

Preface

William Grissom was one of the wealthiest people in the world. He made his fortune by creating user friendly software applications. His business grew and eventually he created Elevation Computer Systems. His company now had more than thirty thousand employees and his software applications were used by more than 70% of the world's population.

He enjoyed his wealth and spent lavishly on homes, cars, a fleet of planes, and a custom built yacht. Despite spending hundreds of millions, it barely made a dent in his bank accounts. He was an outgoing guy, and because of his friendly nature and wealth, he had many friends. But he never allowed any of them to become too close. He was sure they were all jealous of his immense fortune, and the only reason they were his friends was because they wanted a piece of it. He was single, had no desire for a family, and was determined to stay that way.

He wanted to protect his wealth, and after exhaustive research, came to the conclusion the best way to do that was to live in a country with a socialist government. In every country with that type of government, the rich and powerful remained that way at the expense of the lower classes. Any attempt by the poor to change their lives through political or social action resulted in them being crushed by the government controlled military. So, they had virtually no chance to improve their lives. This is what William Grissom envisioned for the United States, and he decided he would use his wealth to change the government.

It was a little more than two years until the next presidential election, and Will thought it was the right time to put his plan into operation. He contacted twenty-five other super rich people and asked them to attend a meeting in Davos, Switzerland. It took some convincing, but eventually all but one agreed to attend. They all arrived in their private jets on a Monday afternoon and had a lavish dinner that evening.

The following morning at 10:00, they all met in a large conference room. Will was standing by the door and greeted everyone as they walked in. Then he handed them a card with their seat number. He knew that not everyone attending the meeting spoke English, so seats were assigned and headphones were placed at the seats of the people who didn't understand English. He used AI translators so everyone in attendance would be able to understand what he said. When everyone was seated Will walked over to the podium and began to speak, "I would like to thank you all for coming here today. We can all speak freely here. The room is electronically shielded, so it's impossible to transmit a signal from inside this room. Any attempt to record audio or video will fail. I asked you to come here because

all of us are quite wealthy and we all have a strong desire to protect our wealth. I believe the best way to do that is to create a new world order based on socialism. A substantial number of people already live in socialist societies. That includes the people living in Russia, China, North Korea, Cuba, and Venezuela. In all those countries the rich and powerful remain that way. Now it's time to convert the countries in Europe and North America. It'll be a long process, but one that can be achieved by using our wealth to subvert the governments of our countries.

“I've already formulated a plan to do that in the United States. The first step is to make sure our chosen candidate wins the next presidential election. It has to be someone who is charismatic, speaks intelligently, leans left politically, and can be bought for a reasonable sum of money. I've narrowed down my list to four people, and a final choice will be made in the next sixty days. I believe that those of you who live in countries with democratic governments should do the same. Every country has politicians like that.

“I also believe we should all have a financial stake in this endeavor. So, I'm asking each of you to contribute twenty million dollars to the effort. I know we can all afford that. The money will be used to create a company called The Global Dynamics Fund. In exchange for your contribution, you'll receive one hundred shares of stock in the company. Please be assured that any large expenditures will have to be approved by a majority of the stockholders.

“In order to make sure our candidate wins, we're going to have to control the media. The voters must only be able to hear or read good things about our candidate and bad things about his or her opponent. To that end we will be purchasing a controlling interest in several major publications in the United States. I've already managed to buy the allegiance of people who are in a position to exert control over the major television networks. It's going to be expensive, but worth every penny.

“After our candidate wins the election, legislation will be introduced that will begin to subvert the right to free speech and the right to own guns. Then we'll have to do something to destabilize the U.S. economy so the people will become more dependent on the government. Once that happens, we'll be able to retain control of the government forever, because people always vote for what they believe is going to be most beneficial for them.

“At this point, it's impossible to precisely define every action we'll have to take, but I believe this is a good start. I hope you're all with me on this.”

Will stopped speaking and every person in the room stood up and applauded. Will looked around the room and smiled.

