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OBAMA COVER-UP? Why didn't Barack Obama ever say that the "Frank" he frequently mentions in *Dreams From My Father* and with whom he palled around as a high school student in Hawaii, was a revolutionary black Communist named Frank Marshall Davis?

Obama surely must have known this background, many inquisitive folks are saying, especially in view of the revelations in the over-40-page document just released by America's Survival's Cliff Kincaid and renowned domestic communism expert Herbert Romerstein. (Their report can be read at www.usasurvival.org.)

The Kincaid-Romerstein report notes that Obama never even mentions Davis' last name, but that he was definitely an active Stalinist agent in Hawaii in the 1940s. A poet and journalist, Davis asserts he had been "brainwashed for years" against the Bolshevik revolution, but concluded the USSR was a friend of American blacks. As late as 1956, he took the 5th Amendment rather than say whether he was then a party member.

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Obama & his friends ...

By **Bill Steigerwald**

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Two weeks ago Cliff Kincaid, president of the conservative group America's Survival Inc., called a press conference in Washington to challenge the mainstream media to look into the hard-core left-wingers who are known to have influenced Barack Obama -- first as a teenager in Hawaii and later in Chicago. Specifically, Kincaid's group wants a major news organization to follow up on the investigative work it has done that documents that an elderly black man who mentored Sen. Obama in Hawaii was a lifelong member of the Communist Party USA. Kincaid also would like to see a serious journalistic vetting of Sen. Obama's relationship with the left-wing radicals in Chicago -- Bill Ayers and others -- who helped Obama launch his political career. I called Kincaid -- whose challenge to the media has yet to be accepted -- on Wednesday at his home in southern Maryland.

Q: Can you briefly sum up what you have discovered about Obama's ideological influences that you say need to be checked out by Big Media?

A: We think all the major candidates should be examined for their ties to foreign and hostile elements. In the case of Obama, he has gotten a very, very favorable press. The media seem reluctant to dig into his background, even though he is relatively new on the political scene. What we discovered, in two different places -- first in Hawaii, where he went to high school, and in Chicago, where he started his political career -- is that he is right in the middle of communist networks. In Hawaii, he was mentored by a member of the Communist Party by the name of Frank Marshall Davis. In Chicago, his career was launched and he was close friends with a number of communists and socialists.

Q: What specifically did your investigation find out about Davis, who Obama calls only "Frank" in his memoir "Dreams from My Father"?

A: What was very disturbing to us was the fact that Barack Obama had covered up the true identity of this "Frank" who played such a role in his life just before he went off to college (in the late 1970s). There are several references in his book to this "Frank." We discovered that "Frank" was indeed Frank Marshall

Davis, who was a member of a Soviet-sponsored communist network on the island of Hawaii. We think Obama should be asked to explain why he didn't reveal Frank's true identity in his book. We looked into this and had confirmed by several sources that Frank was indeed Frank Marshall Davis, and that he had a considerable influence on Obama. But we cannot really get a rational explanation of why Obama would cover up the identity of this Stalinist agent.

Q: How do you know for sure Davis was a member of the Communist Party USA?

A: We have several different sources confirming that Frank Marshall Davis was a Communist Party member. We have congressional hearings and investigations. Plus we have those who have written about Davis, including John Edgar Tidwell, who wrote a whole book -- a sympathetic book -- about Davis but discussed his membership in the Communist Party. Davis of course was asked about this when he was called before a Senate committee, but he took the Fifth Amendment rather than discuss it openly. There's no question that he was a key member of this Moscow-sponsored communist network in Hawaii.

Q: What was the most subversive or most dangerous-to-America thing Davis ever did?

A: Davis was an unrepentant communist. He stayed with the Communist Party even after the Hitler-Stalin pact. That's why I refer to him as "a Stalinist agent." Other prominent black Americans who had gotten into the Communist Party had left it. For example, Langston Hughes and Richard Wright got involved in communist activities but then broke with the Communist Party because it had become an apologist for some horrible crimes not only committed by Stalin but by the Soviet system. Yet Frank Marshall Davis stayed with the party and wrote some infamous poems not only defending the Soviet Union but attacking the United States.

Q: Is there anything to lead you to believe that Davis made a concerted effort to indoctrinate Obama?

A: What we know is that Barack Obama's grandfather introduced Obama to Frank Marshall Davis because Barack Obama needed someone to look up to. Remember, this was a time when Barack Obama's black father had abandoned his family. Barack Obama's grandfather thought that Davis would fulfill the role of male role model and mentor -- and that's the role that he played.

