

THE NEWS

August 3, 2005 -- "Clean up man" takes over NSA. Army Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander took over as the Director of the National Security Agency on Aug. 1. Alexander, whose previous position was Deputy Army Chief of Staff for G-2, replaces Air Force Gen. Michael Hayden, the current Deputy Director of National Intelligence. Hayden, the longest serving NSA Director, was widely criticized within the agency for outsourcing critical intelligence functions to private contractors; transferring critical intelligence jobs to Georgia, Texas, and Colorado; and instituting personnel policies that were designed to purge NSA of many career government intelligence professionals. Alexander's three star rank surprised some at NSA who note that past NSA directors have usually arrived at the agency with 2 star rank and were subsequently promoted to three stars. It is also significant that Alexander, unlike a number of previous directors, does not have a strong signals intelligence (SIGINT) background. His experience is primarily in tactical intelligence.



Although some NSA observers believe that Alexander will try and clean up some of Hayden's management and intelligence messes, the future for NSA and its over 20,000 employees remains rather bleak. For example, NSA employees will soon be required to wear a new security badge, one that contains "proximity locators" complete with Global Positioning System (GPS) chips. NSA employees will not only have to continue to provide personal financial details to the Kafkaesque NSA security directorate but now their travels and locations will be tracked as well. Some NSA employees who have already been issued the new badges, referred to as "LoJack badges," are placing them in copper foil sleeves when they depart Fort Meade. By September this year, the new "blue badges" will be issued to all NSA employees and contractors.

Hayden's selectee as Deputy Director, Bill Black, who was pulled out of retirement by Hayden, continues to serve in his post.

Meanwhile, the purge of NSA employees who don't kowtow to the neo-con party line continues. A recent case involves a female employee detailed from Fort Meade to the Pentagon having her security clearance suspended over a dispute over an intelligence policy issue.

It is certain that the ranks of national security whistleblowers from the CIA, FBI, DIA, Homeland Security, and other agencies will soon grow to include a fresh influx of career NSA officers.

Read more about Hayden and NSA: <http://waynemadsenreport.com/nsa/heroes.htm> and <http://waynemadsenreport.com/nsa/nsasecrets.htm>

August 3, 2005 -- U.S. ambassador to Iraq conferred with Islamist rebels allied with "Al Qaeda" at "Terrorist International" summit. [More](#)

August 3, 2005 -- Fitzgerald playing hardball with Rove. In another sign that Karl Rove is a top perjury and obstruction of justice target of Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald, two of Rove's aides, one a longtime associate of George W. Bush, were subpoenaed to testify before the Federal grand jury investigating the CIA leak by the White House. Bush's 1994 gubernatorial campaign aide Israel Hernandez and Susan Ralston, an associate of Karl Rove's best friend Grover Norquist and tainted GOP lobbyist Jack Abramoff, were asked about a July 11, 2003 phone call between Rove and *Time* magazine's Matt Cooper in which covert NOC CIA agent Valerie Plame Wilson was discussed. Fitzgerald's action follows a summer recess whispering campaign

in Washington that has Fitzgerald being dropped by Bush as US Attorney for Northern Illinois and leaned on by incoming Deputy Attorney General Timothy Flanigan, a conservative GOP political operative who is linked to Tom DeLay and Abramoff.

August 2, 2005 -- Italian criminal probe yields name "Colonel Franklin" hosting meetings at U.S. Embassy in Rome with top neo-Fascist Italian politicians and Likud officials from Israel. An on-going criminal investigation in Italy has yielded copies of the minutes of meetings held at the U.S. Embassy in Rome in 1995 attended by a "Colonel Franklin" from the United States, leading Italian neo-Fascist politicians (including Deputy Prime Minister Giancarlo Fini), and Likud officials from Israel. The meetings were held to arrange for lucrative telecommunications and military contracts for Israeli companies with the U.S. government.

