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Dear Mr. Duebel:

Governor Ron DeSantis signed House Bill (HB) 395, establishing November 7 as “Victims of Communism Day,” including teaching Florida high school students enrolled in the United States Government class about communism for at least 45 minutes on one day. This is a fantastic step forward, as the nation finally begins to address the topic of my 2016 book, *Marxist Madrassas: The Hostile Takeover of Higher Education in America.*

On the federal level, a Crucial Communism Teaching (CCT) Act, to help educate high school students about the dangers of communism and totalitarianism, has been introduced. But Florida can lead the way by expanding “Victims of Communism Day” into a special “Communism Education Week.” Such an educational initiative could pay tribute to American soldiers who sacrificed and died in fighting communism and feature refugees from communist-controlled countries who could be invited into classrooms to tell their stories.

Current topics are reported to include:

- Mao Zedong and the Cultural Revolution;
- Joseph Stalin and the Soviet System;
- Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution;
- Vladimir Lenin and the Russian Revolution;
• Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge; and
• Nicolás Maduro and the Chavismo movement.

This is a good outline but we would suggest expanding instruction in this area by explicitly linking communism to Nazism, examining more of the communist record, and engaging students in classrooms discussions of a Nuremberg-style tribunal to prosecute communists for their crimes, including the invasion of Ukraine and the release of the China virus.

**China, Russia, and the World Communist Movement**

Of timely and relevant interest, our 2015 book, *The Sword of Revolution and the Communist Apocalypse*, explains the nature of Russian-Chinese collaboration, making the case that the so-called “Sino-Soviet split” was a Marxist deception. Chinese Red Army Commander Lin Biao had called Marxist dialectics, the language of communist deception and “progress,” a “spiritual atom bomb,” far superior to the real thing.

For those who still cling to the fiction of the “Sino-Soviet split,” the facts show that Communist China was the official spawn of the Soviet Union. Bertil Haggman, director of the Center for Research on Geopolitics in Sweden, notes that the Communist Party of China (CCP) was actually founded by a Bolshevik Soviet agent, Grigori Naumovich Voitinsky, a Russian born in Belarus in 1893. Hagmann says, “Voitinsky, the real founder of CCP, grew up in the U.S., joined the American Socialist Party, was active in the USA and Canada. He went to Soviet Russia after the Bolshevik coup d’état and was in China as a Comintern agent. Little seems to be known about his time as a socialist in the West.”

President Ronald Reagan, author of the “Reagan Doctrine” of overthrowing communist regimes, said, “They [China and Russia] were allies and the only argument that caused their split was an argument over how best to destroy us.”

Our book, *Blood on His Hands: The True Story of Edward Snowden*, examines the disclosures that put America and its allies in danger of further Russian and Chinese aggression, as well as Islamic terrorism. It is no accident that the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the rise of Islamic groups like ISIS, the growing Chinese military threat, and U.S. Intelligence Community confusion over the release of COVID-19 followed former CIA/NSA employee Edward Snowden's defection to Russia through China. Last December Snowden received a Russian passport and Russian citizenship after swearing an oath of allegiance to Putin’s Russia.

**The Nature of Communism**

The elimination of the bourgeoisie -- the middle-class owners of property -- was set forth in the Manifesto of the Communist Party, written by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. “This person must indeed, be swept out of the way, and made impossible,” it says. This is the theory of class warfare.
Frederick Engels wrote *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State*, arguing for abolition of the family unit to make way for total state control.

The abolition of private property and abolition of the family are the key tenets of communism.

In this context, students should be taught that the Marxist theory (historical materialism) holds that history moves through the following stages: slavery/feudalism/capitalism/socialism/communism. The role of the Marxists is to accelerate this process of development, through the exploitation of class and now sexual and other differences. Such a role helps explain the conflict and turmoil we see across the globe, including in the U.S.

**Nazis and Communists**

Russian President Vladimir Putin and the communists say Ukraine is being run by Nazis when in fact Adolf Hitler’s National Socialism was based on Marxism. “In public,” notes George Watson, author of *The Lost Literature of Socialism*, “Hitler was always anti-Marxist....” but privately “acknowledged his profound debt to the Marxian tradition” and stated explicitly that “I have learned a great deal from Marxism....” Watson cites the book *Hitler: Memoirs of a Confidant*, by Otto Wagener, who was Hitler’s economic advisor.

