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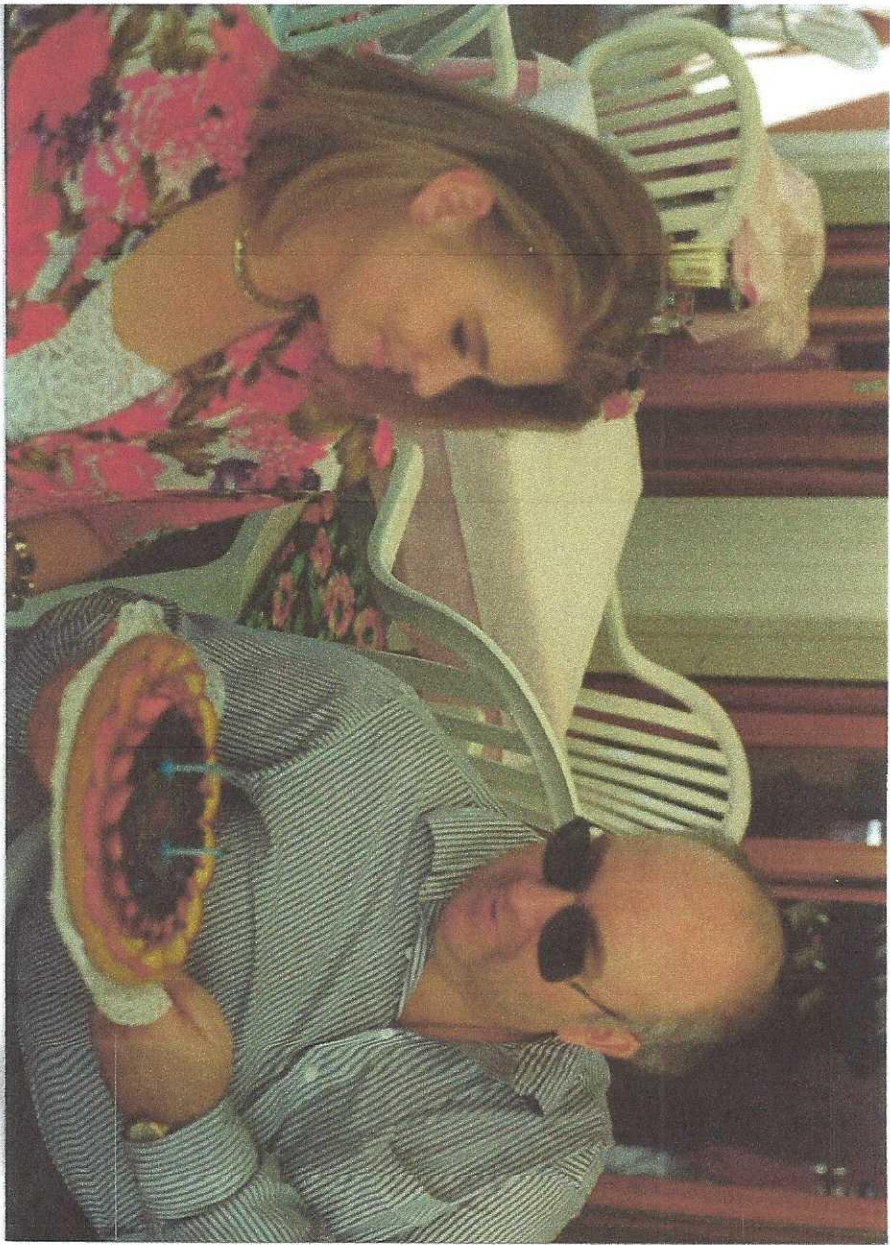


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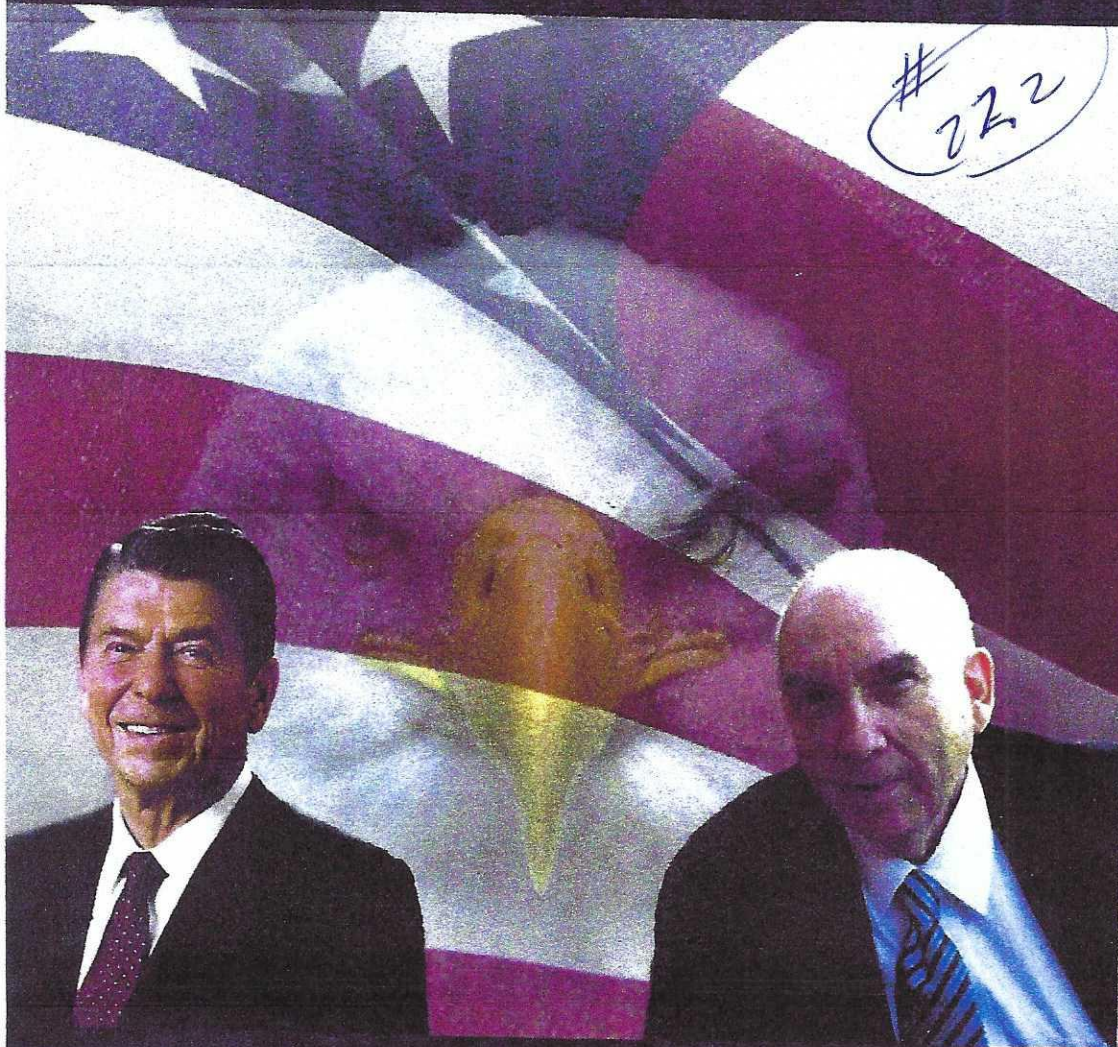




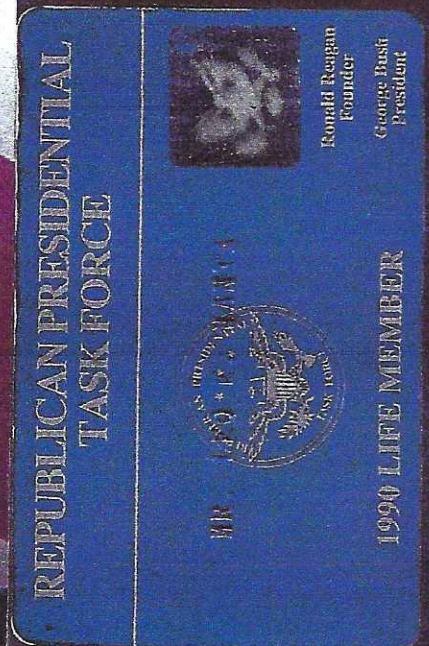
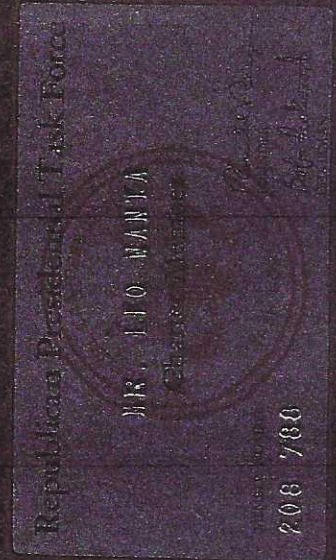
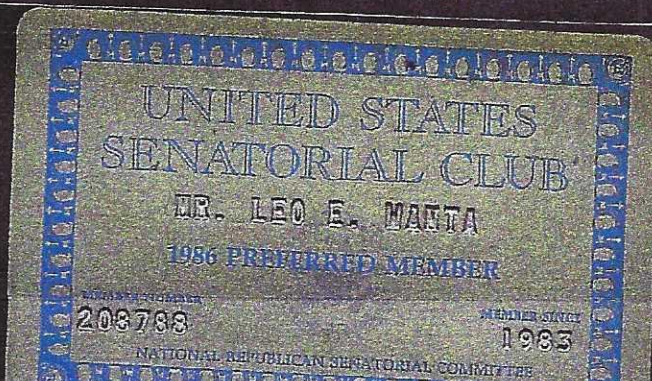


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## CHAPTER SIX

**FATE:** *Life is like a game of cards. The hand that is dealt you represents determinism; the way you play it is free will.*

... Jawaharlal Nehru

The year 1993 changed everything for Leo Emil Wanta. It also changed everything for the American people (who wouldn't be in their current financial mess if Wanta had been left alone to repatriate his funds from abroad into the United States and pay the debts the U.S. government is using to create an era of debt capitalism... debtism, as I call it).

