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Reporters Allege Connection Between Al Gore and Tennessee Underworld

From a series of special reports by Charles C. Thompson and Tony Hays for *WorldNetDaily*

Editor's Note: The following material is based on a special series of reports by Charles Thompson and Tony Hays for *WorldNetDaily*. Due to limited space in this publication, we are presenting an abridged version of the Thompson/Hays accounts. Please see endnote 1 on page 8 for information on viewing the full, original text.

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For Al Gore, the most crucial element of his presidential campaign this year seemed to be the task of distancing himself from Bill Clinton--the Number 1 man in the most corrupt administration in U.S. history. The problem of course, is that Al Gore served as the Number 2 man in that

administration. Nevertheless, the "distancing" seemed to be working. Early fall polls indicated that Al Gore was running strongly against George W. Bush, with moderate leads in most polls.

Then the story broke, carried by most of the establishment media, that Gore was linked to the solicitation in 1995 of a \$100,000 bribe from powerful trial lawyers in Texas, in exchange for which Bill Clinton would veto a bill that would have put a cap on damage awards and thereby significantly reduce trial lawyers' ability to rake in staggering sums in attorney fees.

Gore's "squeaky-clean" image began to erode. Gore had never come across as innocent in the Buddhist Temple scam, and in fact, his lame "iced tea" defense was laughable.

With nationwide visibility in the debates and the increasing number of "algorithms" (read *lies* and *distortions*) on the campaign stump, Al Gore's credibility problems heightened. The establishment media began to turn their attention to Al Gore's puzzling propensity for lying... and lying... and lying. As an old friend of this editor used to say, "He'd climb a tree to tell a lie when he could've stood on the ground and told the truth!"

Now come new allegations about Al Gore in a series of reports researched by two veteran journalists, Charles C. Thompson and Tony Hays, that Al Gore has had connections for many years with Tennessee underworld figures.¹ The Gore campaign, obviously nervous about the allegations, had one team member phoning media outlets across west Tennessee in September, attempting to stop them from airing the series of reports recently published on the WorldNetDaily.com website.

Hillbilly Mafia

Another journalist reports that a Nashville radio talk show host, investigating alleged corruption in rural Tennessee's so-called "Hillbilly Mafia," has uncovered suspicious business dealings between members of that organization and Vice President Al Gore. Patrick Poole has published his findings in a story entitled "Gore tied to 'Hillbilly Mafia'" (WorldNetDaily.com, September 1, 2000).

Poole says Phil Valentine, the afternoon host for Nashville talk station WLAC, first talked about the "Hillbilly Mafia" on his show late in August. Valentine's investigation centered around Wilson County Sheriff Terry

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Ashe, alleged in a civil racketeering case to have used his position as sheriff to harass and intimidate his political rival, Dewey Lineberry. Federal court documents submitted in the case indicate that the "Hillbilly Mafia" is an informal organization of Tennessee business and elected officials who operate near Al Gore's hometown of Carthage, Tennessee.

Sheriff Ashe has admitted in an official court document that he has kept 140 head of cattle on Gore's Carthage, Tennessee, farm, and that the herd serves as surety for a \$71,000 negative balance (at the Gore-owned Community Bank of Carthage) on a joint investment account in the name of MAC Farms. MAC is a venture owned by Ashe, along with two other individuals--Monty Mires and Jimmy Comer--whom Poole identifies as Hillbilly Mafia members.

Just the mention of cows can cause eyebrows to raise in rural Tennessee political circles. In a book by David Bossie and Floyd Brown entitled *Prince Albert: The Life and Lies of Al Gore*, the authors report that Al Gore, Sr., during his tenure as a U.S. Senator, was accustomed to hosting cattle auctions for lobbyists and other influence peddlers at the Carthage family farm. The cattle would be purchased at "staggering" prices, the authors say, but the cattle would always remain on the farm to be sold again at the next auction.

When Valentine began airing the alleged connection between the "Hillbilly Mafia" and Al Gore, Sheriff Ashe began calling station officials and putting pressure on them to clamp down on Valentine. The station was reluctant to interfere, so Ashe contacted his attorney to subpoena audio recordings of the programs and any "related documents."