History shows that the Russian communists provoked World War II with their Hitler-Stalin Pact. Also known as the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact, its secret protocol divided the states of Eastern Europe and the Baltic into German and Soviet “spheres of influence.” Putin wrote an article in The National Interest attempting to justify Stalin’s agreement with Hitler.

When Hitler attacked Russia, U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt arranged support for Stalin. FDR’s administration was penetrated by communists such as State Department spy and United Nations founder Alger Hiss, convicted of perjury for denying he was a communist spy. Later, Hiss would help arrange Soviet control of Eastern Europe. Meanwhile, Stalin stole America’s nuclear secrets by using American traitors in the atom bomb project.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities had opened hearings on the Alger Hiss case and Rep. Richard Nixon met with Hiss’s accuser, Whittaker Chambers, persuading him to produce the additional documents of Hiss’s guilt, known as the Pumpkin Papers.

The problem for the Congress today is that it lacks what Rep. Nixon had -- a congressional committee exclusively devoted to internal security problems or “un-American activities.” The internal security committees were abolished by the congressional liberals in the 1970s.
In his book *Judgment in Moscow*, Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky notes that a liberal Congress opposed President Reagan’s “Reagan Doctrine” of supporting freedom fighters around the world and “dreamed up the most unbelievable strategems in order to tie President Reagan’s hands.” This political opposition was because of increasing communist influence in Congress. Journalist Arnaud de Borchgrave had asked Reagan in 1987 what can be done “when two dozen pro-Marxists with real political clout can, in our own Congress, influence great issues of defense, arms control and international policy?” Reagan said it was “a problem we have to face,” and that the Soviets and their communist agents had tried to “make anti-communism unfashionable. And they have succeeded.” He then made a reference to the days when Congress had the House Committee on Un-American Activities that would investigate even its own members if communist involvement was suspected.

Bukovsky’s book notes that the Communist Party USA has been treated as a joke, since there were reportedly only about forty thousand communists in the whole of the USA. “One should not forget,” writes Bukovsky, “that back in 1917, Lenin also started out with only forty thousand comrades.” He goes on to describe communist involvement in domestic U.S. politics at Moscow’s direction.

Today, there are literally dozens of communist groups active on American soil, in violation of the Communist Control Act, a law still on the books.


In addition to Alger Hiss, a top State Department official and founder of the United Nations, they included Lauchlin Currie, an Administrative Assistant to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Harry Dexter White, a Treasury Department official.

**We note that the Florida Department of Education annually commemorates the second week of November as Holocaust Education Week.**

However, the bloody record of communism exceeds that of the Nazis. The *Black Book of Communism* documents as many as 100 million people in the 20th century killed by communism. The Nazis were defeated but the communists have continued their assault.

One controversial lesson, worthy of classroom debate, is the argument that the “Greatest Generation” of Americans ended up as cannon fodder for the communist revolution, since the Nazis were defeated but the communists were permitted to regroup in Soviet Russia, take Eastern Europe, and wage wars in such places as Korea and Vietnam.
Since the end of World War II, tens of thousands of Americans gave their lives to stop the communist advance while the communists seized power on the mainland of China, were given Hong Kong, and now threaten Taiwan.

In South Korea, Communist China and Russia backed North Korea’s war of aggression. Casualties of the United States during the Korean War (1950-1953) included 54,260 dead (of whom 33,665 were battle deaths), 92,134 wounded, and 8,176 listed as missing in action or prisoners of war.

The U.S. currently has nearly 30,000 troops in South Korea.

**Why America Lost the Vietnam War**

In addressing the victims of communism, students should be taught that more than 58,000 Americans sacrificed and died to save South Vietnam from communism. A Vietnam veteran, Larry Grathwohl wrote the 1976 book, *Bringing Down America*, explaining that the “comrades” of the Weather Underground, a communist terrorist group active in the United States, were North Vietnamese Army troops and their communist terrorist front organization, the Viet Cong, operating in South Vietnam.

Indeed, declassified intelligence information demonstrates links between the Weather Underground terrorist movement and the Communist Party USA and the intelligence services of Cuba and the Soviet Union.

