The Perestroika Deception

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Anatoly Golitsyn’s first book, “New Lies for Old,” caused a long sensation when it was discovered that, unlike most Western analysts, the Author had accurately predicted some years ahead of the events, the ‘Break with the Past’ which took place in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union in 1989-91. In his book ‘Wedge: The Secret War between the FBI and CIA’ [Alfred A Knopf, New York, 1994], Mark Riebling, who carried out a methodical analysis of Golitsyn’s predictions in ‘New Lies for Old’, credited the Author with an accuracy record of nearly 94%. This singular achievement puts all other analysts, including some official services, to shame; and it is precisely because of his record of pinpoint accuracy that Western Governments, policymakers and even some intelligence services, whose record bears little comparison with Golitsyn’s, have competed with one another over the years to find reasons why Golitsyn’s perceptive explanations of Soviet strategy should be ignored. But events as they unfold are relentlessly proving this remarkable analyst of Soviet strategy to be right. ‘The Perestroika Deception’ explains the devious secret intent behind the Leninist strategy which the ‘former’ Communists are pursuing under cover of fake ‘reform’ and ‘progress towards democracy’. The immediate strategic objective is ‘convergence’ with the West - on their terms, not ours. The ultimate objective is Lenin’s: replacement of nation states with collective regional governments as building blocks of the ‘New World Social Order’ - World [Communist] Government.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Anatoliy Golitsyn was born in the Ukraine in 1926. While a cadet in military school, he was awarded a Soviet medal ‘For the defence of Moscow in the Great Patriotic War’ for digging anti-tank trenches near Moscow. At the age of fifteen, he joined the Komsomol (League of Communist Youth) and, at nineteen, he became a member of the Communist Party.

In the same year, he joined the KGB, in which he studied and served until 1961. He graduated from the Moscow School of Military Counter-espionage, the counterintelligence faculty of
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In connection with this proposal he attended a meeting of the secretariat chaired by Stalin and a meeting of the Presidium chaired by Malenkov and attended by Khrushchev, Brezhnev and Bulganin. In 1952-53 he worked briefly as head of a section responsible for counter-espionage against the United States. In 1959 he graduated with a law degree from a four-year course at the KGB Institute (now the KGB Academy) in Moscow.

From 1959 to 1960, at a time when Soviet long-range strategy was being formulated and the KGB was being reorganised to play its part in it, he served as a senior analyst in the NATO section of the Information Department of the Soviet intelligence service. He served in Vienna and Helsinki on counterintelligence assignments from 1953 to 1955 and from 1960 to 1961, respectively.

He defected to the United States in December 1961. Subsequently, his contribution to the national security of leading Western countries was recognised by the award of the United States Government Medal for Distinguished Service.

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Since 1962, the Author has spent much of his time on the study of Communist and international affairs, reading both the Communist and the Western press. In 1980 he completed, and in 1984 he published, ‘New Lies for Old’, a study of the Soviet long-range strategy of deception and disinformation.

For over thirty years, the Author has submitted Memoranda to the Central Intelligence Agency, in which he has provided the Agency with timely and largely accurate forecasts of Soviet Bloc developments and on the evolution of Soviet/Russian/
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**Memoranda to the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

“This collection of my Memoranda to the Central Intelligence Agency is about Soviet grand strategy and the new dimensions of the threat to the Western democracies. This book shows that the essence of the special manoeuvre in the present grand strategy for Communism lies, internally, in the creation and use of controlled ‘political opposition’ to effect a transition to new ‘democratic,’ ‘non-Communist,’ ‘nationalist’ power structures which remain in reality Communist-controlled. Internationally, the essence of the manoeuvre lies in the use of the political potential of these new power structures to develop contacts and promote solidarity with the Western democracies as a means towards the achievement of world Communist victory through the convergence of the Communist and non-Communist systems.” Anatoliy Golitsyn, United States, 1995

**Selected Exerts From “The Perestroika Deception”**

“In 1984 I thought that, in the event of Western resistance to Soviet strategy, the scenario of convergence between the two systems might take the next half century to unroll. [See ‘New Lies For Old,’ pgs 365-6]

