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Welcome to the Global Watch Weekly Report

In June 2010 an article appeared in the Telegraph. We will reproduce it below then provide our after comment as a prelude to this weeks edition.

I have just discovered that a shadowy cabal of global luminaries, including Henry Kissinger, David Rockefeller, Prince Charles, Peter Mandelson, Lord Carrington, David Cameron, Queen Beatrix of Holland and the chairman of Barclays Bank, have been plotting to overthrow national governments and form a fascist one-world empire.

Going by the name of the Bilderberg Group, these puppet-masters made and broke the career of Margaret Thatcher, triggered the downfall of Slobodan Milosevic and, this year, are planning to bomb Iran.

Quite a big story, don't you think? And yet no one here will take me seriously. Perhaps, as representatives of the capitalist media, they're too busy planning world domination at Bilderberg's annual conference, which is taking place this weekend at Hotel Dolce in Sitges, one of Spain's most exclusive (and, incidentally, gayest) resorts. Watch our cryptic crossword for clues; the swallows are flying south for winter.

Dan Brown aside, conspiracy theories don't come much bigger than this. Here are some "facts" the establishment would have you believe. The Bilderberg Group (named after the Dutch hotel where they first met) was founded in 1954 by Denis Healey, Joseph Retinger, David Rockefeller and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, with the aim of bringing together financiers, industrialists, politicians and opinion formers. Every year around 120 of them meet, by invitation of the steering committee, away from the intrusive eyes of the press. They network, eat, drink, play golf and go home again.

"Bilderberg does not try to reach conclusions," Viscount Davignon, the chairman, told the BBC in 2005. "It's not that business contests the right of democratically elected leaders to lead."

But he would say that, wouldn't he? And where's the fun in believing something perfectly logical when you can instead invent lurid theories that this covert liberal / Zionist / fascist (delete as appropriate) empire can trace its string -pulling roots back 800 years to the Venetian Black Nobility?

Part of the lure to conspiracy theorists is that the group wasn't properly reported in the mainstream media until very recently. This was like a red rag to the bullish Jim Tucker, a former sports journalist on a Washington newspaper, who left his job in 1975 to investigate the Bilderberg Group.

He was able, he claimed, to write an "advance story" of Mrs Thatcher's downfall. "She had attended one meeting of the Bilderbergs," he recalled, "but she had nothing to say and she didn't like it. The Bilderberg boys said they had to get rid of her and they replaced her with a trapeze artist [John Major's father worked in a circus] from the same party."

Jon Ronson, an investigative journalist whose books include The Men Who Stare At Goats and Them: Adventures with Extremists, spent a hilarious week with Tucker in 1999 in Portugal attempting to infiltrate a Bilderberg meeting. Tucker, who called a friend in the States every day to announce that he hadn't been assassinated yet, led Ronson to an English expat journalist, also hot on the trail, who declared: "Maybe my head's gone, but the Book of Revelation speaks of a one-world order, one financial order, a one-world religion. There'll be a sense of disorder, of children not respecting their parents, and then a very powerful group will form. So it does all fit together."

The reality, Ronson discovered, was a little less apocalyptic. After he'd returned home, Healey invited him round for a chat. "Bilderberg is the most useful international group I ever attended," he told him. "The confidentiality enabled people to speak honestly without fear of repercussions."

Other members of the group spoke to Ronson on condition of anonymity, furiously denying that they secretly ruled the world. In 2005 Viscount Davignon, a former European Commssioner, gave his interview to the BBC, pointing out that it was entirely natural for people of influence to speak to like-minded people. When George Osborne, now the Chancellor, went last year he registered it in the parliamentary register of members' interests.

None of this has stopped the loons, though. "Bilderberg has all the ingredients for the kind of shadowy conspiracy people like," Ronson tells me.

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This weekend around a hundred protesters and investigators have gathered in Sitges, creating something of a carnival atmosphere. Tucker is believed to be there. He has written a book, Jim Tucker's Bilderberg Diary: One Reporter's 25-year Battle to Shine the Light on the World Shadow Government, the proceeds of which go towards his travel costs.

