

The Gibson Island Atomic Lighthouse and Introduction to Merson Booth (Part 1)

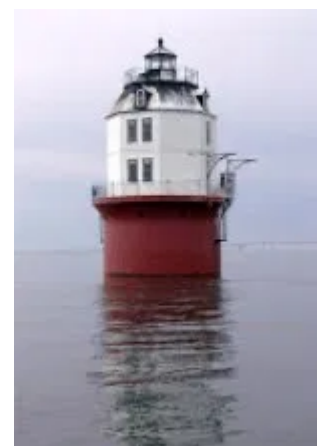
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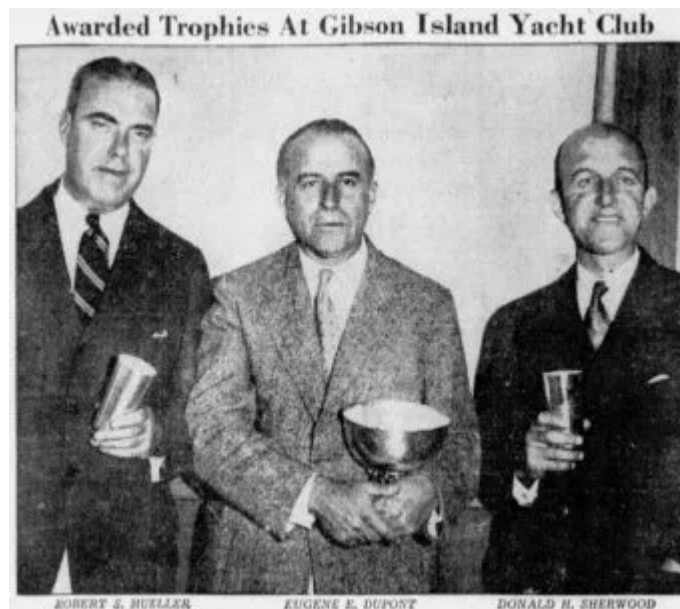
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Tags: Admiral Rickover, AEC, Apollo Affair, Donald Sherwood, Earle Cabell, Eugene Dupont, General Charles P. Cabell, Gibson Island, Gibson Island Club, Gibson Island Yacht Club

In the years following the splitting of the atoms over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, scientists, government leaders and business men described a future where atoms would be split, at a slower pace, for fun and profit.

Atomic Studebakers would whisk commuters to cities where the electricity was too cheap to meter. Flying cars, moving side walks, elevators to space, all powered by nuclear energy were the promise. While we are still waiting for our atomic powered flying cars, **Gibson Island** did manage to get the only Atomic Lighthouse in North America.





"It's easy to grin, when your ship comes in,
and you've got the stock market beat..."

Members of the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron have no doubt appreciated the sight of the Lighthouse (officially the Baltimore Harbor Light) after a long sail from Newport or Bermuda, since the Gibson Island Yacht Club was created in the 1920s. The children and grand children of the original Club founders, such as the **Eugene DuPonts**, the **Gifford Pinchots**, and the **Sifford Pearres** (a relative of General **Charles "Pearre" Cabell**, and Dallas Mayor **Earle Cabell**) probably radiated with pride when a nuclear light was installed in 1964, before being replaced a year later with conventional power.

We can only guess as to why the Gibson Island approaches were chosen to test the first and only nuclear powered lighthouse. Perhaps Gibson Island resident **Merson Booth** thought it was a good idea and was in the position to make it happen.

Merson Booth passed away in 2012 at the age of 88. He spent his entire career in the Nuclear industry. After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1946, Merson was assigned to work on the US Nuclear Weapons program in Los Alamos, NM.

In the 1950s, **Admiral Hyman S. Rickover** recruited Merson Booth *"to participate in the early development of the Navy's first nuclear-powered vessels"* according to his Washington Post Obituary.

In 1958, Merson resigned from the Navy and joined the **Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)**. He retired in 1972 as chief of systems at the age of 48. (The Wapo obituary does not make it clear if Merson just retired from the AEC and went to work somewhere else or retired permanently.)

Merson Booth, nuclear engineer

By **Matt Schudel**
December 2, 2012

Merson Booth, 88, a retired nuclear engineer with the old Atomic Energy Commission, died Oct. 26 at his home in Bethesda. He had Parkinson's disease, his son William Booth said.

Mr. Booth was a 1946 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. Early in his naval duty, he was assigned to work on the U.S. nuclear weapons program in Los Alamos, N.M.

In the early 1950s, he was recruited by Adm. Hyman S. Rickover to participate in the early development of the Navy's first nuclear-powered vessels.

While serving in the Navy, Mr. Booth attended graduate school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving advanced degrees in naval architecture and marine engineering in 1953 and in nuclear engineering in 1955.

He resigned from the Navy as a lieutenant commander in 1958 and joined the Atomic Energy Commission. He worked in reactor development and retired in 1972 as chief of systems.

Merson Booth was born in Minneapolis. He was a member of the Naval Academy's Class of 1947 but graduated a year early as part of an accelerated wartime program. He was captain of the sailing team at the Naval Academy.

Merson Booth Obituary – 12/2/2012 (Part 1)

In later years, Mr. Booth sailed a Hinckley Bermuda 40 sloop on Chesapeake Bay and was a member of the Chesapeake Bay Bermuda 40 Association. He was a member of the Green Island Club in Anne Arundel County and River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bethesda.

He volunteered at St. John's College in Annapolis and completed the master's work for a doctorate in philosophy at Georgetown University.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Barbara Wimer Booth of Bethesda; three children, James Booth of Davis, Calif., Kathryn Johnson and William Booth, both of Bethesda; and seven grandchildren.

— **Matt Schudel**

Merson Booth Obituary – 12/2/2012 (Part 2)

How do you sneak 300 lbs. of Highly Enriched Uranium out the back door

We have another series of posts in progress where we present facts, opine and speculate on an incident called **The Apollo Affair**. The Wikipedia summary is below.

The Apollo Affair was a 1965 incident in which a US company, Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation (NUMEC), in the Pittsburgh suburbs of Apollo and Parks Township, Pennsylvania was investigated for losing 200–600 pounds (91–272 kg) of highly enriched uranium, with suspicions that it had gone to Israel's nuclear weapons program. [Full Wikipedia Article](#)

Our posts are more focused on the possible financial mechanisms that could be used to launder the large sums of money that must have changed hands in order to move HEU from Pittsburgh to Israel. The Posts (so far) are here:

Our broader thesis, with respect to the Apollo Affair is that **Zalman Shapiro**, the President of **NUMEC** is not at the “tippy-top” of the conspiracy pyramid and that he must have had help from government agencies, and/or the Navy, and/or other Uranium industry companies to be able to pull off the caper. In short, the government agencies and other entities that were responsible for keeping tabs on weapons grade uranium had to have been persuaded to look the other way.

The AEC, where Merson Booth worked, was the primary agency that was mandated to keep track of all sorts of nuclear material, including the HEU at Apollo. They were also the primary agency in charge of investigating the loss of the HEU.

The “persuaders” would naturally be wealthy and powerful, so when we discovered that Merson Booth was a member of the **Gibson Island Club**, we figured we had a good lead.

Manhattans at the Gibson Island Club

Your finer and more exclusive Eastern Establishment clubs will usually have a “signature” cocktail that you must have at least one of before switching to your preferred cocktail. The Gibson Island Club probably has one. We don’t know what it is, but for narrative purposes, we’ll say its a “Manhattan” as in “Manhattan Project Cocktail.”

How exactly Merson got involved with the Gibson Island Gang, we have no idea. Nevertheless, he would have been useful in the illicit weapons trade business the gang started back in World War 1. Maybe over Manhattan’s, Merson mentioned he worked with Zalman Shapiro under Admiral Rickover’s nuclear boat project.

That Merson worked for the AEC is also more than a curiosity and deserves a deeper dive in to the archives. In the meantime, Merson’s involvement in a “Radiation Incident” is also worth a closer look.



STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. R. Luedcke, General Manager

DATE: APR 18 1960

FROM : Curtis A. Nelson, Director
Division of Inspection

SUBJECT: RADIATION INCIDENT, WESTINGHOUSE TESTING REACTOR,
WALTZ MILLS, PENNSYLVANIA - DOCKET NO. 50-22

Symbol: INS:PAM

This incident, which occurred on April 3, 1960, was reported to the NY Inspection Division and the Division of Inspection, HQ, by telephone on April 4, 1960. A written memorandum from Westinghouse to the Director, Division of Licensing and Regulation was received on April 7, 1960 (a copy of which was furnished you). A press release was issued by Westinghouse on April 4, 1960 and the JGAE was informed by phone on this date.

Further information, developed by the Inspection Division, NY, indicates that this incident should be classified as a Type A Radiation Incident, under AEC 0707-053, in that the lost time, as a direct result of the incident will probably exceed one week and that the cost will probably exceed \$100,000. (A copy of the NY Office TWX is attached.) It was reported by phone on April 18, 1960 that it appears that one fuel element had melted in two; the upper piece has been removed from the reactor, the lower piece remains.

There has been no overexposure of personnel and no detectable contamination of the environment.

A committee has been established (AEC 0707) to conduct an appropriate investigation and to prepare findings and recommendations for this office, as follows:

Marvin M. Mann, Assistant Director for Compliance
Division of Inspection
John R. Sears, Inspection Division, NY
Merson Booth, Div. of Licensing and Regulation
Vincent A. Walker, Division of Inspection

Chairman
Member
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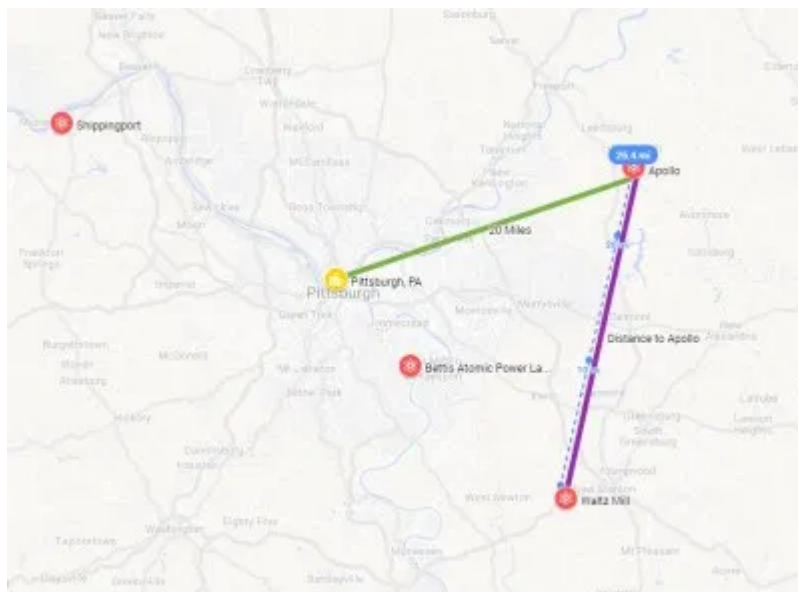
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- [Radiation Incident, Westinghouse Testing Reactor, Waltz Mills, PA – April 18, 1960](#)
- [Investigation of Radiation Incident, May 27, 1960](#)

The Radiation Incident

Merson Booth was a member of the AEC committee that investigated the radiation incident at Waltz Mills. We are still going through the documents that are linked above. In the meantime, our cynicism prevents us from dismissing the proximity of Waltz Mills, PA from Apollo PA, where the AEC would discover in 1965, that 300 lbs. of HEU was missing, and it was eventually discovered that the HEU ended up in the hands of the Israelis.



