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murder, mystery and mayhem in mena

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We had nothing, zero, to do with it, stated US President Bill Clinton when asked by veteran reporter Sarah McClendon about Mena, Arkansas drug running operations during a White House press conference (October 7th, 1994), "and everybody who has ever looked into it, knows that."

McClendon asked Clinton if he had been told that the drug and gun running, "had to be in existence for National Security?" Bubba replied, "No, they didn't say anything to me about it. The airport in question, and all the events in question, were the subject of State and Local inquiries. It was a matter primarily for federal jurisdiction, the state had really next to nothing to do with it. The local prosecutors did conduct an investigation, based on what was in the jurisdiction of State law. The rest of it was under the jurisdiction of US Attorneys, who were appointed successively by previous administrations."

While Clinton ruled Arkansas, first as Attorney General, then as Governor, there was a massive CIA operation underway using Mena, Arkansas, for drug smuggling, gun running, money laundering, and training Nicaraguan Contras to fight a war that Congress had said we weren't to assist in militarily. Infamous Barry Seal, drug smuggler, and alleged CIA operative, moved his smuggling operations from Baton Rouge, LA, to Mena, Arkansas and opened up 'Rich Mountain Aviation' in "approximately 1982," according to a deposition given by IRS investigator William Duncan, who first began investigating the goings-on at Mena in May, 1983.

It quickly became obvious to him that some serious drug trafficking and money laundering were in fact occurring there. Duncan reported it to his superiors, gathered evidence, and submitted a list of witnesses to be called before a grand jury to see about issuing indictments. Out of twenty names, three were called to testify, and two of them later reported that they were kept from giving testimony they had been prepared to give. It is Duncan's opinion, as well as that of former Arkansas Police Investigator Russell Welch, who'd teamed up with Duncan, that the investigation findings were covered up by various people in the government of the State of Arkansas, and the US government. Duncan also mentioned Nella airport, a small field about 10 miles from Mena airport, where there were numerous reports from law enforcement officers and US Forest Rangers of 'non-American' type troops on maneuvers in the woods, and the sounds of automatic weapons fire were often heard.


Another case that ties into Mena are the murders of Kevin Ives, and Don Henry, murdered August 27th, 1987, while walking the traintracks around midnight, near Alexander, Arkansas. Some reports state that after walking into an airdrop drug operation, they were ambushed by traffickers waiting to catch whoever had stolen the previous drug drop. They were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Kevin's mother Linda Ives remains convinced that certain law enforcement officials had some involvement in the boy's deaths. Arkansas was a veritable drug and crime haven for some while Clinton was in power there. Through the operations in Mena, and Nella airports, it is apparent that the CIA was allowing a huge operation of drug running into the US in return for pilots' aid in supplying and training Contra pilots and soldiers.

Time and time again this story has appeared in the press, particularly Arkansas papers, and up to nine separate investigations have been started into this issue, yet every one has been shut down under US Presidents Reagan, Bush, and Clinton. All media stories have simply faded away, in the same way all official investigations have. There's still no answers in Mena!

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Jury Convicts Harmon; He Blames FBI, Media

This 'Arkansas Democrat-Gazette' (June 12th, 1997) article by Linda Friedlieb continues the investigations of fallen Arkansas prosecuting attorney Dan Harmon. Several people have stated they know witnesses who can place Harmon at the murders of the two boys on the traintracks in Arkansas on August 23rd, 1987. Harmon approached Linda Ives, mother of Kevin Ives, one of the two murdered boys, and convinced her that he wanted to help with the investigation into the murders, then later got himself appointed as prosecutor of the case, which then went nowhere. Friedlieb reveals how Harmon was convicted of five out of eleven charges, including using his office as an Arkansas prosecuting attorney to deal drugs.

Snow Job: The CIA, Coke, & Bill Clinton

This article alleges that the CIA laundered hundreds of millions of dollars through Mena, Arkansas, and funded the election of Clinton to the US Presidency. This is the second part of a longer piece.

The Mena Airport: Why Arkansas's Biggest Mystery Won't Die

This 'Arkansas Times' article (August 25th, 1995) by Mara Leveritt is a good overview and background of Mena airport and the shady dealings that reportedly transpired there.

The Unknown And Deadly Side Of The Whitewater Scandal

This is another rehashing of the many murders and crimes committed by and around Clinton and his cronies. The Arkansas state bonds program (ADFA) made the Clinton crowd a lot of money by laundering drug money apparently, although it doesn't get spoken of too much since the Republican's failed bid to oust Clinton over such a menial fling with a floozy. Why didn't they go after the 'real' crimes I wonder?

