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# HAYDN WILLIAMS

A lot of people were puzzled back in 1971 when F. Haydn Williams was named "Personal Representative of the President (with rank of Ambassador) to Negotiate the Future Status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands." Even Williams expressed his surprise, according to a recent newspaper interview. In Micronesia, people were asking each other, "Who is F. Haydn Williams?" Here in San Francisco, former colleagues and current subordinates of his at The Asia Foundation, a CIA-front organization, were asking each other, "Haydn Williams? What is this country coming to?"

There should not have been so much surprise. As is now obvious, it is common under the Nixon Administration's reign for incompetents to rise from obscurity to notoriety with a distressing rapidity. As Watergate has shown, it has also become common for members of the military-intelligence establishment to rise to high levels in the Administration. Like many of the Watergate conspirators, Williams is really a mediocre man. Like them, it is his loyalty rather than his intelligence that has led to his advancement. Unlike most of the other individuals tainted by the 1967 exposures of CIA control of supposedly private organizations, Williams "loyally" refused to resign his post as president of The Asia Foundation.

F. Haydn Williams holds an A.B. from the University of California, Berkeley; and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He also has an honorary LL.D. from Seoul National University. In 1966, the South Korean dictatorship awarded him a "National Order of Merit Medal for Culture."

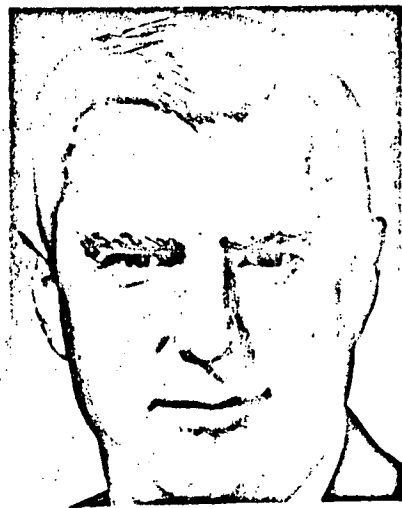
His career is a good example of the extensive interaction between the American University and the military establishment.

- 1949-51: University of Washington, assistant professor
- 1952-58: Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, professor and associate dean. Fletcher, run by Tufts University and Harvard, trains diplomats, intelligence agents and government bureaucrats.
- 1958-61: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for National Security Council Affairs and Plans
- 1961-62: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (Regional Affairs) and, member, U.S. Delegation to the 14-nation Conference on Laos.

Also in the 1961-62 period: member, U.S. Delegation and adviser to the Secretary of State, foreign minister's conference, Organization of American States; member, President's Special Committee on International Civil Aviation Policy; member, The National Security Council's Interdepartmental Task Force on the Future of the Panama Canal and Relations with

- ity Council's Interdepartmental Committee on Southeast Asia.
- 1962-63: Professor, associate dean and director of the undergraduate honors program, University of Washington
- 1964-present: President, The Asia Foundation, San Francisco

The Asia Foundation was created as a CIA-front in the 1950's to penetrate foreign student movements, businesses, etc. and to provide "proper training and education" for "promising" foreign leaders. It has always been a cover for clandestine CIA-operatives. Another major function has been the distribution of carefully selected American books and periodicals to Asian nations.



In early 1967, the *New York Times* and *Ramparts* revealed details proving wide-spread CIA backing for supposedly private groups, among them The Asia Foundation. As a result of this exposure, The Asia Foundation was thrown out of India and its program elsewhere lost credibility.

Since then, The Asia Foundation has lost much of its vitality and, according to one recent employee, is hanging on largely out of spite. Its present financing comes from corporations with business operations in Asia and from unidentified U.S. Government sources.

Williams continues as president of The Asia Foundation along with his job as chief Nixon negotiator for Micronesia. The *San Francisco Examiner's* society page, in a 25 March 1973 article, says that Williams, "often comes home here only to pick up clean laundry." With the recent Watergate disclosures about various "laundered" funds, one wonders what this reference means.

Williams is an overweight cigar-chomping front-man. He has been described by one of his frequent associates as having a "puffed-up cortisone look." He reportedly suffers from a heart condition and was hospitalized for

a long period in the spring of 1971. He was also reportedly too ill to attend some of the recent sessions of talks on Saipan. Most people describe him as aloof and basically non-communicative. Although one of his opponents once described him as brilliant, one of his former colleagues, who has known him for many years, says that in all his time at The Asia Foundation, he never heard Williams called that: "tricky and cunning, yes; brilliant, never." He has been nicknamed "crocodile" by the Micronesian negotiating team.

Leading Williams is James M. Wilson, a 55 year-old ace military base negotiator for the United States and now director of the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations. In his 25 year career with the Defense and State Departments, he has negotiated military base deals for the U.S. around the world. At the last round of talks in Saipan, one observer noted that Wilson was in charge. He said, "it was almost as if Wilson was William's ventriloquist. He would pass him notes, gesture to him and signal for Williams to break into a pumpkin-like grin on command."

Williams refuses to appear before audiences where there might be an opposition. Twice he has made last-minute cancellations in the San Francisco area for fear of a hostile audience. He was visibly trembling when he left a June 1 meeting on Tinian where a surprising amount of popular opposition was expressed against U.S. take-over plans.

He is very concerned about his image: He does not use his first name apparently to avoid being confused with another Franklin Williams who was among the first U.S. black diplomats. He is listed in *Who's Who* without his first name.

## FUNDING

The Congress of Micronesia has told the U.S. Congress that budgetting for Micronesia should be taken out of the hands of the U.S. Department of the Interior and placed under the U.S. Congress which would appropriate money directly to Micronesia. It is unlikely, however, that the U.S. Congress will take action on this request in as much as American Indians have been struggling for a similar arrangement for many years.

## DAVIDSON DIES

Dr. James Davidson, a former consultant to Micronesia and an architect of new nations in the Pacific, died in April at the age of 58. He was advising the constitutional committee in Papua New Guinea at the time. He was for many years a professor at the Australian National University.

## TOURIST JUMP

There was a 49.7% jump in the number of tourists visiting Micronesia in the first quarter of 1973 over 1972, according to IT figures. Japan had the largest increase - 33%.



Hidden behind James Wilson (center), ace U.S. base negotiator, is F. Haydn Williams, U.S. spokesman for the take-over of Micronesia.

Born in Spokane, Washington in 1919, he grew up in Oakland, California where his father was a Presbyterian minister. The *San Francisco Examiner* quotes him as saying, "Since childhood my life has been guided by the hymn, 'Work for the Night Is Coming,' but what influenced my choice of career was the tragic and vivid memories of that August day in 1945 when I was in Tokyo and the POWs were released. I was executive officer for a Naval Air Transport Service Unit and I personally cooked some big pots of stew for those prisoners. I sensed there was still a great deal to do to guarantee the peace."

But Williams did not become a cook as might have been expected. Instead, he became an agent of the American Imperium, spreading military bases around the world. He has sought to bring about war, not peace. Today, he lives in Hillsborough, the most exclusive address in the San Francisco area and works with all his heart for Richard Milhous Nixon.

## 日本語での要約

144.6百万ドルの空軍基地が広島と長崎へ原爆を落とした飛行機の跡に立ったティニアン島に作られました。

1954年3月1日のビキニ原爆実験の6人の被爆者が原爆症でチベットへ行きました。

最近、マリアナ群島が永久にアメリカ領になるという準備的な同文書が発表されました。

不法な日本人業者がホナベ島に核兵器を放置されました。