Valentine told *WorldNetDaily* that he believes the legal maneuvers were designed to obtain information about his confidential sources who have provided him with documents and other information related to his investigation.

Part of the racketeering case against Ashe involves an underage female high school student who alleges she was assaulted by one of Ashe's deputies. The girl says that, following

her allegation, Ashe's people threatened her and conducted surveillance on her to harass and intimidate her. When the girl was called as a witness in an unrelated slander case against Ashe, she refused to testify and claimed she feared reprisals against her and her family.

One Wilson County elected official who spoke to *WorldNetDaily* anonymously for fear of retaliation, said threats and intimidation are regularly used by the group to cover up their questionable business dealings. He commented, "The members of the Hillbilly Mafia get sloppy in how they handle their affairs because they are confident in the protection that Gore would give them if they got into a jam. These guys are known for getting into trouble, so they have to resort to threatening everyone to keep it from getting out."²

Valentine says his investigation reveals that the Hillbilly Mafia is very real and very dangerous. He states, "It's not only the sheriff, but several other Gore business associates who are alleged members. . . . You only need to look at the cast of characters involved in the Hillbilly Mafia and the curious business dealings they continue to have with Gore to see that America might be in store for more of the same under a Gore administration."

Al Gore Played Fixer to Crooked Uncle

Another of Vice President Gore's unsavory connections is his uncle, Whit LaFon, a retired judge who has been targeted as an alleged drug trafficker by federal and state law enforcement officials in Tennessee. The allegations are the result of a wide-ranging, year-long investigation that included FBI, the inspector general's office at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the 24th Judicial District Drug Task Force, and the Tennessee Highway patrol. When allegations were first detailed mid-September that LaFon may have provided protection to narcotics traffickers through the use of his Tennessee River cabin in Decatur County (a place often visited by the Vice President and his family), LaFon, 82, went into seclusion.

According to reporters Thompson and Hays, LaFon has been one of Gore's key advisors for decades. LaFon has bragged that Gore was a frequent visitor to his home in Jackson and also at his Decatur County cabin where the alleged drug trafficking was headquartered.

The LaFon connection surfaced nearly a year ago as a result of an inquiry into the activities of Judge Ron Harmon of the Savannah, Tennessee, Chancery Court. Harmon, a partner in a ring of three trucking companies alleged to have transported narcotics and illegal aliens, was being investigated by the public integrity section of the U.S. Justice Department. One of the trucking company facilities was located near Harmon's home in Savannah, Tennessee. Another was located in Clint, Texas, on the U.S.-Mexican border, and was managed by a convicted felon by the name of Glenn Gray. The third was located in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

In January of this year, federal agents who had been tracing a veritable river of cash pouring out of Savannah, Tennessee, by way of Western Union Moneygrams, met with local law enforcement and named LaFon and Harmon as potential targets. Delivery records were subpoenaed from Federal Express, Airborne Express, UPS and other package carriers in an effort to determine a pattern of shipments, but without success. Attention then shifted to LaFon's cabin on the Tennessee River. Local officers who had been investigating LaFon for nearly five years shared their findings with federal agents.

FBI Special Agent Mark Post confirmed the existence of the federal investigation, as well as LaFon's involvement. Then, soon after Accuracy in Media released its report entitled "Al Gore's Embarrassing Uncle," Post was transferred to Washington. He retracted his earlier statements, but documentation and eyewitnesses contradicted his disclaimers. Post is the second agent connected to the LaFon investigation to be transferred to Washington. Tom Locke, former special agent in charge of Memphis and a driving force behind the investigation, was switched to FBI headquarters after less than a year in his

Memphis post.

In the 1970s and 1980s when LaFon was a state prosecutor and later a judge, he had been investigated for allegedly taking bribes and for involvement in criminal enterprises while a public official. However, no charges were ever filed.

Uncle Whit LaFon has been well known throughout west Tennessee as an "overt racist," according to former state public defender Marcus Reaves. LaFon was officially reprimanded on at least one occasion for making racist comments during a court proceeding, then ordering the court reporter not to release the transcript.

In 1989, LaFon struck a 91-year-old woman, Beulah Mae Holmes of Henderson County, while driving his pickup truck. She was killed instantly. Tennessee Highway patrol officials ignored virtually every state policy involving traffic fatalities, and the only official paperwork for what should have been a lengthy file was a mere three pages of an accident report. One Highway patrol source indicated that information that should have become official public record was intentionally suppressed.

