

CIA involvement does more harm than good

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Abstract

As many historians have inferred, the last great war was the *Second World War* (known as the last 'good war'). This gave literal birth to spy organizations and these organizations were created to fight an injustice. From World War II, the *OSS* (Operations Strategic Service) was born to combat 'fire with fire'. However, it was done in a very brutal fashion to help win the war against *Nazism*, *Fascism* and the dictatorial entities of those like *Tojo* in the Far East. After 1945, as the world divided into the Cold War (1945 - 1991), the USSR and US went at each others' throats for decades. Then the United States President *Harry S. Truman* needed to create an organization to help rival the Soviet threat during those years. In essence, it was to fight communism. From this point, and after 1947 the *CIA* (Central Intelligence Agency) was born to define and protect U.S. interests around the world. The CIA began creating wars at a global scale. All to fuel the American economy, interest and a way of life back on its soil; with the constant *coup-d'etats*, narcotics and power shifts worldwide. For decades dictatorships were evilly created to benefit Americanism. *President John F. Kennedy* did threatened to disband the CIA, it was only after his death when this spy agency began to flourish-mushroom into something Machiavellian and medieval. Today the CIA is nothing but the butt of jokes, a laughing stock and nobody can trust this organization in any way, shape or form, sadly. Signaling what has become the end of an era and for those who think: it is an evil monster which nobody can destroy. Possibly the CIA will cause its own downfall. It has been said, that it will bring the American empire down with its foreign policy. What this investigative paper intends to show how the CIA has done more harm than good in global affairs.

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I. Introduction

No other agency in the history of mankind, other than the *KGB* (Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti – Committee for State Security, 1954 - 1991), *Mossad* (National Intelligence Agency, למודיעין המוסד), translated from Hebrew - Institute for Intelligence and Special Operations, 1949 - Present) and the Pakistani *ISI* (Inter-Services Intelligence - 1948, الخدماتی مخابرات بین, Present) have steered such controversy. Since its conception in 1947 and coming from the ashes of World War II, the CIA was founded to do covert operations. Moreover, it was created to benefit Americanism in the 'new world order' and maintain the planet unstable with misinformation.

Creating in its wake, *Radio Free Europe* in 1949 in Munich, West Germany: to misinform, fight the Eastern Communist block/U.S.S.R. and throw propaganda through the radio waves; CIA ran it from 1950 till 1971. After, it became *Radio Liberty* in 1976. Presently, RL headquarters are in Prague, Czech Republic and its program runs in 23 different countries or places where human rights abuses are perpetrated.

Not only did the CIA fight the 'Cold War Period' (1945 - 1991), it got into guerrilla warfare in South America and Southeast Asia. This Intelligence organization created in Latin America after 1946 the 'School of the Americas' and it was open for business. A school of dichotomy in terms; teaching 16 different courses. The areas covered are: human rights, strategy and flight training for Officers/NCOs (Non-Commissioned Officers) in Spanish. However, it is a school to train dictators, how to plot the removal of governments, torturers and assassins. Extended into the art of warfare and one done to control populations at a psychological scale. Its origins began in *Panama* and later transferred to *Fort Benning, Georgia* (Grimmett and Sullivan, 1993). Furthermore, it developed 'tentacles' in the spheres of drugs trafficking and now, cooperate espionage to enrich-American interest by the 1990s.

Is the Agency (CIA) a necessary evil? As of right now, with all the human rights abuses around the world and an economy built on exploitation of other countries and its people--I often wondered if the CIA is in desperate need of reorganization. The cruelty imposed by this particular intelligence service has caused

the world to mistrust Americans in every way and good intentions get often lost in the mire of politics.

Groups like the *Peace Corp*, once known for its work in helping the poor and those throughout the world also fell victim to the CIA (Senate Intelligence Committee, 1997). Agents began using the Peace Corp as a cover for their operative work around the globe. Although, it has often been denied. This caused fear-suspicion of anything American and anti-Americanism.

With this point in mind, a person has to view things without any passion or without taking any sides. For example, as with anything American. First comes the military intervention with supposed 'good intentions'. After the intervention, then come the business professionals who only want to benefit the U.S. economy. In continuance, come the American Embassies with their spies to keep tabs on the nation. Once the American way of life is imposed on this country, corporations begin to build. And with all unfairness, U.S. takes from that nation's economy close to 70%. Does this sound like fair trade to you?

Other than U.S. factories and land takeovers, now it's the franchises coming in to sell American products and reap the rewards. If a person reading these words can't believe me. Then to prove a point, get on an airplane and travel to any country where the U.S. has intervened in the past. Land in the capital and tell me the first thing that you see as a consumer at the airport. And this is without going into the city itself. Walk and pass the boarding gates, count how many *Starbucks, McDonald's, Burger Kings, KFC, Domino's Pizza, Popeye and Pizza Huts* you notice. The answer will come automatically. This consumerism benefits the U.S. markets with 60% or more in revenue. Can't believe me? Please take a closer look.

This all has to do with past-U.S. interventions and pushing the agenda-foreign policy on others. This didn't begin with the CIA. However, it was continued. With what mercenaries like *William Walker* were doing in Nicaragua on behalf of American interests in the 1850s. Most commonly because of the 'Manifest Destiny'; which Americans believed it entitled them to conquer further to the West and beyond. But as with policy, it officially began in 1898 with the *Marine Corps* by the time the Spanish-American War came to be. Things like the *Platt Amendment* (1901) also made things easier for the American government to intervene

in another country's affairs. As the U.S. agenda was pushed into places like: Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. Haiti and the Dominican Republic would fall into place and repeatedly be invaded to establish so called, 'order'. Why do Americans have to tell others what to do? When it is another country's business and responsibility.

Furthermore, this was how the Panama Canal was built in 1913. At the cost of thousands of lives and three-years of hardship. To be able to build without any limitation or national intervention, the then province of Panama was annexed from Colombia. In a masterful stroke of intelligence genius. The U.S. called it a wonderful move towards independence to benefit the Panamanian people. Acts like these make the U.S. military intelligence extraordinary in its strategic moves and terrible in the soulless way they operate.

Take for example, and please bear with me keeping an open mind. You buy a house and I'm your next door neighbor, right? After several neighborly arguments, disagreements and the police are called, there's a climax. Suddenly, one day you come home and I'm cooking an all out BBQ in your backyard. You find out that I have taken over your place. Now, the question, is this acceptable to you? Or even better, you and I as neighbors have a dispute, an argument. I get angry, jump over your fence and punch you in the face! After that I say, "From now on, your house belongs to me!" Is this acceptable? No, not in the least. It is more the behavior of thugs and gangsters. In the interest of foreign policy the court system is easily bypassed or in this case, the *United Nations* (U.N.) and the U.S. government invades the country they didn't agree with. Once inside that nation, there is literally a push of values 'down peoples throats' and the American troops don't win any favors with the domestic government. The U.S. military will go into a country [literally unprepared], without properly knowing the history, culture, language; and when people don't understand or things don't work out, Americans get angry and threaten to 'drop a bomb' on them! Americans want to push their way of life (social order) on other peoples' soil. Therefore, this is what the U.S. has been doing to its neighbors worldwide for the past-124 years.

Take an analysis I did recently with my students about the U.S., since it was established 243-years ago. I checked, the United States of America from the point of its conception till the present-moment in time has been in 74 wars. This puts the U.S. going to war or starting a new conflict every 3.3 years. This says it all: other than the drug trade, being the biggest-drug pusher on the planet (families like *Warren Delano, Jr.* started out this way and *Joe Kennedy* with his bootlegging schemes), war and other illegal vices has built the U.S. economy for generations. People should not dilute themselves in idealism. It's time to face a reality few understand and know about. The U.S. without a doubt is a great country and also the greatest-abuser of peoples on earth.

