

How the FBI promotes terrorism: the Sikhs and Frank Camper

by Joseph Brewda

Investigation by *EIR* has confirmed that the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation has been knowingly complicit in the training and protection of those Sikh terrorist gangs which are currently conspiring to assassinate Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Although the various Sikh terrorist organizations, as well as the Iranian and Lebanese Shi'ites, operate under the direct control of the Warsaw Pact intelligence services, it is doubtful that any of these insane assassin cults could operate so effectively without the help of the U.S. State Department and the FBI. Naturally, this protection of Sikh terrorism by the treacherous FBI has also aided the Soviets in their campaign to label their own pawns as U.S. pawns.

This effort by the FBI to promote Sikh terrorism has not gone unnoticed. It has already prompted the unprecedented June 4 press conference of Rajiv Gandhi, and a July 9 government press statement, condemning the FBI by name for its refusal to cooperate with the Indian government on terrorism. In an interview with the Indian publication *Blitz* on July 18, Gandhi stated that he found it "incredible" that Washington allows Sikh terrorist training camps to operate in the United States.

How the Sikhs have been protected by the FBI is best shown by the specific training camp that Gandhi was referring to—Frank Camper's in Dolomite, Alabama. From at least November 1984 through May 1985, members of the terrorist Sikh Student Federation (SSF), openly plotting to kill Rajiv Gandhi, received training by FBI informant Camper at his facility. These assassins, probably also responsible for the June 23 bombings of Air India Flight 182 and Tokyo's Nariya airport, are still at large—thanks to the FBI.

How to 'bungle' arrests

On May 4 and 5, the New Orleans Police Department arrested five members of the SSF, led by Gurpartap Singh Birk, just hours before their planned murder of the chief minister of the Indian state of Haryana, Bhajan Lal, then receiving medical treatment in Louisiana. According to informed sources, the NOPD, with some help in Washington, only acted over the strenuous objections of the FBI, which claimed the timing of the arrests was not opportune.

In fact, the SSF members plotting to kill Lal would have

succeeded in assassinating not only him, but also Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who was targeted for murder during his early June trip to the United States, if the FBI had had its way.

It could hardly be said that the FBI was uninformed. The Sikhs apprehended in New Orleans had left for their mission directly from informant Camper's camp in Dolomite. Since November, Birk and his associates had been receiving training in firearms and explosives by Camper, with their objectives fully known.

During the same weekend that the SSF team was arrested, some 15 of their cohorts were undergoing arms training in Columbia, New Jersey. Although the training was under heavy FBI surveillance at all times, with the training also led by Camper, all the Sikhs present were allowed to flee without hindrance, at the news of their partners' arrests. As in the case of the five assassins, the FBI, of course, claimed that a raid was premature.

Two of the Sikhs who fled Columbia, who had also been through Camper's Alabama school, were Lal Singh and Ammand Singh. Like all Sikhs trained by Camper, they were Canada-based, from Vancouver. Upon the "bungling" of the FBI surveillance team at Columbia, Lal and Ammand Singh fled back to Canada, to continue their activities.

On June 23, Air India Flight 182 to Delhi, originating in Toronto, blew up over Irish waters, killing all 329 aboard. On that same date, baggage on Canada Air Flight 003, also originating in Toronto, blew up in Tokyo, killing two. The baggage was scheduled to be transferred to an Air India flight to Delhi.

According to sources, Lal and Ammand Singh placed baggage on both flights, with Lal Singh holding an open ticket on Air Canada 003 which he did not use. According to Japanese government sources, Lal Singh's fingerprints were found on the baggage-bomb exploded in Tokyo.

It is certain that without the protection of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police—which maintains close relations with the FBI—the atrocities could not have occurred.

This is not the first time that the FBI has been caught protecting terrorists. In 1980, one David Belfield assassinated anti-Khomeini Iranian exile leader Ali Tabatabai. Tabatabai reported threats to his life to the FBI, which ignored

him. After the assassination, Belfield, a black American recruited to Islam by a Khomeini agent, and trained as a terrorist under the nose of the FBI in Washington, D.C., was allowed to escape.

Now, the role of Lal and Ammand Singh in the June 23 bombing atrocities is all but proven. Therefore, the FBI's reputed expertise in the "timing" of raids and arrests is established as responsible for the deaths of more than 400 innocent civilians—at the hands of terrorists trained under their surveillance. Therefore, arrests are in order, not just of terrorists, but of responsible officials of the FBI. In matters of such weight as the threatened assassination of a foreign head of state, Gandhi, on U.S. soil, it must be assumed that this should begin at the top.