Wherever there is debt, there is slavery. The two go hand-in-hand and anyone who has ever had an original thought in life understands that concept. The more indebted a person – or a company or a nation – becomes, the greater their enslavement to the debtor.

In spite of the fact that in 1993 Wanta's life would undergo dramatic and serious changes, a lot of things were happening during the relatively peaceful year he spent in Canada. He was either in his Safe House, at the law office where he did his (not that of the law office) work, or at a restaurant, eating. That was the extent of his "freedom." Regardless, he was happily thankful that he was back on the North American Continent, close to home in Wisconsin. And, he was busy. Lee is, by nature, a very positive person who always looks for the good in people and situations.

He spent from 1992 through the spring of 1993 in a large, peaceful home – a Safe House arranged for him by Vice President Dan Quayle – with a lovely Canadian family. Interestingly, when I began writing about Lee Wanta in my *News With Views* articles, I got an email from a young man who was the son of the people with whom Wanta stayed. The message spoke of pleasant memories from that year. Since I have never published the name of that family or in any way identified them as providing safety for Wanta, and since the name on the email was quite clearly the last name Lee had given me of the family, I judge it to be valid. The young man – a teenager when Wanta stayed at his home – was now a lawyer in his thirties and he wanted to check on Wanta's status... his health and family, etc.

One of the projects Leo Wanta accomplished during his 1992-93 year in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, was United Nations Contract #4. It was a \$5 trillion contract... and it was the contract that President Bill Clinton tried to steal from him while Wanta was behind bars at Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine Prison. The letter written to Hillary Clinton (see Chapter Five – it resulted in the response from Erskine Bowles) was about U.N. Contract 4. Don't ask me to explain U.N. contracts – that, by itself, would take a chapter. To oversimplify: Wanta had the means (money) to buy prime bank guarantees from banks around the world. Those bank guarantees can be discounted if purchased from the highest quality banks in large enough amounts and they also pay a good rate of interest. Some of the profits from the \$5 trillion contract he created by doing so were to be directed towards solving the problems of Somalia.

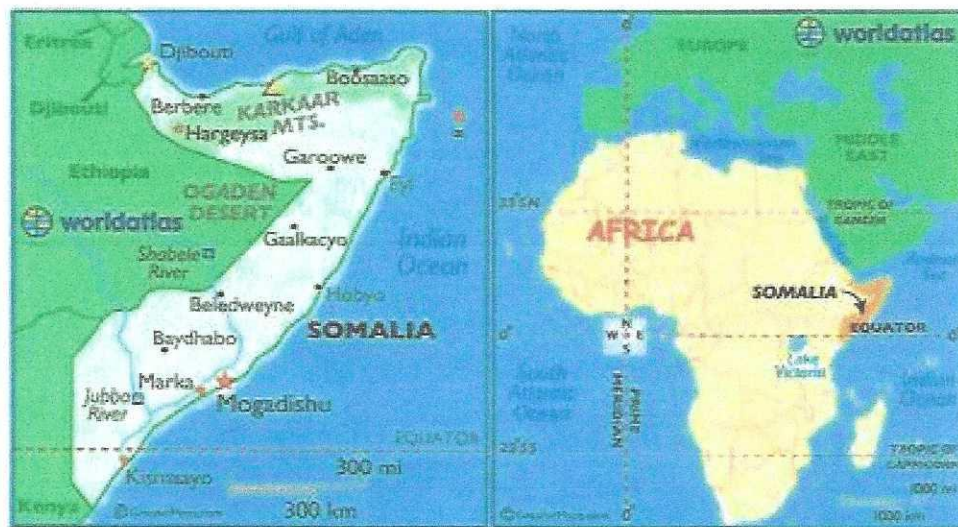
Much of what Leo Wanta was doing while in Canada involved Somalia. When President Ronald Reagan was in office, he had plans to establish an American-friendly



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government in Somalia. He envisioned a similar relationship there that our country enjoys with Guam and the Philippines. It was an important project. Take a look on your world map and find where Somalia is located. If the Wanta-Reagan-Somalia plan had been implemented, it would have provided a Middle East military haven for American involvement there – and we're talking 1992, not 2002 when our current war in the Middle East started. The first Iraqi war, of course, involved Kuwait and was begun under President George H.W. Bush on January 16, 1991 after Kuwait was attacked and annexed by Iraq on August 2, 1990.

Wanta's plans for Somalia would have removed the need for the United States to be dependent instead on unfriendly nations like Pakistan and other Middle Eastern nations for our long-in-years involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq – and now, Syria.



Had Wanta's plans been fulfilled, we would have leased the Mogadishu airport and built a warm- water Naval Supply Depot. That was why Leo Wanta was named by Somalia as that nation's Ambassador to Canada and Switzerland. Because of his untimely arrest in Switzerland just a month after his Investiture as the Somali Ambassador to Switzerland and Canada at the Pullman-Windsor Hotel in Paris, there were forced delays of humanitarian grants. Wanta's program was called Operation: Restore Hope.

Restore Hope certainly could have been an apt title for the brave Americans who died in Benghazi on September 11, 2013. A flight from Somalia across the nations of Ethiopia and the Sudan and, voila, you're quickly in Libya, able to offer the help so critical to life or death on that tragic night. The point is, Wanta was extremely far-sighted in establishing good, positive contacts in Somalia in the early 1990s. In addition to being the Somali Ambassador to Canada and also to Switzerland, Wanta was named Chairman of the Somali Central Bank. Though the central bank appointment was never finalized by the Tribal Council (the ambassadorships were) because of Wanta's bogus arrest in Lausanne, Switzerland, the appointment as Central Bank Chairman was made by the recognized (by Somalia) President of that nation, Haji Mohamed Hashi Haile.



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Had Wisconsin not done what it did – if the Swiss hadn't aided and abetted them – things twenty years later would be so different for the entire world!

Operation: Restore Hope included water filtration facilities, funding for agriculture, a refurbishing and rebuilding of Somali General Hospital in Mogadishu... medicine, doctors and medical staff, foodstuffs and supplies, medical equipment and related supplies, clothing. Foot wear, and other miscellaneous approved items were included, too. WANTA TO BUSH RE SOMALIA

The plans for Somalia included a United States Rapid Deployment Force to protect and control the Middle East for regional peace and stability. How many American lives lost and injured military personnel would have been saved by Operation: Restore Hope? A great many! Part of that project was to be paid from the \$23 trillion that was stolen from Wanta; part was to be paid from United Nations Contract 4.

Wanta created New Republic Air Limited (in the Bahamas), providing commercial air service between Mogadishu and Rome, Italy... the Italians and the French were heavily invested in Somalia at the time; they supported New Republic Air. Both nations saw the value of what Ronald Reagan and Leo Wanta proposed. One of Wanta's companies, MiApollo Investments Limited (in Hong Kong), had a crude oil delivery government contract to WhiteCloud Petroleum Corporation (Delaware – a Title 18 Section 6 corporation). Plans were in the works for a Somali seaport and deep sea harbor dredging reconstruction, road infrastructure with sewers, gas and water lines to be provided. The United States government would have had customs and immigration control, border and security patrol monitoring – remember, during this time Cuba had military troops in Somalia. The Somali currency was to be pegged to the U.S. dollar... just like Panama, Puerto Rico and other friendly nations (not such a good deal these days, but in 1992 it was a fabulous opportunity for the people of Somalia).

When Somali Ambassador Leo Wanta was arrested in Switzerland, what happened to those plans? Wanta's forced absence placed his well thought out plans in the hands of one of the world's largest money launderers, a man who was a good friend to President William Jefferson Clinton: Marc Rich. It will surprise no one that unauthorized misuse and financial loss of 167 metric tonnes of Somali Gold Bullion held in Trust by Wanta's company, AmeriTrust Corporation (USA), for Somalia's financial stability and national security issues resulted. Readers will hopefully remember that about five minutes before leaving office, President William Jefferson Clinton wrote a pardon, excusing Marc Rich from all of the crimes he committed in the United States and Europe. If memory serves me, Rich fled to Europe in 1983 after being indicted for manipulating the U.S. oil system, trading Iranian crude during 1980s hostage crisis, and evading \$50 million in taxes. In addition, he has for many years run one of the biggest money laundering businesses in the world out of Switzerland... and the Swiss welcome him with open arms.

(Note: It has been reported that Marc Rich died in Switzerland on June 26, 2013; the media says his body was taken to Israel for burial. Did he really die? Or, is he on an extended "intelligence agency vacation"?)

Rich was pardoned by President Clinton in 2001. People today who watch Bill Clinton speak on behalf of the Democrat Party tend to forget the torn up White House that he and Hillary left behind and the mess caused on the aircraft used to fly the two of them to wherever they went when they departed the our nation's capitol. They forget the



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rape charges, and semen-stained blue Lewinsky dress. After eight years of George W. Bush and four years of Barack Obama, even Bill Clinton looks good as an alternative.

