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Al Gore's racism on display at 'anti-corruption' event

by William Jones

Vice President Al Gore, generally as stiff as a starched shirt in a dry cleaners, became almost heated when peddling his New Age snake oil to unwitting participants in a conference on corruption. Such was his condition, as he gathered leading government officials, justice ministers, vice prime ministers, and even one head of state, the Prime Minister of Mali, at a conference in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 24-26 entitled "A Global Forum on Fighting Corruption." Indeed, it is the height of irony that Vice President Gore, with his notorious fundraisers at Buddhist temples and his corrupt, back-room deals with former Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, could succeed in putting himself forward as a fighter against corruption—but then, he has had a lot of experience in political posturing. He sort of drank it with mother's milk, in his upbringing as a perennial Washington insider.

And yet, the turnout at the conference was not insignificant. Undoubtedly, there exist few governments intent on maintaining good relations with the United States, that would see fit to ignore an invitation from the Vice President of the United States on an issue that no one would want to be seen avoiding. Gore had cleverly placed himself in center-stage on this one, knowing full well that every event of this character is effectively a campaign rally for Gore 2000. An earlier conference on "Reinventing Government" in January, which he had also organized, had less of a turnout, but not everybody has become acclimatized to the New Age jargon so popular with the Vice President.

Corruption is easy enough to understand—and most nations have problems enough with it to want to deal with it. So they were led, like lambs to the slaughter, to partake of this witches' brew which the Vice President had concocted.

A central role in this "anti-corruption" campaign is played by Transparency International, a clever little operation that was set up under the auspices of World Bank president James Wolfensohn. Transparency is, however, a so-called non-governmental organization, or NGO, which has taken upon itself to monitor governments. Transparency International puts out a regular list of countries, the National Integrity Source Book, in which they rank their governments according to a corruption quotient.

An important figure at the side of the Vice President was Sir James Wolfensohn. Like Prince Albert (as Gore was called by his schoolmates), Wolfensohn, an Australian by birth, is a devotee of the New Age cult, and very close to the circles of the British royal family and to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Wolfensohn is prepared to shell out World Bank funds—not for Great Projects to lift the Third World out of its misery, but to implement "anti-corruption programs." And woe betide the country that hasn't bought into the "anti-corruption formulae" laid out by these characters, when they need World Bank loans for other purposes. In the World Bank's September 1997 Anti-Corruption Strategy, a pet project of Sir James, it is explicitly stated that the World Bank will "take corruption more explicitly into account in country lending strategies and project design."

Destroying the nation-state

But, the real target of this conference was not "corruption" or "corrupt officials," but rather, the nation-state itself. When he replaced President Clinton at the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia last November, Gore used the opportunity to encourage riots



Al Gore (standing) addresses "A Global Forum on Fighting Corruption" at the State Department on Feb. 24. The real agenda, was destruction of the republican nationstate.

against the legitimate government of Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, by giving encouragement to the so-called "reform movement." Mahathir, whose country was hard hit by the financial manipulations of the George Soros-controlled hedge funds, used the power of the nation-state to impose exchange controls in order to prevent further speculative moves against the Malaysian currency, the ringgit. At that point, Mahathir became a prime target of the "globalists." In order to run cover for the hedge funds, the financial oligarchy began to blame the Asia crisis, not on the bankruptcy of the global International Monetary Fund system, but rather on "crony capitalism," i.e., corruption in the governments of those countries hardest hit by the crisis.

A global convention on corruption

Gore and his ilk hope that by launching this latest campaign, there can be a established a "global convention on corruption." If the nations of the world were to sign such a convention, then NGOs, such as Transparency International and other malleable tools of the financial oligarchy, could set up monitors in every signator country to examine how that country stands in the "anti-corruption index."

Does this sound like 1984? It's come much farther than that. Listen to Vice President Gore, in his summing up of the conference: "The role of the NGOs is absolutely important. They have the task of 24-hour watchdog work of overseeing governments. Let us open up to a greater role for the NGOs," he urged his listeners.

Although the "globalists" have not yet come close to achieving a consensus on such a global convention, as Gore himself admitted when the question was raised at the conference, they are making efforts to develop "regional" corruption conventions which can serve the same purpose.