I am not saying the U.S. is the epitome of all evil. Americans have their issues with drug-addiction, obesity, racism and gun-control inside their country. But I also must state their virtues. As an American (and the majority of these cases go unreported), they are the kindest, most gentle people on the planet. Americans always will cross the earth to help others in need. They are the eternal optimists and a great immigrant society. But for all the good intentions--the military and intelligence networks have hurt its people and others very deeply! The problem was never the American people, it was about the Intelligence services and foreign policy. All in pursuit of the American way of life and forgot how to respect others rights; whether there is an agreement with a peoples or not. It's their country, culture and they run it as they wish. What are all the excuses for intervention? Americans are fighting communism, it is a dictatorship (which possibly the U.S. government implemented), that this 'state' is the 'axis of evil', war will spill over or to defeat 'Narco-terrorism'. Then why, if that was/is the case, nobody had/has stopped Colombia or Bolivia from shipping drugs to the U.S. in the past? Moreover, the *DEA* (Drug Enforcement Administration) tries to stop the flow of narcotics and the U.S. Intelligence agencies turn around and give the drug-traffickers their blessings to continue applying the trade (Rennie, 2019). It is because the U.S. benefits economically from this illegal business.

Americans aren't the 'fishermen to the world' as they like to think-believe or anything remotely close to

saviors. This all comes with an economical interest and the U.S. intelligence services operate without any impunity and all immunity in these foreign lands.

On the other hand, the U.S. has been seen as a helpful-benign empire/superpower. But this help comes with a price tag later on; therefore, affecting the country they are helping and its relationship. 'There are no free lunches in this life!'

Going back to the example of my neighbor. By not respecting others or my neighbor, equals to the same problems with foreign policy and the CIA behaving like monsters all over the planet: hurts not only the U.S., its citizens and those who can't trust them. To have a foreign policy which abuses other places, bullies and then wants to call out human rights; as it was done with *Saddam Hussein*--it is downright hypocritical. American intelligence and military services doing 'backdoor deals' with horrible-human beings. This is somewhat ironic, as when *Donald Rumsfeld* was shaking hands with Saddam in 1979 and years later, politicians in Washington are calling Hussein 'the Devil' for what he did in: Kuwait (1990), Iraqi Kurds back in the 1980s or with WMD (Weapons of Mass-Destruction) by 2003.



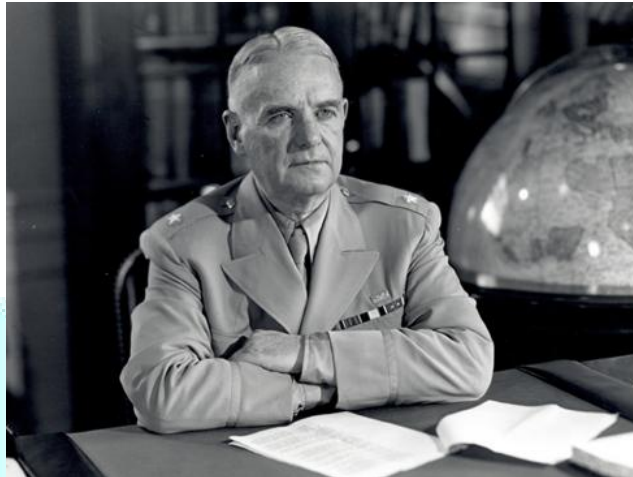
Donald Rumsfeld shaking hands with then dictator of Iraq,

Saddam Hussein. Photo by allhatnocattle.net.

With the Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S., it has certainly reaped what it sowed. A world in constant turmoil. There is massive confusion. Terrorism spiking like never before (Not only for the U.S., its allies; therefore, it has continued constantly in Europe, Africa and the Middle East), the build-up of paranoia, a possible new 'Cold War' and headed into a future-global conflict if the U.S. doesn't set the tone

as an example to follow in the ways of peace. However, the CIA has followed in the path to war and there is little doubt that this will change anytime soon. Unless a great leader comes along, one like *Jack Kennedy* and places this intelligence giant on notice.

"I will splinter the CIA into a thousand pieces and scatter it into the winds." - John F. Kennedy



William J. Donovan, former director of the OSS & one of the founders of the CIA (photo: History Channel).

II. Methodology

To be quite honest, this was my first study written about the Agency and Company business since my college years. That was more than 25-years ago, when I handed in two-term papers about how the CIA does its intelligence work, when it hurts thousands with torture and killings; destroying lives and families across the globe.

I wrote about my theories on paper with an investigation on the 'History of A.I.D.S.' and another called, 'Past, Present & Pinochet'. The former theorized how *H.I.V.* was spread intentionally by Intelligence services (with my own infusion of basic naivete); and the latter dealt with the 1973 coup on *Salvador Allende*, how it still affected Chilean society in contemporary times (by this period, 1995) and how *Pinochet's* legacy still lived on inside a fearful Chile. Especially, as is the case with Chile and the mothers back in Santiago protesting every week on the 3,000 disappeared ('Los desaparecidos' in Spanish). The

framework of horror left behind by General Pinochet's intelligence group (*National Directorate of Intelligence* or later on, *National Center for Intelligence* (CNI)). Left to their own devices on: torture, assassinations and maiming. This was left from a 17-year dictatorship, an emotional scar to reflect on a dire warning for a country to never again allow this horror to be repeated. Chile, other than the U.S. had been an example of democracy for 150 years, till Pinochet and the CIA changed all that with a coup (Hidell, n.d.).

I thought about it and since 2018 wanted to write an investigate piece/article for an educational or humanities journal on the topic which many covered with conspiracy theories, but not enough researched-writing on the matter and the legacy of what the *DOD* (U.S. Department of Defense) left behind for decades.

In my college years, I did write a manuscript of 125 pages about the Agency's illegitimate doings across Latin America, but that was lost a long time ago and I decided to take my studies (at the time) in another direction.

It was when, just recently, within this New Year 2020 that I decided to write a full investigative paper about the coups the CIA perpetrated abroad and how these actions continue to reverberate across nations till present-day in a positive or negative way. A study which I should have completed decades ago, but now it was the right time. Thanks to my military background and university studies. I felt it was the exact moment, with these life and educational experiences to write about this topic firmly and in total fairness.

Possibly, this has been covered before over and over, and I wanted to do a project well enough for people to understand the Agency's covert actions, right or wrong, misguided or not. Did they help that nation or was it for the benefit of the United States? The latter I think is the correct assertion than the former. I would wish as an American I could tell it differently; however, I cannot. Because as an American, I deeply love my country. Eliminating all possible conspiracy theories and just sticking to the

facts of what happened.

The CIA could have played it better and didn't. I do believe there are some good people in this Intelligence Agency/community, but the bad as often outweighed the good for the people. Therefore, as I state it down on paper, I hope those who read it can learn something about the past and that these actions may never be repeated. The latter is highly doubtful.

As for the CIA, it has grown too powerful to be disbanded. This we all can agree upon. It is a matter of selecting a different kind of leader to make the necessary changes for the continuance of this Agency and to place it in the right direction.

All countries need a form of protection from its enemies and nemesis. For these reasons, the Intelligence communities of the world are created. It's not a perfect place, there are alternatives on how Agencies can gather intelligence without abusing human rights and destroying everything around them.

I leave these words for posterity and hope that one day someone can come along and make the necessary changes. For now, let me state what drove the CIA after 1947 and the legacy it left behind in sad destruction. Because as in the majority of cases, the CIA performed badly with others and on foreign soil.

Here's for the readers, 'CIA involvement does more harm than good'. Enjoy!



Logo of the CIA at its headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia.

Seal approved in 1950 by President Harry S. Truman.

III. History & Proof

“It is the function of the CIA to keep the world unstable, and to propagandize and teach American people to hate, so we will let the Establishment spend any amount of money on arms.” -

John Stockwell, former CIA officer and author

What made the CIA great in essence was the fact in one of its greatest founders, the spymaster, *William 'Wild Bill' Donovan*. He pushed the idea forward to then *President Harry S. Truman* and by 1947 the CIA was created upon the growing turmoil of the Cold War. After the end of World War II, the animosity between the United States and Soviet Russia (1919 - 1991) grew. So much so, that it would later spillover onto the Korean Peninsula and later into the Korean War (1950 - 1953). For Major-General Donovan, thanks to his efforts, with members like *Allen Dulles* created the CIA with the *National Security Act*. The Central Intelligence Agency's involvement would exponentially grow through the 1950s, as the Agency got involved in the *Mohammad Mosaddegh* affair in Iran and little by little escalated its military-intelligence services in Vietnam after WWII (1945 - 1975) (Karnow, 1991). 'Wild Bill' Donovan would not see what the CIA had mushroomed into by the 1960s, but it was his legacy which placed this intelligence service at the forefront of the times and only another Agency would come to rival the CIA's own, its *KGB* nemesis back in Russia.