I can't get hold of Tucker, but I do get through to Daniel Estulin, author of The True Story of the Bilderberg Group, which has sold 3.5 million copies worldwide (but wasn't touched by a British publisher).

"How can you call me a conspiracy theorist?" he says. "I was invited to speak to the European Parliament earlier this week."

I find a YouTube clip of his speech to that other shadowy organisation. Bilderberg's goal, he claims, is "the creation of a global network of giant cartels, more powerful than any nation on Earth, destined to control the necessities of life of the rest of humanity, obviously from their vantage point, for our own good and in our benefit – the great unwashed as they call us."

Other activists in Sitges this weekend include Trilever, a group calling for greater transparency, who are staking out positions in the surrounding hills, "avoiding the snipers", while they try to spot this year's attendees – thought to include Angela Merkel, Josef Ackermann, CEO of Deutsche Bank, Richard Holbrooke, Barack Obama's special envoy to Afghanistan, and Gustavo A Cisneros Rendiles, a Venezuelan media mogul.

An activist with another organisation, EcoXarxa Montseny, told a reporter: "It's so frightening that people can't even believe that it's real. Some people theorise that they want to kill off half the world; others believe they're directing the world's finances. But we're here to say it is real, it is happening."

It is difficult to think of anything less real – or indeed less happening. The reality of these conferences appears to boil down to a group of willy-waggling old men comparing their security details and dreaming of past glories. Admittedly, they are efficient talent-spotters, inviting Tony Blair, Margaret Thatcher and Bill Clinton before they were household names (and thereby fuelling further conspiracies). Bilderberg is also credited with helping to influence world opinion during the Falklands War when David Owen gave a barnstorming speech in favour of sanctions.

But surely it is beginning to lose some of its allure now that it is so widely known – a smaller, summer version of Davos. Can an organisation that invited Ed Balls in 2007 seriously be pulling the strings of world power? Last year the Finnish Prime Minister was so pleased to be invited that he put a press release on his website. It's hardly Smersh, James Bond's evil nemesis. Last summer's conference was in Athens, and look what happened to Greece shortly afterwards.

As Viscount Davignon put it: "When people say this is a secret government of the world I say that if we were a secret government of the world, we should be bloody ashamed of ourselves."

This article is interesting, written from someone trying to take a neutral stance but veering over to the side of disbelief that there is anything to these meetings other than simply a weekend away for affluent persons to discuss past glories.

However both Daniel Estulin and Jim Tucker have different viewpoints and have largely been responsible for compiling the most detailed insights into the real inner workings of this secretive organization. Unfortunately Tucker who was a real charming and comical character recently died and so this edition is simply a tribute to one of the hall of fame researchers who has done more than anybody to shine the torch of truth for all to see.

Rest in peace Jim.

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INTRODUCTION

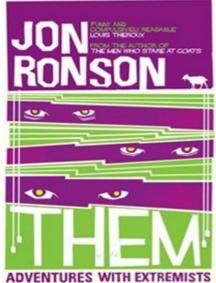


James P. (Jim or Big Jim[1]) Tucker, Jr. (December 31, 1934 – April 26, 2013) was an American journalist and author of Jim Tucker's Bilderberg Diary, who, since 1975, has focused

on the Bilderberg Group. Jim died on April, 26, 2013, from complications due to a fall, according to his obituary. His last interview was recorded three days before he died.

Tucker has been described as a "veteran Bilderberg observer", "the doyen of Bilderberg hunters", as "an oddball Washington journalist", and as a "right-wing conspiracy investigator".

Tucker has said he was able to write the "advance story" on the downfall of Margaret Thatcher and, later, about the rise of Bill Clinton when he attended the Bilderberg meeting at Baden-Baden in Germany in 1991. He said Thatcher was removed from office because she "didn't like it [the one meeting of the Bilderbergs she attended]" and that as a result they "replaced her" with a trapeze artist from the same party". Thatcher later told him it was "a tribute to be denounced by them" at a function in Washington, according to Tucker's "close paraphrasing" of the conversation.



