

CIA

Central Intelligence Agency Or Should We Tell the Truth The Catholic Intelligence Agency

Part 3

Trump recently nominated Rep. John Ratcliffe to be Director of National Intelligence. President Donald Trump announced Friday he will nominate Texas Rep. John Ratcliffe to be his director of national intelligence, after abruptly yanking Ratcliffe's nomination last year.

"I am pleased to announce the nomination of @RepRatcliffe (Congressman John Ratcliffe) to be Director of National Intelligence (DNI)," Trump tweeted.

Why the CIA Is Called the 'Catholic Intelligence Agency'

The CIA is the best known of the 17 agencies that comprise the American intelligence community. It has earned itself nicknames like "Catholic Intelligence Agency" and "Catholics In Action". It's worth exploring why.

No official statistics exist on Catholics in the CIA or any other American intelligence agency. But one interesting clue is the relatively high number of Catholics who have served as director of the agency.

Some of the most influential directors in CIA history have been Catholic – men such as Walter Bedell Smith, John McCone, William Colby and William Casey. They were not just casual Catholics. They were devout Mass-goers – in many cases, members of groups like the Knights of Malta. The conspiracy theorists usually start there, with nefarious plots about the Vatican steering world affairs. Of course, they never ask why an all-powerful Vatican can't engineer more Catholic presidents.

The United States is a country in which – with the recent exception of the Supreme Court – Catholics have never dominated the highest offices. Only one out of 44 US Presidents has been Catholic. The first and only Catholic Vice President is the current one, Joe Biden. Before John Kerry, the last Catholic Secretary of State was Alexander Haig, who left the post in 1982. Catholics are a rarity in other top positions such as Secretary of Defense.

Protestants to take Catholic communion at Calvin's Cathedral in Geneva on leap year day. In a first since the Reformation era, Protestants are set to receive

communion during a Catholic mass at a historic Cathedral in Geneva, Switzerland, John Calvin's adopted home.

The historic Swiss church, Saint-Pierre Reformed Protestant church, held a Catholic mass on Feb. 29, leap day, and Protestants have been invited to attend and take part, including in receiving communion.

Trump admin announces global alliance to defend religious liberty, end religious persecution

The Trump administration has announced a new International Religious Freedom Alliance that joins more than two dozen countries to push for religious tolerance and an end to religious persecution.

At an event on Wednesday, secretary of state Mike Pompeo stated while country representatives listened, "Together, we say that freedom of religion or belief is not a Western ideal, but truly the bedrock of societies," adding that it is outlined in the alliance's Declaration of Principles and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. "Together, we have pledged to uphold the Declaration of Principles," a joint statement read, "solidifying our collective commitment to object and oppose, publicly and privately, all abuses or violations of religious freedom." Pompeo said the alliance brings together "like-minded partners who treasure, and fight for, international religious freedom for every human being."

The chief U.S. diplomat said such a joint effort is facing a growing need to address "terrorists and violent extremists who target religious minorities, whether they are Yazidis in Iraq, Hindus in Pakistan, Christians in northeast Nigeria, or Muslims in Burma" and "the Chinese Communist Party's hostility to all faiths."

So far, 27 countries have joined the United States to form the alliance: Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, the Gambia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Togo, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom. Of the countries signing up, the only Muslim-majority country is Senegal, which as of yet has been largely untouched by Muslim terrorist groups.

Notable for their absence were NATO allies France, Germany, Spain, and Turkey. Also absent were China, India, and Russia.

CIA agent E. Howard Hunt: the Jesuits are the world's greatest intelligence network [video]

The CIA itself has been a tool of the Vatican, an excerpt from a book by Stephen Mumford:

Consider the intensity of the commitment of these secret society members as “international defenders of the [Roman Catholic] Church.” It is hardly a secret that one of the most important American advances in “defending the [Roman Catholic] Church” by Catholic elitists was the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]. The activities of the CIA go far beyond intelligence gathering of an international nature.

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On one of their regular [radio shows](#), [Eric Jon Phelps](#) and his co-host George Widger brought up the control that the Jesuits seem to have over the Philadelphia government, especially its police department. I think this is a good case to use as an enlightening example of how much influence the Jesuits really do have in the USA. Those who say they don’t either haven’t looked into it properly or are knowingly trying to draw attention away from the Jesuits.