Apollo PA to Waltz Mills PA, 25 miles as the crow flies. 40 Minute Drive

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We Found a Russian Princess While Looking For Merson Booth's Parents (Part 2)

September 3, 2019

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Tags: Admiral Rickover, Apollo Affair, Bell, Bell Helicopter, Booth, DuPont, George Lincoln Rockwell, Hans Rechenburg, Harold Arrowsmith, House of Gargarin

If there is anything we have learned from the JFK assassination and the attempted Trump coup d'etat, there are probably some White Russian royalists lurking in the shadows if the conspiracy is big enough.

First, a point of clarification.

Aside from the cocktail, the term **"White Russian"** can mean:

1. A person from White Russia or White Ruthenia, "a territory in the eastern part of present-day Belarus."
2. Anyone from Belarus, under the presumption that "White" is "an archaic literal translation for Belarus."
3. A member of the "White" movement during the Russian Civil War. The forces that opposed the "Red" movement (Communist/Bolshevik.) They were often monarchists, or those that remained loyal to the Russian Royal family, but also included Russian Nationalists, Ukrainian and other regional Nationalist proponents ("Free Lithuania", "Free Belarus", anti-Soviets, pro-democracy and other factions, the common denominator being anti-Red.)
 - Also narrowly, emigres from Imperial Russia during and after the civil war that remained actively opposed to the Reds while in exile.
 - More Broadly, any emigre from Imperial Russia during the civil war, whether or not they cared about returning to Russia. (ie. forced out of Russia but no plans to return.)

What was Merson Booth's "White Privilege?"

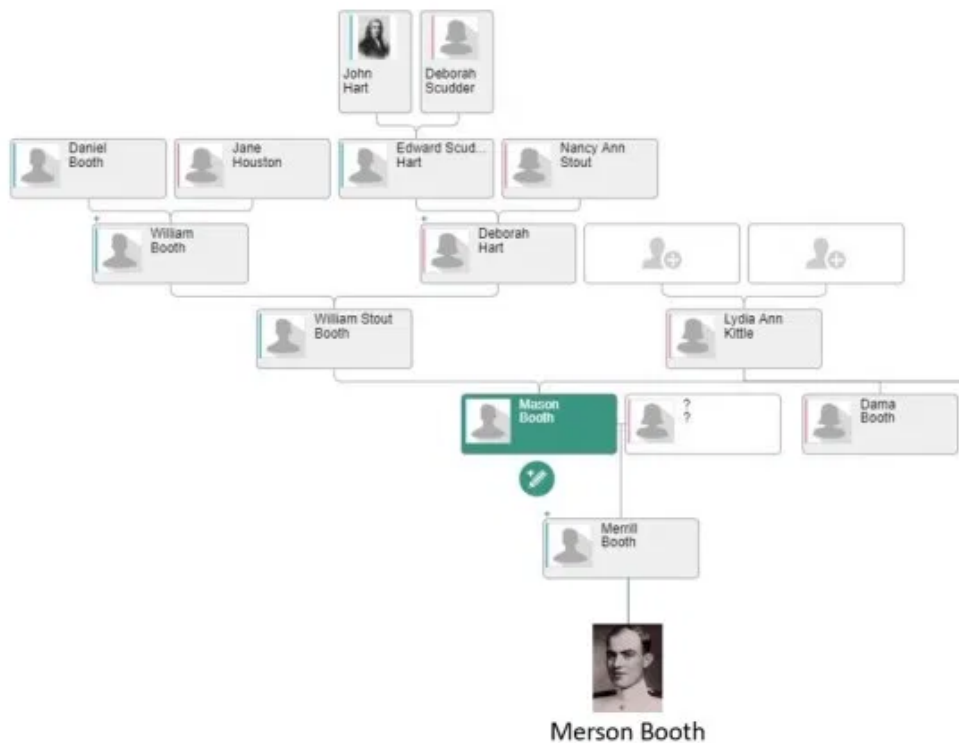
We called attention Merson Booth in this post "The Gibson Island Atomic Lighthouse and Introduction to Merson Booth" a few days ago. Briefly, we are interested in learning more about Merson Booth (1924-2012) for the following reasons:

- Member of the **Gibson Island Club**.
- Recruited by **Admiral Hyman Rickover** to work on US Navy Nuclear Submarine Program.
- Contemporary of, and likely worked directly with, **Zalman Shapiro**, founder of NUMEC and central figure in **"The Apollo Affair"** (the illegal sale of Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) to Israel in 1960s.)
- Worked for the **Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)** during the period the HEU went missing and was involved in the investigation of a radiation incident less than an hour away from the **NUMEC** plant in Apollo, Pennsylvania.

Naturally, we like to know more about the background whenever we come across suspicious characters from Gibson Island, especially when they have connections to important conspiracies. Since Gibson Island is so exclusive and limited in size, residents (property owners) are "*privileged*" to live there. In our research into the history and families of Gibson Island, we have noticed a few broad patterns with which we can suggest a stereotypical family. These stereotypes, especially for pre-World War II founding families, with much overlap, include:

- **WWI War Profiteers**
- **Standard Oil "Trustees"** (Rockefeller relatives, as well as early investors, partners, corporate officers and bought-out competitors of Standard Oil before it was broken up in 1911.)
- **Colonial Founders** (Mayflower and early Virginia descendants, etc.)
- **Revolutionary War Fighters & Declaration Signers**
- **"Spurious Nobility"** (ie. family can claim some type of lineage to a European Royal Family.)
- **"Confederate Royalty"** (ie. a great-grandfather was a high ranking officer in the Confederate Army or politician.)
- **"Baltimore Bourgeoisie"** (Social Register listed families from nearby Baltimore.)
- **Annapolis Admirals**

We believe that residents and families of Gibson Island that purchased houses later in the 20th century likely fall into one or more of the categories above, but there may be a few exceptions. These exceptions might include people that ingratiated themselves via displays of competence while undertaking a specific mission for the **Deep State**. A few of the Admirals, Intelligence Officers, Media Manipulators, Academics and Industry Leaders might fall into the category. Nonetheless, we would not be surprised to find out if most of the newer members of the Gibson Island Gang, were put in a position to demonstrate competence, and eventually progress to "Full Member" status, because their lineage could be traced to one or more of the bullet-pointed groups.



Among the privileged, Merson is a descendant of John Hart, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The Booths were a large family. William Booth had nine children (not all shown) and at least two of his children had eight children. We believe two Booths on the "Skull & Bones" Membership Roster from the 1880s are related to Merson Booth, as well as Clare "Booth" Luce. Upon additional research, no relationship between Clare Booth Luce and Merson Luce was found.

Who are Merson Booth's "White Russians?"

We will often find that a suspicious character does not end up playing a roll in a conspiracy out of sheer coincidence. For example, as a member of the Gibson Island Club, Merson Booth would have rubbed shoulders with the **Muellers** and **duPonts**, who have already been connected to post WWII nuclear weapons and power projects (as well as pre-WWII weapons projects in general).

Booth also would have come into contact with **Godfrey Rockefeller** (worked for **Bell Helicopter** at same time as **Lee Harvey Oswald** "friend" **Michael Paine**), and **Harold Noel Arrowsmith, Jr.**, whom we can connect to **George Lincoln Rockwell**, the neo-Nazi founder believed to be an associate of several JFK assassination suspects, and **Hans Reckenberg**, an original Nazi that corresponded with **Otto Skorzeny**. See these posts:

- **Arrowsmith & Rockwell Post:** About the Gibson Islander Neo-Nazi Financier, the “Face” he Financed, and the Futile JFK File Search
- **Arrowsmith – Reckenberg Skorzeny Post:** Arrowsmith of Gibson Island, a Few More Familiar Names and a Dueling Scar

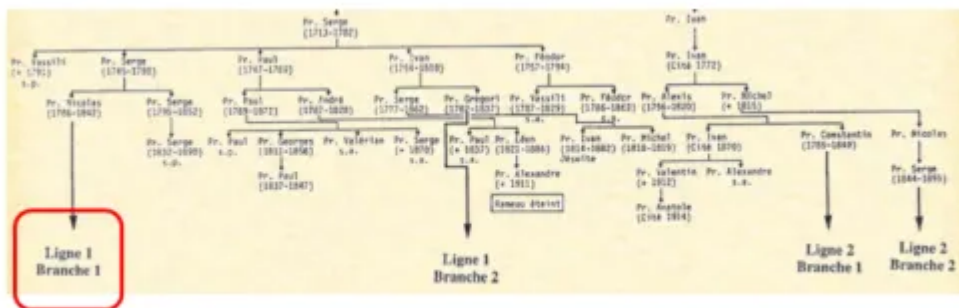
Along another line of inquiry that is discussed in this thread, Who was Edward Pierpont Morgan? Was Charles W. Lyons a CIA Cut Out? Did Otepka run across a Nazi Rat Line? we delve into a potential CIA sponsored effort to smuggle Nazi War criminals into the United States by disguising them as White Russians, using any of the definitions for White Russian we highlighted above.

As things tend to happen, a simple google search of the name “Merson Booth” pulled up “Irina Troubetzkoy” as some sort of relative. Russian names and anything nuclear related are always worth a look, so digging deeper into Irina revealed that she is married to **William Clay Booth**, the son of Merson, and a **White Russian Princess**.

Princess Irina Troubetzkoy hails from “The Princely House of Gagarin” which originates from the founder of Russia, “Rurik” in 867, according to this genealogy website <http://www.gagarin.com/>.

The full Family Tree of the House of Gagarin can be viewed at this link. [Gargarin Family Tree – Beginning Year 879](#).

The Primary modern branches of the House of Gagarin are shown in the table below.