The day before the Gore event began, another conference on corruption, held only a few blocks away, had just concluded. This conference was held under the auspices of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which had recently signed an "anti-bribery convention." Scheduled to speak at the OECD conference was that renowned fighter against corruption, hedge fund manipulator George Soros. Perhaps fearful that he would give corruption a bad name, Soros cancelled. The OECD convention on corruption was, however, taken as a paradigm for the Gore conference, in spite of the fact that 22 of the OECD nations have still not ratified it.

At the Gore event, the African nations in attendance agreed to move toward an African "corruption convention," and a former World Bank president, the notorious Robert McNamara, was made "facilitator" for this operation.

With the power of the NGOs monitoring such a convention, forces within the target countries could be recruited as a "fifth column" for the super-national NGOs. In the jargon of these one-worlders, this is known as "mobilizing the forces of civil society." Waging an intense press campaign against a target government, for example, is one way to get people hyped up. "When information is given to the public," Gore

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told the conference, "it is impossible for governments to resist. The force of collective conscience in every nation will be impossible to resist."

Gore also introduced the notion of "mutual evaluations," where "monitors" from one country would go to another country to run a "diagnostic test" to measure that country's "corruption." The World Bank's corruption guru, Chilean Daniel Kaufman, has developed questionnaires to be used to poll people about corruption.

Involving the forces of 'religion'

Gore was also keen in mobilizing the forces of "religion" in his new age crusade. As Wolfensohn told delegates to Gore's earlier "Reinventing Government" conference, he had become terribly impressed with the ability of the churches to get out a message. The Vice President was therefore keen on mobilizing religious figures from several religions to speak out against the "evils of corruption."

After the panel on religion, Gore launched into a tirade against science and the Renaissance. "We have another belief system in our world today, which arose in the West with the Renaissance and the scientific revolution, and which reduces the problems we confront to their smallest components and then tries to deal with the component parts," he said.

"This system has imposed tremendous power upon us," he continued. "We see it in the technological developments in many individual fields. But one component of this modern approach was a rejection of, and even disdain for, religion. Atheism and modernity were related in many people's minds. But this missed the connection between the various parts of the whole. Our values are, however, rooted in the whole. [Religions] speak to us of values that are hard to dissect or describe in scientific terms, or examine with the microscope. We miss those values which are kept alive by religion, and have concentrated for some time on systems and efficiencies that can be catalogued and written down, losing sight of values that are so important." He then urged the various religious figures to work toward issuing an "interfaith global statement on corruption." "Such a statement would have tremendous power," Gore said.

Underlying the entire discussion was an assumption to blame the present financial crisis on corruption and "crony capitalism." If only the "corruption" were eliminated, it was constantly reiterated, the economy would function properly. Not willing to take the measures necessary to deal with the present bankrupt financial system, the financial oligarchy and their New Age toadies such as Gore, are intent on destroying the only effective means for a people to overcome that crisis—the sovereign nation-state. In spite of all the gobbledygook behind which they hide their real intent, this is the goal, and nationalist leaders like Prime Minister Mahathir are the targets, as are China and Russia, or indeed, any country prepared to resist the insane demands of this financial oligarchy, which Al Gore so faithfully serves.

Documentation

To stop corruption: Jail Soros and impeach Gore

This is the text of the White Paper which EIR representatives distributed at the two corruption conferences in Washington.

Introduction

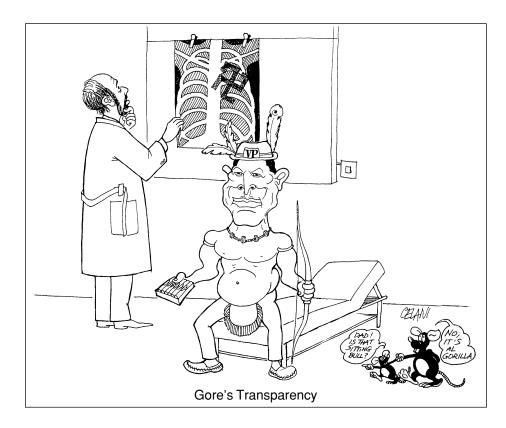
'Anti-corruption' conference is a hoax

From Feb. 22 through Feb. 26, there will be two conferences that claim to be about "fighting corruption," at the same time that he is hiding the "dirty laundry" of some of the most corrupt individuals and institutions in the world. The first conference, Feb. 22-23, is sponsored through the OECD—Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development—and titled "Fighting Corruption in Developing Countries and Emerging Economies: The Role of the Private Sector." Megaspeculator George Soros, one of the world's leading offshore pirates and a big Gore booster, is addressing the conference Monday, Feb. 22.

