

“The Stealth Candidate”

EDITED TRANSCRIPT: MAY 22, 2008, BRIEFING ON BARACK OBAMA’S COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS Featuring Cliff Kincaid and Herbert Romerstein

Cliff Kincaid: Thanks for coming. My name is Cliff Kincaid. I’m President of America’s Survival, usasurvival.org. Of Senator Barack Obama’s contacts and associations with anti-American political figures, none is more controversial than Frank Marshall Davis. He was a writer and a poet identified as a member of the Communist Party USA by several sources, including sources sympathetic to him. Obama and Frank Marshall Davis met in Hawaii at a time when the young Obama was in need of a black role model and a mentor. Obama’s relationship with Davis, including his subsequent associations with radicals, socialists, and communist figures in Chicago, should be investigated for the benefit of promoting the public’s right to know and that is why we have called this news briefing today.

We believe that any public figure with links to foreign and hostile interests should be asked to explain those associations. In the case of Obama, a relatively new figure on the national scene, we submit the facts suggest that he would have serious difficulty getting a security clearance in the United States Government. An FBI background check was once used to examine one’s character, loyalty to the United States, and associations.

Frank Marshall Davis is a far more controversial figure than even Jeremiah Wright because Frank Marshall Davis was a key member of a Soviet controlled network that

was sponsored by Moscow and operating in Hawaii. He was in Hawaii at the acknowledged suggestion of two other secret Communist Party USA members, actor Paul Robeson and labor leader Larry Bridges. Davis in Hawaii had been a writer for a Communist Party controlled newspaper, *The Honolulu Record*. All of the evidence that has been summarized and explored in the report we provide you by veteran investigator and researcher Herbert Romerstein suggests that Davis was a key member of a communist international network in Hawaii.

First, a few words about Herb Romerstein. He retired from the United States Government after 25 years of service, including as an investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Minority Chief Investigator for the House Committee on Internal Security, Professional Staff Member for the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and Head of the Office to Counter Soviet Disinformation for the U.S. Information Agency. Romerstein examines Davis' time in Hawaii in his report. Davis had come to Hawaii from Chicago where Barack Obama would eventually end up. It was in Chicago that Davis had been in contact with Robeson and Bridges and had edited another far left newspaper, *The Chicago Star*.

In other words, and this is one of our main conclusions, communist networks were in existence in both locations, Hawaii and Chicago, providing the backdrop for Obama's upbringing and political career.

Significantly, the basic facts of the Obama/Davis relationship were originally disclosed by Professor Gerald Horne, a contributing editor of the Communist Party journal *Political Affairs*, who talked about Obama coming under the influence of Davis during a speech

at the reception of the Communist Party USA archives at the Tamiment Library at New York University. His remarks were posted online under the headline, *Rethinking the History and Future of the Communist Party*.

At this point, I want to acknowledge and bring up for a few words, Trevor Loudon, who's come all the way from New Zealand to be with us today. Trevor has been described as the premier anti-communist researcher in New Zealand. He runs something called the New Zeal Blog, a libertarian conservative blog, and he was the first one to notice Gerald Horne's speech, which was posted online, at the Tamiment Library, in which he recognized and acknowledged the relationship between Frank Marshall Davis and Barack Obama. Trevor, would you come up? I want to acknowledge him because of the work he's done. Of people all around the world, you would think we would have investigative reporters here in Washington who might be able to dig up some of this, but we had to rely on somebody in New Zealand. Trevor, do you want to say a few words about this?

Trevor Loudon: Yes, thanks very much, and I'm enjoying being in Washington. People have asked me why a New Zealander would care about a presidential candidate in the United States. Well, I live in a country that's kept safe by two things. One, its isolation, and secondly, by the U.S. Navy in the Pacific. The U.S. Navy has saved us once before and we're very conscious that in a world of growing threats, where China is becoming increasingly powerful and Russia is becoming increasingly belligerent, it's better that the President of the United States is firmly loyal to their country and has got a firm resolve on defending the Western World. So if somebody from New Zealand can help

bring more awareness of Barack Obama to the public of the United States, I'm happy to help. But thanks very much for welcoming me to your country. Thanks.

Cliff Kincaid: Before we go any further, and I'm going to give you a description of our agenda today and how we're going to proceed, I want to acknowledge Max Friedman, another researcher who's been involved in analyzing internal security problems for many, many, many years. I credit him; acknowledge him in my report, for digging up some of this information about some of the characters we're going to be talking about today. Max, I guess it was many years ago I went to his house. I don't know if you ever took me down into your basement, but I understand that his basement is full of a lot of old congressional reports, archival documents. He spends so much time down there digging up this information - a lot of it we used in this report. I guess it's pretty musty down there and he got a cold, but he worked hard. Max, would you come up? Because I want to acknowledge your hard work on this and ask you to say a few words too.

Max Friedman: Thank you, Cliff. I started out as a kid doing graduate studies on the new left, got involved in communist front operations on Vietnam, and stayed with it ever since. I was a reporter for several newspapers and still write a column. I've known Cliff since he was a kid. I've known Herb Romerstein when I was a kid and I thank him for teaching me a tremendous amount about history, especially communism in international affairs. What I've done here just very briefly is that I began to get interested in some of the people's names that kept popping up in news articles around the Obama campaign. I'm not a political person per se. I don't support this party or that party. I like to look at the individual. What I saw and I found in my musty old basement was that Obama was raised and educated in a very Marxist rich environment, which often would limit his

worldview of things that were going on, his understanding of things going on, and this bothers me because we're in a world today -- my son's an Iraqi veteran. I understand what's going on at war. I was in Vietnam as a correspondent for *Human Events*. You have to be a realist. You can have all the dreams you want, the other side is not playing with dreams. They're playing with reality and they're playing with your destruction. So, anything that I can do to help make people aware of what is out there, what some of the problems are we're facing, and how some people are refusing to actually deal with reality, I will be glad to do my job. Thanks, Cliff.

Cliff Kincaid: I want to reiterate that we're here not on behalf of any political campaign. I have no connections to any campaign, neither does Herb Romerstein. We're here to provide information. This is informational. We are trying to put out information that the media seem reluctant to dig into and luckily we have people like Trevor Loudon, Max Friedman, and, of course, as you're going to hear from Herb Romerstein, who have the information, who have been looking into these kinds of subjects for many, many years. Now, clearly, I'm not a kid anymore, but I do want to mention I first came into Washington, D.C. in the summer of 1978, through something called The National Journalism Center. And I want to acknowledge the man who ran that. I guess I'd call you my mentor [M. Stanton Evans]. I had Reed Irvine as a mentor as well. Stan, would you stand, please? Stan's a tremendous journalist and author. His recent book, of course, is generating quite a bit of controversy in some circles, on Senator McCarthy. So, to proceed, ladies and gentlemen, let me summarize before Herb gets up here the basic facts about Frank Marshall Davis and the significance of this relationship. As Herb will discuss, and he'll go into the background of this communist network in Hawaii,

even after the Communist Party was in the midst of collapsing, Frank Marshall Davis was still in Hawaii promoting communist propaganda and trying to influence people, including a young Barack Obama, and that's why it's so important to get to the bottom of the nature of this relationship.