Larry had come back from the Vietnam War only to find that he had to do battle with communists in the United States. He helped the Cincinnati police and the FBI do just that. He had evidence, presented to a grand jury and the U.S. Senate, that Weather Underground terrorists Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn were involved in the 1970 bombing murder of San Francisco Police Sergeant Brian V. McDonnell. McDonnell suffered two days in the hospital before dying from a bomb packed with heavy metal staples. One staple went through his eye.

The communist terrorism that Larry saw in Vietnam had come to America. He had been accepted by the Weather Underground because they perceived him to be a disgruntled serviceman angry over the course of U.S. imperialism in Vietnam.

But Larry never gave up on America and, in fact, risked his life to protect it. A true patriot, he had joined the Army in 1964, wanting to go to jump school and be assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. He got his wish, was assigned to the 2/502 Infantry and sent to Vietnam in July of 1965. After completing his tour he was assigned to Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and became a drill instructor. Later, he worked in various private sector jobs.

Larry fought in what President Reagan called an honorable and noble cause. But a liberal Congress cut off funding for the effort to keep Vietnam free of communism, and the country fell to the Communists. Hundreds of thousands of “boat people” tried to escape the Hanoi communists who took power in Saigon while the communist Khmer Rouge took power in neighboring Cambodia, eliminating almost two million people.
A popular film, “The Killing Fields,” blames the Cambodian holocaust on the American bombing of the Khmer Rouge. But the Quinn report, named after a State Department Foreign Service Officer by the name of Kenneth Quinn, was based on interviews with the refugees from Cambodia from 1972 to 1974 and understood what the communists had planned. Quinn wrote a 40-page report predicting Pol Pot’s Marxist genocide. “The problem was that virtually no one within the U.S. government believed me,” he would later say. Quinn explained that “entire families and entire classes of people, who might resist the new order, were to be eliminated.”

**The Communists Killed the Kennedys**

Demonstrating their allegiance to communism, Ayers and Dohrn endorsed a “Prairie Fire” Manifesto that was dedicated in part to Sirhan Sirhan, the Palestinian Marxist assassin of Robert F. Kennedy.

Writing about his experiences in the Weather Underground, Larry Grathwohl said, “I remember one meeting when our Weatherman ‘collective’ brought up the subject of the Kennedy assassinations. At least 20 to 25 people were present and Bill Ayers was one of them. I heard Bill state that the murders of both John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy were a good thing because liberals compromise the conflict between U.S. imperialism and the socialist revolution. Liberals prevent the contradictions from becoming obvious and thus prevent a revolution. Therefore, the assassinations of the Kennedys were to be welcomed as a necessary advance on the road to communist world revolution.”

The communist role in the John F. Kennedy assassination should also be taught. Assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was a Marxist with Soviet and Cuban intelligence connections and sympathies. The evidence is simply overwhelming that the Communists killed Kennedy because Kennedy, an anti-communist liberal, confronted the Soviets in Cuba and authorized the overthrow of the Castro regime.

As noted by former FBI agent Herman Bly in his book, *Communism, the Cold War, and the FBI Connection*, Oswald met with a Soviet KGB espionage agent connected with KGB Department Thirteen, which was in charge of assassinations. Bly had gone to the U.S. Embassy in 1965, on assignment for the CIA, and reviewed its files on Soviet personnel in Mexico City.

The book, *Disinformation: Former Spy Chief Reveals Secret Strategies for Undermining Freedom, Attacking Religion, and Promoting Terrorism*, cites evidence that the Soviets were in fact behind the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II, known as the anti-communist pope who worked with President Reagan against international communism. The Soviets saw the Polish-born Pope as a threat to the survival of the Soviet empire.

The co-author of this important book, Ion Mihai Pacepa, was the highest-ranking defector from the former Soviet bloc.
The War Against Communism in Ukraine

The Netflix film, “Winter on Fire: Ukraine’s Fight for Freedom,” is an inspiring story of a former Soviet republic resisting incorporation in the new Russian empire and seeking membership in the Free World and possible membership in NATO. Since the end of World War II, the United States has maintained a defensive alliance, NATO. The exception to this was the illegal use of NATO as an offensive force against Yugoslavia. That was done by President Bill Clinton.

The 1994 Budapest Memorandum, also arranged by President Clinton, compromised the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine. In exchange for Ukraine removing or dismantling its strategic nuclear weapons, the Budapest Memorandum said that “The United States of America, the Russian Federation, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, reaffirm their obligation to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of Ukraine, and that none of their weapons will ever be used against Ukraine except in self-defense or otherwise in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.”