“Now, however, because the West has committed itself to the support of ‘perestroika’ and because of the impact of the misguided and euphoric support for it in the Western media, convergence might take less than a decade.” – Pg XX
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‘PERESTROIKA’ THE FINAL PHASE:
ITS MAIN OBJECTIVES

The new method sees ‘perestroika’, not as a surprising and spontaneous change, but as the logical result of thirty years of preparation and as the next and final phase of the strategy: it sees it in a broader context than Soviet ‘openness’ has revealed. It sees it, not only as a renewal of Soviet society, but as a global strategic design for ‘restructuring’ the entire capitalist world. – Pg 17

For the United States
To neutralize the influence of the anti-Communist political right in the American political parties and to create favourable conditions for a victory of the radical Left in the 1992 US presidential elections. [post note: Bill Clinton became president in 1992]
To ‘restructure’ the American military, political, economic and social status quo to accommodate greater convergence between the Soviet and American systems and the eventual creation of a single World Government.

The paramount global objective
The paramount global objective of the strategy of ‘perestroika’ is to weaken and neutralize anti-Communist ideology and the influence of anti-Communists in political life in the United States, Western Europe and elsewhere – presenting them as anachronistic survivors of the Cold War, reactionaries and obstacle to ‘restructuring’ and peace. Anyone who warns about Moscow’s true objectives is automatically branded a “Cold Warrior,’ even by people who have doubts about Moscow’s motives. – Pg 18

Gorbachev is a committed Leninist who is carrying out the strategy of Communist renewal as a means towards the ultimate conquest of the Western democracies. – Pg 19
Georgiy Arbatov described the process as the ‘removal of the Soviet enemy from the minds of the Americans.’ The Soviet media, the Soviets’ allies and agents of influence will attack and seek to isolate anti-Communism and anti-Communists as obstacles to ‘restructuring,’ ‘cold warriors’ and enemies of peace.

The targets of the assault will be the political leaders and government officials who have a realistic understanding of the Soviet threat; anti-Communists in the Republican and Democratic parties, especially those on the political and religious right; anti-Communists in the socialist, social democratic and conservative parties in Western Europe; American and European experts on Soviet affairs and members of the American and European media who are trying to be objective in presenting ‘perestroika’ and its meaning for the democracies.

They will be attacked as reactionaries, bureaucrats with outworn ideas, political or religious Cold War warriors, spoilers or just fascists. The attack will aim to neutralize them by ridicule and to turn them into an endangered species. – Pg 32

First of all, the neutralisation of anti-Communist influence, especially the conservative parties, as an important factor in the political life of the United States, West Germany, France and Britain.

Secondly, securing the victory of the radical Left in the next presidential elections in 1992 in the United States and the victory of the Socialist and Labour parties in the national elections in West Germany, France and Britain in the 1990s. The Soviets plan to hold the International Conference on Human Rights in Moscow in 1991; and their keen interest in American participation in it is due to their desire to influence the outcome of the elections in favour of the radical Left. In their assessment, the Left will be prepared to carry out and accelerate ‘restructuring’ in the United States.

The Soviet strategists believe that an economic depression in
the United States would provide even more favourable conditions for the execution of their strategy. In that event, the Soviets and their allies would shift to the doctrine of class struggle and try to divide the Western nations along crude class lines.

The final period of ‘restructuring’ in the United States and Western Europe would be accompanied, not only by the physical extermination of active anti-Communists, but also by the extermination of political, military, financial and religious elites. Blood would be spilled and political re-education camps would be introduced. The Communists would not hesitate to repeat the mass repressions of their revolution in 1917, of the Soviet occupation of Eastern Europe in the Second World War or of the Chinese Communist victory of 1949.

This time, they would resort to mass repressions in order to prevent any possibility of revolt by the defeated, and to make their victory final. – Pg 34

**FALLACIES ABOUT GORBACHEV AND ‘PERESTROIKA’**

**THE SIXTH FALLACY: That the Cold War is over**

Believers think the Soviet Union is no longer dangerous and that the Cold War is over. They take the deadly flirtation for the romantic marriage. The West perceives the Cold War to be over, and Communism to be dead; but from the Soviet side the Cold War will accelerate and become more deadly, especially for the political right which is being targeted as never before with the intention that it should suffer total obliteration. – Pg 40

The new American leader who fails to change course and correct this error will face responsibility for the loss of Western Europe to the Communists and, ultimately, for the end of the great American experiment with democracy.