Q: When Barack Obama got to Chicago he came into contact with '60s radicals William Ayers and his wife, Bernardine Dohrn. What is most worrisome about their possible influence on Obama?

A: It really begins even before Obama gets to Chicago because according to his book, when he goes to college -- first Occidental College and later Columbia University -- he picks among his friends Marxist professors. Obama himself admits this. He also admits attending socialist conferences. That would suggest the influence that Davis had on Obama extended into his college and university years.

Now when he gets to Chicago, we find that once again he gravitates and comes into the company of the most extreme anti-American elements, including socialists and communists. Keep in mind that the Weather Underground terrorists, Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn, were communist terrorists. They were not just '60s radicals. These were people who openly supported the communist enemy killing Americans in Vietnam. Some of the members in this group, including Dohrn, had traveled to Havana, Cuba, to get instructions from the communists about how to wage their campaign in the United States.

Q: What was Obama's relationship with Ayers and Dohrn and how close was it?

A: The big question is whether there is a connection between the communist network in Hawaii that included Frank Marshall Davis and the communist network in Chicago that would also come to include Barack Obama. We know that according to the public evidence that Obama launches his political career in Chicago at the home of Bernardine Dohrn and Bill Ayers. Other people who were there include then-state Sen. Alice Palmer and a Dr. Quentin Young. Those two people are almost as significant as Ayers and Dohrn.

We have two reports that state Sen. Palmer had been involved in a Communist Party front group called the U.S Peace Council and had actually made a trip to the old Soviet Union. Dr. Quentin Young had been accused of involvement and membership in the Communist Party, and he refused to answer as well when he was called before a committee to explain his financial support for radicals who were behind the riots in Chicago at the Democratic National Convention back in 1968. So we have got four controversial people launching Obama's political career in Chicago who were involved in socialist or communist activities.

Q: You are not making the claim that Obama is a communist or a "Manchurian Candidate"-type communist or anything else?

A: We are only raising the questions that the media will not look into. We think the media should examine both candidates. But in the case of Obama, who has only been a U.S. senator for a few years, there is more of a responsibility to inform the public about where he had come from. Remember, as president, he will be entitled to see all of our state secrets. And yet, as a candidate, he doesn't have to undergo a background or security check. That's why we depend

on the media really to vet these candidates, so the American people can know who they are voting for.

On the question about Obama being a communist or a Marxist, of course we never came to any conclusions about that or offered any evidence one way or the other; that wasn't our purpose. But it's important to note that when Obama did run for the Senate in 2004, his opponent at the time, Alan Keyes, had charged that Obama was a Marxist. Obama dismissed it. He almost laughed it off. But he certainly has in my view the responsibility and obligation to explain these associations and why it is that he lands right in the middle of two different communist networks -- one in Hawaii, where he is growing up, and one in Chicago, where he's launching his political career.

It could be that this is all a coincidence -- that it's just accidental that he seems to get right in the middle with associations with these anti-American characters. But then again, maybe it's not an accident. He has to answer some of these concerns and our media have to begin by subjecting him to the scrutiny that they apply to somebody like McCain and other candidates.

Q: Dana Milbank of The Washington Post covered your press conference and wrote a sarcastic piece that said you were engaging in "guilt by association." What's your response to that?

A: You know, I asked G. Gordon Liddy when I did his radio show about some of these issues that we are raising. Liddy of course used to be an FBI agent, and he said the FBI would always examine somebody's associations when they looked at somebody to determine if they were suitable for federal employment. They would look for contacts with foreign countries, foreign individuals, hostile governments and hostile intelligence services. They would look at the question of whether this individual is really loyal to the United States.

We're asking some of these questions about Obama, and we will continue to ask them, because people like Milbank -- who may not really be a serious journalist -- clearly are not interested. He had made it clear in previous columns that he is a big Obama supporter and there are many like him in the major media, which made our news briefing even more important. We not only have issued our two reports and put them on our Web site, usasurvival.org, but we will be putting up video of the whole press conference so that people can take a look and make their own conclusions and not have to rely on the media to filter what we said.

Q: If you could get Tim Russert on "Meet the Press" to ask Sen. Obama a question about these early influences, what would it be?

A: I think the big question would be, "Why, Sen. Obama, did you cover up the identity of Frank Marshall Davis in your book?" If this had been an innocent

association -- if this had just been some guy that Obama came across and realized, "Well, look, he's just some kind of crazy communist. And, yeah, I had some meeting with him and he gave me advice on various things. But he didn't have any impact on me. And I went off to college and it had no lasting effect." That would be one thing.

