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SARAH MCCLENDON...ON LEO WANTA

> By Sarah McClendon, August 25th, 1997

> Washington, D.C. --- Leo Wanta, whose purchase of huge sums in Russian rubles is credited with bringing down the Soviet Union in the Cold War, will be put through a third party lunacy test in Madison, Wisconsin circuit court on Tuesday. He has successfully been declared of sound mind in two previous lunacy tests under the Wisconsin state attorney general's office. His own attorney, James Shellow of Madison, Wis., is instituting this test. Shellow says that under the rules for attorneys in Wisconsin he has to notify the court that he thinks the lunacy test should be given. Shellow admits to being a former attorney for a deceased Mafia chief in Wisconsin named Belistiari. Shellow thinks Wanta will be declared sane in the upcoming hearing on Tuesday, but Shellow claims to know nothing as to how Wisconsin was able to extradite Wanta in chains and shackles from Switzerland, where he was doing business with Swiss banks after having given up his citizenship in Wisconsin. Wanta claims that he had just been made ambassador to Switzerland and Canada when Wisconsin state officials seized him bodily in Switzerland. Wanta claims that they took his briefcase from him at that time which contained billions in Treasury bills and Promise software technical equipment which the U.S. was using to get inside information about foreign treasuries.

Although the briefcase was taken by Wisconsin authorities in 1993, it has never been returned to Wanta nor has he any knowledge of what happened to its contents.

The charge is that he owed Wisconsin originally approximately \$14,000. He claims to have paid back that amount in 1992. The state attorney general's office seized his house worth \$120,000 and sold it for \$60,000, but there is no record of this in the Department of Revenue in Wisconsin nor is there any trace of the proceeds from the sale.

Wanta was buying rubles from Russia at the request of the President, Ronald Reagan. Wanta had worked at the White House, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency and six other government agencies during his career.

He and President George Bush set up the Ameritrust account in the Credite Suisse bank for the U.S. government to use in case it needed to counter terrorists from overseas, according to Pat Cameron, Los Angeles attorney for Wanta. Wanta says that when former president George Bush sought to withdraw funds from the \$210 billion on deposit that Wanta, a co-signer of the account, refused to give his signature for the withdrawal because the funds, he said, belonged to the U.S. government, not to an individual.

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("Quid coniuratio est?")
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----- UPDATE: AMBASSADOR LEO WANTA =====

By "Tom in Venice" (former Democratic Party operative)

(Further background: See CN 10.92)

- 1) Ambassador Leo Wanta remains under house arrest in Wisconsin.
- 2) According to Wanta's attorney, Pat Cammeron, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue has until October 24th to produce the court and legal documents that would prove the Department of Revenue's case. Cammeron says they have no case at all *vis a vis* \$14,129 supposedly owed in taxes.
- 3) Now with the frame-up against Ambassador Wanta falling apart, a new frame-up has been brought against Wanta by Wisconsin.
- 4) The Wisconsin Department of Revenue is claiming that Wanta owes \$675,000, referencing Falls Vending Machine (a reputed Mafia operation.)
- 5) Falls Vending, a company that Wanta helped lead a sting on in 1981, has ties to former FBI agent Mike DeMarco, federal judge Russell Eisenberg, and current FBI Director Louis Freeh.
- 6) Freeh has yet to respond to Cammeron's demand that his agency account for the contents in "Wanta's" briefcase.
- 7) According to Cammeron, a source in Switzerland claims that former-President George Bush will work with Louis Freeh to create more Wanta frame-ups, in order to keep Wanta from telling the truth.
- 8) This individual in Switzerland who fingered Bush just recently survived an assassination attempt against him by car bomb.
- 9) So what we have here is a criminal conspiracy to obstruct justice being orchestrated by Governor Tommy Thompson (Wisconsin), former-President George Bush, and current FBI Director Louis Freeh. (USCA Title 18 Section 35; Section 241 & 242)
- 10) Freeh, a Bush man himself, seems more interested in pursuing

Vice President Albert Gore, Jr.'s phone calls than the financial misconduct of both President Clinton and former-President Bush involving the AmeriTrust account in Switzerland. Ambassador Wanta could shed light on this subject, as it dovetails to the death of Vince Foster, Jr.

11) Ambassador Wanta's testimony in front of the Senate Intelligence panel is needed not only to bring Clinton and Bush to justice, but expose key "bunko man" Kenneth Starr for what he is.

