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1. FBI INVESTIGATES KEHOE-MCVEIGH LINK: The FBI is investigating allegations that convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh met with Washington white supremacist Chevie Kehoe at a Spokane motel just months before the Oklahoma City bombing. The allegations were made by the former manager of the Shadows Motel and RV Park, who told the *Spokesman-Review* (Jan. 16) that he was "75 percent certain" that a man who stayed with Kehoe at the motel in late 1994 or early 1995 was McVeigh. The manager, a key witness in a grand jury racketeering indictment against Kehoe last month, also claims that days before the Oklahoma bombing Kehoe told him something was going to happen to "wake people up" on April 19th. On the 19th, just 45 minutes before the Oklahoma City bombing, the manager claims that Kehoe showed up at his living quarters wanting to watch CNN. When the bombing was reported, he claims, Kehoe said that "it was about time." The manager reports that during his time at the Shadows Motel, Kehoe spent his time constructing machine guns, homemade blasting caps, and small bombs.

Cheyne Kehoe, sentenced to 24 ½ years in prison for his role in a Feb. 1997 shoot-out with Ohio law officers, later told reporters that "I do have knowledge of my brother's [Chevie] involvement in the bombing of a federal building." Cheyne Kehoe's lawyer, Jeffrey Hoskins, confirmed that Cheyne told him during their first meeting that Chevie had been involved in a bombing.

Chevie Kehoe denies any knowledge of the Oklahoma City bombing, an allegation that could add to his woes. Kehoe faces charges for the murder of an Arkansas gun dealer and his family, as well as charges relating to the Feb. 1997 shoot-out and a plot to overthrow the government to create an Aryan Republic (AP, Jan. 21, Jan.17).

2. MCVEIGH DEFENSE DOCUMENT ALLEGES DEEP INVOLVEMENT BY NICHOLS: A document which the *Rocky Mountain News* (Jan. 18) claims to have confirmed is an "official defense document" prepared by Timothy McVeigh's lawyers alleges that Terry Nichols was involved in virtually every aspect of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing save renting the Ryder truck used in the bombing and driving it to the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The document, a chronology of McVeigh's actions leading up to the bombing, reportedly confirms several key components of the prosecution case against Terry Nichols. Among the allegations in the document:

- Nichols drove with McVeigh to Oklahoma City three days before the bombing to stash a getaway car. Nichol's told the FBI that he had traveled to Oklahoma City to pick up McVeigh when the latter's car broke down.
- Nichols helped McVeigh build the bomb at Geary State Fishing Lake the day before the bombing.
- McVeigh and Nichols stole high explosives necessary for the bombing from a rock quarry.
- Nichols robbed Arkansas gun dealer Roger Moore in Nov. 1994, a robbery that prosecutors in the Nichols' case claimed was done to finance the bombing.

The defense chronology also claims that before deciding on a final target, the conspirators discussed bombing federal buildings in Kansas, Little Rock and Dallas. The document alleges that McVeigh and Nichols travelled to Oklahoma in Oct. 1994 where they "drove by the Murrah Building, got out, walked around and timed the walking distance from the building to where Tim would be when the bomb went off."

The document also alleges a deeper role in the bombing for Michael Fortier, the associate of McVeigh whose testimony played an important role in McVeigh's conviction. According to the document, Fortier helped McVeigh construct an experimental bomb made of ammonium nitrate and nitromethane, a claim that Fortier denied and blamed on Nichols and McVeigh alone. McVeigh, it claims, also sold over 200 pounds of ammonium nitrate and blasting caps to Fortier.

3. ANTI-IMMIGRANT ACTIVISTS BURN MEXICAN FLAG, 'FORECAST' VIOLENCE: Anti-immigrant activists in Alabama started 1998 by holding a rally and burning the Mexican flag. According to Voice of Citizens

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Together, a California-based group led by rabid immigrant-basher Glen Spencer, William Larry Burchfield of Cullman, Alabama burned a Mexican flag at a Jan. 17 rallying in Cullman. VCT goes on to describe that Stan Hess of the California Coalition for Immigration Reform was on hand and “stepped in to complete the job of burning hostile flags after locals were arrested.” Among those cited as arrested was James Floyd of Cullman. According to Jared Taylor’s “high-brow” racist rag *American Renaissance* (Jan. 1998), speakers at the rally were slated to include CCIR leader Barbara Coe, Glen Spencer, FAIR leader Rick Oltman and James Wainscoat.

