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In-Q-Tel: Big Tech & the Surveillance State

“Sauron has regained much of his former strength.... Concealed within in his fortress, the Lord of Mordor sees all. His gaze pierces cloud, shadow, earth, and flesh. You know of what I speak: a great eye, lidless, wreathed in flame.”

“The Eye of Sauron.”

“He is gathering all evil to him. Very soon he will have summoned an army great enough to launch an assault upon Middle Earth.”

“You know this? How?”

“I have seen it.”



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Omnipresent surveillance: Before George Orwell’s 1984, philosopher Jeremy Bentham proposed the “panopticon” for perpetual monitoring of prisoners. We are rapidly approaching a New World Order in which globalists would make all of us prisoners in a panopticon.

So spoke Saruman — the sellout wizard who betrayed Middle Earth and joined forces with the evil Lord Sauron — to Gandalf in Peter Jackson’s film adaptation of JRR Tolkien’s *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*. By what means did Saruman “see” the growing power of Sauron? He possessed a *palantír*, one of the ancient “seeing stones” that enabled users to see things from afar.

Like Saruman, the sellouts of our civilization have their own *palantír*. Palantir Technologies was launched in 2003 as a joint venture of billionaire techie Peter Thiel (of PayPal and Facebook fortunes) and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Thiel chipped in \$30 million and the CIA, operating through its venture-capital arm In-Q-Tel, reportedly put up \$2 million. If you didn’t know the CIA was in the venture-capital business, you’re not alone. Probably few Americans are aware that the CIA has an outfit called In-Q-Tel, and fewer still realize it has been very busy financing tech startups with tax dollars for more than two decades.

But the \$2 million In-Q-Tel invested in Palantir is only part of the Thiel-CIA story. The mega-rich Thiel, quite obviously, did not need In-Q-Tel’s relatively paltry sum of taxpayer money. No, the partnership involved much more than that. As to be expected, the details are spy-world murky, but the deal involved close collaboration between Palantir’s Palo Alto geeks and Langley’s scientists, spooks, and technicians. The CIA collaboration and imprimatur has been more important than the In-Q-Tel cash infusion. An investment by the CIA is viewed by many venture capitalists as a good indicator that the new startup has an open pathway to government contracts and, hence, a steady (and expanding) revenue stream. Every dollar In-Q-Tel invests in a company is seen as a stamp of approval that can be counted on to bring in another \$12 to \$15 from other venture capitalists, according to *The Wall Street Journal*.

Black Ops Cash and Control

During its early years, the CIA was not only Palantir’s patron, but its only customer. With the CIA’s



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help, however, Palantir's investor pool swelled dramatically. It has catapulted to the top of the artificial intelligence (AI) dogpile, particularly as it pertains to the type of massive data mining necessary for the Orwellian total surveillance state. You know, such as the one they have in Communist China, with their omnipresent video cameras and microphones for their social-credit system. But the Palantir-CIA brand appears to be far more sophisticated — and therefore, could become even more intrusive and oppressive — than the Chi-Com system.

This is especially concerning since Palantir's customer base now includes major intelligence, military, police, commercial, medical, and financial organizations: CIA, FBI, DIA, NSA, DHS, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Space Force, federal Department of Health and Human Services, New York Police Department, Los Angeles Police Department, New Orleans Police Department, JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Morgan Stanley, Merck, Airbus, Fiat Chrysler, and more.

Palantir hasn't revealed how many police departments are using its software and services, but the number is believed to be at least in the dozens, if not hundreds. Some local law-enforcement organizations (LEOs) undoubtedly are using Palantir inadvertently and unknowingly, since federally run fusion centers, such as the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center, use Palantir software and provide information (and fedgov propaganda) to local LEOs.

In its marketing outreach to police departments, Palantir boasts that its software enables the NYPD to search 500 million license-plate photos in less than five seconds. Palantir allegedly was used to track down Osama bin Laden and to expose and convict Bernie Madoff, but those widely cited claims have not been corroborated. "With Palantir, investigators are uncovering human trafficking rings, finding exploited children, and unraveling complex financial crimes," Palantir's website says. "Humanitarian response organizations are directing resources more effectively to communities affected by natural disasters," the promo continues. "Prosecutors are building stronger cases against insider traders. Public health officials are tracking and containing the spread of deadly diseases."



Conservative libertarian? Billionaire tech mogul Peter Thiel has bought his way into GOP politics as a major party funder, but his Palantir ties to the CIA and Big Government surveillance and his promotion of the LGBTQ agenda should cause MAGA Republicans and all liberty-minded Americans serious concerns. (AP Images)



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Trojan Horse

Palantir and In-Q-Tel would like to conjure up images of the popular CBS series *Person of Interest* (2011-2016), starring Jim Caviezel as a former CIA agent who has teamed up with a reclusive tech mogul using Palantir-type technology to foil, capture, or kill assorted baddies. However, the technology is a double-edged sword that can — and invariably will — be used *by* baddies against the innocent.

Surely, though, this technology is safe in the hands of Peter Thiel, right? After all, he is an outspoken “conservative libertarian,” a free-market entrepreneur, a stalwart advocate of privacy and free speech, a critic of woke corporatism, a foe of cultural Marxism and political correctness, an opponent of government subsidies, and a proponent of more limited government. At least that is his public persona. But how does this public persona mesh with reality? In reality, much (perhaps most) of Thiel’s vast fortune is connected to government contracts and subsidies.

Last year Thiel joined fellow billionaire and former Google CEO Eric Schmidt in founding a gift called America’s Frontier Fund (AFF) to lobby the federal and state governments for billions of taxpayer dollars for a massive program for advanced semiconductor design and manufacture. The man Thiel and Schmidt hired as CEO to head up this venture is Gilman Louie, who, significantly, was the same guy the CIA hired as the founding CEO of In-Q-Tel. Louie also happens to be a member of that globalist cabal known as the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), the public face of the Deep State.

Schmidt, a megadonor to the Obama-Clinton-Biden campaigns, seems to be following the path blazed by Bill Gates of buying his way into setting government policy, as, for instance, his funding of Biden’s Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). He also, according to *Politico*, placed more than a dozen of his associates into Biden’s White House staff. Schmidt and Thiel are both members of the Steering Committee of the Bilderberg Group, the ultra-secretive coterie of elite globalists obsessed with imposing their New World Order on humanity. Both Thiel and Schmidt were also brought up and promoted through the Young Global Leaders program of the World Economic Forum (WEF).

The lobbying effort by Team Thiel-Schmidt and their billionaire tech bros is paying off. Last August, President Biden signed into law the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 to appropriate \$52 billion to support semiconductor research and manufacturing. On April 25, 2023, the Biden Commerce Department announced plans to spend \$11 billion of that sum for a National Semiconductor Technology Center.



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