But that's not how Obama handled it. Instead he talks about "Frank" as someone who gave him serious advice, including not to believe in the American way of life and that black people had a right to hate white people. These were things according to Obama that Frank told him. Rather than deal with that kind of advice in his book, and analyze the motivations of Frank and identify him by his full name, Obama covers up his true identity. Why?

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Calling out Big Media

By Bill Steigerwald

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So, Washington Post star political reporter Dana Milbank asked, are you saying Barack Obama "is a communist"? Milbank was -- by default -- the most charismatic member of the mainstream media in attendance at America's Survival, Inc.'s provocative press conference on May 22 in Washington, D.C.

But he had not come to the basement of Ebenezer Coffee House to report fairly on the right-wing group's media event. He came to mock it. Milbank had no intention of cooperating with America's Survival, Inc.'s attempt to goad Big Media into investigating the hard-core leftists who mentored and/or influenced Sen. Obama when he was a teenager and later when he was a community organizer in Chicago. America's Survival, a conservative organization whose usual mission is doing battle with the United Nations, has not been shy about publicizing what it's dug up about Obama's early ideological inspirations.

For months the group's president, Cliff Kincaid, has been writing about the close relationship the teenage Obama had in the 1970s with an elderly black man Obama refers to in his 1995 biography "Dreams From My Father" only as "a poet named Frank." "Frank," as Kincaid reports at usasurvival.org, was actually Frank Marshall Davis (1905-1987), an important black poet, journalist and left-wing political and labor movement activist who was investigated in the early 1950s for his membership in the Communist Party USA.

Kincaid conducted the press conference with Herbert Romerstein, a veteran investigator

who used to work with the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Kincaid and Romerstein insist they have no political agenda. They say they've merely done the preliminary digging and found lots of unconnected dots and interesting facts. Some are sinister, some innocent, some coincidental, some arguably irrelevant.

Now, they say, it's up to Big Media to look into Obama's relationships with Davis in Hawaii and with folks like 1960s radical leftist William Ayers in Chicago -- and then ask Obama what lovely ideas he picked up from them and whether he has repudiated them.

Which brings us back to Milbank's question -- are you guys saying Obama is a communist?

"No," Romerstein scolded Milbank. "We're telling you that you're not doing your job. ... 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."

Whoops. Shaming Big Media -- even when it deserves it -- is no way to win its bleeding heart. "Herb, you just got us a bad story in the Washington Post," Kincaid said, laughing heartily before reiterating that his group is not making conclusions but is appealing to Big Media's somnolent conscience.

"Let's get the press to look into all this -- including The Washington Post," Kincaid said, addressing Milbank/Big Media. "Put some of your effort into looking at Obama in the same way that you got that great front-page story on McCain's lobbyists and advisers.

"Fair?" Kincaid said, looking down at Milbank. "There you go. Let the record show that he nodded yes." Milbank nodded affirmatively but obviously only to spare his liberal skin and make good his escape.

The next day, his sarcastic Washington Post piece made great liberal fun of America's Survival, Inc.'s press conference and the many "implausible accusations" conservatives made about Obama. But somehow Milbank never found time to even mention the name Frank Marshall Davis.

Barack Obama's communist connections

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The frontrunner for this year's Democrat presidential nomination burst upon the scene from out of nowhere only in recent months. Two or three years ago, Barrack Hussein Obama was an unknown outside his Chicago bailiwick and in some other Illinois quarters. Even his time in the Illinois State Senate was unremarkable.

So what do we know about him?

As this column has noted (see "[Violent chickens roost on candidates' shoulders](#)" — April 21, 2008), Senator Obama has some Marxist skeletons in his closet.

These include a Hawaiian "poet" named Frank Marshall Davis (whose identity Obama tried to hide when referencing him in his book). Davis had some considerable influence on the young Obama when they both lived in Hawaii. Obama himself says as much in his book, referring to his early mentor merely as "Frank." It took some recent digging to confirm that Davis was in fact that influence. Did Obama really think that the very act of hiding the man's true identity would make no one curious?



Frank Marshall Davis

Davis has also been identified as a member of the Communist Party. When the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1956 asked him to affirm or deny his membership in the party, he refused to respond, citing the Fifth Amendment. Adding to that is the fact — revealed in the news conference referenced below — that Davis began his communist career in Chicago and was a friend and associate of the singer Paul Robeson and the longshore union official Harry Bridges, both secret Communist Party members.

Were it not for the Internet and talk radio, you would not know of this — or other Obama associations — that should prompt media curiosity involving a candidate for President of the United States.

We also have cited Obama's ties to the pro-communist terrorist couple William Ayers and his wife Bernadine Dohrn, unrepentant for their records of violent activity in sixties and seventies. They escaped prison on a legal technicality.

