

Betrayal of Trust: Susie Wiles' Undisclosed Mining Interests, Bush Connections, and Ethical Fraud

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Fig. 1: February 4, 2025. Susie Wiles gives President Trump the evil eye during the meeting on Gaza with Bibi Netanyahu.

As White House Chief of Staff in Donald Trump's second administration, Susie Wiles wields extraordinary power, her political cunning credited with securing Trump's 2024 victory. Yet, beneath her Republican credentials lies a concealed web of mining interests interlocked with Barrick Gold, BlackRock, Vanguard Group, and a transatlantic elitist network tied to the Pilgrims Society, housed in The City of London's One Square Mile. These connections, enriched by Wiles' ties to the Bush family and George H.W. Bush's deep involvement with Barrick Gold, have amassed vast profits from Trump's deregulatory agenda, notably through Executive Order 14241, "Immediate Measures to Increase American Mineral Production," signed on March 20, 2025. Compounding this, Wiles' failure to disclose these conflicts of interest—or even the appearance of conflicts—violates her moral and ethical duty as a White House official,

constituting a fraud against the public. At the heart of this web stands Tom Donilon, BlackRock's former executive and a Pilgrims Society-aligned figure, whose Obama-era roles and confirmed intellectual property misconduct amplify the stakes. This exposé unveils how Wiles' undisclosed ties, bolstered by Bush connections and murky financial dealings, have exploited Trump's deregulation, betraying public trust.

Wiles' Mining Playbook: Lobbying and Bush Legacy



Susie Wiles is a political opportunist, with a career spanning Ronald Reagan's 1980 campaign to Trump's 2024 triumph. Her ties to the Bush family, particularly her pivotal role as a Florida operative in George H.W. Bush's 1988 presidential campaign, embedded her in Republican RINO Uniparty (Republican in Name Only) circles—those establishment Republicans often criticized for moderate or globalist leanings. This connection to Bush, the 41st President, placed Wiles within networks that later intersected with her mining advocacy. From 2017 to 2024, as a senior executive at Ballard Partners, Florida's lobbying powerhouse, Wiles was a

registered lobbyist for The Pebble Partnership, a subsidiary of Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd., pushing the controversial Pebble Mine in Alaska. She said she was paid \$180,000 in 2019, but of course, such reports rarely include offshore payments common to her internationalist network, raising questions about the full scope of her compensation. Despite the EPA's 2023 veto citing risks to Bristol Bay's salmon fisheries, Wiles' efforts kept Pebble viable during Trump's first term, paving the way for broader mining deregulation.

BARRICK

Wiles' advocacy dovetailed with George H.W. Bush's deep involvement with Barrick Gold, the world's second-largest gold producer. From 1995 to 1999, Bush served as an honorary senior adviser to Barrick's international advisory board, a role crafted by founder Peter Munk to exploit Bush's global influence. Bush's activities included speaking at Barrick's Toronto board meetings and visiting their

operations in Chile, earning \$100,000 per engagement and stock options worth approximately \$13 million from 1996–1999. His tenure coincided with Barrick's expansion, including the controversial Pascua Lama project, and lent the company political clout in navigating international regulations. Wiles' Bush connection, while not directly tied to Barrick, positioned her within the same Republican RINO and Pilgrims Society-aligned circles that facilitated such arrangements, amplifying her later mining influence.

The Financial Nexus: Barrick, BlackRock, Vanguard, and Kopernik

Barrick Gold's shareholder roster was a roll call of financial titans: Van Eck Associates (4.26%, 74.74 million shares), Vanguard Group (3.76%, 65.91 million shares), Wellington Management (3.56%, ~62.46 million shares), BlackRock (3.32%, 58.27 million shares), and First Eagle Investment Management (3.06%, ~53.72 million shares). These players were intricately linked to Northern Dynasty through direct investments and a shared reliance on Wiles' deregulatory influence, amplified by Kopernik Global Investors' strategic bets.