-- Afterword by Conspiracy Nation --

Kenneth Starr is one of the much-vaunted Special Prosecutors we've seen in the past decade or so. Another was Lawrence Walsh, who drew a comfortable salary while he wiled away lazy afternoons sipping lemonade and investigating Iran-Contra. Walsh finally issued his report, but by then no one cared. Starr too is enjoying a comfy job and will issue some sort of (yawn) report. Now Janet Reno is under pressure to appoint yet another of these comfortable fellows, these Special Prosecutors. Latest theory on these "independent" appointees is that they are part of political blackmail operations: they have wide-ranging special powers to dig up dirt, and the dirt then gets held over the opposition party's head -- give us (politically) what we want, *or else*! Note how when President Clinton used his line-item veto to cut out military pork previously destined for Newt Gingrich's state of Georgia, we "coincidentally" had a week of fuss over "discovered" Clinton videotapes: Is there a connection between the two events?

Conspiracy Nation normally shuns predictions, and itself has almost never made any. From time to time, however, predictions from others are passed along. Here is what I'm hearing from others, that is sufficiently corroborated to deserve notice.

Things seem about to blow in that modern "Rome on the Potomac," Washington, DC. Recall that in past issues of Conspiracy Nation (CN 10.79, CN 10.80, CN 10.81, ca. early August 1997) various sources foresaw trouble in October for Bill Clinton and his gang. "Ru Mills" warned that "Thanksgiving" would come early this year, with "the turkey," Bill Clinton, to be carved in late September or early October. Human Events magazine was predicting indictments and possible ouster of Mr. Bill Clinton. R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr. of American Spectator magazine echoed Human Events: "...the Clinton White House is going to go sky-high... several major scandals are certain to rock the Clinton White House this year."

I am still hearing the same general thing from my sources. "Ru Mills" sees upheaval by the end of October. Sherman Skolnick hints at a stock market crash on or about October 20th. "Tom in Venice" feels that things are heating up.

And what does Conspiracy Nation say? (1) Be cautious with these types of predictions; we've heard them for years now. (2) But who knows? I'm hearing these dark forebodings from several sources. (3) *If* Clinton gets in hot water, he can just send missiles against "punching bag" Saddam Hussein's Iraq or some other nation that can't too effectively fight back. (Subtext of Clinton missile fury is, "And if I can do it to them, I can do it to you.") Clinton also, notably, is doing the "representing you all in a foreign land" stunt: you don't want "our" President to look bad in front of the neighbors, do you? Bottom line: Clinton the Weasel will get out of it; you will keep getting

poorer; you will have to work longer hours; nothing will change insofar as by some great magic the truth will be forced into public consciousness. But it's Monday morning and we all need hope, right?

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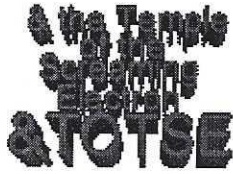
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A Brief Story on Leo Wanta



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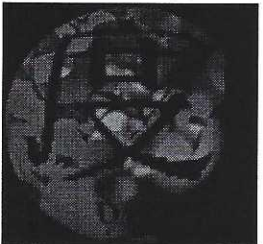


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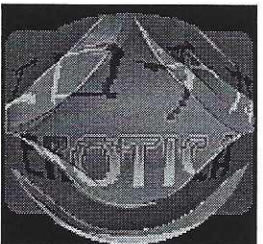
Washington, D.C. --- Mystery increases as to how state officials of Wisconsin can abduct a man no longer a resident, charge him with state income tax evasion, shackle him in arm and leg irons, and bring him back into this country and hold him in an arrest for four years. Leo Wanta did not have an American passport as he had surrendered that when he was named briefly ambassador to Canada and Switzerland.



Wanta had lived in Austria since 1988 but was charged by Wisconsin Attorney General with not having paid \$14,000 in state income taxes in 1989.



[Wanta] says he cannot get the Civil Rights Commission to take any interest in his case. Wanta thinks now that only President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore could free him.



He says he has paid Wisconsin the \$14,000 twice but can get no receipt. In the meantime he says he had billions of dollars in U.S. Treasury certificates in his briefcase when taken and no report on what state officials did with its contents.

Why does he not simply walk away from the imprisonment



which he describes as illegal?

"They would charge me with walking away without bail when I want clearance", he said.

"But what I wonder--if state officials can do this to one citizen, could not other citizens be in danger of a similar action from some other state officials seeking to claim back taxes"?

The case involves why the U.S. State Department is not seemingly interested in protecting an ambassador who alleges that he still holds that rand and why is not the Justice Department not interested in protecting the civil rights of this man?

Wanta refuses to buy his way out with the state officials.

He says he has billions on deposit in various companies in banks in foreign countries but he does not wish to pay any sums to Wisconsin authorities.

His attorney, Pat Cameron of Los Angeles, has not been able to get any information about his repayment of taxes to the Department of Revenue of Wisconsin. When the \$14,000 was first levied against him, he was sentenced to 18 years in state court for not having paid, a sentence which Cameron described as "unconscionable".