We're putting out information. We think any major public figure or candidate that has connections to foreign or hostile interests should be examined. The reason we're bringing this forward at this time is we've seen no attempt, no effort by the major media to do this, in regard to Obama. And it goes without saying that the major media bias in favor of him has gotten almost beyond belief to the point where it's now in the papers today that Linda Douglass, a veteran reporter, just with The National Journal and had worked for the networks before, she's now joined the Barack Obama Presidential Campaign.

Now, it would have been one thing if Obama had come forward and said, "Yeah, I came in contact with this guy, Frank Marshall Davis, and man alive, was he a crazy communist, and he had no influence on me. I moved on and that's it." The problem comes into focus because in Obama's 1995 book, *Dreams From My Father*, he tries to obscure the identity of this Frank. In fact, he calls him only Frank. He doesn't refer to him as Frank Marshall Davis. He conceals his middle and last names. Still, in his book, he acknowledges that he came to respect Frank and other black men he knew for the struggles they went through recognizing them "as my own." He wrote about this "poet named Frank," who visited him in Hawaii, read poetry, and was full of hard earned knowledge and advice. He wrote about Frank having some modest notoriety once, being a contemporary of Richard Wright and Langston Hughes during his years in

Chicago and that Frank was pushing 80 years of age and giving them advice before he went off to Occidental College in 1979.

So Obama displays some awareness of who this Frank was. There are these hints in the book, but was Obama aware of the fact that although Davis was a contemporary of Richard Wright and Langston Hughes, that Richard Wright had broken with the Communist Party and that Davis had not? Was he aware of the fact that Langston Hughes eventually broke with the Communist Party? In short, what knowledge does Barack Obama have about communist efforts to influence and manipulate black Americans? The continuing influence of Davis over Barack Obama could help explain why, when he went off to college, by his own admission in his book, he admits selecting Marxist professors among his friends and attending socialist conferences. It could also help explain why, when he arrived in Chicago to pursue a political career, he came into contact with people who had socialist and communist connections. I'm going to talk about that. That's the basis of my report.

But I want to emphasize that Gerald Horne, in that speech at Tamiment Library, is not the only one who has confirmed that Frank was indeed Frank Marshall Davis. Dr. Kathryn Takara of the University of Hawaii, who knew and interviewed Davis and actually wrote a dissertation on his life and career, confirmed to me in a lengthy interview that the Frank in Obama's book was indeed Frank Marshall Davis. And she confirmed that Frank Marshall Davis was a significant influence over Barack Obama during the three or four years that Obama attended the Punahou Prep School in Hawaii. These would have been the years 1975-1979. She said, based on her research and information, that Obama had been introduced to Frank Marshall Davis by his

grandfather, Stanley Dunham, who considered Davis a strong black male figure and thought he exerted a positive influence over a young Barack Obama in his high school years.

So, before I go to Herb, I want to say a few additional things about what we're going to do here. Herb is going to speak and you have a copy of his report. I will come back afterward to talk more about the Chicago connections that are the basis of my report. And I want to emphasize some of the methods, some of the research, and fact finding we undertook to put this whole thing together. In my case, I went to Chicago, actually attended a Democratic Socialists of America dinner, went to their offices, interviewed the office manager, one of their top people, interviewed Dr. Quentin Young, one of Barack Obama's long time backers who helped launch his political career. I even visited the university office of Bill Ayers, the communist terrorist friend of Barack Obama's. Ayers wasn't there. I left messages. I left my business card. I asked him to call me because I had a number of questions. I'm going to talk about some of those later. But some of the photos of his office door and wall are here for you to take a look at [photos available at www.usasurvival.org] and you can tell by these photos what's on his wall and office door that his ideology hasn't changed one bit.

I also made a trip up to the Tamiment Library in New York City to examine some of the CPUSA archives, including files having to do with Paul Robeson. In addition, I have a lot of original material here. There's some of the covers of some of these reports that are out here for you to see [see exhibits in "Communism in Chicago and the Obama Connection" report] from the old Students for a Democratic Society, which I had written about at the time. I have a lot of their old literature and I have all of this for you to take a

look at because of the misperception that this was just some kind of radical student group. The fact is that you can see for yourself, through their pamphlets and literature, that they were an openly communist organization. They supported the communist enemy in Vietnam. They supported the communist enemy in Cuba. These were dedicated enemies of the United States, not just a “radical student group.”

And another thing before I ask Herb to come up and speak - I gave you some of the bare essentials of his amazing career. It's not an understatement to say that Herb Romerstein is really a walking encyclopedia. Now, he tells me that he forgets things, but he's got an amazing wealth of knowledge, but it's not just knowledge of words and definitions of terms. It's knowledge that we need to impart more than ever to the next generation, to our young people, about the communist danger, the communist menace. It was real and it is real today. That's why we're here today. And, there's there's really nobody who has more knowledge. I asked him to focus on Hawaii, but he's covered it all. He's covered the SDS. He can tell you more about the Weather Underground. I'll return to some of the Chicago connections later. But, suffice it to say, Herb Romerstein is really a national treasure - a source of information that is very difficult to get anywhere else. And that's why we're desperately hoping -- the whole purpose of this news conference, this briefing, is to provide information so the American people can make their own decision about Barack Obama. We're not telling anybody what to think or who to vote for. We're here to provide information.

Herbert Romerstein: Thank you, Cliff, and thank you people for being here today. I want before I speak about this subject to, to take a point of personal privilege in the notice that you received on this meeting today. It said I was an investigative journalist.

I'm not a journalist. I write, indeed, I've written some books and I write articles, but I'm not a journalist. And, secondly, it said I was an investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, House Committee on Internal Security, and the House Intelligence Committee. Well, the House Intelligence Committee doesn't have investigators. It has professional staff members and its job is to do the oversight on our intelligence community. And, when I went to work for that committee, Congressman John Ashbrook, who had recommended me, said, "Our job is to keep these people from doing any more harm to our intelligence agencies." And we attempted to prevent them and sometimes we succeed and sometimes we didn't. But one thing we did succeed in doing because of John Ashbrook, who passed away a number of years ago, and Bill Young, who is still in Congress. They insisted that to understand the work of the CIA and the FBI, which was a job of the committee, they had to understand the job of the KGB and the role of the KGB. So, we had hearings on KGB operations as well. And some of the most significant information about KGB was published by the U.S. Congress in the 1980's. But why are we interested in Barack Obama?

