

A BALLAD OF DRUGS AND 9/11

The truth shall make you free
-- CIA Slogan

At the First Emperor's Tomb
the Chinese People's Republic
shows you a preliminary movie
in which this monument of empire

is seen through the eyes of peasants
who rose up in revolt
and smashed the terra cotta statues
we have come so far to see.

I tried asking whether the government
is more in favor of the tomb
or of its being smashed? The guide answered
Both! We think the tao of history

*contains both the bright yang of order
and the dark yin of revolt.*
So I said, *Does that mean
that in the present phase of history*

the yin is the Falun Gong?
A short silence. Then
*You must understand that in China
there are some things we do not think about.*

I know why I'm remembering this.
There are things we don't think about in America
things I don't want to think about myself
like this flood of emails from Russia

about Far West, Ltd.
a meta-group almost unknown
and yet so powerful
as well as secure from the law

it could manipulate the drug traffic
to serve both the Kremlin
and similar ruling cabals
such as the one in this country

and also manipulate states
for the ends of the drug traffic
spreading violence in an organized route
from Afghanistan to New York

as when in July '99 a group --
citizens of three continents *Venezuela Turkey United Arab Emirates Germany Britain*
with excellent connections between them
to al-Zawahiri the brains of al-Qaeda

the Kremlin, Langley, FARC, and the KLA *CIA, Colombian revolutionaries, Kosovo*
a group supplying *full service*
like BCCI before them *Bank of Credit and Commerce International*
Who else could wire something together

to Saudi Arabia China Israel and the U.S.? --
gathered near Nice in southern France
to arrange in the villa of Khashoggi *Beaty and Gwynne 347*
the richest man in the world *Cockburn '00; Dunlop '04*
Kessler

for an invasion, bombings in Moscow
and the transit of heroin through Kosovo
to be sold in the streets of New York
where sales doubled in four years – *Peter Klebnikov '00*

a deal between Alexandr Voloshin
(the agent in the Kremlin
of the oligarch Boris Berezovskii
the richest businessman in Russia) *Dunlop '04; Paul Klebnikov '00, 1, 293, 303*

Shamil' Basaev (the Chechen Wahhabi
once *controlled and financed* by Berezovskii
who next month rekindled the Chechen War
by his brief incursion into Dagestan) *Paul Klebnikov '00, 300-01*
Hunter, 154

Alfonso (the *Venezuelan banker*
who *lives in Munich*, knows Khashoggi,
laundered money for Colombian cartels
and is *now a banker for FARC*) *Dunlop '04*
Yasenev '04
<http://www.compromat.ru/main/surikov/a.htm>

Yakov Kosman (reported
by the scholar John Dunlop
from the Hoover Institution
to be *German and, possibly, Israeli*) *Dunlop '04*

suppressing the rest of his footnoted source:
*Kosman served as financial consultant
to Hashim Thaçi, the commander of KLA*
the Kosovo Liberation Army

Kosovo Liberation Army; Yasenev '04

just when *The Times* wrote of evidence
that drug money is funding –
as much as half of the funding --
the KLA's leap to power)

Times (London), 3/24/99

Anton Surikov (the GRU agent
whose study *Crime in Russia*
on the extraordinary extent to which the Colombian
cartel has targeted Russia

Russian military intelligence

was published by King's College London
followed by an invitation
to a Seminar in Virginia
on International Security

Surikov '95, www.iprog.ru/cast/?id=8

where he met Fritz Ermarth of the CIA)
and -- this part I got first
from my poetic intuition --
was recruited both for his knowledge

and his access to the drug trade:
a hunch confirmed by the CIA's
payment to his friend "Mekhmet"
who was also at Khashoggi's villa

Yasenev '04

Dunlop '04

and to whom (says Dunlop's source)
the CIA gave an "assignment"
to transmit \$300,000
for the killing of his friend Abu al-Walid

*Abu al-Walid al-Ghamdi
Chechnya Weekly 2/2/05*

when the CIA was concerned
al-Walid on leaving Chechnya
would go on to Iraq
to join up with al-Zarqawi.

Yasenev '04

Why would Dunlop a reputable scholar
present the meeting in Khashoggi's villa
as a mere plan for a Russian 9/11
at the behest of Yeltsin's Kremlin

ignoring the role at the villa
of men like Sosnalyev and Tsveiba
from Abkhazia which now *has become*
a key heroin transiting point?

Sida/Cornell Caspian '02

Did he suppress what his source
said about Surikov and Fritz Ermarth,
Mekhmet and the CIA
Kosman and the KLA

because just like myself
he did not want to think
about who was involved in opening
the new Kosovo drug route

after the mad dash of Russian troops
one month before the meeting
to seize the main Kosovo airport
without the knowledge of Yeltsin

June 11, 1999

Judah 279, 284-85

Shevtsova 285, fn. 11

just as Al McCoy and myself
both forgot the terrorized vet
who reneged on telling us about drugs
after they firebombed his Jag.

McCoy xii, Scott '89 147-48

There are two kinds of businesses:
those which flourish from peace
and the strengthening of law
and those which require the opposite

zones of incessant chaos
like Chechnya Colombia Afghanistan
where drugs can be grown or trafficked
under the watch of PMCs

private military companies

The CIA clearly knew this
when in 2001
they brought back "Mr. Ten Percent"
at the top of the heroin trade

Haji Mohammed Zaman

from Dijon to Jalalabad
and arranged for the release
of Haji Ayub Afridi from jail
(the same men who in the '80s

Smucker, 9

Raman

had organized *the heroin trail*
to the Soviet troops --
i.e. to Filin and Surikov --
with the blessings of the CIA)

Raman

thus restoring the Afghan
opium economy
after two years of prohibition
under the Taliban.

