went--and died.

There is an interesting sidebar here on Casolaro's death. "Hollywood" Henry Lee, of the O.J. trial fame, flew into Martinsburg, WV to 'consult' on this matter and to help the U.S. government to officially close the case as a "suicide". Gee, what a handy guy to know if you have a suspicious looking death that *really* needs to be written off as a suicide, right Vince? Oh yes, I forgot. Vince Foster died back on July 20th, 1993, but Dr. Henry Lee was ready, willing and able to lend a hand, even years later, to help wrap that one up as another "suicide".

The *Octopus* story runs very deeply through all the political intrigue, drug and gun running, money laundering and tracking it through international banks, etc. that was traceable back to the Reagan/Bush era of Iran-Contra. And figuring heavily in all this was the PROMIS software that was (allegedly) stolen from William Hamilton's company, Inslaw. It was (allegedly) modified into banking and financial tracking software complete with a secret "back door" to allow those with the right "key" to go in and snoop around in any country's computer system and look through their banking transactions--even manipulate their data. This software was, according to the PROMIS saga, marketed very aggressively all over the world, to U.S. friends and foes alike. Just think how those countries would feel if they found out that they had been suckered into implementing the very tool that would allow spies to snoop through their banking and financial transactions. Tsk!

Well, I hope I didn't bore you if you were already aware of all of this. I am merely reporting the story of Danny Casolaro and his research on the *Octopus* as I know it. I am in no way asserting that any of these allegations are true. There, enough of the CYOA.

Regards, Bev

**From:** Beverly Specht ([bespecht@westol.com](mailto:bespecht@westol.com))

08/30/97 08:04:07 PDT [Reply](#)

**To:** Beverly Specht

Thank you, Bev.

I had read a good deal of J. Orlin Grabbe's material, and some of Conspiracy Nation's collected Sherman H. Skolnik columns. But it was only recently that I learned -- probably through another post of yours -- that the biddable Dr. Lee had been called in to evaluate the Casolaro 'suicide.'

One thing makes me curious, though: why would Meese and his henchmen *steal* the PROMIS software when they could have pretty easily written a check (on the taxpayers' money) for any amount Inslaw would have thought fair? And didn't a Justice Department internal judge of some description just rule recently that his bosses and their worthy predecessors had NOT misbehaved themselves in this matter? Would that be Judge Bua?

Well, all that's maybe just a sideshow: the real Thousand Points of Interest may lie in tracking the **octopus** thru BCCI, and the pages of Ms. Honnegger's book. Would Gary Sick's book dealing with this same general topic be worth reading?

Thanks again for your help in exploring this shameful tale of government of [most of] the people, by [a few] of the people, for the [benefit of a very few, very special, very precious] people.

**From:** rich

08/30/97 12:16:19 PDT [Reply](#)

**To:** rich

You asked: "One thing makes me curious, though: why would Meese and his henchmen steal the PROMIS software when they could have pretty easily written a check (on the taxpayers' money) for any amount Inslaw would have thought fair?"

My understanding of the matter is that for our government to legitimately purchase the PROMIS software, which was designed to track legal cases, would be a hinderence for what they *really* wanted to use it for (allegedly, she said). To *legally* modify the code to make it into something that would track terrorists worldwide and snoop into bank accounts, etc., they would have had to contract with Hamilton to have this modification made or at least to obtain his permission to have someone else do it. That would draw attention to their plans. Not good! So PROMIS was returned to Mr. Hamilton with a "thanks, but no thanks," from our

Justice Dept. Meanwhile, they had already (allegedly) made a pirated copy of it to send off to Michael Reconsciuto at the Cabazon Indian reservation in Indio, California where the code was modified and the "back door" was installed--all done on the "Q.T.", as it were. Then it was peddled in its new form to as many as 88 countries, including Great Britain, South Korea, Japan, Jordan, Canada, Israel, Egypt, and Iraq--to name a few. If any of these countries were suspicious, the U.S. had the old "plausible deniability" excuse all ready to trot out by claiming, "PROMIS? We don't got no stinkin' PROMIS!" Meanwhile they were (allegedly) using their "back door" to snoop through the computer and banking systems of all those customers of their "improved version" of Hamilton's software.