When did the CIA delude itself and became a problem nationally or internationally for that matter. Since its conception, the Agency already had been involved in clandestine operations to overthrow certain leaders who were dangerously deemed anti-American, anti-West, socialist or communist. The CIA didn't only get involved with pumping or fueling misinformation; it went as far as to trade money to establish satellites worthy of U.S. interests' abroad. Later, it would further get into backing the mob around the world. The Agency did everything in its power to fuel the drug, weapons, diamonds and oil trade. The benefits of the cash flow certainly proved lucrative for the influx into the American economy. Something which is still true till this day.

Establishing operations with people the U.S. military had to fight against during the Second World War. Subsequent problems surfaced with recruiting former Nazis with *Operation Paperclip* (Weil, 2020). The same Nazis who hurt very deeply, tortured and killed million of Jews. The Mossad, other than *Simon*

Weisenthal were looking for these criminals after the War. However, the U.S. government was secretly using them to build on their science (NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration) and spy programs. This is one of the epitomes in everything hypocritical.

Not only did Operation Paperclip constitute a violation on the Civil Rights of Jews and those who suffered throughout the War; but it was in direct violation of international laws. It was worse when these Nazis who were being hunted, were pardoned, given a paycheck for their knowledge and allowed to live freely in the U.S.

It was with *Operation Mockingbird* when the CIA hired journalist and media experts to spread misinformation throughout the American public and internationally. From this point started the era of misinformation, when lies were more acceptable and the truth was not. The end of democracy will only come when fabricated information is acceptable than what is factual.

The CIA began to experiment with mind-altering drugs, such as: *LSD*, the same psychedelic drug which by the 1960s ended-up on the streets of America. These experiments were known or are on file as *Operation MK-ULTRA*. Devastating a generation of those affected (like servicemen) by this narcotic and what it would do to the United States in subsequent years to come.

However, I am not here to ponder on what the CIA did nationally to its own. It has been a constant problem for decades that this spy agency isn't only capable of hurting their nationals without any loyalty, but destroying even those who work for the interest of America.

This is not including the people who are enemies of the Agency. The factor here is to view CIA behavior and how it continues to affect nations worldwide. The effects of the American-intelligence involvement hurt societies for generations: from the continuance of wars, violence, crime and the non-stop problems with decades of hardship after the fact.

These are the countries and places mostly affected by the CIA, for better or worse: the operations which

hurt populations, got people killed or tortured for years to come. Here's the following list:

A) *Operation AJAX* - The era when Iran was actually a peaceful democracy has long gone. One of the greatest reasons for the destruction of this country with grand potential was when the CIA and *MI6* began plotting towards the *Mosaddegh* government. *Mosaddegh* was only intending to nationalize the oil wells to benefit his country. When this attempted against British and American interest, as *Mosaddegh* targeted these oil industries... There was a coup and the removal of Iranian president. The *Sha of Iran* with his cruel intelligence services (*Savak*) took hold of the country and destroyed the fabric of society (History.com Editors, 2017). After 26-years in power, the Islamic Revolution violently removed the *Sha*. He escaped with his life and the *Ayatollah* secularized the country to the point of fanaticism; setting it back in time and keeping women in the discriminatory-fringes of society. And what has become today, a nation suffering from the constant 'brain drain' of the young wanting to leave and shortages. Iran maybe an influential superpower in the regional Middle East. However, peace between the United States and Iran has never come to pass since the '444-day Hostage Crisis' at the American Embassy in Tehran (1979). The U.S. backed Iraq in a 10-year war versus Iran, and relations have never been the same (1979 - 1989). There was only one time, after September 11, 2001--when Iran and the U.S. were in diplomatic negotiations. The moment for peace culminated when the U.S. through policy destroyed this opportunity. *President George W. Bush* did a literal 'about face' and called Iran a "Terrorist State" and implicated them in the *WMD* (Weapons of Mass Destruction) affair. Till this point in present time, between Israel, Iran and the U.S. tensions have only continued to escalate in the last decade of 2011 - 2020. Recently, the killing of *Iranian General Soleimani* by a drone strike has only intensified things and what looms for both countries in the near future is war--if these issues aren't properly negotiated-contained peacefully.



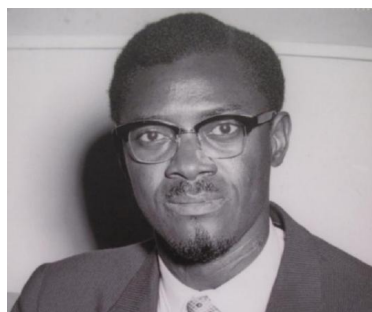
Iranian General Soleimani, assassinated by a drone strike in January 3, 2020.

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B) *Operation PBSuccess - Jacobo Arbenz* was elected President of Guatemala in 1951. The President tries to fight against his country's poverty and feed the farmers. When he decided to free up land from the *United Fruit Company*, this was a major overstep. Donned with good intentions. But technically, this land belonged to the UFC, an American company and connected to the CIA; therefore, it went against right-wing interest. President Arbenz privatizes the land against the warnings handed down to him. A plot is developed by *President Eisenhower* in 1954 and Arbenz is promptly replaced in a coup. Arbenz will die in exile (1971) and since he was involved with communist was never allowed to return to his country. In the future, leaders are placed in power who will not go against U.S. interest and will abuse the people without any qualms. Therefore, causing the present problems that still besiege Guatemala: for one, poverty has worsened and then, gang violence. This has caused on a daily basis thousands of Guatemalans to flee their country for a better life in the U.S.; away from the poverty and criminal warfare which continues to destroy their nation. This is the legacy of what Operation PBSuccess left behind for generations to come.

C) *Intervention in Laos, 1957 to 1973* - Other than U.S.'s involvement in Vietnam and Cambodia to secure democracy in its sphere of influence in former- French Indochina; early on, the CIA intervened in Laos against the leftist-pro-communist, *Pathet Lao*. The Central Intelligence Agency began by creating in this former French colony the 'Armee Clandestine' to fight off the Pathet Lao. When this strategy did not succeed, President *Richard Nixon* resorted to bombing. The climax to all this, most Laotians would become refugees after bombs were dropped; more firepower than in the World War II European theater.

D) *Operation Barracuda* - What was done to present-day Democratic Republic of Congo is a travesty and it hasn't stopped affecting its people in contemporary times. In 1961, the then President *Patrice Lumumba* was assassinated by Belgian Intelligence backed by the CIA. The Congo had been a colony of Belgium. To control and submit the nation, this nationalist leader was killed when he tried to nationalize property to benefit the people. Now, the world was divided by two entities, right! One for communism and the other was pro-democracy, the problem with all the manipulation of these superpowers was that they wouldn't leave Africa or the Congo alone. Instead, they exploited the continent for years. What was left behind after the Lumumba killing, well: a country led by a kleptocrat and despotic ruler like *Mobuto Sese Soko* (Peck, 2000). Destroying his own country wasn't enough, he (Mobuto) threw it into turmoil since the death of Lumumba and over 3.8 to 5.4 million people have died (nobody is certain) for the benefit of Western society. One of the greatest atrocities perpetrated in this country after the Second World War. You see, the Democratic Republic of Congo is rich in minerals and wealth. World-leading nations either go in to buy at cheap prices or steal minerals for their computers and other systems of operation. Kinshasa has been in trouble and for over a decade, it has been called, "The Rape Capital of the World" (Waraigu, 2012). Other than that, the violence and constant killings affect the daily lives of its leaders and citizens (Lovell, 2011). This is what was left behind from the 1961 intervention. The question is the following, was this helpful to the DRC or was it sunk further? The answer is clear and certain.



Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Congo, Patrice Lumumba.

Assassinated in January 17, 1961. Photo by Famous People.

E) 1961, the assassination of *Generalissimo Trujillo* - A dictator placed in power by the Americans

themselves. When Trujillo started going against the status quo and U.S. interests, after a 30-year relationship he was promptly killed. The Dominican people placed *Juan Bosch* in power for a brief moment in a democratic-style never seen before (1963). This gave the population hope. However, when it didn't satisfy the American government, he was immediately taken out of the Presidency by 1965 (Bosch, 2016). After, only those leaders which would benefit the U.S. were allowed to take the seat of power. Goes to show, even with a democratic system, if it does not run the American way--world leaders aren't allowed to govern in their land.

F) *Operation Mongoose 1961 - The Big of Pigs* (Bahia de Cochinos) was a CIA attempt by sending 1,500 highly trained-Cuban exiles to start an uprising and later overthrow Castro. The problem with this operation from the get go was the following: it was mired in incompetence. When the Agency did not back its own people on the ground. The lack of bombing and air cover from the U.S. caused the failure of the operation. The surviving Cuban exiles, around 1,100, after their captured were sent respectively to Cuban prisons. They wouldn't be released until 20-months later. The CIA Director *Allen Dulles* was fired by *President John F. Kennedy* for the botched operation (Kangas, 1996). Here was when Castro decided to turn Cuba into a socialist-communist state and hence, this set the tone for the controversial *Cuban Missile Crisis* when the world came close to nuclear holocaust. Once again, this was the case when two mighty nations (Russia and the United States) unfortunately intervened in Cuba and made a larger mess of things.



The Brigade 2506 landed on the Bay of Pigs, Cuba (April 17 - 19, 1961).

Photo by cia.gov.

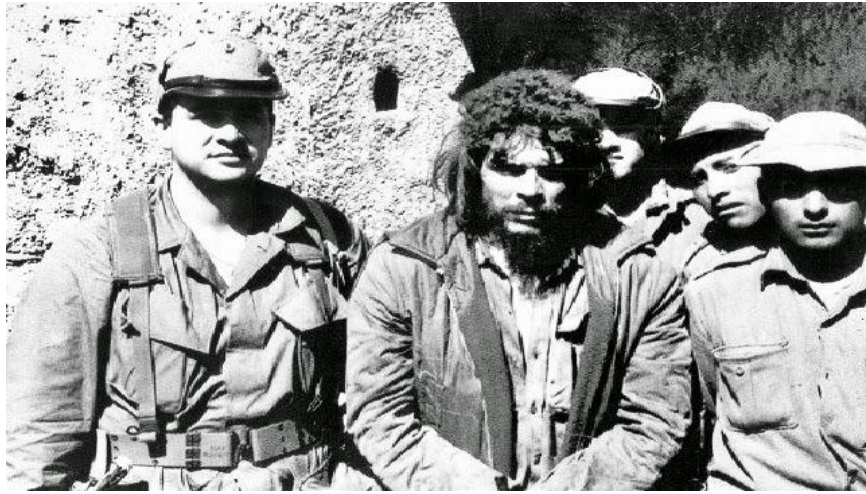
G) The CIA in 1964 backed a coup against then President *Joao Goulart* (*Operation Brother Sam*). With

this in mind, well, it was the first country to use death-squads. Police executing their own brand of justice against the established laws. Death-squads didn't only partake with the police, the U.S. backed government also hired civilians (often used criminals, gangsters and assassins) to eliminate any targets who wouldn't cooperate with them. This gave way to a problem often which affected Latin America through the 1960s to the 1990s. The issue has not necessarily gone away for Brazil. It is a developing country and prospering, but still, till contemporary times the Brazilian police has one of the worst records in executing 'justice' (abuse of human rights) without proper deliberation or trial.

H) *Operation Hike* - A country who adopted the death-squad system to perfection outside of Latin America was Indonesia. The intelligence communities in conjunction with the Americans, British and Dutch made sure to maintain a relationship with those in power. Indonesia is rich in oil fields, rubber-tapping and natural resources to go with it. In 1967, the CIA hit hard the democratically elected *Sukarno* (one of the greatest men who had fought for independence against the Dutch). Once he was taken out power, *Suharno* was placed in and with this began a genocide which lasted 31-years. The worse part was the first-decade of his regime. Regarded in official circles as a dictator, he was the man backed by the U.S. for the job. However, it held disastrous consequences for the Indonesian people. He (Suharno) ordered the deaths between 500,000 to 1 million people, in which the government at hand considered everybody who was an enemy, a 'communist'. If reading about the history of Indonesia, movies/documentaries have been made portraying the horror of that period. Below is a movie and documentary to get an idea of what happened during that period. One to recall was 'The Act of Killing' (Indonesia: Jagal - "Butcher"), released in 2013 (Oppenheimer and Cynn). Another movie to watch and perhaps somewhat 'Hollywood-ish', but to give the readers a clearer picture and understanding of what occurred during that time. The movie was, 'The Year of Living Dangerously' (Weir, 1983). The motion picture does a portrayal (to a lesser extent of course) of what happened during those terrible years in Indonesia.

I) Greece 1967 - What began as an intervention by 1964 escalated into all out intelligence warfare against the Greeks and Cypriots. Premier *George Papandreou* objected initially to the U.S. plans for Cyprus. *President Lyndon B. Johnson's* words still reverberate through history, "Fuck your Parliament and Constitution!" This U.S President could be colorful with his language, by adding, "America is an elephant! Cyprus is a flea! Greece is a flea!" By enforcing gangster tactics, something no nation should do to an ally, the U.S. was able to impose through *King Constantine* a military dictatorship. Therefore, replacing *Papandreou* for *Papadopoulos* who was already on the CIA payroll.

J) U.S. involvement in Bolivia in 1967 and the assassination of *Che Guevara*. For those readings my words may disagree with me; however, it's important to understand, no nation has to right to be involved in another one's affairs. This was the case with Colonel *Felix Rodriguez* (retired CIA) and his hunt for Guevara. Here I have to disagree with both men, great as they are in history: Guevara playing the crusader and going into different countries to spread communism. Furthermore, Rodriguez's spreading of democratic ideals. Both men never solved the direct problem of poverty in Bolivia and what was implemented came in the worst form of a dictatorship. This intensified the problems of the Cold War and all it did was to continue the killings on either side for 20-more years. Colonel Rodriguez in this case had the upper hand--when with his Bolivian Rangers captured Guevara and executed him for espionage. In truth, did democracy come to Bolivia? Not! Dictatorship and abuses came with men like *Rene Barrientos*. The question here is, would have communism helped the poor? It was Guevara's dream, but all that communism showed was another form of repressive-control and suffering for the people. Before Guevara was executed he uttered his famous last words, "I know you've come to kill me. Shoot coward, you are only going to kill a man!" Whether we are in agreement or disagreement, the courage of Rodriguez and Guevara were uncanny.



Then Special Agent (CIA) Felix Rodriguez after the capture of Che Guevara.

Photo was taken before Guevara's execution, October 9, 1967. Image by

thecubanhistory.com.

K) Uruguay, 1969 - "The precise pain, in the precise place, in the precise amount, for the desired effect." - Dan Mitrione

Mister Mitrione was one of the CIA's top and most infamous torturers. He gathered his experiences not only through the Federal Government. He would become one of its greatest teachers and assets in the art of hurting others. Mitrione was a contractor working for the CIA. He was in the *Office of Public Safety* (OPS), when he was sent to Brazil to teach the police 'interrogation' tactics. He was responsible by orders of the American government to convert certain police factions into death squads to capture those who were leftist and execute them. According to the Italian writer, *Franco Solinas*, he was also involved in the Dominican Republic invasion of 1965. Later in 1967, under the guise for the *Agency of International Development* and still under CIA orders, he was transferred to Uruguay to quash the popularity of *El Frente Amplio* political party. Frente Amplio was a popular leftist party and there were fears it would overtake the *Colorado Party*. Therefore, *President Richard Nixon* sent Mitrione on special assignment. Already this torturer's fame proceeded him. In 1970 he was kidnapped by the *Tupamaros Marxist Group* and later executed (Simkin, 1997). CIA backed all the infamous South American dictatorships. Into the decade of the 1970s and especially after 1975, the Southern Latin American Hemisphere would be led by *Operation*

Condor. Not only being involved in Brazil. The Operation expanded into Bolivia, Uruguay, Chile, Argentina (*The Dirty War*), Paraguay and Ecuador.



