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Newspaper article: *New York Herald Tribune*

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This article prompted the investigation of Prescott Bush and his partners at Brown Brothers Harriman because it exposed their role as U.S. partners of and private bankers for Nazi industrialist Fritz Thyssen, the financial architect of The Third Reich. In his autobiography, *I Paid Hitler*, Thyssen admitted direct personal relationships with Joseph Goebbels, Hermann Goring, Rudolf Hess and Adolf Hitler himself.

The article did not, however, mention Bush, George Herbert Walker or the Harriman brothers by name, nor did it reveal that they were partners in Brown Brothers Harriman. By neglecting to publish this information, the *Herald Tribune* began the 60-year cover-up. No such article ever again appeared in a “reputable” U.S. newspaper. The few brief references that appeared since then, most notably in *The Boston Globe* in April 2001, served as pro-Bush propaganda that subtly dismissed the now well-documented Bush family Nazi past as unproven “allegations.”