- **Vanguard and BlackRock's Dual Stakes:** Vanguard held 1,614,286 shares in Northern Dynasty, while BlackRock owned 2,601,678 shares, directly tying both to Wiles' Pebble Partnership lobbying. Their Barrick holdings—\$1.06 billion for Vanguard, \$936 million for BlackRock—positioned them to profit massively from relaxed regulations. Vanguard's 8.9% ownership of BlackRock (13.2 million shares, \$10.9 billion) created a nested financial interlock, aligning their interests with Wiles' advocacy.
- **Kopernik's Strategic Bets:** Kopernik, with 31.47 million Northern Dynasty shares (\$18.3 million) and a board seat via CFO Isabel Satra, also invested in Barrick Gold and Royal Gold, Inc. Wiles' Pebble lobbying directly supported Kopernik's Northern Dynasty stake, while her deregulatory efforts boosted its Barrick and Royal Gold holdings. Kopernik's Tampa base, 80 miles from Wiles' Ballard Partners in Tallahassee, showed Pilgrims Society-aligned connections among Florida's elitists.
- **BlackRock's Pilgrims Society Anchor—Tom Donilon:** BlackRock's former Chairman of the Investment Institute, Tom Donilon, was a linchpin with ties to the Pilgrims Society's elitist circles. A Senior Executive Service (SES) member, Donilon served as Obama's National Security Advisor (2010–2013), co-chaired the Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity, during which the Obama administration oversaw the



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theft of social networking inventions from Columbus, Ohio inventor Leader Technologies, including actions by Hillary Clinton, who secretly contracted with Facebook during the *Leader v. Facebook* patent infringement trial to build an election-winning template, constituting obstruction of justice; Patent Office Director and former IBM chief intellectual property counsel David Kappos, who started a Facebook page for himself and the USPTO during the trial; President Obama, who used his Facebook page to press his political agenda, further obstructing justice; Judge Leonard Stark; and Chief Justice John Roberts and wife Jane Sullivan making sure Leader's patent was not protected, and chaired the Obama-Biden State Department transition to prepare for Hillary Clinton's appointment as Secretary of State on January 22, 2009. As a Council on Foreign Relations member and CIA advisor, Donilon's influence spanned government and finance. His brother, Mike Donilon, was Biden's Senior Advisor, and his wife, Catherine Russell, was Biden's White House Personnel Director. This Pilgrims Society-aligned nexus connected BlackRock's mining investments to Wiles' Republican RINO influence, ensuring their interests thrived across political divides.



These financial giants were not passive investors. Wiles' Pebble lobbying from 2017–2024 weakened EPA oversight, setting the stage for Executive Order 14241, which fast-tracked permitting and leveraged the Defense Production Act (DPA) to fund projects. The market response was immediate: Barrick Gold's stock surged 15% post-EO, Northern Dynasty's shares spiked 20%, and their shareholders—Vanguard, BlackRock, and Kopernik—reaped windfall profits. This was Wiles' strategic influence at work.



The Deregulatory Coup: Wiles' Oversight of EO 14241

On March 20, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order 14241, "Immediate Measures to Increase American Mineral Production," published in the Federal Register on March 25, 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 13,673). The EO, aimed at boosting domestic mineral production, invoked the DPA to expedite permitting, open federal lands, and fund projects through the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC). It mandated agencies like the Department of Defense and Interior to identify mineral-rich lands by March 30, 2025, and prioritize projects for approval by April 9, 2025, under the National Energy Dominance Council (NEDC), chaired by Interior Secretary Doug Burgum—another cabinet member with enormous undisclosed Silicon Valley conflicts of interest.

Wiles' role in this deregulatory triumph is undeniable. As Chief of Staff, she controls policy flow, advising Trump on priorities and appointments. Sources highlighted Wiles' push for "business-friendly" policies, with mining as a cornerstone. EO 14241's emphasis on streamlining permits and curbing EPA authority mirrored Wiles' Pebble lobbying playbook, which targeted Clean Water Act protections. Her influence was evident in the EO's aggressive timelines—10 days for project lists, 15 days for permitting schedules—and its market impact: mining stocks soared, with Barrick and Northern Dynasty leading the charge, directly enriching their shareholders. A *Sludge* report noted Northern Dynasty's

stock price jump post-EO, explicitly linking it to Wiles' former client, underscoring her pivotal role.

Ethical Fraud: Wiles' Failure to Disclose

As a White House official, Susie Wiles has a moral and ethical duty to disclose conflicts of interest, including the appearance of conflicts, to uphold public trust. Federal ethics standards, such as those under the Office of Government Ethics (OGE), require senior officials to avoid actions that could benefit personal or past financial interests. Wiles' Pebble Partnership lobbying, tied to Northern Dynasty and indirectly to Barrick Gold through shared investors like Kopernik, creates a clear appearance of conflict, given the profits reaped by these entities under EO 14241. Her reported \$180,000 payment in 2019, likely understating her earnings due to offshore payments common in her internationalist network, further obscures her financial ties. Her failure to publicly disclose these connections—or *recuse herself from mining policy decisions*—constitutes a fraud against the public, eroding the integrity of her office. *The absence of transparency* about her Bush connections, which align her with Barrick's historical elitist influence, *compounds this ethical breach*.