At the time of the Budapest Memorandum, Ukraine had some 1,900 strategic nuclear weapons, the world’s third-largest nuclear arsenal at the time.

If Ukraine had kept those nuclear weapons and used them as a deterrent against Russia, Vladimir Putin might have had second thoughts about invading Ukraine.

The Budapest Memorandum was a terrible failure and only served, in the end, to make the Russian nuclear force more powerful.

A puppet of Vladimir Putin, Viktor Yanukovych had won election as president of Ukraine by promising close ties to the West -- but he refused to sign an association agreement with the European Union and secretly negotiated a deal to bring the former Soviet republic back into Moscow’s sphere of influence. The people of Ukraine were betrayed, and then revolted in a series of protests that will go down in history as the Ukrainian revolution of 2014. It is also known simply as Euromaidan, named for the pro-European tilt of the protests and the central square in Ukraine’s capital, Kiev, where the demonstrations began.

Businessman Bill Browder, whose investments in the “new” Russia were stolen, said he believes Putin’s invasion of Ukraine was a reaction to the overthrow of Yanukovych, whose luxurious presidential home in Ukraine included artificial lakes, a private zoo, golden toilets, a huge garage full of cars and motorbikes, and a new golf course.

He says Putin is doing the same thing on a larger scale in Russia. Regarding Putin’s wealth, estimated as high as $70 billion, Browder said, “I’ve heard numbers higher than that.”

Putin was also threatened by a process of “de-communization” in Ukraine, as laws were passed to authorize access to the archives of the communist regime and ban the use of
communist symbols. As a result, the Communist Party of Ukraine, which was a part of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU,) was outlawed and hundreds of Lenin monuments or statues were torn down.

Because Ukraine is not a member of NATO and was disarmed under the Budapest Memorandum, it stood naked in the face of Russian aggression. Under no circumstances could it have been considered a threat to Russia. But it was a threat to Putin in the sense that a democratic nation on his border offers hope to those seeking democracy in Russia. That is why Putin rules through murder and kills his political opponents with KGB poisons.

The Need for Nuremberg Tribunals

The Ukraine Crisis Media Center has published an infographic on communism’s victims, estimated at 100 million, and asking for a “Nuremberg-2,” a follow-up to the original Nuremberg tribunals that exposed the Nazis for their crimes and brought them to justice. An “Appeal for Nuremberg Trials for Communism” is available for discussion. https://appeal.nurembergforcommunism.org/

It declares, “The Nuremberg Trials, held from 1945 to 1946, tried and condemned the crimes of National Socialism and its leaders, handing down a definitive judicial, moral, and political judgment on that instance of totalitarianism. The trials made clear to the world that Nazism was evil and destructive to its own people, and would not be accepted anywhere in the world again. Communism, which has caused more deaths and mass suffering worldwide than Nazism for much longer, has never been called to account in a global court such as Nuremberg.”

This time, the hope is that communists will be brought to justice, including figures such as Vladimir Putin, the former Soviet KGB spy who continues to celebrate Russia’s Soviet past. In Russia, for example, the Communist Party was banned in 1991, then restored, and is now a major force in the Russian parliament. It maintains friendly relations with Putin’s United Russia Party.

Soviet Russia Then and Now

The role of Russia is confusing to some, since Russia has moved into a different phase of communist revolution, having neglected the capitalist stage of development outlined by Karl Marx, and is now trying to reclaim certain tendencies that seem to be offensive to liberals in the West, such as nationalism and religion, in order to rally its dispirited and demoralized populace. In regard to the latter, former KGB officer Konstantin Preobrazhensky devotes a major portion of his book, KGB/FSB’s New Trojan Horse, to how the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church bishops “were all KGB agents, and the highest of them were also members of the Communist Party.” These became Putin’s allies, even justifying his invasion of Ukraine.

In a history of communism in Russia, the author of Communism for Kids (MIT Press), Bini Adamczak, writes that “the Russian revolution instilled new hope, particularly in
women and people who did not identify themselves within the hetero-normative paradigm.” The “destruction of the family,” she writes, was the goal. “With the revolution, the right to legal abortion, both sexes’ right to divorce, the decriminalization of adultery, and the annulment of the sodomy law (which had previously prohibited homosexuality) were implemented and enforced,” she explains. “In Moscow, one could find international communes led by gay communists,” she says. “Drag kings could become legitimate members of the Red Army. Participants of the revolutionary debates decided upon the destruction of the family, demanded the legalization of incest, and advertised the practice [of] polygamy.”