It looks as if this house arrest of Wanta and his refusal to assign any of his fortune in the billions to Wisconsin as a citizen will go on forever. He claims that he once owned a house worth about \$120,000 which the state sold for \$60,000 without giving him any return or receipt.

Wanta served nine different government agencies in the past including the Central Intelligence Agency and the White House.

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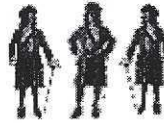
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Meet Leo Emil Wanta, a man accused of, or praised for, crashing the Russian ruble over 1990-1. Certainly he was a currency trader, placing orders for 100 billion rubles at a time. Then there is the matter of gold--Russian gold.

One of the orders faxed around the world from his New Republic/USA Financial Group Ltd. (2101 North Edgewood Avenue, Appleton, WI 54914, Tele/Fax: (414) 738-7007), dated Feb. 4, 1991, is an offer to buy/sell/effect 2000 metric tons of gold bullion, with rollovers under London good delivery. At the time of this offer, Wanta was in constant phone contact with Roberto Coppola in Rome, where Coppola served as Ambassador of the Russian Republic.

Was Wanta just another trader specializing in illiquid currencies and flight capital in the form of bullion? Or was he a big time money launderer? Either would explain the 14 percent commissions at which he dealt. Or was neither the case? Let's look closer. Because something doesn't add up.

Wanta, an erstwhile travelling companion of Vernon Walters, was arrested by Swiss authorities on July 7, 1993, in Geneva, Switzerland. He was held for four months, then extradited to Wisconsin to stand trial for state taxes owed for the years 1982 and 1988. The grand total of taxes owed--\$14,000.

>BR>Curious that. Extradited for \$14,000? In taxes? From Switzerland? The story gets weirder.

Wanta was sentenced to 22 years in prison. (Better he had killed a few people than that he owed taxes.) Afterward, on Jan. 10, 1997, Wanta received a letter from Erskine Bowles at the White House.

Mr. Leo E. Wanta/c/o Kettle Moraine Correctional Institute P.O. Box 31 Plymouth, WI 53073

Dear Mr. Wanta:

Thank you for your letter. I appreciate hearing from you.

To give your concerns the proper attention, I have forwarded your letter to the Office of Agency Liaison within the White House. You can be certain that your concerns will be carefully reviewed.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Erskine B. Bowles

View Letter From Erskin Bowles

On February 1, 1997, after Bowles "checked with W.H. Agency Relations", Leo Wanta was released on \$90,000 bail.

So here's what we know about Wanta so far: Extradited from Switzerland on a triviality. Sentenced to 22 years on the same triviality. But then sprung after the White House checks with Agency Liaison.

Then there's the Russian currency/gold issue. And--how did Wanta get to be Ambassador from Somalia?

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by J. Orlin Grabbe

"Bill Clinton's Short-Term Notes"

Asian-European, the CIA, and Mochtar Riady

Meet Leo Emil Wanta. At one point Wanta had bank accounts at Metishe Bank in Moscow, Avenue Bank on the Champs-Elysee in Paris, Credito Italiano in Milan, Anker Bank in Geneva, Swiss Bank Corporation in Geneva, the Allgemeine Spaar in Brussels, the Zentralsparkasse und Kommerzialbank in Vienna, Creditanstalt Bankverein in Vienna, and--the perennial favorite of money launderers--Citibank in Milan, New York, and Los Angeles.

Meet Leo Emil Wanta, a man accused of, or praised for, crashing the Russian ruble over 1990-1. There is no doubt that he was a currency trader, placing orders for 100 billion rubles at a time. Then there is the matter of gold--Russian gold.

One of the orders faxed around the world from his New Republic/USA Financial Group Ltd. (2101 North Edgewood Avenue, Appleton, WI 54914, Tele/Fax: (414) 738-7007), dated Feb. 4, 1991, is an offer to buy/sell/effect 2000 metric tons of gold bullion, with rollovers under London good delivery. At the time of this offer, Wanta was in constant phone contact with Roberto Coppola in Rome, where Coppola served as Ambassador of the Russian Republic. Was it Russian gold Wanta was selling?

Was Wanta just another trader specializing in illiquid currencies and flight capital in the form of bullion? Was he a big time money launderer? Either would explain the 14 percent commissions at which he dealt. Or was neither the case? Let's look closer. Because something doesn't add up.

Wanta, an erstwhile travelling companion of Vernon Walters and supplier of machine guns to Bill Casey, was arrested by Swiss authorities on July 7, 1993, in Geneva, Switzerland. He was held for four months, then extradited to Wisconsin to stand trial for state taxes owed for the years 1982 and 1988. The grand total of taxes owed--\$14,000.

Curious that. Extradited for \$14,000? In taxes? From Switzerland? The story gets weirder.

