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[Samuel Israel III shortly after being apprehended by the FBI](https://preview.redd.it/v6ehz0gq4r371.jpg?width=592&format=pjpg&auto=webp&s=792af635b9b9f6ae95709fd3985f0018f05df1f0)

Welcome to the Wall Street Archives; reports focused on patterns of misbehavior and crime on Wall Street and beyond.

# Samuel Israel & the Fed's "Secret" Market:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Octopus:\_Sam\_Israel,\_the\_Secret\_Market,\_and\_Wall\_Street%27s\_Wildest\_Con](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Octopus:\_Sam\_Israel,\_the\_Secret\_Market,\_and\_Wall\_Street%27s\_Wildest\_Con)

Excerpt from Octopus: Samuel Israel, The Secret Market & Wall Street's Wildest Con's Wikipedia page reads:

>"Octopus focuses on Wall Street trader Samuel Israel III, who attempted to commit hedge fund fraud by taking part in a "secret market" reported to have been run by the Federal Reserve. Lawson interviewed Israel for the book, commenting in an interview with CBS News that he was surprised at \*\*\*"how much truth there was to Israel's stories"\*\*\*.

The book covers Israel's attempt to save his company Bayou as well as his attempt to fake his death.

Unfortunately the CBS link in the above Wikipedia has been removed/scrubbed, so I found it on Wayback Machine:

[https://web.archive.org/web/20120711063138/https://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504367\_162-57469215-504367/octopus-sam-israel-the-secret-market-and-wall-streets-wildest-con-by-guy-lawson/](https://web.archive.org/web/20120711063138/https://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504367\_162-57469215-504367/octopus-sam-israel-the-secret-market-and-wall-streets-wildest-con-by-guy-lawson/)

Let's cross-reference:

Lawson (the author):

>"(I was surprised by) how much truth there was to Israel's stories. The wilder and taller the tales got, the more there was a basis in historical reality. Like the existence of Federal Reserve bonds stolen from the Chinese government by the Japanese during the Invasion of Nanking in the Second World War."

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>"when I reported the story I discovered that there actually is a chance the bonds are real. Leading historians and special forces soldiers all said there was more than a little truth to the legend called Yamashita's Gold." :

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yamashita%27s\_gold](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yamashita%27s\_gold)

After the collapse of Israel's fund Bayou Management, Sam Israel faked his death. This is further detailed in the following Independent article linked below.

# The Arrest of Sam Israel and the Fallout that Followed:

[<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/get-rich-or-pretend-die-trying-wall-street-trader-who-faked-his-own-suicide-8092737.html>](<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/get-rich-or-pretend-die-trying-wall-street-trader-who-faked-his-own-suicide-8092737.html>)

>"Apprenticed into a hedge fund run by a legendary trader, Freddy Graber, Israel was taught the black arts of making money on Wall Street. Graber became a father-figure to Israel, as the latter learnt the reality of insider trading, front running, and the secret array of scams to scalp points from every trade."

Freddy Graber was one of the first individuals to operate a hedge fund and market maker at the same time. A strategy employed today by Citadel and countless market making funds/banks on Wall Street.

Frederic J. Graber, Alumni of Princeton University and Harvard University passed away in 2007:

Lehman Brothers paid notice obituary to their former colleague displayed in New York Times:

[<https://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9800E0D8173AF933A05752C1A9619C8B63&legacy=true&status=nf>](<https://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9800E0D8173AF933A05752C1A9619C8B63&legacy=true&status=nf>)

\*\*\*Further Excerpts from Octopus shed light on Frederic J. Graber's business:\*\*\*

>"Frederic J. Graber and Company operated on the thirteenth floor of 1 New York Plaza, a fifty-story skyscraper that housed Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley ( & Salomon Brothers), and powerful law firms. Graber's trading room was in a suite of offices with a dozen or so other independent hedge funds. At the time there were only a few hundred funds running perhaps a few billion dollars, compared with the trillion-dollar industry that would emerge in the coming decades."