More Clinton-Arkansas-Mena Related Deaths

This is an even longer list of suspicious deaths and 'accidents' that just keep happening around Bubba and his associates.

Sources Of Information On The CIA and Mena

This is a bibliography of books and articles on Mena and CIA involvement in drug trafficking there.

New York Mob At Mena

This is Richard Brenneke's testimony to Arkansas Congressman Bill Alexander and Chad Farris, Chief Deputy Attorney General of Arkansas on June 21st, 1991, in which Brenneke describes what kinds of cargo he flew into Mena, and who picked it up, and who it got delivered to. This was a sworn deposition, and as we all know, people lie, but if even a small portion of this is true, then we are in trouble, much deeper trouble than our national press lets on!

More books And Sources On Clinton Crimes

This web-site says that the 'Institute for Policy Studies' (IPS) is a "Marxist, terrorist group," which was a standard propaganda line disseminated by US President Bill Clinton's opponents, designed to discredit the IPS, which influenced many of Clinton's first term policies. Read this material at your own risk! Worth a visit though, for their large collection of Drug War, NWO, education, and fringe science titles.

The Mena Coverup

This 'Wall Street Journal' editorial feature (October 18th, 1994) by Micah Morrison goes over a lot of the background of the IRS investigation into drug running and other nefarious activity at Mena Arkansas while Bubba Clinton was either Attorney General or Governor of that fine state.

What Really Happened At Mena: Deposition By A Key Investigator

Read excerpts of the 1991 deposition given by William Duncan, then a criminal investigator for the IRS. Duncan eventually lost his job while trying to follow

through on his findings at Mena, made whilst investigating Barry Seal.

The Train Deaths

This is Linda Ives and Jean Duffy's web-site. Linda Ives is the mother of one of two boys killed on the railroad tracks in Arkansas, and Jean Duffy was a prosecutor who had to flee when Dan Harmon filed charges against her, charges that turned out to be baseless, and were dropped. The traffickers who killed the boys have been traced directly back to Mena, and to an assortment of public officials and politicians. These women have been fighting a hard fight to see justice done in this murder case, but have not yet seen even a glimmer of it.

Big News From Arkansas

This 'Wall Street Journal' article (April 15th, 1997) by Micah Morrison examines the strabge career of Dan Harmon, who served as prosecuting attorney for Arkansas' 7th Judicial District from 1990 to 1996, when he suddenly resigned, and was subsequently arrested and charged with multiple counts of corruption, drug dealing and manufacture, and extortion in 1997. Harmon is just one more Arkansas official who turned out to be involved with drug trafficking. This guy was a sicko!

The Activities At Mena: No Myth

Hear the soundclips of President Clinton being asked about Mena by Sarah McClendon, and hear Clinton buddy Dan Lasater try to say he was suffering a 'smear campaign' until some un-named Congressman puts this into perspective. Also read Russell Welch's comments to Billy 'Bear' Bottoms, who says that Mena, and the activities there are only a 'myth'. This site is well worth a visit!

Whitewater: The Arkansas Connection

This 'Online Progressive Review' article (July, 1998) compiles six years worth of scandals that erupted out of Arkansas (including Mena) that were all subsequently linked to Clinton in some way.

The Tatum Chronicles

Here are a couple who say they have documentation to back up their fantastic claims of CIA drug running and gun running, and Contra support, yet getting any indictments has been impossible!

Miami Vice, Montana Blues?

In this piece by documentary film-maker and author Dan Hopsicker, a frighteningly similar operation to what transpired in Mena was also going on in Montana, involving the US government in massive amounts of drug running.

In Search Of The American Drug Lords

In this documentary film (and at this web-site) you can see a photo of Barry Seal eating dinner with members of 'Operation 40', in Mexico City in August 1963, accompanied by the likes of Frank Sturgis, and Felix Rodriguez, amongst others.

Why We Must Defeat Ollie North!

This group, the 'Defeat That Son-Of-A-Bush ('Defeat That SOB') Committee', was put together to defeat Ollie North in his run for the US Senate from Virginia. Now there is no need to worry about North and his political aspirations, at least not right now, but this is a lot of great background on Ollie North's drug smuggling and other crimes, touching on Mena once or twice within this long, involved sordid tale.

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