Wanta was sentenced to 22 years in prison. (Better he had killed a few people than that he owed taxes.) Afterward, on Sept. 21, 1996, Wanta wrote a mysterious letter to Hillary Rodham Clinton, referring to "U.S. President Bill Clinton's Short Term Notes and IMF Sale of Bullion." In the letter Wanta referred to his own "de-stabilization of the Soviet Union Rubles (SUR)" and noted that he "prevented the Soviet & Italian Mafiosa from the Soviet Funds in favour of our U.S. Treasury & Metals Accounts in excess of US\$ 150 billion".

Wanta then threatened: "Until by legal release from the un-constitutional/ false incarceration in Wisconsin--as a diplomat & non-resident--I am legally interested in the corporate placement of short-term notes & I.M.F. gold bullion/troy ounce delivery contract. Thank you for your kind assistance in this timely situation."

Wanta's letter (or letters) got results. On Jan. 10, 1997, Wanta received a reply from Erskine Bowles at the White House.

Mr. Leo E. Wanta
c/o Kettle Moraine
Correctional Institute
P.O. Box 31
Plymouth, WI 53073

Dear Mr. Wanta:

Thank you for your
letter. I appreciate
hearing from you.

To give your concerns the
proper attention, I have
forwarded your letter to
the Office of Agency
Liaison within the White
House. You can be certain
that your concerns will
be carefully reviewed.

Again, thank you for
writing.

Sincerely,

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Moving forward to Jan./Feb. 1991, we find Wanta in the process of moving two thousand tons of gold--during a time period when coincidentally two thousand tons of Soviet gold mysteriously disappeared from the Central Bank.

By December 1991 Wanta and his partner Kok Howe Kwong had set up a food for petroleum joint venture in Moscow. Accounts in dollars and rubles were opened at Status Credit Bank in Singapore by the two through Asian-Europa Development Pte Ltd. Asian-Europa proceeded to export Soviet petroleum and import Western goods at an exchange rate (oil for goods) very favorable to Asian-Europa. Asian-Europa appears to be a U.S. government/CIA proprietary company set up under USCA Title 18, Sec. 6., Line 11. And it appears to have had a relationship with Mochtar Riady's Lippo Group.

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What does Wanta think?

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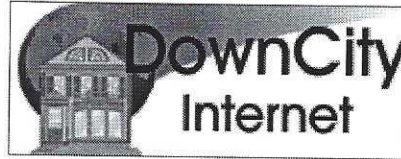
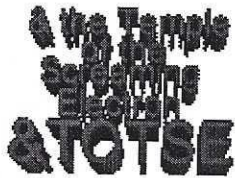
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TOM: Are you under house arrest in Wisconsin?

WANTA: Yes. It's illegal.

T: When did you go to work for the U.S. government?

W: September 20, 1963.



T: In what capacity were you hired?

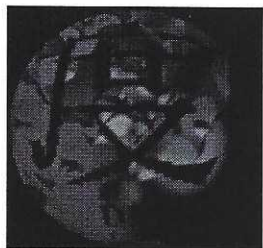
W: DEA and CIA with Senator Alexander Wiley(R-WI) as my sponsor.

T: What were your overall project jobs?

W: Aerospace, munitions, and currency.

T: When did you go to work for the Republican Party?

W: 1965.



T: Did you work for the Nixon campaign in 1968?

W: Yes, with Ray Fleming in communications.

T: Did you play a role in the Indochina conflict?

W: Yes, in tank projects and "B" bombers.

T: What was your capacity or role with the president?

W: I worked in the Department of Defense.

T: Did this role continue in the Carter Administration?

W: Yes. It was non-political. My skills were in demand.



T: In 1980 when President Reagan was elected, did your role in government expand?

W: Yes, I went to work for Jim Baker who helped me get work with Bill Casey in the CIA special operations branch -- Black Ops.



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T: What role did Vice President George Bush play?

W: He was the Supervisor of Record.

T: Please explain your operation in the old Soviet Union.

W: We dealt with the fusion bomb and the destabilization of the Soviet economy. My partner was Kok Howie Kwong of the Chinese Secret Service.

T: The Chinese worked with the United States in the ruble destabilization?

W: You bet!

T: You were detained in Switzerland on July 7, 1993?

W: Yes. The Swiss police arrested me on Wisconsin State tax charges.

T: What happened next?

W: I spent 130 days in a dungeon.

T: What happened next?

W: Prime Minister Rabin of Israel wrote a letter to the Swiss demanding my release, given I was chairman of the AmeriTrust account.

T: What happened next?

W: The Swiss government released me and I was sent to New York state.

T: What happened next?

W: The federal judge in New York state released me, but I was arrested by the state of Wisconsin on the steps of the federal courthouse as I left the building.

T: This is while you were still Somalian Ambassador to Switzerland?