The other conference, sponsored by Vice-President Al Gore at the U.S. State Department Feb. 24-26, is the International Conference on Fighting Corruption and Safeguarding Integrity Among Justice and Security Officials.

Gore and his cronies are running an "anti-corruption racket" so they can hide behind the banner of "good government," while plotting *criminal* attacks against elected government leaders and national sovereignty. Behind Gore's "mafia" is the international oligarchy, known at its highest level as the British-American-Commonwealth club (BAC). They exert pressure through power centers like the Commonwealth Secretariat of the new British Empire, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, unregulated international financial institutions like George Soros's hedge funds, and private, phony philanthropic outfits like Transparency International (or "TI"), one of hundreds of NGOs (non-governmental organizations) the oligarchy has at its disposal to direct against a target country.

The Gore "globalist" conspirators are acting not only against the interests of smaller nations like Malaysia, where Al Gore first revealed his true bipolar hatred of Third World development, at the APEC conference in Kuala Lumpur last November, but against the U.S. itself, where Gore, in cahoots with British Empire interests, has been conducting a policy coup against the President for the past year. While Clinton



favors peace in the Middle East, Gore's mafia has allied with Israeli war-mongers Netanyahu and Sharon; while Clinton has talked of a partnership with Russia, Gore and his crony George Soros, act as enforcers for the IMF, trying re-install the leading "kleptocrat" Viktor Chernomyrdin and his partner-in-crime, Anatoli Chubais, in control in Russia. As we will show, Gore's maneuvers with Russia, to provide payoff to his Wall Street backers, actually *do* reach the level of "impeachable offenses."

Gore crossed the line of toleration by teaming up on the so-called anti-corruption podium with international mobster George Soros, who has poured millions into drug legalization, among other evils; and by demanding that nations bow down and accept the "Uganda Model" of the African Hitler, Yoweri Museveni.

Furthermore, sources familiar with Gore's tactics in delivering threats to U.S. political figures and to foreign countries report to *EIR* that attendance at the conference is mandatory—a recalcitrant country could be branded "unwilling to fight corruption." Already, the World Bank, headed by Sir James Wolfensohn, and the IMF, headed by Michel Camdessus—the supranational banking institutions that actually run Gore's foreign policy thinking—are pushing to make their "anti-corruption" standards a condition for loans and trade agreements.

To this end, World Bank and British Commonwealth officials set up their own "philanthropic" group, "Transparency International," based in Berlin, Germany, and financed by Soros, to prepare a target list of corrupt countries.

Reading between the lines, the top targets of TI's efforts are leaders critical of the IMF. In January 1998, IMF head Camdessus keynoted a TI Paris conference, where he pronounced the political "death sentence" on Indonesian President Suharto. Four months later, Suharto, known for bucking the IMF's caps on wages, pensions, and food subsidies, was forced out amid bloody riots financed partly by groups linked to TI.

Gore and Museveni

This year, TI has gotten Gore to endorse its African Hitler, Uganda's Museveni, who has been the British Commonwealth's marcherlord in Central Africa, invading neighboring countries, particularly taking the point for the destruction of Sudan, and serving as the source of mercenary armies, training, and

deadly matériel for the genocidal wars throughout East and Central Africa.

All participants in Gore's project are told to study a paper called "Good Governance in Africa: A Case Study from Uganda," prepared by the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank.

But Uganda is hardly the model for "fighting corruption." On Feb. 7, the Washington Post published an article titled "Uganda's Glow Fades—Corruption Tarnishes Advances in Economy and Democracy," detailing the latest attempts by Museveni to crush all opposition. It quoted one official who estimated that \$200-\$300 million a year is siphoned off through corruption—as much as the World Bank spends in the country. "There's a feeling that corruption is much worse than it was," one diplomat, quoted anonymously, says. "It's at a higher level with much higher amounts."

But despite the pinpointing of Uganda's corruption by the *Post*, just weeks before Gore's conference started, the "Uganda Model" is still to be trumpeted.

And Museveni can still count on the British Empire, and its lackey Gore. One co-author of the Uganda paper being pushed by Gore's staff is TI Managing Director Jeremy Pope, a leading British Empire case officer for conducting genocide in the Third World through "non-governmental" organizations. Before joining TI in 1994, Pope worked, from 1977 to 1994, with the Commonwealth Secretariat in London as director of its Legal and Constitutional Affairs Division and legal adviser to the Commonwealth Secretary.