Before looking at the evidence, let’s establish what being Jesuit trained and/or a Jesuit coadjutor basically means (as per Eric Jon Phelps);

Q: I would like to know from you what it means for someone to be Jesuit-trained. Does the Jesuit Order keep (close) contact with its pupil for the entire duration of the pupil's life? Do the Jesuits openly manipulate their pupils after their education, steering them into certain directions beneficial to the Order on the excuse of merely 'advising' them? Or do they perhaps do that more stealthily and cunningly, by subtly providing their pupils with information at which the pupil then decides ostensibly by his or hers own volition the course in life ideally never suspecting that the Order is subtly steering them into their preferred direction? How does it pay off to have a Jesuit education? Are Temporal Coadjutors Jesuit-trained by definition?

A: The Order's Temporal Coadjutors may or may not be Jesuit trained. Those students who are trained by the Jesuits have the greatest possibility of finding a job after graduation. Their education is first, their placement is second and the reason for which the Order trained them. Their grads are found in every profession and walk of life. It is in these vocations that they become the most dangerous, men like Tim Russert and Chris Matthews of the Order's CFR-controlled Press. Many coajutors are Yale and Harvard Grads. The Order has a Jesuit House at Harvard, the alma mater of Coadjutor Bill O'Reilly. If the Order puts you in political office, it expects you to submit to their advisor, men like Jesuit priest John McLaughlin, the man who wrote Nixon's speeches. If you jettison the Order that put you in office, then you will be punished or killed.

<http://letsrollforums.com//jesuit-trained-movers-and-t16270.html>

So, what does the Philadelphia Police Department leadership look like?

The Commissioner since December 2019 is [Danielle Outlaw](#) (funny name for a police chief, don't you think...), who had previously served as chief of the Portland Police Bureau (2013-2017). Outlaw attended a Catholic sisterhood sponsored high school in Oakland, California and then graduated with a BA from the [University of San Francisco](#), a Jesuit university.

The Deputy Commissioner of Organizational Services, and the second highest ranking officer in the Philadelphia police, is [Christine Coulter](#), who served as interim Commissioner from 2018 to 2019. Coulter holds a MS in public safety management from [Saint Joseph's University](#), the Jesuit university in Philadelphia, and is also a faculty member in the graduate Public Safety program at Saint Joseph's University's Institute of Criminal Justice and Public Safety Administration.

The Deputy Commissioner of Special Operations, [Dennis Wilson](#), holds a MS in criminal justice from the aforementioned Saint Joseph's University.

Thus, three of the four highest ranking officers of the Philadelphia police are Jesuit trained. What's more, Outlaw's and Coulter's predecessor [Richard Ross Jr.](#), like Wilson, has a MS in criminal justice from the Saint Joseph's University.

Why are the Jesuits so keen on educating people?

Have you ever wondered why the [Society of Jesus](#), supposedly merely a religious order of priests and monks, are so [keen on educating people](#)? Why is it so important for them to groom people to serve in all kinds of governmental and public offices, or have their own made men, such as the leading coronavirus ([pandemic](#)) expert [Anthony Fauci](#), who are [“dedicated to public service”](#)? Obviously it’s for the reasons outlined by Eric Jon Phelps above, and it’s a great way to gain influence in the country with hardly anyone even noticing it.

The Society of Jesus is a military religious order, and the [27 Jesuit universities and colleges in the USA](#) are not mere places of education, but also “military bases” used in the infiltration and subversion of America, once an overwhelmingly white protestant country.

With that said, the Mayor of Philadelphia, [Jim Kenney](#), is also Jesuit trained. He graduated from [St. Joseph’s Preparatory School](#), the Jesuit high school in Philadelphia, and has a BA from [La Salle University](#), a small [Lasallian](#) Catholic university in Philadelphia.

The Casey family and the Jesuits

As Philadelphia is the largest city of Pennsylvania, it’s worth mentioning that the Democrat Senator from Pennsylvania, [Bob Casey Jr.](#), is Jesuit trained as well. Casey graduated from the Jesuit [Scranton Preparatory School](#), a Jesuit high school in Pennsylvania, and from the [College of the Holy Cross](#), a Jesuit college in Worcester, Massachusetts. His JD he received from the [Catholic University of America](#). Between college and law school, Casey served as a member of the [Jesuit Volunteer Corps](#).

Casey can thus well be called a “Jesuit of the short robe”, i.e., a man who’s not officially a member of the Jesuit order, but its close associate and good friend. His father [Bob Casey Sr.](#) was the 42nd Governor of Pennsylvania, and he graduated from the Scranton Preparatory School and the College of the Holy Cross like his senator son. And his father again was a devout Roman Catholic and attended [Fordham University](#), the Jesuit university in New York City.