The Madison County District Attorney opted not to pursue prosecution because of the scant information in the file. The toxicological screening as required by law was not performed, and without forensic evidence that LaFon was intoxicated, the state had no real case.

Gore and the Wallace Connection

Larry Wallace, Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, is another questionable character among Al Gore's cronies in Tennessee. A senior official with the TBI said that Al Gore routinely contacted Wallace for assistance with criminal matters involving Gore's family and political cronies. That source, according to Thompson and Hays, claimed that Wallace would frequently tell senior staffers that Gore had put the arm on him to "take care" of criminal matters involving Gore's uncle, who was apparently in frequent need of protection from the TBI and

other law enforcement agencies.

In interviews with former and current TBI agents, as well as three past directors, Thompson and Hays learned that during Wallace's tenure, the once highly respected TBI has been brought low by ever-increasing charges of institutional corruption which in turn has resulted in wholesale defections.

One federal prosecutor observed that "The TBI is really great for getting small fry, but for some reason, they are never able to make cases against the rich and famous, especially if these folks are politically well-connected."³

John Carney, who headed the TBI a decade ago and is now District Attorney in Clarksville, Tennessee, stated, "The TBI is in sad shape. Nobody trusts it because it's totally dominated by politics."⁴ One top official commented, "It's high time to quit doing favors for public officials, even if they are the Vice President of the United States, and get back to enforcing the laws fairly like we did before Larry Wallace came along. If we can't do that, then it's time to abolish the TBI and start all over."⁵

Blueprint for Corruption

Wallace began his law enforcement career as a 20-year-old patrolman on the Athens, Tennessee, police department in 1964. He then served with the Tennessee Highway patrol for seven years before joining the TBI in 1973. Wallace was a field agent for three years, during which, according to several agents who had worked with him, he established a lasting reputation for cowardice.

Wallace left the TBI in 1976 when he was elected sheriff of McMinn County. He returned to TBI in 1980. He used family connections--big in the Democratic Party and well connected with Governor Ned McWherter--to move up to head of the Tennessee Highway patrol. Former members of the THP have stated to Thompson and Hays that Wallace involved himself whenever a prominent politician had a traffic accident on a state highway or had a "dust-up" with the law.

Prior to Wallace's tenure with the TBI, the Bureau was feared by all politicians, regardless of their political

party. It had sent 33 out of 95 Tennessee sheriffs to jail.

When Ned McWherter became Governor, he apparently reasoned that having a corrupt individual heading up the Bureau would keep the Governor and other officials apprised as to ongoing investigations and allow them to terminate politically sensitive investigations before they got off the ground. With strong influence from Governor McWherter, Wallace was appointed Director of the TBI.

One of Wallace's first acts as Director was to abolish the agency's highly regarded public corruption unit. He went further, ordering his agents never to open an investigation in any of Tennessee's 95 counties without first notifying the sheriff, if the sheriff was the target of the investigation. Rank and file agents were outraged, hamstrung in their efforts to investigate law breaking and corruption among state officials.

Wallace even interfered in the murder investigation involving his own son, Larry Dean Wallace, who was suspected of heavy involvement in drug trafficking. Larry Dean had shot to death James Edward Wilkerson over \$1,500 he owed Wilkerson for drugs. Larry Dean was apprehended and confessed to second-degree murder. He was sentenced to 15 years, but was never imprisoned; instead, he served his time in a cushy clerical job.

In 1994 Wallace got involved in another big-time political "fix" on behalf of Bill Morris, who was in a heated contest for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. An investigative reporter for the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* had dug up proof that Morris had used prison inmates to cater his political and personal social events on 100 occasions over a seven-year period.

Wallace dispatched one of his henchmen to rescue Morris. TBI agents in Memphis were ordered to investigate two of Morris' subordinates, but to leave Morris alone. In spite of Wallace's intervention, a grand jury voted to indict Morris. Wallace was furious, and ordered his underling to go back to Memphis and "un-indict Morris."

Five weeks later, special prosecution
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INSIDE WASHINGTON

Did "Russian Expert" Al Gore Condone Russian Mafia?

