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ARTICLE BY HANSON W. BALDWIN IN  
"THE NEW YORK TIMES," JULY 26, 1962  
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SYNOPSIS

Captain TURNER F. CALDWELL, Jr., Office of Chief of Naval Operations, met BALDWIN in 1953 and has had no further contact with him. Stated he had no information regarding instant leak of information, but personally felt that it came from ROSWELL L. GILPATRIC. Basis of opinion was incident in 1961 when sensitive information published in BALDWIN column. CALDWELL learned at that time that BALDWIN had been in Washington and seen GILPATRIC just prior to publication of article. Assistant Secretary of Defense PAUL H. NITZE interviewed and indicated he had no recent contact with BALDWIN. Colonel RAYMOND T. SLEEPER, Air Force, met BALDWIN in 1954 and again in 1956. He could furnish no pertinent information regarding instant leak. Major General DALE O. SMITH, Special Assistant for Arms Control, Department of Defense, could furnish no information regarding instant leak. Dr. GLENN T. SEABORG, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, advised he was not acquainted with BALDWIN and had never been contacted by him. Major General C. F. LEONARD, Jr., interviewed with negative results. Information from confidential informant set out regarding comments of BALDWIN on investigation.

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Captain TURNER F. CALDWELL, Jr., USN  
Assistant Director, Strategic Plans Division,  
Office of Chief of Naval Operations

Captain CALDWELL advised on August 20, 1962, he had just returned from leave; that he was aware of the leak to HANSON BALDWIN but had not had any opportunity to read the column of July 26, 1962. After perusal of the news article in the Agent's presence, Captain CALDWELL advised his only contact with BALDWIN occurred in 1953 when CALDWELL was Executive Officer on the aircraft carrier "FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT" and this ship took part in a North Atlantic Treaty Organization fleet exercise known as "Main Brace." BALDWIN as a member of the press was among a group of reporters who were covering this naval maneuver. He said he had not had any contact with BALDWIN since that occasion.

Captain CALDWELL said he had no information as to how instant leak occurred but in response to questions voiced the personal opinion the leak possibly occurred within the area of the office of the Secretary of Defense. When pressed for his feelings in this regard, Captain CALDWELL said his personal conviction was the leak probably came from ROSWELL L. GILPATRIC, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Captain CALDWELL said his reason for such personal belief dated back to an event which occurred in 1961. He related that shortly after the new administration took office he was assigned to a study group under Doctor ALAIN ENTHOVEN to prepare a "Top Secret" study known as "Strategic Forces Study." CALDWELL related this paper upon completion went to Mr. MC NAMARA, Secretary of Defense, for presentation to the President. He said the matter was very closely held and he knew other copies went to Mr. HITCH, Assistant Secretary of Defense - Comptroller, and a copy also was directed to Mr. GILPATRIC, Deputy Secretary of Defense. CALDWELL said even before the study was in the hands of the President, a paraphrased, detailed draft of the study appeared in HANSON BALDWIN's column. Captain CALDWELL said there was considerable consternation about this leak and Doctor ENTHOVEN personally blamed Captain CALDWELL for the leak. Captain CALDWELL said he was incensed over this false accusation so he conducted some inquiry on his own to try to pin-point the leak. Captain CALDWELL said the results of his inquiry

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convinced him that Mr. GILPATRIC was BALDWIN's source; also, he had learned BALDWIN had been in town and had seen Mr. GILPATRIC immediately prior to the publication of BALDWIN's column on this matter.

Captain CALDWELL said with regard to instant leak he could not see any military service "pitch"; instead, he felt more in favor of the possibility it could be a "controlled" leak for some reason unknown to Captain CALDWELL.

Captain CALDWELL said in the Strategic Plans Division there are only about six persons knowledgeable of the NIE material. Captain CALDWELL said in accordance with Secretary MC NAMARA's directive, immediately after the HANSON BALDWIN article appeared in the newspaper, a survey was conducted among personnel in the Strategic Plans Division and it was disclosed that none of the personnel having access to the NIE data had seen BALDWIN immediately prior to the July 26, 1962, newspaper column.

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**Mr. PAUL H. NITZE**  
**Assistant Secretary of Defense**  
**For International Security Affairs (ISA)**

Mr. NITZE advised on August 20, 1962, he has known HANSON BALDWIN for a number of years but has not had any contact with BALDWIN since Mr. NITZE took office as Assistant Secretary of Defense. He said some months ago BALDWIN wrote an article concerning Mr. NITZE's presentation of a defense policy matter before the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Paris. The BALDWIN article was completely at variance with the facts in that Mr. NITZE's presentation took a policy position in alignment with military and Joint Chiefs of Staff thinking in this matter, as contrary to the stand advocated by State and other civilian agencies. He said BALDWIN claimed in this article that NITZE had presented a position not in accordance with the military feeling. Mr. NITZE said BALDWIN was completely wrong in his column and never took any steps to correct this erroneous article. He stated he was considerably put out about the matter and since that time BALDWIN has made no effort to see him.

Concerning the BALDWIN article of July 26, 1962, Mr. NITZE stated it was his feeling the leak had occurred from someone who had a good knowledge of the NIE material but Mr. NITZE stated he had no suggestion or information as to where the leak may have occurred or who might have been involved.

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COLONEL RAYMOND T. SLEEPER  
HEADQUARTERS, SYSTEMS COMMAND  
U. S. AIR FORCE, ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE

Colonel SLEEPER was interviewed on August 23, 1962. He advised that he had first met HANSON BALDWIN in about 1954 when he was stationed at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama. BALDWIN had appeared before an air symposium at Maxwell and SLEEPER met him at a cocktail party subsequent to the appearance of BALDWIN before the symposium. This was merely a social meeting and SLEEPER spent no substantial period of time with BALDWIN.