The director of the CDC is Jesuit trained, like coronavirus expert Anthony Fauci. An interesting fact, especially to those who are knowledgeable of the key role the Jesuits play in the advancement of the New World Order agenda, is that the director of the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), [Robert R. Redfield](#), is Jesuit educated, with a BS and MD from the [Georgetown University](#), the Jesuit headquarters and power base in America. As is [Anthony Fauci](#), the leading coronavirus expert in America, who attended a Jesuit high school in New York and graduated from the College of the Holy Cross, a Jesuit college in Worcester, Massachusetts.

One of his schools, Regis High School, is a Jesuit school in Manhattan, and Dr. Fauci praises the Jesuitical system of education as being highly intellectual, highly logical and intensely curious.

“The Jesuits have always trained one to have precision of thought and economy of expression. Today, I tell my fellows: ‘Be very precise in what you have to say and say it in a way that’s very clear.’ I think this training helped me in that regard, although I believe I naturally had this ability to be precise and economical. Nevertheless, I think this schooling gave me a real feel for life,” he says.

<https://www.nfid.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/fauci.pdf>

Are Jesuits controlling the coronavirus narrative? Well, surely not only them, but they do have men in key positions to steer it, as we can see above.

The article below contains excerpts from an article by Dr. Stephen Mumford of New Jersey. Dr. Mumford is admittedly a secular humanist. However, as a secular humanist, he recognizes the dangers of the Vatican's intrusive political meddlings in America's affairs. He documents below, for example, how the CIA was founded by an Irish Roman Catholic, Bill Donovan (who was a member of the Knights of Malta. He was chief of the Knights of Malta in North America for some years. The Knights of Malta are a military order that date back to and were composed of Crusaders. Mr. Donovan was awarded a medal for his services to the Vatican--and that while he was overseeing the formation of the CIA.).

Mumford also records how the CIA has several times meddled in covert operations, explicitly for the benefit of the Vatican's agenda.

Avro Manhattan documents how that the CIA worked very closely in tandem with the Vatican, in his monumental book "The Vatican Moscow Washington Alliance." It was the CIA, for example, that secretly aided the Hungarian Freedom Fighters in 1956, at Pope Pius XII's behest--even though the majority of Hungarians did not favor the Freedom Fighters' cause. Why?

Because the Freedom Fighters--a front group for the CIA and the Vatican--were putting Cardinal Mindzenty as the head of the country. That, of course, would have made Hungary a Roman Catholic country.

But Hungary is not a Roman Catholic country! It is Reformed. Before Austria took them over, the State Church of Hungary was the Hungarian Reformed Church. I personally know this, because I lived in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where the leader of the Hungarian Reformed Church at that time had emigrated. He explained how that the whole Hungarian Freedom Fighters movement was a trick of the Vatican to force Hungary to become a Roman Catholic country. It was the CIA that organized the entire rebellion.

It seems that Pius XII, in his old age, was under the influence of powerful psychotropic drugs, administered to him in the Vatican for his chronic depression. (according to Avro Manhattan, in the "Vatican Moscow Washington Alliance"). Under the influence of these drugs, he had visions of Christ and the saints. During this time of "visions," he came to believe that Mary was about to fulfill the Third Vision of Fatima, in which she would give to him [the Pope] Russia. For this reason, Pius XII was solicitous to escalate the Cold War between Washington and Moscow into an outright hot war, in which Communism would be defeated, and in which the Vatican could then move in, under CIA auspices, to take over the religious machinery of the country. Pius was hoping the whole Hungarian affair would spark an outright war between the US and Russia, and would result in the downfall of Stalin's government, thus destroying the power of the Russian Orthodox Church, and opening the door for the Vatican to move in.

It was for this reason, says Avro Manhattan, that Stalin then began employing his KGB agents in an active recruitment movement for a Socialist/Marxist Pope to replace Pius upon his death. The KGB settled on Roncalli, who subsequently was elected in 1957, and became John XXIII. (Much bribe money was paid to Third World cardinals to effect this election. The Vatican conclaves bring the term "simony" to new and dizzying heights.)