I'd like to point out that Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley & Salomon Brothers have all been involved with shorting treasury bonds in the past. (as has Citadel Securities). These institutions were the first to employ manipulation in the treasury bond market to enormous profit. All 3 offices and elevator trip away from each other:

Morgan Stanley's Primary Dealer License suspended in France due to rigging bids and manipulating French Treasury Bonds:

[<https://www.investing.com/news/stock-market-news/morgan-stanley-suspended-from-some-french-treasury-bond-deals-aft-2252046>](<https://www.investing.com/news/stock-market-news/morgan-stanley-suspended-from-some-french-treasury-bond-deals-aft-2252046>)

[<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-france-amf-morgan-stanley-idUSKBN1YE0N6>](<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-france-amf-morgan-stanley-idUSKBN1YE0N6>)

Former Goldman and current Morgan Stanley trader investigated for Treasury futures manipulation:

[<https://www.cnn.com/id/100001182>](<https://www.cnn.com/id/100001182>)

Goldman Sachs Former Vice President pleads guilty to 2003, 30 year U.S Treasury bond Insider Trading + Securities fraud case:

[<https://www.sec.gov/news/press/2003-155.htm>](<https://www.sec.gov/news/press/2003-155.htm>)

Salomon Brothers was the focus of a gigantic bonds scandal in 1991:

[<https://www.businessinsider.com/salomon-brothers-treasury-bond-scandal-2012-7?r=DE&IR=T>](<https://www.businessinsider.com/salomon-brothers-treasury-bond-scandal-2012-7?r=DE&IR=T>)

I would also like to point out that several former Salomon Employees (that worked in the Bond Arbitrage fund: John Merriweather, Myron Scholes and Eric Rosenfeld) moved on to work at the original "Too Big To

Fail" hedge fund; Long-Term Capital Management.

<https://preview.redd.it/3u575cqfpq371.jpg?width=755&format=pjpg&auto=webp&s=56638ddea212d96c716f17293ec92607ac75e8dd>

<https://preview.redd.it/pcnez5if1r371.png?width=904&format=png&auto=webp&s=1fa5916380de42fd65532ee3ae05029ecedeb344>

[<https://money.cnn.com/2005/09/29/markets/bayou/index.htm>](<https://money.cnn.com/2005/09/29/markets/bayou/index.htm>)

[<https://www.thedailybeast.com/octopus-review-sam-israel-the-ponzi-schemer-who-got-duped>](<https://www.thedailybeast.com/octopus-review-sam-israel-the-ponzi-schemer-who-got-duped>)

Steve Cohen of Point72 knows the Wilpon Family quite well; he purchased the Mets from them.

(Continued):

>"Israel turned to a man named Robert Booth Nichols, who claimed to be a CIA "asset"

[<https://web.archive.org/web/20130213134600/http://www.rollingstone.com:80/politics/blogs/taibblog/octopus-read-this-book-to-understand-wall-street-20120724>](<https://web.archive.org/web/20130213134600/http://www.rollingstone.com:80/politics/blogs/taibblog/octopus-read-this-book-to-understand-wall-street-20120724>)

<https://preview.redd.it/037z4b6k1r371.png?width=871&format=png&auto=webp&s=8b8cb3a6738337b81e7498ec9336a9a64c1d436f>

[<https://www.investopedia.com/ask/answers/031115/how-do-central-banks-impact-interest-rates-economy.asp>](<https://www.investopedia.com/ask/answers/031115/how-do-central-banks-impact-interest-rates-economy.asp>)

The article linked below states that Sam Israel rented a house from Donald Trump for \$22,000/month:

[<https://dealbreaker.com/2012/07/claim-sam-israels-investors-gave-him-money-because-they-liked-alcoholic-cokeheads-who-look-good-in-womens-underwear-and-capes>](<https://dealbreaker.com/2012/07/claim-sam-israels-investors-gave-him-money-because-they-liked-alcoholic-cokeheads-who-look-good-in-womens-underwear-and-capes>)