But this proved to be too much “change” for Russia’s people and traditions. In the 1930s, deviant sexual practices were re-criminalized. Still, as noted by Margaret Sanger of Planned Parenthood, Russia holds the distinction of being the first country in the world to give official approval to abortion. “Russia today is the country of the liberated woman,” she announced during a trip to the Soviet Union.

Ex-communist Whittaker Chambers, author of Witness, recognized how communism was behind abortion, saying, “If the points on the long course of my break with Communism could be retraced, that is probably one of them—not at the level of the conscious mind, but at the level of unconscious life.” He was talking about his wife’s pregnancy. In his case, his awareness and human emotion began the process of unraveling the communist philosophy of atheistic materialism. In Russia, however, communism took a savage toll, leading Boris M. Segal to call it “The Drunken Society,” based on the population’s extensive alcohol use.

Another problem for the Soviet Union was the failure of the Soviet economy to keep up with the capitalist nations of the West. “We adopted a comprehensive strategy that included economic warfare, to attack Soviet weaknesses,” recalled Reagan Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. “It was a silent campaign, working through allies and using other measures. It was a strategic offensive, designed to shift the focus of the superpower struggle to the Soviet bloc, even the Soviet Union itself.”

In his book on Reagan, Richard Reeves quotes Charles Z. Wick, Reagan’s old friend, as saying that the Soviet Union was failing because “They don’t have the money to fight the dollar.” Wick served as Reagan’s director of the United States Information Agency, which produced “Soviet Active Measures in the ‘Post-Cold war’ Era 1988-1991.” The report found that disinformation and propaganda activities continued “under Russian rather than Soviet sponsorship.”

Under these circumstances, it was clever propaganda for Putin, the veteran communist, to seemingly reverse course, portraying himself as a peaceful reformer, nationalist and Christian statesman and appearing to welcome capitalist investment. It was a Marxist dialectical maneuver.

In another clever maneuver, he removed November 7, a date celebrating the Soviet revolution, from the list of official Russian holidays.
But Bill Browder, the grandson of Earl Browder, former head of the Communist Party USA, had a unique perspective on these events. He invested in Russia when it appeared that the old Soviet system was dying and that capitalism was taking root. Sergei Magnitsky, the attorney for Browder’s firm in Russia, was imprisoned and then killed by Russian authorities in 2009. He had uncovered official corruption involving the theft of $230 million.

The “Fall” of Communism

Lt. Gen. Ion Mihai Pacepa, the highest-ranking Soviet bloc defector, says that Russia is “the first intelligence dictatorship in history.”

All of this was predicted to come to pass.

Soviet defector Anatoliy Golitsyn wrote two books, *New Lies For Old* (1984) and *The Perestroika Deception* (1998) trying to alert the American people to the fact that international communism was not dead but changing forms and becoming more sinister in its approach to world domination.

As I recounted in *Back from the Dead: The Return of the Evil Empire*, a former government official told me what happened when Golitsyn had defected in 1961 and was brought into a room to be debriefed. “He looked around and realized that half the CIA operatives in front of him were KGB double agents whose reports he had read on the other side,” the former official told me.

James Jesus Angleton, former head of counterintelligence for the Central Intelligence Agency, had taken Golitsyn’s allegations very seriously then and believed the CIA had been deeply penetrated by Soviet agents. He described Golitsyn, who was born in Ukraine, as “the most valuable defector ever to reach the West.”

In Soviet dissident hero Vladimir Bukovsky’s last book, *Judgment in Moscow*, he comments, “If two cruise missiles were to be launched at the Lubyanka, the level of terrorism worldwide would drop by approximately 80 percent.” The Lubyanka is the name for the headquarters of the KGB and its successor, the FSB.

Olavo de Carvalho, the late Brazilian philosopher, argued that much of Muslim terrorism had not “sprung spontaneously from the Islamic society, Islamic culture, but was created by the Soviet intelligence services and is still fed and monitored by Russian agents.” The revelation by KGB defectors that al-Qaeda terrorist leader Ayman al-Zawahiri was trained by the KGB added to the evidence for this perception. The KGB, de Carvalho argued, was using “Islamic camouflage” to wage its war against the “main enemy” -- the United States.