Air Force Reserve Colonel, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and Pentagon Bureau of Near East and South Asian Affairs employee Lawrence (Larry) A. Franklin was recently indicted for passing classified information to two American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) employees. The top Mossad official at the Israeli embassy in Washington and other Israeli agents are also under investigation by the FBI. Franklin served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves since 1976 and was posted to the DIA and Defense HUMINT Services. While serving his two week active duty stints, Franklin was intermittently posted to the Air Attache office at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv. Franklin, who touted an aggressive military approach against Iran, also reportedly attended a December 2001 meeting in Rome on opening up back channels to Iranian dissidents. Attending the meeting, in addition to Franklin, were leading neo-con Michael Ledeen of the American Enterprise Institute and Karl Rove's chief foreign policy advisor; Pentagon neocon Harold Rhode; Iran-contra figure and known fabricator Manucher Ghorbanifar; Italian SISMI military intelligence chief Nicolo Pollari; Italian Defense Minister Antonio Martino; and a number of Iranian dissidents.

Another Italian criminal probe has focused on campaign contributions made by wealthy Italians and Italian-Americans to the Bush 2000 and 2004 presidential campaigns in return for the U.S. Navy's award of a lucrative \$1.7 billion contract to replace the President's Marine One helicopter fleet with 23 helicopters manufactured by Agusta Westland, the Italian subsidiary of Finmeccanica. The long-running criminal probe of illegal money going to mostly Republican politicians in the United States has been carried out by the prosecutor for Aosta and focused in the late 1990s on fraudulent "Phony Money" deals involving almost worthless Weimar bonds issued during the Weimar German Republic and the Nazi regime, a self-styled secessionist northern Italian state called the "Federal Republic of Padania," and Central Bank of Nicaragua treasury notes. The scandal involved Italian politicians, intelligence agents, and businessmen associated with the right wing and secessionist Northern League (Lega Nord) of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's political ally Umberto Bossi, the Italian military intelligence service SISMI, former CIA agents now associated with neocon elements within the Bush administration, a reconstituted P-2 Masonic Lodge (sometimes referred to as P-3), and P-2/P-3's leader Grand Master (*Gran Maestro*) Giorgio Paterno. There are also links between the Phony Money scandal and the recent collapse of the Italian dairy giant Parmalat.

August 1, 2005 -- King Fahd's death opens up sensitive time for Saudi Arabia. The ascension of Abdullah to King of Saudi Arabia will touch off in fighting between factions of the Saudi Royal Family, according to long time observers of Saudi politics and business. A fracture between the "Sudairi Seven" (which includes Prince Bandar) and the pro-Abdullah factions within Saudi Arabia could put U.S. troops in Iraq in further jeopardy. Most of the insurgents coming to Iraq are entering from Saudi Arabia. A further breakdown in Saudi security will result in more Islamist radicals pouring across the long and virtually unguarded Iraqi-Saudi border.

UPDATED August 1/2, 2005 -- Helicopter death of Sudan's new Vice President and southern Sudanese rebel chief Dr. John Garang fits a pattern in Africa. Plane "accidents" are America's and Britain's preferred method for disposing of unwanted leaders, especially in Africa. At the time of his death, Garang was under the protection of Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, a close Bush, Blair, and Sharon ally. Garang had just entered into a power sharing agreement between his southern Sudanese, mainly Christian and African liberation Sudan People's Liberation Movement, and Sudan's northern and mainly Arab and Islamic central government after a lengthy and bloody civil war. Ethnically diverse northern and southern Sudan are known to straddle immense oil reserves -- and they are being exploited by Chinese oil companies much to the consternation of U.S. and British oil companies and the Bush and Blair administrations. Donald Rumsfeld's private special forces teams are operating throughout Africa, especially in Uganda, the Sahel, and the Horn of Africa.



Garang, a one-time Marxist, may have outlived his usefulness to Washington and the Bush administration. He would join Savimbi, Mobutu, Kabila, and other African leaders as "throw aways" for the corporations that determine America's Africa policy. U.S. oil and military policies in the Rift Valley are centered on Uganda's Museveni, Rwanda's Kagame, and Ethiopia's Meles. No others need apply.