Photo of Dan Mitrione before his death in 1970 (Uruguay).

His title was that of U.S. government adviser to Latin America; however,

Mitrione had a reputation as an infamous torturer. Image by ranker.com.

L) 1970s Cambodia - Already the U.S. had been waging war in Vietnam unofficially since 1945. Officially it escalated the conflict by 1955 with the *Eisenhower* administration. The Vietnam War would last until 1975, but not before this conflict would spill over into Cambodia. By the CIA began overthrowing the neutral government of *Prince Sihanouk* and placing in charge, *Lol Non*. This paved the way for *Pol Pot's* murderous *Khmer Rouge*. From 1975 to 1979 what developed wasn't only a dictatorship; however, it was massive extermination camps. Anybody who was an intellectual, former government official, middle class and above or rivaled the government would end up here. This genocide took the lives of 2 million people. What ended it was the invasion of the Vietnamese Army. This country would not see normalcy until the early 2000s, when tourism started again and things began to look somewhat 'normal' for this southeast Asian nation. Movies like the 'Killing Fields' (Joffe, 1985) and 'First They Killed My Father' (Jolie, 2017) are excellently portrayed true stories to watch and get a glimpse of the horror for what sadly happened in Cambodian history. And a dire warning of things which ought to never be allowed to happen again.



Image of the Killing Fields. Photo by the Borgen Project.

M) Haiti - The involvement in this nation started back in 1918 and continued till 1993, but there was a tighter grip on the nation by 1957 (Diederich and Burt, 2009). When the Agency placed two atrocious dictators into power. Father and son, *Papa and Baby Doc*. The father came to be, thanks to U.S. trained troops; which placed him into the presidential seat. *Francois Duvalier* created the *Tonton Macoute* (his death squads) on the streets of Port-au-Prince, Haiti to kill indiscriminately any opposition. The death toll was massive and 100 thousand people lost their lives. Upon Duvalier's death, came Baby Doc in 1971. It was easier, a matter of passing down the reigns of control and furthermore, abusing the Haitian people even more. Haiti hasn't been able to properly recover after the brutal dictatorships and interventions. However, historians have also suggested that French and American constant intervention led to the downfall of this country, one of great history and culture. But tragically, Haiti has never been able to get back on its feet. When the finality of the Baby Doc dictatorship came to be, he was quietly flown to the south of France to live a pompous lifestyle compared to his people who presently live in squalor.

N) *Operation FUBELT* - This 1973 coup-d-etat was perpetrated against *Salvador Allende* and destroyed a 150-year old democratic system. One of the saddest overthrows in history and orchestrated by the CIA in defense of 'pro-democracy'. The reality was, Allende posed no danger or threat to anybody, except for the U.S. & *ITT* interests (Simkin, 1997). 'The cure was even worse than the disease.' Once Allende was killed, General *Augusto Pinochet* was placed in the seat of power for the next 17 years. Creating a worst state of

things, with his intelligence organization *DINA* (Dirección de Inteligencia Nacional - National Intelligence Directorate) he sent agents abroad to kill dissidents in a terrorist fashion and with General Pinochet's dictatorship, 3,000 people (mostly opponents of his government, 'communist' and students) were first tortured. Therefore, these people were later killed and made to disappear; as if evidence couldn't be unearthed!



Salvador Allende was the President of Chile before his assassination in 1973.

He is the second from the left. Image by El Pais (Spain).

O) April, 1975 (End of the *Vietnam War*) - With 1975 came the end of U.S. involvement in Vietnam; which went back 30 years (Karnow, 1991). The war came to a sour closure for Americans: four million service men and women served, 58,000 U.S. troops *Killed in Action* (KIA) and 2 million casualties on both sides (North & South Vietnam). From CIA officers like *Edward Lansdale* scheming to overthrow the North Vietnamese government (1954 - 1958), *Operation Phoenix* (1966 - 1973) and *Air America* (1950 - 1976) through the CIA's *Special Activities Division*--covert missions were flown throughout Southeast Asia (this included Cambodia, Laos & Vietnam) (Myre, 2019). *Operation Phoenix* was just an example of 20,000 'Vietcong' killed; however, nobody is certain if people on both sides got in the way, the innocent as well as the guilty. The U.S. involvement in Vietnam began with the OSS and ended with the CIA at its helm. All wars are terrible, but this one would last for decades. It was a huge loss on the American psyche. The destruction of Vietnam for decades to come. The death toll didn't stop when the war was over. It

continued with chemical agents like Agent Orange: destroying the jungle foliage, crops, livelihoods, people starving, birth defects and deaths from cancer in the U.S. and Vietnam. The psychological problems it caused on many of its veterans and civilians on both sides. The Vietnam War has continued to affect those involved, generations who came and the future generations to come.



Images of the Vietnam War (1955 - 1975).

Photo by USA Today.

P) 1975 Australia - A 'peaceful or silent coup' under everybody's noses and without any bloodshed. This is something a 'friend' ought to never do to an 'ally'. Prime Minister *Gough Whitlam* had the courage or let's call it for what it is, 'the gumption' to cancel CIA-ASIS operations (Australian Secret Intelligence Service) in Chile; due to the human rights abuses/violations of the Pinochet government and requested from the U.S. government a list of all CIA operatives in Australia. This obviously angered the U.S. government. Therefore, secretly and unceremoniously, Prime Minister Whitlam was substituted by Governor-General of Australia, *John Kerr* (Pilger, 2017). After these events, all operations were 'a go' and everything was 'back on track'. The sad truth about all this was CIA's behavior with a long-standing ally and a country who had supported America in every single war after 1945.

Q) Angola 1976 - The Central Intelligence Agency backed *Jonas Savimbi* and his *UNITA* front against the *MPLA's Jose Eduardo dos Santos*. This operation was basically off the books till 1984, when the CIA and South African troops were supposedly fighting communism against the MPLA, Russian and Cuban troops

(Woodward, 2005). In truth, Angola's location was not of any strategic value; however, both sides did get involved for several reasons. Angola is extremely rich in diamonds and oil (as the secret war in Cabinda). This was the main economic interest and why western countries got into the fighting in this southwestern-African country. The other reason, but this has only been theorized, that Angola served as a trampoline-hub to ship cocaine/drugs into Europe and handle the cash flow back into the United States without any questions asked. Of course, Savimbi getting his kickbacks (not proven). Furthermore, stated [but not proven], that the U.S. used its own military bases across the European theater for the shipping of narcotics, weapons and cash. These military-hubs would include: Italy, Spain, U.K., Germany and Iceland. In any case, this war would last 26-years and at the cost of 300,000 to 500,000 Angolan lives (Prados, 2006).



General Jonas Savimbi, strongman of the UNITA forces.

Image by the Zambian Observer.

