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The Republican said he thought a film espousing an even crazier birther idea is "absolutely frightening"

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President Barack Obama points to the crowd as he leaves a campaign event at Eden Parks Seasongood Pavilion, Monday, Sept. 17, 2012, in Cincinnati, Ohio. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

There are the birthers who don't believe the president was born in the United States. And then there are birthers who think that maybe the president's father was actually Frank Marshall Davis, the labor activist.

The theory, which departs from that of the more traditional "Obama-is-a-Kenyan" birthers, goes something like this: Obama's grandfather was an undercover CIA agent who convinced Barack Obama Sr. to many Obama's mother to cover up the fact that she was pregnant with then-55-year-old Davis' baby.

Yesterday, the chairman of the Alabama Republican Party, Bill Armistead, reportedly dipped his toe into the latter category, telling a Republican women's group that a film that purveys that theory is "absolutely terrifying." The report came from Mobile Press-Register political editor George Talbot, who attended the event.

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Joel Gilbert, the director of the film, called "Dreams From My Real Father," **describes** it thusly:

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