During that time the United States Government and Wanta's company, AmeriTrust Corporation, Inc., entered into a Buy/Sell Contract with Humewood Enterprises of London and Dublin to facilitate the bank-to-bank delivery of Credit-Worthy Bank Guarantees with Rothschild Bank, Bank Paribas, Lloyds Bank, and many others. The U.S. Government and AmeriTrust retained Credit Suisse Bank Senior Management and FGI Fiduciary Counsel (Fiduciaire Conseil) of Lausanne as corporate fiduciary agents for their dealings with Credit Suisse Groupe. Per Deputy White House Counsel Vince Foster, on behalf of AmeriTrust, FGI was to corporately organize the Swiss Group registered as AmeriTrust (Suisse) Société, Geneva, Switzerland.

#### HUMEWOOD INFORMATION

Under a certain Commercial Contract, L. H. Financial (which had connections to the Israeli intelligence service, Mossad) agreed to issue a Surety Bond for \$250,000.00 as a condition of the Humewood contract. L.H. Financial then advised AmeriTrust that they would release US\$375,000.00 as a Cash Deposit Performance Guarantee, allowing US\$125,000.00 to cover Introduction Fees to Deputy White House Counsel Vince Foster, Jr., but only through the Suisse Fiduciary Agent - Ms Elaine Guiraud, at Union Bank of Switzerland, Account No. 320.904.60W, on or about June 22, 1993. This was to be done prior to Mr. Foster's scheduled arrival at the Hotel de la Paix, Geneva, on July 7, 1993 per previous financial arrangements. It was at the Hotel de la Paix in Geneva that Leo Wanta was supposed to meet Foster on that fateful day.

The monetary disbursement was arranged through a Ms. Lorraine Fine, Principal of L. H. Financial and the required performance bond was submitted in the event of non-performance per the commercial contract, allowing the following U.S. Dollar amounts to be disbursed as follows:

Mr. Vincent Foster, Jr., Esq. USDollars 125,000.00  
AmeriTrust Corporation, Inc. USDollars 250,000.00

(The above amounts in the hundreds of thousands is not an error; the amount of money involved was \$250 million... this was a dress rehearsal to make sure the computers were performing properly relative to this transaction.) This arranged monetary disbursement became an important factor involving statements made by the Swiss government in a Wanta Tribunal Hearing in 2000... but that comes later. Right now, the important thing to know is that funds were being transferred from Leo Wanta to the Clinton White House at the request of First Lady Hillary Clinton. That was why Vince Foster was in Switzerland on the day Leo Wanta was arrested and less than two weeks before Foster was "suicided" in Marcy Park. The funds were not delivered by Wanta, as many people postulate. Rather, Wanta arranged for Credit Suisse to have them delivered by courier.

Hillary Clinton requested \$250 million be placed in the account of The Children's Defense Fund - and she sent White House Deputy Counsel Vince Foster to get the money from Wanta. It sounds like a worthy cause... they always sound worthy. Those who track such things say that The Children's Defense Fund is Hillary Clinton's personal piggy bank. Since there are photos and video of Mrs. Clinton removing money from the

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offshore accounts where the money was sent, the rumors of Hillary's personal financial involvement with The Children's Defense Fund appear to be accurate. You may remember the concern as to whether the Clintons could afford the new home they purchased in New York City. Hmmm...

And, the monetary disbursement becomes important to those who still wonder how Vince Foster could have killed himself in Marcy Park less than two weeks after Wanta provided the \$250 million to Foster in Geneva on the very day Wanta was arrested. If you think back on it you may recall how Bill and Hillary Clinton refused to allow anyone (including the FBI and the Federal Marshalls) into Vince Foster's personal office safe until they had a chance to go through the papers contained in it – "for national security reasons," of course. Or, perhaps because there was \$250 million (or directions to where it was deposited... maybe Grenada?) in that safe?

As I said, a lot was happening during that "quiet year."

The U.S. Dollar funding for the AmeriTrust deal was obtained through L. H. Financial in conjunction with AmeriTrust's corporate fiduciary agent, Ms Elaine Guiraud of Lausanne. She and L.H. Financial were recommended to AmeriTrust (Suisse) Société by the Swiss government to perform functions that kept AmeriTrust (Suisse) Société in compliance with Swiss banking laws. Ms. Guiraud was aware of the origin of the Cash Performance Bond funding. L.H. Financial advised Wanta and his company that the funds were certified by Union Bank of Switzerland (Union de Banques Suisses) as "good, clean, clear, freely-transferable and of non-criminal origin." It was at the insistence of Credit Swiss Bank (Credit Suisse Banque) that AmeriTrust Corporation, Inc. retained FGI Fiduciaire-Conseil and Ms Millie Ferrus as AmeriTrust Corporation's Swiss Counsel to meet Swiss banking requirements. They were doing everything by the book. Leo Wanta made it a point to do things by the book. This was subsequently authorized and approved by appropriate authorities within the U.S. Government. This all sounds like pretty boring stuff... but wait a minute because it's going to heat up – a lot.

The following text is taken from an article written by David Dastyeh. After I wrote my first *News With Views* article about Lee Wanta in 2010, Dastyeh contacted me from Warsaw and asked if I thought it would be appropriate for him to write a similar article from his perspective as a Polish intelligence officer during the Cold War. I had never corresponded with or met David but he was a delightful man and I encouraged him and helped with some of the editing for his article. Dastyeh died about a year after writing the referenced article.

In 1987, Dastyeh was arrested, The Polish Communist Military Tribunal sentenced him to 8 years for spying for the CIA and allegedly for the Japanese Prime Minister's Intelligence Service. He served three of an eight year sentence in special wards for political prisoners in Warsaw and Barczewo Prisons and he was released in 1990 after the collapse of communism in Poland. Dastyeh's years as a double agent for the Polish military and the American CIA give him unique insights about Leo Wanta not available to others... especially those who say Wanta isn't for real (but who don't provide any evidence to support their self-serving opinions).

The following is from Dastyeh's *News With Views* article (which can be found at [http://www.newswithviews.com/guest\\_opinion/guest168.htm](http://www.newswithviews.com/guest_opinion/guest168.htm)):

"As a result of Wanta's operations, conducted from Vienna and extending as far as Hong Kong, huge sums of money had been amassed in

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various banks and tax-free havens all over the world. Working with several trusted intelligence operatives and financial experts, Wanta engaged in many secret deals on behalf of the U.S. Government. The profits from them grew to approximately \$27.5 trillion. Wanta still holds the "golden keys" to the money that the late President Reagan wanted to be used for the benefit of ordinary Americans. The money was never intended to enrich the Establishment – the super-rich and the most powerful.

"True to Reagan's directions, Leo Emil Wanta refused to release the funds, which had been diverted to numerous private overseas accounts. But despite his efforts, a large part of U.S. intelligence-stashed monies were essentially looted by corrupt U.S. political 'crime families.' You would recognize their well-known names if you heard them.

"The patriotic stance of Wanta got him deep in trouble. It almost cost him his life. Other associates, however, such as Kok Howe Kwong (his Chinese business partner), Freddie Woodruff, Francois de Grosseurve, were all found dead. You can add the name of Vince Foster, former White House Counsel, (and others) to the list. The killings are an integral part of the long process of stealing U.S. intelligence money. It continues to this day.

"From Wanta's interview with Tom Valentine on Radio Free America, it is clear that in October 1992, Wanta was asked by the Bush Administration to procure and deliver prime bank guarantees – which are bank debentures [*Barnewall Note: These PBGs would be United Nations Contract 4*]. At first, the Bush Administration wanted to run the prime bank guarantees through MiApollo Investments, Ltd. in Hong Kong. They changed their minds and to accommodate, Wanta used his AmeriTrust Corporation. The contract was from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) by Sandro Sordi, Deputy State's Attorney, Dade County, FL, an associate of Janet Reno; then with Richard C. Breeden (SEC Chairman), via Chemical Bank, Chase Manhattan and Citicorp. The contract was signed by Leo E. Wanta, Principal, on January 15, 1993. The pay orders came from Credit Suisse."

Wanta quote from Dastych article: "After George H.W. Bush lost his bid for re-election, the Clinton Administration wanted access to the money. Their attempts began when White House counsel Vincent Foster asked Wanta to pay Laura D'Andrea Tyson and Leon Panetta who was at that time Director of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) – later the CIA Director and after that he was Secretary of Defense – \$250 million for The Children's Defense Fund." [End Wanta quote.]

From the Dastych article: "Although Wanta had no idea what The Children's Defense Fund was all about, a financial investigator, Marco Saba of the Organized Crime Observatory in Switzerland, later wrote about it. It was a secret fund: 'One component of this information concerns the activities of the CIA operative known as Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton. For some years prior to the elevation of her husband, Bill, a CIA operative like his 'CIA wife,' Hillary had been in control of an organization calling itself The Children's Defense Fund. It is alleged, on the basis of intelligence



community leaks, that Hillary became accustomed to treating The Children's Defense Fund as 'her own private slush fund'." (Greg Szymanski, Rense.com, March 26, 2006)."