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Congressional and law enforcement sources say that an epidemic of money laundering, prostitution, immigration fraud, murder, arson, arms dealing and other criminal activities by the Russian mob—which has invaded 29 countries and 17 U.S. cities—would probably never have occurred on such a scale without the tacit approval of high-ranking U.S. officials, including President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott. That is the claim by reporters Charles Thompson and Tony Hays in a recent article entitled "Gore condoned Russian Mafia?"¹

Since the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, the rise of the Russian mob has been appallingly rapid. Law enforcement experts say the mob has looted the Russian treasury, and spends up to 50 percent of its booty for bribes to insure the help of top government officials. The Italian mob, by contrast, considers 6 to 20 percent to be adequate, and the Colombians pay 25 percent. With the Russian mob generating about \$10 billion a year in profits in America, that figures out to be about \$5 billion available to keep the corrupt system running smoothly.

U.S. law enforcement officials say Russians are more likely than any other criminal organization to murder a witness or gun down a judge. The Russians, they say, do not hesitate to hire a hit man to fly from Moscow to New York to carry out a contract murder, then jet home the

same day.

Thompson and Hays say that while there is no evidence that Clinton, Gore or Talbott took bribes from the Russian mob, there is abundant evidence to show that their paramount objective of maintaining "normal relations" with Russia overshadowed the wholesale corruption in Russia and a crime wave there that is rapidly spreading around the world.

President Clinton put Al Gore in charge of Russian policy in 1993, a position he co-chaired with Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin until 1998. House Republicans recently fired off a scathing condemnation of Gore's stewardship policy on Russia in a 209-page report released by senior Republican House members under the direction of Rep. Chris Cox (R-CA).

"After tens of billions of dollars and eight years of mismanagement by the Clinton administration, the U.S.-Russian relationship is in tatters, characterized by growing hostility and divergent perceptions of international realities and intentions," the report states.

The report claims that the Clinton administration's close identification with corrupt Russian officials has badly tarnished America's reputation in Russia and set U.S.-Russian relations back "at least a decade."

Of course, Democrats dismissed the report as partisan. Doug Hattaway, a Gore campaign operative, was one of the main detractors. (This is the same guy who spent considerable time recently trying to convince Tennessee media outlets not to cover *WorldNetDaily's* series, "Tennessee Underworld," which documents allegations of political corruption involving Al Gore and his family, close friends, and supporters.)

A year ago, a number of respected journalists, including David Ignatius of the *Washington Post* and Michael Waller of *Insight* magazine, warned that Al Gore would be held accountable for

what he knew about the looting of Russia by organized crime, and the fact that he didn't do more to stop it. Front pages across the country featured stories concerning the massive criminal investigation launched to determine how hundreds of millions of dollars of Russian mob money, including diverted international aid funds and U.S. loans, had been laundered through the Bank of New York.

Waller wrote, "From the beginning, the Clinton administration was well aware of the Russian government's involvement with organized crime, but punished those who dared point it out."

It is estimated, Thompson and Hays point out, that during the time that Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin shared the leadership of the commission with Gore, Chernomyrdin accumulated between \$1 and \$5 billion in personal assets from the systematic looting of the Soviet treasury.

Russian president Boris Yeltsin and his family were also significant beneficiaries of illegal bribes and mob gratuities, including unlimited credit card accounts, lavish properties, millions of dollars skimmed from an oil company swindle, and a million-dollar shopping spree in Hungary in 1994.

Gore's partner, Chernomyrdin, has been closely associated with a notorious Russian ex-con, Grigory Loutchansky, who owns five banks in Latvia that allegedly control about \$1.2 billion in offshore accounts for Chernomyrdin. In late 1993 and early 1994, U.S. intelligence agencies reported that intercepted communications from Loutchansky's company, Nordex, suggest the company was exporting nuclear bomb components to North Korea and Iran. A *Time* magazine article in July 1996 reported that Loutchansky's company was also suspected of having shipped mobile Scud missile launchers to Saddam Hussein during the 1991 Gulf War.

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E. Wayne Merry, a senior diplomat at the American embassy in Moscow from 1991-94, called the commission a failure in an op-ed piece he wrote for *The Wall Street Journal*. "The commission became an instrument to advance the political career of the vice president. The commission served a similar purpose for Mr. Chernomyrdin," Merry said.