Well, he comes out of nowhere, overnight, as if he were dropped off the turnip truck. I mean, who is this person? We know nothing about him. And, in order to understand him, I think we need to understand the things that influenced him and some of them he reveals in his book, *Dreams From My Father*, but many other things he does not reveal. So we decided to start going back and see what things influenced him even before he was born. We know that up until 1937, there was no Communist Party in Hawaii. But by going through the archives of the Communist International, and my wife and I had the opportunity in 1993 to spend a month in those archives, we found the instructions

that were given to the American Communist Party by the Soviet Communist Party through the Comintern, ordering them to establish a Communist Party in Hawaii. Now, one of the important things that they wanted them to do was to get the removal of the American bases from Hawaii. Of course, we'd have had a hard job fighting World War II if we didn't have a base at Pearl Harbor and other bases in the Hawaiian Islands. And that's what they were thinking because the Soviets had plans to move into Asia, move into the Pacific, and the American presence there was an impediment to them.

In the report, which you have copies of, we reproduced a couple of pages from the Comintern archives, and for the sake of our guests here from [the TV show] *Russia Today*, the sections of the archives that we have reproduced here are no longer available to the Russian people. Those sections of the archives were closed in 1994 and they have not been opened since. So maybe you can get your viewers in Russia to demand that the Russian Government reopen the entire Comintern archive, not just the sections that they think they want us to see...

Once the Communist Party was established in Hawaii, a communist trade union [called] the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union became an important political element on the islands and the head of that union, Harry Bridges, was a secret member of the Communist Party. In the Comintern archives, we have the report on him by the Comintern establishing him to be a member of the central committee of the American Communist Party and with a great future in the American Communist Party. Bridges, of course, always denied party membership and attempts were made to deport him because he was a communist. He was born in Australia, but he was able to fight back because he had very, very sharp shyster lawyers and a lot of friends in the U.S.

Government that helped him and they prevented his deportation. But he had been a major force promoting communism.

When the CIO in 1949 threw out Bridges' Union because they said that there was communist control, they pointed to Harry Bridges particularly as attending the meetings where the Communist Party functionaries instructed the union what to do and what positions to take. One particular thing, it's sort of a pet interest to me, was the Soviet Nazi Alliance, and, as the CIO pointed out during the alliance from 1939 to 1941, the Union worked against America's support for Britain, which, of course, was fighting alone against Nazi Germany. But, as soon as, of course, the Soviet Union was attacked, then the American communists all became patriots and demanded that we get into the war on the side of the Soviet Union. And, again, Harry Bridges gets involved in that.

But, over a period of time, communists from the mainland were fed into Hawaii to organize the party there. As late as 1948, they were still sending cadre from the mainland and one of them was Frank Marshall Davis. Davis in his own book says that he consulted with Paul Robeson, who is a secret party member, we know, but he doesn't say that, and Harry Bridges, another secret party member, we know that, but he doesn't say that. Before he went to Hawaii and they set him up in Hawaii and the newspaper that he wrote for was actually paid for by the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, and all that's in our report.

This kind of activity is really on the periphery of any society, but by the fact that the communists were able to network, they were able to establish a certain amount of influence in the political situation in Hawaii. And by the time Barack Obama came

along, there was hardly any Communist Party left, but there were the remnants of the party still doing the work. The Communist Party today, by the way, is a tiny shadow of what it used to be. They have less than a thousand members. Most of them are older than I am and they are not very useful as a tool of foreign intelligence services, but in the years of their activity, 1919 to 1950's and '60's, they were controlled by the Soviet Communist Party, and, as late as the 1980's, they were receiving funding from the Soviet Communist Party handled through KGB channels.

So they are significant in history. They are not significant today. What is significant today are the neo-communists - many of them are what we call red diaper babies and they came out of communist families. But they were disappointed in the Soviet Union back in the 1960's and 1970's and they were disappointed that the American Communist Party was so weak. So, they said they were communists and they were better communists than the American Communist Party. I think a better term for people like Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn are neo-communists. They were not party members, but they were fighting on behalf of the countries that the Soviet Union controlled or created. A group of the weathermen went down to Cuba in the so-called Venceremos Brigade, and some of them received training in terrorist activities. One of their instructors was named Julian Torres-Rizo. We don't have this discussion of him in this report, but I will be happy to answer any questions about him. Rizo was an officer of the Cuban DGI, the intelligence service. He was assigned to work with the young Americans who were coming down ostensibly to cut sugar cane. They were really coming down for training. And we have one of Rizo's speeches in which he says, "You come from a society that must be destroyed. It's your job to destroy your society."

Well, Bernardine Dohrn and her cronies published Rizo's speech and I have the copy that they published so we know what he did and what they said. And Rizo later became the Cuban Ambassador to Grenada at the time of Maurice Bishop and he was still the Cuban Ambassador when Bishop was murdered by his own comrades and finally had to leave and go back to Cuba where he became a member of the central committee of the Cuban Communist Party.

He's a very significant communist apparatchik and he was a tremendous influence on the Weather Underground. By the way, when he was in the United States before he was given the job in Grenada, he was at the U.N. mission in New York and he handles the contacts with the American communists and radical groups and neo-communist groups and provided some funding for them. So he's a significant figure in our own history because he helped the terrorists that were fighting against us at that time.

As Cliff pointed out, Obama talks in his book about Frank. We must understand these people who influenced him. They help us understand Obama because there's no other record and his votes are minimal in the Senate and even in the legislature in Illinois. He was not a major figure. He didn't make the speeches. He didn't make the legislation. Where he signed onto legislation in the Senate, it's somebody else's bill and he's a co-signer. He did not play a major role so we can't analyze what he did and what he didn't do in the Senate during the Illinois legislature. All we know about him is who he gets his information from and who he gets his inspiration from. And, as a very young man, he is Frank Marshall Davis. Probably you remember Obama's speech when he finally got around to answering the questions about his minister, Jeremiah Wright, and he said, "I

can't repudiate Jeremiah Wright any more than I can repudiate my white grandmother," who he implied was a racist.

His white grandmother is a person that raised him, that fed him, that put a roof over his head, and paid for the expense of schools that he went to. But she came home one day, according to Obama, both in the book and in his speech, and she said that a panhandler had harassed her on her way home from work and demanded money, and when she gave him a dollar, he demanded more money. She was very upset and frightened. Obama was told by his grandfather that the panhandler was black. Now, think about this young man at that time, his grandmother who loves him and who took care of him, he's not concerned that she was frightened. He identifies with the person that frightened her because of the color of his skin. And, so, he goes for advice to his good friend, Frank, and Frank tells him, "Your grandmother should have been afraid because black people have a right to hate white people." Well, that's not what we believe in America. We don't believe that you have a right to hate people. We don't believe that you have a right to harass people, that you have the right to intimidate people, whether you're black or white or green. You don't have that right in a free society. And you would have hoped that Obama would have drawn the lesson from that that he should have been defending his grandmother not the person that tried to intimidate her, but that's not the advice he got from his communist mentor, Frank Marshall Davis.