According to a Secret United Nations memo from March 1997, Museveni's (and those of his ally, U.S. military client Paul Kagame of Rwanda) fingerprints were all over the aerial assassination of the Rwandan and Burundian Presidents in 1994, an event that triggered the worst genocide since World War II and the eventual dismemberment of Congo/Zaire. Museveni supplied the Russian-made Igla series surface-to-air missiles (SAM-16s), captured by U.S. forces in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm and used by Kagame's Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) to shoot down the Rwandan presidential aircraft. After seizing power in Rwanda, Kagame, with U.S. and British assistance, launched two invasions of Congo. Congo's fracture and the eventual assassination of Congolese President Laurent D. Kabila, with a wink and a nod from Washington and London, was a boon for U.S, British, and Israeli gold and diamond miners. Kellogg, Brown & Root/Halliburton helped Angola track down and assassinate Ronald Reagan's "George Washington of Africa," Dr. Jonas Savimbi, Angola's UNITA rebel leader. That was a boon for U.S. oil companies and British and Israeli diamond and gold miners. And to ensure that Angola's government remained a central player in UN negotiations between Luanda and rebel UNITA forces, UN envoy and chief negotiator Alioune Blodin Beye's aircraft suspiciously crashed on its final stage of landing at Abidjan airport, in Beye's native Ivory Coast.

Niger's Tuareg leader Mano Dayak was killed in a suspicious plane crash in Niger a year and a half after the shooting down of the Rwanda One aircraft. As with the Rwandan and Burundian leaders with their opposition, Dayak was engaged in peace negotiations with the central Niger government and was on his way to Niamey when the plane crashed. However, an autonomous Tuareg government threatened to undermine the plans of Exxon and other U.S. oil companies and mineral miners to have a free hand in exploiting oil and mineral resources around Lake Chad, along the Chadian-Nigerien border.

Equato-Guinean officials were mum about who and how many people died in a recent plane crash near the capital Malabo. Equatorial Guinea, an oil rich but immensely poor African nation, was recently in the news as a result of the exposure of slush funds maintained by the former Riggs Bank of Washington, DC on behalf of Equatorial Guinea's dictator Teodoro Obiang. President Bush's uncle, Jonathan, was a senior executive of Riggs before it was sold to PNC Bank amid the financial scandal (which also included money laundering for the Saudi Royal family and Chile's dictator Augusto Pinochet)..

It is imperative to exercise a healthy dose of skepticism whenever there is a plane crash involving a key political figure in Africa. For example, we know from recent history that colonialist and apartheid forces were involved in the shooting down of the aircraft of UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and Mozambican President Samora Machel.



Are aerial assassinations in Africa influenced by Big Oil? Yes. The wreckage of Rwanda One Mystere Falcon executive jet (top) carrying Presidents of Rwanda and Burundi, their staff, and a French crew; ordered shot down on April 6, 1994 by U.S. clients Yoweri Museveni and Paul Kagame. Major oil and natural gas reserves had been discovered in Rwanda, Uganda, and Sudan. Soon, Museveni met with British officials of Heritage Oil (left) and Kagame with Shell Oil officials (right).

Now, Garang's death in one of Museveni's helicopters may presage the fracture of Sudan and that will be a boon for U.S. oil companies and British and Israeli gold and diamond miners. The trend is unmistakable. War crimes are being committed in Africa every day and Washington, London, and Tel Aviv rake in abominable profits.

Garang's helicopter crashed after it departed Museveni's ranch at Rwakitura, about 200 miles southwest of Kampala, near the Rwandan border. Garang was on his way back to New Site, his base in southern Sudan, after meeting with Museveni. Abdel Wahed Mohammed Ahmed Nur, the leader of the Darfur-based Sudan Liberation Movement/Army, a group allied with Garang's SPLM/A, said that Garang's helicopter death "was the result of a big conspiracy against the Sudanese people... Personally, I don't believe in an accident."

