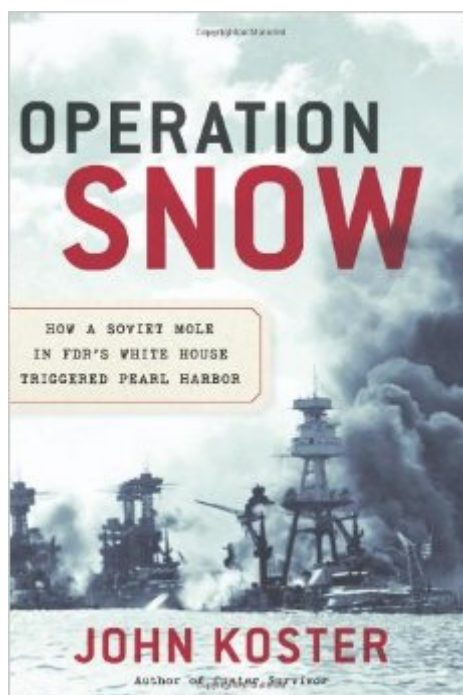


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Operation Snow: How A Soviet Mole In FDR's White House Triggered Pearl Harbor



Synopsis

Americans have long debated the cause of the December 7, 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor. Many have argued that the attack was a brilliant Japanese military coup, or a failure of U.S. intelligence agencies, or even a conspiracy of the Roosevelt administration. But despite the attention historians have paid to the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the truth about that fateful day has remained a mystery—until now. In *Operation Snow: How a Soviet Mole in FDR's White House Triggered Pearl Harbor*, author John Koster uses recently declassified evidence and never-before-translated documents to tell the real story of the day that FDR memorably declared would live in infamy, forever. *Operation Snow* shows how Joseph Stalin and the KGB used a vast network of double-agents and communist sympathizers—most notably, Harry Dexter White—to lead Japan into war against the United States, demonstrating incontestable Soviet involvement behind the bombing of Pearl Harbor. A thrilling tale of espionage, mystery and war, *Operation Snow* will forever change the way we think about Pearl Harbor and World War II.

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I love quotes about history almost as much as I love reading history and, to the

above quotes, I'll add one by George Santayana that applies to John Koster's brilliant "Operation Snow: How a Soviet Mole in FDR's White House Triggered Pearl Harbor": "History is always written wrong, and so always needs to be rewritten." Forget everything you know -- or think you know -- about the "surprise" attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 that wasn't all that surprising to the top leaders in Washington. Koster provides documentation enough for me to modify my views about Pearl Harbor from my reading of Gordon W. Prange's three books about the attack, not to mention Walter Lord's two books -- "Day of Infamy" and "Incredible Victory" and John Toland's two books. Koster writes that Prange -- considered by many to be the definitive historian writing about Pearl Harbor -- "blandly dismissed the plausible warnings by the Yugoslav-German double agent Dusko Popov and the Korean patriot Kilsoo Haan of an attack on Pearl Harbor. "The latter even got the date right.... Both Popov and Haan were threatened with retribution if they went public with news of their attempts to warn the government." In "Operation Snow" -- drawing on the latest intelligence, including newly translated documents -- Koster writes about Harry Dexter White, a Ph.D.

FBI REPORT OF OCTOBER 16, 1950 ON HARRY DEXTER WHITE (AGENT JURIST) FROM: Mr. Ladd SUBJECT; ESPIONAGE - R PURPOSE: To advise you of the positive identification of agent Jurist (the cover name of a Soviet agent operating in 1944 and named by Venona project) as Harry Dexter White, deceased. White was formerly the Administrative Assistant to former Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau. DETAILS: You have previously been advised of information obtained from [Venona Project] regarding Jurist who was active during 1944. According to the previous information received from Venona project regarding Jurist, during April 1944, he had reported on conversations between the then Secretary of State Hull and Vice President Wallace. He also reported on Wallace's proposed trip to China. On August 5, 1944 he reported to the Soviets that he was confident of President Roosevelt's victory in the coming elections unless there was a huge military failure. He also reported that Truman's nomination as Vice President was calculated to secure the vote of the conservative wing of the Democratic Party. It was also reported that Jurist was willing for any self-sacrifice on behalf of the MGB but was afraid that his activities, if exposed, might lead to a political scandal and have an effect on the elections. It was also mentioned that he would be returning to Washington, D.C., on August 17, 1944. The new information from [Venona Project] indicates that Jurist and Morgenthau were to make a trip to London and Normandy and leaving the United States on August 5, 1944.

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