

# United States Overseas Airlines, Inc.

Declaration of Roger W. E. Cox Jr.

I, Roger W. E. Cox Jr., founder and president of U. S. Overseas Airlines declare that I have recently read Clayton Burnwell's affidavit which I he submitted to the Civil Aeronautics Board relative to Southern Air Transport and its involvement with the C.I.A.

My company U.S.O.A. was a leading supplemental airline in the years Mr. Burnwell refers to, when he claims that he informed the carrier members that the C.I.A. was the owner of Southern Air Transport.

I categorically state, that I never heard any such information from any other carriers, lawyers, officials, or Mr. Burnwell. My first knowledge of CIA and S.A.T. came about as a result of reading "the cult of intelligence" and CAB documents in 1975, fifteen or more years after the time Mr. Burnwell refers to.

Mr. Burnell was the president of the Independent Airlines Association around this time, and if he knew of the C.I.A. involvement with our industry, he was morally duty bound to inform the members. USA was a member during some of this time.

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Mr. Clayton Burnell deliberately assisted Mr. Coates  
Lear in destroying the I.A.A. in the summer of  
1961. These two men worked hand in glove to  
create a new association, NACA, whose members  
strangely enough were the only ones receiving  
huge MATS contracts. These exceptionally  
favored carriers, by the MATS contracting  
officer Edward Driscoll, (who subsequently became  
and still is, the president of NACA), violated a  
fiduciary duty to IAA when they secretly con-  
spired to form a competing association.

Within a few months, IAA was forced  
into bankruptcy.

It is also interesting to note, that Mr.  
George Astras the Treasurer of IAA resigned  
in protest against the extravagant mishandling  
of IAA funds. Mr. Astras had been asked to  
take control as president of IAA. He stated, that  
he would do so if a new and tight fisted spend-  
ing policy were immediately put into effect giving  
him the absolute control of the purse strings.

Mr. Astras' terms were agreed to by Mr. Burnell,  
and not having taken a holiday for several years,  
he went away for a couple weeks. Upon his  
return the thirty odd thousand dollars in IAA's  
bank account had been squandered by

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