R) *Afghanistan* and beyond - The U.S.S.R. (Russia) invaded Afghanistan by 1979. What happened after would be a disaster or a lost war for the Russian troops. This will develop into what later became Muslim extremism, as *mujahideen* fighters scrambled to fight the invaders. The problem here was that Afghanistan became a country of factions and with this the rise of the *Taliban* and extremist beliefs (Friedman and Mandelbaum, 2011). This is another example of two superpowers (the U.S. & U.S.S.R.) intervening in one country and making a mess of things. The U.S. began giving weapons and training to the mujahideen (Coll, 2004). For the U.S. intervention, *Sheik Abdel Rahman* became the first mastermind to bomb the *Twin Towers (New York)*. In 1993, the Twin Towers were bombed, killing six people in its underground parking lot. But the towers weren't brought down. It wasn't till *Osama bin Laden* and *al-Qaeda* bombed the towers in 2001. The U.S. invaded Afghanistan that same year with *Operation*

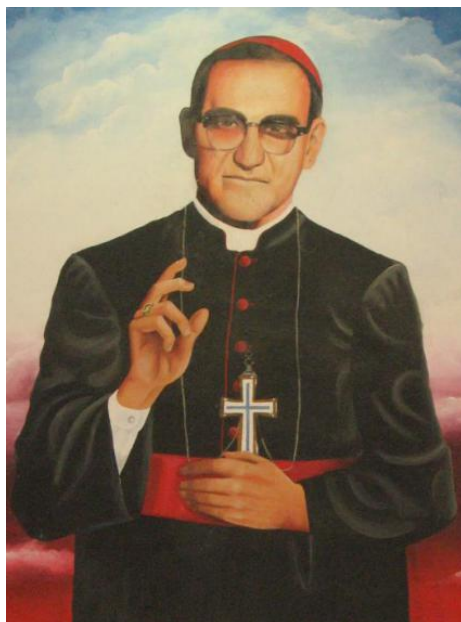
Enduring Freedom and after, *Operation Freedom's Sentinel*. A war which started a year prior to the Russian invasion, shows no end insight and it has become the longest war in U.S. history. Also, from the confiscated poppy-fields in Afghanistan, this opium (it is said, but not proven) would become heroin and end up in America to start a new drug epidemic back in the U.S. streets.



Osama bin Laden, former leader of al-Qaeda & mastermind of the 9-11 attacks.

He was killed by U.S. forces in 2011 (Abbottabad, Pakistan).

S) *El Salvador*, 1979 to 1980 and after - the CIA had been involved in the overthrow of governments across Central America. But it was El Salvador the focus when things started to heat up by 1979. As 1980 came along, people started to grasp the extent of it all; that it would become the same old right-wing system in support of the United States. The right wing elements were led by *Roberto D'Aubuisson*. Death squads were formed and began to hit the countryside: killing peasants, farmers and those who would not confirm. The Archbishop of San Salvador at the time, *Oscar Romero* begs the U.S. government for intervention. Since this doesn't conform with the United States standards or the D'Aubuisson's government, Romero was shot to death during mass. This throws the country into the chaos of civil war and infamous massacres like, *El Mazote* (1982) will take place. The country will be convulsing and will not see any normalcy for the next 13 years and after 63,000 Salvadorans were killed in the crossfires of war. Until present day, El Salvador is ruled by violence and gang warfare. There are those who desperately want to immigrate to the U.S. for a better life and protection (Fox, 2020). However, some will face deportation (asylum seekers) on American soil upon their arrival. Only to be deported and later murdered back in El Salvador. Something that the intervention and past Salvadoran civil war made worse.



Former Archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Romero. Killed in 1980 while delivering mass.

It would plunge El Salvador into Civil War. Image by Wikipedia.org.

T) **Nicaragua** - Between 1985 and 1987 there was some major involvement of the CIA in Nicaragua and here was the conception of the *Iran Contra Affair*. When the *Sandinista*-socialist government took hold of Nicaragua and overthrew *Somoza*. The U.S. and right wing factions began to funnel money to the 'Contras' from illegal arms sales to Iran (Chomsky, 2006). Operations continued till all this was exposed to the general public. Since the U.S. needed a scapegoat, the best person to become the 'fall guy' was *Lt. Colonel Oliver North* when he blatantly lied to the Senate during questioning about his and the U.S. involvement. Colonel North was charged, but later the charges were overturned. This showed American hypocrisy in its purest form, as the trial went before the American public. It was just a 'circus' to show the people, 'we are doing something'. In truth, it was all about nothing or 'much to do about nothing'. North had to resign and that in truth was the only punishment he got. The Agency during this period began dabbling more into the sales of drugs for profit (often denied). It had been doing so through Air America, since the days of the 'Golden Triangle' (Cambodia, Laos & Vietnam). However, with the war in Vietnam over by 1975, the focus was to redirect the flow of drugs for cash/weapons into Central America; therefore, what better place than Nicaragua. Showing how the U.S. has repeatedly been involved in Nicaragua throughout a period of over 130 years. Disregarding and furthermore, disrespecting the wishes of a sovereign nation.



Lt. Colonel Oliver North giving testimony during the 1987 Iran-Contra Affair hearings.

Photo by the Washington Post.

U) *Operation Urgent Fury*, the Invasion of Grenada (October, 1983) - With the Bishop government implemented in Grenada, the new Prime Minister decided to take the socialist route. It was an action to build free schools and a health-care system for all the people. What the U.S. considered a threat began with Bishop's Marxist point of view. At the time, the Grenadian Prime Minister was allowing mostly Cuban troops onto his country's soil and this included Russian advisers. Mind you, this was several years before *Perestroika*, the 1989-Fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Russian empire by 1991. Therefore, in the U.S.'s overreaction and through CIA propaganda, Grenada was invaded to stop the spread of 'communism' and 'terrorism'. Here and again, other than spying and CIA involvement, this is the case of 'two-mighty tribes' intervening on another peoples' sovereign land. Bishop was overthrown, executed by right-wing extremists and after the U.S. invaded, with the excuse in rescuing American students on the Island. When it was all over, yes, the U.S. had won! It gave the U.S. its first win after losing in Vietnam and Iran. However, at what cost? The island of Grenada was setback in time, today it continues to be mired in poverty (Zepezauer, n.d.). The issue here is and this was the case of an Island that wasn't a threat to U.S.'s National Security or interest. *President Ronald Reagan* gave the excuse that it was a danger, a threat with communism and to save the hostages. This was a ridiculous invasion and notion which came with the cost of human life on both sides, the destruction of a nation's infrastructure and all to prove a point--how the U.S. could bully a smaller nation into submission. What a tragedy in the making!

V) Mexico's War on Drugs, the kidnap and killing of *DEA* (Drug Enforcement Administration) Special Agent *Enrique 'Kiki' Camarena* (1985) - It's a war that to date has taken more than 300 thousand lives (2019) and it's a failure with no end in sight (Gambo, 2019). The biggest problem is the ongoing corruption between the United States and Mexico; where drugs for profit are more important than the cost of life.

But back in 1984, when then Special Agent 'Kiki' Camarena was working in Guadalajara, Mexico to stop the flow of drugs into the United States, he made some powerful enemies. Camarena made a powerful enemy in *Rafael Caro Quintero*. Camarena went into Caro Quintero's 'Ranch Bufalo' and destroyed 10,000 tones of marijuana with a street value of \$2.5 billion (USD). It was a huge blow on the *Guadalajara Cartel*, also led (at the time) by *Miguel Angel Felix Gallardo* and *Ernesto Fonseca Carillo* (Poppa, 2016).

A plan was hatched by the Guadalajara Cartel and *DFS* (Direccion Federal de Seguridad/Federal Security Directorate, created by the CIA) Agents to kidnap and torture Camarena, to find out how much he knew. Camarena was later sequestered in February, 1985 outside the U.S. Consulate in Guadalajara. He was tortured for information and later killed. Eyewitnesses to the torture stated that a 'Max Gomez', a person with a Cuban accent was involved. It was later concluded that this same 'Max Gomez' was non-other than CIA Field Agent, Felix Rodriguez. Yes, the same Colonel Felix Rodriguez who caught 'Che' Guevara in Bolivia and was involved in 'Operation Phoenix' during the Vietnam War (Documentary, 'The Last Narc', 2020).

There was a U.S. government cover-up on the Camarena killing. Why? To allow the continuance and flow of the drug trade into the United States. Furthermore, to support the rebel *Contras* in Nicaragua. When former DEA Supervisor and Special Agent *Hector Berrellez* was ordered to the case, what he discovered through informants--that it was his own government who had sanctioned the kidnap to see how much Camarena knew about the Guadalajara Operation. When Berrellez found out about the Cartel, DFS and the CIA link--he was later replaced as Supervisor and sent back to Washington, D.C. In D.C., he was essentially told/threatened by the CIA to back off the case and let the dead lay in peace. If not, it would cost him his career and possibly his life (Basotia, 2019).

