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Morphew: Introduction...Hunter, psychological warfare expert, the man who coined the term 'brainwashing,' he's been a consultant to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and to HUAC...and also, Thurmond, leading exponent of the theory that America must win the Cold War...to Hunter...in testimony you gave last December to the Internal Security Subcommittee, you outlined what had taken place at a recent meeting of the Communist parties of the world...could you tell us a little about that?

Hunter: That was a conference, rather a convention, of 81 Communist parties of the world, including our treasonable own. They met in Moscow and they decided a strategy for this phase of the world conflict, particularly against the United States, and significantly, they decided that the main obstacle in the United States to the Communist conquest of the United States was the grassroots anti-Communist movement in the United States. And they defined techniques to liquidate this movement.

Morphew: Did they have anything to say about the education of our military personnel?

Hunter: In this document, specifically, no, but in the implementation document, that was published by Gus Hall, head of the United States Communist Party, he specifically referred to 1958 directive of our National Security Council which is the basis for the whole alertness and preparedness program against Communism in our country.

Morphew: To Thurmond...do you think this meeting had any connection with the drive on the muzzling of the military?

Thurmond: Well, I've never said that the orders for muzzling the military came from Moscow, but I have said this, I've quoted Mr. Gus Hall, who's the head of the Communist Party in the United States, in the statement he made shortly after he returned from Moscow. In the spring of 1961 he said that the primary target is the military and its anti-Communist statements and seminars, showing the value they placed on the military and the military was their target, and therefore, they were going to have to take steps to try to curb the military and what the military was doing in conducting these Cold War

seminars and also in other phases of work throughout the military. If they could control the troop training information, the information and education programs, and keep the military people from informing the civilian population about the dangers of the enemy, the insidious manner in which Communism operates and those things and the military people ought to know more about the enemy than any other segment of our population, and that was Mr. Hall's purpose at that time, Dick.

Morphew: To Hunter...as an expert in psychological warfare, why do you think the Communists objected so strenuously to the film, "Operation Abolition," and the filmstrip, "Communism on the Map?"

Hunter: Those films were graphic picturalizations of Communism in action in our country. They woke up people. People didn't believe such things could happen in the United States, so the Communist mechanism had to get into operation to try to discredit both films if they could not suppress them. They succeeded partially in suppressing them and the rest of the campaign is to discredit them.

Morphew: In other words, it's simply a matter that the two films in question were doing a good job and the Communists didn't want anything to do a good job to fight Communism.

Hunter: Of course, because Communism operates, and I wish we operated that way, thinking of the benefit at all times of Communism.

Morphew: You are the first man who revealed the significance of a document which was circulated quite extensively on Capitol Hill, the so-called Fulbright Memorandum, in your description, you said it outlined a system of government for the elite in this country...could you give us a little more detail on that?

Hunter: Yes, I could, and I believe this is not irrelevant to the hearings taking place on the gagging of military officers. I believe, actually, those hearings are subordinate to this entire situation. What is taking place, actually, is a kidnapping of government. A group of persons, many calling themselves liberals, a perversion of that word, have evolved a new ideology here in Washington, a simple ideology that is very intriguing to certain minds, that in this complex nuclear age people no longer are in a position to make up their minds as voters on the problems of the day that should require a sophisticated, how they love that word 'sophisticated,' a sophisticated group who can do the thinking for the public. And they are liberal. Liberal rather than ???? Communists which this ideology actually is because they don't believe, like Hitler, in throwing people into ovens; they don't believe, like Stalin, in shooting you in the nape of the neck. As mentioned in the Fulbright Memorandum, they believe in reeducation which is the Pavlovian reeducation.

Morphew: In other words, brainwashing might be a better word?

Hunter: Brainwashing. And an example was given in that memorandum of how that should operate.

Morphew: To Thurmond...do you believe Mr. Hunter's testimony and subsequent information that has been brought to life has served to awaken the American people?

Thurmond: Dick, I certainly do. I have a copy of the testimony by Mr. Hunter here, before the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Judicial Committee of the United States Senate. Senator Eastland of Mississippi is chairman of the Judicial Committee. And Mr. Hunter was consultant to the Subcommittee, and he testified there, the title of this testimony is "The New Drive Against the Anti-Communist Program," and Mr. Hunter made a very fine witness and he analyzed this entire program and the fight that's being made against the anti-Communist program. Now, a number of people in this country have been working in this anti-Communist program. As Mr. Hunter said, this drive grew chiefly out of the National Security Council directive of 1958. And Mr. Hunter, in this testimony, explains how the fight is being carried on to stop this anti-Communist program, and I would recommend that every American get this and read it. He can get it from the Government Printing Office, I believe, for about 25 cents and it's well worth it. And while I'm talking, I want to congratulate you, Mr. Hunter, on this testimony, because we used this testimony effectively in helping to get our investigation on muzzling the military. I'm not too sure that we would have gotten that investigation if your testimony had not been available to us and assisted us in that matter. I want to commend you, too, on this book *Brainwashing*, I think it's a very excellent book and I would certainly recommend that everyone read this book if you haven't done so. The techniques of brainwashing are brought out in this book and they are very valuable.

Morphew: To Hunter...perhaps there's been too much oversimplification in the American press so that people think when we mention on a program such as this that the Communist program has been implemented in certain phases, we are saying that those who do that are Communists...certainly that is not the case...those of you in your field use the term anti-anti-Communists...how about a description of this term?

Hunter: An anti-anti-Communist is he or she who opposes opposition to Communism. Actually, I know of nobody who has ever been converted by a Communist. I know of no one who's ever been converted by the Communist newspaper organ, "The Worker." They have to have a non-Communist front at all times to do their dirty work, and for that reason, I consider the anti-anti-Communist front more dangerous, actually, to our country than the Communists themselves.

Morphew: So it's not so much about card-carrying members of the party these days, it's more about prominent individuals arising to oppose movements which are opposed to Communism?

Hunter: This is what I tried to disclose, that the person who is literally liberal and often literally conservative, falls into booby traps that the Communists set and does the work for the Communists while he hates Communism himself. That is the tragedy and the problem of today. And may I just make one comment, I believe this is the most important problem, this kidnapping of government and this entire issue, since the Civil War and I

feel that Senator Thurmond in throwing himself as he has into this is doing the most patriotic job that is possible to do in 1962.