BLIND TREASON

Foreword Excerpt

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Navy Lt. Jack Daly first came on my radar as a newspaper reporter in the spring of 1997. That's when I received exquisitely detailed information from within the Pentagon about an incident involving an intelligence gathering operation by a Russian merchant ship secretly engaged in spying on an American nuclear missile submarine in the Pacific Northwest.

What I learned came from some of the most solid sources a reporter can ever obtain. And the information showed that the Russian spying incident involved nothing less than an attack on an American serviceman and his Canadian counterpart.

But the most shocking part of the stories I wrote at the time was that incident was deliberately covered up by the administration of then-President Bill Clinton. Clinton and his vice president, Al Gore, along with senior officials in the State Department had violated a sacred trust that had existed for more than a century as a core element of the United States. That is, that civilian leaders are bound to do everything in their power to protect and defend U.S. military personnel.

The Clinton team chose instead to hide a damaging Russian attack in favor of promoting a policy that sought to curry favor with Moscow in the years after the fall of the Soviet Union.

The cover up was just one of the more glaring examples of how the Clinton administration undermined American security. And it set in motion what would become an even more alarming series of disastrous U.S. foreign and security policies that grew far worse in subsequent administrations, notably during the presidencies of President Barack Obama and more recently President Joe Biden.

Jack Daly now recounts in extraordinary detail what happened and why. This book serves as an important testimony for all Americans to know and understand how government can lose sight of its fundamental values and responsibilities. It contains new facts and information about this betrayal. By laying bare the truth in this story, all of us can help make sure that such cowardly treachery never takes place again.

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