**IV. Further Abuse of Power**

1. Iran-Contra Scandal

* **Arms Export Control Act (1980) –**
* **1983 –**
* Ronald Reagan urged all of America’s allies to not sell weapons to Iran
* Iran and Iraq were fighting in a war at the time
* **1986 –**
* U.S.A. had been secretly selling antitank and antiaircraft missiles to Iran

1. Goal of Selling Arms to Iran

* Reagan believed that selling weapons to Iran would lead to the release of American hostages
* Bad plan and big embarrassment for Reagan

1. Contras

* **Contras –**

1. Congress Gets Mad

* **Boland I – (1982)**
* Reagan responds by sending the Contras more money and guns

1. Congress Gets Really Mad

* **Boland II (1984) –**

**A Poser For Ron**

* **Oliver North –**

**The Enterprise**

* **Private Donors –**
* **Third World Countries –**
* **Arms Sales –**

1. Scandal Unraveled

* **1986 –**
* Also discovered that Oliver North had played a key role in giving money to the Contras
* Reagan denies having any knowledge at first
* North claims that he was simply following the President’s orders
* **1988 –**

1. George to the Rescue

* **December 24, 1992 –**