Scott '03 33, 43-44

and pushing America and Russia
still further down the path
of increasing superwealth
and declining average income

(my starting salary in '61
could buy a third of a good Berkeley house
whereas a starting salary today
would pay for perhaps a twentieth)

\$7250.00

increasing income disparities
the sign our state is declining
the homeless we no longer support
and have grown used to not thinking about

as we step across them
towards our ATMs
what Sallust and Arnold discerned
in Rome and Victorian London

privatim opulentia
publice egestas
until the republic is suborned
by these forces we cannot see

Sallust, Arnold

for which the intellectual price
is a shrinkage of our culture
towards the trivialities
of narcotic games and bottom-feeding poets.

Starting in 1998
Surikov, Alfonso, and Mekhmet
had their own PMC Far West
connected with *the secured transport*

<http://www.pravda.info/news/2695.html>

*of commercial shipments from Afghanistan
and with representatives in the Emirates,
Afghanistan, Colombia, Kosovo
as well as contracts with Halliburton*

Filin '05

<http://www.pravda.info/news/2695.html>

(Far West's leader Vladimir Filin
the suspected chief narcobaron
announced that "a well-known American corporation
is a co-founder of our agency"

Kaledin '03

Filin '05

while Filin and Far West
*worked on the Georgian project,
financed by KBR Halliburton, apparently
with the approval of CIA)*

Yasenev '04

and Diligence Middle East a PMC
with *success in securing contracts*
from *Neil Bush, the President's brother*
headed by Joe Allbaugh

Financial Times, 12/11/03. Cf. Asia Times, 5/20/04

Financial Times, 12/11/03; Asia Times, 5/20/04

who in 2000 organized
both the Bush-Cheney campaign
and the "19th floor riot" that
stopped the recount in Miami-Dade County

Floridagate

and then was made head of FEMA
the agency that with Cheney and Rumsfeld
had developed "Reagan's Secret Coup Plans"
in the 1980s

Mann, 139; Bamford, 72

"Reagan's Secret Coup Plans" Progressive Review, July 1988

the plans for COG
the *plans for an anti-constitutional takeover*
in a time of crisis
implemented on 9/11

Continuity of Government

Progressive Review, June 1998. Cf. New York Times, 11/18/91

after Bush had entrusted
Cheney and Allbaugh together
to set up a terrorism task force
to deal with terrorist attacks

Houston Chronicle, 5/9/01; Ruppert, 412-18

It is too much. I think of Petrov
blown up in his car in Cape Town
after bugging his quarrel with Surikov
at the Hotel Bristol in Vienna

Petrov '04

and I think of Indira Singh
who lost her job at J.P. Morgan
after she notified the FBI
about Ptech the hi-tech Islamist firm

*bankrolled by Yasin al-Qadi,
a wealthy Saudi investor
who has been officially designated
as a terrorism financier*

Boston Herald, 1/18/04

with contracts at FAA
the White House the Secret Service
and links to the local Al Kifah
followed by a Treasury raid

al Qaeda support group

on Ptech and then the immediate
firing of Paul O'Neill
Singh spoke publicly about Ptech
the FBI agents themselves

*Boston Globe, 12/7/02; WBZ4, 12/9/02
Secretary of the Treasury*

*basically indicated to me
that absolutely no investigation was going on
at which point my hair stood on end
adding as an aside*

NPR Radio, 12/8/02

*when I ran into the drugs
I was told that if I mentioned
the money to the drugs around 9/11
that would be the end of me.*

Indira Singh testimony

I remember the defeat and fear
in the face of Allan Francovich
whose film on Pan Am 103 and drugs
could be shown in Britain but not this country

Goddard ZZ

the last time he contacted me
via a cut-out a mutual friend
one year before he dropped dead
while going through U.S. Customs

Independent 4/28/97

and what happened to Danny Casolaro
also researching the so-called Octopus
until suicided in a West Virginia motel
with my name and number in his notebook

*Beaty and Gwynne 224-25
Buffalo News 8/27.93*

I think of Jim Wilcutt at the weapons protests
his brains scrambled and deranged
after he testified to Congress
about Lee Harvey Oswald and the CIA

Hurt '85, 203

Forgive me if I do not want to think
of how they destroyed L
the Republican businessman
(whose innocent mistake was to tell the FBI

about the Nicaraguan drug lord
who picked up the dinner tab
at the fundraiser in San Francisco
L had arranged for the Contras

after which L got a death threat
over the phone while waiting
in Senator Kerry's outer office
for a secret rendez-vous)

and of what N told us -- how Carlos
was released from his hundred-year sentence
to peddle cocaine to Russia
his name in the Lafayette phone book

Carlos Lehder

It is a dilemma: Part of me
needs to agree with the left
that we have to wake up America
that it is knowledge will make us free

(the idea being that truth
unites us in thinking together
whereas these truths of darkness
have been known to destroy

those who have published them
and I myself can share with no one
except those who like myself
have become distanced from the crowd).

Gary Webb, Independent 10/8/05

Part of me just meditates
on the new and more flourishing wildlife
that is improving Point Reyes
ten years after the Mount Vision fire

San Francisco Chronicle 10/2/05

From the glories of the Tang Dynasty
I recall only one date: the year
of the usurper An Lushan
who drove both Wang Wei and Du Fu

far from the corrupt court
into the mountains
where for the first time they were free
to write the only poems we remember.

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