Our book *Red Jihad* cites substantial evidence of Russian involvement with the Jihadists who are increasingly targeting Europe, the United States, and Israel. As a supplement, former KGB officer Konstantin Preobrazhensky wrote the America’s Survival, Inc report, “Communists and Muslims: The Hidden Hand of the KGB.”
Mole Hunt

Our book *Back from the Dead: The Return of the Evil Empire* argues that the fall of the Berlin Wall misled many into thinking the Soviet KGB was dead but that infiltration of the West continued through "cultural Marxism" and penetration by enemy agents.

Soviet/Russian moles in the FBI have included Robert Hanssen, a top FBI counterintelligence official who had access to very sensitive information, including the identities of Russians who were spying for us. The information Hanssen gave the Russians deprived the CIA of valuable intelligence sources. They were executed.

Interestingly, Hanssen’s record of treason spanned 22 years, from 1979 to 2001, during the time when we supposedly witnessed the “fall” of the Soviet Union. The scandal prompted creation of a Commission for the Review of FBI Security Programs in 2001 under the leadership of William H. Webster.

Robert S. Mueller, the Russia-gate special counsel, became FBI director after Hanssen was caught. The Inspector General had warned Mueller in a report that Hanssen had escaped detection "because of longstanding systemic problems in the FBI's counterintelligence program and a deeply flawed internal security program."

But the FBI’s security system was never reformed. In Russia-gate, Russia’s infiltration of the FBI was proven once again by FBI acceptance of the so-called Steele dossier. The Russians originated the idea that Trump was a Russian agent and the Steele dossier which drove the FBI investigation of former President Trump contained Russian disinformation from Russian sources.

Steele was the last name of former British intelligence agent Christopher Steele, a “confirmed socialist” in college at Oxford when he was hired by MI6, another point of suspicion for someone who would be dispatched to Moscow as a spy and later serve as head of the Russian desk at MI6.

Regarding the so-called Russia-gate scandal, in which American “progressives” accused President Trump of being a Russian agent, anti-communist freedom fighter Vladimir Bukovsky said, “For the first time, the left-wing establishment discovered the Russian threat. Previously, they didn’t see any threat. When it was real and we tried to attract the attention of the world to the Russian threat, we were accused of being paranoid and unrealistic and things like that. Now we have proven we were not paranoid. It did exist. Suddenly, the world discovers the Russian threat. That, of course, is a political game.”

He said the allegations constituted “political games” by “the elites,” who “should have come to the conclusion that all of the socialist experiments are absolutely deadly.”

Similar “games” were clearly at work on January 6th, so-called “Insurrection Day,” which now looks like an entrapment operation by the FBI, using agents to manipulate the crowd, to discredit and arrest Trump supporters.
It appears the “Deep State” attacks on Trump stemmed from the former president’s open disgust with the U.S. intelligence community. Trump understood that the U.S. was losing in the world because our CIA, FBI, NSA, and other agencies were seemingly unable or unwilling to defend America and its interests.

A new book, *The Fourth Man*, by retired CIA Case Officer Robert Baer, looks at three Americans who spied for the Soviet Union – Hanssen and CIA officers Edward Lee Howard and Aldrich Ames -- and a mole hunt for the “fourth man,” who was suspected of being a CIA officer, but never arrested or charged. Journalist James Risen quotes Baer as saying “the mystery of the fourth man is a lot more historically significant than an old-school spy tale. It’s part of the much larger story of how America completely missed Putin and the KGB’s resurrection.”

The scope of the intelligence failure regarding Russia was addressed by then-Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA), who said on CNN’s Jake Tapper show on April 12, 2016, that the U.S. government had badly “misjudged” the intentions of former KGB colonel Vladimir Putin “for many, many years.” He declared, “The biggest intelligence failure that we have had since 9/11 has been the inability to predict the leadership plans and intentions of the Putin regime in Russia.”

After the Russian invasion of Georgia in 2008, Nunes noted, the U.S. continued to engage diplomatically with the Russians, and “we continued to talk to the Russians, and then they invaded Eastern Ukraine.” He added, “We missed that. And then we completely missed entirely when they put a new base, a new base with aircraft into the Mediterranean, into Syria. We just missed it. We were blind.”