In 1960, the CIA, again under the auspices of the Vatican, and particularly under the rabid support of Cardinal Spellman, supported the Roman Catholic takeover of South Vietnam by the Roman Catholic tyrant Diem. South Vietnam at the time was a Buddhist country. Of course, later, under Paul VI, a Socialist Pope, and Pedro Arrupe, the Marxist Black Pope appointed by Paul, the Vatican reversed its strategy.

By the way General Westmoreland, head of the US Armed Forces in Vietnam, was Roman Catholic and a member of the Knights of Malta.

It is not without reason below that Dr. Mumford says: "The CIA serves as an agency through which secret "assistance" to the Holy Mother [Roman Catholic] Church can be provided by secret American society members acting as her defenders..."

These "secret American society members" are primarily the Knights of Malta and Opus Dei. The current director of the CIA, Gilbert Tenet, is Roman Catholic, and a member of the Knights of Malta. So is William F. Buckley, a famous former CIA agent, and proponent of supposedly "conservative" causes. So was Allen Foster Dulles, the first major chief of the CIA, and later, a member of the Council of Foreign Relations in New York City. (His nephew is currently a Jesuit professor of theology at the Jesuit Fordham University in New York City.)

In fact, almost all the heads and major ranking officers of the CIA have either been Knights of Malta or Free Masons (as was George Bush Sr.--here's that Freemason/Roman Catholic alliance again).

Also: the head of the FBI who ordered the siege of Waco is Roman Catholic, and a member of the Knights of Malta. That is Louis Freeh. Freeh is also a member of Opus Dei.

Lon Horiuchi, the sniper who shot members of the militant Randy Weaver's family under very questionable circumstances--and who was also reputed to have shot people in the Waco compound--is a Japanese Roman Catholic.

J. Gordon Liddy, who led the raid into the Watergate Hotel in 1972—breaking into the Democratic Party's headquarters for Richard Nixon--he was a CIA agent, Roman Catholic, and also a member of the Knights of Malta. By the way, the Vatican owns the Watergate Hotel, according to David Yallop, author of "In God's Name" (the book on the murder of John Paul I).

We need urgently another Protestant Reformation.

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>From AMERICAN DEMOCRACY & THE VATICAN:

POPULATION GROWTH & NATIONAL SECURITY

By Dr. [Phd.] Stephen Mumford

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Influence of the [Roman] Catholic Hierarchy on Government Policy

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Documentation is mounting of CIA infiltration of churches. John Marks, coauthor of the controversial book *'The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence'*, recently documented the CIA's use of missionaries as volunteer spies and its manipulation of churches. He told NCR that 30-40 percent of the missionaries he surveyed either had a CIA-church connection story to tell or knew someone who did.

Episcopal Fr. William Wipfler, a former missionary to Latin America, said the revelation of CIA-church links constitutes *"one of the most serious threats to missionary outreach in my entire experience. The groundwork has been laid for wholesale expulsions of missionaries or at least strict controls on their entry and activities."*

Marks said that he did not think the CIA had *"any conscious strategy to subvert the churches"* but that, *"to the CIA, the end justifies the means."* He quoted a 20-year veteran of U.S. intelligence who told him, *"Hell, I'd use anybody if it was to the furtherance of any objective. I've used Buddhist monks, Catholic priests and even a Catholic bishop."*

Among Marks' specific examples of church people working with the CIA were a Catholic bishop in Vietnam on the CIA payroll; Protestant missionaries in Bolivia regularly reporting to the CIA on "communists," unionists and farm cooperatives; and Belgian Jesuit Fr. Roger Vekemans, who allegedly took millions of CIA dollars to fight the Chilean left in the early 1960s.

The CIA also reportedly manipulated missionaries—for example, by financing literacy programs in which nuns unknowingly collected information for the agency.

A recently surfaced document detailed a CIA-assisted government plan to muzzle the Bolivian Catholic church. The plan gives advice about the arrests of priests—suggesting that they be made at night and that guns and "subversive literature" be planted at the site.

One of the most revealing books I have read is one that I purchased in 2016, Paul L. Williams, *'Operation Gladio'* and below are some excerpts of this intriguing

Excerpt from [Operation Gladio: The Unholy Alliance Between The Vatican, The CIA, and The Mafia](#), by Paul L. Williams (Prometheus Books, 2015). Reprinted with permission from the author.