Gore: "Expert" on Russia?

Gore's claim to being an expert on Russia is based for the most part on the commission he co-chaired from 1993 to 1998 with Chernomyrdin. The stated function of the commission was to assist foreign business people and companies who wanted to invest in Russia, and to assist them if they ran afoul of bureaucrats or were victimized by mob members. Over the life span of the commission, however, Gore overlooked Chernomyrdin's reputation in Russia for promoting corruption.

In their "Russian Mafia" piece, Thompson and Hays detail how American businessmen discovered they could not count on the Gore-Chernomyrdin commission for help, even though America's "Number 2 Man" co-chaired the commission. When they complained about the pervasive bribery that was going on, the complicity of Russian law enforcement with mob practices, and threats by murderous Russian Mafia figures, their complaints were met with silence and inaction.

Thompson and Hays detail the story of one American businessman, John Allen, who attempted to establish a chain of drug stores in Russia and to convert an anthrax factory in Kazakstan to a peaceful use as a pharmaceutical factory. After enormous difficulties, Allen was forced to write off millions of dollars he lost when mobsters confiscated his drug stores. He says the U.S. State and Defense Departments even permitted a former KGB colonel and active member of the Russian Mafia to occupy the anthrax plant and to ship containers of the virus to the Middle East. After the mob took over Allen's plant, the \$10 million in U.S. tax dollars set aside to train personnel in developing and manufacturing peacetime phar-

maceuticals simply disappeared and the scientists vanished.

One very revealing passage in the Thompson and Hays exposé stated,

"When he was a boy, Gore became well acquainted with Armand Hammer, the chairman of Occidental Petroleum Corporation. [Hammer was a close friend, mentor and business benefactor to Al Gore, Sr., and was the biggest supporter of the Communist Party in America--Editor.] Hammer, who died in 1990 at age 92, had extensive business deals with the former Soviet Union for more than 70 years. A vindictive man who abhorred publicity and sued anyone who wrote unfavorably about him, Hammer mined asbestos, drilled for oil, arranged lucrative fur deals, trafficked in Czarist art and laundered millions for the KGB in sham transactions. He also helped establish the Soviet Union's overseas spy network. Lenin allegedly told Stalin that Hammer was 'a path to lead the American business world' to Russia."

One has to wonder: *Why, in the heat of a critically important campaign battle, is no-one asking Al Gore about his Russian connection?*

—UNWO Editors

¹ Charles Thompson and Tony Hays, "Gore condoned Russian Mafia?" *WorldNetDaily*, October 2, 2000.

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tors appeared before Judge Joseph Dailey and signed a motion dismissing all the charges against Morris. Indictments against his two subordinates were left standing. Morris never recovered from the stench of the quashed indictments. Phil Bredezen beat him for the gubernatorial nomination, who in turn was beaten by Republican Don Sundquist.

Even though a lifelong Democrat, Wallace quickly switched his allegiance, amid great fanfare, to the Republican Party. He began ingratiating himself with members of the Sundquist administration, but maintained close contact with many of his Democratic allies, among them Al Gore.

"Good Ol' Boys Roundup"

Agents claim that TBI cover-ups

weren't limited to just protecting politicians.

In the summer of 1995, news broke that a group of off-duty federal, state and local law enforcement officers had gathered in May for a three-day event known as the "Good Ol' Boys Roundup," ostensibly for rafting and beer drinking. The truth is, racist activities were apparently encouraged, with 300 law enforcement officers and friends exposed to some virulent racist displays.

Denunciation from Washington was swift. Gov. Sundquist announced there would be an investigation, headed up by Wallace. The one hitch was that Wallace had reportedly attended the roundup. Wallace then handed the management of the investigation off to his general counsel, David Jennings. Richard Brogan, TBI's special agent in charge in Chattanooga, handled the fieldwork and some of the interrogations. But, like Wallace, Brogan had also apparently attended the roundup.

Jennings turned the investigative file, with evidence of Wallace and Brogan's attendance at the roundup, over to Jeff Long, a respected senior officer and head of intelligence, for further processing. Taking Jennings' word that "no further investigation was required," Long took him at his word --a decision he came to regret. In a televised news conference, Wallace reassured Gov. Sundquist that neither he nor any of his senior officers had attended the roundup.