Wanta quote from Dastych article: "On July 7, 1993, I bought breakfast for Consul General Giovanni Ferro and Lorryne Fine (an Israeli Mossad agent) of L.H. Financial Group, Johannesburg, South Africa," Wanta said. "Others in the group – but not at breakfast – included Anthony Maniaci (Queen's Counsel at Toronto, Ontario, Canada), and Sandro Sordi (former Dade County Deputy Florida State Attorney working with Janet Reno before she became Attorney General). We have verified that Deputy White House Counsel Foster made hotel reservations for everyone in Geneva. The hotel rooms, his itinerary and air travel plans are on his American Express card..."

"The group, having breakfast at the Hotel Au Lac in Lausanne on July 7, 1993, planned to take the train to Geneva to meet with Vince Foster later that day. I had no idea Panetta was coming. I never saw him. Fine had too much luggage and I was carrying a blue nylon bag containing all of my files... heavy, weighed close to 100 pounds; so we opted to go to Geneva by taxi... a 20-minute ride. Foster and his group were to join us at the Hotel de la Paix in Geneva to discuss the deal.

"I was arrested by the Suisse Sûreté (the detective force of French-speaking Swiss) before rising from the breakfast table." Thus, Wanta never got to Geneva or met with Vince Foster – nor was he given the opportunity to arrest Marc Rich (Reich) as directed by the then-FBI Director William Sessions." [End Wanta quote; end quote from Dastych article.]

The \$250 million requested by Mrs. Clinton was delivered to Foster via Credit Suisse courier. Swiss court files prove that transfer occurred as planned (see Swiss court transcripts in Chapter Eight). More about the Vince Foster/Leo Wanta connection in a moment, but another item needs to be addressed first.

Wanta and his group weren't the only people in Lausanne on July 7, 1993. Marc Rich (whose residence at the time was Zug, Switzerland) was there, too. The person who has done the best research about Marc Rich (or, as he calls him, Marc Reich) is Christopher Story, a/k/a Edward Harle. If you can find a copy of *International Currency Review* 31, 3 and 4, it is well worth reading. I say "if you can find" because the *International Currency Review World Reports* Web site no longer exists and access to the Story's newsletters has vanished.

Christopher Story, as Editor of *International Currency Review, World Reports*, provides a very credible case that Marc Rich/Reich is, in reality, a man born in 1934 in Korbach, Germany with the name "Hans Brand" who was awarded Canadian citizenship in March 1966. Christopher Story had/has a theory about Rich/Reich being a part of the Deutsche Verteidigungs Dienst (DVD) of Dachau, one of the Jewish internment camps just outside of Munich, Germany. My daughter, Katherine, and I visited Dachau in 1990. We got there to tour the camp after the tours had closed for the day, but were allowed to walk around on our own. We were the only ones there and it was an eerie experience. You could feel the dead calling out for justice in that quiet, haunted place. MARC RICH – Christopher Story.



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The DVD, Christopher Story says, is a group with the objective to build "the Thousand-Year Reich on the ruins of the United States."

Story ties George Herbert Walker Bush to the Nazi group. He suggests that Bush is the "alleged supreme of the DVD which... has previously managed to hide its existence behind convenient smokescreens." Whether Story's investigative reporting is an actual reflection of reality is not an appropriate discussion for this book. It is merely an aside... a way of telling readers just how many side streets there are to be taken with a biography of this complicated man, Leo Wanta.

This is the biography of Leo/Lee Emil Wanta, not Christopher Story or Edward Harle or Marc Rich/Reich, or Hans Brand – or even George Herbert Walker Bush. I merely suggest that if you get the opportunity to read Christopher Story's overview of Marc Rich/Reich a/k/a Hans Brand, it is very well put together. It appears in Volume 31, Numbers 3 and 4, *International Currency Review* and was published in the Fourth Quarter 2006 with ISSN 0020-6490. (See Link 3, above.)

Thus, Wanta was in Switzerland to handle a triple play: 1) Activate the warrant issued by FBI Director William Sessions and arrest Marc Rich when the ferry he boarded in Switzerland to go to a French gambling house left Swiss waters; 2) Investigate an operation called "Chaselet;" and, 3) Become an Ambassador for Somalia to Canada and Switzerland.

"Chaselet" was an intelligence operation involving Swiss banks (particularly Credit Suisse) that were re-activating what should have been "dead" bank credit instruments... like Letters of Credit. For example, a Letter of Credit from Chase Manhattan might have been drawn down – or may not have been drawn but served as collateral on another credit. Wanta's investigation involved Credit Suisse, Union Bank of Switzerland and other banks recycling the Letters of Credit from banks around the world – reactivating what should have been dead notes. What was being done was a criminal act.

Wanta explains it this way: "Say a hoodlum comes to a banker and gives that person a clean, clear, active financial document. You go on the computer and the computer says 'yes, that person is the owner!' You, the banker, know the hoodlum is not the owner, but he is going to give you 10 or 12 percent because he's going to re-cycle the Letter – reactivate it. There's one condition before the one-year loan the hoodlum is asking for can be granted by the banker. That once dead but now alive note must be returned and destroyed before the loan to the hoodlum matures (becomes due). In other words, the loan must be repaid before its due date. That way, the bank is not holding the fraudulent financial document because the loan is repaid before it becomes due and the dead Letter of Credit that collateralizes the loan is destroyed."

Say the "dead" letter of credit is in the amount of \$300 billion. Your loan rate for six months is 7 percent – or, \$2,100,000. The borrower places the money in a six-month bank guaranteed instrument (which because the amount is large, is purchased at a 20 percent discount). The borrower has \$300 billion and is able to purchase the investment for \$240 billion. He receives interest on the entire \$300 billion for six months. At that point in time, the \$300 billion investment vehicle is cashed and your profit for the six months is \$2,100,000 – the amount of your bank loan interest. The loan interest is paid and the "dead" letter of credit is destroyed. But if the loan interest totals the same as the profit, did the person make any money on the deal? Re-read sentence three of this



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paragraph. He bought the investment at a 20 percent discount, spending only \$240 billion for the \$300 billion investment. He netted \$60 billion.

A lot of money can be re-cycled that way – perhaps even \$4.5 trillion, broken into numerous “Letters of Credit” which really do not exist but which once were written. When people ask me how those who are using Wanta’s money use it, I remember his explanation of Chaselet. A \$100 million live note would produce a 10 percent commission to the banker of whatever amount of money the hoodlum earned on the \$100 million, and the thief who is reactivating the note has the use of that \$100 million for several months.

It’s interesting, isn’t it, that William Sessions, Director of the FBI issued a tax evasion arrest warrant for Marc Rich and told Wanta to exercise it... but Wanta was arrested (for tax evasion) before that could be accomplished. I remember Lee discussing the day of his arrest with me. He had seen Lorraine Fine talking with Marc Rich on a hotel balcony and believes Rich has/had strong ties to the Mossad and that Fine (also affiliated with Mossad) told him about the arrest plans (and so Rich never got on the ferry to France).

A newsletter by Sherman H. Skolnick states the following:

“President Clinton by unceremoniously sacking Sessions, the day before the later Foster murder, put a stop to FBI Director William Sessions’ elite unit investigating high criminal offenses by both Clinton, former President George Herbert Walker Bush and his sons Neil, Jeb, and George W., little-known business cronies of Clinton, as well as other top-level criminals jointly with Bush/Clinton gang. The gang included Clinton White House Senior Advisor Rahm Emanuel, who is also reportedly Acting Deputy Station Chief for North America of Israeli Intelligence, The Mossad, of which Ms Fine ostensibly was an operative.” SKOLNICK ON RICH (Though Skolnick is no longer alive, his work can be found at his Web site, <http://www.skolnickreport.com/>. There is a list of Skolnick’s research along the left side of the Web page.)

Leo Wanta believes that the intelligence information he carried with him which the Sûreté took into its possession at the time of his arrest on July 7, 1993, resulted in the murder of (1) Vince Foster (Washington, DC, USA) (2) Freddie Woodruff (Tbilisi, Georgia) [An American CIA official] (3) J.J. Smith (Mexico City) (4) Lino Bury (Hong Kong) (5) Others. It is important to remember that FBI Director William Sessions was fired by Bill Clinton on July 19, 1993, just days after Wanta’s arrest and one day before Vince Foster died on July 20th.

Further, Ms. Fine was aware of the oil activities of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown (killed in a plane crash... or was *it* the crash that killed him?), Energy Secretary Hazel O’Leary, and Somali Ambassador Wanta as to: Operation Restore Hope, 90 Million Barrels of Saudi light crude oil as bid contracted to: Marvelous Investments Limited Hong Kong, as assigned to WhiteCloud Petroleum Corporation (Delaware), originally owned by Sole Principal Leo Emul Wanta, c/o Bank of New York for Delivery to Houston, Texas, USA [WhiteCloud, is reportedly now owned by the George Herbert Walker Bush Family]. Wanta met King Fahd in the process of negotiating the



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WhiteCloud Petroleum deal for which King Fahd was to receive a Humanitarian Award for assisting Somalia.

One of the most logical questions that can be asked regarding the facts that will be presented in this chapter and those that follow is: Why didn't Leo Wanta use all of that money he controlled to buy the best possible legal representation? I have answered that question previously. The State of Wisconsin froze his funds. How much was that, you ask? Well, let's look at some bank statements that existed just prior to Wanta's arrest in Lausanne, Switzerland on July 7, 1993.