Cliff will speak a lot more about this, but he arrives in Chicago again with all the wrong contacts, Bill Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn, who are involved in bombings and who were leaders of the Weather Underground, which was a major terrorist organization of the

'60's and '70's. And when this question was raised of his connections with Bill Ayers, Hillary Clinton in one of the television debates raised the question of Bill Ayers, and Obama's answer said that he knew a lot more about the subject than he would like us to know he knows. He said, "Why are you coming after me for being a friend of Bill Ayers? Your husband freed two of the terrorists from the Weather Underground, Linda Sue Evans and Susan Rosenberg." Rosenberg was involved in the Brinks robbery where a couple of people were murdered and Linda Sue Evans planted the bomb in the Capitol building. So obviously Obama knows something about the Weather Underground. Maybe his friends, Bernardine and Bill, told him about it or maybe he read about them. But even though he wasn't around at that time, as he says he was only 8 years old, he was not a participant in any of that and he's not responsible for what they did, but he is responsible for learning from them and he should be learning from people other than Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn and Quentin Young and people like that.

Now, Quentin Young put up the money in Chicago to pay for the office that organized a riot in Chicago against the Democratic National Convention in 1968 and one question before the House Committee and on Un-American activities was about his role in that. He of course refused to answer. He can't tell the truth to Congress, but he did say that he got the money back. But there's an FBI report that the money that was used to open that office had come through the Communist Party USA. And during that period of time, the Communist Party U.S.A. was getting the bulk of its money from the Soviet Communist Party through the KGB.

So, again, it raises interesting questions. The Committee asked Quentin Young not, "Are you a member of the Communist Party?" They said, "Are you a member of The

Bethune Chapter, which consists of doctors of the Communist Party U.S.A.?” And, that’s what he refused to answer. Yet the Committee knew at that time what branch of the party he was in and I’m happy to say I was a staff member of the Committee at the time. And I think that it raises some very interesting questions about these kinds of associations.

The Hawaii story continues to go on. During World War II, the Communist Party penetrated the OSS, the predecessor of the CIA. Now actually the OSS had gone to the Communist Party to ask them to provide veterans of the Spanish Civil War who could be used behind German lines. And they consulted with Moscow. And, again, we found in the Moscow archives all the information about this where the American communists were instructed - do not get involved in them getting into our networks. You can send your people and you should send your people in to the OSS, but as individuals not as an organized group which will be in control of the OSS and that’s what they did. One of the Communist Party members that penetrated the OSS was named Koji Ariyoshi, who was a Hawaiian communist. Ariyoshi was assigned by OSS to the Chinese communists in Vietnam and he worked, of course, ostensibly for the U.S. Government, but in fact, for the Soviet Government and promoted the Chinese communists against support for the Chinese Nationalists who were doing the bulk of the fighting. The communists were attacking the nationalists from the rear, but the nationalists were fighting against the Japanese.

When Koji came back to the United States, Harry Bridges sent Frank Marshall Davis to Koji Ariyoshi when he was coming to Hawaii. He said “he will be able to guide you.” Well, Koji Ariyoshi was then arrested for Smith Act violations and convicted of

conspiring to overthrow the government by force and violence. The conviction was eventually withdrawn by the government because of some Supreme Court decision, which misinterpreted the law. But be that as it may, Ariyoshi did not do a day in jail. But one of Ariyoshi's close friends was John Stewart Service, one of the penetrations of the State Department, and the man who who stole vast amounts of classified material from the State Department and gave them to a communist magazine called Amerasia. Amerasia had two Soviet Intelligence Agents working on its staff and so they, of course, had access to the material that Service provided.

But let me first tell you there's a book about Koji Ariyoshi that was written after his death and it's in honor of him and the introduction is written by John Stewart Service, who says that when Nixon went to China, Service felt that it was time for him to go back and he did. But on his way he stopped in Hawaii to meet his friend, Ariyoshi, and urge him to visit China, which he did, as, as John Stewart Service says he visited his friends in China.

The book was published in a very small edition in San Francisco as a paperback, but it was then published in Communist China as a hardback book in English with all of the material about Koji Ariyoshi and what he had done and his work in the OSS and, of course, the introduction by John Stewart Service. So this continues and it ends up with the Hawaii legislature passing a resolution in honor of Koji Ariyoshi. We honor Soviet spies.

So this was the atmosphere that young Barack Obama grew up in. Even though there's presently a Republican Governor in Hawaii, there's still a substantial amount of ultra

leftist influence. And, of course, when Obama was growing up, one of the elements of that influence was Frank Marshall Davis, who is still around trying to influence people against the United States and for the enemies of the United States. And, as Cliff will point out when Obama got to Chicago, he found people who were kindred souls of his mentor, Davis. He found the Weather Underground terrorists. He found the old communists like Quentin Young and they were instrumental in getting him into politics in the first place.

So we don't know really what Obama thinks because he speaks in slogans. He doesn't talk in serious discussions of the issues. But he announces things like change and things like that - bumper sticker slogans. But to understand what went into his thinking, we have to look at Frank Marshall Davis, Bill Ayers, Bernardine Dohrn, Jeremiah Wright. These are the people who influenced his thinking and he has a responsibility to come forward and either repudiate these people or admit that he still thinks the kind of things that they taught him. Thank you.

Cliff Kincaid: Thank you, Herb. I'm going to say a few more things about the Chicago aspect, and then we'll open it up. I take your point, Herb, about the difference between being an investigator and professional staff member, if you want to nitpick. But you are a journalist. I mean, maybe you don't want to admit it. No, no, no, you are a journalist. Why didn't he want to admit he's a journalist? He writes articles for Human Events. He writes books. I mean, by my definition, that's a journalist. Guilty as charged. Guilty by association at least because I'm a journalist.

Romerstein: Some of my best friends are journalists.

Kincaid: Yes.

Romerstein: So, it's not a rhetorical term.

Cliff Kincaid: Have you ever been a [journalist] ? I just want to say a few words about the Chicago aspect, which is the subject of my report. There's a very good local paper, political paper, called The Politico, but it publishes a lot of interesting stories and, of course, one that's made a lot of news is the February 22nd piece by Ben Smith where he talked about how Obama launched his political career back in 1995 at the home of communist terrorists Bill Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn. And it was well attended by such people as then-State Senator Alice Palmer and Dr. Quentin Young. These are very interesting people. We've heard a lot about Ayers and Dohrn. We haven't heard so much about Young. I have a lot in my report about him. I interviewed him in Chicago. Not a lot about Alice Palmer, who it turns out, we have the documentary evidence in my report, was involved in a Communist Party front group. So we've got some connections like that that we have documented.