As to the federal judge recently tossing out Hamilton's claim (actually, I believe he won his case and was awarded millions of dollars), but our warm & fuzzy feds changed their minds and said, no, you have no legitimate claim. 'Bye. But I don't think that was Judge Bua who made that recent decision.

By the way, there *is* a book out called "The Octopus: Secret Government and the Death of Danny Casolaro," for those who are interested. It is written by Kenn Thomas and Jim Keith, published by Feral House in 1996. It was based on Casolaro's surviving notes (those that weren't stolen from his room at the Martinsburg Sheraton Inn on the night of his "suicide") and is an attempt to complete his work and dedicated to his memory. ISBN # 0-922915-39-3. The address of Feral House is P.O. Box 3466, Portland, Oregon 97208. Price: \$19.95 plus S & H.

Regards, Bev

**From: Beverly Specht** ( )

08/30/97 14:27:26 PDT [Reply](#)

**To: Beverly Specht**

As always, Thank You, Bev!!

**From: rich** ( )

08/30/97 20:29:10 PDT [Reply](#)

**To: rich**

One last thing (I PROMIS!!)... sorry, couldn't resist.

I ran across the article about the judge reversing the award to William Hamilton. It was published by the Scripps Howard News Service on 8/6/97, "Tangled Web of Inslaw Case unravels, sort of," by Michael Hedges. The federal judge who made the ruling against Hamilton was Christine Miller. So, at least the "little gray cells" were still firing correctly when I recalled that it was not Judge Bua who made this ruling.

Regards, Bev

**From: Beverly Specht** ([bcspecht@westol.com](mailto:bcspecht@westol.com))

08/31/97 12:22:07 PDT [Reply](#)

**To: Dr. Reinhold Aman**

Leo Wanta Will be In court tomorrow morning Tuesday Dec. 9Th. 1997 in Madison WI; Circuit Court- Branch 2- Judge Michael Torphy Jr., presiding. Leo Wanta said that he will be again incriminated for tax-evasion of \$14,000 , in spite of the fact that the State of Wisconsin has already been paid twice. According to Leo, he will be forbidden to talk or to take the stand because he would reveal to the court, to the jury, to the citizens of Wisconsin, and to the judge that he has been unlawfully kidnapped and incarcerated for taxes that he has paid. Leo Wanta's lawyer, who was appointed by the State of Wisconsin (being part of this ordeal), refuses to tell the truth to the court, to the jury, and to the people of the State of Wisconsin! Leo says that he begged, pleaded with his court-appointed lawyer to reveal the truth in court in an earlier trial, but was instead pushed back into his seat, held down and was told by the judge that he had no voice at all in court, only his "appointed" lawyer could speak for him. Tomorrow, Leo Wanta might be again denied his civil rights and sent back to jail for years for a crime that he did not commit. Leo Wanta would like the Press to be present and to bring the truth to the people of the state; under the American Constitution, Leo Wanta has been denied his rights. PLEASE FREE LEO WANTA!

**From: Dante** ([dante@midnet.net](mailto:dante@midnet.net)) \*

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To: All

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From: Uncle Bill (emailname) \*

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To: Uncle Bill

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From: bondhue

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To: Beverly Specht & Uncle Bill

*"And figuring heavily in all this was the PROMIS software that was (allegedly) stolen from William Hamilton's company, Inslaw. It was (allegedly) modified into banking and financial tracking software complete with a secret "back door" to allow those with the right "key" to go in and snoop around in any country's computer system and look through their banking transactions.."*

Is this the same William Hamilton whose trial was just moved back a week? (in exchange for the AFL-CIO endorsement of VP Gore)

[2](#) Posted on 10/15/1999 14:52:51 PDT by [d14truth](#)

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To: Beverly Specht

Why has FR lost you, but kept the idiots?

[3](#) Posted on 02/11/2000 21:02:22 PST by [mrsmith](#)

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To: Uncle Bill

I followed the trail to this thread from a link on one recent thread re Paul Wilcher (posted by jedediah smith). I'm curious - - whatever happened in the end to this character "Leo Wanta"?