July 31, 2005/August 1, 2005 -- The reception John Bolton will face at the UN. The swaggering dolt in the White House believes that his recess appointment (**announced by the White House on Aug. 1**) of the boorish John Bolton as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, his mustachioed gunslinger and sworn liar will go to the East River in Manhattan and shake up the international organization and kick and whip them into kow-towing to the neocon line. What Bolton doesn't realize is that he will be be now working and living in a virtual fish bowl. Bolton will not only be under the scrutiny of intelligence agents that at least three-quarters of the 191 members of the UN place within their missions and the UN Secretariat and specialized agencies, but also the UN staff itself, an aggressive UN press corps, and an intensely anti-Bush population of New York City and its suburbs. So, if Mr. Bolton decides to engage in the type of group sex activities he once "enjoyed" at New York's Plato's Retreat in the 1970s and 80s and the physical and mental abuse he dished out to USAID contractor Melody Townsel in Moscow and Bishkek in 1994, he will face the kind of scrutiny he's never before experienced. The Russians clearly have the goods on Bolton from his past antics in New York, Moscow,

Bishkek and they will be doubly sure to have him under heavy surveillance at the UN. Ditto the Chinese, the Arabs, Cubans, Venezuelans, Brazilians, French, South and North Koreans, Germans, South Africans, Iranians, Indians, Turks, Spanish, Canadians, and others. One screw up by Bolton, one temper tantrum, one sexual indiscretion, one episode involving espionage with the intelligence service of a so-called U.S. "ally" in the Middle East, and it will be surely leaked to the UN press corps and New York's scandal-hungry media. And then Bush and Rice will have to decide if they want a discredited clown like Bolton continuing to represent the United States -- and if they do -- the American people may decide otherwise and that will hammer yet another nail in the coffin of the Bush dynasty, the Republican Party, and the neocon movement.



Bolton will be a "marked man" at the UN: Over 100 intelligence agencies, UN press, and UN staff will wait for him to screw up. And as his track record indicates, he will screw up. Bank on it.

July 31, 2005 -- CIA says Iranian hostage photo does not show Iranian President-elect. As reported here on July 1 and 2, neocon-supplied photos intended to "prove" that incoming Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as one of the hostage takers at the U.S. embassy in Teheran in 1979 have proven to be as phony as Iraqi WMDs and Niger government documents. A CIA analysis has concluded that Ahmadinejad was not one of the hostage takers shown in a photo released by a London-based Iranian exile group tied to the neocon Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. The neocon apparatus, in its usual premeditated manner, offered up a small group of right-wing ex-hostages who said one of the men in the hostage scene photo was definitely Ahmadinejad. In fact, Ahmadinejad was one of the 1979 student leaders in Teheran who advised against storming the U.S. embassy.

July 30, 2005 -- More evidence emerges that Rumsfeld's Pentagon is "running" Al Qaeda-affiliated terrorist organizations. Uzbek government reacts by expelling U.S. from K2 airbase.

July 30, 2005 -- Are the wheels falling off at the international neo-con propaganda machine called News Corp? First, an insightful article in Rupert Murdoch's flagship British paper, [The Times of London](#), suggested a convenient CONSPIRACY, yes, that is spelled c-o-n-s-p-i-r-a-c-y, involving the British government, media, and security services in manipulating and hyping the London Transport bombings. Then, Rupert's son Lachlan abruptly announced he was resigning as senior executive of News Corp. and moving with his family back to Australia. Lachlan had been expected to succeed his father as chairman of the global media empire.