I want to at least take a little time now to set the record straight, though, about Ayers and Dohrn. This is something that I've been pursuing especially through Accuracy in Media and I want to make a point of it here today because Ayers has been saying and it's claimed on the jacket of his book that except for the three members of the Weather Underground who blew themselves up, when a bomb in their bomb factory exploded in New York, that they didn't kill anybody.

Here's what the Chicago Tribune reported in an April 24th piece by Liam Ford and Mark Jacob. And it's a series of Q and A's about the Weather Underground and Ayers and

Dohrn in particular - "Question – Was anyone killed or hurt in those bombings? Answer – The only people known to be killed or hurt by Weather Underground bombs were bombers themselves. A 1970 blast in New York killed three members of the group, including Ayers' girlfriend, Dianna Oughton, and from Dwight, Illinois. Later, after Ayers and Dorn came out of hiding, other members were involved in a Brinks robbery in which two Police Officers and a Guard were shot to death." Well, the fact is that the Tribune is just wrong. They're just wrong.

We have confirmed through going back over old committee hearings, as well as the book written by the informer in the Weather Underground, Larry Grathwohl, that the Weather Underground was involved in a 1970 bombing of a police station in San Francisco that killed one officer and injured nine others and we've [exhibited] something from a San Francisco police journal about a memorial that was held last year in honor of this young police officer, this Sergeant, who was killed. I just want to quote what Grathwohl said -- and this is from his official testimony, in 1970 before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, he's talking about when he was in the Weather Underground with Ayers and the rest of them: "when he [Bill Ayers] returned, we had another meeting at which time and this is the only time that any Weathermen told me about something that someone else had done, and Bill started off telling us about the need to raise the level of struggle and for stronger leadership inside the Weathermen cells and inside the Weathermen organization as a whole. And, he cited as one of the real problems was that someone like Bernardine Dorn had to plan, develop, and carry out the bombing of the Police Station in San Francisco and he specifically named her as the person that committed that act."

He added that Ayers “said the bomb was placed on the window ledge of the police station and he described the kind of bomb that was used to the extent of saying what kind of shrapnel was used in it.” He was asked, “Did he say who placed the bomb on the window ledge?” He replied, “Bernardine Dohrn.” Asked if Ayers said he had personally witnessed Dohrn placing the bomb, Grathwohl responded, “Well, if he wasn’t there to see it, somebody who was there told him about it because he stated it very emphatically.” Sergeant Brian V. McDonnell, the subject of that article there, died two days later because of the shrapnel wounds at San Francisco General Hospital. He was a young man whose whole life ahead of him, but to Ayers and Dohrn and the SDS people, he was a pig because they regularly referred the police as pigs.

According to this account of the blast, Sergeant McDonnell caught the full force of the flying shrapnel, which consisted of heavy metal staples and lead bullets. As other officers tried rendering aide to the fallen Sergeant, they could see that he sustained a severed neck artery wound and severe wounds to his eyes and neck. Officers Ron Martin and Al Arnold who were standing several feet from the window ledge were knocked to the ground and sustained injuries from the flying glass. The blast caused them hearing impairment and shock. One officer was knocked to the ground unconscious suffering multiple severe wounds on his face, cheek, and legs from the flying fragments of the glass.

We have taken all of this information about this murder to the attention of the Chicago Tribune and asked them to correct the record. That seems fair enough. To this day, I just checked with the reporter, Liam Ford, last night, they [have] refused to do so. They simply will not correct the record. There’s a lot more information I could go into at a

later time about how the Tribune over the years has been running puff pieces about Ayers and Dorn, promoting them as education experts and running their columns. And it turns out that Bill Ayers' father once sat on the board of the Tribune Company.

Now, I want to say a few things before we open it up about the SDS and the Weather Underground because again we hear these descriptions in the media that "well, they were just '60's radicals against the Vietnam War, that their bombs didn't hurt anybody," and so on and so forth. As Herb alluded to, there was a Weather Underground assault in 1981 on a Brinks armored car. It was a robbery that left two Nyack police officers and a security guard dead. Weather Underground members Kathy Boudin and David Gilbert went to prison for that. Ayers and Dorn would raise their son, someday named Chesa Boudin. Gilbert is still in prison and calls himself an anti-imperialist political prisoner. He wrote a book called *No Surrender* which includes an endorsement on the back cover from Ward Churchill, the disgraced college professor who compared 911 victims to Nazis. Chesa Boudin has written a book promoting the openly radical socialist government of Hugo Chavez in Venezuela. The cover of Boudin's book is featured outside Bill Ayers' Office.

You'll also see on the photos we've taken of Ayers' office door and wall that he has a big poster there of how he, Bill Ayers, had gone down to Venezuela to preside over some kind of educational conference. He gave a speech down there basically saying "long live the Venezuelan revolution." As he said, education is the motor of revolution. This is the educational expert who was an advisor to the Chicago Public Schools and gave advice and was a consultant along with one of his former SDS colleagues,

Klonsky, to Chicago Mayor Daley. These are facts that we've dug out that we think have to be emphasized and provided to the American people.

Herb alluded to some of the evidence about the Weather Underground's ties to foreign governments, hostile governments [and] their trips to Cuba, as well as Hanoi. Again, during the war, this was a group that openly supported the communist enemy that was killing American soldiers. The FBI reports on the Weather Underground refer to this communist terrorist group taking instructions, advice, and influence from the Cuban Government.

Now, to conclude, I want to mention something about this SDS chart that we passed out to you. The reason we did that is because it's so interesting, in my view, to look at where some of these people have ended up. I can't cover all of the material in our reports, but I did want to note if you look at these reports, we certainly know about Bernardine Dorn and Bill Ayers and their involvement with Obama. But, you've got people like Michael Klonsky, who I mentioned collaborates with Ayers on school reform issues. He was at the time the National Secretary of SDS, but we've got a whole list of these SDS members - Tom Hayden, Carl Davidson, Todd Gitlin, Fred Klonsky, Mark Rudd - who have shown up and we have this list at the end of my report. They have shown up on the list of a group called Progressives for Obama. It's interesting how many of these SDS members have ended up in this informal grouping called Progressives for Obama. I just want to mention in conclusion because we are getting long here and I know people have questions. There are so many pieces of this puzzle. A lot of it is covered in the report.