W: Yes, of course. I had previously been Ambassador to Canada.

T: You were in Switzerland to execute a 70 billion dollar credit for the U.S. Treasury?

W: Yes. Along with Vince Foster and Geneva Farrell. We were to meet at the Hotel Dekpix in Switzerland.

T: What was the role of George Bush in the AmeriTrust account?

W: Bush felt he could never lose the election and would be able to grab(??) all the money himself.

T: Of course, Clinton won the election.

W: Yes. And Vince Foster and Mickey Lee Cantor called me and drew up an instrument for \$250,000,000 for the credit of the Children's Defense Fund.

T: What about the rest of the fund?

W: There was \$210 billion in the account, \$250 million to the

Children's Defense Fund, \$70 billion was to be assigned to the White House, and some to be directed to foreign nations.

T: Why was Vince Foster silenced?

W: He was upset about me and felt the AmeriTrust funds were being misdirected.

T: What was Foster's role with Bill Casey?

W: The Contra/arms laundering in Arkansas.

T: What is your understanding of the role of Ken Starr?

W: Protect the Clintons.

T: Explain to us your meeting with John Brown of Little Rock, Arkansas.

W: Mr. Brown drove up to Lacrosse, Wisconsin and said he was a Registered Agent of Ken Starr. He demanded that I give him documents in my possession.

T: Did you give him the documents?

W: Yes. I was under house arrest and felt a great deal of pressure.

T: What were the documents about?

W: They were files relating to Mena, the DEA, Barry Seal, and the Chinese COLA accounts.

T: What do you know about Mena?

W: It involved the Arkansas Development Finance Authority run by Bob Nash which used Mitsui Mfg Bank to launder Japanese yen.

T: What else do you know about Mena?

W: It involved Bill Clinton, George Bush, Vince Foster, Bill Hakr and Webb Hubbell. Japanese yen was laundered through the Bank of China in exchange for U.S. dollars.

T: What else should we know about Mena?

W: Of course Barry Seal was the pilot bringing in the drugs. He reported to Bill Casey.

T: Did George Bush know about the murder of Barry Seal?

W: You bet!

T: What about the arms operation in Arkansas?

W: Arms were shipped through Honduras through the Chinese COLAs accounts. My partner was eventually murdered with the help of Chinese Intelligence.

T: That partner was Kwong?

W: Yes.

T: What was the role of Hillary Clinton?

W: She was president of Standard LaFarge and helped launder the arms profits through its headquarters in Quebec, Canada.

T: There is a hearing due on the 23rd of September, 1997.

W: I am hoping that my attorney's request for a summary judgment will be accepted.

T: That would lead to your release?

W: Yes, I hope.

T: Would you testify before the Senate Intelligence or Banking Committee?

W: Certainly.

T: Thanks for your cooperation.

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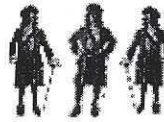
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[Quinn does a lead-in promotion of Ruddy's new book and announces that on Saturday, October 11th, Christopher Ruddy will be making a personal appearance at Pop Edward's in Bridgeville. He will be autographing copies of his new book, *The Strange Death of Vincent Foster*. He will also bring some video footage which has never been shown publicly before.]

Q: I guess we might as well ask him [about the video]. He's on the phone, for crying out loud.

Rose: Yes, let's ask him.

Q: Are you there, Chris?

R: Well, now that I've been categorized as anal retentive [by Rose for letting the phone ring for so long when he was trying to reach her the night before the interview], I'm not going to do anything for Rose. [they laugh] I'll do it for you, Jim, but not for Rose.

Rose: Oh, now you're getting yourself into a little *more* trouble.

Q: Let me tell you something, Chris. Never draw up the battle lines. Just capitulate, okay? [more laughs] Just bend over--

R: After she last accused me of hiding out in New York when I was actually in California--

Rose: No, I believe that was Patrick Knowlton.

R: And I told her then I wasn't going to allow her to give me electric shock treatments.

Rose: [laughs] That was Patrick Knowlton who accused you.

Q: Are you guys going to mud wrestle at Pop Edward's.

Rose: [laughs] Well, okay.

R: She would enjoy it, I know.

Q: Anyway, you're going to be there and you're going to be signing your book-- if people want to buy the book at Pop Edward's, you will autograph the book, is that correct?

R: That is absolutely true. And maybe we can do a book signing the night before somewhere and we can rope you in for that, Jim.

Q: Well, good. That sounds like fun. October 11th. The doors open at 6:30 [p.m.], there's going to be dinner. And you have some never seen before tape, is that true?

R: Yes, I'm going to bring some video interviews that were done with some interesting people. Paula Jones was interviewed once on television and told her story. And I'm going to bring a copy of that. I'm going to bring a copy of the interview with Jane Parks, never gone on television before.

