POLITICAL TERRORISM
A NEW GUIDE TO ACTORS, AUTHORS, CONCEPTS, DATA BASES, THEORIES AND LITERATURE

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money obtained through bank and armored car robberies and counterfeiting operations staged by The Order.

- Black Liberation Army (BLA) Founded in 1968 as the armed wing of the Black Panther Party which engaged in the killing of policemen since it emerged in 1971. The group had about 100 members in the early 1970s. Joanne Chesimard, a reputed BLA leader, was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of a New Jersey state trooper in 1973 but escaped from prison on Nov. 2, 1979. Marilyn Buck, who was described as the only white member of the BLA, was one of eight persons charged with involvement in the robbery organized by her. She was captured on May 20, 1981, although she had not been captured.

- Black Muslim Movement (BM/M) or Nation of Islam Early fundamentalist black Muslim sect, formally known as the Nation of Islam, was founded in Detroit by W.D. Fard; who claimed to have come from Mecca but, who—eventually disappeared. He was succeeded as leader of the sect by Elijah Poole (or Elijah Muhammad), who advocated complete separation for negroes in a closed community to avoid taxes and have maintained that he is living together with 100, heavily armed followers.

- Black Panther Party (BPP) Black power movement established in Oakland, California, in October 1966, by Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale. It first advocated only defensive activities and gain full acceptance of the police, or went into exile. The party had then about 20 Black Panthers who had been killed by the police (which put the figure at 10). BPP leaders included Huey Newton, Bobby Seale, his brother, Carmichael, David Hilliard and Rap Brown. At its peak it had an estimated 2,000 members.

- Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Principal foreign intelligence-gathering organization of the United States of America. Based at Langley, Virginia, but with stations and outputs throughout the world. On January 1966, the CIA was one of the biggest intelligence bureaucracies in the world. It has an estimated full-time staff of 18,000 to 20,000.

- Civilian Military Assistance (CMA) Anti-terrorist white supremacist organization founded by Jim Ellison. He organized a paramilitary camp near, the Bull Shoals Lake in Arkansas where he and his followers, with 100, heavily armed disciples and their families, established an underground camp. In the past, CIA counter-insurgency activities like Operation Phoenix (South Vietnam, 1968-1971) have resulted in large numbers of casualties.

- Civilian National Guard (CNG) One of the founders, Dana Parker, a Huntsville, Alabama, lawyer, who has been a member of the BLA, was one of four men arrested in the Mountain Camp where they discovered many weapons and explosives.

- Columbia Liberation Fighters (CFL) Underground group of Croatian exiles who support a free and independent Croatian state and the break up of Yugoslavia. It has been active in the beginning of 1980s.

- Delta Force Anti-terrorist unit of the United States Army. It is closely modeled on the British Army's Special Air Service (SAS) regiment. Delta Force was set up by Colonel Charles Beckwith in 1977. Presently it numbers about 800 men from the Army Special Operations Forces (SOF), a special operations unit from the 101st Air Assault Division; Navy SEALs, and Marine reconnaissance teams. Air Force special operations units from the 22nd Air Force at Eglin AFB in Florida support the Fort Bragg-based counter-terrorist unit. Delta has been involved in operations in Iran, Grenada, the Mediterranean, and according to some sources, in support of the Nicaraguan Contras.

- Democratic International (DI) An alliance of four anti-Soviet insurgent movements from Africa, Asia and Central America, established in Jamba in June 1983. The conference in Jamba was organized by a US lobbying group called Citizens for America led by L.B. Johnson and a million dollar group, who ran unsuccessfully for governor of New York in 1989. An accord was signed by Dastagir Wardak of the Afghan Mujahideen, Fa Kao Her of the Ethnic Liberation Front, Phu Lo Calo of the Democratic Kampuchea and Robert Keating of the Nicaraguan FDN and Joao Sambili of the Angolan UNITA. It was unclear in which areas the organizations were going to "co-operate." But it was the first attempt to unite the anti-communist resistance. In 1984-1985, the organizations participated in the International Conference, for the Resistance in Occupied Areas led by Pierre Vilmaret in Paris. The conference was attended by 200 anti-communist groups.

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- Directive to coordinate clandestine and paramilitary sabotage projects in Latin-American countries in the Third World. The group is named after the building where its meetings are held. The group consists of representatives of the White House, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Pentagon, and the CIA. According to the Washington Post, the CIA has a budget of about $ 2.5 billion dollars annually for secret military interventions. Countries where the CIA is reported to have operated recently are Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Angola, Iran, Lebanon, Ethiopia, Liberia, Chad, Surinam, Mauritius.