Chapter 3: The Vatican Alliance

"The Institute for Works of Religion (IOR), commonly referred to as the Vatican Bank, is a privately held financial institution located inside Vatican City. Founded in 1942, the IOR's role is to safeguard and administer property intended for works of religion or charity. The bank accepts deposits only from top Church officials and entities, according to Italian legal scholar Settimio Caridi. It is run by a president but overseen by five cardinals who report directly to the Vatican and the Vatican's secretary of state. Because so little is known about the bank's daily operations and transactions, it has often been called "the most secret bank in the world."

Ari Jorish, Forbes, June 26, 2012

Created by Pope Pius XII and Bernardino Nogara on June 27, 1942, the *Istituto per le Opere di Religione* (IOR), commonly known as the Vatican Bank, is located within the Bastion of Nicholas V, a round tower that had been constructed in 1452 to ward off the threat of a Saracen invasion. The bank remains a sovereign financial agency within a sovereign state. It is an entity unto itself, without corporate or ecclesiastical ties to any other agency of the Holy See. As such, it cannot be compelled to redress wrongs—not even the most egregious violations of international law. Nor can it be forced to release the source of any deposit. The bank resides under the direct jurisdiction of the pope. He owns it; he controls it.[1] Swiss guards are stationed to guard the entrance to the bank, and the hermetically sealed bronze doors open only to select members of the Roman Curia—the governing body of the entire Roman Catholic Church.[2]

Nogara, who became the first president of the IOR, initiated a process of destroying all records of the bank's transactions, including deposits and investments, on a regular basis, so that its operations remain free and clear of public and private scrutiny. Anyone seeking information regarding the dealings of the bank, even its corporate organization, discovers little more than empty file folders within the Vatican archives. The trails of paper flow among three separate and distinct boards of directors. One board consists of high-ranking cardinals, the second of international bankers, and the third of Vatican financial officials. But even these records cannot be subpoenaed for inspection. They remain confidential documents of the sovereign state that can only be examined only by special permission from the pope.[3]

Of course, the Holy See dutifully publishes financial reports on a yearly basis. The reports, displaying gains and losses, appear to be exhaustive. They contain meticulous records of the incomes and expenditures of every agency within the Holy See—except the IOR.

The name of this agency never appears on any balance sheet. From all published reports, this ecclesiastical entity is nonexistent and the Roman Catholic Church survives solely as a hand-to-mouth institution.[4]

Investigators following the paper trail inevitably come to a dead end. All internal documents and external reports contain statements exempting the Vatican Bank, or IOR, from any ruling or standard of protocol. They are punctuated by such phrases as “always leaving intact the special character of the IOR,” “not including the IOR,” or “with full respect for the juridical status of the IOR.”[5]

Because of its clandestine workings, millions can be deposited into the IOR on a continuous basis and channeled into numbered Swiss bank accounts without the possibility of detection. It was the perfect place for the CIA and the Sicilian Mafia to launder their ill-gotten gains of the narcotics trade and for the Roman Church to fund its political mission.[6] And, according to Moneyval (the anti-money-laundering committee of the Council of Europe), it remains one of the world's leading laundries for dirty cash under Pope Francis.[7]

Contributions from Uncle Sam

In 1947, Pope Pius XII was more than willing to allow black money to flow through his bank. The Truman Administration already had funneled more than \$350 million to the Holy See for economic relief and political payments.[8] The pope used these funds to reactivate the Christian Democratic Party (CDP), which had been dismantled under the reign of Mussolini, and to establish twenty thousand CDP cells throughout Italy.[9] The Holy Father also obtained an additional \$30 million from Truman's aid package to create Catholic Action, an organization to generate propaganda against the Communists.[10]

American cardinal Francis Spellman was now called upon to spearhead the Vatican-sponsored campaign to encourage Italian Americans to urge their relatives in the old country to vote against Togliatti and the other Communists. “The fate of Italy depends upon the forthcoming election and the conflict between Communism and Christianity, between slavery and freedom,” Spellman wrote in a pamphlet that was distributed in Catholic parishes throughout the United States.[11] The cardinal also arranged to bombard Italy with radio messages from American celebrities such as Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, and Gary Cooper, urging the people to rise up in support of the Christian Democrats in order to check the growth of Communism.[12]

Wild Bill’s Knighthood

Pius XII soon realized he would need millions more in cash from Uncle Sam, since 50 percent of the Italian people were now aligned with the PCI. He was no stranger to US intelligence agents. At the close of the war, the pope, along with Monsignor Giovanni Battista Montini, his Undersecretary of State, had worked with Dulles and the OSS to create the ratlines used to help Nazis escape Europe, something he viewed as an essential means to address the threat of Communism.[13] Several prominent Nazis, including Walter Rauff—who had led an extermination unit of the SS across Italy—still remained sheltered within Vatican City, ready to join in the struggle against the Red Menace.[14]

In 1945, the pope had held private audiences with Wild Bill Donovan to discuss the implementation of Gladio and had decorated him as a crusader against Communism with the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Sylvester, the oldest and most prestigious of papal knighthoods.[15] Now, the Holy Father remained determined to do all in his worldly power to prevent the godless forces of Communism from taking control of Rome, the holy and eternal city—including the spilling of blood.