Tucker's efforts to infiltrate the 1999 Bilderberg meeting at the Hotel Caesar Park in Sintra. Portugal were chronicled by British reporter Jon Ronson in his book. For Them: **Adventures** with Extremists and broadcast as part of Channel 4's The Secret Rulers of the World series. Tucker

ADVENTURES WITH EXTREMISTS told Ronson "They exist and they're not playing pinochle in there".

The following is an obituary from Michael Collins Piper on the life and work of this great giant in the field of global conspiracy research.

Our Good Friend Jim Tucker is Gone, But He May Get the Last Laugh on David Rockefeller

Jim Tucker's only regret was probably the fact he didn't outlive his sworn nemesis of more than a quarter of a century, international banker David Rockefeller. The colorful former editor of AMERICAN FREE PRESS, and still a continuing correspondent for this newspaper, Tucker died at a hospital in Virginia on April 26 at age 78 following complications arising from injuries received after falling down the steps in his home while in the company of his family.

Best known for having trailed the aforementioned Rockefeller and the members of such high-level power groups such as the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission and, most notably, the Bilderberg group, literally all over the planet for decades, the legacy of the North Carolina -born self-described "country boy" as a hard-driving investigative reporter is one that is hard to rival.

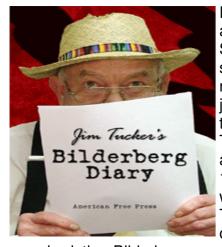
Prior to coming to work in Washington, D.C. in 1975 as managing editor of the newly-launched national weekly, The Spotlight, Tucker had been, by his own admission, a conventional journalist with a wide range of experience in the mainstream press, largely confident that the big media in America was doing its job, bringing readers the news they needed to know. He was sports editor of the The Northern Virginia Sun, managing editor of The Daily Tifton Gazette in Georgia, managing editor of The Radford (Va.) Daily News, copy editor of The Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch; night editor of The Washington Daily News in the nation's capital, managing editor of The Martinsville (Va.) Bulletin, and news editor of The Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal.

However, the day that Willis Carto, treasurer of Liberty Lobby, the populist institution that published The Spotlight, called Tucker into his office and described to Tucker the little-known history of the Bilderberg meetings, Tucker's worldview particularly from his perspective as a journalist changed forever.

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Despite all his years in the media, Tucker had never once heard of Bilderberg and he realized, as any real journalist should, that there was something wrong. As Tucker summarized it, all quite correctly, time and again, over the years,

"If a hundred of the world's best known sports figures or film stars were gathered at some exclusive resort behind closed doors for a private meeting, the entirety of the mass media would be on hand, clamoring for admittance and demanding to know what was going on. But when the world's richest bankers, media barons, industrialists, members of royalty, and political leaders were meeting secretly and discussing public policy matters that impacted on the course of the world's affairs, the establishment press never said a word."



From 1975 to 1982. of The as editor Spotlight, Tucker supervised a wideranging arrav of journalists who trailed the Bilderberg and Trilateral gangs here and abroad. But in 1983, Tucker himself went on the road as The Spotlight's man on the scene and

scorched the Bilderbergers and Trilateralists with blistering real news coverage, from Japan to Portugal to France, England, Germany—wherever and whenever the global intriguers met, even as the rest of the American media remained mum, despite the fact that, over and over again, over the next three decades, Tucker's pioneering investigations unveiled Bilderberg-Trilateral plans that had a direct influence on public policy affecting every man, woman and child on the face of the planet.

After the demise of The Spotlight in 2001, orchestrated by a clique of figures (including a corrupt federal judge) with known links to the Central Intelligence Agency and to Israel's intelligence service, the Mossad, Tucker picked up his work with the newly-launched AMERICAN FREE PRESS, for which he served for several years as managing editor, and continued pressing the Bilderberg and Trilateral vultures wherever they swooped down to nest and hatch their latest plots.

Each and every year up until 2012, Tucker was there. Hustling about, grooming sources (including members of the staffs of the hotels where Bilderberg met), lending his support to other journalists who came on the scene, and generally driving the Bilderberg elite up the wall, and, literally, into the wall: On one occasion Tucker discovered a secret listening device planted in the wall of the hotel room he was occupying in an inn located close to Bilderberg's gathering place at one of the exclusive resorts the shadowy intriguers regularly met.