Q: Now that's Jerry Parks' wife and Jerry Parks, of course was gunned down in Arkansas shortly after he demanded payment from the Clintons for his work as campaign security advisor during the election in '92, right?

R: Right. He was murdered--assassinated very soon after Vince Foster's death. And we've covered this in the *Tribune-Review* where the Little Rock police just say they're going to have this as a permanent unsolved mystery. She tells a very devastating story, having worked at the apartment complex where Roger Clinton had an apartment, and Bill Clinton used to go up and young girls used to be there and drugs used to be quite common. And in addition to that we're going to show the interview with Sharleen Wilson who is a prison inmate in Arkansas who was Roger Clinton's girlfriend and she had relationships with a number of ranking individuals in Arkansas. This has never been shown publicly before and it will be very interesting I think for people to see it and hear it.

Q: Boy, I can't wait for that! Okay, that's going to be October 11th at Pop Edward's in Bridgeville. Now those of you who want to make a reservation--and you can walk in--but I would suggest that this time it may be a good idea to let us know ahead of time [he gives the phone number for reservations] to make a reservation. [Quinn repeats the number and during that time there is a very audible clicking on the phone line] I hear the phone clicking there.

R: I am here.

Q: Yeah, is that just the wire tap?

R: That's right. It's the NSA.

Q: [laughs] Why don't they just listen to the show for crying out loud. It's a lot easier. So anyway, the book comes out today and you're excited, right?

R: I am very, very excited because today is the official publication of the book. And, as you know, over the weekend, Thomas Sowell's nationally syndicated column came out encouraging people to get the book. He is a convert now. He had never written about this subject and basically says that the evidence is overwhelming that there are a lot of things that the White House wants to cover up, in this case, that the body was moved and he even says, which very few people say but is true, that the evidence is consistent with the fact that Foster was killed somewhere else and that the body was moved.

Q: Or that he committed suicide somewhere else.

R: Well, what Sowell is saying is actually the evidence is *consistent* with the fact that Foster was murdered somewhere else. Now I'm not saying that--

Q: No.

R: But two New York City homicide investigators for the first time in my book I sort of detail what they think happened to Foster which is that he died somewhere in or around the White House compound because the evidence shows that he wasn't anywhere else. So they believe he died somewhere around there, that he was afraid for his life in the closing days of his life--not depressed--and that he was lured somewhere. He had a luncheon meeting, not in his office as the White House claims. But he died probably--and this is what the New York detectives say--probably of poisoning or some other means, and that his body was transported and that the gunshot was a cover for another form of death.

Q: Well, to your credit, one of the things you have done in your book apparently, if Dr. Sowell is to be believed, and of course I'm sure he is, is that you have avoided any conspiracy theories. You've avoided trying to make a guess at why Vince Foster might have been murdered, and instead you simply raise the questions and the issues that need to be raised that were never addressed. And leave it to others to speculate as to what really went on. And I read an interview this morning between a guy in California with a fellow by the name of Leo Wanta, and I'm going to make sure that you get a copy of this question and answer here because during the question and answer segments with this Leo Wanta character, the name Vince Foster comes up in connection with George Bush, in connection with the Arkansas Development Finance Authority, in connection with attempts to destabilize the Soviet Rubel. The name comes up in connection with trips to Switzerland. Remember Ambrose [Evans-]Pritchard and how he discovered the trips to Switzerland? And somehow ties this together with the Children's Defense Fund which is Hillary's baby, and the possibility that there may have been upwards of **\$201 billion** in the Children's Defense Fund. So I'll send this to you. I don't want to go through it now, but I think you'll find it interesting.

R: Well, if you fax it, I'm going to see--Clinton's here in New York today at the Waldorf, so I'll probably pop over and I'll give it to him and see, you know, what happened to the millions of dollars.

Q: Yeah, well, don't tell him I sent it, okay?

R: [laughs]

Q: Oh, by the way, he's going to be in town for the big union conclave which is going on right now. Now, this thing hits the book stores today, does that mean it will actually be on the shelves?

R: It should be. People have told me that they've seen it around. Sometimes it's out on the new release desk, sometimes it's hidden in the back--

Q: Depending on the ideology of the store owner?

R: --with the coloring books rack or something, I guess depending I guess on the manager, when they see it they either like it or are in a state of shock. But it does have a lot of new revelations in it, and most of the people who see it say, hey, this is a tremendous narrative that puts together the whole story about what happened in one, which is hard to do just reprinting news clips which we have done in the past. And the book has been endorsed by the former FBI director, William Sessions. So it's not something that can be easily dismissed. You can't get any higher than an endorsement by the former top cop, as they would call him, in the country.

Q: Yeah, who was fired in an unprecedented manner, what, just two days before old Vince decided to check into the 'wooden Waldorf'?