The moral grounds for a reversal of the American response and for a rejection of the Soviet strategy of ‘perestroika’ are very simple. A system which has killed 20 million of its people (50 million if those killed under Communism in China are in-
cluded), has raped its intellectuals and brought suffering and misery to the peoples of the Soviet Empire, does not deserve to be renewed. The American people are under no moral obligation to help with the reconstruction of such a system.

The pragmatic ground for a new American response to ‘perestroika’ is the need to protect and preserve the American system from ‘restructuring,’ end convergence with the Soviet system, and to save the American people from the blood baths and re-education camps which such convergence will ultimately bring. – Pg 42

Convergence will be accompanied by blood baths and political re-education camps in Western Europe and the United States. The Soviet strategists are counting on an economic depression in the United States and intend to introduce their reformed model of socialism with a human face as an alternative to the American system during the depression. All these points must be publicly revealed. – Pg 46

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These elements have been used in the pursuit of the principal objectives of the strategy in foreign affairs, in order:

♦ To reduce the influence of Western countries in the world.
♦ To shift the balance of power in favour of the Communist world by breaking up Western regional alliances including NATO, CENTO and SETO and by paralyzing Western military programmes and commitment, especially by supporting national liberation movements as, for example, in Vietnam.
♦ To exploit the resulting shift in the balance of power to move towards the final conquest of capitalism through the convergence on Communist terms of the capitalist and Communist systems.
There is no doubt that this third grand strategy aims to procure total Communist victory. Khruskchev’s notorious remark, reported as ‘we shall bury you’ (although in fact he said: “We shall be present at your funeral’), was a slip of the tongue; but it was made at the time when the strategy was adopted and it expressed the true aim of the strategy.

Acceptance of this aim was accompanied by a ‘joke’ popular in bureaucratic circles at the time and attributed to Suslov, one of the top Communist strategists: ‘Comrades, should we really take over the whole capitalist world? Wouldn’t it be better to leave at least one capitalist state like the United States so that it could feed us?’

To sum up, the central purpose of the third grand strategy and its final phase of ‘perestroika’ is to renew the regimes in the USSR and other Communist countries and to convert them into states of ‘mature socialism with a human face.’ But the strategy goes beyond domestic restructuring and is aimed at the peaceful and non-peaceful conquest of the United States and Western Europe from within. – Pg 55

The root of the conflict between the powers is the Soviet grand strategy for world conquest, and the willingness of the American elite to accommodate it.

In the long run, American acceptance of ‘perestroika’ as a genuine, spontaneous process entailing the abandonment of that strategic objective will divide the American nation. The United States might well slide into a political morass comparable to the Weimar Republic in Germany in the 1920s. That would make Soviet victory through convergence coupled with war blackmail a realistic prospect. The risk of war might in any case increase. The current joke among Soviet bureaucrats in Moscow is said to be that ‘perestroika’ will be followed by ‘prestrelka’ – that is to say, a ‘shoot-out,’ ending in a bloodbath in the Lenin-Stalin style. – Pg 62
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... greater apparent official tolerance of religion in the Soviet Union is accompanied by a secret drive to increase Party and KGB penetration of the Catholic and other churches and to use agents therein for political and strategic purposes inside and outside of the Soviet Union. When they achieve their Communist world victory, they will use mass withdrawal of their agents to disrupt and destroy the churches. *Never in its history since Nero has Christianity faced such a threat of possible destruction.* – Pg 116-117

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Optimistic expectations of long-term Western dividends from Western support for ‘perestroika’ are doomed to disappointment. Present Soviet-Western cooperation is only temporary: the East-West alliance is only tactical. Soviet style democracy is ‘cuckoo-egg democracy.’ When the chick hatches, it will display its true antagonistic nature and seek to dominate the nest. **Blind to Soviet strategy, the United States will find itself increasingly marginalized in world affairs.** To paraphrase an expression used by Marx, the United States will be left stranded in isolation to contemplate its own destruction and demise. – Pg 132