The Dealbreaker article above is titled:

"Claim: Sam Israel's investors gave him money because they liked alcoholic cokeheads who look good in women's underwear and capes"

(Continued from The Daily Beast article):

[<https://www.thedailybeast.com/octopus-review-sam-israel-the-ponzi-schemer-who-got-duped>](<https://www.thedailybeast.com/octopus-review-sam-israel-the-ponzi-schemer-who-got-duped>)

>"bonds are issued and sold at a discount to certain selected financial institutions and secret wealthy traders. These bonds can then be sold at face value to people outside the loop."

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>"The guaranteed returns are split between the lucky trader and the cabal that runs the world, which uses its part of the proceeds to maintain global confusion and, to some extent, stability through charitable projects."

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>"(Sam) Israel comes from an influential New Orleans family, which had long participated in the global commodities trade. He grew up with connections in both finance and politics and knew well the advantages of private dealings with people of power. Also, Israel is a distant Rothschild, on his mother's

side."

Okay then... continuing...

[<https://www.businessinsider.com/the-israel-banking-family-2012-6?op=1>](<https://www.businessinsider.com/the-israel-banking-family-2012-6?op=1>)

>"When Israel tried to make a name for himself on Wall Street in the 1980s, he was trained by master traders of inside information who, in the days when trades were comparatively slower, used their non-public information of mutual fund buys and sells, as well as takeover information, to make quick profits. Israel was taught from the start that the investments were rigged to favor highly networked cheaters."

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>"Nichols took Israel for \$10 million of Bayou's money—in exchange for a case of Federal Reserve bonds issued to fund China's Chang Kei Shek attempt to resist Japan's invasion—Nichols seemed to believe that he needed the trader's (Israel's) prowess to access the shadow bond market, where they could score real dough."

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>"The one thing Nichols didn't know was that Israel's trading skills had been exaggerated."

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>"In April 2008, after years of continually putting Bayou's assets at risk of being stolen by a network of people that Nichols said could help them access the shadow market (at a few points, all of the money was almost absconded with), Israel was convicted of running Bayou as a Ponzi scheme and sentenced to 22 years in prison. Two months later he faked his suicide and attempted to run, only to give up when the police arrested his girlfriend, charging her with aiding his escapade."

[<https://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/18/business/18bayou.html>](<https://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/18/business/18bayou.html>)

[<https://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/05/bayou-award-against-goldman-is-upheld/>](<https://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/05/bayou-award-against-goldman-is-upheld/>)

Goldman Sachs provided credit to Sam Israel + Bayou and was sued by Sam's defrauded investors.

Goldman has also shorted the 10-Year Treasury Bond:

[<https://www.businessinsider.com/goldman-go-short-10-year-us-treasuries-2012-1?op=1>](<https://www.businessinsider.com/goldman-go-short-10-year-us-treasuries-2012-1?op=1>)

>"Goldman Sachs just published their annual list of the top investing ideas for next year, which includes a very bearish outlook for Treasury bonds."

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>"In fact, the firm recommends shorting 10-Year Treasuries with a target of 3.0% and a stop at 2.0%, noting investors should position themselves for multiple interest rate hikes from the Federal Reserve."

The 10 Year Treasury Bond is the original money printer. A hustle developed and perfected by the institutions housed at 1 New York Plaza and continue to be used modern day, by Citadel and friends.

I'm going to be straight up here, feel free to drop out before this rabbit hole gets any deeper. Best to get that tin foil hat out right about now if you're staying around...