House of Gagarin

Ligne 1 / Branche 1

(Truncated)

5 Princess Irina Mikhailovna Gagarina *1921 - 1984
6 Prince Serge Yevgenyevich Troubetzkoy *1924 - 1984
6 Princess Marina Sergeevna Troubetzkoy *1924 - 1982
6 Prince Vera Sergeevna Troubetzkoy *1924 - 1982
6 Michel Apollinarievitch C. Boutereff *1915 - 1992
6 Alexis Mikhailovich C. Boutereff *1915 - 1949
6 Cheryl Lynn Epoff *1921 - 1984
6 Peter Alice Boutereff *1985
7 Tatiana Mikhailovna C. Boutereff *1951
6 Irina Maria Boutereff *1952 (deceased 1982)
7 Maria ("Masha") Mikhailovna C. Boutereff, Ed.D. *1956
6 Constantin Yevgenyevich Sokoloff *1954 - 1992
6 Eugene Alexis Konstantinovich Sokoloff *1941
6 Catherine Alexandra Konstantinovna Sokoloff *1988
6 Jeremy Norman Dagen - (deceased 2007)
7 Peter Mikhailovich C. Boutereff, D.Phil. *1960
6 Patricia Ellen Parr, D.Phil. *1961
6 Michael Leah Boutereff *1962
6 Elizabeth Xenia Boutereff *1968
6 Princess Tatiana Sergeevna Troubetzkoy *1921 - 1997
6 Serge Apollinarievitch Boutereff *1921 - 1974
7 (deceased) Serge Sergeevich C. Boutereff *1947
6 Elisabeth Mikhailovna Loposhina *1948
6 Serge Boutereff II *1975
6 Anna L. Boutereff *1977
6 Natalia Boutereff *1979
6 Jason Michael Stone *1979
7 Marina Sergeevna C. Boutereff, Ph.D. *1948
6 George Nikitch Kouzmin *1944
6 Daniel George Kouzmin *1977
6 Divya Bhaskarika Kumar *1977
6 Sophia Elisabeth Kouzmin *1979
6 Prince Eugene Sergeevich Troubetzkoy, Ph.D. *1931
6 Maria Sergeevna Troubetzkoy *1931
7 Princess Irina Evgenievna Troubetzkoy *1938
6 William Clay Booth *1936
6 Alexander Troubetzkoy Booth *1987
6 Nicholas Troubetzkoy Booth *1990
6 Marina Troubetzkoy Booth *1993
7 Prince Serge Eugene Troubetzkoy, Ph.D. *1960
6 Eva Maria Johanna Gale *1962
6 Princess Sophia Maria Troubetzkoy *1995
6 Princess Anna Maria Troubetzkoy *2000
6 Princess Johanna Maria Troubetzkoy *2005
7 Princess Natalia Evgenievna Troubetzkoy *1963
6 Peter (Dmitri) Vladimirovich Derby *1960
6 Serge Petrovich Derby *1993
6 Peter Petrovich Derby *1996
6 Alexander Petrovich Derby *2000

Inside Red Box: Immediate Family of Princess Irina.

- 6 = Husband
- 8 = Children
- 6 = Parents
- 7 = Siblings

Outside Red Box: Extended Family

- 5 = Grandparents
- 6 = Aunts or Uncles
- 7 = First Cousins
- 8 = Second Cousins (Children of First Cousins)

www.gagarin.com

Other Information and References

Irina Troubetzkoy

Princess Irina Troubetzkoy

Daughter of [Knyaz Yevgeniy \(Eugene\) Sergeevich Trubetskoy](#) (1931) and [Helena Kotshoubey](#) (1940)

Born: 1959

Married: William Clay Booth (1956)

Issue:

- Alexander Troubetzkoy Booth (1987)
- Nicholas Troubetzkoy Booth (1990)
- Marina Troubetzkoy Booth (1993)

See Princess Gagarin www.gagarin.com

Classmates

William Booth

Comments

I ended up living closer to Whitman than when I was growing up. I am happily married to Irina Troubetzkoy who I met at Swarthmore College. Our three kids graduated from Burning Tree, Pyle and Whitman. I have retired from a 35 year career at the U. S. Dept. of Energy. While I will always be a swimmer, my eldest son got me into running.

[Send an email to this classmate](#)



Other Relatives – Sister and Brother in Law – Peter Derby

Natalia Troubetzkoy

Princess Natalia Troubetzkoy

Daughter of [Knyaz Yevgeniy \(Eugene\) Sergeevich Trubetskoy](#) (1931) and [Helena Kotshoubey](#) (1940)

Born: 1963

Married: Peter Derby (1960)

Issue:

- Sergei Derby (1993)
- Peter Derby (1996)
- Alexander Derby (2000)

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Related Follow Up Post:

Wash, Rinse, Repeat at the Troika Laundromat

Link for Later Post:

[George de Mohrenschildt \(Deep Politics Forum\)](#)

Wash, Rinse, Repeat at the Troika Laundromat (Part 3)

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Our latest Russian Princess, the sister of the Russian Princess in this Post, is married to the founder of **Troika Dialog**, now known as **Sberbank**, the first post communist Russian Bank to receive an international banking license.



Miss Universe Pageant – Moscow 2013

Sponsored by Sberbank

We thought this was interesting enough to post even though we have not dived into the research too deeply yet.

..... 8 Sophia Elizabeth Koulomzin °1979	
..... 6 Prince Eugene Sergeevich Troubetzkoy, Ph.D. °1931	
..... + Helen Sergeevna Kotchoubey °1935	
..... 7 Princess Irina Evgenievna Troubetzkoy °1959	
..... +William Clay Booth °1956	
..... 8 Alexander Troubetzkoy Booth °1987	
..... 8 Nicholas Troubetzkoy Booth °1990	
..... 8 Marina Troubetzkoy Booth °1993	
..... 7 Prince Serge Eugene Troubetzkoy , Ph.D . °1960	
..... + Elsa Maria Johanna Geks °1962	
..... 8 Princess Sophia Maria Troubetzkoy °1995	
..... 8 Princess Anna Maria Troubetzkoy °2000	
..... 8 Princess Johanna Maria Troubetzkoy °2005	
..... 7 Princess Natalia Evgenievna Troubetzkoy °1963	
..... + Peter (Piotr Wladimirovich) Derby °1960	
..... 8 Sergei Petrovich Derby °1993	
..... 8 Peter Petrovich Derby °1996	
..... 8 Alexander Petrovich Derby °2000	

Related to Booths of AEC and Gibson Island

One of the Founders of Sberbank

Piotr Wladimirovich – Sberbank Founder

Who's idea was it to set up the meeting?

Agalarov's father was given the Order of Honor of the Russian Federation in 2013 by President Vladimir Putin, and claimed the two were going to build a Trump Tower in Russia. The family is close to Putin's government, **and Aras Agalarov set up a meeting between Donald Trump and Putin's former economy minister, Herman Gref, now CEO of Russia's state-controlled Sberbank PJSC, on Donald Trump's last visit to Moscow, in November 2013.** [Link to full Article](#)

Peter Derby Background & CV

- [Peter Derby](#) (aka Piotr Wladimirovich)
- [Peter Derby – SEC & Sberbank](#)

Prior to becoming Managing Executive at SEC, Derby served as an elected member of the Board of Trustees of the village of Irvington, New York.

Derby spent a decade in Russia, where he participated in the founding of **DialogBank**, the first private Russian bank to receive an international banking license. He was named CFO in 1990, served as President and CEO from 1991 to 1997 and as Chairman from 1997 to 1998.

Additionally, Derby founded the first Russian investment firm, **Troika Dialog** and served as President and CEO from 1991 to 1996 and as Chairman from 1996 to 1997. Prior to his tenure in Russia, Derby was a

Corporate Finance Officer at National Westminster Bank from 1985 to 1990, and an Auditor at Chase Manhattan Bank from 1983 to 1985, both in New York City.

The Troika Laundromat

Troika Laundromat was a collection of 70 offshore shell companies whose controllers used them to move billions of dollars of private wealth from Russia to the west. About \$4.6bn was paid into the Troika network, and a similar sum was paid out of it. It was operated by staff at an independent arm of the Russian investment bank Troika Dialog, which has now been merged with one of Russia's two big state-owned banks. The network was like a washing machine: money arrived from many sources. Most transfers were at Lithuania's Ukio Bank, closed by the authorities in 2013.- Source: [Wikipedia Sberbank](#)

The main purpose of the system we've named the Troika Laundromat was to channel billions of dollars out of Russia. But it was much more than a money laundering system: The Laundromat allowed Russian oligarchs and politicians to secretly acquire shares in state-owned companies, to buy real estate both in Russia and abroad, to purchase luxury yachts, to hire music superstars for private parties, to pay medical bills, and much more. To protect themselves, the wealthy people behind this system used the identities of poor people as unwitting signatories in the secretive offshore companies that ran the system.

Full Article: [THE TROIKA LAUNDROMAT](#)

Tomorrow's Business

- Wladimirovich looks similar to one of the employees of the Russian Troll Farm that **Mueller** indicted for spending \$3,000 on Facebook ads.
- Who is Winklehorn and what did he do for the OSS?

Is this White Russian the Secret Son of a Canadian Cold War Diplomat? Peter Derby's Bio Does Not Look Right. (Part 4)

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Tags: AEC, Clay Shaw, George Ignatieff, Gibson Island, John F. Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald, Merson Booth, Michael Ignatieff, Peter Derby, SEC

Peter Derby is the U.S. born founder of DialogBank, the first Russian bank to receive an international banking license, in 1989.

Peter Derby also founded Troika Dialog, the first Russian Investment firm, in 1991.

Troika Dialog would eventually come to be known as the "Troika Laundromat", for its involvement as an international money launderer.

Troika was purchased by Sberbank in 2011. Sberbank is the Russian Bank that sponsored the 2013 Miss Universe Pageant attended by President Trump.

In this post, we examine inconsistencies in Peter Derby's biography based on published interviews and comments.

We believe he may be related to a highly regarded "Cold War" era Canadian Diplomat, and the currently, well known, politician son of the now deceased diplomat.

In the event our thesis is *incorrect*, and Peter Derby is not related to the Canadian Diplomat, we would still like to know why he does not use his real Russian name, and we would like to find out what that name is.