But we have just scratched the surface

Comes now Herbert Romerstein, whose professional background in security and intelligence matters we have mined on previous occasions. He knows where the bodies are buried in this town. And Cliff Kincaid's America's Survival, Inc., has wisely utilized the wealth of information Romerstein possesses.

At a news conference here in Washington on May 22, Kincaid and Romerstein released two documents that are chockablock with names, dates, places — page after page detailing the "Obama connection" to communists, socialists, and violent radicals. One deals with Obama's associates in Hawaii, the other is focused on his background in Chicago.

Romerstein provided the wealth of knowledge required for this undertaking. Kincaid provided the

shoeleather for up-to-date sleuthing, including a trip to Chicago.



William Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn

The beginning

The Feb. 22 issue of *Politico* — a Washington sheet basically for political insiders — added momentum to an already-major investigative project on the part of America's Survival.

On that day, it ran a story spotlighting what might be called Obama's political "coming out" 1995 reception at the home of Ayers and Dohrn. *Politico* did not reveal any extensive background of those present. However, with the encyclopedic memory of Romerstein — whose personal library pinpoints the activities of thousands of America's enemies — America's Survival helpfully filled in the blanks.

Then-State Senator Alice Palmer announced to those gathered at the Ayers/Dohrn residence that she was stepping down to make a run for Congress and introduced Obama as her chosen successor.

Who is Alice Palmer?

Palmer is much more than the "influential liberal" described by *Politico*.

Ten years before the aforementioned meeting, Alice Palmer was an official of a notorious Communist front group (so identified by the FBI), the U.S. Peace Council, an affiliate of the World Peace Council, an international Soviet front. It goes without saying that during that era of the eighties, both of these mouthpieces for Moscow were working feverishly to undermine President Reagan's arms buildup which played a major role in the downfall of the Soviet Union. That was the time of the worldwide Soviet-inspired nuclear "freeze" movement in 1983, when Palmer was also mentioned as a participant on the World Peace Council's Prague assembly.

In 1986, Palmer wrote an article for the *People's Weekly World*, a house organ for the Communist Party USA (CPUSA). In that dispatch, Palmer favorably recounted her experiences attending the 27th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.



Alice Palmer

(Note: Because Palmer later tried to reclaim her place in the State Senate, Obama moved to have her taken off the ballot. Thus this year, according to America's Survival, she is supporting Senator Hillary Clinton for President.)

Red press rejoices

Frank Chapman, a member of the U.S. Peace Council Executive Committee, wrote what could be called a gloating letter to the *People's Weekly World* right after Obama's victory this year in the Iowa Democrat Party caucuses. Therein, he said the following:

"Obama's victory was more than a progressive move: It was a dialectical leap ushering in a qualitatively new era of struggle. Marx once compared [the] revolutionary new era of struggle with the work of the mole, who sometimes burrows so far beneath the ground that he leaves no trace of his movement on the surface. This is the old revolutionary 'mole,' not only showing his traces on the surface but also breaking through."

So who is the mole?

A "mole" on whom Karl Marx would have smiled benignly if he were here? Chapman writes exuberantly as if he believed there was a "mole" in the Obama campaign. Perhaps Obama himself? Is anybody in the mainstream media just mildly curious?

As for Ayers and Dohrn

Apologists for William Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn (whose links to Obama were an issue during his 2004 U.S. Senate campaign) liked to say that the violent doings of their Weather Underground didn't kill anyone other than their own members in accidental explosions.

Not so. Undercover informant Larry Grathwohl testified before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1974 that Ayers emphatically said Dohrn placed a bomb on the window ledge of a police station in San Francisco that killed a police sergeant. That young officer had his whole life ahead of him, but as America's Survival puts it, "to Ayers and Dohrn, he was a 'pig.'"

Oh, yes, and here is an example of the nature of terrorists who pose as "bleeding-heart liberals:"

Grathwohl reveals in his own book that — as plans were made for the San Francisco police station bombing — he pointed out to Ayers that the explosion could also "kill a few innocent customers at a

restaurant next door," adding "most of them are black."

Replied Ayers (according to Grathwohl's account): "We can't protect all the innocent people in the world."



Robert Malley

And there is more.

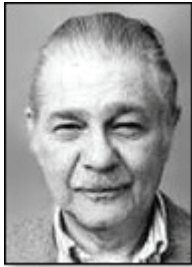
The cast of characters in this drama grows.

In an interview with this column, Romerstein elaborated on a comment he made at the America's Survival news conference. The veteran intelligence authority cited a former Obama advisor, Robert Malley.