[4](#) Posted on 03/22/2000 23:04:27 PST by [slym](#)

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To: slym

From a quick web search (no answer to your question, though):

LEO WANTA INTERVIEW: HE BLOWS THE LID

Interview 9/21/97

TOM: Are you under house arrest in Wisconsin?

WANTA: Yes. It's illegal.

T: When did you go to work for the U.S. government?

W: September 20, 1963.

T: In what capacity were you hired?

W: DEA and CIA with Senator Alexander Wiley(R-WI) as my sponsor.

T: What were your overall project jobs?

W: Aerospace, munitions, and currency.

T: When did you go to work for the Republican Party?

W: 1965.

T: Did you work for the Nixon campaign in 1968?

W: Yes, with Ray Fleming in communications.

T: Did you play a role in the Indochina conflict?

W: Yes, in tank projects and "B" bombers.

T: What was your capacity or role with the president?

W: I worked in the Department of Defense.

T: Did this role continue in the Carter Administration?

W: Yes. It was non-political. My skills were in demand.

T: In 1980 when President Reagan was elected, did your role in government expand?

W: Yes, I went to work for Jim Baker who helped me get work with Bill Casey in the CIA special operations branch -- Black Ops.

T: What role did Vice President George Bush play?

W: He was the Supervisor of Record.

T: Please explain your operation in the old Soviet Union.

W: We dealt with the fusion bomb and the destabilization of the Soviet economy. My partner was Kok Howie Kwong of the Chinese Secret Service.

T: The Chinese worked with the United States in the ruble destabilization?

W: You bet!

T: You were detained in Switzerland on July 7, 1993?

W: Yes. The Swiss police arrested me on Wisconsin State tax charges.

T: What happened next?

W: I spent 130 days in a dungeon.

T: What happened next?

W: Prime Minister Rabin of Israel wrote a letter to the Swiss demanding my release, given I was chairman of the AmeriTrust account.

T: What happened next?

W: The Swiss government released me and I was sent to New York state.

T: What happened next?

W: The federal judge in New York state released me, but I was arrested by the state of Wisconsin on the steps of the federal courthouse as I left the building.

T: This is while you were still Somalian Ambassador to Switzerland?

W: Yes, of course. I had previously been Ambassador to Canada.

T: You were in Switzerland to execute a 70 billion dollar credit for the U.S. Treasury?

W: Yes. Along with Vince Foster and Geneva Farrell. We were to meet at the Hotel Dekpix in Switzerland.

T: What was the role of George Bush in the AmeriTrust account?

W: Bush felt he could never lose the election and would be able to grab(??) all the money himself.

T: Of course, Clinton won the election.

W: Yes. And Vince Foster and Mickey Lee Cantor called me and drew up an instrument for \$250,000,000 for the credit of the Children's Defense Fund.

T: What about the rest of the fund?

W: There was \$210 billion in the account, \$250 million to the Children's Defense Fund, \$70 billion was to be assigned to the White House, and some to be directed to foreign nations.

T: Why was Vince Foster silenced?

W: He was upset about me and felt the AmeriTrust funds were being misdirected.

T: What was Foster's role with Bill Casey?

W: The Contra/arms laundering in Arkansas.

T: What is your understanding of the role of Ken Starr?

W: Protect the Clintons.

T: Explain to us your meeting with John Brown of Little Rock, Arkansas.

W: Mr. Brown drove up to Lacrosse, Wisconsin and said he was a Registered Agent of Ken Starr. He demanded that I give him documents in my possession.

T: Did you give him the documents?

W: Yes. I was under house arrest and felt a great deal of pressure.

T: What were the documents about?

W: They were files relating to Mena, the DEA, Barry Seal, and the Chinese COLA accounts.

T: What do you know about Mena?

W: It involved the Arkansas Development Finance Authority run by Bob Nash which used Mitsui Mfg Bank to launder Japanese yen.

T: What else do you know about Mena?