Camper's many roles

According to some sources, Lal and Ammand Singh, known to associate with Vancouver-based terrorist leader Talwinder Singh Parmar, had earlier received training at a camp similar to Camper's in British Columbia. The 1982 camp was run by Johannes Vanderhorst, a former member of the elite British Cold Spring Guard, whose training of terrorists is conducted under RCMP protection.

According to Camper's own account, told to various press, he was first approached by Sikh terrorists in November 1984, shortly after the murder of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Camper accepted four Sikhs into his school, including Birk and Lal Singh, while informing the FBI of his intentions at the time.

At the school, Camper assisted the Sikhs in drawing up a detailed terrorist plan, which included sabotage of nuclear installations and other industrial sabotage in India. Responding to Camper's activities, Rajiv Gandhi held a press conference on June 4 attacking the FBI, stating: "They could have told us about the planned attack on our nuclear power plant."

Camper is no stranger to industrial and nuclear sabotage. In 1981, he and some of his associates were apprehended outside the Crystal River nuclear plant in Florida, and were believed to be about to stage a raid. There are indications, in fact, that the SSF, in alliance with other, overlapping Sikh terrorist groups, was responsible for sabotage of the Bhopal Union Carbide plant in December 1984, which left more than 2,000 dead.

It is this feature of the school which has led some observers to the conclusion that Camper, in addition to his admitted work with the FBI, maintains strong links to the Mossad. Israeli intelligence is known to be one of the promoters of Sikh terrorism, in part to prevent India's nuclear development.

Sikh terrorists may have approached Camper because of his purported connections to the Aryan Nation and other neo-Nazi and Klan groups in the South. According to some sources, the Sikhs have actively sought alliances with the Soviet/FBI-controlled U.S. Nazi organizations, to assist in

joint operations. The Sikhs already have an alliance with the Iranians, who have worked with various U.S. and Canadian Nazi parties since 1980.

Among the more striking features of Camper's FBI background is his role in the aborted 1981 KKK attempt to stage a coup on the Caribbean island of Dominica. That attempt, which was led by the New Orleans and Toronto KKK, was nominally undertaken to create a Nazi state in the Caribbean. Actually, there were two reasons: to create a new cocaine-trafficking regime in the Caribbean, and to create a new staging area for Iranian operatives.

Throughout 1981, Camper held several meetings with the Klan and Nazis in preparation for the coup, all with the knowledge of the FBI, having been asked to train Don Black's Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at one point.

One of the more interesting features of this strange affair, is that the New Orleans and Toronto would-be Nazi mercenaries were being funded by Charles Yanover, a Toronto-based Jewish mobster tied to Cuban-linked cocaine kingpin Robert Vesco. More curiously, Yanover is now in prison for having received \$400,000 from North Korean intelligence in 1980 in a plot to kill South Korean head of state Chun. This same money, according to some accounts, was used to finance the KKK planned coup.

During November 1984 through March 1985—the same period that he was training the Sikhs—Camper was also putting together the counter-terror units of the allegedly anti-communist FDN ("Contras") fighting for the overthrow of the pro-Soviet Nicaraguan junta.

While Camper's personal motives remain cloudy, and his witting involvement in the Sikh and Klan terrorist plans somewhat questionable, there is no such ambiguity for FBI higher-ups who received his information. Their witting role in the terrorist attacks is beyond doubt.

But what is the function of Camper's Sikh connection for the FBI? Consider that, first, no one could learn enough at a training school like Camper's to become a proficient assassin in only a few weeks. Nor do the Sikhs require any training. The most martial people in India, forming a disproportionately high percentage in the Indian armed forces, the Sikhs have long been proficient in anything Camper might teach them. In fact, the various Sikh terrorist organizations are staffed by former Indian army officers, including Sikh terrorist leaders Generals Bhullar and Iqbal Singh. Until his death in the raid on the Golden Temple in June 1984, Gen. Sebag Singh led the Sikh terrorists of which the SSF is but one grouping. He had earlier led the elite counter-terror unit of the Indian army, and had directed an Indian commando school staffed by Sikh officers. Since that time, Sikh terrorists have been covertly trained at elite schools in Bulgaria and Russia.

So, why would the FBI provide Camper to the Sikhs? Obviously, their training in Alabama had some other, political reason: for one, to pin the blame for Soviet terrorism on the United States.

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