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BOB BAER

Baer was raised in Aspen, Colorado and aspired to become a professional skier. After a poor academic performance during his freshman year at high school, his mother sent him to Indiana's Culver Military Academy. In 1976, after graduating from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and entering the University of California, Berkeley, Baer decided to join the CIA's Directorate of Operations (DO) as a case officer. Upon admittance to the CIA, Baer engaged in a year's training, which included a four-month paramilitary course.

During his twenty year CIA career, Baer has publicly acknowledged field assignments in Madras and New Delhi, India; in Beirut, Lebanon; in Dushanbe, Tajikistan; and in Salah al-Din in Kurdish northern Iraq. While in Salah al-Din Baer unsuccessfully urged the Clinton Administration to back an internal Iraqi attempt to overthrow Saddam Hussein (organized by a group of Sunni military officers, the Iraqi National Congress' Ahmad Chalabi, and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan's Jalal Talabani) in March of 1995 with covert CIA assistance. Baer quit the Agency in 1997 and received the CIA's Career Intelligence Medal on March 11, 1998. Baer wrote the book *See No Evil* documenting his experiences while working for the Agency.

Baer offers an analysis of the Middle East through the lens of his experiences as a CIA operative. His political outlook does not hew exclusively to either conservative or liberal viewpoints. Through his years as a clandestine officer, he gained a very thorough knowledge of the Middle East, Arab world and former Republics of the Soviet Union. He speaks Arabic fluently. Over the years, Baer has become a strong advocate of the Agency's need to increase Human Intelligence (HUMINT) through the recruitment of agents.

Baer's books *See No Evil* and *Sleeping with the Devil* were the basis for the 2005 Academy Award winning Warner Brothers motion picture *Syriana*. The film's character Bob Barnes (played by George Clooney) is loosely based on Baer. For the past two years Robert Baer has worked closely with Many Rivers Films, a Channel 4 production company in the UK, and presented two authoritative documentary series *The Cult of the Suicide Bomber I* and *Cult of the Suicide Bomber II* on the origins of suicide bombing. *Cult of the Suicide Bomber I* was nominated for an Emmy in 2006.