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READHEAD BILL IN LANGLEY

[Following is a full translation of an article  
by V. Chirkov which appeared in the Russian  
CPYRGHT newspaper Moskovskaya Pravda, 12 May 1965.]

On that memorable morning a special plane of the aircraft company, Aerojet-General Corporation, appeared at the building of the airport in El Monte, California. The pilot was to take on board only one passenger--William F. Raborn, a vice-president of the company, known among his associates by the nickname of "Redhead Bill". Within minutes a black limousine appeared and, with a screeching of brakes, stopped right at the steps of the plane. Out of it emerged a close-cropped, lean man with a military bearing, and, after greeting the pilot, he said to one of those accompanying him:

"Prepare my personal file with all the biographic details. I may need it soon."

"Yes, Mr. Raborn," answered the clerk, gazing after his chief with a puzzled expression.

None of his associates in the company knew where he was bound for, and his words, said in parting, only excited the general curiosity, without explaining anything. The solution to the mystery, however, came fairly soon. From Johnson City, Texas, where Redhead Bill had arrived by special summons of President Johnson, came the report of the resignation of Director of CIA, John McCone. William F. Raborn was appointed in his place.

Thus there appeared a new boss in Langley, near Washington, where the Central Intelligence Agency is located.

The change of leadership in the principal spy center of the United States took place not without good reason. Too many exposures of, and failures by, American intelligence were linked with the name of its former chief. It was decided to remove the top spy who had [thus] fallen into disrepute. This was already known in June of last year. The search for a suitable man dragged out. Almost 40 candidates were rejected. This was because the position occupied by McCone is rightly considered one of the key ones in the American cabinet [sic]. For good reason the CIA is called the "invisible government" of the United States and the "state within a state". Behind the scenes there was going on a bitter struggle of the owners of the big industrial concerns for the

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right to place their own man at the helm of this spy state. And the choice fell on Raborn, the president of a gigantic corporation which was one of the main suppliers of rockets and planes for the armed forces of the US. This "background" of the new chief of CIA is very significant. But first, who is he, this new man in Langley?

Vice-Adm. (Ret.) Raborn is 59 years old. His whole adult life was connected with the military service. In 1928 he entered the Naval Academy in Annapolis and from that time on moved fairly successfully up the service ladder. His service record speaks for itself. From the first steps of his career Raborn carried out obediently the most sinister plans of the American militarists.

In 1955, by order of Adm. Burke, then Chief of Staff of the US Navy, Raborn was entrusted with the development of the Polaris missile, which was to be launched from atomic submarines. The Pentagon had placed great hopes in these missiles. Raborn was one of the first to give great publicity to these missiles, describing his creation [detishche] as a "reliable means of intimidation", or, to put it bluntly, nuclear blackmail. All 20,000 contracts with military industrial concerns participating in missile development went through Raborn's hands. And the funds allocated to this work were considerable--3.5 billion dollars. His business connections later helped the admiral to amass a fortune and to enlist the powerful support of the leaders of US "big business."

During the work on the Polaris missile, Raborn was able to "prove himself". His subordinates worked without any days off, even on week ends. Redhead Bill drove them with a persistence resembling fanaticism, striving to put the Polaris on the production line as soon as possible and thereby deserve the gratitude of his bosses both in the Pentagon and in the military industrial concerns. In this he succeeded. The Polaris was completed far ahead of schedule, and into the safes of the monopolists flowed a golden stream from the generous orders of the Pentagon for atomic submarines and Polaris missiles. Raborn also moved up on the service ladder, occupying the position of Deputy Chief of Staff of the US Navy for Research and Development.

The tireless activity of Redhead Bill on behalf of the arms race made him extremely popular with the bosses of the military industrial concerns. In 1963 the admiral retired and immediately became engaged in "peaceful business" --the production of missiles in Aerojet General. Commenting on the appointment of Raborn to the

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position of director of CIA, the influential American magazine, Time, wrote in one of its recent issues that now "it is necessary to place at the helm of CIA an experienced administrator rather than an experienced spy." Great things are expected of Raborn. The military monopolies, having placed their own man at the helm of CIA, hope to find a wider use for their products with his help and to extend the tentacles of CIA even farther. The service record and business qualities of Redhead Bill indicate that their hopes are most likely justified. His activities in the new position will certainly bring new profits to the monopolies and new misfortunes for those countries where those under his aegis operate. One can also certainly say something else--that even such an "experienced administrator" as Redhead Bill will be unable to avoid failures. Recently the CIA and its agents more and more often have had to leave those countries to which nobody had ever invited them. The emissaries of the "invisible government, the agents of those monopolies who have installed the new boss in Langley, have been getting their just deserts from the peoples of the liberated countries and of the socialist camp.



New CIA Director Discussed

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An article by V. CHIRKOV in Moskovskaya Pravda, 12 May 1965, entitled "Redhead Bill in Langley," discussed the resignation of former CIA director, John McCONE, and the appointment of William F. RABORN in his place.

According to the article, the name of John McCone has been connected with too many failures of US intelligence and it was therefore decided that he should be removed. After a long search for his successor, "during which almost 40 candidates were rejected," the choice fell on Raborn.

The following paragraphs are translated excerpts from the article:

"Raborn represented a gigantic corporation, one of the principal suppliers of rockets and aircraft for the US Armed Forces. This 'background' of the new CIA chief is very significant. However, who is he, this new man in Langley?

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"Great things are expected of Raborn. The military monopolies, having placed their own man at the helm of CIA, hope to find a wider use for their products with his help and to extend the tentacles to CIA even further than before. The service record and business qualities of Redhead Bill indicate that their hopes will most likely be fulfilled. His activity on the new post will certainly bring the monopolies new profits and will create new disasters for those countries where his men will operate. One can make another definite statement, i.e., that even such an 'experienced administrator' as Redhead Bill will not be able to avoid failures. The CIA and its agents have recently been forced more and more frequently to leave those countries where they had never been invited. The peoples of liberated countries and of the socialist camp have been getting even with the emissaries of the 'invisible government' and the agents of those monopolies which installed the new boss in Langley."

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