19 AUGUST 1991

According to Sakharov, in the second phase the pressure exerted by the Soviet example and by the internal progressive forces would lead to the victory of the Leftist Reformist Wing (the Soviet term for American liberals) which would begin to implement a programme of collaboration and convergence with the USSR: on a worldwide scale, entailing changes in the structure of ownership. According to Sakarov, this phase would include an expanded role for the intelligentsia and an attack on the forces of racism and militarism. – Pg 137
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One can expect that the Soviet strategists will come forward with fresh initiatives combined with deliberate provocations and crises in order to enhance the role of the United Nations.

They will do this because they regard the United Nations as a stepping stone to a future World Government. – Pg139

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If the Soviets were truly moving towards genuine democracy, and were intent on a true ‘Break with the Past,’ these symbolic changes would be accompanied by the introduction and implementation of a de-communisation programme, the irreparable (not cosmetic) prohibition of the Communist Party and Komsomol organizations at all levels throughout the USSR, and the removal of ‘former’ Party and Komsomol members from all the main seats of power including the KGB, the Soviet army and its political commissar administration, the Ministries, especially those for the Interior and Foreign Affairs, and the trade unions.

Yeltsin has allegedly banned the Communist Party in Russia. But the question should be asked; Why did he forget to ban the Komsomol youth organization? [Note: According to ‘The New York Times’ of 29 September 1991, the Komsomol voted to dissolve itself; its regulations were charged ‘to allow subordinate youth leagues in the Soviet Republics to succeed it’ – Author’s emphasis].

To carry conviction, the necessary purge of former Communists would have to be carried out at all levels, as was the intention with the de-nazification programme in Germany after the war. Without any such programme, present changes, however impressive, will remain cosmetic. – Pg 142

The self-evident absence of any of these criteria indicates that the symbolic changes mean no more than that the strategists had reached the conclusion that the old symbols had out-
lived their usefulness – at least, in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe – and had to be replaced by new, more attractive, popular symbols. Moreover these cosmetic changes are logical and were predicted earlier by this analyst. The Soviets realized that convergence with the United States cannot be achieved under the old compromised symbols like Lenin, Dzerzhinskiy, and others associated in the Western mind with terror, repression, exile and bloodshed. Convergence requires the introduction of new, attractive, national and ‘democratic’ symbols conveying the impression that Soviet ‘democracy’ is approaching the Western model.

No doubt these cosmetic changes, the reorganization of the Soviet bureaucracy and the new, more enigmatic status of its leaders like Yeltsin will be seen by the West as a deepening of the process of Soviet ‘reform,’ offering new opportunities for Western policy. But the West’s main weakness remains unchanged: it cannot grasp the fact that it is facing an acceleration in the unfolding of Soviet convergence strategy which is intended to procure the subservience of the West to Moscow under an ultimate Communist World Government. – Pg143

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WARNING TO THE CIA, THE FBI AND THE US INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN EXPLOITING THE ALLEGED DISCLOSURE OF KGB FILES
[The disclosure of state secrets in the interests of strategy]

According to this assessment, disclosures about the contents of KGB files will not be the spontaneous acts of individual former KGB officers but a planned and calculated disinformation campaign or, more precisely, a covert joint operation
by the relabeled intelligence services of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and Arbatov’s Institute for the Study of the United States and Canada. This covert operation will be combined with other active measures and the use of agents of influence among movie-makers, scholars and journalists in the United States and Europe.

The new leadership of the CIS will make available for this campaign the necessary technical facilities and the services of the best scriptwriters and the best experts in documentary photomontage whose techniques are on the same plane as the legendary Sergey Eisenstein.