You may have heard in the news earlier this month that Malley suddenly cut his advisory ties to the Obama campaign after acknowledging he had talked with Hamas, which is on the State Department list of terrorist organizations. You also may recall that Hamas advisor Ahmed Yousef was quoted as saying, "We like Mr. Obama. We hope he will win the election." Not surprisingly, Senator John McCain made an issue of that, adding that his hoped-for presidency would be Hamas's "worst nightmare." It was then that Malley disappeared from the Obama scene.

Here's what has not been widely reported: Malley is Program Director for the International Crisis Group, lavishly funded by billionaire George Soros, whose number one aim in life is to steer America and the world sharply leftward. He reportedly would like to see a national convention by 2020 to write a new constitution for the United States.

Robert Malley's father, Simon Malley, according to Romerstein and the Discover the Network, was an important figure in the Egyptian Communist Party, was pro-Soviet, passionately anti-Israel, and anti-West. He was booted out of Egypt and later out of France for awhile, to be welcomed back later when the more leftwing government of the socialist Francois Mitterrand took over in Paris.



Herbert Romerstein

Romerstein and others believe that the effect of many of Robert Malley's policies and approaches to the Middle East are antithetical to the best interests of the United States. Whatever the intent, critics argue, the net result — to whatever extent of Malley's influence — is a plus for Hamas, Hezbollah, and other enemies of the United States. An example cited is his view of the 2000 Camp David Summit, in which he participated as a negotiator. Malley rejects the opinion that all the blame for that conference's failure rests with PLO terrorist Yasser Arafat.

Martin Peretz, in the *New Republic*, described Malley as "a rabid hater of Israel," and described several of Malley's articles in the *New York Review of Books* as "deceitful."

Many Americans thought the Clinton administration's security and foreign policies were at times — to put it kindly — bizarre. Malley served in some important posts in that White House, including as assistant to National Security Director Sandy Berger.

So who is Barack Obama?

At the end of the America's Survival news conference, Kincaid said America's Survival (A) has no intention of feeding this information to the Clinton or McCain campaign, (B) has no connection in any way with any political campaign, and (C) was hoping the media would approach questions on Obama's background with the same kind of investigative digging evident in "a very good" *Washington Post* story that very day dealing with the McCain campaign's relations with lobbyists.



Barack Obama

So again, who is Barack Obama?

We have only skimmed some highlights here on the Obama connection to Marxist radicals. There is much more to tell. We will revisit the issue — not necessarily in consecutive columns, but at the very least, to the extent that the mainstream media choose to ignore the issue.

In the meantime, some comments by Romerstein in our own interview with him are worth pondering:

"Obama speaks in slogans and never explains the thinking that goes into his statements. That's what we need to know: To what extent do these people influence him — the communist Frank Davis, the neo-communists Bill Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn, the anti-Semitic pro-Arab terrorist groups that he met with in Chicago. To what extent do they influence his thinking, and will he repudiate those people?"

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Shielding Obama From the Power of Ridicule

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Is Barack Obama above criticism in the eyes of the liberal media? The *Washington Post's* Dana Milbank seems to think so.

Milbank is one of the more readable wordsmiths, largely because he's not quite as predictable as other ink-stained wretches working for liberal-leaning news outlets.

But he lapsed into kneejerk liberal attack mode on May 23 when his candidate, Barack Obama, came under scrutiny from conservatives investigating Obama's connections with people from the hard Left.

The best way to protect your candidate from accusations that could hurt his candidacy is to ridicule the messenger and thereby intimidate others from even thinking of going there.

That's what Milbank did in "Obama as You've Never Known Him!"

The Page A-3 column is a non-stop ridicule of a press conference on May 22 in Washington, in which a news analyst and a researcher unearthed a history of radical and far-left elements among people who may have influenced the character and worldview of a Barack Obama, beginning in his high-school days.

The news analyst was Cliff Kincaid, president of America's Survival, Inc., editor of the Accuracy in Media Report, and a longtime critic of the *Post* and other liberal media. The researcher was Herbert Romerstein, one of the nation's leading experts on communism and the co-author of *The Venona Secrets: Exposing Soviet Espionage and America's Traitors*.

Kincaid provided the attendees, including Milbank, with two substantial reports, the 44-page “Communism in Hawaii and the Obama Connection,” and the 36-page “Communism in Chicago and the Obama Connection.” But Milbank wasn’t really interested in the reports, which are heavily footnoted and documented and include several exhibits from congressional hearings into communist activities.