W: It involved Bill Clinton, George Bush, Vince Foster, Bill Haker and Webb Hubbell. Japanese yen was laundered through the Bank of China in exchange for U.S. dollars.

T: What else should we know about Mena?

W: Of course Barry Seal was the pilot bringing in the drugs. He reported to Bill Casey.

T: Did George Bush know about the murder of Barry Seal?

W: You bet!

T: What about the arms operation in Arkansas?

W: Arms were shipped through Honduras through the Chinese COLAs accounts. My partner was eventually murdered with the help of Chinese Intelligence.

T: That partner was Kwong?

W: Yes.

T: What was the role of Hillary Clinton?

W: She was president of Standard LaFarge and helped launder the arms profits through its headquarters in Quebec, Canada.

T: There is a hearing due on the 23rd of September, 1997.

W: I am hoping that my attorney's request for a summary judgment will be accepted.

T: That would lead to your release?

W: Yes, I hope.

T: Would you testify before the Senate Intelligence or Banking Committee?

W: Certainly.

T: Thanks for your cooperation.

END OF INTERVIEW.

5 Posted on **03/22/2000 23:30:39 PST** by **WillaJohns**  
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To: **WillaJohns, metalbird1, rubbertramp, flnew, Wallaby, Uncle Bill**

Sheesh! Whatever happened to the third member of this tight little triangle: Leo Wanta, Vince Foster and **Geneva Farrell?**

I doubt that Hillary was ever the pres of LaFarge Cement! I think she was supposed to have been on the BOD of Kennemetal though (thus the LaFarge connection?) and that this company shipped to Iran...

The Wanta arrest by Wisconsin after the Swiss let him go and the feds failed, is so similar to the current conviction as of a few days ago of Lester Knox Coleman, a former agent, who claims Syria and Iran (not

Libya) shot down Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie. He's supposed to testify in May in the Hague at the Libyans trial but the US clearly would prefer him to remain incarcerated stateside for a goodly while, at least until the trial is over. Last week he got 4 years on a very strange check fraud/passport fraud series of charges in Lexington Kentucky.

Clearly the US alphabet agencies devour their own!

6 Posted on **03/22/2000 23:49:28 PST** by [slym](#)  
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To: [d14truth](#)

No, Bill Hamilton, president of Inslaw [proprietary owner of PROMIS software], lives in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. and has no union relationship, nor to another Bill Hamilton who does UFO research.

7 Posted on **03/23/2000 00:11:34 PST** by [metalbird1](#)  
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To: [metalbird1](#)

Thank you for your definitive response to my query, metalbird. (And, after 6 months, when it wasn't even directed to you--above and beyond the call).

What caused you have a current interest in this? Something new regarding 'Octopus'?

8 Posted on **03/23/2000 06:40:16 PST** by [d14truth](#)  
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To: [d14truth](#) + [\[mrsmith\]](#)

You're welcome.

This thread was directed to me in a post reply yesterday by slym [see reply #6], so I read all the replies, yours among them.

I know and have met Inslaw President Bill Hamilton by virtue of my having worked for his investigator, my friend and mentor Bill McCoy, through Fall 1997--that is until McCoy was killed as consequence of his being involved in a few too many combustible, explosive even, cases.

While he [McCoy] viewed the Inslaw case as his baby, I worked on other cases with him and for him [sometimes just carrying the water]--though he did allow me access to the PROMIS/Inslaw files, most all of which I read, with some portion even to this date never being disclosed.

As a sidenote, while mrsmith [in an above reply] may lament that Bev Specht no longer posts here and that only the "idiots" remain, he [I'm only generically using the "he" as I don't know the gender] in reality doesn't have a clue. While it's apparent Bev Specht was well-read, many things I have posted re: Inslaw/PROMIS--as well as on other topics--have never been published before; this is by virtue of the access to material I have been privy to.

You see, for the likes of mrsmith, what's only palatable is that which has been previously published. When you get ahead of the curve is when names are lobbed at you.

It's tough sledding sometimes trying to tell some folks the Earth is round.

I knew where Dr. Grabbe was getting his material, or directions for avenues to follow: with all due respect to him, they were lifted right out of Inslaw files that were passed onto him.