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Why Al Gore should be removed: A Bill of Particulars

The most corrupt man never elected President

EIR does not say "impeach Gore" lightly. Throughout the entire process of the impeachment of President Clinton, EIR and other organizations associated with Lyndon LaRouche, author of the policy for a New Bretton Woods monetary system, documented that never was there a basis for impeaching Clinton. EIR documented that the impeachment attack on Clinton was an assault on the U.S. Presidency directed by foreign enemy interests—the same British Empire interests against whom the American Revolution was fought.

Vice President Albert Gore, Jr. may go down in the history books as the most corrupt politician never to be elected President. His leading fundraisers read like a who's who of the late Meyer Lansky's National Crime Syndicate frontmen; and, as the son of the late Sen. Albert Gore, Sr.—of Armand Hammer infamy—Al, Jr. has covered up billions of dollars in political thievery by some of Russia's best-known "reformers."

Gore's assault on Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir in Kuala Lumpur last November could have been written by billionaire speculator, nation-buster, and drug-legalizer George Soros; Soros's Quantum Fund gained notoriety in 1997 for leading a murderous hedge fund attack against a number of Asian nations, including Malaysia. His manipulations reversed 30 years of economic progress and plunged the region into economic collapse and social chaos, from which it has still not recovered.

Indeed, inspired by Gore's public attack on the Malaysian Prime Minister, Soros came out days later demanding that the Mahathir government be overthrown!

Dirty Wall Street

In late August 1998, David E. Shaw, of D.E. Shaw investment, was one of a group of "Who's Who of Wall Street," as the Jan. 11, 1999 *Washington Post* called it, who met with Al Gore to define the strategy they sought in the wake of the Aug. 17, 1998 Russian declaration of a suspension of payment on debt and GKOs. The Russian debt suspension sent the world financial markets into turmoil, causing large losses for Shaw. Just weeks before this meeting, around July 21, Shaw and seven members of his firm had poured \$40,000 into Friends of Al Gore, Jr., Inc., Gore's pre-Presidential political action committee. Shaw's contributions, followed by the meeting, raise the issue of bribery on national security matters, which comes under the standard of impeachment, defined by Article 2, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution.

At the time of the meeting, D.E. Shaw had already sustained great losses on hedge-derivatives bets. The Oct. 15,

1998 Wall Street Journal reported that BankAmerica had taken "a \$372 million write-down of a loan to D.E. Shaw & Co." The losses Shaw sustained, resulting in a \$372-million hit for BankAmerica, had hit during the summer, but the information was withheld until Oct. 13.

D.E. Shaw is not an obscure little hedge fund. It is, by size of capitalization, one of the 25 largest investment banks on Wall Street, with \$1.7 billion in capital. It has grown so large that, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, it was accounting for as much as 5% of all stock trades made in the U.S. in a day.

When Shaw faced near-death, as a result of the Russia crisis, its top execs turned to Gore to bail them out—at the expense of U.S.-Russian relations, and the future survival of the Russian people.

Glicken

Although Attorney General Janet Reno cleared Gore of wrongdoing in the 1996 campaign finance probe, at least one of Gore's closest financial allies has recently pleaded guilty to campaign finance violations (he was ordered to pay an \$80,000 fine and put in 500 hours of community service). Howard Glicken, a key fundraiser for Gore's failed 1988 Presidential campaign who later raised over \$2 million for the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign, admitted he solicited illegal foreign contributions for 1992 Senate campaigns.

But Glicken's corruption runs much deeper than that. His Florida precious metals company, Metalbanc, was prosecuted as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's "Operation Polar Cap" in November 1991 for laundering the drug proceeds of the Medellín Cartel. Glicken avoided a long jail sentence by striking a deal with prosecutors that sent his partner, Harry Falk, to prison for 27 years. On May 5, 1997, Falk told the *Wall Street Journal* that Glicken had used Metalbanc to launder funds into Gore's 1988 Presidential campaign.

Glicken tools around Coral Gables, Fla. in one or the other of a pair of Jaguars bearing the license plates "Gore-1" and "Gore-2."

Landow and Dear

Gore's 1988 national campaign fundraising effort was headed by another "businessman" with alleged ties to organized crime, Maryland real estate millionaire Nate Landow. Landow was drawn into Democratic Party fundraising by the "prince of thieves," Robert Strauss, in Jimmy Carter's 1976 Presidential campaign. Landow had hopes of being named an ambassador, but his prospects were scotched as soon as the FBI began its background checks.

