

list of credentials, and past posts and positions, is befitting of the British upper class.

Finding information on the Bilderberg Group is not easy. References to it are occasionally found in books that are both right wing (conservative) and left wing (liberal) in nature. The right wing sees this and related organizations, such as the United States-based CFR and the internationally-oriented Trilateral Commission, as being behind a conspiracy to bring a totalitarian, one-world government into being. On the other hand, the left wing sees them behind an effort to spread a non-democratic, capitalist economic system over the world to the exclusion of all others. Scholars who study these matters have labeled the field "establishment studies." (17, p 26) The amount of verifiable information on the Bilderberg Group is sparse; documentation on the CFR and the Trilateral Commission is widely available.

The CFR was established in 1921 as "a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization dedicated to improving understanding of American foreign policy and international affairs through the free exchange of ideas." (18) The Council conducts meetings for its members to hear the views of foreign policy officials and experts from the United States and abroad. It also publishes books and papers and, since 1922, it has published the respected journal, *Foreign Affairs*. All Council publications are available to the general public and its library is open to qualified users. All substantive records of the Council more than 25 years old are open for reference use in the library. However, according to Shoup (15), "substantive" records include only records of groups, conferences and meetings; records of the meetings of the Board of Directors, Council committees and records of the editor of *Foreign Affairs* are closed. (19) Members are elected to membership upon nomination by a membership committee and elected without term, although up to 50 persons under the age of 35 may be elected to a five year term membership. Membership is limited to U. S. citizens and permanent residents who have made application to become citizens. As of June, 1990, the Council had 2,670 members. The organization is reportedly funded through members' dues, income from publications, endowment income, subscriptions to its Corporate Program, foundation grants, and voluntary gifts. Its membership roster is published annually.

The Trilateral Commission was established in 1973 on the initiative of then CFR Chairman of the Board, David Rockefeller. The