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In 1998, Bob helped found The Sovereign Society. He served as the editor of the Society's first publication, *The A-Letter*, the predecessor to its flagship letter, *The Sovereign Investor*. In 2008, Bob founded and serves as chairman of The Sovereign Society's *Freedom Alliance*, an elite personal information service that provides members with inside news about protecting their wealth and freeing themselves from unnecessary taxes and government oversight. He also was the founding editor of *Offshore Confidential*, a monthly in-depth special report service that focused on offshore opportunities and events, and now contributes to *Sovereign Confidential*. In many of Bob's publications, he provides priceless recommendations and shares access to his wealth of offshore professional and banking contacts worldwide.

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Bob has authored articles and reviews for *The Cato Institute* and *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Baltimore Sun*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *National Review*, *The Advocate*, *Human Events* and made appearances on *National*

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As the President and COO of ASI, and almost 20 years of experience, Rich has a thorough knowledge of every facet of ASI's operations as a corporation specializing in precious metals,

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