# Who is "CIA asset" Robert Booth Nichols?

[Robert Booth Nichols \(\Leftarrow\) and Sam Israel III \(\Rightarrow\) ](<https://preview.redd.it/dlfxoudovq371.jpg?width=634&format=pjpg&auto=webp&s=897e1d2251e8fe1fd8bbe3603bc3dea8befb7aec>)

[<https://archive.org/details/SamIsraelIII-BayouManagement-RobertBoothNicholsCourtFilings>](<https://archive.org/details/SamIsraelIII-BayouManagement-RobertBoothNicholsCourtFilings>)

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I have summarized significant information provided from a 2008 (FBI) federal deposition of Nichols, following Israel's arrest.

In this deposition, Nichols admitted that he was not sure that he worked for the CIA, but that is what his employers told him.

Nichols describes his education as attending Hollywood Professional School before he attended Glendale college for one year. [[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hollywood\\_Professional\\_School](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hollywood_Professional_School)]([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hollywood\\_Professional\\_School](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hollywood_Professional_School))

Nichols describes his first assignment as collecting information from individuals in Japan, Hawaii and Australia under the instruction of people who told him they were U.S Intelligence, CIA.

Nichols has also starred as an actor in two films.

>"I have had a few checks, yes, for residuals or whatever. I was an advisor (Nichols was also an actor in this film, which he does not mention) for a film in 1992.... Under Siege"

This IMDB file also shows he also starred in Full Metal Jacket (1987):  
[<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0629715/>](<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0629715/>)

Nichols mentions the name of the attorney that organized his affairs:

>"I would say that Martin Simone recommended an accountant that handled certain things for me, yes."

Martin Simone, Attorney; California bar:

[<http://members.calbar.ca.gov/fal/Licensee/Detail/51584>](<http://members.calbar.ca.gov/fal/Licensee/Detail/51584>)

>"(My employer) told me they would tell me when I was to pay taxes and what I was to pay taxes on. They said they did not want anything mentioned about my involvements."

Nichols evaded taxes regularly and never had charges brought against him for this matter, He stated he:

>"was never bothered by the U.S government once."

Nichols also details individuals within his network:

>"I have had discussions Frank Xavier Driscoll, CIA, and with Adrian Perry, U.S Admiral. I have had discussions with Al Rankin, Fleet Ballistic Missiles, discussions with Peter Zackowski, NATO and Sole Source Armament to Picatinny Arsenal and Rock Island Arsenal on 155 caseless rounds. I have had discussions with James Hacker, worldwide chief of security, Hewlett-Packard, discussions with David Packard of Hewlett-Packard."

Evidence of existence of the individuals that Nichols mentions instructed him to evade taxes:

**\*\*Frank Xavier "Driscoll" (real last name: \*\*Archibald\*\*):** National Director of CIA Clandestine Operations until 2015:

[<https://obits.postandcourier.com/us/obituaries/charleston/name/francis-archibald-obituary?pid=195711520>](<https://obits.postandcourier.com/us/obituaries/charleston/name/francis-archibald-obituary?pid=195711520>)

[<https://www.newsweek.com/cia-has-new-spy-guy-and-well-tell-you-who-he-163>](<https://www.newsweek.com/cia-has-new-spy-guy-and-well-tell-you-who-he-163>)

[<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2322041/CIA-s-new-clandestine-spy-outed-Twitter-hours-chosen-despite-undercover.html>](<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2322041/CIA-s-new-clandestine-spy-outed-Twitter-hours-chosen-despite-undercover.html>)

**\*\*Frank Carlucci:\*\***

Nichols states that former Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci was present at every meeting he had with Frank Xavier Driscoll. (Nichols states that Carlucci served as the Deputy Director of the CIA at this time).

[<https://history.defense.gov/Multimedia/Biographies/Article-View/article/571285/frank-c-carlucci/>](<https://history.defense.gov/Multimedia/Biographies/Article-View/article/571285/frank-c-carlucci/>)

**\*\*Harry Fair:\*\***

[[http://www.isitaustin.org/downloads/Fair\\_bio.html](http://www.isitaustin.org/downloads/Fair_bio.html)]([http://www.isitaustin.org/downloads/Fair\\_bio.html](http://www.isitaustin.org/downloads/Fair_bio.html))

Nichols describes that Harry fair told him he

>"was involved with projects that were extremely sensitive... (Fair told me) You keep what you do private and you never let this reach the United States."