He had a Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (the Philippines Central Bank in Manila) amounting to \$100 million in the form of Bank Guarantee No. 94-001-L-50. USA & Company of San Francisco documents a deposit to MiApollo Investment Limited in the amount of "Three Hundred Ten Billion Dollars to be credited to Bank of America for the benefit of Leo Wanta... that same amount was to be deposited on Thursday, June 1, 1993, Wednesday June 2, 1993, and Friday, June 4, 1993. Beginning June 7, 1993, that amount "can be increased to ... a maximum of \$500 Hundred Billion Dollars per day." BANK OF AMERICA and BANGKO SENTRAL.

On July 28, 1996, after his conviction and while sitting in prison one day, Wanta made a list of the amounts sitting in his bank accounts around the world. It read like this:

1.	AmeriTrust (USA/Suisse)	\$162,320,000.00
2.	AmeriTrust (USA/Suisse)	81,000,000.00
3.	White Cloud Petroleum (USA)	90,000,000.00
4.	MiApollo Investments (Hong Kong)	318,000,000,000.00
5.	MiApollo Investments (Hong Kong)	2,517,417.00
6.	Aneco Credit Pte LTD (Singapore)	84,000,000,000.00
7.	AmeriChina Global Management (Nevada/PRC)	500,000.00
8.	New Republic/USA Financial (Austria)	1,400,000,000.00
9.	Metal Account/Receipts/ Gold Bullion at US\$385 per Troy Oz.	24,755,500,000.00

(Note: Today's gold price would increase this amount substantially)

The total amount of Wanta's 1993 corporate assets (with no accrued interest calculated), totaled US\$428,491,837,417.00. The amounts Wanta listed above represent liquid assets only and do not reflect many trillions of dollars invested in Prime Bank Guarantees and other investments that were busily earning interest.

Well, you just don't let that kind of money go without a fight. And there was an extensive fight. Lee Wanta, after his release from prison, filed charges against Morgan Stanley. Here is the Court Docket from that legal action: EXAMPLE OF COURT CASES and, here is a copy of one of the Morgan Stanley statements showing an amount on deposit with them – the money just disappeared. MORGAN STANLEY STATEMENT The Wanta funds showing as his balance just two months before his arrest in Switzerland are deposits from just one company (MiApollo, Hong Kong) and in just one account. Was money available to Wanta to pay for the best possible legal counsel available? You bet it was. That's why Wisconsin froze the funds – so the court could appoint an idiot posing as a lawyer to defend him at his criminal trial.

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The result of the Morgan Stanley case Wanta filed? Morgan Stanley won – it seems the statute of limitations had run out for Mr. Wanta. Again, the case was not won on points of law, but on technicalities. My goodness! You don't suppose that's why Wisconsin gave him a 22 year jail sentence over a \$14,129 past-due tax amount that Wanta paid twice in 1992, three years before his trial – and that might be why the State of Wisconsin didn't credit the amount until 1996... after his conviction in 1995? If you don't see that this was a very well-planned theft from Wanta (and from you and me and citizens around the world) – dotting every "i" and crossing every "t" – you need an eye exam.

These were the circumstances with which newly-sworn Somali Ambassador to Canada and Switzerland dealt and what he and business associates pondered as they had breakfast together on a lovely day in early July. Lausanne is 39 miles northeast from Geneva, the city where Wanta was to meet Vince Foster. He had been named Somali Ambassador in June, a month before his arrest this day, July 7, 1993. His Ambassadorial Investiture at the Pullman-Windsor Hotel was witnessed by the Foreign Minister of France under the Sarkozy Administration, the Honorable Alain Juppe... a former Mayor of Bordeaux, France. Other well-known people attended, too. Thus, questions arise as to the legality of the imprisonment of Ambassador Wanta in Lausanne. The Swiss may question the validity of the Ambassadorial appointment, but they do not have the right to ignore it.

Lausanne began as a Roman military camp named Lousanna. Both Lausanne and Geneva became a place of refuge for French Huguenots. By 1750, ninety pastors had been sent back to France to work clandestinely. Lausanne has a beautiful panoramic view of Lake Geneva and the Alps.

After his arrest by a couple of dark-haired guys who had been watching him all through breakfast (the Sûreté), Wanta was held in what he terms "a dungeon," cell number 130, within Prison du Bois - Mermet, CH du Bois - Gentil, 1018 Lausanne, Switzerland, from July 7, 1993 until November 17, 1993. In the 20 years since Wanta's residency, it appears the Swiss have updated the facility somewhat:



The way Leo Wanta describes his subterranean cell, it was built in the 1930s, pre-World War II – maybe pre-World War I. An old building with curved ceilings, it



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contained a cot-like bed, a toilet that didn't work well, and a hot plate (which Wanta used to boil water to sterilize his toothbrush – the steam from the boiling water caused black "goo" to fall from the ceiling). Before putting him in this "pristine" cell, they of course first had to "de-louse" him. They de-louse everyone... except those doing the de-lousing (who are the ones who need it).

Did they take him into interrogation rooms and try to beat information out of him? No. Were charges filed against him? No. Did they take him into a Swiss courtroom and tell him why he was being held in prison? No. All they told him was that he was being held on charges for tax evasion in the State of Wisconsin... no paperwork was filed, but it was "on the way." He never saw the inside of a Swiss courtroom in the 134 days they kept him in that cell. Was he given access to legal counsel? The Swiss say so, but Leo Wanta never talked with any legal counsel. This is justice in Switzerland.

The U.S. Embassy was contacted – by whom, I cannot say. It does not appear the Sûreté made the contact because when U.S. Embassy Consul Carlos Medina appeared to talk with Wanta and Wanta provided the verbal codes he, as a Secret Agent, was supposed to give under such circumstances, the Sûreté immediately took him out of the official U.S. Embassy visitation because Medina was going to "miss his train." And the fact that Mr. Medina allowed that to happen defines justice in the United States for its intelligence operatives.

I am still awaiting an explanation of when it became legal for a European nation, including Switzerland, to arrest an American citizen on mere claims of a Department of Revenue. Actually, as I understand European law, there is no extradition to America in most nations for murder – let alone tax evasion. There were no charges filed and no trial or other court-based decision of guilt for non-payment of taxes in the United States. The Swiss arrest sets a precedent making it okay for a State in the United States to arrest Swiss citizens for claims (no proof) of non-payment of taxes. It's okay if we hold Swiss citizens with no paperwork, no arrest warrant from anywhere... we can just arrest and detain them.

Switzerland has set the precedent with the arrest of Leo Wanta. It is easy to see how that country defines justice: Do not arrest one of the biggest money launderers in the world, Marc Rich/Reich, who has for many years lived in Zug, Switzerland. How would Swiss banks survive? But it's okay to arrest an innocent man and throw him in a dungeon for over four months with no charges against him filed anywhere... in Switzerland or the United States!

Until I learned of what the Swiss did to Ambassador Wanta, Switzerland – Wengen on the Jung Frau – used to be my favorite vacation spot. I would catch the cog railway in Lauterbrunnen and go to Wengen (where no cars are allowed and I had to walk to wherever I wanted to go). I gave my last speech to European bankers at the Dolder Grand Hotel in Zurich in 1989. That was my last trip to Switzerland.

The name of the lawyer who was retained as counsel for Wanta is Msr. Felix Paschoud who, at the time, was with the law firm Carrard, Paschoud, Heim & Associates. Wanta firmly believes Msr. Paschoud's firm was paid a mid-range five figure retainer to represent him... but Msr. Paschoud disagrees. [Here is a copy of a letter I sent Msr. Paschoud](#), the former Chief Judge of Lausanne, the current Chief Judge of Lausanne, and others. Since there was no court appearance, no charges filed, the obvious question is: How did the Swiss justify the arrest of this man?



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Shortly after his arrival in Cell #130 at Prison du Bois, what Wanta believes the first attempt on his life occurred. A Trustee brought dinner to his cell... no, he wasn't released into a prison yard for exercise each day nor did he get to join other prisoners at mealtime. A prisoner who was a Trustee brought all of his meals to his cell. For all practical purposes, Leo Emil Wanta was held in solitary confinement in an old, dirty dungeon the Swiss find acceptable as a "cell." Where's the Red Cross when you need them?

Wanta is lactose intolerance (has difficulty digesting milk products) so when the Trustee, a pleasant guy who had previously brought dinner to him in his cell, brought his evening meal and there were very nice pieces of wrapped cheese on the tray, he offered them to the Trustee. He couldn't eat them.

Wanta listened as he heard a voice crying out in pain all night, begging for help. He found out the next day that the Trustee to whom he gave the cheese had died of poisoning.

When he was so unlawfully thrown into the filthy cell (Wanta now calls it a "suite" to amuse himself), the first question he asked of the One he considers to be always with him, the Lord Jesus Christ, was: "How the hell did we get here?" Many other questions followed during the ensuing months. As Ecclesiastes tells us, there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens... a time to be born and a time to die, among other things.

Perhaps this time in solitary confinement was when Lee Emil Wanta had, for the first time in his very busy life, the opportunity to meditate upon the very strong beliefs he has... not just his beliefs in God and his Catholic faith. In those two things he has always been very strong, very secure. But the year of his life prior to his arrest – his difficulties in Singapore with the \$1 billion bill, the loss of his good friend and brother, Kok Howe Kwong, the deceptions perpetrated by highly-placed Americans elected to office to serve the people of the nation Wanta had served honorably – all of these had to give him pause for thought. Who was he serving? He had thought it was a Constitutional Republic. But he was finding the reality to be quite different from what had been held out to him all of his life... and what he as a patriotic American citizen (like so many of us) had readily accepted.