Cash and Candy

In the months before the 1948 national election, the CIA dumped \$65 million of its black money into the Vatican Bank.[16] Much of the cash was hand delivered in large suitcases by members of Luciano’s syndicate, including clerics with affiliations to the Sicilian Mafia. The reception of this money by the Holy See was held in strictest confidentiality. One reason for the secrecy, as Cardinal Francis Spellman of New York later revealed, was that “subversive groups in the United States would grasp this as a very effective pretense for attacking the United States Government for having released money to the Vatican, even though indirectly conveyed.”[17]

The heroin, which remained the source for the black money, continued to be supplied to the Sicilian mob by Schiaparelli, the Italian pharmaceutical giant. The drugs were received by a chain of businesses that had been set up in Palermo by Luciano and Don Calo. These businesses included a candy factory, which produced chocolates that were filled with neither cherries nor cream but nuggets

of 100 percent pure smack. Another company was a fruit export enterprise, which was of integral importance, since the drugs continued to be shipped to Cuba in crates of oranges, half of which were made of wax and stuffed with pure heroin.[18]

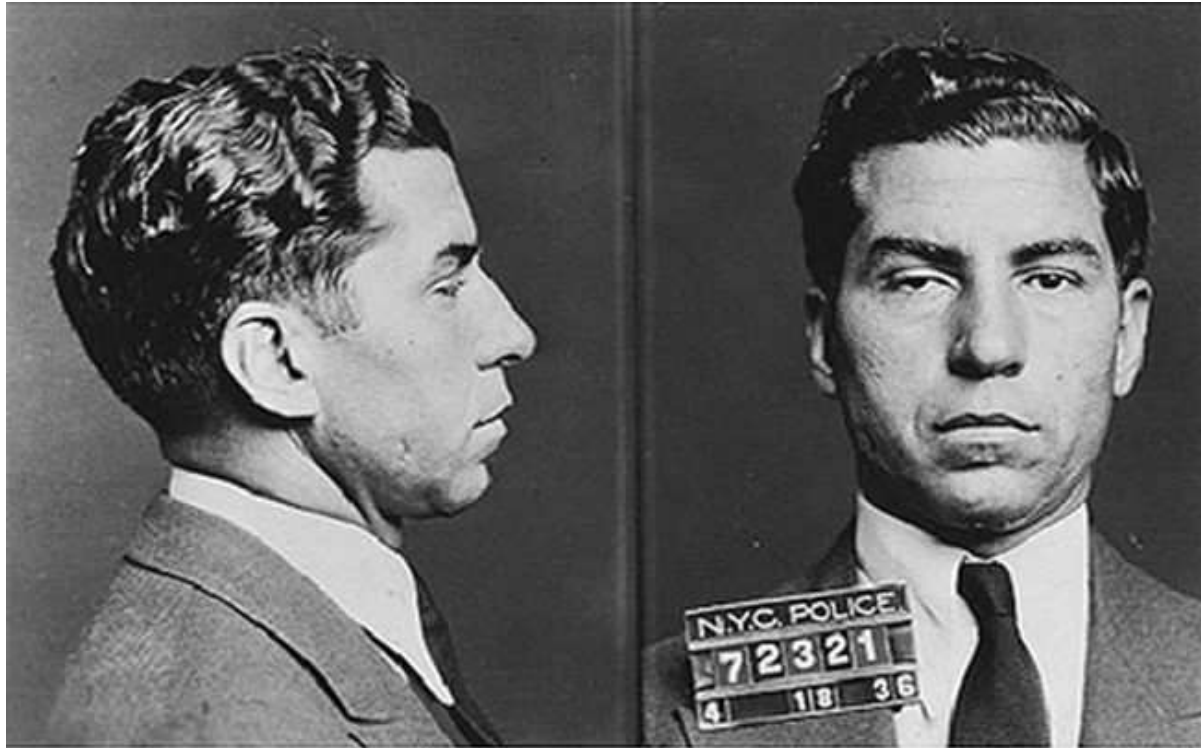
Trafficante and the Teamsters

In Cuba, Santo Trafficante and his family continued to cut the heroin with sugar before delivering it to distributors in New Orleans, Miami, and New York.[19] The CIA established protected drug routes into these ports by developing close ties to the Mafia-tainted International Longshoremen's Association, which remained under the thumb of Rosario "Saro" Mogavero.[20] The movement of the product throughout the country was facilitated by Jimmy Hoffa and other leaders of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters working with Mafia-owned trucking companies, including the Long Island Garment Trucking Company, which was run by John Ormento.[21]

This activity was not lost on Harry Anslinger, head of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD), who noted the sharp rise in the supply of heroin in African American neighborhoods and the subsequent rise in addiction. Hearing from informants that the drugs were coming from Luciano, he sent Charles Siragusa and other BNDD agents to Sicily, where they were ordered to haunt the deported gangster's every move. It wasn't long before the agents caught Luciano with a half-ton of heroin being readied for shipment to Havana.[22] Siragusa pressed for an arrest. But no action was taken by the Italian government or by the US State Department. Lucky's work in Sicily, the BNDD was informed, remained a matter of national security.[23]

Italian Election Tactics

In the closing months of 1947, hundreds of the Mafia's made men began to arrive in Italy from New York, Chicago, and Miami to aid Luciano and Don Calo in addressing the Communist problem. The CIA's black money for mob muscle was paid out by the Vatican bank from ecclesiastical organizations, including Catholic Action.[24] In this way, the Holy See forged an alliance with the Sicilian Mafia, an alliance that would strengthen throughout the next three decades.



