

# Introduction

The following documents from The National Archives and Library of Congress reveal that beginning in 1924, American political icon W. Averell Harriman and George Herbert Walker, the maternal great-grandfather of President George W. Bush, served as U.S. partners of and private bankers for Nazi industrialist Fritz Thyssen, the financial architect of The Third Reich and Adolf Hitler's rise to power.

Beginning in 1926, the partnership included E. Roland Harriman and Prescott Bush, the grandfather of President George W. Bush.

Beginning in 1942, as a result of an article in the *New York Herald Tribune*, the U.S. Congress began investigating and then seizing a number of U.S. businesses managed by Bush, Walker and the Harriman's. After the seizure of five primary Nazi front enterprises in late 1942, and despite warnings from the U.S. Treasury and Justice Departments, Bush and the Harriman's continued their concealed relationships with "enemy nationals" until 1951, when the last of 23 Bush-Harriman client assets were seized by the U.S. Office of the Alien Property Custodian.

Later in 1951, Bush and E. Roland Harriman each received \$1.5 million in settlement of their business assets that had been seized.

The following documents provide conclusive and irrefutable proof of an airtight, 60-year cover-up of a vitally important piece of American history that had been expunged from the public record, until journalist and investigative reporter John Buchanan confirmed their existence on September 17, 2003 and took possession of authenticated copies.

These documents are authenticated copies of U.S. government records from The National Archives and Library of Congress. Some of them were only declassified and cleared for public release as of September 13, 2003. Four days later, on September 17, journalist and investigative reporter John Buchanan became the first reporter in 60 years to prove the existence of such documents.