Lee – and I call him Lee here rather than Leo because I speak of the personal beliefs of a friend, not the accomplishments of a secret agent – doesn't talk much about these quiet times in his life... times when he was alone, times when, like so many good soldiers, he was willing to lay down his life for his beliefs. As he says, "there is nothing more bored than a purposeless person..." and du Bois Prison gave him an opportunity to ponder the state of his nation. It gave him a purpose as he lay on a hard bed day after day, in prison in a foreign nation, to redefine his beliefs about freedom, the Constitution and the rule of Law, and truth.

Freedom, he decided, comes in two parts.

First, a person must be free to make decisions. This Wanta calls freedom from restraint. So the first part of freedom as defined by Lee Wanta is the freedom from having your destiny determined by others. You get to choose.

But the freedom to choose your own destiny is only half of freedom.



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Part II is the freedom to establish the goals that will help you achieve your destiny. These are two different actions... the freedom to decide and the freedom to achieve.

If you decide you are going on vacation and want to take a train, you need to have a specific destination in mind. If you do not, your conversation at the ticket window is bound to be very interesting.

"Yes, sir/ma'am. How can I help you?"

"I want to purchase a ticket on the train."

"And what is your destination?"

"Well, I don't know... maybe Chicago, maybe Miami, maybe Los Angeles... I am exercising my freedom to decide I want to travel... but I don't want to go to the trouble of deciding where I'm going."

You wouldn't get very far, would you?

Part I – the freedom to decide – is a bridge to Part II which is the freedom to establish goals. Without the bridge (making a decision, Part I) there is no reason to go to a destination (Part II) – because without a decision there is no destination for which goals are required.

The key to understanding freedom is to understand that the two – the bridge and the destination – must always be separate, but must be bound together. When they become separated, freedom does not exist.

"Individuals," Lee says, "have responsibilities under each of the two freedom phases. Under the 'freedom to decide' phase (that leads to the bridge to set goals), we are responsible for gathering as much information as possible so the selections we make will be good ones. Under the 'freedom to establish goals' phase (the destination), we make specific decisions about how to implement our choices."

So Part I is the freedom to choose our destiny, Part II is the freedom to decide how we will achieve our destiny. Lee gave another example which, on first glance, sounds like a repetition of the train travel example, above. It is not. It goes deeper into understanding how, as knowledge increases, so too does freedom.

"Say you decide to become a linguist – an expert in foreign languages," Lee said... he speaks several languages, German and Russian among them. "To achieve a goal requires time and discipline – and sometimes the cost of education... so the freedom of choice isn't free," he said quietly.

"The more you study syntax, the more you obey the laws of grammar, the more you subject yourself to an expanded vocabulary, the more you know genders and tenses, etc., the more free you are to speak that particular language."

Truthfully, I had never thought about freedom in those terms. The more knowledge one gains in the effort to achieve the desired self destiny, the more free one will be to exercise the chosen destiny. Yet, it points to a very valid problem in our country today. How many people do you know who declare their desire for freedom, but who won't exercise the discipline to read the Constitution or the Bill of Rights? Those who do, have a greater understanding of freedom than those who do not. What Lee is saying is that the more you know about what it is you want to do in life, the greater will be your freedom in achieving it.

As he sat in that Swiss dungeon for 134 days with nothing to do, he had numerous conversations with the Lord. The fact that his freedom in the physical world had



suddenly ended in unjustified imprisonment perhaps stimulated his ever present strong sense of spiritual freedom. He thought about his separation from his family and it ran a bit parallel to his thoughts about freedom in the physical world.

"The freedom to decide your destiny can never be divorced from the freedom for establishing your goals to achieve that destiny," he had realized. Freedom to decide your destiny – the bridge – can never be removed from the freedom to achieve – the destination. The two are distinctly separate just as a husband and wife are separate, but they work together as one, creating a marriage called "freedom." If the freedom to decide your destiny is lost, you have no need for the freedom to achieve because you no longer have a purpose, or a destiny. If the destination is lost – freedom to establish goals to help you achieve your destiny – the freedom to decide becomes meaningless.

"If you go into a restaurant to order food," he began, "you can choose anything you please... this is freedom to choose your dining destiny for the day. The waiter doesn't tell you what you must have (except in a Swiss prison cell). The purpose of the meal – the freedom to achieve the goal of assuaging your hunger – is what? To nourish your body, to replenish energy spent during the day... and to enjoy the taste of the food."

Freedom works the same way. We must be able to choose our destinies, and we must be free to implement our plans to achieve them. If we can't order from the restaurant what we want to eat, why go to a restaurant? If we order fried chicken and the waiter brings us liver and onions, unless we like liver we will not achieve our objective. Even if we like liver but want fried chicken this night, it is likely we will never return to the restaurant because it violated our freedom of choice. The bridge (choice) and the destination (implementation of the choice) go together.

We discussed the problems of Western cultures today relative to the definition of "freedom."

"Freedom in the modern world," he said, "has turned 'freedom to choose' into 'license.' It has been redefined to mean 'whatever I want to do, I get to do when I want to do it!' As a result, there has been a divorce between the bridge (choice) and the destination (outcome). The two are joined as a Law of Nature... a Law of God, who created nature. As the old wedding statement goes, 'what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.' That's true whether you're talking about husbands and wives – or freedom.

We discussed the various ways this is seen in developed societies who now accept the definition of freedom as "license." Without a firm objective, for example, young adults use the license of their "I can do whatever I want" philosophy to go to college with no firm objective in mind. The result is parents with children who cannot find useful jobs who still live with Mom and Dad. They viewed their freedom to choose self destiny – their bridge to their future destination – as a license to do what they wanted rather than what they needed to do to have a future. There is no freedom in such a situation. The parents are not free and their young adults, living at home, aren't free to go out into the world and learn the lessons life has to teach them. They cannot get a job and so they cannot afford to leave good old Mom and Dad. Are these good parents? Or, have they made a mistake?

Leo Wanta has a clear view of both spiritual and physical freedom. It would have been very easy for him to compromise his beliefs and join the crooked system, but he couldn't do that. He understands very clearly that everything in life is a matter of choice



and he knows that there is nothing more valuable in life than truth. Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

He had a long time to dwell on these subjects as he lay on that hard cot in cell #130 in that old, dirty dungeon at Prison du Bois in Lausanne.

Wanta sees a great danger in the way Western cultures define "freedom" today.

"We do not seem to understand our reason for living... we question our purpose in life – why we are alive," he says. "Instead of working toward an ideal, we do what we want (which is usually whatever is easy) because we define freedom as license. We do what we want, not what we must do to achieve a clearly-defined destiny. Freedom brings with it responsible behavior; license does not. Today people have too few ideals, or worse they seem to continually change one ideal for another and call it progress. If we don't know in our Western world why we are living, is the rising suicide rate any surprise? The essence of a man's freedom isn't just to be able to do what he wants regardless of who it hurts or the lost opportunities it causes. We must have objectives and goals and direction in life."

That belief indicates that we don't make children healthier physically or psychologically by withholding reality from them. Removing grades from report cards so those who don't achieve at the level of an A student harms the A student and doesn't really help the C or D student... and it separates the bridge of freedom of destiny from the destination of the reality of what must be done to achieve it. It encourages kids to think freedom is license, not responsible choices. Removing the scoring system from athletic events so no one feels like a loser does nothing to teach children anything about how to win – or, even more important, how to get off of the ground after a defeat and win the next time. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. We are supposed to learn from both experiences. Again, this separates the bridge from the destination and encourages the definition of freedom to mean license.

"We talk of freedom of speech – as if it means there could never be any limitation on freedom of speech," Lee says. "Certainly there is. Freedom of speech has an objective and a goal. It is to be used to communicate truth and knowledge. No one is entitled to freedom of speech for purposes of personal abuse – that is license of speech. Yelling 'fire' in a crowded theater is license of speech – of doing what I want when I want because I want to do it. All freedoms have certain goals and certain purposes – and that infers responsibility to make good choices. We have allowed others who want to take freedom from us to re-define the meaning of words and if we don't recapture the truthful meanings, we will continue to lose our freedom.

"That's why we have so many people today willing to surrender their responsibilities in return for security. They are full of anxieties and worries. There is nothing in life quite as boring as a purposeless existence. People who view freedom as license are incapable of establishing a unified or national purpose based on freedom because license says 'I do what I want when I want and how I want.' It is a selfish philosophy. It is incapable of understanding the concept of a national purpose, of freedom for all citizens. It is totally based in the word 'I.'"

Wanta says the danger of defining freedom as license to do what one wants with no ties to clearly defined goals is this: "Nations who choose this philosophy find they are strong only in war, but not in peace."



"We have, I fear, become a purposeless, bored Great Nation of people willing to hand over personal responsibilities to government in return for security. Since no government in world history has ever provided security for its citizens without concurrently enslaving them, the impact of that statement is frightening," Wanta says. "A nation that has no unified base because it has no unified faith has no recognized universal goal or purpose in life. A nation that defines freedom as 'I get to do what I want,' rather than 'I feel a part of something and want my life to reflect a commitment to it,' is strong only in war because war forces a purpose on an otherwise purposeless society. It forces the nation into the survival mode of defending our own existence."

He pointed out that Communism takes the opposite road.

"Communism says 'We, the government, are god. We are perfection. We take away your freedom of choice. Our materialistic, atheistic society does not give you the liberty to choose political candidates. It takes away the rights of suffrage and the rights of voting and it does these things because we take the place of God.'