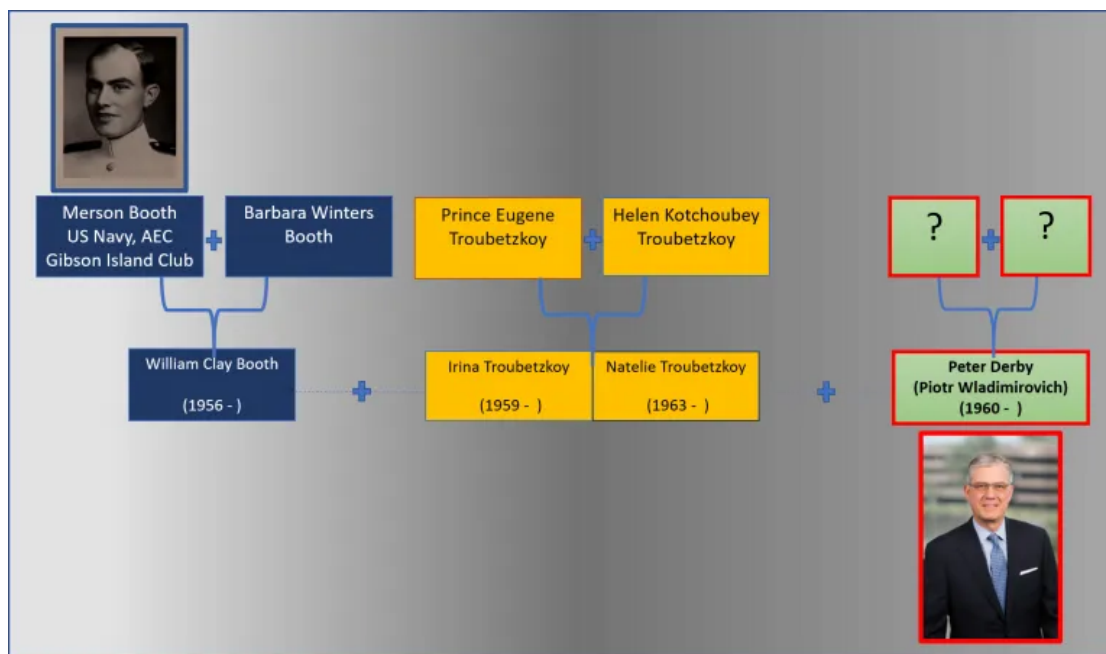
In the event our thesis seems probable to the readers of this post, we respectfully ask for help in confirming the veracity of the evidence presented. Any assistance in collecting supporting evidence, and forwarding this post to Canadian journalists, office holders, and members of the Alt-Media community would be appreciated. These can include MSM reporters and Alt-Media bloggers that may have additional insight as a Canadian. Alt-Media types would include [Amazing Polly \(@99freemind\)](#) and [James Corbett](#), among others.

Peter Derby's Gibson Island Connections

Peter Derby is related by marriage to Merson Booth, the Nuclear Navy Engineer who worked for Admiral Rickover after World War II, and then the Atomic Energy Commission. Merson Booth also belonged to the Gibson Island Club. We have written about Merson Booth in the links below.

- [The Gibson Island Atomic Lighthouse and Introduction to Merson Booth](#)
- [We Found a Russian Princess While Looking For Merson Booths Parents](#)
- [Wash, Rinse, Repeat at the Troika Laundromat](#)

Merson Booth's son, William Clay Booth, married Princess Irina Evgenievna Troubetzkoy. Princess Irina's sister, Princess Natalia, married Peter Derby, sometimes Piotr Wladimirovich.



Why do we care about Peter Derby?

- In 1989, he participated in the founding of DialogBank, the first private Russian bank to receive an international banking license.
- Peter Derby founded the first Russian investment firm in 1991, Troika Dialog, where he served as Chairman of the board of directors from 1996 to 1997 and as President and Chief Executive Officer from 1991 to 1996.
 - Troika Dialog would later be bought by Sberbank. Sberbank was the sponsor of the 2013 Miss Universe Pageant. (Many of the allegations made against Trump in the Steele Dossier were supposed to have occurred at the Pageant.)
 - Troika Dialog is also known as the “Troika Laundromat”, for its extensive money laundering activities.
- Mr. Derby served as the Securities Exchange Commission’s Managing Executive for Operations and Management from 2003 to 2005.

Who is Peter Derby?

On June 12, 2015 the Securities and Exchange Commission Historical Society interviewed Peter Derby. [The interview is 108 pages long and is mostly focused on his career at the SEC.](#) Relevant background information provided in the interview, includes:

- Born 1960
- Parents and/or Grandparents escaped from Russia.
- *Well, I started my life in New York City, born and raised in New York City of a Russian immigrant family, and spoke Russian at home until I was five years old, and then went to kindergarten and first grade and learned to speak American.*
- *I grew up in Jamaica, Queens, in one of the boroughs of New York, and then went to New York University.*
- *We went to PS 131, which was a great elementary school.*
- *And then I went to Jamaica High School and to New York University, where I studied accounting, finance, and international finance.*
- *In Jamaica High School I took accounting, and made it to the New York City Olympics.*
- *I chose to stay closer to home, went to NYU, and started accounting. (Graduated NYU 1983.)*
- *My grandmother used to say, “Do the right thing, and everything else will fall into place...” (implies grandmother was alive while he was alive.)*
- *That is from the late 1800s, and that’s part of the family estate crest and tributes, here on the wall. (Crest and Tribute suggests nobility.)*
- *I saw my grandfather did not speak English all that well,... (implies grandfather was alive when Derby was alive.)*
- Two Brothers: Vitaly, one year younger; George, one year older.
- [Back-Up Link to Peter Derby SEC Interview](#)

Peter Derby also provides the following information about his brothers in the SEC Interview.

My brother worked at Bell Labs. He was Stuyvesant valedictorian and New York City Spelling Bee champion. We kind of only spoke Russian, but my older brother was a year older. I have a brother, a year younger, and George is a year older. Vitaly is a year younger. He didn't speak any English either, became spelling bee champ at sixth grade, valedictorian in sixth grade, valedictorian in George A. Ryan Junior High School, went to Stuyvesant High School, was valedictorian out of there. And so, he went to Cornell, electric engineering, Bell Labs, Unix team.

The rest of the 2015 interview describes Peter Derby's first jobs out of NYU, which included working for National Westminster Bank and Chase and how he met Billy Joel and then how he ended up founding the first Russian Investment Bank after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Some Background Left Out of the SEC Interview

Derby has provided a number of interviews over the years. [The following is from a 1998 interview in Maclean's.](#)

- Peter Derby, a 37 year-old banker with Canadian roots, is intent on making the commercial bank he founded one of the best in Russia.
- Among Canadians, few feel the tensions of the new Russia more keenly than the so called repatriates returning to the ancestral homeland. Peter Derby's Russian-born father was a member of **Canadian delegations to the United Nations in New York City** shortly after the Second World War. *"My father was always giving me things like MapleLeaf cufflinks and constantly reminding me of my Canadian heritage,"* says Derby, who spent most of his childhood in New York.

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He first went to Moscow in 1987 as an interpreter for touring pop singer Billy Joel. A background in finance and banking, plus his language skills, quickly gained him access to early reformers who were looking for ways to open up the country's primitive banking system. "I wanted to contribute to Russia's reintegration with the world," says Derby, "combining my Russian heritage with North American values." After work-

ing on the never-implemented 500-day plan to turn the Soviet Union into a market economy, Derby founded Dialog Bank and quickly built it into one of the most technologically sophisticated banking operations in Eastern Europe.

Maclean's – A Market where anything goes – Malcolm Gray, April 13, 1998 – [Link to Article](#)

So who was a member of Canadian delegations to the United Nations in New York City shortly after the Second World War?

And

Considering Peter Derby lived in New York as a child, which would have been in the 1960s, does that mean "after the Second World War" encompasses the 1960s? More concisely, was Derby's father a member of the Canadian Delegation to the UN during the 1960s, and who was he?

Clues about the father of Peter Derby from Derby's public quotes.

- Born in Russia
- White Russian Family (Russian Nobility see reference to family "crest" in SEC interview.)
- Canadian Delegate to UN who spoke Russian.
- No mention of Derby's mother being Russian.
- "Derby" is not a Russian name.
- In the Troubetzkoy family tree, Peter Derby is shown as **Piotr Wladimirovich**. We believe "Wladimirovich" is a middle name and not a last name, as in Peter Vlad Derby, so we still do not know Peter Derby's real Russian last name.

How hard could it be to find a Russian born, Russian speaking, Canadian Delegate to the United Nations after World War II, perhaps using the name Derby?

We can't find any delegates named Derby post World War 2.

We did find **George Pavlovich Ignatieff** and for the most part, he fits the profile of Peter Derby's father very nicely.

George Pavlovich Ignatieff (1913 – 1989)



- Ignatieff was born in Saint Petersburg, Russian Empire, the youngest of five sons, to a distinguished Russian family. His mother was Princess Natalia Nikolayevna Meshcherskaya and his father was Count Paul Ignatieff, a close advisor to Tsar Nicholas II serving as his last Minister of Education.
- George Ignatieff was educated at St Paul's School, London, Lower Canada College, and the University of Trinity College, University of Toronto, before being awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford.
- 1944 – Department of External Affairs in Ottawa
- 1946 – Adviser to the Canadian Representative on the United Nations Commission on Atomic Energy
- 1956 – 1958 Canadian Ambassador to Yugoslavia
- 1960 – 1962 Assistant Undersecretary of State for External Affairs
- 1963 – Permanent Representative to NATO.
- 1966 – 1969 Canadian Ambassador to the UN.

George's resume "jives" with some of the things Peter Derby said in Macleans, mainly, that his father was a Canadian Delegate to the UN after WWII (see 1946.)

As Canadian Ambassador to the UN from 1966 to 1969, Peter would have been living and going to school in New York City.

We also note that George married a Canadian women. *Ignatieff married Alison Grant (1916 to 1992) (the granddaughter of George Monro Grant and niece of Vincent Massey)* in 1944. Peter Derby only says his father is Russian and does not say his mother is Russian (He does not say she is not Russian either, but since he seems to brag a lot about his Russian bonafides, one would think mom was worth a mention too.) .

Finally, recall that Peter Derby married Irina Evgenievna Troubetzkoy, and she is from Russian noble family. Derby implies he is from a Russian noble family in the SEC interview. George Ignateiff is from a Russian noble family. It would make sense if Derby was actually from the House of Ignateiff because his bride was also of Russian nobility, the House of Troubetzkoy. White Russians keeping their gene pool clean.

Some things that do not line up

According to a few different sources, George and his wife Alison on had two sons. They are Michael and Andrew Ignatief. Michael was born in 1947. [He was the leader of the Liberal Party of Canada and Leader of the Official Opposition from 2008 until 2011.](#)

Andrew is a little more of a mystery. He is described as a "Community Activist" and the younger brother of Michael (so born after 1947.) Some sources say he graduated from Trent University in 1969 ([Source:](#)) which would mean he was born in 1947 or 1948, assuming he graduated at age 21 or 22. [This link also says Andrew was Trent University class of 1969.](#)


support it as it seems and further
those ends."

One guest of honour, Andrew
Ignatieff '69 nicely captured the
spirit of the evening.

"I was so pleased with the event,
the company of old friends and

Trent or UCC Graduate in 1969?

Although the sources above say Andrew was in the class of 1969. [This source says Andrew attended Upper Canada College \(UCC\) from 1962 to 1969.](#) UCC was a boarding school for the sons of Canada's privileged elite and only went to the twelfth grade. So if Andrew graduated from boarding school in 1969, he did not also graduate from Trent in 1969. He would have been about eighteen in 1969, which puts his birth year in 1951 or 1952.



