



Ted Kennedy: Reagan's Benedict Arnold

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[Sen. Ted] Kennedy is very impressed with the activities of Y. V. Andropov and other Soviet leaders.

~ May 14, 1983 Memo of KGB Chief, Victor Chebrikov

The death of any famous or infamous person brings out an assortment of skeletons from their proverbial [closet](#). One skeleton that caught my attention last week was the astonishing claim, based on KGB documents released under the *Glasnost* policies, of Russian President Boris Yeltsin on Sen. Ted Kennedy.

Kennedy's treason first came to public attention in a Feb. 2, 1992, article in the London Times, titled, "Teddy, the KGB and the top secret file," by reporter Tim Sebastian. The seditious events were also published in Human Events in 2003, which read in part:

One of the documents, a KGB report to bosses in the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee, revealed that "In 1978, American Sen. Edward Kennedy requested the assistance of the KGB to establish a relationship" between the Soviet apparatus and a firm owned by former Sen. John Tunney, D-Ca. KGB recommended that they be permitted to do this because Tunney's firm was already connected with a KGB agent in France named David Karr. This document was found by the knowledgeable Russian journalist Yevgenia Albats and published in Moscow's *Izvestia* in June 1992.

Another even more disturbing KGB memo was analyzed in detail by writer Paul Kengor in his 2006 book, "[The Crusader: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism.](#)"

The memo, dated May 14, 1983, is from the head of the KGB, Victor Chebrikov, to his boss, the sinister Soviet General Secretary Yuri Andropov. The highly confidential document was in regards to a clandestine offer to the Soviet [leadership](#) by none other than Sen. Ted Kennedy. What was the *quid pro quo*? If the Soviet Union would help Sen.

Kennedy and the Democratic Party defeat President Ronald Reagan in the upcoming 1984 elections, then Sen. Kennedy would use the American media to exploit existential tensions between the U.S. and the Soviet Union over the issue of peaceful co-existence and nuclear proliferation.

Ted Kennedy wanted to show that Reagan was a greater enemy of U.S.-Soviet relations than Yuri Andropov (former head of the KGB and the [architect](#) of such brutal military campaigns as "Prague Spring" in 1968, Kabul, Afghanistan, in 1979 and Warsaw, Poland, in 1981). To the Democratic Party and Sen. Ted Kennedy *one* stalwart Republican was more of a danger to world peace than the entire Soviet government, which by 1983 had seized power and established communist dictatorships in dozens of countries throughout the world.

Does this latest old revelation forever make Sen. Kennedy President Reagan's Benedict Arnold? I think it does; here's why.

JFK said at his Inaugural Address in January 1961: "[History](#), the final judge of our deeds." That said, history has repeatedly affirmed that President Reagan, during his eight years as president (1981-89), put the death nail in the coffin of the old Soviet empire by outspending them on military [hardware](#) and by exposing the "evil empire." Reagan believed in American exceptionalism, that America was that "shining city on a hill."

On the other hand, Sen. Ten Kennedy, for almost 50 years as a U.S. Senator, including the eight years Reagan was president, used every Machiavellian tactic learned from his father, Joe Kennedy Sr. to undermine and destroy the vaunted "Reagan Revolution," even as those transcendent ideas eventually smashed Soviet communism to its foundations and granted freedom to tens of millions of people.

Indeed, Sen. Ted Kennedy was President Reagan's Benedict Arnold.

Regarding some of the ugly details of Sen. Ted Kennedy's treachery against President Reagan and America, Kengor wrote:

According to the memo, Senator Kennedy was "very troubled" by U.S.-Soviet relations, which Kennedy attributed not to the murderous tyrant running the USSR but to President Reagan. The problem was Reagan's "belligerence." ...

Chebrikov's memo got to the thrust of Kennedy's offer: The senator was apparently clinging to hope that President Reagan's 1984 re-election bid could be thwarted. Of course, this seemed unlikely, given Reagan's undeniable popularity. ... The only real threats to Reagan are problems of war and peace and Soviet-American relations. These issues, according to the senator, will without a doubt become the most important of the election campaign.

It gets much worse. Kennedy's duplicity and treachery was even more shameless, detailed and complete than other famous traitors in history like: Judas Iscariot, Lady Macbeth,

Benedict Arnold, the French Vichy government and Vidkun Quisling, who opened up his country (Norway) to Hitler's Nazis.

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An interesting excerpt from the 1983 Chebrikov memo was the part where Kennedy promised favorable media treatment for Premiere Andropov and all Soviet officials looking to come to America to bolster USSR public approval, while condemning Reagan's aggressive stance to rebuild America's military as a buffer against Soviet communism. Kengor wrote of Kennedy:

The media savvy Massachusetts senator recommended to the Soviet dictator that he seek a "direct appeal" to the American people. And, on that, "Kennedy and his friends," explained Chebrikov, were willing to help, listing Walter Cronkite and Barbara Walters (both listed by name in the memo) as good candidates for sit-down interviews with the dictator.

This section confirms my profound suspicions of the government-controlled media, particularly Walter Cronkite, whom I chronicled in an earlier [article](#).

I apologize for such a cursory analysis on the detailed and comprehensive treachery by Sen. Ted Kennedy against Carter and Reagan by literally stabbing our presidents and the American people in the back during one of the most dangerous periods of American history – the Cold War. Ted Kennedy's insatiable lust for power and notoriety drove him to Faustian alliances with the most murderous communist dictatorship the world has ever known.

Who could be against America, the last great hope for civilization and the only buffer against a worldwide communist dictatorship? We can now clearly see from a number of declassified KGB memos and other documents from the Kremlin archives that indeed it was the Democratic Party led by Sen. Ted Kennedy ... the Benedict Arnold of our time.



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