In conclusion, America's *War on Drugs* has truly proven to be a farce of gargantuan proportions.

One thing must be noted, although Enrique Camarena was killed, he hasn't been forgotten for his heroism. Because there are those who do evil and there are still great men who combat against it!

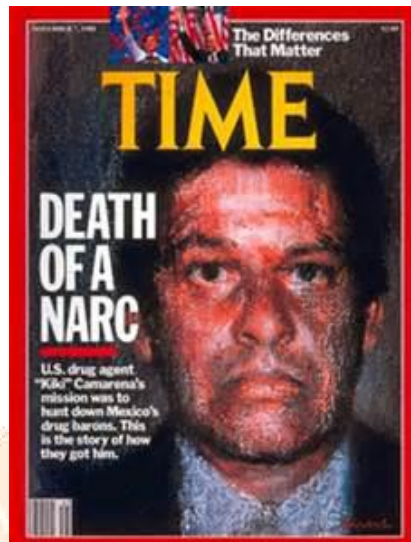
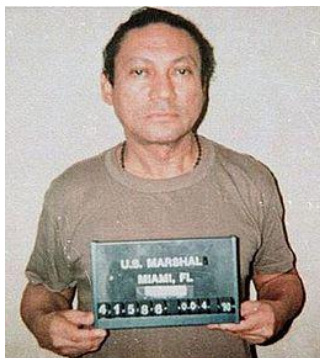


Image by the Baltimore Post Examiner.

W) The Invasion of Panama 1989 - One the most hypocritical invasions on record, a good waste of resources and death. Totally unnecessary to think about it and when analyzed, did it help stop the drug flow or men like Noriega to reach power?

The issue with *General Manuel Noriega* who worked for the CIA during a period of two decades was the case and point when a dictator, madman and drug lord got out of the hands of the United States. By 1989, to stop Noriega and extradite him back to the United States, armed forces invaded Panama. Some called the invasion a transgression on human rights. But nonetheless, the General was caught and taken back the U.S. to stand trial on drug charges. For all the U.S.'s standing on the war against drugs and human rights, America usually fails on what it 'preaches'. A frequent transgressor, the U.S. is a superpower that talks about abuses around the world and then, does the same to their own or in their execution of foreign policy. Till this day, the standard practice still stands. The country for all its talk on stopping the flow of drugs, the U.S. is the biggest consumer worldwide. If there wasn't a market, the United States wouldn't have a problem. But in America, 20% of the population is addicted to some form of pharmaceutical prescription,

drug or narcotic. Then the following question is: How can the U.S. preach to the world what it doesn't practice?



General Manuel Noriega after his arrest and extradition to the U.S. in 1989.

Image by Wikipedia.org.

The case with the drugs for cash and smuggling. Every time the government, CIA operatives and the intelligence community dabble into this business--it will certainly cause a drug epidemic throughout the city streets of America. This was the case in the 1970s with the heroin epidemic; especially in my hometown of New York City. The escalation in the 1980s drug wars with cocaine coming from Colombia and Bolivia into Miami, and spreading throughout the U.S. Later, it was rock cocaine/crack that hit not only the east coast of the United States; but it went from Los Angeles up and down the west coast. A television series like 'Snowfall' isn't the only program to throw light on the issue (Singleton, Andron and Amadio, 2017). The T.V. show 'Narcos' portrayed the problem in a dramatic fashion and all too well (Brancato, Bernard, Miro and Newman, 2015). What's funny was Nancy Reagan's slogan, "Say no to drugs!" How silly, stupid and a dichotomy in terms, when Americans tell the world one thing, then turnaround and do another. The latest epidemic in the past decade was the one on heroin (2011 and beyond). The reader might guess where this narcotic came from; it came from the opium fields in Afghanistan and it landed on America's shores. Many might argue this point and would like to blame the pharmaceutical companies across the nation. Yes, that is part of the problem, the other is the constant foreign wars and the extraction of narcotics from abroad.

The above operations show a period spanning almost 40 years across the globe. This doesn't mean that

the abuses the CIA perpetrated would stop its involvement in other lands. Affecting for the most part Central American affairs, policies and politics. This hasn't stopped the Agency in its Machiavellian conquest. In contemporary times moving into corporate espionage, as it was the case with stealing corporate secrets from Japanese auto companies for GM (General Motors), U.S. Now, the CIA is needed for better or worse. The point in terms is the following: at what cost to America, Americans, their tax-paying dollars and quality of life. No country can destroy the U.S. with the new fears resurrected over China and Russia; what can only bring down the U.S. and the Agency is its own self.

IV. Suggestions on how to improve the Central Intelligence Agency

What President John F. Kennedy and the Former Director of the CIA *William Casey* wanted to do has been a long standing problem in the intelligence community (Frizzell and Knuth, 2017). The political leadership trying to control an organization which got out of its hands. Senator *Frank Church* (D-ID) recognized the CIA as a "Rogue Elephant" (Prados, 2018). How can the problems caused by the CIA be corrected into the 21st Century? For one and this is the objective perspective, assassinations of foreign leaders are now considered illegal. This is a step in the right direction. The Agency can still meddle into the affairs of other nations.



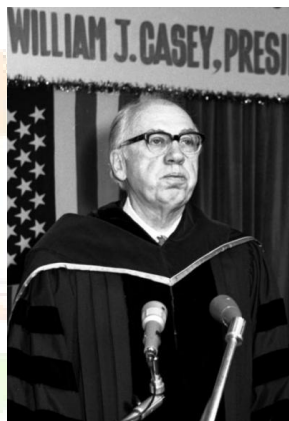
President John F. Kennedy before in his death in 1963. He

wanted to disband the CIA. Photo by inforulz.

The other issues at hand are necessary to consider. The points will be discussed below these lines. It's an important part in recent events which will make or break the CIA during its future operations around the world. No spy organization can be completely sanctimonious; however, it cannot go in with the

mentality of destroying others, their own or causing a worldwide web of paranoia.

Several facts will be stated to correct the issues and problems which still drag the CIA down. How to fix this broken mechanism? The problem is fixable, not impossible and at the same time, difficult. It will have to be a leader which has the capability of power, gumption and control over the future of the Agency. Not the way Mister Casey fought the Agency, during his tenure and those turbulent years before his death. Those who have tried in the past have certainly failed. There is a wall of resistance by the Intelligence community, especially those in the field against the higher ups. Keeping in mind, that the CIA does not dictate policy (Prados, 2018). It is through a democratic-governmental process.



Former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Mister William Casey.

One of the few directors who wanted to change inside the CIA, passed away before he could make any real difference. Photo by Stars and Stripes.

The below points are opinions on how to change things internally; however, without the government and American people on board--it is an effort which will be well wasted:

A) The CIA cannot request loyalty from those who serve them, when the Agency doesn't keep its promises. This example has been seen multiple times. After the Intelligence organization literally 'starts a fire' and doesn't come to the rescue or aid of those at their service: Hungary (1956), Bay of Pigs (1961) and Vietnam (1975). The latter are just three, but there are many more examples to come by. When the CIA got involved and later didn't come to help those in need. The Agency needs to keep its word, if not, we

cannot expect any loyalty from those who serve, our friends or allies.

B) The level of carnage this Agency has caused with its frequent interventions worldwide. The experts and analyst have stated by 1987, six million people had died (Kangas, 1996). These are the after effects of the CIA's intervention. I'd estimate that those numbers go as high as nine million. These are considering the interventions in the following nations: the Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and Iraq. The CIA needs analyst to minimize the casualty rates when a country is intervened or invaded. On average and in most countries intervened, there is an upward count of 200,000 or more civilians killed in the crossfires of these armed and intelligence-conflict operations.

C) The effects left behind are psychological trauma, mutilation and chemical warfare which still continue to affect the peoples of these countries. Take one point, the use of *Agent Orange* in Vietnam and the birth defects it caused for generations to come. Furthermore, the planting of 23 million landmines during Angola's Civil War: till this day people step on these mines, causing death and amputation in its wake. The U.S. should do financial restitution for the victims left behind. Not only the U.S. is to blame, but the former Soviet Union should calculate in reparations.