"That is why Article 125 of the Soviet Constitution told its citizens that they were entitled to freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom of the press *only if they supported the communist system.*"

And then Leo Wanta brought the concept of freedom in the physical, materialized world and wove it into the tapestry that includes his faith in God.

"Communism doesn't offer real freedom. The freedoms communism removes from people are freedoms that belong only to God and no government has the right to give or take them. Only He can do that. But we need to realize that people who live in communist societies have eliminated the bridge – the right to determine one's own destiny. They believe it is government and not God that imparts rights to citizens. Communist governments have a purpose for each citizen and they have goals... and places like Siberia and work camps where so many Russian people died are evidence of what happens to those who do not accept the goals the government sets for them."

Lee then said something that should make all of us nervous.

*"Communist states are strong not only in war, they are also strong in peace – and that is the greatest possible threat to real freedom.*

"They are strong in peace because they know the purpose of their philosophy. They are united with their goals. The destinies communist governments select for their citizens may not make the citizen happy, but they are well-defined and they serve a purpose."

This, then is the condition of the world as seen through the eyes of a man who has had his freedom unlawfully removed and who has done more to try to ensure freedom than most others.

One other thing Lee Wanta said we all need to pay attention to: "If freedom results only from physical power – as it does under communist systems of government – then only the strong are free. That is true of any government, communist or not. When freedom is defined only as license, it is merely a contest of egos and soon only the most narcissistic among us are held up as heroes. That is not freedom, though that is how freedom in America today appears to be defined. Communism says freedom is the right to do whatever you must... in other words, the means justifies the end. That is certainly not freedom – though it is practiced by many governments around the world that do not call themselves 'communist nations'."



At the base of Lee Wanta's philosophy is the concept that truth makes you free. He has clearly said that the more people understand the Laws of God, the freer people are to enjoy life.

"The Laws of God are not restrictions on human liberty. God could have given us a world in which His creations – human beings – were unable to make bad choices. He didn't. He gave us choice. Why? Because I believe He rejoices when people choose good over evil, when people think positive rather than negative thoughts, when they obey His Laws of Nature."

Lee points out that some of God's laws – scientific or mathematical laws – are rigid.

"You can't draw a triangle with more than three sides – you aren't free to do that. You can't draw a square with more than four sides – you aren't free to do that. Some things in God's Laws of Nature are engraved in stone. God took a risk when He made men free beings," he said.

I once heard Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen say that "Hell is the guarantee of human freedom. A man with a clinched fist can raise it eternally in the air and say 'non serviam' – I will not serve! It may result in his own misery and unhappiness, but it is his choice."

Archbishop Sheen went on to say: "He knew that there would be goodness produced from all of this evil in His own Divine way... and the universe never became meaningless with it all because one day He came into this world of ours and took upon Himself a human nature and allowed Himself to be visited with all of the effects of evil. He submitted himself to the free acts of man – from all of us – and what was the worst that free men could do? How could they most abuse their freedom? They could most abuse their freedom not by killing, not by bombing cities. They could most abuse freedom by slaying Goodness, itself. In that moment, evil was at its strongest, showing its greatest might. And yet, evil went down because of the Glory of the Resurrection."

I know Lee Emil Wanta holds the victory of good over evil proven by the Resurrection of Christ close to his heart. And I know he believes We, the People, can, with the right attitude, defeat those who would steal our American Freedom. I know that he defines "the right attitude" as lawful solutions that support the Constitution of our Great Nation, America.

Perhaps we need to stop spending so much time dwelling on the problems and spend more time dwelling on the solutions. They are there for us to find.



# Somalia's New War Order

For the first time, members of Danab and the CIA-trained Somali intelligence unit known as "Alpha Group," who agreed to be interviewed on the condition they were not identified, gave detailed accounts of the extent to which the Americans are now involved in training forces in a country from which they fled two decades ago.

"Americans are completely different from the Somalis," said the recently graduated Danab member. "They study you psychologically. Also, if you tell them you have a goal in mind, they really try to help you reach that goal. Even when we graduated, they gave us a bonus, which was not on the books."

The Pentagon confirmed to the Toronto Star that there are five U.S. members of a "military co-ordination cell" that was deployed in October 2013.

"(T)he Defense Department maintains a small presence in Somalia primarily to co-ordinate U.S. efforts to counter the threat from Al Qaeda and Al Shabab with related efforts of the international community," U.S. army Lt. Col. Myles B. Caggins III, wrote in an email to the Star.

Caggins said the State Department "co-ordinates" with the U.S.-funded civilian contractors in the country and acknowledged Danab's existence when questioned about the new unit.

"The Danab company receives training on law of armed conflict and international humanitarian law, consistent with international standards," Caggins wrote.

But along with training, Danab and the Alpha Group, which is known locally as "Gashan," meaning "the Shield," the U.S. also gets an important partnership with both Somalia's army and intelligence wing.

For critics of the program this is seen as an incursion on Somalia's sovereignty — establishing a two-tier system for the military and security groups. Others praise the co-operation and standards set by foreign forces.

There's no doubt, the so-called *Black Hawk Down* era, where Western powers abandoned the war torn East African country following the 1993 deaths of 18 U.S. service members and downing of two Black Hawk helicopters, is long gone.

A city within a city has grown in the last four years inside Mogadishu's protected Oceanside airport compound. Civilian U.S. contractor Bancroft, which was the first to set up base here, is now flanked by compounds for the United Nations, British embassy and European Union advisers.

The Central Intelligence Agency also has a quiet presence here. For the last few years, they have trained and equipped the Alpha Group, the intelligence unit commandos who live in their own fortified compound near the airport.

Mohamud Abdulle, the chief of staff for Somalia's former prime minister, said in an interview last year that the Alpha Group had become a "fundamental part of Somalia's security and intelligence architecture" and report to the country's intelligence force, known as the National Intelligence and Security Agency.

"Its responsibilities include special operations, securing areas and protecting VIPs," Abdulle said. "In the short time since it was created, Alpha Group has been strikingly successful."

One intelligence official in Mogadishu with knowledge of the team said there are no more than 150 members, but estimates vary. Some of the members reportedly defected from the Shabab, but the team's membership is a closely-guarded secret — fighters only appear in public with their faces covered by tan-coloured balaclavas and often with sunglasses and gloves.

Alpha Group also conducts what are known as "snatch and grab" operations — targeting terrorism suspects and interrogating them within the confines of the airport compound.



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## REVEALED: SECRET DETAILS OF TURKEY'S NEW MILITARY PACT WITH QATAR

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In December 2015, Turkey announced, to the surprise of many, that it planned to establish a military base in Qatar. Behind the scenes, the agreement was about forming a major strategic alliance.

After a 100-year hiatus, Turkey is militarily back in the Gulf and ramping up its presence overseas. In January, Ankara announced that it would also establish a military base in Somalia.

Specific details about the Qatar agreement, which Turkey described as an alliance in the face of "common enemies (<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-qatar-turkey-military-idUSKBN0TZ17V20151216>)", remain scant, but Middle East Eye has acquired copies of the agreements, as well as further details, which include a secret pledge by Ankara to protect Qatar from external threats.

### A LONG TIME COMING?

Turkish-Qatari defence and military agreements go back nearly a decade. In 2007, Ankara and Doha signed a defence industry cooperation agreement, and in 2012, signed a military training agreement.

In March 2015, the Turkey-Qatar Military Cooperation Agreement was passed (<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2015/06/turkey-qatar-what-are-turkish-troops-going-to-do.html>) by the Turkish parliament, but the negotiations to create an overarching comprehensive agreement were still ongoing. Only in July 2015, according to France-based Intelligence Online, did the Qatari Emir, Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, first tell the Saudi king about the true extent of the agreement. Under the agreement, about 3,000 Turkish troops, air and naval units, as well as special forces are to be based in Qatar for training and joint exercises. The two countries also promised greater bilateral cooperation between intelligence services.

Riyadh reportedly welcomed the deal to help counter Iran's growing regional influence as Turkey's military's presence will bring additional foreign muscle in the Gulf, joining the United States' Al Udeid air base in Qatar, the French naval base in Abu Dhabi, and the US and British naval bases in Bahrain, among others ([http://csis.org/files/publication/150507\\_US\\_Arab\\_Gulf\\_Strategic\\_Partnership.pdf](http://csis.org/files/publication/150507_US_Arab_Gulf_Strategic_Partnership.pdf)).

But the move was not unanimously accepted in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). When Abu Dhabi got wind of the agreement in the wake of the 35th GCC summit in December, it was not viewed positively, with the Emirates fearing stronger Turkish-Qatari ties could reverse the regional fortunes of the down-on-its-heels Muslim Brotherhood.

### A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT

According to the news outlet Intelligence Online, the head of Turkey's National Intelligence Organisation (Milli Istihbarat Teskilati – MIT) made multiple trips to Doha in December to cement a secret pledge that Ankara would protect Qatar from external military threats. In return, Doha would help offset Ankara's strained relations with Moscow following Turkey's downing (<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/analysis-after-russia-jet-downed-turkey-no-mood-climb-down-1988267380>) of a Russian jet. Qatar would shore up the Turkish economy due to the loss of Russian tourists – estimated at some \$3bn – as well as provide gas export guarantees if Moscow turns off the taps.

While the economic assistance is a typical sweetener by Gulf states securing bilateral agreements, it is the defence pledge that is of greatest significance. Whether the pledge has been actually signed has not been reported outside of Intelligence Online. There is no mention of it in the comprehensive agreement that was signed in December, but talks are reportedly ongoing.