— Andrew Ignatieff (1962-1969), community worker

Upper Canada College – Screenshot

The important takeaway is that Andrew Ignatieff's birth year seem to have been purposefully "muddied."

If Peter Derby is the youngest brother, and we accept the year 1960 as his birth year, then at the most he would be eight to twelve years younger than his brother. If his mother was Alison Grant Ignatieff, she would have been 44 in 1960. It is also possible Peter Derby's true date of birth has been obscured.

Maybe there is a perfectly reasonable explanation

Maybe Peter Derby is the son of another Canadian Delegate (not George Ignatieff) to the UN in the 1960s whose father spoke Russian, and came from a family of Russian nobles. Still, Derby is not a Russian name and we don't know why Peter would choose to use Derby instead of whatever his real Russian name is.

George Ignatieff had Peter with another woman (and two other sons apparently.) Maybe George had two families with three sons. One family lived in Canada and the other lived in New York City. George would probably not be the first diplomat to have another family in another country.

Lets Just Say Peter Derby is not the secret son of George Ignatieff

What's with all the secrecy surrounding his real Russian last name? Is it de Mohrenschildt, or Prusakov (Marina Oswald's last name)?

Peter was doing all kinds of business deals all over Russia right after the USSR collapsed. The bank he started has been implicated in a huge multi-year money laundering scheme. The bank that bought his bank (Sberbank) helped bring Trump to Moscow in 2013 in what looks like an attempted compromise operation.

Peter Derby's family background might not be important at all, but he did seem to associate with some characters, in addition to working for the SEC for two years.

Why would it matter if Peter Derby was actually the son of George Ignatieff?

There are a number of reasons. At the top of the list, but not most importantly, if Peter Derby's father was George Ignatieff, that would mean Michael Ignatieff has a secret brother.

Michael was the leader of the Liberal Party of Canada and Leader of the Official Opposition from 2008 until 2011.

One would think a secret brother of the leader of the Liberal Party of Canada would be worth a column or two in the Globe & Mail, or a clever front page photo and headline on the front page of the Toronto Sun.

George Ignatieff was a big deal

George was one of Canada's most important diplomats during the Cold War. Even a cursory look at his Wikipedia page should raise a few eyebrows if you are familiar with the JFK Assassination and other incidents of Cold War espionage.

Atomic George

We found Peter Derby and George Ignatieff when we stumbled upon Merson Booth of the Gibson Island Club and the Atomic Energy Commission.

George knew a thing or two about atomic energy. In 1946 he was appointed Adviser to the Canadian Representative on the United Nations Commission on Atomic Energy and basically spent the rest of his career "diplomating" all Canadian matters concerning atomic bombs, atomic energy, atomic War, etc. We don't know if Merson and George were pals, but they would have had something to talk about if they happened to both be at a wedding between George's secret son, and Merson Booth's son's sister-in-law.

Vodka George

George's Russian fluency meant that he had to come along whenever the Canadian delegation went to visit the Russians. He was part of the official delegation to Moscow in 1955 and got drunk with Nikita Khrushchev on the trip according to numerous accounts.

George's Russian interactions over the years are too many to go through at this time. However, it might be worth noting that John Watkins, the Canadian Ambassador to Russia, arranged the meeting between Khrushchev, George and Canadian External Affairs Minister Lester B. Pearson. Watkins was soon after involved in a homosexual "kompromat" situation with a KGB agent, left his post in Moscow and retired in Paris. In 1964, he was investigated by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) for the Moscow indiscretions and suffered a heart attack and died while in police custody in a secret Montreal Hotel Room.

We mention this incident because of the possible Canadian connections to the JFK Assassination.

Was Lee Harvey Oswald in Montreal?

There are a few accounts that claim Lee Harvey Oswald was seen handing out pamphlets on a street corner in Montreal in about June of 1963. Whether he was or wasn't, maybe there is a Canadian answer to one of Lee Harvey's more mysterious undertakings. That would be his quick entry into Russia in October 1959, and then his quick exit, with Marina in June 1962. His ability to cross the Russian/Finnish border on 1959, while not getting tied up in Soviet Red Tape suggests someone in the West had some pull with some Commissars in the East.

There are plenty of other Canadian connections to the JFK Assassination. We try to make the case in our other posts here that the "motive" for the murder concerned the exfiltration of Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) out of the United States to Israel at the time. The Trump Coup attempt is similarly about the exfiltration of HEU, but to Iran, this time.

We have also argued that Gibson Island, Maryland is where the planning for such plots and related operations usually originate. As we were searching for the connections between Montreal based Permindex and Clay Shaw, we came across this paragraph from a Larouche publication. [Link to full article.](#)

been long since destroyed.

Part III: Major Bloomfield, Permindex, and WWF

The late Maj. Louis Mortimer Bloomfield, the boss of Clay Shaw, oversaw the planning and direction of the murder of top targets of the British royal family in the postwar period. Permindex was a de facto subsidiary of Prince Philip's World Wildlife Fund, operating in collusion with J. Edgar Hoover. The Hollinger Corp., which owns the London *Sunday Telegraph*, the hub of the media scandal-mongering against President and Mrs. Clinton, is another WWF subsidiary.

Bloomfield's career begins in World War II when, as a

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Regular readers may recall that Prince Phillip's World Wildlife Fund co-funder was Godfrey Rockefeller, of bucolic Gibson Island.

Looking for Assistance to Confirm or Discredit this Thesis

If the former leader of a major Canadian Political Party has a secret brother, some Canadian Journalists should be interested, even ones from the MSM. They should be able to clear this up with only a few phone calls.

Please share this post with any Canadian Journalists you can find on Twitter or through google searches.

Canadian UN Ambassador George Ignatieff was an Interesting Guy, whether he had a Secret Son or not (Part 5)

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Multi: Booth, Ignatieff, Trump Coup d'etat

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George Ignatieff traveled in some elite circles during the Cold War. He may have been a "Citizen of the World", but not in the good way a French Prime Minister might bestow the honor

There are other examples, but being declared a *"Citizen of the World"* by a French Prime Minister is best exemplified by this quote by Albert Einstein.

*"If my theory of relativity is proven successful, Germany will claim me as a German and **France will declare me a citizen of the world.** Should my theory prove untrue, France will say that I am a German, and Germany will declare that I am a Jew."*

The French declaration is of course complimentary and meant to recognize the sincere contribution the recipient made to humanity.

In the context of George Ignatieff, the former Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, a "Citizen of the World" is a "power-broker" that has little or no allegiance to a particular state. Any allegiances are to the "inner circle" of wealthy and elite individuals, families, companies, foundations, etc. that have the resources to shape the course of history.

An example would include Lord Victor Rothschilds (1910 – 1990)

As the scion of an ultra-wealthy banking house and confidante to Winston Churchill, Rothschild was an influential figure in Britain's power elite for decades, occupying key positions in counterintelligence, the

energy sector and strategic policy planning. But was he also the notorious Cambridge Spy Ring's "Fifth Man," a spy for Moscow who could access the crown jewels of UK secrets? [Espionage History Archive](#)

Other examples include Henry Kissinger (also accused of spying for the Soviets), Zbigniew Brzezinski and George Soros. Victor Rothschild, Henry Kissinger and others are not necessarily sympathetic to the causes of the Soviets or Communists or some ethnic group or religious denomination, they just have the ability to play off one country's government against another for the benefit of themselves and fellow travelers.

Under the guise of representing US interests, a Henry Kissinger type passes information to Leonid Brezhnev and then passes dis-information to President Carter. The next thing you know, Soviet Tanks are rolling through Kabul and the Saudi Arabians are signing billion dollar contracts for Stinger missiles that eventually end up in the hands of the Afghani resistance. Kissinger gets a commission.

George Ignatieff would make a good Citizen of the World.

We provided some background information about George in our previous post – [Is this White Russian the Secret Son of a Canadian Cold War Diplomat? Peter Derby's Bio Does Not Look Right. \(Part 4 of 4\).](#)

To summarize, George Ignatieff was born in Russia. His family were of Russian nobility. He was a Rhodes Scholar. He was a career Canadian Diplomat and served as UN's Ambassador to the United Nations 1967 to 1968.

As we have had some time to look a little deeper into George Ignatieff's curriculum vitae, it has become pretty clear that George moved in the the right circles to be considered a power broker. Those circles included well known names like Nikita Khrushchev and John Foster Dulles. The well known names, though, do not arouse suspicion, since ambassadors are supposed to "glad hand" heads, and Secretaries of State.

Canadian Ambassador to Yugoslavia 1956 – 1958

George had been rising through the ranks of the Canadian diplomatic corp. since the end of World War II and received his first ambassadorship position in 1956, when he was appointed as Canada's Ambassador to Yugoslavia. Some sources say he was ambassador from 1956 to 1958, but his son Michael told the Globe and Mail, his father was ambassador in 1959. It is probably not a big deal whether George's Yugoslavia tour ended in 1958 or 1959, but we just wanted to point out this minor inconsistency because of the major

inconsistencies in his brother Andrew's year of graduation from college. (Some sources say Andrew graduated from Trent University in 1969, but other sources say he graduated from Upper Canada College in 1969, which was a boarding school that went to the twelfth grade.)

Lee Harvey Oswald's best friend (aka his handler) George de Mohrenschildt was also in Yugoslavia at the same time George Ignatieff. George "D" told the Warren Commission he was there from very early 1957 until about October of the same year (8 or 9 months.)

Mr. JENNER. And you had a contract of some kind?
Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT. Yes; I think the contract was for 8 or 9 months.
Mr. JENNER. Now, you left on that venture, as I recall it, somewhere around February of 1957, wasn't it?
Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT. I left for Yugoslavia.
Mr. JENNER. Yes; you left for Yugoslavia when?
Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT. I think it was very early in 1957, because, 8 months, and I returned in October.
Mr. JENNER. 1957?
Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT. 1957; yes. All the reports were made—quite a considerable number of reports were made in triplicates—some of them went to ICA, some went to the Yugoslavian Government. I think some went to the Bureau of Mines here.
Mr. JENNER. That was nonsecurity work, was it not?
Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT. I don't have the slightest idea. They checked me, they gave me some kind of clearance before I went there. Because I had to wait for quite some time before they gave me the okay. And I noticed that after I got back from Yugoslavia, they were still checking me—after I got back from Yugoslavia they were still checking on me. One character came to see some of my friends in Dallas and said, "Well, George De Mohrenschildt is about to go to Yugoslavia. Do you think he is all right?" He said, "But he is already back from Yugoslavia."
Mr. JENNER. In the meantime, you had met your present wife, is that correct?
Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT. Yes; I met her in Dallas. And while we were in Yugoslavia, we became engaged, and she came to visit me in Yugoslavia for awhile. But she was actually by profession a designer for a Dallas firm of I. Clark, and she went to Europe on a business trip for I. Clark, and while doing so she came and visited me in Yugoslavia for a couple of weeks.