Mugshot of Charles "Lucky" Luciano from 1936.

The force of the Mafia was now unleashed upon the Italian electorate. Don Calo and an army of thugs, including Vito Genovese's cousin Giovanni Genovese, burned down eleven Communist branch offices and made four assassination attempts on Communist leader Girolamo Li Causi. The gang, under Frank Coppola—who had been imported from Detroit by Angleton to work with Sicilian bandit Salvatore Giuliano—also opened fire on a crowd of workers celebrating May Day in Portella della Ginestra, killing eleven and wounding fifty-seven. The funds for the massacre were provided by Wild Bill Donovan through his World Commerce Corporation.[25] One of Italy's leading labor organizers, Placido Rizzotto, was found dead at the bottom of a cliff—legs and arms chained and a bullet through his brain. Throughout 1948, in Sicily alone, the CIA-backed terror attacks resulted in the killing of on average five people a week.[26]

The Vatican Death Squad

In addition to these undertakings, Monsignor Don Giuseppe Bicchierai, acting upon papal authority, assembled a terror gang charged with the task of beating up Communist candidates, smashing left-wing political gatherings, and intimidating voters. The money, guns, and jeeps for the Monsignor's terror attacks were furnished by the CIA from surplus World War II stockpiles.[27]

On Election Day, Don Calo and his men stuffed ballot boxes and bribed voters with gifts of freshly laundered drug money, while Pope Pius remained within his chambers "hunched-up, almost physically overcome by the weight of his present burden, the coming election." [28] The mob's tactics worked, and the Christian

Democrats triumphantly returned to power. In his memoirs, William Colby, who would later become the director of the CIA , wrote that the Communists would have gained 60 percent of the vote without the Agency's sabotage.[29]

Other Catholic Banks

One year after the election, renewed fears of a Communist takeover of Italy arose from Stalin's creation of the Comecon (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance), the economic union of the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania to enforce the Soviet dominion of the lesser states of central Europe.[30] In the face of this development, the CIA opted to extend support for the CDP in Italy and stay-behind units throughout Western Europe with billions in covert funding that could only come from the expansion of the drug trade. The CIA funds were deposited by members of Don Calo's crime family in Catholic banks throughout Italy, including Banco Ambrosiano. These banks, thanks to the Lateran Treaty (which established Vatican City as a sovereign state), were safe from scrutiny by the Bank of Italy and Italy's treasury department. A henchman for Giuseppe Genco Russo, Don Calo's immediate successor as capo, now observed, "He [Russo] is constantly in contact with priests, priests go to his place, and he goes to the bank—which is always run by priests—the bank director is a priest, the bank has always been the priests' affair." [31]