"Turkey and Qatar are in the process of devising a possible 'Status of Forces Agreement'. In the deliberations that are said to be under way, the two sides would have discussed the incorporation of a *casus foederis* ["case for the alliance"] clause in the agreement," said Dr Eyup Ersoy, an international relations expert at Turkey's Bilkent University.

"However, first, this clause could be confidential and may not be revealed to the public. Second, the substance of the clause, again if agreed upon, would be qualified. For example, words, it may not be unequivocal support against Qatar. In other



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As such, the agreement may not be overly different from unwritten pledges by the UK and the US to aid the Gulf states in the advent of an attack, last evidenced in the 1990 Gulf War. What is clear from the comprehensive agreement is that the Turkish base will be under Qatari control, with the possibility for Qatar to establish a base in Turkey.

While the agreement states that Turkey is to cover the Qatari base's expenses, there are no details about overall costs.

"Since the base is to be under Qatari military structure, it is simply a Qatari base put to the use of the Turkish military, so Doha will bear the financial costs of it," said Ersoy.

If this is the case, it will follow the precedent of Qatar reportedly covering the \$1bn construction cost of the US's Al Udeid air base.

## STRATEGIC GOALS

That the two countries have become closer through the agreement has not come as a surprise.

"Turkey has been pursuing a strategic relationship with Qatar for over a year. I don't think it was necessary to sign the deal as it was very obvious to anyone watching," said Jonathan Schanzer, vice president for research at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

Ersoy however thinks the agreement was essential to provide a legal foundation and create political legitimacy to further Ankara's goals in the Gulf, even if the "Status of Forces Agreement" is not made public.

"In my view, the 'real' motivation, from Turkey's perspective, is to transform the regional alignment with Qatar into a tentative alliance. This military cooperation agreement is imperative for the sustainability of Turkey's strategic relations between Qatar, and by extension, between Turkey and the Gulf," he said.

The two states had found a common cause in meddling in the so-called "Arab Spring", particularly in Egypt, where both support the Muslim Brotherhood, as well as in Syria. Their backing of the Muslim Brotherhood had invoked the ire of other GCC states, especially the UAE and Saudi Arabia.

But since the overthrow of Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi in 2013, and Riyadh last year reconciling itself with the party, Ankara is using Doha as an inroad to the rest of the Gulf.

Furthermore, Turkey is being viewed as an additional line of defence against Iran following the normalising of relations with Tehran by the West. This is considered the prime motivation for the agreement. In December, the Turkish ambassador to Qatar had told Reuters that the agreement was to face "common enemies," considered a veiled allusion to Iran.

"I don't know if the US would fight for Qatar, as the whole region is afraid that the US has sold them out to Iran. The [Turkish] soldiers in Somalia are there for formality, to show the flag, whereas in Qatar it's a real fighting force," said Atilla Yesilada, an Istanbul-based analyst at Global Source Partners, Inc.

## COMMON ENEMIES

Turkey's move into Qatar, and the GCC's general acceptance of the deal is considered a form of security diversification. David Roberts, a lecturer in the Defence Studies Department of King's College London, thinks that the Gulf has interpreted US strategy incorrectly, that the pivot to Asia ([https://www.chathamhouse.org/sites/files/chathamhouse/public/Research/Americas/0813pp\\_pivottoasia.pdf](https://www.chathamhouse.org/sites/files/chathamhouse/public/Research/Americas/0813pp_pivottoasia.pdf)) is not about abandoning the GCC but rather a pivot away from Europe.

"There is perhaps a slight loss of confidence, and the US are blue in the face about it. What can they possibly do? They have invested huge amounts in Al Udeid, which has a major role in the US defence review," he said. Indeed, since 2009, Al Udeid has been the headquarters of the US Central Command (<http://www.centcom.mil/en/about-centcom-en>) (CentCom), covering 20 countries in the region.

The US is considered to have approved the strategic alliance, not wishing to ruffle the feathers of either country in the current regional environment.

"I'd not expect to see anything from CentCom on this, given how important the Incirlik air base [in Turkey is for strikes against the Islamic State group] and the Al Udeid base is to the US," said Schanzer.

The US is not however expected to be undermined when it comes to arms deals with Qatar or the GCC at large, with Turkey only accounting for 2.4 percent of overall sales to the GCC between 2010-14 (by comparison the US is 48.1 percent and Britain 18.6 percent), according to SIPRI figures.

"For Turkey it could be a golden opportunity to develop their military-industrial complex by cashing-in with Qatar. However, they've kind of missed the boat a bit as Qatar is cutting back on spending - the military not so much - but it's not the good old days," added Roberts.

The training aspect of the agreement also does not appear to be of major strategic importance to Qatar.

"What is this alliance about? If it is about military training with counterparts, Qatar already has the Brits and the Americans doing training. How many trainers do you need? And they already have a smorgasbord of international equipment, although it is another NATO country [Turkey] joining them. Qatar is in desperate need of one unified security document," said Roberts.

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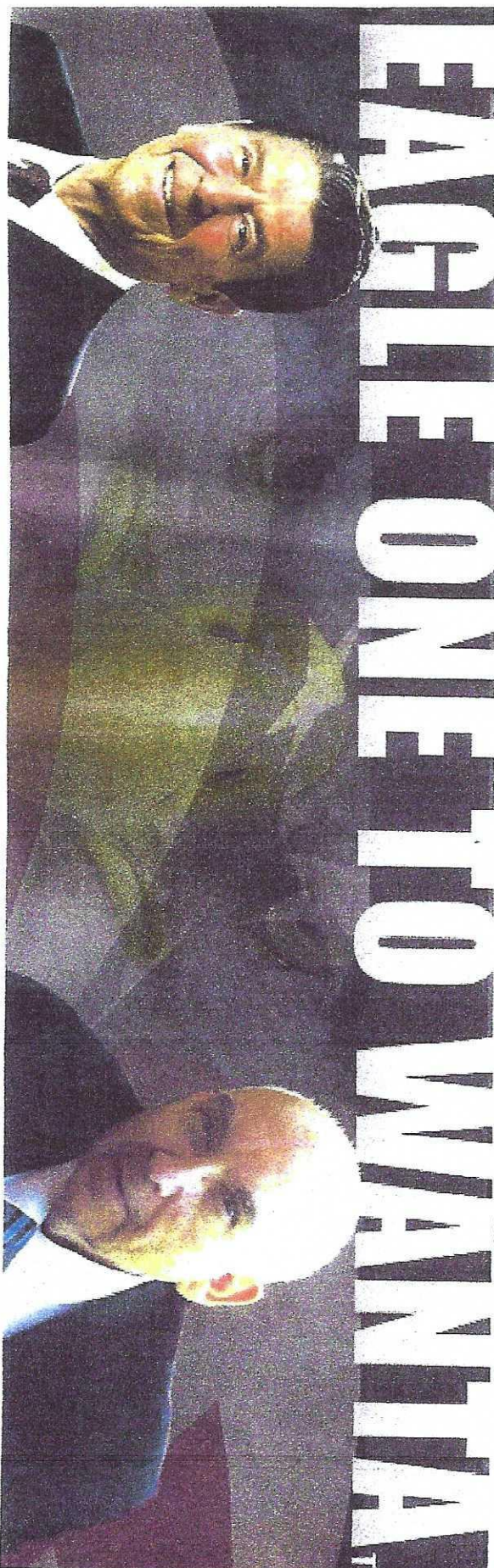
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O God,

the world is a safer place today because of the many brave men and women who put themselves in harm's way to protect others. Our veterans and first responders embody the Gospel message, *"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."* (Jn 15:13)

With profound gratitude for their service, we pray also for all deceased veterans, police officers, firefighters and other heroes who died in the line of duty, making the ultimate sacrifice for our safety and freedom. May our earnest prayers lift them up as they lifted so many others in life.

Receive them into heaven where they may finally be free of all trauma and pain and rejoice with you for eternity. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.\*



## For the Forgotten Ones

O God,

hear this loving prayer for all those whose lives were marked by loneliness, without support from family or friends. Though I may not know them by name, their souls will be forever etched in my heart. I seek your help on their behalf, Lord, as if they were my own family.

May those who died alone because of homelessness, illness, famine, war, or neglect never again feel the sting of abandonment. Let them suffer no more. Please pardon the sins of these forgotten ones and welcome them with a loving embrace in heaven where they will finally experience true joy forever.

Amen.\*



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## PRAYER TO ST. ANNE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

We thank you, dear St. Anne, for the favors, known and unknown, you have obtained for us. Assured of your constant love, we bring our special needs to you. (Here mention your requests) Mother of the Mother of the eternal Word made flesh, kindly recommend to your grandson, Jesus, these intentions we lift to you in confident prayer. Amen.

### Parents' Prayer to St. Anne

We call upon you, dear St. Anne, for help in bringing up our family in good and godly ways. Teach us to trust God our Father as we rear the precious heritage entrusted to us. May His will prevail in our lives and His providence defend us. These blessings we ask for all families in our neighborhood, our country, and our world. Amen.

### Children's Prayer to St. Anne

Good St. Anne, you must have loved your parents just as we love Mom and Dad. They love us too much and take care of all our needs. Help us to make them happy every day. Thank you, dear Grandmother of Jesus, for listening to our prayer. Amen.

### Teenagers' Prayer to St. Anne

Dear St. Anne, Mother of the Mother of God-become-human, please bless our parents who said "yes" to life. Warm our hearts with love for them. May we give  
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