In the early 1970s, Landow invested in a Florida masonry company backed by the Gambino family loanshark Anthony Plate. Later in the 1970s, Landow hired Joe Nesline, Lansky's point-man in the nation's capital, as a "consultant" on a casino-building project in Atlantic City, N.J. In January 1978, Nesline's home was raided by the

FBI, and documents were seized that identified Landow as one of his partners.

Gore's New York Presidential fundraising effort in 1988 was headed by Noach Dear, a former New York City Councilman, who was part of the inner circle of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, Jewish Defense League founder and terrorist. Dear's close ties to Gore did not stop him from launching into public tirades against First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, following her comments on the right of Palestinians to have their own sovereign nation.

Molten Metals

Peter Munk epitomizes the current generation of British-American-Commonwealth, or BAC, operators who, on behalf of the London-Wall Street-Toronto triangle of oligarchs, engaged in one of history's biggest colonialist raw materials grab. Munk's Barrick Gold Corp. has been plundering Africa, Indonesia, Ibero-America, and the United States, to corner a large chunk of the world's untapped supply of gold and other precious metals, to ensure that the BAC oligarchs are in a position to maintain choke-point control over the world economy.

Munk was one of 88 Canadians handpicked by Maurice Strong to become members of Prince Philip's 1001 Club, the secretive funding arm of the World Wildlife Fund (now the World Wide Fund for Nature). Membership in Strong's "kindergarten" brings with it certain perks—among them, access to Vice President Gore.

In his 1996 authorized biography, Munk told writer Donald Rumball that, in the early days of the Clinton administration, he ran into a brick wall when he tried to grab up U.S. Federal land, using an arcane 1872 statute that provided for sale of such land to "miners" for \$5 per acre. Munk stood to make a killing, and he put all of his resources into twisting the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Senate to his point of view.

To curry favor with the Republicans in Washington, Munk had hired former Conservative Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney as a Barrick director. Mulroney used "his close relationship with George Bush to good advantage." Bush got Munk access to key Senators, and they struck down legislation drafted by President Clinton's close ally Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.), that would have blocked Munk's scheme. Identical legislation had passed the House.

However, after Munk won the land-grab, he "swore he would never again allow himself to be sideswiped by political surprises." He created an International Advisory Board for Barrick that included both Mulroney and Bush, to institutionalize his presence in Washington. But Munk knew that that was not enough. "We needed access to Gore," Munk told Rumball. "And we needed Maurice Strong to take us to some key contacts to make sure our case was understood at the highest level."

Sources familiar with Munk's gold rush suggest that not

only did Strong provide Munk access to Gore, but Gore is thought to have played an important role personally, in swaying Democratic Senators against the Bumpers bill.

Gore was also "Chairman Mo's" (the insider's term of endearment for Strong) witting or unwitting ally in another scheme, in which the Club of the Isles eco-freak personally managed to make millions, and for which he was, at one point, facing insider trading charges, a Federal civil suit, and several Congressional investigations, with several top figures in the Gore campaign apparatus.

On Earth Day, April 17, 1995, Vice President Gore travelled to Fall River, Mass. to deliver a speech near the research plant of Molten Metal Technology, Inc., a firm which counted Strong among its leading stockholders and directors. The firm's registered lobbyist, Peter Knight, was Gore's top Senate aide, and now one of the leading people in Gore's campaign. Gore's Harvard pal Vic Gatto was MMT's chief of government sales.

According to an account in the Ottawa *Citizen* by Paul McKay on Oct. 20, 1997, Gore heaped praise on MMT, calling the firm "a success story, a shining example of American ingenuity, hard work, and business know-how, all being used to clean up our environment, and at the same time provide jobs and economic growth."

The day after Gore spoke, shares in Molten Metal began to soar, doubling in a matter of months.

But hidden behind the Gore rhetoric was a sea of trouble. From its founding, MMT had received all of its funding from the Department of Energy—more than \$33 million—to produce a commercially viable waste conversion system, using high-temperature metal to decompose waste. The experiments had never worked, beyond the laboratory scale, and the company had spent almost all of its most recent annual grant money in just three months.

By 1995, the Department of Energy informed the firm that its research funding would be greatly scaled back, and soon cut off. Between December 1995 and September 1996, most of the company's officers, as well as director Maurice Strong, dumped millions of MMT shares—at peak market price of \$30 per share. The sales grossed \$15.3 million. On Oct. 20, 1996, a Sunday, after all the insiders had made their killing, MMT issued a press release, and informed brokers via a conference call, that government funds would be scaled back, and commercial ventures delayed. Next day, MMT stock plunged to \$5 a share.