**\*\*Al Rankin:\*\***

>"Mr. Rankin was previously employed as a Chairman by Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland"

[<https://www.marketscreener.com/business-leaders/Alfred-Rankin-001KKQ-E/biography/>](<https://www.marketscreener.com/business-leaders/Alfred-Rankin-001KKQ-E/biography/>)

David Packard is the co-founder of Hewlett-Packard.

Hewlett-Packard was involved in a spying scandal in 2006: [[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hewlett-Packard\\_spying\\_scandal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hewlett-Packard_spying_scandal)]([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hewlett-Packard\\_spying\\_scandal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hewlett-Packard_spying_scandal))

During his deposition, Nichols implicates John Prescott Ellis' (nephew of former CIA director George H.W Bush) involvement with the Sam Israel Ponzi scheme. John Prescott Ellis is a free man and now serves as a Partner at Venture Capital firm Sand Hills Partners.

[[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Prescott\\_Ellis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Prescott_Ellis)]([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Prescott\\_Ellis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Prescott_Ellis))

Nichols describes the task that John Prescott Ellis directed him to do:

>"To obtain a sealed box, that of origin Chinese... from the Chinese that he said he was quite familiar with and it could not be opened. I had no responsibility as to its content, but a sealed box and it must -- it had to be a hundred million dollars"

Nichols also claims that:

>"Sam Israel had heard of the safety deposit box from another source, and alleged that George Soros got his money by finding one of the boxes".

(the guy says this in his deposition, just so bizarre that he would mention this specifically).

A 1982 FBI report details an anti-racketeering investigation that sheds further light on the affairs of Robert Booth Nichols.

Obtained by News Channel 3 (KESQ) the report discloses that during and after his time with the CIA, Nichols participated in money laundering associated with narcotics and organized crime; he was also

involved heavily in international arms dealing.

KESQ details that Robert Booth Nichols was listed as owner of Meridian Arms Corporation. This fact is confirmed through cross-referencing this LA Times article and [OpenCorporates.com](https://OpenCorporates.com):

[https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1993-03-21-mn-13734-story.html](https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1993-03-21-mn-13734-story.html)

>"Nichols' suit charges that the loss of the permit led to a withdrawal of Swiss financing for his firm, Meridian Arms Corp., to manufacture a new machine gun in South Korea."

The following link lists Robert B. Nichols as CEO of Meridian Arms Corporation:

[https://opencorporates.com/companies/us\_ca/C0853005](https://opencorporates.com/companies/us\_ca/C0853005)

According to [gun-data.com](https://gun-data.com) Meridian Arms Corp also manufactured under the following names:

[https://gun-data.com/miscellaneous\_manufacturers.html](https://gun-data.com/miscellaneous\_manufacturers.html)

. Federal Arms: [https://fedarm.com/](https://fedarm.com/)

. Empire State Arms: [https://www.empirestatefirearms.com/](https://www.empirestatefirearms.com/)

The above OpenCorporates link also states that the business license for Meridian Arms Corp was suspended in 2018.

In the Nichols' testimony, when asked why Meridian does not have a taxation history or transaction history; he concedes that Meridian Arms Corp did not have a single recorded transaction. It can be confirmed that he armed foreign governments (Philippines) as is stated in the 1987 FBI report. This suggests Federal Arms and Empire State Arms were used to book Meridian's sales and launder the proceeds from such sales. He refused to give a sworn statement to the house committee regarding specifics of Meridian's specific business dealings (outside of discussing the loss incurred to him as a result of his L.A.P.D apprehension).