We are not saying that George "D" and George "I" were conspiring to restore the Romanov Regency in the backroom of Belgrade hotel, but they were both from the same social class (Russian Nobility) and about the same age (George "D" born 1911 and George "I" 1913), so they probably had a few things in common to talk about.

One topic of conversation might have been Yugoslavian uranium reserves. Although most of the JFK literature describes George "D" as being in the petroleum exploration business, we have argued George "D" was probably looking for new sources of Uranium in his world travels, including the time he spent in Yugoslavia. (More about [George "D" as a Uranium reserve locator here.](#))

George "I" knew some things about Uranium, since atomic energy and atomic weapons were his specialty since being appointed to the United Nations' Atomic Energy Commission in 1946.

hazards of violations and evasions (3).

The Canadian choice as senior representative to the Commission was General A.G.L. MacNaughton, (later to be the first President of the Atomic Energy Control Board) who had had a distinguished military career as commander of the Canadian Forces in England, and who had also had a distinguished scientific career as President of the National Research Council from 1935 to 1944. His work on the Atomic Energy Commission was to lead to a successful diplomatic career as Canada's permanent delegate to the United Nations and as Canada's representative on the Security Council (4). He was assisted by George Ignatieff as his political adviser and by Dr. George C. Laurence, as his scientific adviser.

Yugoslavia did have Uranium "By means of geological explorations of nuclear mineral raw materials carried out of Serbia during the period 1948-2000, nine deposits and 11 significant uranium mineral occurrences were registered." (Uranium mineral resources of Serbia and their potential economic importance.) Also, there have been active Uranium mining efforts over the decades.

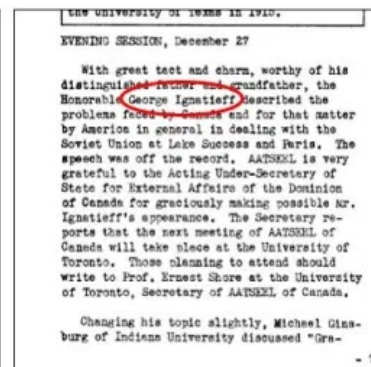
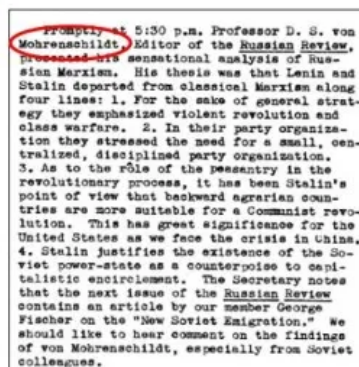
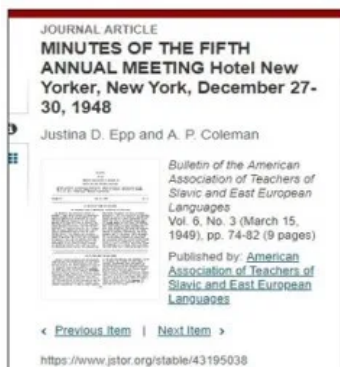
Maybe they met at the Hotel New Yorker

The Russian Nobility Association of American (RNA) has an interesting, well laid out website that lists all or most of the extinct and extant Russian families of Nobility. If George "D" and George "I" are blood relatives, it probably says so [somewhere in here](#).

If the two George's weren't meeting in Belgrade hotel bars, George "D"'s brother, Professor Dimitri Von (de) Mohrenschildt crossed paths on Friday, February 27, 1948 at about 6:00 PM in the Hotel New Yorker.

According to the Minutes of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL), Dimitri gave a speech at 5:30 PM about Marxism in the USSR and then the

"Honorable George Ignatieff described the problems faced by Canada and for that matter by America in general in dealing with the Soviet Union at Lake Success and Paris. The speech was off the record."



We could only find the one reference above that puts George Ignatieff in the same orbit as Dimitri deMohrenschildt; speaking from the same podium, the same night.

George Ignatieff's brother Leonid may have had some interaction with Dimitri. Professor Leonid Ignatieff founded the Canadian branch of the AATSEEL [in 1946 at the University of Toronto](#). Dimitri deMohrenschildt contributed to the AATSEEL bulletin in 1953 and seems to have made other contributions.

Brother in the Mining Business, Mom was a British Spy, "Peter Derby" is a more Canadian name than Getty Lee or Gordon Lightfoot

The Ignatieff family is turning out to be more "connected" than we imagined so we are going to end this post before it get's too long. In future installments, we'll look at George Ignatieff's wife, who worked for MI5 during World War II. Also, George's other brother Alexander, deserves a closer look, given his career in the metals and mining industry and his work at the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum. Finally, we have some ideas about where the name "Derby" comes from.

Uranium Smuggling Ring Graphic Explained (more or less). White Russians & CIA Connections. They Took Out Nixon. Trump Saw it Coming.

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Tags: AEC, CIA, George Ignatieff, Irina Troubetzkoy, J. Walter Thompson, Merson Booth, Michael C. Kluge, Natalie Troubetzkoy, Peter Derby, Richard Nixon

See Earlier Posts about Merson Booth and George Ignatieff.

1. Booth worked for US Atomic Energy Commission.
2. His son married into a White Russian Family (Irina Troubetzkoy.)
3. Irina's sister Natalie married Peter Derby.
4. Peter Derby is a fake name. He is Russian. We believe he is related to George Ignatieff (UN Ambassador to UN during Cold war. Peter might even be the secret son of George.) [See this post for why we think so.](#)

Also, see these reasons that are newly developed from the original post.

- 4a. Svetlana Kluge's grandmother was an **Ignatieff**.
 - 4b. The flower girl (**Troubetzkoy**) at the 1968 wedding would eventually marry Peter Derby.
 - 4c. The Ignatieff's and Troubetzkoy's are both White Russian families. If Peter Derby is an Ignatieff, the marriage to a Troubetzkoy would be a natural choice.
5. Svetlana's husband, Robert Lewis Harris, worked for J. Walter Thompson.
6. J. Walter Thompson is a CIA front company.

7. Robert Lewis Harris groomsman, Robert Drunkenmiller, was a co-worker at J. Walter Thompson, who went on to work in the Nixon White House.

Red Lines are White Russian Connections, Green Lines are CIA Connections.

George Ignatieff Father? (4c)

Mike Ignatieff Brother?

Harris-Kluge Recent Wedding (4b)

Miss Svetlana Kluge of Columbia Betrothed to Robert Lewis Harris (5)

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See Housitonic (this link) for more information about Thomas Neff and his work in the Atomic Energy Industry.

Deeper Down the Rabbit Hole

Down the Rabbit Hole

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See new info.

New - Merson Booth. Graduate MIT 1955

Who is Lewis S. Harris? (father of groom.)

Who is Victor Brunst? (Usher)

Who is Frederick Hornbruch?

Who is Alexander Giritsky?

Who is Andre Kotchoubey?

Who is Steven Darland?

Question/Comment

Link or Other Info

Who is Thomas Neff? (Best Man.)

Research on Thomas Neff (Atomic Energy Expert.)

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Not Just Old Russian History – The Coup d’etat Against Trump is about the Illegal Sale of Uranium (Part 6)

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Tags: Apollo Affair, AQ Khan, Atoms for Peace, George Ignatieff, George Soros, John F. Kennedy, Julius Rosenberg, Megatons to Megawatts, Merson Booth, NUMEC

Only 15 minutes after the bombing of Nagasaki, the plans for building the bomb had been “acquired” by the Soviets.

OK, maybe it was a few years, and not just a mere fifteen minutes, but one would think that the most important and dangerous secret in the history of the world would be protected better. (**The Soviets** tested their first Atomic bomb on August 29, 1949.)

The Israelis had their first workable bomb by 1967, which was made with the Highly Enriched Uranium that disappeared from the NUMEC plant in Apollo, Pennsylvania a few years earlier.

The Pakistanis started working on their bomb in 1974. The first known atomic bomb detonation by Pakistan was in 1998. Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan (AQ Khan) is given the credit for stealing the necessary materials and technology from URENCO.

Over the course of three decades, Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan built Pakistan’s nuclear weapons program from a stolen uranium centrifuge design and a network of grey-market suppliers. But he wasn’t just working for Pakistan—he was exporting, too. [Source: Here.](#)

The North Koreans and **the Iranians** have of course been working on building their own nuclear weapons stockpiles, and the rockets to deliver them.

In each instance, the conventional wisdom, or the Mainstream Media (MSM) / Government narrative is that the material and secrets were acquired through espionage, or by re-purposing nuclear technology and material for “peaceful” nuclear projects (“Atoms for Peace”, “Megatons to Megawatts”.)

The unconventional wisdom is that the technology and material was sold for fun and profit by a network of companies that controlled the supply, brokers that could find buyers, under the nose of government agencies (military branches) that would look the other way.

Everyone in the supply chain gets a cut and the buyer gets to threaten to nuke their neighbors into the stone age for the next 50 years.

President Trump wants to close the atomic material and technology ex-filtration business.

A few books and researchers have argued that John F. Kennedy was assassinated because he had the same idea back in 1963. Specifically, the Israeli's are usually fingered. As we have tried to articulate in previous posts, the Israeli's do not necessarily get a free pass, however, we think they were just one of several "customers", before and since 1963, and the suppliers (sellers) should be at the top of the guilty party list, and they are still in business.

Trump has learned a few things from the Kennedy Assassination (and also Watergate) so it has been impossible for the Uranium ex-filtration syndicate to shoot him in the head, or force a Nixon style resignation, though they have certainly tried.

Some of our other posts go into greater detail, but one can see some of the players in the contemporary Uranium ex-filtration syndicate out to get Trump. For example, Robert Swan Mueller the 3rd, with his involvement in Uranium One, is following in the footsteps of his father (Robert Swan Mueller the 2nd), who was in the metals brokering business and also worked for duPont. ([See the work of Housitonic for more about the Mueller Family Uranium connections.](#))

The Booths and Ignatieff's bring things into the present and maybe drags in George Soros.

Michael Ignatieff is the former leader of Canada's Liberal Party. He has been globe-trotting with George Soros for a few years now and was head of the university in Hungary financed by Soros that was recently shut down by Hungarian Government.

Michael Ignatieff's father, George, was also a world "player" during the post World War II years as a Canadian Diplomat. He was like a Kissinger type of diplomat, playing the East against West. He also was very involved in atomic weapons and energy issues.

Soros has his hands in a lot of different businesses and he also seems to have spent a lot of time and money trying to get rid of Donald Trump. It has generally been a given, as far as we are concerned, that Soros was getting a cut of the Uranium smuggling action, but as noted, he owns a lot of businesses, sits on a lot of boards and councils and at think tank conferences, and knows a lot of people. That being the case, he probably knows a lot of people in sketchy businesses.

That is why we would like to know if Peter Derby is related to Michael Ignatieff.