The Vatican Desk

In 1949, Pope Pius XII issued a solemn decree which excommunicated not only the members of Holy Mother Church who joined or favored the Communist party, but also all Catholics who read, published, or disseminated any printed material that upheld Communist ideology.[32] In an internal memo, the CIA provided the following analysis of the pope's action:

By this action, the two most powerful organizations for moving men to act on behalf of a doctrine are brought into open and basic conflict. The possible long-range ramifications of this conflict cannot be easily or comprehensively defined. The decree will be a very powerful factor in the East-West struggle. In Eastern Europe, it implies a struggle to the bitter end.... In many other areas of the world, the decree will exert a powerful and prolonged indirect pressure on both policy and action. Communist governments and Communists generally will have to accept the issue as now posed. Although the Communist governments would obviously have preferred to carry on their anti-church campaign at their own pace, the power of decision has now been taken from them. The conflict can be pressed on them with a speed and comprehensiveness that may well affect the satisfactory development of other Communist policies....[33]

Fearful that the decree might be insufficient to crush the "forces of godlessness," Pius XII continued to tighten his ties with the CIA into a Gordian knot that no one could unravel. The CDP continued to receive more than \$20 million in annual aid

from the CIA and, in return, the CIA established a “Vatican desk” under Angleton.[34]

The Vatican desk reviewed all of the intelligence reports that were sent to the Holy See from papal nuncios (diplomats) who were stationed behind the Iron Curtain. During the early years of the Cold War, this became one of the only means for the Agency to penetrate the Eastern Bloc.[35] Strategies between the CIA and the Church were drafted to undermine left-wing movements throughout Europe and South America. The affairs of politically suspect members of the Curia were monitored by moles. The actions of progressive priests, particularly in Latin America, were thwarted by strong arm techniques.[36]

The Knights of Malta

Angleton swore his allegiance to Holy Mother Church and became a knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM), the legendary ecclesiastical society dating back to the Crusades. Other spooks were also knighted, including William Casey, William Colby, and John McCone, who were all future CIA directors; General Vernon Walters, who would become the deputy director of the CIA under George H. W. Bush; Albert Carone (mentioned in the previous chapter); CIA special agent William F. Buckley, who would become the owner and publisher of *National Review*; Frank Shakespeare, the director of CIA media outlets *Radio Free Europe* and *Radio Liberty*; NATO general and future secretary of state Alexander Haig; and Wild Bill Donovan.[37] An SMOM knight of particular interest was General Reinhard Gehlen, who had served as Hitler’s intelligence chief for the eastern front during World War II. In 1945, Gehlen had been asked by the OSS to set up stay-behind units made up of fellow Nazis to spy on the Soviet Union. The units, known as the Gehlen Organization, eventually transformed into the Bundesnachrichtendienst or BND under Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in 1956.[38] Much of the business between the CIA and the Vatican began to be conducted at the annual gatherings of the SMOM in Rome and New York. Cardinal Francis Spellman presided over the proceedings and sanctioned future strategies against the Communist forces in Europe in the name of the pope.[39] Since the Vatican played such an essential part in Gladio, William Colby, the CIA station chief in Rome, had microphones planted throughout the papal apartments so the Agency could monitor the pope’s conversations and those of his staff. This snooping would persist until 1984.[40]

The Vatican now became a principal depository not only for black funds but also top secret documents, including CIA files relating to the development of nuclear weapons. One of these documents, never declassified, surfaced in 2006 during the process of discovery in *Alperin v. Vatican Bank*, a class action suit by Holocaust survivors who claimed the IOR was the repository of gold that had been stolen from them by the Nazi Croatian government.[41]

The Stumbling Block

The Helliwell plan had been implemented. The Mafia connection had been made. The alliance with the Vatican had been forged. But there was a problem. Schiaparelli could no longer meet the Agency's increased demand for heroin. The pharmaceutical giant was extended to the limit by providing annual shipments of two hundred kilos to the makeshift laboratories of Luciano and Don Calo.[42] The Sicilian syndicate and the CIA would have to establish their own drug route in order to meet the current needs and also to develop new markets throughout Europe and the United States. The Sicilians would also have to secure proper facilities and trained scientists to refine the raw product. The heroin that came from the Schiaparelli laboratories was 100% pure and only requiring cutting and packaging. Sources for opium had to be found; the raw product had to be refined into purified No. four heroin; and new markets in the United States had to be developed. Otherwise, the cold war could be lost.

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