Nichols also established an arms dealing company of the same name during his time in Queensland, Australia:

[https://opencorporates.com/companies/au/168176592](https://opencorporates.com/companies/au/168176592)

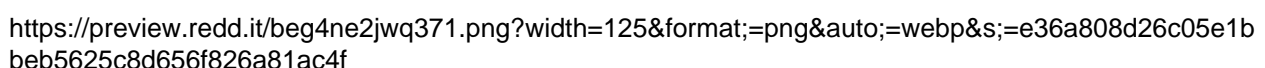
The existing entity, Meridian Fire Arms was established in 2011 (3 years after the Israel case):

[https://opencorporates.com/companies/us\_mi/801614393](https://opencorporates.com/companies/us\_mi/801614393)

As a vendor they're listed as Meridian Defense Corp. or "MDC":

[https://meridiandefensecorp.com/](https://meridiandefensecorp.com/)

Yes, Meridian is still in business to this day and their logo is an OCTOPUS.

https://preview.redd.it/beg4ne2jwq371.png?width=125&format=png&auto=webp&s=e36a808d26c05e1bbeb5625c8d656f826a81ac4f

<https://preview.redd.it/kg8qylop1r371.png?width=870&format;=png&auto;=webp&s;=8f8926303973e65fcc613b80e3c910bed3a78f66>

[<https://www.company-histories.com/The-Wackenhut-Corporation-Company-History.html>](<https://www.company-histories.com/The-Wackenhut-Corporation-Company-History.html>)

Have fun.

<https://preview.redd.it/md55dnfnwq371.png?width=792&format;=png&auto;=webp&s;=84c2479ce9d666f72c9acf84e356f3ee842b90e3>

<https://preview.redd.it/30fphfru1r371.png?width=869&format;=png&auto;=webp&s;=cc26d0d19f8e7899abbf566aa0a64753d6deba0>

[<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eljxqks9ugo>](<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eljxqks9ugo>)

The source that reported this (Wayne Madsen) lacks credibility and has disseminated propaganda in much of his "journalism". Madsen has previously promoted propaganda through unsubstantiated conspiracy claims. Think COINTEL.

Madsen previously served in the U.S Navy and NSA. He has been featured on such programs as 60 Minutes.

Given his involvement with confidential government programs in the past, I would be cautious of the potential for deliberate misinformation being disseminated by Madsen.

It was speculated by Channel 3 News' Nathan Baca that this may be an attempt to "fake" Robert Booth Nichols' death; a similar strategy employed by his business partner Samuel Israel.

[[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wayne\\_Madsen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wayne_Madsen)]([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wayne\\_Madsen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wayne_Madsen))

I don't know if Robert Booth Nichols was a CIA asset. I'm here to present information and receive scrutiny. But yeah. Weird.

# What about the Octopus? That's just a crazy tall tale created by Robert Booth Nichols right?

Believe it or not, Sam Israel and Robert Booth Nichols are not the only individuals to mention the Octopus.

[Freelance Journalist, Danny Casolaro](<https://preview.redd.it/e1aixztxwq371.jpg?width=240&format;=jpg&auto;=webp&s;=5ab1cd2ec536f10e959e9a5fdc1794c42a9dd438>)

[[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danny\\_Casolaro](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danny_Casolaro)]([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danny\\_Casolaro](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danny_Casolaro))

>"Joseph Daniel Casolaro (June 16, 1947 – August 10, 1991) was an American freelance writer who came to public attention in 1991 when he was found dead in a bathtub in room 517 of the Sheraton Hotel in Martinsburg, West Virginia, the medical examiner ruled the death a suicide."

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>"His death became controversial because his notes suggested he was in Martinsburg to meet a source about a story he called "the Octopus." This centered on a sprawling collaboration involving an international cabal, and primarily featuring a number of stories familiar to journalists who worked in and around Washington, D.C. in the 1980s—the Inslaw case about a software manufacturer whose owner accused the Justice Department of stealing its work product, the October Surprise theory that during the Iran hostage crisis Iran deliberately held back American hostages to help Ronald Reagan win the 1980 presidential



election, the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, and Iran–Contra."