We believe Peter Derby is related to Michael Ignatieff.

The probable relationship between Peter Derby is detailed in the following posts and in the graphic below.

[Is this White Russian the Secret Son of a Canadian Cold War Diplomat? Peter Derby's Bio Does Not Look Right. \(Part 4\)](#)

Summary at link above. Peter Derby's comments to Macleans Magazine in 1998 imply he is the son of Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations in the late 1960s, George Ignatieff.

[Canadian UN Ambassador George Ignatieff was an Interesting Guy, whether he had a Secret Son or not](#)

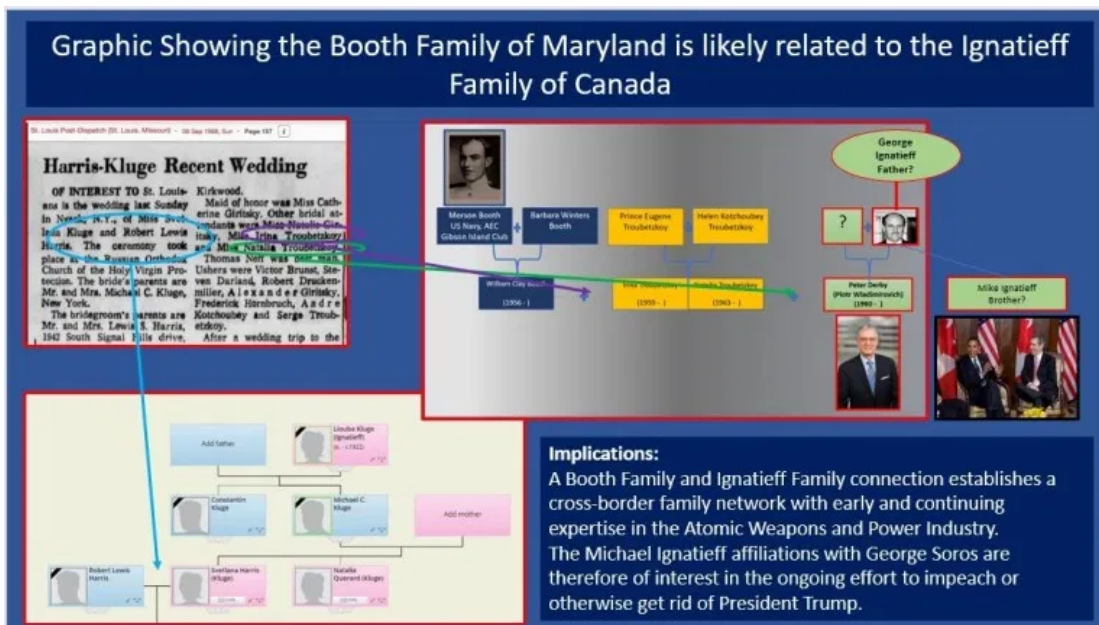
(Part 5)

Summary at link above. George Ignatieff comes from a Russian noble family (White Russians.) He likely traveled in the same circles as George de Mohrenschildt and/or Dimitri de Mohrenschildt. George was the handler of Lee Harvey Oswald when Oswald returned to Dallas from the Soviet Union.

[Uranium Smuggling Ring Graphic Explained \(more or less\). White Russians & CIA Connections. They Took](#)

[Out Nixon. Trump Saw it Coming.](#)

Summary at link above. A more complicated graphic that shows how the Booth's and Ignatieffs are related. It also shows that some the attendees of the 1968 wedding worked for the CIA front company J. Walter Thompson.



Michael Ignatieff is a George Soros Affiliated Globalist

Michael Ignatieff's latest crusade may be a hopeless cause, but it may also end up being his finest hour.

For the past three years, since he became president of the Central European University in Budapest, the Canadian-born academic, journalist and erstwhile politician has been fighting to keep the school's doors open.

Opposing him is the regime of Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, who was himself educated at CEU but is now determined to eliminate the threat that he apparently believes this model of Western-style liberal education poses to his "illiberal democracy."

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*In retrospect, Ignatieff should not have been especially surprised when the university came under attack. After all, the school was established in 1991 by **George Soros**, the 88-year-old Hungarian-born businessman and philanthropist, a Holocaust survivor whom **Orbán** has attempted, with great success, to brand as an enemy of the state who, among other things, wants to flood Hungary with alien migrants. [Source](#)*



Michael Ignatieff and George Soros plotting on how to destroy Hungary

December '63 Comments by Soviet Defector Peter Deryabin. Establishing the Narrative that Oswald was sent by the KGB to Kill JFK. The Name "Peter Deryabin" Looks a lot like the Name "Peter Derby." (Part 7)

February 17, 2020

Categories: Booth Family, Deep State Atomic Franchise, JFK Coup d'etat, Merson Booth - Gibson Island, Multi: Booth, Ignatieff, Trump Coup d'etat

Tags: AEC, CIA, George Ignatieff, KGB, Lee Harvey Oswald, Peter Derby, Peter Deryabin, President Kennedy, President Trump, Steel Dossier

The inconsistencies in Peter Derby's biographical comments has led us to consider the possibility that he is the son of Canadian Cold War Diplomat George Ignatieff, which would also make him the brother of George Soros apparatchik and former Canadian MP, Michael Ignatieff.

The problem is that George Ignatieff is only known to have had two sons (Michael and Andrew.) Peter would be a third "Secret Son."

Our interest in Peter Derby stems from his relationship to the family of Merson Booth. Merson Booth worked for Admiral Rickover after World War II. He then went on to work for the Atomic Energy Commission. Merson Booth was also a member of the Gibson Island Club. Peter Derby himself was a founder of Russia's first bank to obtain an International banking license after the fall of the Soviet Union.

The bank he formed would eventually be purchased by another Russian bank called Sberbank. Sberbank is best known for hosting the 2013 Miss Universe Pageant, which was the "setting" for the narrative in the infamous "Steele Dossier."

We do know that Peter Derby's real name is not Peter Derby. We do not know his real name but we are confident it is Russian.

As referenced above, (and these posts [part 6](#), [part 5](#), [part 4](#)) the evidence so far points to George Ignatieff as the father of Peter Derby, but then we ran across Peter Deryabin.

Peter Deryabin was a Russian KGB agent who defected to the United States in 1954.



Peter Deryabin spoke to the FBI on or about December 12, 1963 about the JFK Assassination from only a few weeks earlier and the involvement of Lee Harvey Oswald.

SUBJECT : Peter DERYABIN's Comments on President Kennedy's Assassination

1. We should understand that my comments which follow are not based solely on the thesis that OSWALD was specifically dispatched to murder our President. The very real possibility also exists that OSWALD was sent here on another mission by the KGB and subsequently accomplished the deed on his own initiative. However, such a possibility does not make the KGB less culpable as the seeds for OSWALD's act must have been planted while he was being trained in the USSR for his other mission. We might first examine the question uppermost in the minds of most Americans, "What did the USSR have to gain by killing the President?" I believe we can make a good case as to the precise gains accruing to the USSR and most specifically accruing to KHRUSHCHEV. The assassination of President Kennedy would accomplish the following for KHRUSHCHEV personally:

Peter Deryabin told gave the FBI some very convincing reasons (at the time) why the KGB might have enlisted Lee Harvey Oswald to kill President Kennedy.

[Link to Full JFK Assassination File \(Starts Page 145 of PDF, or 186 of Scanned Copy\)](#)

Recall that in the early weeks after the November 22, 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy, there was a concerted effort to pin the blame on the Soviets, which was easy enough because Lee Harvey Oswald lived in the USSR from October 1959 to June 1962; had a Russian wife; acted like a communist, etc.

Peter Deryabin's roll was obviously to establish that narrative, which is apparent, in retrospect, complete dis-information.

"Peter Deriabin (Wikipedia spelling) (1921-1992) (Петр Дерябин) was a KGB officer who defected to the United States in 1954. After his defection, he worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, and wrote several books on the KGB. He died in 1992 at age 71." Source: Wikipedia

"At the time of his death, he was survived by family members whose names were kept secret by the CIA."

KGB defector, JFK Assassination Dis-Info Agent and CIA Asset looks like a better candidate for the father of Peter Derby than George Ignatieff, but it does not mean George Ignatieff is out of the picture.

In our other posts, we show the relationships between Peter Derby, his wife Natelia Troubetzkoy, her sister Irina, and how they were both flower girls of an Ignatieff (also Ignatiev or Ignat've) relative in 1968 (the marriage of Robert Lewis Harris and Svetlana Kluge.)

In short, all of the White Russian families seem to know each other and they have connections to the CIA and/or the Atomic Energy Commission and atomic energy industry.

Moreover the fact the "Peter Derby", the founder of Russia's first post-Soviet break-up International Commercial Bank (also first Investment bank) biography does not "jive" over the decades dovetails with our broader thesis that the same Uranium smuggling ring responsible for the 1963 coup d'etat maybe involved in the on-going 2020 coup d'etat against Trump.

Wondering if Merson Booth and His Russian Relatives Crossed Paths with "Pete" Bagley and His KGB Defectors. How about General Lansdale? (Part 8)

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Tags: Admiral David Harrington Bagley, Admiral David Worth Bradley, Admiral William D. Leahy, Admiral Worth Harrington Bagley, AEC, Bagley, General Edward Lansdale, General Maxwell Taylor, George Ignatieff, Irina Troubetzkoy

Pulling on the Merson Booth "string" a little more, we find the Pete Bagley connection to Gibson Island, and his brother in Vietnam with General Lansdale. But first some KGB defectors.

Merson Booth graduated from the Naval Academy in 1946 and was recruited by Admiral Rickover to work on the Navy's Nuclear Submarine program. He worked under Rickover at the same time as Zalman Shapiro, who would later go on to form NUMEC in 1958. (NUMEC was the company at the center of "The Apollo Affair" and was the first company to receive a commercial license to produce weapons grade uranium.)

After leaving the Navy, Merson went to work for the Atomic Energy Commission. He worked in the licensing division of the AEC and except for some technical papers, only makes an appearance in the AEC archives in about 1960. His appearance was related to a minor incident at Westinghouse facility near Pittsburgh (and also about an hour away from the NUMEC plant in Apollo, Pennsylvania.)

While Merson seems to have kept a low profile for the rest of his life. His son James Booth went on to work for the Dept. of Energy and also kept a low profile.

There is not all that much to say about James, except that he did manage to marry a Russian Princess. The Princess Irina Troubetzkoy (born 1959) was from one of the White Russian Families that escaped during the Bolshevik Revolution. Her sister, the Princess Natalia (born 1963) married a man named Peter Derby.

Peter Derby – Founder of First Bank in Russia to Hold an International Banking License

Peter Derby has an impressive resume. He has given a number of interviews over the years. He speaks Russian and his father was born in Russia. In a 1998 interview he gave to Macleans, it sounds like his father was George Ignatieff. George Ignatieff was the Canadian Ambassador to the UN in the late 1960s and held other high-level positions in the diplomatic corps over the years. George only has two known sons though and neither are named Peter.