The main purpose of the campaign will not be to enlighten the West by clearing up the mysteries of the KGB’s primary Cold War operations or by revealing the true identities of the KGB’s important agents or its false defectors. Its objective will be to discredit the US Presidency, the CIA and the FBI in the eyes of American and world public opinion in order to generate pressure for the further weakening of the American special services if not for their complete abolition and replacement by new emasculated or nominal services. A further objective will be to discredit the remaining anti-Communist politicians and experts, to extinguish their residual influence in the US Administration and political parties, and to prevent its revival.

The successors to the KGB have no intention of revealing the whole truth contained in KGB files but only such half-truths as will enable them to manipulate American public opinion to suit their purposes as described above. Since the Watergate hearings the CIA and the FBI have destroyed many files and have lost much of their counter-intelligence memory. This has impaired their ability to apprehend manipulation of disclosures about the KGB. A recent example illustrates the point.

Several ‘former’ KGB officers visited the United States to meet and exchange views with their CIA counterparts. The Rus-
sian group included a certain Zvezdenkov. The visit was treated in the US press simply as a public relations affair. It escaped the notice of the press and apparently of the CIA and the FBI that Zvezdenkov was the man who investigated and sent to his death Petr Popov, the most valuable agent the Central Intelligence Agency ever ran in the GRU. The successors to the KGB did not reveal this fact: the CIA and the FBI seemed to have forgotten it. We are left in the dark as to why Zvezdenkov should have been sent to the United States. Similar partial revelations and manipulation of them can be expected on more important matters in the future.

The campaign of partial disclosure of KGB files is a continuation of the struggle with the CIA and the FBI and is intended to destroy their reputations and effectiveness once and for all.

A particularly alarming indication of the extent to which US foreign policy has become degraded is Washington’s willingness to consider the admission of Russia and other former Warsaw Pact countries into NATO - an alliance which provided the United States and its allies with effective protection from these countries for many years. This policy jeopardises the security of the United States, gravely threatens the security of Western Europe, and undermines the United States' role as the leader of the developed world.

US policymakers should urgently re-examine their assumptions about the ‘progress’ of Russia and China 'towards democracy’. They should take account of Sino-Russian strategy and should recognize that the long-term strategic, political and economic threat comes from a Sino-Russian axis and associated participants like North Korea, Iran, Iraq and Syria. The Russian and Chinese leaders are still committed to their objective of world domination and believe that, disguised as 'democrats', in accordance with Leninist teaching, they will be able to achieve it.
False and naive assumptions about Russian and Chinese 'progress towards democracy' and about their ‘friendship towards the United States’ threaten defense policy. The threat is not just associated with reduced military budgets but also with the matter of priorities. US involvement in regional and local conflicts in Somalia, Bosnia and Haiti, on the basis that ‘the Cold War is over’, and in fighting drug cartels in Latin America, distracts attention from the real strategic threat from Russia and China.

These staged confrontations in the former USSR will continue to occur for as long as their true deceptive nature and intent remains undetected. And their continuation will foster growing Western confusion over perceptions of events in Russia and China. This confusion is intended to reinforce the West’s continuing failure to apprehend the scope and scale of the long term strategic threat to the free world. The US Congress is pressing, meanwhile, for a redefinition of US intelligence priorities. Since US policymakers and Congress accept the false premise that Russia is ‘moving towards democracy’, the prevailing view is that intelligence coverage of Russia should be reduced or dropped.

Furthermore, on the unreliable premise that Russia is a potential ally, the FBI and the CIA are deepening their unwise partnerships with their Russian counterparts over such issues as tackling nuclear terrorism.

“Russia’s main enemy is the creation of a global dictatorship by the West under the crafty label ‘New World Order’.”


This revealing remark dialectically accuses the West of precisely the objective pursued secretly by the Russian-Chinese strate-
gists, as explained by Anatoliy Golitsyn. **It is well known that pathological liars accuse their enemies of harbouring intentions which are in fact their own.**

**CONCLUSION**

Unless addressed, these factors will leave the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the intelligence community as a whole unprepared and vulnerable in the face of the coming disinformation campaign. There is accordingly an urgent need for a CIA counteraction programme to be added to the priorities already defined by the new Director of Central Intelligence. The CIA, the FBI and other components of the intelligence community should create a special research and advisory staff of experts, both old and new, to assess and counteract the campaign.

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