Gore Suspected of Killing Drug Probe

Senior Tennessee law enforcement officials claim that Al Gore killed a major drug trafficking investigation in their state that allegedly implicated several of the Vice President's long-time friends and supporters.

Information gathered by Thompson and Hays indicates that if you were rich and politically connected in Hardin County, Tennessee, and were under scrutiny of the TBI for drug dealing--or if you needed a permit from the Tennessee Valley Authority to circumvent one or more of those pesky TVA regulations--you might have gone to one of Al Gore's

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"money men" to "get things straightened out."

One of them, according to Benny Austin, owner of a large real estate company in Savannah, was Clark Jones, a Savannah car dealer who raised more than \$100,000 for Al Gore last year. Jones took contributions for Gore in return for handling TVA permits, Austin explained, characterizing the operation as just one more scandal that "has been swept under the rug."

Thompson and Hays report that last year when the TBI began narcotics-trafficking investigations against Clark Jones and Ron Harmon, Jones allegedly went to Gore to have the investigation killed. The probe was, in fact, terminated suddenly last year just 10 weeks after it began by the director of the TBI, Larry Wallace. Current and former TBI officials say that is "business as usual" at the agency. Those same officials say that Wallace has routinely spiked investigations that could be "politically dangerous"—especially those involving Al Gore. Sources within the agency say Gore and Wallace have been in frequent contact over the past eight years.

Robert Lawson, former Tennessee Public Safety Commissioner, told Thompson and Hays that Clark Jones' name was listed on the TBI's computerized files in the late 1980s and early 1990s as an alleged dope dealer. Jones is currently listed in computerized federal intelligence files as a "suspected drug dealer." Lawson said he does not believe Wallace would ever have terminated a criminal investigation involving Gore's close friends and fundraisers without tipping the Vice President off in advance.

Jones tried to downplay his involvement with Al Gore, claiming he only talked to Gore once a year. However, Gore recently purchased a car from Jones for his son, Al Gore, III, and the Gores were invited to attend the wedding of Chad Jones, Clark's son, this past summer.

The FBI began its own investigation of the case, as did DEA and U.S. Customs. The federal agents added another suspect, according to local law enforcement officials who were assist-

ing the FBI. They identified him as Whit LaFon.

Drug Scourge in Hardin County

Hardin County, Tennessee, is bisected by the Tennessee River and it is a natural way station for barges hauling drugs from the Gulf of Mexico. In recent years, drug dealing has become widespread in the streets of Savannah and the back roads of Hardin County. Police Chief Don Cannon says he has seen "an avalanche of drugs" there during his 33 years on the police force, with heroin, speed and cocaine having become the addicts' drugs of choice.

Federal agents estimate \$2.3 million worth of cocaine passes through Hardin County each week, with profit per ounce of cocaine running about \$1,200 and affording a potential weekly profit of \$7,000 for street dealers. The amounts of money generated by drug sales in Hardin County are wildly disproportionate for a small rural county with a population of 25,000. The town of Savannah has only about 6,000 residents.

Cannon says there are more dealers now, more drugs, more crime—but adds "I have [only] three or four patrolmen on each shift." He says state and federal law enforcement agents rarely have visited Hardin County.

Thompson and Hays sum up what happened in Hardin County:

"A serious inquiry into narcotics trafficking was begun by TBI Director Larry Wallace after a request from a powerful state politician. TBI agents collected information and evidence, interviewed subjects and solicited assistance from local citizens. Apparently, then, following a clandestine meeting with one of Al Gore's pals and top fundraiser—an individual with strong connections to a career criminal even then under investigation for constructing the largest meth lab in the state—the drug trafficking inquiry stopped cold."

Gore Tries to Keep Media Off WorldNetDaily Series

Late in September, Gore campaign aide Doug Hattaway called media outlets across west Tennessee, attempting to stop the Thompson and Hays

exposés from being aired. WMC-TV in Memphis and WBBJ-TV in Jackson, Tennessee, both video-taped interviews with the two reporters, only to kill the stories at the last minute with no explanation.

