

McVEIGH OFFERED WEAPONS FOR SALE ADL REVEALS

Press Release

New York, NY, April 27, 1995 -- The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) today revealed that Oklahoma City bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh, using the alias "T. Tuttle," advertised for sale a military style launcher in The Spotlight, the publication of the extremist and anti-Semitic Liberty Lobby. The ad, which appeared in the August 16, 1993 issue and two subsequent issues, offered for sale a "LAW launcher replica" which "fires 37 mm flares," as well as the flares themselves which can be modified for explosive use. (LAW stands for "light anti-tank weapon.")

According to The Wall Street Journal, an FBI affidavit on McVeigh indicates that he has used the names "Terry Tuttle" and "Tim Tuttle" as aliases. The ad listed an address in Kingman, Arizona, where responses could be sent. This is the same address used by McVeigh as a mail drop when he resided in Kingman.

ADL also revealed that McVeigh operated a booth offering weapons for sale at a September 1993 gun show in Phoenix, Arizona. The sponsor of the show was Crossroads of the West, headquartered in Kaysville, Utah.

The Spotlight regularly features articles sympathetic to the militia movement and its claims of a plot by the Federal Government to take away the rights of Americans. The paper promotes right-wing extremist conspiracy theories, including the alleged use of "black helicopters," Russian tanks and UN troops to take over the United States and create a "New World Order." A lurid September 1994 Spotlight supplement on these themes has been widely distributed among militias. The Spotlight also features Holocaust denial propaganda, as well as meeting notices for groups such as the Aryan Nations and self-styled "patriot" organizations.