End of rant [I suppose].

**9** Posted on **03/23/2000 09:48:37 PST** by **metalbird1**  
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To: **Boyd + jedediah smith**

Bmp.

**10** Posted on **03/23/2000 19:12:28 PST** by **metalbird1**  
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To: **metalbird1**

That is indeed interesting.

There are a lot of stories of FR, behind the scenes.

Bev and Missy were a couple of my favorites. They taught me a bunch. And, I won't attempt to name all the others, because of the potential 'misses'.

Aside from the nitwit plants and paid goobers, it is easy to understand the addictive qualities of 'trufe' at FR.

**11** Posted on **03/23/2000 20:15:16 PST** by **Boyd**  
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To: **slym**

Thanks for the heads up. This article explains a lot.

**12** Posted on **03/25/2000 04:53:33 PST** by **rubbertramp**  
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To: **WillaJohns**

*T: Did you give him the documents?*

*W: Yes. I was under house arrest and felt a great deal of pressure.*

How convenient. Conclusive proof was given up to an "agent of Ken Starr" knocking on the door. Sorry --this interview reeks of self-serving conspiracy BS.

I wonder what these people get out of it? Attention? a sense of relevance?

**13** Posted on **03/25/2000 05:41:13 PST** by **Hillary makes me Hot**  
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To: **khatch**

posts 7, 8, & 9

**14** Posted on **03/29/2000 15:37:44 PST** by **metalbird1**  
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To: **metalbird1, Uncle Bill, rubbertramp**

Totally off topic to this thread but germane to your remarks above, MB1, about the truth that the Earth is round...

Vacation turned sour as I was ill for a week and briefly hospitalized... Recovering, I spent time reading a lot of mis-disinfo on JFK and confusing myself even more.

Finally, by a circuitous route (Tanenbaum's fictionalized semi-autobiographical novel "Corruption of Blood") I found that "Burt" was actually Richard Sprague of the 1975 HSCOA and that "David Ashton Paul" ("Bishop") was David Atlee Phillips. Still haven't tracked down the Senator father and son team or the loyal friend who ended up at "Queen Ranch" in Texas or the 1950's spy scandal, but I enjoyed the clever chess game and the "PxK" (pawn takes king) plot.

So, today I found Sprague's manifesto on the net... It blew me away. It seems to answer all my questions and sift the proverbial chaff from the wheat. I'm sure you must know it - "The Taking of America, 1-2-3":

[www.ratical.org/ratville/JFK/ToA/ToA.html#TOC](http://www.ratical.org/ratville/JFK/ToA/ToA.html#TOC)

The entire book is available free on the internet!

[I can hardly wait to hear the comments from you three...]

15 Posted on **04/03/2000 04:27:20 PDT** by [slym](#)  
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To: [slym](#)

I had occasion to talk and correspond with Robert Tanenbaum while he was part of the House Select Committee on Assassinations [HCSA, 1976-79]. I was applying for a position there [as well as intermittently passing along research I had done].

He told me he was duly impressed with my background and research and wanted to schedule an interview in a bit, of which I subsequently received a confirmation followup by a Donovan Gay--but the interview never happened.

All in all, it told me two things. One, that Tanenbaum in all likelihood was an honest guy. And two, that whatever the HSCA ultimately did, that it would probably be cooked. Information from several different directions I received years later confirmed it, although there certainly was a prima facie case for it in that time period when HSCA Director G. Robert Blakey all at once fired all the Committee's investigators [field people], leaving only administrative staff.

No sooner had the HSCA closed shop than Blakey appeared on a radio show and said, in sum, the Mafia killed JFK.

I've not read Tanenbaum's JFK book, though I may even have a copy of it [I'm thinking one was given to me].

From the looks of the chapter titles, Sprague's book [which I had heard of before] looks interesting. You've engendered sympathies from me of your ruined vacation, but glad to hear you're on the mend.

16 Posted on **04/03/2000 10:34:54 PDT** by [metalbird1](#)  
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To: [slym](#)

Thanks for the heads up. Sorry about your vacation.