George Ignatieff, like the bride of Peter Derby, also came from a family of Russian nobles that escaped the Bolsheviks. George was also closely involved in the creation of the UN's Atomic Energy Commission and spent most of his career on issues related to nuclear energy and power.

If the Merson Booth family, with its Atomic expertise, married into the George Ignatieff family, with its expertise, it might just be a coincidence. Probably not though.

There are too many coincidences, JFK researchers might find it interesting that George Ignatieff crossed paths with Dimitri de Mohrenschildt at least once in their lives. George Ignatieff and George de Mohrenschildt were also in Yugoslavia at the same time (about 1958.) There are a number of other coincidences. The wedding (mentioned below) had the CIA and some Watergate figures in attendance.

The problem though is Peter Derby. All of these White Russian Families seem to know each other. The 1968 Wedding has a young Princess Natalia and her sister as flower girls of another Ignatieff (also Ignatiev) relative.

So, Peter Derby once gave an interview that lines up with his father being George Ignatieff (Canadian Ambassador to the UN.), but George's biography never mentions a third son.

Peter Derby sounds a lot like "Peter Deryabin"

Peter Deryabin was the Soviet defector who wrote a memo in December of 1963 (declassified in 1993) saying that Oswald could have been sent by the KGB to kill President John F. Kennedy. As we now know, the idea is ludicrous, but at the time Deryabin's suggestions would have made a good cover story, if not the primary cover story. "The KGB killed JFK, not the CIA."

In addition to Deryabin's comments after the JFK Assassination, he was involved in several other Cold War espionage episodes that warrant mention.

Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko (Russian: Юрий Иванович Носенко; October 30, 1927 – August 23, 2008) was a KGB officer who defected to the United States in 1964. Controversy arose in the CIA over whether he was a bona fide defector and he was held in detention for over three years before he was finally accepted as a legitimate defector by the CIA. After his release, he became an American citizen, working as a consultant for the CIA. [Wikipedia](#).

The decision by the CIA to detain Nosenko was at least partially due to the insight provided by Deryabin as a former KGB officer. In short, Deryabin told the CIA that Nosenko's experiences in the KGB and SMERSH (the Soviet Military Counter Intelligence group) did not line up with his own experience,

Nosenko's case officer was Tennent H. Pete Bagley, who subsequently became the chief of counterintelligence for the Soviet Russia ("SR") Division and Division Deputy Director.

Tennent Harrington "Pete" Bagley



Pete Bagley

Pete Bagley was one of Deryabin's CIA's handlers at least after the JFK Assassination and was working off the testimony of Deryabin when the legitimacy of Nosenko's defector status was being questioned at the CIA. Bagley even suggested that Deryabin act as Marina Oswald's translator.

When Deryabin defected in 1954 in Vienna, Bagley was the CIA officer who escorted Deryabin (also Deriabin) back to Washington DC. Pete Bagley was also Nosenko's contact starting in 1961, who at the time was "a

member of the Soviet delegation to disarmament talks." When Nosenko defected in 1964,

He claimed that he had been recalled to Moscow to be interrogated. Nosenko feared that the KGB had discovered he was a double-agent and once back in the Soviet Union would be executed. He claimed that he had been put in charge of the KGB investigation into Lee Harvey Oswald. He denied the Oswald had any connection with KGB. After interviewing Oswald it was decided that he was not intelligent enough to work as a KGB agent. https://spartacus-educational.com/Tennant_Bagley.htm

Volumes have been written about Nosenko and there is still debate as to whether he was a true defector or a false defector. In retrospect, and given the diminished likelihood that Lee Harvey Oswald was the KGB inspired lone gunman that killed JFK, Nosenko looks more like the true defector and Deryabin more like a disinformation agent, at least with respect to the KGB's roll in the assassination.



Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko

The Nosenko defection and prolonged "interrogation" suggests his contradictory testimony regarding the KGB's involvement compared to Deryabin's assertions did not fit the CIA's narrative of Lee Harvey Oswald's roll in the assassination.

Pete Bagley is therefore an important player in the JFK Assassination cover-up.

Back to Gibson Island

Tennent Harrington "Pete" Bagley, was born in Annapolis, Maryland, on 11th November, 1925. His great uncle, Admiral William D. Leahy, served as Chief of Staff to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.



Admiral William D. Leahy

Pete Bagley came from a distinguished Navy Family. His father was Admiral David Worth Bradley (1883 – 1960). His brother was Admiral David Harrington Bagley (1920 – 1992) and his other brother was Admiral Worth Harrington Bagley (1924 – 2016.) A great grandfather, William Henry Bagley (1833 – 1886) was a Major for the Confederacy and then a state Senator. The Bagleys fit the profile nicely of a well connected family one typically finds on Gibson Island.

There are a few Bagleys on Gibson Island, which is where we believe most of the 20th Century's worst ideas seem to originate. We have not done all of the ancestry work on Pete Tennent Harrington Bagley so we do not want to say for sure that Pete lived on Gibson Island or was a member of the Gibson Island Yacht Club. The Bagleys of Gibson Island that we are able to identify include a few from other prominent families, such as the Orricks, who are also related to the Symingtons.

Tennent Harrington "Pete" Bagley's mother has a confirmed Gibson Island connection. Her cousin (the son of the uncle Admiral William D. Leahy) Rear Admiral William Harrington Leahy (1904 – 1986) was a Gibson Island resident.

Ethel Norton Leahy death notice 2 Apr 1941

ment in St. Stanislaus' Cemetery. 2e
LEAHY.—On April 1, 1941, at her home,
Gibson Island ETHEL NORTON, be-
loved wife of Commander M. A. Leahy,
and beloved mother of Frank N. S'
Leahy, of *Baltimore, and Arthur lo
Hamilton Leahy, of St. Thomas, Vir-
gin Islands
Funeral services will be held at
William J. Tickner & Sons, North and
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tional Cemetery at 11.30 A. M. 4 S'
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At this point, when we look at someone involved in a coup d'état or all false flag or something atomic, we usually expect to find a Gibson Island connection. Pete Bagley seems to be the rule rather than the exception.

We can also add Pete's brother, Admiral Worth Harrington Bagley, to the growing list of Gibson Islanders who seems to travel in the same social circles of suspected plotters of the November 1963 coup (not including his brother Pete.)



Admiral Worth Bagley

The Taylor Mission

In late October, 1961, Lieutenant Commander Worth H. Bagley traveled with General Maxwell Davenport Taylor to South Vietnam to assess the situation in Vietnam and report back to President John F. Kennedy. General Taylor was the **Military Representative to the President** at the time.

His close personal relationship with the President and White House access effectively made Taylor the President's primary military adviser, cutting out the Joint Chiefs. On October 1, 1962, Kennedy ended this uncomfortable arrangement by appointing Taylor as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a position in which he served until 1964. [Wikipedia](#)

The trip to South Vietnam, with stops in Thailand and Laos, was known as "The Taylor Mission." A list of others on the Taylor Mission is shown below.

VIII. THE TAYLOR MISSION TO SOUTHEAST ASIA, OCTOBER 15-NOVEMBER 3

169. Editorial Note

The Taylor Mission departed Washington on the afternoon of Sunday, October 15. In addition to Taylor and Rostow, the mission included Sterling Cottrell; Rear Admiral Luther C. Heinz; Brigadier General William H. Craig; Brigadier General Edward G. Lansdale; Colonel Robert M. Levy, USAF (J-3, JCS); Colonel Albert W. Campbell, USMC (J-4); Dr. George W. Rathjens (ARPA); William Jorden, Policy Planning Council, Department of State; James W. Howe, International Cooperation Agency; David R. Smith, Central Intelligence Agency; Lieutenant Colonel Thomas C. Steinhauser, USA (J-2); Lieutenant Commander Worth H. Bagley, USN, Naval Aide to General Taylor; and Major James W. Dingman, USA, Army Aide to General Taylor. Andrew Hatcher, associate press secretary to President Kennedy, was included in the mission, but did not make the trip. A representative of the CINCPAC staff was to join the party at Honolulu and William H. Godel was to join the party at Saigon. Taylor, who planned to wear civilian clothes, asked that there be no military honors, social functions, press briefings, or interviews. (Telegram 429 to the Embassy in Vietnam, October 12; Department of State, Central Files, 120.155K/10-1261)

Lieutenant Commander Worth H. Bagley played an important roll on the mission and was responsible for writing the report on the mission's findings, which was presented on November 6, 1961. The report and discussions would play an important roll in President Kennedy's policies towards Vietnam.

211. Memorandum for the Record¹

Washington, November 6, 1961.

SUBJECT

Meeting to discuss the recommendations of the Taylor Mission to South Viet-Nam

PRESENT

General Taylor	Secretary McNamara
Under Secretary Alexis Johnson	Li General Cabell
Under Secretary Ball	Mr. Hamilton
Mr. Rostow	Assistant Secretary Bundy
Mr. Bissell	Mr. Cottrell
General Lemnitzer	LCdr Bagley
Under Secretary Gilpatric	

1. General Taylor opened the meeting with a broad assessment of the situation in South Viet-Nam as he saw it during his trip. From the background thus set, he outlined his recommendations to alter the situation favorably. These remarks essentially included—and broadened—the content of messages to the President forwarded from SEA by General Taylor.

2. In answer to specific questions, General Taylor said:

- a. The Provincial Survey proposed does not duplicate work done by the Staley Group.
- b. Withdrawal of US forces on the basis of completion of a flood relief task would be a matter of months.

3. General Taylor, in reporting the initial reactions of the President² to his recommendations, stated:

- a. The President had many questions. He is instinctively against introduction of US forces.

¹Source: National Defense University, Taylor Papers, T-127-69. Top Secret. Prepared by Bagley; the date on the source text is apparently the drafting date rather than the date the conference took place. The subject matter, the participants, and the course of the discussion suggest that the conference took place November 4.

²Apparently a reference to Taylor's meeting with the President the previous day; see footnote 1, *supra*.

Taylor was of crucial importance during the first weeks and months of the [Vietnam War](#). Whereas Kennedy initially told Taylor that “the independence of South Vietnam rests with the people and government of that country,” Taylor soon recommended that 8,000 American combat troops be sent to the region at once. After making his report to the Cabinet and the Chiefs of Staff, Taylor reflected on the decision to send troops to South Vietnam: “I don’t recall anyone who was strongly against, except one man, and that was the President. The President just didn’t want to be convinced that this was the right thing to do.... It was really the President’s personal conviction that U.S. ground troops shouldn’t go in.” [Wikipedia](#)



The "Three Tramps" under police escort. The man passing them with his back to the camera is alleged to be Lansdale. Source.