In recent years, as more and more journalists worldwide became aware of the existence of the secretive Bilderberg meetings and started arriving on the scene themselves, looking for leads, Tucker became "the man to see," when the grizzled veteran journalist, an unabashed journalist of the old school, a two-fisted drinker and unapologetic three-packs-a-day smoker, showed up to keep the hoity-toity "suits" at Bilderberg on their toes.

Tucker maintained regular contact with a number of sympathetic sources both inside and close to the Bilderberg elite, and just days before his death, he had once again cracked Bilderberg secrecy and managed to uncover the location of Bilderberg's upcoming meeting in England, despite (as per usual) Bilderberg's efforts to misdirect Tucker from learning their real destination.

Having slowed down considerably in recent months, Tucker had just decided not to attend this year's gathering, passing his torch to AFP correspondent Mark Anderson, who had joined Tucker in covering a number of recent Bilderberg gatherings, but if anything is for certain it is this: the

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old Bilderberg Hound will be there in spirit and, given the opportunity, he might even slip David Rockefeller a "mickey."

Tucker is survived by two sons and literally millions of friends and admirers all over the world who appreciated Jim's wry humor and the real journalism that he represented in every sense of the word. His literary legacy not only includes many thousands of articles published in The Spotlight and AMERICAN FREE PRESS, but also his classic memoir, Jim Tucker's Bilderberg Diary, and The Crimes of Yalta, first published in 1984 and just recently slated for republication.

JIM TUCKERS LAST WORD

Confirming information gathered by veteran journalist Jim Tucker's source, it appears almost certain that the secretive Bilderberg group will conduct its annual confab at the luxury Grove Hotel just outside Watford, UK from June 6 to June 9. Tucker's source said that the conference was likely to take place within 40 miles of London, with Watford located just 20 miles north of the capital.

Information obtained by London Guardian writer Charlie Skelton and the website bilderberg2013.co.uk pins down the Grove Hotel in the Hertfordshire countryside as being the site for a meeting which habitually attracts over a hundred influential power brokers from the spheres of business, banking, academia, politics and the media, yet comparatively little press attention.



"The whole hotel – including three restaurants, a luxury spa and walled garden – is completely booked out by a private group from the 5th to the 9th of June. This was first spotted by an Italian documentary maker who is an expert on Bilderberg," according to the website.

Attempts to book rooms for that period confirm that the hotel is unavailable. A Google maps image shows that the hotel is surrounded by a sprawling estate including two wooded areas and has a long approach drive, making it ideal for keeping demonstrators and prying journalists away.

Hotel staff have also been informed that a "major" and "high profile" group will be descending on the venue in early June and that the hotel will be on "lockdown" during that time.

"We don't know what it is, senior staff know what it is but they won't tell us. They first heard about this unusual event in January," said one employee.

Hotel spa members who have paid for yearly memberships are also being told that they will have no access to the facilities over the course of Wednesday June 5 to Sunday June 9 and are being promised 5 extra days will be added to their membership as a result.

Additionally, the nearby Fullerians Rugby Club admitted, that it has taken an unusual booking from Herts Constabulary, who have booked the entire grounds and facilities for ten days – spanning the weekend of the conference. The rugby club has no idea what the booking is actually for. Could this be the base of operations for security during the event?"

The schedules of top Bilderberg members also correlate with the meeting being held in the UK, including regular attendee Neelie Kroes who will be in the UK over this weekend and Queen Beatrix, who has a window between June 6 and June 9.

"To be clear: we have no final confirmation that Bilderberg is going to be located at the Grove Hotel, but from what we know of Bilderberg's MO this set-up fits the bill. There are few other groups with the power and resources to shut down a major hotel for five days like this in conditions of such secrecy,"

states the bilderberg2013.co.uk website.

To see an interview that Jim gave three days before his death go to the following website.

http://www.globalreport2010.com/tuckertribute.htm