Instead, Milbank cast the gathering as a wild group of conspiracy theorists throwing out absurd, unsubstantiated charges.

Here are four of the methods that Milbank employed to ridicule the investigators:

- Describe the sponsoring group in a demeaning fashion: “The group, assembled by something called America’s Survival Inc.”
- Dismiss sarcastically even the idea of asking questions: “implausible accusations...from the absurd to the merely questionable...finding plenty of sinister things to say about Obama—even if he didn’t trade cattle futures.”
- Namecalling: Milbank takes a cheap shot at Romerstein, a former investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee and former professional staff member of the House Intelligence Committee, calling him “ancient” and a “living relic.”
- Cherry pick quotes out of context to make the speakers appear rash and perhaps in need of therapy. For instance, Romerstein provided a lengthy historic account of communist influence in Hawaii since the early 20th century to draw a picture of some of the people influencing Obama when he was growing up. Milbank ignores the well-documented history to poke fun at one badly phrased sentence:

“‘We decided to start going back and seeing what things influenced him even before he was born,’ Romerstein announced without a trace of irony, before tying Obama to the Communist Party of the 1930s in Hawaii and Soviet spies on the island. ‘This is the atmosphere that young Barack Obama grew up in.’”

Milbank takes particular offense at Kincaid’s assertion that Obama was heavily influenced by a Communist Party-USA activist in Hawaii. “The smoking gun? Obama’s ‘mentor’ during his teens, according to [event organizer Cliff] Kincaid, was a ‘key member of a Soviet-controlled network that was sponsored by Moscow and active in Hawaii.’” Milbank describes this as “somewhere between guilt by association and guilt by invention.”

Yes, it’s hard to believe a claim that an American presidential nominee was influenced by a Communist, especially if you ignore the supporting evidence, as Milbank does. Milbank does not even mention the “mentor’s” name. He is, in fact, the mysterious “Frank” in Obama’s book, *Dreams of My Father*, and was identified at the conference as the black writer and poet Frank Marshall Davis. Quoting from Obama’s own book, as well as congressional hearings, interviews, speeches, articles, and books, Kincaid presented hard evidence that “Frank” is Davis, and that Davis was a member of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA) and was in fact involved in a Soviet-sponsored

network in Hawaii that was judged by Congress at the time as a security threat to the U.S. Milbank never acknowledges the evidence, even though he handled copies of the reports while the briefing was going on, suggesting that Kincaid just sort of made it up.

The real question is how much influence “Frank” had on the young Obama. For his part, Obama in his book *Dreams of My Father* talks about “Frank” giving him advice on his life and career path, telling him to avoid compromise when he goes off to college and noting that black people feel they have a right to hate white people. Obama makes several references to “Frank” in his book. Gerald Horne, a writer for a Communist Party publication, was the first to publicly name “Frank” as Frank Marshall Davis, saying Davis had “befriended” Obama’s family in Hawaii.

Kincaid went for additional confirmation, interviewing Dr. Kathryn Takara of the University of Hawaii, who knew Davis and had interviewed him for a dissertation about his life and work. Takara, an Obama supporter, confirmed that “Frank” was Davis and that he was a significant influence on Obama’s life. She thought the influence was mostly positive and was unconvinced that Davis, who died in 1987, was a CPUSA member.

Takara told Kincaid that she thought that Obama concealed “Frank’s” true identity because Davis had a controversial lifestyle and used alcohol and hosted parties. Kincaid noted, however, that Obama didn’t conceal his own bad habits, including drug use.

Later in his piece, Milbank takes another shot at Kincaid, accusing him of “the unilateral decision to accuse [Weather Underground leader Bernardine] Dohrn of the 1970 killing of a policeman, a charge no prosecutor has made.”

In fact, Kincaid was quoting Dohrn’s husband, then-Weather Underground terrorist Bill Ayers, who had identified Dohrn as the perpetrator of the bombing which killed the policeman, according to Larry Grathwohl, an FBI informer in the terror group who wrote about it in his own book, *Bringing Down America*, and testified about it before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

But Milbank makes it seem as if Kincaid himself made up a groundless accusation out of whole cloth.

The question of why Dohrn was never prosecuted is something that the media should pursue. Is there evidence, including Grathwohl’s account, that could be used to prosecute Dohrn? There is no statute of limitations on murder. A grand jury in California in 2007 did indict several black radical terrorists in the killing of a policeman in 1971. So a prosecution cannot be ruled out in this case even at this late date.

“In general, members of the terror group were not prosecuted for their bombings because the FBI’s desperate pursuit of them crossed the line into illegality itself,”

Kincaid said. "Evidence was obtained using questionable means and it would have been thrown out of court."