Sometime during 1956, BALDWIN arrived at Carswell Air Force Base, Forth Worth, Texas, where SLEEPER was assigned as a pilot of a B-36. SLEEPER was assigned to carry BALDWIN as a passenger in an exhibition flight which continued for approximately 20 to 30 minutes. SLEEPER explained certain operational capabilities of the B-36 during this flight. He noted that the B-36 was a controversial plane at that time and BALDWIN was merely familiarizing himself with information available to the general public. SLEEPER has not seen BALDWIN or been in contact with him since that time.

Colonel SLEEPER stated that he had the opportunity to read the NIE 11-8-62 report but that he had not discussed its contents with BALDWIN or any other individual. He was not familiar with any individuals with whom BALDWIN was in contact nor could he furnish any suggestions as to the source of the leak of information.

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**MAJOR GENERAL DALE O. SMITH  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR ARMS CONTROL  
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

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Major General Smith was interviewed on August 21, 1962. He advised that several years ago he met HANSON BALDWIN but that he had never developed this acquaintance. He has not seen BALDWIN for at least ten years. He knows of no specific individuals with whom BALDWIN is acquainted but is of the opinion that BALDWIN contacts only those officials on the highest level in the Government. He could furnish no suspects as to the source of instant leak.

SMITH stated that although he was not aware of any individual who was in contact with BALDWIN, he did feel that there were certain persons or elements in the Government who held views towards arms control which would be benefited by fragmentary leaks of information such as that appearing in the July 26, 1962, article by BALDWIN. The philosophy of these individuals, none of whom SMITH would specifically identify, would permit the Soviets to realize that the United States has sufficient information regarding the Soviet military potential and that nothing additional would be gained by free inspection. This position was absolutely opposed by the JCS and all of the military. SMITH stated that the individuals holding the above philosophy were in the scientific community and various sections of the Department of State.

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DR. GLENN T. SEABORG  
CHAIRMAN, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Dr. SEABORG was interviewed on August 29, 1962. He advised he was familiar with the content of NIE 11-8-62 inasmuch as he attended a briefing conducted at the National Security Council on July 9 and 10, 1962, regarding the content of this document. Dr. SEABORG stated he had not discussed the content of this document with any individuals whatsoever. He stated he was not personally acquainted with HANSON BALDWIN nor had he ever had any contact with him. BALDWIN, to his knowledge, has never contacted his office since Dr. SEABORG assumed his present position.

Dr. SEABORG stated that he was unable to furnish any information regarding the source of this leak of information. Although he was not aware of the identity of any contacts of BALDWIN employed in the Government, Dr. SEABORG stated that he assumed prominent Government officials, such as, ROSWELL L. GILPATRIC, Department of Defense, and JOHN MC CONE, Director, CIA, who had been in Government service for many years, might possibly have been acquainted with BALDWIN. However, Dr. SEABORG stated that he had no personal knowledge that either of these individuals were contacts of BALDWIN.

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MAJOR GENERAL C. F. LEONARD, JR.  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF,  
INTELLIGENCE, U. S. ARMY

Major General LEONARD was interviewed on August 24, 1962. He is not acquainted with BALDWIN and had no information as to the source of the leak of information.

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A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past learned that on the evening of August 15, 1962, HANSON W. BALDWIN was in contact with a person believed to be his daughter, BARBARA. BALDWIN stated that "They went down to the Alumni House at Annapolis" to ascertain who had attended a meeting of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association of which BALDWIN is a member.

BALDWIN's daughter inquired whether BALDWIN had warned any of his friends. He replied, "I didn't know they were going down there. I wouldn't warn them anyhow. That would be the worst thing to do. One of my friends wrote me from Washington and told me that - - he's an irrepressible anyway - - told me that he had literally, almost literally, been threatened with a lie detector test. It is a heck of a fine thing for an officer and gentleman." BALDWIN also commented that this man was not "intimidated."

In response to his daughter's comment that she hoped "your source is not easily intimidated," BALDWIN stated that he did not think so and he shared her hope but, "that's the only thing I would worry about."

BALDWIN's daughter then inquired what BALDWIN thought of "Mr. KENNEDY's 'column play'" and when BALDWIN asked what she meant she stated, "Oh, I mean I think that the way this is handled it's awful!" BALDWIN said, "There is a good article in 'Look' magazine on KENNEDY and the press but it doesn't have some of the most important things in it. However, it has a lot of instances." BALDWIN's daughter asked, "What is it? He doesn't like criticism?" BALDWIN replied, "No, he doesn't like criticism, but this wasn't a critical article, dear. He goes off half-cocked. He uses the FBI and police power much too freely. It can be a dangerous thing and if it continues - - if it continues we're really going to have to go to town."

BALDWIN's daughter inquired whether SCOTTY (JAMES B.) RESTON, head of the Washington, D.C., office of "The New York Times" was on BALDWIN's side. BALDWIN assured her that RESTON was. BALDWIN was then asked if "ORVIL" (apparently ORVIL DRYFOOS, publisher of "The New York Times") was "scared." BALDWIN

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replied "No. I don't think he is scared. I think he was impressed. When the President sends you a special letter by a special messenger, as I told him before the message arrived, this is only intended to represent kind of a form of pressure because Presidents don't do these things unless they expect to get some kind of results about it, and I told him about the President's sending General TAYLOR to see Mr. LUCE to complain about an article in 'Fortune' magazine. Mr. LUCE sent General TAYLOR back with a bee in his ear. But not Mr. DRYFOOS. Mr. DRYFOOS is another breed of cat." BALDWIN also commented that he did not think DRYFOOS was "a very strong man" but that LUCE was "ruthless."

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