- Florida-based umbrella organization for right-wing Cuban exiles in the United States founded in June 1976 by Orlando Bosch Avila. Among the groups supposedly represented were Cuban Action, Cuban National Liberation Front, the Bay of Pigs Veterans' Association and the National Cuban Movement. Members attacked Cuban government interests in Miami, Washington, New York and Puerto Rico. The worst incident was the explosion of a bomb on a Cuban airliner in mid-flight in October 1976, killing 73 persons. The group was also active in Venezuela and Mexican government property.

- The Covenant, The Sword, The Arm of the Lord (CSA) Anti-semitic white supremacist organization founded by Jim Ellison. He organized a paramilitary camp near, the Bull Shoals Lake in Arkansas where he and his followers, with 100, heavily armed disciples and their families, established an underground camp. In the past, CIA counter-insurgency activities like Operation Phoenix (South Vietnam, 1968-1971) have resulted in large numbers of casualties.

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the party be legally-banned because of purported communist and terrorist connections. It made a 180-degree reorientation from 'Soviet-friendly' to 'Soviet hostile'. It has an international network of 'correspondents' for its publication Executive Intelligence Review. As alleged member of the party is sought by the Swedish police in connection with the assassination of Olof Palme (Sweden). See also NDFP.

* Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) The mid-1960s internal security arm of the United States. It was set up in 1908. It has 9,200 specialized agents and a budget of $1.2 billion a year. It is based in Washington with 'field offices' around the country. The FBI spent most of its resources fighting organized crime. During 'World War II' were given an anti-espionage and internal security role. As the main Federal agency responsible for combating internal terrorism, the FBI has developed Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams which operate through a special command-and-control centre. In 1978 William Webster took command of the agency. Under him the FBI has expanded while dramatically shifting investigations, an area largely ignored under Mr. Hoover. In recent years it attempted to broaden the scope of the National Terrorism Research Analysis Center, begun in 1980. The center analyzes incidents, finds patterns between groups and assesses their threats. The number of 'terrorist' incidents in the US has declined dramatically in recent years from 1,777 (100), 1990 (20), 1983 (42), 1982 (51), 1983 (31), 1984 (8). The decline was the result of FBI arrests of members of terrorist groups including Armenians, Croatian and Puerto Rican groups: in 1983 the FBI was given important new powers to investigate groups that might turn to terrorism. In 1987, W.S.Sessions replaced J.Webster, who became head of the CIA.

* Freedom Flotilla Refugees (FFR) A group of Cuban refugees wishing to return home. Individuals have been involved in a number of hijackings.

* FUORA A Muslim sect which has attempted to eliminate rival Muslim 'groups', such as the Almamad Social Movement of Jaffa (AMJ), in order to purify their Islam. It espoused vigilante, mellowcocktail attacks and assassins in 1983 and 1985.

* George Jackson Brigade (GJB) Group named after a black writer killed in August 1971, during a prison riot in San Quentin, Calif.. The group engaged in bank robberies and bombings in the states of Oregon and Washington in the mid-1970s.

* Inter American Defense Force (ADF) Cuban exile group dedicated to the armed overthrow of the governments of Nicaragua, Cuba and Panama. In 1981, 800 exiles have been trained in a camp near the Florida Everglades. Hector Fabian was named as one of the group's leaders. J. Gonzalez ("Bombardeo" or "Light Bulb") acted as military commander. It is claimed that it was financed by Panamanian and Cuban exile groups and fundraising efforts by Nicaraguans.

* Islamic Guerrilla of America (IGA) Group which reportedly had been involved in the 1964 Bethesda, Maryland, murder of Ali Alber Tabatabai, a former Iranian diplomat.

* Jewish Armed Resistance (MAR) Breakaway group of the Jewish Defense League which reportedly has been responsible for an attack on two members of the FLO on June 18, 1982.

* Jewish Defense League (JDL) Right-wing Jewish group established in September 1968 by Rabbi Meir Kahane in New York City. Members consider violence necessary to protect Jewish rights and groups have been estimated 33,000 members and is led by Irv Rubin. It has branches in eight US cities and seven countries. It has been responsible for several maintenance of bomb attacks. On Oct. 13, 1981, a bomb exploded at the office of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in Santa Ana, California, killing one person and wounding seven others. Other targets were connected with the Soviet Union and former Nazis. The JDL broke up in 1978/79 in the Jewish Armed Resistance, Jewish Action Movement and the New Jewish Defense League.