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>"Casolaro's family argued that he had been murdered; that before he left for Martinsburg, he had apparently told his brother that he had been frequently receiving harassing phone calls late at night; that some of them were threatening; and that if something were to happen to him while in Martinsburg, it would not be an accident. They also cited his well-known squeamishness and fear of blood tests, and stated they found it incomprehensible that if he were going to commit suicide, he would do so by cutting his wrists a dozen times. A number of law-enforcement officials also argued that his death deserved further scrutiny, and his notes were passed by his family to ABC News and Time Magazine, both of which investigated the case, but no evidence of murder was ever found."

From the earlier quoting LA Times article: [<https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1993-03-21-mn-13734-story.html>](<https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1993-03-21-mn-13734-story.html>)

Nichols had frequent contact with Casolaro just before the journalist, who was probing a web of conspiracies ranging from the Iran-Contra affair to alleged Justice Department skullduggery, was found with his wrists slashed in a West Virginia motel room.

The report, titled "The INSLAW Affair," said the Justice Department had failed to adequately investigate charges that high-level officials had stolen and misused a private firm's sophisticated computer software designed to help track criminals.

The Inslaw case is directed related to Robert Maxwell, the father of Jeffery Epstein's partner Ghislaine Maxwell: [[https://www.reddit.com/r/Epstein/comments/hmfc6k/beyond\\_ghislaine\\_the\\_maxwell\\_octopus/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Epstein/comments/hmfc6k/beyond_ghislaine_the_maxwell_octopus/)]([https://www.reddit.com/r/Epstein/comments/hmfc6k/beyond\\_ghislaine\\_the\\_maxwell\\_octopus/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Epstein/comments/hmfc6k/beyond_ghislaine_the_maxwell_octopus/))

Would highly recommend reading that link.

Nichols acknowledged to committee investigators that he had spoken to Casolaro often and served as a sounding board for him, but would not provide a sworn statement to the House committee.

The trial, which enters its second week of testimony Monday, stems from a 1986 incident in which Nichols, armed with a concealed pistol, was taken into custody by Los Angeles police at The Palomino.

Nichols said he was with his brother-in-law, James Hopko (when)

>Without warning, Nichols testified, he was flung to the ground and two revolvers were pointed at his head. Nichols, who was carrying a concealed weapons permit from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department, was disarmed, handcuffed and transported to the North Hollywood LAPD station.

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>Nichols' suit charges that the loss of the permit led to a withdrawal of a Swiss financing for his firm, Meridian Arms Corp., to manufacture a new machine gun in South Korea.

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>To buttress his client's credibility as a businessman, Nichols' lawyer introduced in court a flood of paper indicating that he had worked on numerous ventures with prominent individuals. They included Robert A. Maheu, Howard Hughes' former right-hand man; Michael A. McManus, an aide to President Ronald Reagan; Clint W. Murchison, then the owner of the Dallas Cowboys, and George K. Pender, an executive with a worldwide engineering company.

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>Nichols testified about discussions he had with a White House aide on the rebuilding of Lebanon while he was affiliated with Meridian's predecessor firm, Santa Monica-based First Intercontinental Development Corp. That firm supposedly specialized in secret foreign construction projects for the U.S. government.

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>Appended to Gates' affidavit was an Oct. 8, 1987, document stating that the FBI was investigating whether Giaquinto, Nichols and others were "buying and/or selling stocks by the use of manipulative or deceptive practices.

Without a doubt, Robert Booth Nichols was involved in mob-related investment schemes leveraging relationships he had established through the CIA, Wall Street and arms dealing ventures. Concerning, to

say the least.

In his 2008 deposition, Nichols explains he was a member of the Board of Directors for George K. Pender's FIDCO.

George K. Pender's only business registration with any U.S State Department is as Director of First International Development Corporation (FIDCO) in Santa Monica, California.