The Russia file

For more than four years, high-level U.S. intelligence officials have reportedly been aware of the fact that Vice President Gore and some of his senior aides at the White House, have covertly exercised political pressure to suppress evidence that Gore's leading Russian collaborator, former Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, head of Gazprom, the most powerful company in Russia and one of the world's largest

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conglomerates, is guilty of extensive personal and political corruption.

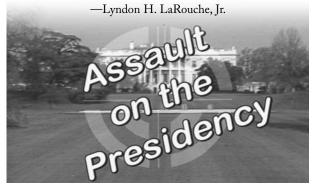
According to *New York Times* author James Risen, in a Nov. 23, 1998 article titled "Gore Rejected CIA Evidence of Russian Corruption":

"The Vice President did not want to hear allegations that Mr. Chernomyrdin was corrupt, and was not interested in . . . intelligence reports on the matter." Risen wrote that one secret CIA report that went to Vice President Gore that contained what was considered "conclusive evidence" of Chernomyrdin's personal corruption, was returned to the Agency with a "barnyard epithet scrawled across its cover." Since then, Risen says that all reports on the Chernomyrdin subject stay *inside* the CIA.

Another of Gore's Russian favorites, Anatoli B. Chubais, who was fired from his position as First Deputy Premier by President Boris Yeltsin on March 23, 1998, the same day Yeltsin dumped Chernomyrdin for plotting against him, was also the subject of CIA reports detailing corruption in Russia.

Reader's Digest, in its February 1999 edition, shed further light on Gore's ties with Russia's mobsters. In an article titled "Dirty Diamonds," it tells the tale of three young Russian mafia diamond-dealers who stole up to \$180 million from Russia's highly secure national storehouses. Reader's Digest printed a picture of the Vice President socializing

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with these very mobsters. The picture is identified as having been taken in 1994, during a political campaign event in California.

The *Reader's Digest* story was based on an explosive investigative report called "The Looting of Russia," by David E. Kaplan and Christian Caryl, which appeared in *U.S. News & World Report* of Aug. 8, 1998—complete with the photograph of the mobsters with Gore.

Kaplan and Caryl, following the joint investigation of U.S. FBI agent Joe Davidson and Moscow police officer Viktor Zhirov, uncovered details of how this looting of Russia occurred, through a San Francisco-based company, "Golden ADA," which supposedly was set up to develop a means for Russia to bypass the DeBeers diamond cartel. But, instead of developing its own market, it appears that Golden ADA simply took the Russian treasures and sold them outright to DeBeers, at rock-bottom prices—while siphoning off as much as \$1 billion in "fees."

Robbing Russia's 'Fort Knox'

According to the *U.S. News & World Report* article, Gore may have been influential in a certain kind of "damage control" that closed down the Davidson-Zhirov investigation.

At one point in the investigation, Kaplan and Caryl report, investigators became worried that the Golden ADA scandal could become "Russia's Watergate." Steps were taken, sometime in late 1995 or early 1996: "In Washington, Justice Department officials briefed the staffs of the National Security Council and *Vice President Gore*, who was then deeply involved in U.S.-Russian relations. Davidson remembers feeling uneasy. 'We were worried about political interference,' he says. The FBI's team pressed on, amassing evidence of racketeering, theft, and money laundering. . . . Davidson thought [they] had a chance to blow the case wide open

"But then came some very bad news.

"The IRS was raiding the Golden ADA offices the very next day, seizing all the assets, and sending the principals fleeing. It took years to locate them. This meant the end of the criminal case."

According to the article, one of the names on the wiretaps was "Anatoli Chubais."

According to Russian media and court reports, the three Russians—two of them now in prison in Russia, and one on the lam—were allegedly working with highest-level officials, most notably then-chairman of the Precious Metals Committee Yevgeni Bychkov, who allegedly set up the Golden ADA. Some Russian media reports have gone beyond Bychkov, naming Chernomyrdin and former Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov.

Investigating the nexus of Gore, Chernomyrdin, Chubais, Gore's national security aide Leon Fuerth, and Soros (whom Gore once intervened to protect from criminal investigation in Croatia), would be one of the greatest steps toward "fighting corruption" that anyone could take.