* Jewish -Direct Action (JDA) A Jewish group which operated on Feb. 22, 1984, with the explosion of three bombs at the Soviet residential complex in the Bronx.

* John Birch Society (JBS) Established by Robert H. W. Welch in 1958, this right-wing organization had about 100,000 members in 1960s but now shuns is shrill to half that number. The organization was widely denounced in the 1960s as 'conspiratorial, fascist, anti-Semitic and un-American' data virtually ignored for years. R.H. Welch resigned as leader in 1983 and died two years later. In 1985 it reportedly mounted a recruiting campaign. The Society opposes the Civil Rights Act of 1964, US membership of the UN and NATO, and all exchanges with the Soviet Union.

* Joint Terrorist Task Force (JTTF) Elife force of FBI and local police 'red squad' agents. The unit operates in many cities and has recently received a multi-million dollar funding for expanding its operations coast-to-coast. It now operates outside the United States.

* Ku Klux Klan (KKK) White-supremacist organization established in 1866 in the southern states. It is dedicated to 'defending' White America against the advance of blacks and other 'inferior' races. James Pemberton was installed as Imperial Wizard on Sept. 1, 1986. National membership declined from an estimated 10,000 in 1981 to 4,000 in 1986. The Klan is a long-history of terrorism and violence; mainly against blacks, but also against Jews, Roman Catholics, homosexuals and left-wingers. It para-military training camps in Southwark. In recent years the Klan has developed links (and overlapping membership) with other right-wing organizations such as Aryas Nations, the Posse Comitas and the Order. It also tried to recruit the hard-pressed farmers of the Middle West by blaming the agricultural 'crisis of the 1980s on 'bankers and Zillons operating through the Federal Reserve System' and demanding that the new plan is 'to steal your land'. It advocates the initiation of a race war with the eventual goal of establishing a 'white Christian, republic'.

* Land and Freedom (Tierra y Libertad) Movement of Mexican Americans (Chicanos) aimed at the mobilization of the Chicanos as part of a Third World Liberation Front with other revolutionary minorities in the United States. It seeks to gain control, by electoral means, of regions where Chicanos are in the majority to recover land of which they have been appropriated; to boycott, 'Anglo-American' businesses; and to form Chicano political parties and arm groups to organize 'counterviolence' and to carry out a 'revolutionary justice' on 'collaborationists, accommodatorists and agents', who play a 'neo-colonialist' role.

* Legion of Doom A high school vigilante group at Fort Worth, Texas, which has been active in 1985. The group believes to have one or 10 members is suspected of multiple pipe-bombings, fire bombings, possessing unlawful weapons, and threatening terror and cruelty to animals. Past has been 'slaughtered and their blood smeared on automobiles as a warning to their owners'. Students and others received 'warnings marked with swastikas'.

* Mafia or Cosa Nostra A breakaway group of the Jewish Defense League established in 1980 Bethesda, Maryland, murder of Ali Akbar Tabatabai, a former Iranian diplomat. It has branches in eight US cities and operates outside the United States. The leaders of the five groups, collectively called the Mafia or La Cosa Nostra, have been active. The leaders of the five groups were ordered to kill federal prosecutors who were investigating the Mafia's activities. The five families are: the Gambino family (250+ members), the Genovese family (200 members), the Colombo family (151 members), the Bonanno family (195 members) and the Lucchese family (105 members). In 1986 a federal commission said that the mafia remained a dominant force in an underworld that makes $US 100 billion a year. In early 1987 the Mafia was said to be in decline. A leading federal prosecutor said that it will cease to be a major threat within the next ten years. The decline was attributed to the rigorous, prosecution under strengthened racketeering laws, and the shifting demographics that have made it difficult for Mafia leaders to recruit new members from an upwardly mobile Italian-American community. This would not mean the end of organized crime Twenty to 25 other organizations 'drawing their members from various racial and ethnic groups have emerged in recent years.'

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The most powerful group in the United States is the National Security Agency (NSA), which was reorganized in 1987 under Frank Carlucci. It has three directorates, naval investigations, counterintelligence, and security. It was given responsibility of approving all covert aggression in Europe. However, in 1955 the NSC intelligence community was founded in the mid-1970s. According to the FBI, between 1974 and 1978 the NLWF was responsible for almost 100 bombings in the San Francisco Bay area against banks, business premises and police stations. The NLWF also exploded a pipe bomb outside the nuclear power plant in Oregon. The activities of the NLWF ended in September 1979 when the NLWF leader was arrested. NLWF units have operated under diverse names including Emilio Zapata Unit, Environmental Assault Unit, Eugene Kuhn Unit, Jonathan Jackson-Sam Melville Unit, Tom Hicks-Bill Blizzard Unit, Tom Hicks Unit, II Unit and III Unit of the Peoples Forces.