The real message of Milbank's screed against the conferees was a general warning not to raise questions about Obama's radical ties, or you'll be ridiculed. Ask any questions about Sen. Obama's formation of character and worldview, or his associations, and even if you pile up impressive and voluminous evidence, you will be pilloried as part of the "Vast Right Wing Conspiracy," a term that Milbank actually uses sardonically in his third paragraph.

The message to the public is: "Pay no attention to any of this. Look the other way. It's just a pack of lies from right-wing extremists." If the discussion touches at all on communism, well, you know how the red-hunter Sen. McCarthy has become a handy brush to paint someone as a conspiracy nut. To his, uh, credit, Milbank did not actually use the word "McCarthyism."

The warning also goes out to journalists not to look into any of this, either. After all, who in the liberal media would want to be accused of aiding and abetting the Vast Right Wing Conspiracy?

WorldNetDaily Exclusive

Report: Communist mentored Obama **BREAKING!**

Investigations show ties to radicals who shaped him, launched career

--WND

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Barack Obama had extensive ties with extreme anti-American elements, including agents of the Moscow-controlled Communist Party USA, in Hawaii and Chicago, according to two new reports released yesterday in Washington, D.C., by two experienced internal security investigators.

Investigative journalist Cliff Kincaid and Herbert Romerstein, a former investigator with the U.S. House Committee on Un-American Activities, presented evidence Obama was mentored, while attending high school in Hawaii, by Frank Marshall Davis, an African-American poet and journalist who was also a CPUSA member.

The authors, in a separate report, document Obama's ties to radicals in Chicago who helped launch his career.

In a paper entitled "Communism in Hawaii and the Obama Connection," the authors document that in 1948, Davis decided to move from Chicago to Honolulu at the suggestion of what they describe as two "secret CPUSA members," actor Paul Robeson and Harry Bridges, the head of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen Union, or ILWU.

In Chicago, Davis had worked for the Chicago Star newspaper; in Honolulu, he was hired as a reporter for the Honolulu Record, both identified by Kincaid and Romerstein as "communist front newspapers."

In his autobiography, "Dreams from My Father," Obama discusses the influence a mentor identified in the book only as "Frank" had on his intellectual development.

Obama described Frank as a drinking companion of his grandfather, who had boasted of his association with African-American authors Richard Wright and Langston Hughes during the time Frank was a journalist in Chicago.

Romerstein, in addition to having served as investigator with the U.S. House Committee on Un-American Activities, served in the same capacity with the House Committee on Internal Security and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He was the head of the Office to Counter Soviet Disinformation for the U.S. Information Agency. Romerstein is also co-author of the influential book "The Venona Secrets: Exposing Soviet Espionage and America's Traitors," which included extensive documentation of the communist activities of Roosevelt administration staffer Alger Hiss.

Kincaid is the founder and president of America's Survival Inc., an independent watchdog group that monitors the U.N. and international terrorism. He is also editor of Accuracy in Media's AIM Report.

Are you a member of the Communist Party?

Kincaid and Romerstein quote Kathryn Takara of the University of Hawaii, who wrote a dissertation on the life of Frank Marshall Davis, confirming Davis was a significant influence on Obama when the senator attended Punahou prep school in Hawaii from 1975 to 1979

A transcript of a 1956 hearing before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee discovered by internal security affairs researcher and writer Max Friedman showed Davis took the Fifth Amendment when asked by the subcommittee if he was or had ever been a member of the Communist Party.

In the second report, "Communism in Chicago and the Obama Connection," Kincaid and Romerstein present evidence supporting their contention the SDS organization from which the Weather Underground organization and radicals Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dorhn came, received financial contributions from the CPUSA, which in turn receive its funding from Moscow.

Obama's run for the Illinois state Senate was launched by a fundraiser organized at Ayers' and Dorhn's Chicago home by Alice Palmer. Palmer had named Obama to succeed her in the state Senate in 1995, when she decided to run for a U.S. congressional seat.

Nine years before Palmer picked Obama to be her successor, she was the only African-American journalist to travel to the Soviet Union to attend the 27th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, according to an article Palmer wrote in the CPUSA newspaper, People's Daily World, June 19, 1986.

"There has been no explanation of why Ayers et al. played a role in launching Obama's political career," Kincaid wrote.

Kincaid and Romerstein present documentation that Tom Hayden, another major figure in the SDS, is today one of four principal initiators of the "Progressives for Obama" movement, which calls for ending the war in Iraq "as quickly as possible, not in five years."