According to anti-immigrant leader Gary Jordan’s Nov./Dec. *American Voice*, James Wainscoat got an early start when he climbed atop the Veteran’s Building in Vera Cruz, California, burned a Mexican flag, and shouted “Viva California! Viva America!” Wainscoat, pictured in the *American Voice* wearing a combat uniform, was quoted as saying, “Democracy is failing us!” Asked by an interviewer if this meant that he would “resort to other means,” Wainscoat is quoted saying that “the Constitution guarantees a time could well come when bullets may fly” (*American Voice*, Nov./Dec. 1997).

Gary Jordan, the head of Immigration Control Advocates of Northern California who is leading a crusade against the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, also prophesies violence in his Nov./Dec. *American Voice*. Bemoaning the “abuse” anti-immigrant activists have suffered from “the pro-immigration lobby and the neo-conservative[s],” Jordan writes,

“How long will we be heavily and unfairly taxed, suffering the indignity of seeing our communities and nation’s culture... disintegrate to a third world nation’s standard... In an earlier time in America’s History, aroused citizens might have risen-up and openly rebelled with armed resistance... I am not advocating armed resurrection [sic] against a Washington D.C. government that casts a blind eye to its citizens [sic] sincere wishes. My legitimate concern is – how long can an unrepresentative form of government go on before *bullets do fly?*” [emphasis in original].

In the same issue, Jordan takes credit for a Nov. 1 decision by the INS and Southwest Key Corporation to call off plans for a residential shelter for undocumented immigrant minors in Healdsburg, California. Jordan rants that the shelter would have cost “over \$65,000 to house a mere 6 alien minors” and boasts that the decision “shows the strength of grassroots activism.” Jordan’s callous disregard for young people is matched when he writes that “most Asian, Latin and African nations have all but been written-off by demographic experts... Modern science and all the good efforts of human philanthropy will not change *their ultimate fate*” [emphasis in original].

4. 11,000 REPORTED VICTIMS OF HATE CRIMES IN 1996: According to the FBI’s annual report on bias crimes, 11,000 people were reported to be victims of hate crimes in the United States in 1996. Of these victims, 7,000 were attacked because of their race, including 4,600 African-Americans, 1,445 whites and 544 Asian and Pacific Islanders. The report documented 5,396 race-based bias crimes in 1996 along with 1,401 based on religion, 1,016 on sexual orientation and 940 ethnic background. Of the total of 8,759 reported incidents, 42% targeted African-Americans while 12.6% were aimed at Jews, 10.4% gay men and lesbians, 6.4% Latinos and 12.6% whites.

The 1996 hate crimes resulted in 10,700 offenses, one quarter of which were committed in California where campaigns against affirmative action and immigrant rights have fueled bigotry in recent years. 947 hate crimes were reported in New Jersey and 920 in New York. Of the 8,935 perpetrators reported by the FBI, 66% were white and 20% African-American. The voluntary nature of hate crimes reporting continues to plague the accuracy of FBI hate crimes statistics, however. For instance, Miami police reported no hate crimes in 1996, while New Orleans police reported just one and the entire state of Alabama reported none. The 1996 report was based on input from 11,000 police agencies in 49 states – all except Hawaii (AP, Jan. 8).

5. ADC REPORT DOCUMENTS ANTI-ARAB HATE CRIMES, DISCRIMINATION: Cautioning that it is “able to document only a small number of the case of anti-Arab discrimination,” the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee’s (ADC) reports on 129 cases of harassment, discrimination and hate crimes against Arab-Americans in its *1996-1997 Report on Hate Crimes and Discrimination Against Arab Americans*. The cases described in the report include 22 reported hate crimes; 55 cases of economic discrimination; 30 cases of harassment at airports; and 22 cases of discrimination by local or federal government agencies.”

The report argues that increasing incidents of anti-Arab discrimination by federal agencies “have the effect of legitimizing anti-Arab attitudes and encouraging bigotry against the Arab-American community” and concludes that “This climate of hostility, which is compounded by the rampant anti-Arab stereotypes perpetuated in the media, can only encourage hate crimes and discrimination against Arab Americans.” Examples of federal anti-Arab discrimination cited include the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1996 which “allows the use of secret evidence against individuals accused of supporting ‘terrorist’ organizations;” the FAA airport ‘profiling’ system “which has led to

the selective targeting of Arab and Arab-American travelers,” and recent immigration laws which “severely restrict the flow of immigrants and allows the use of secret evidence in deportation or exclusion proceedings.”