Michael Ledeen’s 1996 book, *Freedom Betrayed: How America led a Global Democratic Revolution, Won the Cold War and Walked Away*, examines the nature of the communist deception. Ledeen, who previously served as a consultant to the National Security Council, the State Department, and the Defense Department, has a section entitled, “Survival of the communists,” noting, “with rare exceptions, the communist leaders were not held accountable for their crimes, and most of the nomenklatura managed to survive in place.” He notes that even the bulk of the KGB in Russia “remained in place…”

In the 1987 book, *Perestroika: New Thinking for Our Country and the World*, former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev wrote about the idea that perestroika or “openness” had been necessitated “by the disastrous state of the Soviet economy and that it signifies disenchantment with socialism and a crisis for its ideals and ultimate goals.” He said, “Nothing could be further from the truth…” In his November 2, 1987, speech, “October and Perestroika: The Revolution Continues,” he declared, “In October 1917 we parted with the old world, rejecting it once and for all. We are moving towards a new world, the world of Communism. We shall never turn off that road!”

Another good resource is Robert Buchar’s important film, *The Collapse of Communism: The Untold Story*, in which he argues that the Soviets engineered their own “collapse,”
under pressure from the West, in order to fool us into thinking that their ideology was dead.

At the time of the Soviet “collapse,” however, some Reagan officials understood what was truly happening. In a November 24, 1987, memorandum written by Robert M. Gates entitled, “Gorbachev’s Gameplan: The Long View,” Gates, then Deputy Director of the CIA, said the Soviet “reforms” were a “breathing space” before the resumption of the “further increase in Soviet military power and political influence.”

At the same time, Communist China has been growing in power, political influence, and military might.

Soviet spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, as well as J. Robert Oppenheimer, the top scientist in the Manhattan Project, had helped the Soviet Union steal our most carefully guarded secret -- how to build an atomic bomb.

But it was Notra Trulock, the former Energy Department intelligence chief, who blew the whistle on Chinese espionage in our nuclear labs and wrote the book, Code Name Kindred Spirit: Inside the Chinese Nuclear Scandal. His book quoted Paul Redmond, former head of counterintelligence at the CIA, as saying that “millions of Americans could someday die as a result of successful Chinese nuclear espionage” against the U.S. In a reference to the American spies who stole our nuclear secrets for the Soviet Union, Redmond told Trulock, “This is as bad as the Rosenberg case.”

The China Threat

America’s Survival, Inc. obtained documents through the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) demonstrating that one of the country’s most prominent medical and scientific organizations, the federally-funded National Institutes of Health (NIH), has been funding investigations in China's most controversial and insecure lab of dangerous viruses in China. As of this date, recorded COVID-19 deaths worldwide are at 6.86 million, with 1.1 million in the U.S. However, the regime claims that attributing the virus to a biological weapons lab in the region is a "conspiracy theory" spread by "anti-China forces." It went after independent journalists and whistleblowers who dispute the regime's version of events. Globally, the high-tech social media companies such as Twitter and Facebook were playing into China's hands by censoring content that the virus is a bioweapon.

However, Unrestricted Warfare, a book on military strategy written in 1999 by two colonels in the People's Liberation Army, refers to the "new concepts of weapons," including biological weapons. Indeed, China's bioweapons program has been documented by such authorities as former Soviet scientist Ken Alibek and analyst Eric Croddy.

The National Biodefense Strategy of the United States declares, "Multiple nations have pursued clandestine biological weapons programs and a number of terrorist groups have sought to acquire biological weapons. In many countries around the world,
pathogens are stored in laboratories that lack appropriate biosecurity measures where they could be diverted by actors who wish to do harm."

With the evidence indicating that the virus is a Chinese bioweapon, there will be calls for retaliation against the Communist regime. A Nuremberg tribunal seems appropriate in this case as well and a timely and current topic for “Victims of Communism Day.”

In the pages of a 1994 edition of the left-wing publication *Dissent*, historian Eugene D. Genovese wrote, “The Crimes of Communism: What did you know and when did you know it?” Genovese was a Marxist who became a conservative Catholic. But the discussion never went beyond academia to the actual creation of international tribunals to prosecute the criminals.

