

LBO2: DC73

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BOILERPLATE

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"When you play, play *hard*." - Theodore Roosevelt

THE SCORE

FINISHING SECOND IN THE OLYMPICS GETS YOU SILVER. FINISHING SECOND IN POLITICS GETS YOU OBLIVION.

—RICHARD M. NIXON

With a war in Southeast Asia, unrest at home, and the evidence in the Watergate scandal reaching closer and closer to the goddamn President of the United States, the political landscape in Washington D.C. buckles and shifts daily. It's a good time to be young and hungry. It's a good time to be ruthless. And it's a good time to know some secrets.

Deals are made on both sides of the Iron Curtain, and Capitol Hill insiders are willing to risk anything—from public disgrace to nuclear Armageddon—for a big payout or a State Department gig. So in the name of Nixon or Brezhnev or Abbie Hoffman or John Wayne, make the system work for you or tear it the hell down.

MOVIE NIGHT

Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, Burn After Reading

RELATIONSHIPS...

1 FAMILY

- ◻ Parent / child
- ◻ Cousins
- ◻ Bastard relation
- ◻ Aunt or uncle / niece or nephew
- ◻ Siblings
- ◻ Distant / unusual / unofficial relatives

2 POLITICS

- ◻ Majority party member / opposition party member
- ◻ Visiting dignitary / host
- ◻ Politician / advisor
- ◻ Communists or communist sympathizers
- ◻ Activists
- ◻ Elder statesman / young Turk

3 MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL

- ◻ Military officers (current and/or former)
- ◻ In the lobbyist game
- ◻ Corporate donor / beneficiary (legal or illegal)
- ◻ Hawk / dove
- ◻ Officer / war profiteer
- ◻ Veterans

4 LAW OR OUTLAW

- ☐ Bribery
- ☐ Blackmail
- ☐ Federal marshal / name on the arrest warrant
- ☐ Named in the same report
- ☐ Spies (same side or not)
- ☐ Revolutionaries (same side or not)

5 ROMANCE

- ☐ Current spouses
- ☐ Estranged spouses
- ☐ John / high-class prostitute
- ☐ One-time fling
- ☐ Lovers
- ☐ Former lovers

6 ON THE OUTSIDE

- ☐ Boss / employee
- ☐ Stewardess / frequent flyer
- ☐ Client / translator
- ☐ Experts on nuclear weapons
- ☐ Custodial or secretarial staff
- ☐ Reporter / source

...IN COLD WAR D.C.

NEEDS...

1 TO SERVE THE MOTHER COUNTRY

- ☐ ... by finding infiltrators
- ☐◦ ... by quashing dissent
- ☐◦◦ ... by going to war / starting a new war
- ☐◦◦◦ ... by toppling a corrupt system
- ☐◦◦◦◦ ... by helping the little people
- ☐◦◦◦◦◦ ... by preventing nuclear annihilation

2 TO GET RICH

- ☐ ... off the American people
- ☐◦ ... by selling state secrets
- ☐◦◦ ... by lying through your teeth
- ☐◦◦◦ ... by landing a job in high finance
- ☐◦◦◦◦ ... by stealing from the Man
- ☐◦◦◦◦◦ ... by securing a government contract

3 TO GET RESPECT

- ☐ ... from your superiors, by advancing their goals
- ☐◦ ... from constituents, by using pork-barrel politics
- ☐◦◦ ... from the counterculture, by sticking it to the Man
- ☐◦◦◦ ... after a major fuckup, by making things right
- ☐◦◦◦◦ ... from a family member, by living up to the legacy
- ☐◦◦◦◦◦ ... from yourself, by upholding your nation's ideals

4 TO GET THE TRUTH

- ... that will bring down the President
- ... that will lead to the nukes being dismantled / deployed
- ◡ ... to change the course of the war in Vietnam
- ◢ ... to lead all people to enlightenment
- ◣ ... during a communication breakdown
- ⊞ ... and reveal a superpower's dirty laundry to its subjects

5 TO GET EVEN

- ... with somebody you think is lying to you
- ... with the country that betrayed you
- ◡ ... with your old boss
- ◢ ... with someone who used you as a political tool
- ◣ ... with the enemies of your culture
- ⊞ ... with the rival who got all the breaks

6 TO GET OUT

- ... by defecting
- ... by escaping with the money
- ◡ ... of a relationship
- ◢ ... of crushing responsibilities
- ◣ ... of the lose-lose political game
- ⊞ ... of this square trip, man

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