

## COMMUNIST MENTOR

A character in Obama's book; "Frank", a poet, referred to in Obama's autobiography as a friend and mentor during his teenage years in Hawaii, is concluded to be Frank Marshall Davis. The identification was made by Gerald Horne, contributing editor to *Political Affairs*, an openly Marxist political review. In a speech at New York University, Gerald Horne states that Frank Marshall Davis was "a decisive influence in helping him [Barack Obama] to find his present identity as an African-American, a people who have been the least anti-communist and the most left-leaning of any constituency in this nation." After the speech, Obama's association with Davis has never been in doubt, nor was his importance in the development of the young Barack Obama.