I want to mention in conclusion what I found out when I went to Chicago and looking at this group [called] Democratic Socialists of America. This is another group that backed Barack Obama. We have the evidence in the report. They supported him when he ran for the State Senate. They've been involved in supporting him ever since. This is a group that includes as members -- it's a prominent group -- such people as John Sweeney of the AFL-CIO, Washington Post Columnist, Harold Meyerson, Barbara Ehrenreich, and many others. It is a prominent group, but it is an openly socialist organization. And, in fact, one of their top officials at one time, a man named Kurt Stand, was actually prosecuted and convicted of being an espionage agent for communist East Germany.

Now, when I was in Chicago looking into these matters and much more, I went to what's called the Eugene Debbs Dinner. This was on April 25th and it was quite interesting and I'll close with this. There were numerous references from the podium and in the official dinner brochure in honor of a long time Democratic Socialists of America member, an official by the name of Carl Shier. He died recently, and it turns out that Carl Shier was actually referred to and commonly called Carl Marx Shier. The people at the dinner told me quite candidly that he was named after Karl Marx in honor of the Soviet revolution.

So, these are the kinds of people that Barack Obama has been associating with, who have backed him, and continue to support him to this day. Thank you for your attention and we'll open it up to any questions anybody may have. We'll start in the front.

Question: In the California legislature now there is a bill making its way through there, to wipe off a lot of the anti-communist legislation of the Cold War off the books of the

State, and the argument being that since the Cold War is over, the Communist Party is just like any other organization and why not just let bygones be bygones, etc. and so forth. Now given that attitude and the fact that we don't have investigating committees of the type that Mr. Romerstein was associated with during the Cold War, I'm not talking about the Intelligence Committee, but the other committees, and given the fact that there's been some literature written by David Horowitz and others about the link between the American left and Islamo fascists, what can be done or what should be done to do something to alert the American people to what is going on?

Romerstein: The idea of getting rid of legislation and getting rid of the archives is a general idea of the left. They don't want us to know the history. They don't want us to be able to go back and check on what happened. You know, the old saying by Santayana, if you don't learn from history, you could probably repeat it. And the corollary to that is even if you do learn from history, you can both repeat it with them. Now, we don't want to have to repeat it with them. So we have to fight against any kind of legislation that wipes out the past and tries to get us to forget the past. Now, I mentioned before that that part of the Comintern archives have been closed since 1994. They were only open for two years. And, they were closed by Boris Yeltsin at the request of the KGB. At that point, it was already the SVR. We have a right to know what Americans were working for the Soviets, either the Soviet Intelligence as spies or for Soviet Intelligence as agents of influence and those archives will sometimes give us some information. Luckily my wife and I were able to go there in 1993 and we took thousands of pages of material from the archives, which they made copies of for us. They made microfilms of the material for us. But you can't do that now because the

significant sections are closed. In Poland, where a great deal of work is being done by young people to identify the spies of the secret police that spied on their fellow Poles during the Soviet occupation of Poland, there's a drive on now to get those archives closed. My wife and I were there last year. It's wonderful. The archives are user friendly. People help you, but there's a drive on by the left in Poland to get those archives closed so they can protect the reputations of those people who worked for the Soviet secret police or their Polish counterpart against the interests of the people of Poland. And this is happening all throughout Eastern Europe. There are attempts to suppress the existing archives. And the California idea of wiping out the past is that same concept. If they don't know, if we don't know about it, we won't be able to protest about it. And, so I suggest that people in California make sure that they don't get away with doing that.

Question: Thank you, I'm with Russian television. You mentioned State Senator Alice Palmer, former State Senator in Illinois. Could you go a little bit into that in more detail? You said in your introduction that the communist menace was real and it's still real today. Could you expand on this idea? Thank you.

Kincaid: As Herb indicated, the old Communist Party so to speak has basically petered out, but out of that party, as we point out in our report, several groups emerged, including something called the Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism, that includes some of the old Communist Party members. It includes some of the old SDS people as well who were very instrumental in helping launch and promote Barack Obama. So they may call themselves something else, but they're still representative in my view of the old communist ideology. State Senator Palmer, we

discovered, was involved with a Communist Party front organization called the U.S. Peace Council. She attended a meeting of the Soviet Front World Peace Council and actually was quoted in a Communist Party publication as saying nice things about the old Soviet Union after a visit there to cover the official Soviet Communist Party Congress. Very, very strange, but it helped put the pieces of this puzzle together about why she was there at the meeting. Of course, according to the published reports, she personally picked Obama as her chosen successor.

Before I go to another question, I did want to make a point that we have in our report that I think is critical to understanding the Frank Marshall Davis connection and then I'll go to more questions.

Why didn't Obama mention his full name? Why didn't he refer to Frank as Frank Marshall Davis? Why did he make it so difficult for people to discover who this was until Trevor Loudon found that amazing speech by Gerald Horne at the reception of the Communist Party archives at Tamiment library saying that it was Frank Marshall Davis and he had become, in effect, a mentor to Barack Obama? I put that question to Dr. Kathryn Takara from the University of Hawaii, who also confirms that Frank is Frank Marshall Davis and she said to me -- the quote is in the report -- something to the effect that maybe Obama didn't want people delving into that. Well, now, why? And I said to her - why wouldn't he want people delving into that? Her explanation was that Frank Marshall Davis's home would have been considered by some to be a rather unsavory place because there was drinking going on. They played cards and this kind of thing. I thought - is that really the reason why Obama would not mention Frank by his full name? I mean, here's a guy, Barack Obama, who's been open about certain things in

his past, including his past drug use. So you mean he wouldn't want to mention Frank Marshall Davis because the guy drank or because there was drinking at his home? I don't think so. But this is a question that he has to answer.

Question: I would like to know Cliff what have you got on Obama presently since he's been a Senator? Who are his associates and who is his mentor now, in the modern times, in our current times? And, then, secondly, what about his wife? She's a very ambitious person. What are the influences on her?

Kincaid: That really isn't the subject of this news conference... The reason that we did this event was to go into the historical record, to bring out information through Congressional reports about his associates, lay it out on the table and raise some questions. Because Herb, as I pointed out, is one of the few that has the knowledge, who has the background, who has the access to these documents. Some of these documents are very hard to find, and that's why in our report, you'll see we've made copies of a lot of the Congressional testimony involving Frank Marshall Davis, the identification of him as a communist. In Herb's report, a lot of the background on the communist assault on Hawaii. These are hard-to-find documents. This is really what we were trying to focus in on today. So I'd be a little hesitant to go beyond that because that's really the purpose today.

Romerstein: The answer is we don't know. Obama is a stealth candidate. We know nothing about him other than the few bits and pieces that he's given us. And when questions are raised about his current connections, he's very thin-skinned. Now, for example, one of his staff members who was actually employed by George Soros had

been in regular contact with Hamas, and, as a result of that contact, Hamas made a public statement endorsing Obama and Obama became very upset when this was raised. And he fired the staff member who still works for Soros. I mean, his real job he still has, but the staff member has a father who was a leader of the Communist Party in Egypt. So, all these things become, you know, rather interesting, but there are bits and pieces. You asked, "Who is Obama's mentor?" Well, we just don't know because this guy does not tell us who these people are, who he works with, who he's proud of, who he gets his information and his inspiration from.