D) Fire or retire the old-recalcitrant crowd. The CIA needs a 'watch dog' group, more than a *Senate Intelligence Committee* to overlook into the Agency's wrong doing. It needs new blood. I'm not saying to fall into this lost idealism or snitching, impossible and foolish; however, to focus on the realism of our times and society. The CIA should adopt an Internal Affairs system to properly investigate and monitor its agents in the field and within 'Langley'. An I.A. organization could help from within the problems of corruption and the people who go 'rogue' on assignments.

E) Stop reporting only on the failures of the CIA. The public would like to know more about the CIA's successes worldwide; especially when the Agency has foiled plots against terrorism or has captured/killed known narcos and terrorist, etc.

F) Operations are to help not only the American people, but the countries intervened. Therefore, no

blow-back will come back to the U.S. years after. It's good for business and even better for the CIA.

G) Stop getting into relationships with unsavory types, organizations, unstable-psychological personalities (madmen) and dictators. Furthermore, please stop training them or giving those people weapons; because later they will turn them against the American people and others. Best examples here are: *Saddam Hussein* with the later War in Iraq or *Osama bin Laden* through *GID* (General Intelligence Directorate - the Saudi Arabian Intelligence organization) with the War in Afghanistan during the Soviet invasion (Coll, 2004). As we know, bin Laden would later become the mastermind behind the 9-11 attacks. The American government and Hollywood actors always have had this 'love affair' with dictators and autocrats. From *Donald Rumsfeld* shaking hands with *Saddam Hussein* to *Sean Penn* or *Danny Glover* with *Hugo Chavez* and *Steven Seagal's* rhetoric on behalf of *Vladimir Putin*; as Americans we should learn to stay away from these unsavory types, period.

H) Stop making enemies out of our allies by spying on them and their corporations (from Germany to Japan). Furthermore, stop making an enemy out of the American people by secretly doing surveillance on them.

I) The CIA cannot be disbanded, it's an impossible dream/task. It can only be fixed from within.

J) Stop hiring people who are clearly and mentally unstable. Often than not, the Agency recruits people in the field who are a threat to themselves, others and later, the American national interest.

K) Do a better job in retaining agents who do great work in field operations, pay these people better and stop frustrating them to the point they are forced to leave the Agency because of too much 'red-tape' and bureaucracy.

L) The Intelligence agency has to stop getting involved in drug-trafficking and smuggling. In the long run, it will only hurt the American people. It is something often denied, but the circumstances state otherwise.

M) Stop the illicit spying on corporations around the globe. Bad practice started after the Cold War ended and it ought to stop. Creates unfair trade practices, deals and an environment of worldwide mistrust.

N) The CIA as the NSA (National Security Agency) has to stop spying on its citizens. It creates an unnecessary climate of fear, hate and paranoia towards others; especially when 'fuel to the fire' is added and it creates an acrimonious state against minorities. Hurting those who come to United States, such as: Muslims and Latinos. A good majority of Muslims and Latinos who come to America are decent, hardworking people; not the extremist/criminals they are sometimes stereotyped or portrayed as.

O) Prepare not only the field Agent, help those in the field offices to learn more than one language and better diplomatic skills. This does happen, but it doesn't happen often enough.

P) CIA ought to stop overthrowing democracies and focus more on overthrowing dictatorships. Not the other way around.

With this concludes the portion of suggestions on how to improve the Central Intelligence Agency.

V. Flaws with this Research

The problem stems as with any research, this study isn't perfect. It uses old eyewitness accounts and testimonies. Transcripts from historical files and references already mentioned in other previous cases. Some situations are theorized or opinions after the fact; which aren't considered or consistent with factual events. Trying to avoid those who fall into conspiracy theories (Hidell, n.d.). The case and point, to not fall on here-say or what others have passed through the 'grapevine' or basically word of mouth.

This article tries to use elements from all sides. The points of view expressed can be pro-right, pro-left, from a democratic perspective, socialist or communist mind set. This was done intentionally to give opportunities to all and shine the light on their side of the story. However, as with each side, people tend to be subjective. Therefore, these ideas don't essentially come together as objective.

The CIA can't be destroyed as a mechanism. People must understand this simple principle and it shouldn't be eliminated. But it can become better. That will be a matter of the American people to hit the pavement and protests on what they want from the Central Intelligence Agency in the future. Do Americans want to be the epitomize all evil and roam the earth with such reputation or can this become a greater Intelligence organization which protects them [Americans] for generations to come? Can the CIA do justice for victims abroad, those who are abused? This is another problem with the study, yours truly writes about the CIA as an outsider looking in and not an insider criticizing the system which is already broken. In essence, going back to part IV, "Suggestions on how to..." and implement the ideas recommended. If not, this study just serves as a historical perspective and not a problem solver. Just an investigative piece open just to criticism.

The biggest issue in this study and the following question to consider is: Do Americans want to get involved and address the problems within the CIA? The answer is clear, for the majority the answer is "No!" Not if it will disrupt their comfortable way of life.

Therefore, the CIA will continue doing what they do best: without a conscious or monitor to control on how they behave. To bully and abuse others in their wake. Therefore, to be a beacon of compassion is sometimes the hardest thing to practice and perfect. This will depend on the American public and the CIA if they want to change the perception/opinion of the world around them. The U.S. foreign policy is in great need of fixture. The United States are considered: abusers of human rights, imperialist and the most hated empire after the British (Guo, 2012). There is an ever present problem for Americans to look inwardly and make the Agency an example to the world by change in the years to come. As this paper needed to focus more on those perspectives with the American public, policies and government; not only write on the historical content/context.

I'm not trying to sound like a *Judy Irwig & Wendy Fine* broken record, "Make the World a Better Place" or a *Miss Universe* contest with "Peace on earth". These are just fallacies. On the contrary, to help fix

what is already broken, learn from past mistakes and not continuously repeat these disasters: whether these were made in Vietnam, South America, Central America, Iraq, Iran or Afghanistan for that matter.

VI. Conclusion

It is not to say that the CIA did everything wrong. No, these interventions were caused by the Cold War and atmosphere of the times. The former Soviet Union (Russia) had as much to do in the wrong doing against countless millions as the United States government. The issues here is, what happened after the Cold War and did the CIA improve?

What has to be considered is the CIA's involvement, is it doing any good for humanity? The answer is unquestionably, 'No!' Proven through time, these interventions caused more harm than good for the population of the country invaded or intervened. Estimates aren't certain, but the interventions or joint operations were/are in 134 different Intelligence conflicts and CIA wars (Gindin, 2005). What was shown here is just a fraction. There was so much injustice caused. Where was all the good, if any? It was never properly shown in these intelligence operations.

After all, there is something called, 'cause and effect'. When this Intelligence service goes into places like Venezuela and later, down the line, there is anti-Americanism (Gindin, 2005). These are the results of years of wrongdoing. Literally 'sticking our nose where it doesn't belong'. Teaching torture methods not only through the likes of *Dan Mitrione* (Simkin, 1997). But in the continuance of the CIA affecting the people of Honduras with their tactics, such as: teaching the infamous 'Battalion 316' the art of hurting others with the 'Human Resource Exploitation Manual' (CIA, 1983). This is often denied by the CIA and to what extent. When will this behavior stop? The question needs to be analyzed further by the leaders in Washington, D.C. and the American people. Another question to consider, to protect those in the homeland and abroad, does the CIA have to destroy thousands or millions on foreign soil? The answers are clear. It's all a matter of placing the right people in D.C. and inside the CIA to stop these medieval-barbarous tactics.

This has caused stress on entire populations, cruel regimes, torture, death and wars that to the extent in these countries would/will last for decades.

Twenty-three operations ended with thousands, if not millions losing their lives. These are the main ones which garnered attention worldwide. People would come to know the CIA for its interventions; when they go in as triumphant victors and not before long, depart as despised-despotic losers.

Is this the legacy the CIA wants to leave behind?

George Orwell once said, "The further a society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those who speak it."

Further, is this the remembrance the Americans want to leave for the entire world? One which, America is only remembered as an abuser and bully. This is clearly something to think about.

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