The report also describes difficulties in collecting hate crimes statistics against Arab-Americans, noting that in compiling hate crimes statistics, the FBI fails to “include a category for Arab Americans as they fall into the ‘White’ or the ‘Other’ ethnic and racial categories used by federal and local agencies.” ADC: 4201 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Ste. 300; Washington, D.C. 20008; (202) 244-2990.

6. HATE CRIMES IN CALIFORNIA: Shortly after the FBI hate crimes report placed fully one-quarter of 1996 hate crimes in California, a Jewish woman and people of color in two California communities were targeted with hate crimes. In Sunland-Tujunga, Jeffrey Campbell, 36, of Burbank and Justine Bertone, 19, of Sunland were arrested and charged with multiple counts of making bomb threats and sending fake bombs in a spree of race hatred that saw 10 fake bombs placed near black and Latino businesses and residences. Police told reporters that “in one of the cases, the caller told 911 that their whole purpose was to get rid of Mexians and African-Americans in Sunland and Tujunga.” According to Deputy District Attorney Carla Arranaga, Campbell and Bertone were members of a white supremacist ground called White Criminals on Dope.

A large red swastika was painted on the garage door of a Jewish woman in San Bruno. Police told the *San Francisco Examiner* (Jan. 19) that “a case like this you have to classify as a hate crime.” The *Examiner* also reported that San Bruno police had no information on the number of hate crimes in the community of 40,000.

7. FLORIDA SHERIFF PLEDGES TO ASSIST ANTI-ABORTION PROTESTORS: In a response to a request for help from Tampa, Florida abortion doctor Ali Azima, Lee County Sheriff John McDougall called Azima a “baby killer” and pledged to “do everything within our power to assist the protesters who wish to protect the misguided mothers who come to your clinic of death.” Dr. Azima sent a request for help to the Charlotte and Lee County sheriffs offices’ following prayer vigils outside his Port Charlotte clinic and previous protests outside of his North Fort Myers clinic. In 1993 and 1994 two doctors and a clinic escort were murdered by anti-choice fanatics outside of Pensacola abortion clinics. An attorney for Azima told reporters that the letter raises doubt as to whether McDougall is willing to enforce restrictions on anti-choice protests at clinics (AP, Jan. 21).

8. SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR 1998 JUBILATION: In addition to James Nichols, the brother of Terry Nichols, speakers at the 1998 conference of the Jubilee include Randy Parsons of the Montana-based Freedom Center, Gerald Carrol, author of *Militia Nation*, Robert S. Popavich, Identity “economist” Bruce G. McCarthy and Washington state-based Identity “health nutritionist” Ken Anderson. Music will be provided by Carl Klang, the Goldman Family and Jonathan David Brown, “the Nazarite” (Jubilee, Nov/Dec. 1998).

9. AMERICA’S PROMISE IN FLORIDA: America’s Promise Ministries will hold a “Feasts of Passover” conference March 20-22 near Kissimmee, Florida.

10. U.S. RACISTS ARRESTED IN SWEDEN: Four members and supporters of the racist rock band Max Resist and the Hooligans were sentenced to one month in prison for giving the Nazi salute during a concert in Sweden in early January. The four arrested were Shawn Sugg of Otter Lake, Michigan; Eric Dobbs of San Diego, California; Dannielle Reda of Royal Oaks, Michigan and Andrew Miokovic of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The arrests came after a riot broke out at a neo-Nazi concert held Jan. 3 in Brottbby, 19 miles north of Stockholm. The police charged 25 racist with hate crimes and incitement to riot after briefly detaining 314 people (AP, Jan. 19).

11. CENTER FOR NEW COMMUNITY 1998 BUILDING DEMOCRACY CONFERENCE: The Center for New Community has announced the date of its 1998 Building Democracy Conference. The conference will be held November 13-15 in Chicago, Illinois. Stay tuned to the Midwest Action Report or contact the Center for New Community for more information. Center for New Community: 6429 W. North Ave, Suite 101; Oak Park, IL 60302; (708) 848-0319.

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