Kincaid: By the way, in our report, we go back in history to the support that people like the SDS and the Weather Underground would also give to Arab terrorist groups. This is very interesting to understand as well. They weren't just sympathetic to the communists in Cuba and Hanoi. They were sympathetic to Arab terrorist groups. You'll see on the montage of the pictures I took outside Ayers' Office that he's got one up there about Palestinians said to be running from a missile coming down in the sky and there's a little post-it note up there that says, "American made missile." This is a kind of anti-Americanism, but also anti-Israeli feeling, that has been part of this movement backing Obama from the start and it, as Herb pointed out, got him into trouble.

Question: Are you going to share [this information] with McCain and television?

Kincaid: We're publishing our own reports. We have no political agenda. We're trying to get information out about any candidate, any major public figure who has links to potentially hostile foreign elements. It's just in the case of Obama, because he's so new

on the political scene, in my view, that the media have not done an adequate job in investigating this information.

Question: My name is Gene Methvin. I'm a free-lancer. I was for years a Senior Editor of the Reader's Digest, Washington, in the Washington Editorial Office. Like Herb, I'm an old grey head at this business. And, in 1961, I was reading the Weekly Worker regularly for a story and I noticed a peculiar semantic gimmick. They referred repeatedly week after week to "the movement for change." The movement for change was a euphemism obviously for revolutionary activity in the United States. Later I talked to Dave Gilbert briefly. He was the only person I ever talked to in 1965 or in my entire 40 years in Washington who refused to talk to me because of my affiliation with the Reader's Digest. I wonder if you see this slogan of Obama's promising change -- he repeatedly emphasizes change and he's mobilizing a lot of young people behind his idea for change -- I'm wondering about the curious coincidence here between the Communist Party's 1961-era use of the movement for change and the re-articulation since the dissolution of the Communist Party, the diminishment of it, since the fall of the evil empire, into a hydra headed group of people who are just interested in change. They don't care whether it's violent or not. And, in, in the core, if you peel the onion, you find all these people like Dave Gilbert and he's articulating from Sing Sing Prison now with a life sentence and Bill Ayers and Bernadine Dorn married and living together in Chicago...

Kincaid: I don't know what he means by change. But what we point out in my report especially is that it's clear that the socialists and the communists are backing him. They

openly say it. I quote them at length. So they identify with his movement for change, whatever he means by it. Herb, do you have anything to add to that?

Romerstein: Your finding that kind of slogan in the old Communist Party press is not unusual. They always try to identify themselves with words. Back in the 1930's they used as a slogan, "Communism is 20th Century Americanism." Of course, it was not 20th century or any other Americanism. It was anti-Americanism. But they adopt all kinds of good words. So, I don't think that the coincidence of Obama using that term now and they using it back then is significant unless we find that this one of those old communists gave him the slogan. That would be interesting. But I don't think we have that information.

Question: I'm doing some research on a book, *Cultural Warfare*. In 1977... we were discussing the arrival in the Philippines of an East German who was the Director of the East German State Theater and a Vice President of the International Theater Institute – a Soviet Cultural Front Organization. A young communist, Kerry, told me that he'd been trained by the East German. And the East German told him - you people never use the words "cultural revolution." The official euphemisms for this are change, changing the structures, changing the institutions, changing the cultures, but you will use these in different situations. You use change when you're speaking to a broad audience. They don't understand what the meaning of this is, but communist Kerrys will understand this. We do this for very specific reasons. And, he said, "You don't use, from the Soviet point of view, 'cultural revolution' outside the Soviet borders. This is not to be done."

Question: I'm an independent watchdog and I'm currently compiling information on the Obama/Muslim connection. But I was wondering if you in conducting your research identified any financial resources that Obama is getting over and above what's an open secret because we keep hearing about all of these multi-million dollars he collects. And what person that he knows can give him that much money? For example, Oprah, I'm not saying that she does, but I'm saying Oprah and Soros. So is there any way to really delve into who these backers are?

Romerstein: There are people actually doing that research on the question of the Islamic extremists. And the tip of the iceberg came when Hamas made a public statement endorsing Obama, which he had to repudiate. But it came as a result of one of Obama's own people having meetings with Hamas and promoting him to them. But I don't think we should say more because we haven't done the research. There are people doing it and hopefully we'll see in the near future some more work being done in this area.

Question: Do you have any more information how Alice Palmer picked Obama as her successor for the Illinois Senate. I see in Exhibit 8 in the Chicago Report Obama did not have any opposition in the primary. Why was that?

Kincaid: I don't have all the details about his run for the State Senate. We only know who was there, that she selected him, that his campaign was launched in the home of Ayers and Dohrn. That Quentin Young was there. We're raising questions about why them? Why were they there? This is why we're here today. We're asking these questions. I don't have all these answers. One of the things we mentioned in the

Chicago report is that there has been no explanation of why his state Senate race was launched at the home of Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn. We know that's a fact because The Politico uncovered that and confirmed it with Quentin Young. Quentin Young was there, too, along with Alice Palmer, but why were they there? Why those four people with their obvious well-documented radical and socialist connections? Why those people? There's been no explanation from the Obama Campaign of that. This is one of the questions we're raising.

Max Friedman: Let's say that the research on the influences around Senator Barack Obama is not finished. As Cliff has said, there are a lot of questions out there that are not being answered. We don't know who else is looking. ...but it's by putting these pieces of the puzzle together, I'm beginning to see something much bigger. What you've done today is launch it. I think if we have one puzzle, we're going to have a bigger puzzle filling it out as research goes on.

Romerstein: What we're here for today is to urge the press to be doing the research and the investigative reporting to start identifying some of these people that show up... I think it really is a job of the press to do their due diligence to start looking into these people around Obama -- these people who are involved in educating him, these people who are involved in influencing him and then see who they are because we can't tell it from Obama. As I say, he's a blank slate. There's very limited information even among the things that he produced about himself that we know about him.

A question was raised, for example -- how come for 20 years he sat in the pews and listened to a raving anti-American racist make speeches? And the additional question --

how did he bring his two young children to this church to hear Wright rave on about these things? The press [should] start asking the questions of how does Obama really think, not these slogans, not the bumper stickers, but what do you think about these issues and what do you know about these issues?