Meanwhile, Gore's ally, TBI Director Larry Wallace, has been scouring the TBI in an attempt to locate *WorldNetDaily's* sources for its series of reports on alleged connections between Gore and the Hillbilly Mafia.

One Nashville station, WTVF, did air a piece on September 21 that detailed the allegations set out in the Thompson/Hays reports. The segment included a rebuttal by Wallace denying the entire story.

Wallace's rebuttal opened with an explicit denial of Gore's involvement in any criminal matters. He goes on to say, "I have never spoken on the telephone with the Vice President in my entire life," and claims that the only time he was even in the presence of the Vice President was when he, along with other Tennesseans, stood in line at a Carthage funeral home to pay last respects to Al Gore, Sr.

However, several former and current secretaries at TBI headquarters attested that Wallace received calls on numerous occasions from Vice president Gore, which they routed to his office. Former Deputy TBI Director Jeff Long confirmed that he was privy to one such phone conversation when Gore called Wallace. Former U.S. Senator Harlan Mathews stated, for the record, to a *WorldNetDaily* reporter that "Gore and Wallace were close friends and political allies."

Wallace goes on to say that, "TBI does not now, nor have we ever had, a drug investigation or any other type criminal investigation open on Mr. Whit LaFon. However, *WorldNetDaily* articles did not claim that the TBI was part of the investigation of Whit LaFon. What was stated was that Wallace had complained to his top aides that the vice president had "put the arm on him" to help his [Gore's] "crooked [expletive] uncle."

Wallace attempted to discredit Howard Morris (one of *WorldNetDaily's*
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MEDIA UPDATE

Unravelling the New World Order on 'IRN' Network

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Denver, CO	KLVZ	AM 1220	<i>Unravelling</i> 11 a.m. + IRN News
Denver, CO	KLTT	AM 670	<i>Unravelling</i> 2 p.m., 9 p.m. + News
Kansas City, KS	KCKN	AM 1340	<i>Unravelling</i> 12 Noon + IRN News
Sedalia, (central) MO	KOTT	FM 107.7	<i>Unravelling</i> 12 Noon + IRN News
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Underworld (continued from p. 6) sources) by saying, "to understand the lies of Howard Morris, you must review the disciplinary and performance problems in his personnel file."

In fact, law enforcement sources throughout the state, including former TBI agents, call Morris "one of the best undercover men in the state." In referring to Morris' personnel file, Wallace cited no examples or specifics.

Wallace completely ignored allegations pertaining to the mishandling and destruction of evidence in various cases.

At the end of the program, WTVF reporter Scott Couch took upon himself the role of judge and jury, and closed the program with the dismissive statement, "The bottom line is, anyone can have a website, and we do not know the motivations of these authors."

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Media Black-out

The reluctance of establishment media to touch a story involving the politically powerful left-wing elites was underscored recently when Thompson contacted ABC, his former employer, about releasing the reports on ABC. Their response (paraphrased) was, "Get us something like this on Bush."

Because these reports are not likely to be picked up by establishment media in the near future (if at all), we have attempted to present, in this limited space, some highlights of these important, in-depth reports by Thompson and Hays. We urge readers with Internet access to read the articles online in their entirety and to advise others of their availability on the web. Go to WorldNetDaily.com on the web and choose the "search" option. Then, key in *Charles Thompson* or *Tony Hays*. Or, key in *Tennessee Underworld* or *Hill-*

billy Mafia.

Print the articles if you have a printer, and circulate copies to friends and associates.

One last encouraging word: Thompson and Hays report that as a reaction to *WorldNetDaily's* series, more cases of TBI corruption are now surfacing. Sooner or later, the lid is sure to blow off the festering political mess in Tennessee. We applaud Thompson and Hays for their work in exposing it.

¹ Charles Thompson and Tony Hays, "Tennessee Underworld," *WorldNetDaily.com*. To read the entire series, readers may go to WorldNetDaily.com and go to search option. Then, key in Charles Thompson or Tony Hays.

² Patrick Poole, "Gore Tied to 'Hillbilly Mafia,'" WorldNetDaily.com, Sept. 1, 2000

³ Charles Thompson and Tony Hays, "Gore plays fixer to 'crooked' uncle," *WorldNetDaily*, September 19, 2000.

⁴ Ibid

⁵ Ibid

⁶ Ibid.

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