Chapter 1

Every person in Will's audience made the requested contribution. Will used the money to create The Global Dynamics Fund as promised. That process took five weeks. While that was going on Will's assistant, Jennifer Dorn, researched what would be needed to control the three largest newspapers in the United States. Newspapers had lost a substantial number of readers over the previous five years, but they all operated websites that had a large number of followers. After Jennifer's research was completed, Will told her to buy 10% more stock than the amount she determined would be needed. Ten days later Will controlled the City Gazette, The Washington Informer, and the Los Angeles Inquirer. Will appointed Jennifer to the position of vice president of The Global Dynamics Fund. She sent a letter to the chairman of the board of each publication requesting a meeting of the board as soon as possible.

Now it was time for Will to make his decision on the person who would become the next president of the United States. He chose Barry Osborn, the newly elected junior senator from Minnesota. He was black, forty-two years old, and had a law degree from the University of Minnesota. He was admitted to the bar, but never really practiced law. He decided he wanted a career in politics. He ran for mayor in his hometown and won with 71% of the vote. Two years later he was elected to the position of senator in the state legislature. He served in that position for six years before he ran for the U.S. Senate. He managed to defeat the incumbent by a substantial margin. During his entire political career he supported every left leaning piece of legislation.

Will sent out a message to all of his stockholders to inform them of his decision and asked for their comments regarding it. The following day he received a response from all of them, and except for a few comments about his age and lack of experience, they all thought he was an excellent choice.

Barry Osborn was completely unaware that Will wanted him to run for president. They had spoken several times on the phone, but had never met in person. Will decided it was time to change that. He knew Congress was not in session, so he called Barry on his cell phone and asked him where he was. Barry told him he would be in Minneapolis for the next three days, so Will asked him if they could meet at the Minneapolis airport at 1:00 the following afternoon. Barry agreed and Will told him he would call him a half hour before his plane landed. Then he asked Jennifer to inform his pilot that they had to be in Minneapolis by 1:00 the following day. As promised,

Will called Barry at 12:30 and told him to be at the general aviation terminal at 1:00.

As Will walked out of the jetway he saw Barry waiting for him. He walked over and they shook hands. Will said, "Barry, it's nice to finally meet you in person."

"It's nice to meet you as well, Mr. Grissom. But I'm wondering about the purpose for this meeting."

"Call me Will. Please come on board where we can talk in private and I'll explain everything."

Barry followed Will onto the plane. They sat down in opposing recliners. "Would you like something to drink?" Will asked.

"No, thank you."

"Okay, I'll get right to the point. Have you ever thought about running for president?"

"Yeah, I'm sure every politician thinks about that."

"I've been searching for the person I believe is the ideal candidate to win in the next election, and after several months I decided that person is you."

Barry could hardly believe what he heard. He had dreamed about running for president, but not until he served a couple of terms in the Senate. "I'm really flattered, but I have to ask why you think I'm the ideal candidate?"

"Because you have all the qualities my associates and I are looking for. You're young, an excellent public speaker, have a law degree, have similar political viewpoints, and you want to be rich. Also, because you're black, you have instant credibility with 13% of the population."

"How do you know I want to be rich?"

"That's easy, everyone wants to be rich. And if you win the presidency, becoming wealthy is a forgone conclusion."

"I have no organization, so how could I possibly raise the money needed to fund a presidential campaign?"

"Money won't be a problem. Have you heard about The Global Dynamics Fund?"

"No, I don't believe so."

"I'm not surprised, but soon it'll become very well known. Twenty-five very wealthy people put up twenty million dollars each to create the company. Its sole purpose is to spend the money necessary to alter the government of the United States. We want the United States to become a socialist country. We all believe it's the best way to protect our wealth. So, we have half a billion dollars to spend to make sure you win. We've already purchased a controlling interest in the three largest news organizations in

the United States. I'll begin meeting with the boards of directors shortly. The purpose of the meetings is to make sure you have the publicity needed to win the nomination and the election. Of course, I need you to agree to run. Once you do that, we'll do all the hard work. All you have to do is make nice speeches and tell people what they want to hear."

"What happens if I say no?"

"We'll find somebody else, but why would you say no? Isn't this your dream?"

"Yeah, I suppose it is. Okay, I'll do it."