According to Kincaid and Romerstein, U.S. Peace Council executive committee member Frank Chapman "blew the whistle on communist support for Obama's presidential bid and his real agenda" in a letter to the People's Weekly World after Obama's win in the Iowa Democratic Party caucuses.

"Obama's victory was more than a progressive move; it was a dialectical leap ushering in a qualitatively new era of struggle," Chapman wrote. "Marx once compared revolutionary struggle with the work of the mole, who sometimes burrows so far beneath the ground that he leaves no trace of his movement on the surface."

Kincaid and Romerstein wrote, "The clear implication of Chapman's letter is that Obama himself, or some of his Marxist supporters, are acting like moles in the political process. The suggestion is that something is being hidden from the public."

Obama as You've Never Known Him!

By Dana Milbank
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Here are some things we can look forward to learning about Barack Obama:

- That he was mentored in high school by a member of the Soviet-controlled Communist Party.
- That he launched his Illinois state Senate campaign in the home of a terrorist and a killer.
- That while serving as a state senator, he was a member of a socialist front group.

- That his affiliations are so dodgy that he would have trouble getting a government security clearance.
- That there is reason to doubt his "loyalty to the United States."

These and many other implausible accusations were offered by a group of conservatives yesterday -- including a living relic from the House Committee on Un-American Activities -- in a Capitol Hill basement. The charges ranged from the absurd to the merely questionable, but anybody who watched the Swift Boat campaign of 2004 make John Kerry look like a war criminal knows that's not the point.

The Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy took a blow with Hillary Clinton's collapse. But it is regrouping, and finding plenty of sinister things to say about Obama -- even if he didn't trade cattle futures.

The group, assembled by something called America's Survival Inc., gathered in the basement of Ebenezer Coffee House at Second and F streets NE. They shared the stage with a big drum set, and posters documenting items they would seek to tie to Obama: an SDS newsletter from 1969 (when he was 7), and a police killing from 1970 (when he was 8).

"We believe that any public figure with links to foreign and hostile interests should be asked to explain those associations," the organizer, Cliff Kincaid, told about two dozen conservatives and a few reporters. "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."

"He's a member of an organization [that is] openly a front for two socialist groups," reported another participant, Trevor Loudon.

"Obama was raised and educated in a very Marxist-rich environment, which often would limit his worldview," reported a third, Max Friedman.

But the star of the show was the ancient Herbert Romerstein, who once plied his trade for the Un-American Activities committee. "We decided to start going back and seeing what things influenced him even before he was born," Romerstein announced without a trace of irony, before tying Obama to the Communist Party of the 1930s in Hawaii and Soviet spies on the island. "This is the atmosphere that young Barack Obama grew up in."

The smoking gun? Obama's "mentor" during his teens, according to Kincaid, was "a key member of a Soviet-controlled network that was sponsored by Moscow and active in Hawaii."

These accusations fall somewhere between guilt by association and guilt by invention, but the accusers were just getting started.

In college, Obama "admits selecting Marxist professors among his friends and attending socialist conferences," Kincaid went on. In Chicago, he said, "Obama launched his political career back in 1995 at the home of communist-terrorist Bill Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn," the two Weather Underground figures who have already made a cameo in the campaign. Kincaid then made the unilateral decision to accuse Dohrn of the 1970 killing of a policeman, a charge no prosecutor has made.

"The Weather Underground terrorists," Romerstein added, "were instrumental in getting him to office in the first place."

Those charges were relatively benign compared with the questions. One inquired about the link between "the American left and Islamofascists." Another asked about nefarious influences on Michelle Obama. A third raised the possibility that Obama's "change" slogan is based on the 1961 communist "Movement for Change."

"It's clear that the communists and the socialists are backing him," Kincaid confirmed.

The questions continued: "The Obama-Muslim connection . . . the background of Michelle Obama . . . How he gave \$23,000 to this church . . . Was it connected with Tony Rezko . . . the results from Gary, Indiana, which were so late in being released."

It was beginning to sound like a UFO convention. But the panelists took it seriously, firing questions back at the audience. "Was Barack Obama working for Bill Ayers?" Kincaid wondered aloud. Romerstein demanded: "How come for 20 years he sat in the pews and listened to a raving anti-American racist? How did he bring his two young children to this church to hear Wright rave on?"

The evidence was compelling enough for participant Friedman. For him, the Rosetta Stone was Obama's chief strategist, David Axelrod, who Friedman alleged was the protege of a man with "a Communist Party-front record" in Chicago. "The more I look at this, I'm seeing there are a lot of red-diaper babies around here," he deduced. "By putting these pieces of the puzzle together, I'm beginning to see something much bigger."

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