R: Well actually it was [laughs] the day *before* Sessions got a call and they literally threw him out of the office. It's interesting what happened with him because Clinton calls and says, "You're fired," and Sessions thought that he was going to have at least that day to finish out his day and clear out his desk. And twenty minutes later Philip Heymann and the Assistant Attorney General shows up at his door with a group of FBI guards and Clinton gets on the phone and says, "You're terminated immediately. Please vacate your office." And they literally--

Q: Clinton *personally* got on the phone and said that?

R: Twice. Yeah.

Q: You're kidding!

R: Oh, this is an absolutely true story. They wanted him out of there in a *bad* way. And this wasn't just a firing, this was an evacuation. And he was escorted under armed guard from the building. So they wanted him out--

Q: Boy, I'll bet he's not a happy fellow, is he?

R: Well, Sessions is not the type to be angry or sour grapes or anything like that. He never had a history, of all of the things that happened with him in the press that began in the Bush administration. He's a pretty no nonsense, honest guy and one of the reasons he is still widely respected, still goes on a lot of TV shows, is that he has always remained above the fray and he tells it like it is.

Q: We gotta get him on this show. Because, I mean, if he really is an honest guy, *that* was his problem.

R: Well, I think that most of the problems he has, if you look back in the record, when the real problems start hitting the fan--actually starts before Clinton--was when he was arguing that Banco Nationale, Lavorno (Ph.), the Atlanta branch, needed to be clearly investigated, that there were CIA intelligence links to money laundering there. Almost from that day onward it was decided that he was going to be out.

Q: Well, [laughs] Mr. Clinton knows about *all* of that stuff! You can take that to the Banco Nationale. I'll tell you what, I've got to take a break here, Chris, and keep you over another break, okay?

R: Oh, sure.

Q: Chris Ruddy who works for the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, formerly of the *New York Post*, and author of *The Strange Death of Vincent Foster*, which hits the news stands today. We'll be right back.

[FIRST BREAK]

Q: And back to Chris Ruddy, the author of *The Strange Death of Vincent Foster*, hitting the book shelves today. You'll probably be able to find it at, well, let's see, there's Borders and Barnes & Nobel is another one.

Rose: I like that. That's a nice store.

Q: Yeah, anyway, so Chris, has the *New York Times* got their copy yet?

R: Absolutely, and I will be reviewed next Sunday in the *New York Times*.

Rose: Mmm!

Q: They're going to do it on Sunday?

R: They're going to do it this coming Sunday, so they obviously feel that the book is important enough that they need to address it. It's a little unusual. Usually the publisher, Simon and Schuster said to me they never request books that early and they were requesting very early on a copy of *my* book.

Rose: Don't you think that very early on they wanted to discredit you in some way? [Ruddy laughs]

Q: [laughs] Yeah, come on.

R: Well, they've been busily doing that for a couple of years now, so why stop, right? I mean, they're having so much fun.

Q: I think they think your book is important, but I think they think the cover up of this is more important than the book.

R: Well, I'm sure they're not going to address any of the serious issues I raise, or instances or issues--for example, I confirm in the book that Webster Hubbell on the night of Vince Foster's death when he was walking around Vince's house in Georgetown with his remaining family, Vince's family, his loved ones. He was on a cell phone calling people in Arkansas telling them that Foster was murdered and not to believe for a second--there was a quote in *Esquire Magazine* and he did say that, to not believe for a second that Foster committed suicide. And I called one of the gentlemen that Hubbell called. His name was Phil Carroll at the Rose Law Firm. Phil said, yeah, we *all* believed that Foster was murdered. Now the senior partner at the Rose Law Firm is saying this to me.

Q: When did he say this?

R: During my interview with him.

Q: Well, when was it?

R: On the night of Foster's death.

Q: Okay, all right.

R: Now Phil claims that everybody's had this dramatic change of heart. Now everybody in the world claims that he committed suicide. One of the interesting things is that I've gone through all the FBI statements of interviews. Even though everyone had these doubts, nowhere is it in the FBI statements. There's not one shred of evidence [laughs] that anyone had a doubt about this suicide. You know, it's *absolutely* a suicide.

Q: So what you're saying is that the night of the suicide, everybody was convinced it was murder, and then all of a sudden they all changed their minds.

R: Right. An no one has any doubts.

Q: Right, and now everybody's *sure!* [sarcastically]

R: Hundreds of people who know Vince Foster--everybody's *absolutely* sure that he committed suicide.

Q: Um hmm.