[<https://www.corporationwiki.com/California/Cambria/first-intercontinental-development-corporation/40237496.aspx>](<https://www.corporationwiki.com/California/Cambria/first-intercontinental-development-corporation/40237496.aspx>)

Well, well, well.... Nichols stated FIDCO: "specialized in secret foreign construction projects for the U.S. government." I wonder how common these "secret foreign construction" companies are?

Earlier in the L.A Times article, Nichols explains being with his brother in-law James Hopko before being arrested by L.A.P.D officers.

[<https://www.corporationwiki.com/Hawaii/Honolulu/robert-b-nichols-P5886865.aspx>](<https://www.corporationwiki.com/Hawaii/Honolulu/robert-b-nichols-P5886865.aspx>)

This business registration with the U.S State Department of Honolulu, lists an Ellen M. Hopko as secretary. This is Robert B. Nichols wife.

This report serves to expose certain established practices within high stakes and confidential societies.

Robert Booth Nichols was investigated in 1987 by the FBI for:

>"buying and/or selling stocks by the use of manipulative or deceptive practices."

The practice described above is the Modus Operandi of Ken Griffin/Citadel, Steve Cohen/Point72 , D.E Shaw, The Blackstone Group, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, KKR, BITG and the list goes on through Wall Street.

I believe the Bond scam employed by Sam Israel and Robert Booth Nichols is the same scheme that was run by Salomon Brothers and continues to be employed by Citadel, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley (among others). Co-ordinating to short 10 year treasury bonds to keep that money printer a going.

This is the Federal Reserve's "Secret Market".

Thank you for reading.

# TLDR:

Sam Israel III and Robert Booth Nichols were involved in an elaborate U.S Treasury bond trading scheme that continues to be employed by the largest banks and funds on Wall Street.

For Bayou Management (Israel's fund), this scheme involved shadow government organizations and extremely prominent individuals in government, finance, business + organized crime. Further research of the persons and events surrounding this bizarre crime uncovers evidence of CIA arms smuggling and money laundering operations tied to the Iran-Contra Scandal, Wackenhut Corp and private prison profiteering.

If I was you though, I would read the whole post.

If you made it this far, you might be interested in further research materials:

Bulk references for the wrinkle brains that like to look closer. These resources help to highlight the peculiar circumstances surrounding this saga and the absolutely astounding legitimacy of Robert Booth Nichols'

claims.

Channel 3 news coverage focusing on Sam Israel's and Robert Booth Nichols' involvement:  
[<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eljxqks9ugo>](<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eljxqks9ugo>)

Extensive deep dive coverage by KESQ reporter Nathan Baca (truly astounding research): The beginning of the 35 part Emmy award winning multi-year investigation by Baca: (entire saga of coverage available through Baca's YouTube channel):

[<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1JPZuRVqUM>](<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1JPZuRVqUM>)

Samuel Israel III v United States of America Full case resources: [<https://www.courtlistener.com/docket/4334434/united-states-v-israel-iii/>](<https://www.courtlistener.com/docket/4334434/united-states-v-israel-iii/>)

Background on Israel's New Orleans family: [<https://www.businessinsider.com/the-israel-banking-family-2012-6?op=1>](<https://www.businessinsider.com/the-israel-banking-family-2012-6?op=1>)

The Wall Street Conspiracy exposes Crime Organizations involvement in Wall Street naked short activities: [<https://vimeo.com/39748584>](<https://vimeo.com/39748584>)

Summary resources: [<https://www.abebooks.com/9781851689781/Octopus-Secret-Market-Worlds-Wildest-1851689788/plp>](<https://www.abebooks.com/9781851689781/Octopus-Secret-Market-Worlds-Wildest-1851689788/plp>)

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Tin-Foil City: [[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation\\_Mockingbird](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Mockingbird)]([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation\\_Mockingbird](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Mockingbird))

The Last Circle First free draft, the published book by Cheri Seymour has 10 extra chapters :  
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