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With Obama, It's the Communism Stupid

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Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama tried to deflect a question about his relationship with terrorist Bill Ayers by saying that he “engaged in detestable acts 40 years ago when I was eight years old” and that he [Ayers] is now a professor and a neighbor.

The real issue is whether Obama shares Ayers’ communist views. Obama admitted to exchanging ideas with Ayers on an irregular basis but did not say what those ideas were. But we know that Ayers, rather than just being a 1960’s radical, was a member of a Marxist-Lennist communist group.

The Weather Underground, or Weathermen, wasn’t just home-grown and domestic in nature, although it had evolved from the so-called Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), which laid siege to college campuses and tried to take over administration buildings. Their openly proclaimed goal was world communism and they had links to hostile foreign powers. The FBI said that the Weather Underground had more contacts abroad than the Moscow-controlled Communist Party USA.

“We’re revolutionary communists,” Ayers himself said in 1969.

Which brings up another so far unmentionable aspect of Obama’s background – the role of his childhood mentor, Communist Party member Frank Marshal Davis. This is the hard-core Soviet apologist who filled Obama’s head full of anti-American thoughts at a tender age. (Editor Note: This man, known simply as Frank, played a significant role in Obama’s young life, as detailed in his autobiography, *Dreams From My Father*). Obama should be asked why he referred to this pro-soviet communist in his book as “Frank.”

The Davis connection is essential to understanding why Obama would exchange any ideas at all with Ayers. At this point in his life, after he had moved from Hawaii, where he listened to Davis’s Marxist poetry and anti-American and pro-Soviet rants, Obama was receptive to the kinds of ideas that Ayers would offer to him. The media should demand to know what those ideas were.

About Ayers, Obama said that he’s not somebody he exchanges ideas with on a regular “basis”. What ideas? And does that mean he communicates with him on occasional basis?

The exchange of views with Ayers and others of his like may also shed light on what Obama might do in other areas, such as the critical field of education, where the federal government has assumed a larger role. It turns out that Ayers and his wife, Bernardine Dohrn, another former communist terrorist, are now specializing in the education and the raising of young people. They even have a book coming out on some strange ideas on child-rearing, having brought his young children to hear Sunday sermons from a pastor, Jeremiah Wright, who has exhibited anti-American and anti-white tendencies and sentiments.

In a posting on the far-left Huffington Post website, Ayers’ brother, Rick Ayers, accused Senator Hillary Clinton of McCarthyism for daring to comment on Obama’s ties to this communist terrorist when the subject came up in the April 16 Democratic presidential debate. Such a charge on McCarthyism is designed to intimidate not only Clinton but the media.

The Foreign Connection

For his part, Ayers wasn’t just a terrorist; he was a communist terrorist aligned with and manipulated by Moscow’s communist apparatus, operating through Cuba, against the United States. Many members of the group traveled to Cuba to meet with the Vietnamese communists, and others went directly to Hanoi, North Vietnam. One of their stated objectives was to prevent the U.S. from stopping a communist takeover of Vietnam. They succeeded – with the

acquiescence of a liberal Congress that cut off U.S. aid to the South Vietnamese government – and [thus] more than 58,000 American soldiers died in vain.

ABC News anchor George Stephanopoulos was timid in his questioning of Obama during the April 16 debate. Here's how Stephanopoulos put it:

"A gentleman named William Ayers, he was part of the Weather Underground in the 1970's. They bombed the Pentagon, the Capitol and other buildings. He's never apologized for that. And in fact, on 9/11, he was quoted in the New York Times, saying, 'I don't regret setting bombs. I feel we didn't do enough.' An early organizing meeting for your state senate campaign was held at his house and your campaign has said you were 'friendly.' Can you explain that relationship for the voters and explain to Democrats why it won't be a problem?"

A gentleman named Bill Ayers? The only reason he's not in prison today is because the FBI employed allegedly illegal break-ins as part of their search for members of the group. The FBI was desperate to apprehend Ayers and his comrades because they were operating with foreign support and direction and the dozens of bombings they carried out between 1969 and 1975 did an estimated \$100 million in damage. A policeman had been killed in San Francisco by a bomb planted by the Weather Underground at a police station. Seven others were injured. Eight were injured in the Weather Underground bombing of the New York City police department. Fifty-nine policemen were injured in a riot the Weather Underground promoted in Chicago.

It turns out that [now professor] Bill Ayers' brother, Rick, is also an educator. He was a teacher at Berkeley High School, where he developed a program that sent students to foreign countries like Cuba and Mexico to learn about "social justice." The author of a book about teenage slang, he has teamed up with his brother and Bernardine Dohrn to edit the forthcoming book, *Zero Tolerance*, advertised as an argument against using tough discipline in schools.

The Obama Youth Movement and the Soros Connection

An objective observer might conclude that Ayers, Dohrn, and their comrades are now dedicated to creating a new student and youth movement like the one they participated in, which eventually developed into a full-blown terrorist organization that killed our fellow citizens and tried to eliminate the "Thin Blue Line" of police separating us from the criminals.

In this new crusade, they not only have an inspiring leader, Barack Obama, who attracts young people with his promise of change, but a moneybags named Soros, who has funded causes such as rights for convicted felons and legalization of dope.

"I have very high regard for Hillary Clinton, but I think Obama has the charisma and the vision to radically reorient America in the world," Soros recently told Judy Woodruff of Bloomberg Television, "I think that he has shown to be a really unusual person."

On April 8, according to *Politico's* Ben Smith, Soros hosted a dinner that spawned a new group, *Progressive Media USA*, which plans on spending \$40 million to defeat McCain's presidential bid and ensure the election of the Democratic candidate, which Soros hopes will be Obama.