R: And in fact what I show is that in the FBI statement for Phil Carroll and Webster Hubbell, the FBI manipulated it so that they didn't have to mention this phone call. They omitted the fact that Hubbell called. And in Carroll's FBI statement they start talking about how he meets Hubbell at the funeral in Hope, Arkansas, and how they discuss then, they quote Carroll as saying, "Hubbell expressed no doubt about Foster's suicide at that time." They forget to mention what Hubbell was doing just two or three nights before. And of course Hubbell has said that Foster believed that his phones were tapped. Hubbell clearly showed in his statements that there was nothing unusual about Foster in the closing days of his life. David Watkins said there was nothing unusual. William Kennedy--these were people intimately involved with Foster. No one noticed anything unusual. And what I show is that the White House, about a week after Foster's death, created a cock & bull story, created or concocted this story that Foster was depressed.

Q: And that he had lost weight.

R: That he had lost weight, that he was upset about the Travel Office. They put the forged note into his briefcase, which was apparently forged and planted there. And they created this whole story which everybody has bought into. But if you go back and look into the press clippings and what happened in the White House and the White House press conferences, which I did. The first week no one knew what happened. And I think they were getting concerned because Sarah McClendon was sitting there yelling at the back of the press conference things like, "I think he was *murdered* and a lot of people out in the country do, too." [Quinn laughs] They knew they had to invent--and I even have the clippings of Dee Dee Myers with Brit Hume about five or six days after the death, and Dee Dee Myers says,

"Well, you know, he *was* actually a little depressed."

And Brit Hume says, "What do you mean, '*depressed*'? You're changing your story." [Note: Here Ruddy does a great impression of Brit Hume's incredulous tone when pressing some difficult questions on White House representatives--something all too rare in the Washington press corp.]

And she says, "No, we're not."

"You said that he wasn't depressed."

"Well, we never said that."

"Dee Dee, you said that he wasn't depressed. That no one noticed any problems with him." [Another great impression of Brit Hume's intonations and style.]

And she had to back down and said, "Well, we're not really changing our story," but she says, "if a suicide note or something *like* that were to suddenly turn up, I guess that would explain something." And on the day she's saying that, sure enough the suicide note "or something like that" turns up in his briefcase in his office.

Q: Oh, yeah! Well, look--go a head.

R: The whole thing was orchestrated.

Q: Look, I mean, you've got all these things like there's a gun with no fingerprints on it, there's no blood, there's no bullet, there's no brain fragments, there's no keys in his pocket until after Craig Livingstone and William Kennedy show up to identify the body that's already been identified--you can go through all of this stuff, okay? But, *please!* Is there *anybody* out there that believes that a briefcase can be searched and turned upside down and then six days later twenty-seven yellow fragments of a note that they didn't find show up in the briefcase and be believable. Is there anybody out there who believes it's possible? If you do, I have some land along the White River in Arkansas that's going for a song. [Ruddy laughs] I mean, *excuse* me, but this is just absolutely--

R: But the funny thing is, Jim, that people bought their stories--the White House stories--and dozens like it hook line and sinker including Robert Fiske and Ken Starr.

Q: Well, Fiske--

R: And here you have them and the FBI and the "official investigators", and one of the things I go into in the book is just what type of patsies these guys were like Fiske. Fiske was known--they never discussed this in the press--in the five years he was U.S. Attorney in New York, he never prosecuted one politician and he was cited by *New York Magazine*, they did a cover story called, "Why Politicians Never Go to Jail." Robert Fiske was on the cover. And this is the reason why Rudy Giuliani became famous. He comes in and he starts indicting everyone and he becomes a well respected prosecutor.

Q: Well, I'll tell you what. We've got to let you go because we're out of time here, but I'm looking forward to reading the book and it is available and we will see you on October 11th for some book signing and some groundbreaking video that nobody's seen yet at Pop Edward's.

R: And you're going to get the mud ready for Rose and me.

Q: The mud? Ah, yes, the mud for Rose and you [Rose laughs], we'll get ready.

R: I think that would attract more people to the event than these interviews [Rose laughs again].

Q: Well, actually we're getting a thong bikini for you. I can't wait to see that, big fellow. [Ruddy laughs] We'll see you later, Chris.

R: Okay.

Q: Christopher Ruddy, author of *The Strange Death of Vincent Foster*. We'll be right back.

[END OF INTERVIEW]

Word is that the reservations for Ruddy's appearance at Pop Edward's on October 11th is selling out fast!

Bev

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To: Beverly Specht

Bev, thanks for transcribing and posting this great interview. And thanks for getting the Wanta stuff to Quinn. Maybe Ruddy will be able to track down the facts on Wanta.

From: Jim Robinson (jimrob@psnw.com)

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To: Jim Robinson

You're very welcome. I loved the part where Ruddy talked about Sarah McClendon shouting from the back of the news briefing, "I think he was murdered!" Good old Sarah. And she still can't figure out why she's had to go through three intensive IRS audits! But I think she's finally waking up about her fair-haired Boy-Clinton.

IMHO, Bev

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