Reflecting over the years, the NSA has been the subject of numerous investigations, counterintelligence and security. It has infiltrated the Democratic Party.

National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC) Neo-Nazi organization which spreads communist theories in which Jews play a central role. It has a (handpicked) support of several thousand militants, and is led by Lyndon B. Johnson, a group which has disseminated paramilitary activities. It is major weapon, including telephone threats and the killing and maiming of pets. It has infiltrated the Democratic Party.

National Security Agency (NSA) The agency responsible for all forms of signals and electronic espionage, established by President Truman in 1947 to screen the Lau-ry of communications. Headquarters are at Fort Meade, Maryland. Some 70,000 people work for the organization. NSA has become the most important source of information on the United States. It has the capability to intercept every form of communication, and its staff regularly monitor the outpourings of neutrals, as well as of friend and foe. NSA works in close cooperation with the British Government's Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham, which is in control of similar though less extensive operations in Britain.

National Security Council (NSC) The most powerful group in the United States dealing with intelligence matters. It is a policy-making body, under the direct control of the President, and is composed of senior members of the government, the armed forces and the intelligence community. It was founded in December 1947 under the National Security Act, which was passed to recognize America's intelligence interests as the light of Russian aggression. The Council has undergone changes over the years, and has been variously called the Special Committee, the 303 Committee, and currently the Forty Committee. After the formation of the American State Department, set up in 1973 after the Mexican Ambassadors attack, presently headed by Paul Bremer. Made up of senior officials from a number of US government agencies (including State, Defense, Justice, Treasury and the CIA) the NSC coordinates the government's campaign against internal and external terrorism. It works from the Operations Center in Washington DC and is responsible to the National Security Council. It is one of the few agencies that publish an annual survey of recorded international terrorist incidents. During 1985 a total of 782 incidents were recorded in which more than 100 people were killed, and another 20,000 people were injured. During 1985 the total rose to 684 incidents, including seven hijackings. A number of attacks resulted from hostage taking and kidnapping, 164 arson attacks, 283 shootings and 412 bombings. The 1986 total figures showed a drop in the number of attacks conducted outside the Middle East by Middle Eastern groups.

The Order (or Silent Brotherhood) American neo-Nazi white supremacist organization founded in 1982 by Robert-Matthews (killed in 1984). It developed into a paramilitary group with a sophisticated armoury, and has evaded arrest for a number of armed robberies which netted $3.4 million. The group takes its philosophy from an apocalyptic novel by the American writer William Piers called The Turners in which a group of eight terrorist groups (also called the Order of the 88th) has become a political organization. The group was arrested in 1987 under Frank Carlucci.

Red Guerrilla Resistance (RGR) Terrorist group which has claimed responsibility for several bomb attacks. It is opposed to Israeli and US policies and South African apartheid. It bombed the Israeli Airline Industry office in New York City on Dec. 3, 1984. Another device was detonated at the Officer's Club at the Washington Naval Yard on Apr. 20, 1984. This attack was dedicated to Carroll Ibea, a North American who died fighting alongside the FNLM guerrilla organization in El Salvador. On Sep. 26, 1984, a bomb was placed in the building housing the South African consulate in New York City. The attack was commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre and was intended to support a demand of Black communities across the country to stop 'killing cops'.

Revolutionary Armed Task Force (RATF) An alliance of the Weather Underground and the BLA which is believed to have emerged in 1979 after BLA leader Joanne Chesimard's escape from prison. It has fewer than 50 active members. A network appears to extend across the United States. The existing groups share arms and intelligence, provide safe houses and dilettists in the planning and executing of operations, including prison escape. The group is highly disciplined and its membership makes it virtually impossible to infiltrate. The New York cell is thought to have accumulated an estimated $1 million from bank robberies between 1976 and 1981. The money was used for safe houses, food, and other living expenses, as well as weapons and drugs. Susan Rosenberg and Tim Rohan were arrested in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, on Nov. 29, 1984. They were sentenced May 20, 1985, for the maximum penalty of 55 years.

Revolutionary Fighting Group (RFG) The RFG claimed in 1982 that they had planted a bomb at an FBI building on Staten Island on Jan. 29, 1982. It is believed that the RFG is a pseudonym for the Revolutionary Armed Task Force (RATF).