**The Crisis in Latin America**

China supplies the chemicals producing fentanyl for export to the U.S. by Mexican criminal cartels. The January 2020 DEA report, *Fentanyl Flow to the United States*, says, “Currently, China remains the primary source of fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances trafficked through international mail and express consignment operations environment, as well as the main source for all fentanyl-related substances trafficked into the United States.”


Former Soviet military officer Viktor Bout, the legendary “Merchant of Death,” was serving a 25-year sentence in U.S. federal prison on drug and terrorism charges before being sent back to Russia by President Joe Biden. Bout was lured out of Russia, where he was living openly, and arrested in a sting operation in Thailand by the DEA. Some of the weapons Bout was selling were for communist Colombian terrorists in the FARC to use against Americans. The communist FARC has been shipping drugs, especially cocaine, to the U.S. for decades.

America is fast becoming a narco-nation in which some states are considering decriminalizing and legalizing not only marijuana but all hard drugs, including heroin, LSD, and cocaine. This is the notorious CIA MK-Ultra mind-control project made into official U.S. Government policy. Ironically, MK-Ultra was devised as a means by which the government could understand communist techniques of mind control.

The drugs serve a political purpose. Weather Underground communist terrorist Bernardine Dohrn had praised the mass murdering psychopath Charles Manson as a true “revolutionary.” Manson had taken a group of young people, subjected them to
heavy drug use, and ordered them to commit murder. This modus operandi was evident in the activities of the Weather Underground itself, whose members used illegal drugs, practiced group sex and homosexuality, and engaged in violence and murder. The Weather Underground helped LSD advocate Timothy Leary escape from a federal prison in September 1970.

In the 1970s, the Senate Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws held hearings on the “Marihuana-hashish Epidemic and Its Impact on United States Security.” A re-launch of the House Internal Security Committee or its predecessor, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, could help Congress understand the communist role in this unfolding disaster.

**The Monroe Doctrine**

We have come a long way from the time when President Kennedy invoked the Monroe Doctrine during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis to justify a naval and air quarantine of the island after the Soviet Union began building missile-launching sites for offensive weapons there. The Monroe Doctrine was supposed to protect U.S. national security interests in the Western hemisphere by prohibiting foreign intervention in America’s backyard.

But after Secretary of State John Kerry declared in 2013 that the Monroe Doctrine was dead, Vladimir Putin traveled to Brazil, Argentina, Nicaragua and Cuba.

In 1973, under President Nixon, the CIA was ordered to assist in supporting anti-communist opponents of the Marxist president of Chile, Salvador Allende. Faced with a popular rebellion against his communist policies, Allende shot himself with an AK-47 assault rifle given to him by Castro. In what became known as the Iran-Contra affair, President Reagan was investigated by a liberal Congress for trying to prevent the consolidation of a communist dictatorship in Nicaragua. He did order the U.S. liberation of Grenada, which resulted in the publication of Michael Ledeen and Herb Romerstein’s volume, *Grenada documents: an overview and selection*, on how a communist regime operates and even manipulates the U.S. Congress.

Today, however, there is a narco-terrorist communist regime in Venezuela, the Marxist government of Brazil just hosted Iranian war ships, and the communists are once again in charge of Nicaragua.

Luiz Inácio Lula de Silva, the former and current president of Brazil, and Fidel Castro, laid the groundwork for much of this when they began a Marxist movement known as the Sào Paulo Forum in 1990, after the “collapse” of the Soviet Union led many to believe communism itself was on the wane.

“I have read Mao Zedong. I have read Karl Marx. I have read Lenin,” Joint Chiefs Chairman Mark Milley said during one congressional hearing. “That doesn’t make me a communist. So what is wrong with understanding, having some situational understanding about the country from which we are here to defend?”
Understanding is urgently needed, as we face these threats. Indeed, some argue that, if we had listened to General George S. Patton, who warned about the dangers of Russian communism, there would not have been a Soviet Union. The film, “Silence Patton: First Victim of the Cold War,” claims that General Patton was murdered, possibly by the KGB, because he was vociferous in his desire to oppose the former Soviet Union. Others argue that, if President Harry Truman had listened to General Douglas MacArthur, who led U.S. forces during the Korean War and wanted to take the fight to the mainland of Communist China, there would not be a Communist China or North Korea today. But Truman fired MacArthur.

We stand ready to assist you and the Florida Department of Education in developing a comprehensive curriculum for the topic of “Victims of Communism.” Students, especially students in JROTC programs, must be educated about communism.

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