There was somebody that got onto the radio the other day and attacked one of the conservative talk show hosts and said, "You're saying that Obama has no experience, but Abraham Lincoln had no experience." Not exactly true. Abraham Lincoln not only had been in Congress where he made many speeches about the issues, not slogans, and he was a major player in the 1850's and '60's on the issue of slavery -- the major issue at that time. Lincoln was a very public figure arguing against slavery, demanding that slavery be abolished. So to sit back and say, "well, Obama has minimum experience too," he has minimum experience, but he also hasn't been explaining why he thinks what he thinks and that's what we're really asking. We know what he says in his slogans, but what's behind the slogans? What's the thinking that goes into the slogans?

Kincaid: I would add the *Washington Post* has an article today about some of the lobbyists around McCain and their connection to foreign governments and foreign interests. This is excellent. This kind of investigative reporting ought to be applied to McCain [and] ought to be applied to Obama. That's all we're saying. Let's be fair. Let's be honest. Let's be even handed. Let's use the investigative resources of the press in a fair and straightforward manner. That's all we're saying.

Question: If your purpose is to get this into the media, you mentioned that you went to the *Tribune*. Have you been to the [Chicago] *Sun-Times*? If you go to their competitor, you're more likely to pressure them into reforming to meet competition.

Kincaid: I didn't do that. We've gone to the *Tribune* specifically on the errors and Dohrn linked to that murder in San Francisco. I published articles about this at the www.aim.org site and at www.usasurvival.org. We've encouraged members to call and send e-mails to the *Tribune's* Editor, Ann Marie Lapinski, and their public editor, Timothy McNulty. I don't know what else to do. Maybe going to the *Sun-Times* would be a viable option.

Question: My name's Rick Fisher. I'm a China expert and I would just like to give you a chance to sum up your event today. Based on this body of knowledge that you gathered today, if you had the opportunity to ask the Senator himself three questions on behalf of the American people to him, what should he answer directly? Cliff or Herb, maybe, maybe Max and Trevor would want to chime in as well, but I think that would be a useful exercise for us today. Thank you.

Romerstein: Well, one question that I would ask him is what did he learn from these people and does he accept what he learned? In the case of Frank Marshall Davis, the things that he learned from him, does he repudiate that or does he find what he taught him that valuable in his present life? What has he learned from Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn? And he says he was only 8 years old, so he's not responsible for the bombings. He's absolutely right. He's not responsible for the bombings. But did he learn from them anything useful for him in his run for the presidency of the United

States? Did he learn to repudiate terrorism? Did he learn that terrorism is a terrible thing and that terrorism was done by those two people on behalf of hostile foreign powers? I think he should be answering those kinds of questions really.

Kincaid: I'll repeat a couple that we have in my report. One of the questions that I would have for him is what was the exact nature of his relationship with Ayers? We discovered that Barack Obama became chairman of something called the Annenberg Challenge Grant Program. This was dispensing literally millions of dollars supposedly to reform Chicago schools. But if you read Bill Ayers' Curriculum Vitae and it's about 45 pages long, you'll find that Ayers himself claims credit for arranging that money, for getting that grant, that was \$49 million. Again, Ayers claims credit for that. He says, "I arranged that money." And, he also claims credit for arranging to get a couple hundred thousand dollars more in grant money from the Joyce Foundation and The McArthur Foundation, both based in Chicago. So, the question that has been raised is, in effect, was Barack Obama working for Bill Ayers? Who hired him? Did Bill Ayers hire him? Was he working for Bill Ayers? If Ayers got the money, I would assume he would call the shots.

My second question to him would be why did you cover up the full name of Frank Marshall Davis? What was the nature of your relationship with him? You obviously knew who he was. You referred to him as being a contemporary of Richard Wright and Langston Hughes, both of whom broke with the Communist Party. Why didn't you let your readers know who this guy was and whether you took his advice? The third question would be [about] the computer documents that have been authenticated by INTERPOL that were confiscated from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia

computer by the Colombian Military that have references to Obama. It refers to the communist terrorists in Columbia meeting with what are called gringos who are telling them that if Obama wins the presidency, he will cut off military aid to Colombia and will never sign the Colombian Free Trade Agreement. Well, I'd like to know if there are any Obama advisors who have been meeting with the Colombian terrorists. As Herb has mentioned, we have the case of the one Obama advisor who had been meeting with Hamas and who has a controversial background, and when that came out, suddenly he's gone. He's been fired. Are there any other Obama advisors meeting with other controversial foreign movements or communist groups like the FARC?

Question: I'm Dana Milbank from the *Washington Post*. So what's the upshot? Do you think that Barack Obama is a communist?

Kincaid: We have no way to judge.

Romerstein: No, let's answer that one a little differently. We're telling you that you're not doing your job. We didn't say Obama was a communist. We said that you have to do due diligence in tracking down what Obama really is because right now he's a stealth candidate. So, if you don't do your job, that's your problem.

Kincaid: Herb, you just got us a bad story in the *Washington Post* for crying out loud.

Romerstein: I don't remember ever seeing a good story in the *Washington Post*.

Kincaid: Herb was never in the diplomatic corps. We're just putting out information. We have no way to make any kind of conclusion except that I would note that during his 2004 race against Alan Keyes, Keyes accused Obama of being a "hard core academic

Marxist.” You can read this. Look it up. It was a colorful line. And Obama basically laughed it off. He dismissed it. Well, I think we need a serious discussion, as Herb says, of these issues, and who were his mentors? Who influenced him? What are his real beliefs? That’s all. Let’s get the press to look into all this, including the *Washington Post*. Put some of your effort into looking at Obama in the same way that you got that great front page story about McCain’s lobbyist advisors. Fair? There we go. Let the record show he nodded yes.

Question: I was in Illinois and Obama laughed off pretty much everything he said, but the analogy for me would be, what if there were early fascist connections that McCain had or a Republican had? Obviously, there would be considerable mainstream so called secular press interest in fascist connections of a Republican candidate early on. That’s to me why obviously this is relevant information.

Kincaid: You’ll see outside his [Bill Ayers’] office door and wall [that] he has a little thing about how, from Bill Ayers’ perspective, he thinks we’re coming into a fascist period in the United States. He thinks fascism is upon us. That’s their view.

Trevor Loudon: One thing I would like to say is that there is ongoing support for Obama by the Communist Party USA. You can read that in the publications on a regular basis. They have campaign members, they have party members, in his campaign office in Baltimore and in Los Angeles. And the Young Communist League is openly campaigning in the streets of New York for him. The Democratic Socialists of America and the unions they control and dominate are endorsing Obama on a regular basis. In 1996, he was endorsed by The Democratic Socialists of America when he stood for

State Senate. He was openly a member of The New Party, which was a front group for The Democratic Socialists of America and the Committees of Correspondence and the Communist Party U.S.A. So he was openly a member of that organization at that time, accepted their support, accepted their money, and they're supporting him still today. Why are they doing it? That is a question that Barack Obama should be asked.

Kincaid: And we'll read the answer in the *Washington Post*, I'm sure.