Wiles' non-disclosure is not merely an oversight; it is a betrayal. Her transition from Ballard Partners to Trump's Save America PAC (2021), 2024 campaign co-chair, and Chief of Staff was seamless, yet her Pebble Partnership work—confirmed by federal lobbying disclosures—was absent from public narratives. No statement from Wiles or the administration acknowledges how her past clients and their investors profit from EO 14241. This opacity, juxtaposed with Donilon's overt Pilgrims Society ties and confirmed intellectual property misconduct, suggests a deliberate veil over their influence.

The Pilgrims Society: A Transatlantic Elitist Network

Wiles' influence is amplified by elitist networks, with the Pilgrims Society—a transatlantic group of political, financial, and cultural elitists huddled in The City of London's One Square Mile—at the core. Tom Donilon's CFR membership, CIA advisory role, and Obama-era roles align him with the Society's ethos of global influence. His State Department transition work for Clinton's 2009 appointment and cybersecurity commission role, during which the Obama administration oversaw the theft of Leader Technologies' inventions through actions by Clinton, Kappos, Obama, Judge Leonard Stark, and Chief Justice John Roberts and wife Jane Sullivan, cement his status within these circles. Donilon's BlackRock tenure ties the Society's influence to the firm's mining investments, bridging Democratic elitists to Wiles' Republican RINO orbit.

Perhaps it goes without saying, but the total market value of the theft of social networking today dwarfs gold stocks.

Wiles navigates a parallel network. Her Florida roots, tied to Rick Scott's 2010 campaign and Ron DeSantis' 2018 run, align with Ballard Partners' dominance in Tallahassee, where founder Brian Ballard, a Trump fundraiser, built a lobbying empire. Kopernik's Tampa headquarters, 80 miles away, operates in this regional power sphere, showing Pilgrims Society-aligned connections among Florida's elitists. Nationally, Wiles' Trump orbit intersects with Donilon's network, potentially through the Society itself. George H.W. Bush's Barrick role and global stature show proximity to such circles where he was the undisputed "New World Order" Pied Piper along with Henry Kissinger.



Figure 2: George Bush Sr. New World Order Live Speech Sep. 11, 1991.
https://youtu.be/byxeOG_pZ1o?si=G4iXZNZzavvSY0oM

The Cost of Secrecy: A Public Betrayed

The beneficiaries of Wiles' mining coup are clear: Barrick Gold, with its global dominance; BlackRock and Vanguard, with their trillion-dollar portfolios; and Kopernik, with its strategic mining stakes. Their profits, fueled by EO 14241, are staggering. But the losses are borne by others: Alaskan communities facing Pebble Mine's environmental risks, taxpayers funding lax oversight, and a public deceived by Wiles' undisclosed conflicts. The EPA's 2023 Pebble veto, backed by former administrators under Nixon, Reagan, and both Bushes, warned of "irreparable harm" to Bristol Bay. Wiles' 2025 deregulatory push, via EO 14241, threatens to revive such projects, prioritizing elitist wealth over public good.



Demand Accountability: Unmask the Fraud

Susie Wiles' undisclosed mining interests, interlocked with Barrick Gold, BlackRock, Vanguard, and Kopernik, reveal a nexus of power and profit, underpinned by Pilgrims Society networks and Bush connections. Her lobbying past, potentially enriched by unreported offshore payments, and oversight of Executive Order 14241, signed on March 20, 2025, fueled a mining bonanza, enriching her former clients' investors. Her failure to disclose these conflicts—or their appearance—violates her ethical duty, defrauding the public. The public deserves answers: Why are Wiles' Pebble and Bush ties concealed? How do Donilon's CFR, CIA, and Leader Technologies roles, alongside Clinton, Kappos, Obama, Stark, and Roberts, shape BlackRock's gains? Who else profits from this deregulatory gold rush?

The time for accountability is now. Demand Wiles disclose her mining ties, including all payments, and recuse herself from related policies. Scrutinize EO 14241 and its beneficiaries. Unmask the Pilgrims Society networks—Donilon's CFR, CIA, and intellectual property misconduct, Wiles' RINO empire—that thrive in the shadows of the City of London's One Square Mile. The stakes are profound: environmental ruin, economic inequity, and democratic erosion. Susie Wiles may be Trump's master strategist, but the public can dismantle her hidden empire.

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