July 29, 2005 -- Ex-GOP Senator warns Bush administration planning to fire Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald as US Attorney for Chicago. The [Chicago Tribune](#) is reporting today that former Republican Senator Peter Fitzgerald, who championed current CIA leak Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald for appointment as US Attorney for Chicago in Sept. 2001, is warning that because of the U.S. Attorney's high profile criminal investigations of former GOP Gov. George Ryan and Democratic Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, he may not be reappointed to his post when his four year term expires in late October. If Bush fails to nominate a replacement and Fitzgerald is not renominated, he will be able to serve as US Attorney until a replacement is named. It may not be coincidental that the Grand Jury investigating top White House officials for leaking the name of a covert CIA agent will also expire in October if it is not re-impaneled on a request by Special Prosecutor Fitzgerald. With the clock potentially running out for Patrick Fitzgerald, if there are indictments in the CIA leak, they will likely be issued within the next few months. Peter Fitzgerald, who is not related to the Special Prosecutor, believes that House Speaker Dennis Hastert, as the dean of the Illinois congressional delegation, will recommend to President Bush that Fitzgerald not be reappointed as U.S. Attorney. It is no secret that top Illinois Republicans, as well as the Daley political machine, are gunning for Patrick Fitzgerald. Daley has been a major supporter of Bush's foreign policy who joined the GOP in criticizing Illinois Democratic Senator Richard Durbin for his remarks about the interrogation tactics used on prisoners at Guantanamo Bay. It is doubtful Patrick Fitzgerald would be kept on as Special Prosecutor by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales if he is rejected by the White House for a second term as US Prosecutor -- a decision that

would be seen as a loss in confidence in Fitzgerald by the Bush administration. The recent resignation of Patrick Fitzgerald's friend, career Justice Department prosecutor James Comey, as Deputy Attorney General -- and Fitzgerald's immediate supervisor -- is also a warning sign that the Bush administration is growing uncomfortable with the direction of Fitzgerald's investigation. Comey is to be replaced by Timothy E. Flanigan, a conservative GOP political hack and a Federalist Society colleague of Supreme Court nominee John G. Roberts. Flanigan, along with Roberts, was a member of the 2000 Florida GOP recount team. Flanigan was later the general counsel for the scandal-plagued Tyco International Ltd., which is conveniently headquartered in Bermuda as a contrivance to avoid paying U.S. corporate taxes. While at Tyco, Flanigan liaised with tainted GOP lobbyist Jack Abramoff and his Greenberg Traurig law firm.

UPDATED July 31, 2005/August 1, 2005 ** Plame leak damaged a major CIA investigation linking senior Bush administration officials to WMD proliferation.** U.S. intelligence insiders have pointed out that the White House is using "Rovegate" and "Who in the White House said what to whom?" as a smoke screen to divert attention away from the actual counter-proliferation work Mrs. Wilson and her Brewster Jennings & Associates team were engaged in. The arrival of Timothy Flanigan as Patrick J. Fitzgerald's boss is likely related to the mountains of evidence Fitzgerald has now collected to indict senior White House officials, particularly, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, for criminal conspiracy in exposing a sensitive U.S. intelligence operation that was targeting some of their closest political and business associates. Libby, it will be recalled, was the attorney for fugitive global smuggler and Clinton-pardoned multi-billionaire Marc Rich, someone who has close ties to the Sharon government and Israeli intelligence. It is no coincidence that FBI translator-turned-whistleblower Sibel Edmonds uncovered nuclear material and narcotics trafficking involving Turkish intermediaries with ties to Israel at the same time Brewster Jennings and the CIA's Counter Proliferation Division was hot on the trail of nuclear proliferators tied to the Israeli government of Ariel Sharon and the A. Q. Khan network of Pakistan.



Feith and Libby: Ultimate targets of CIA counter-proliferation team? Time magazine reported on July 31 that White House knew about Plame's identity long before Joseph Wilson's July 6, 2003 OP ED in the New York Times. Feith and Libby had reasons to be worried about Plame and her team's counter-proliferation work.

An arrest in early 2004 points to the links between Israeli agents and Islamist groups bent on producing weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons. According to intelligence sources, this was a network that was a major focus of Edmonds' and Valerie Plame Wilson's work. In January 2004, FBI and U.S. Customs agents arrested Asher Karni, a Hungarian-born Orthodox Jew, Israeli citizen, and resident of Cape Town, South Africa, at Denver International Airport for illegally exporting 200 electrically triggered spark gaps -- devices that send synchronized electrical pulses and are used in nuclear weapons -- to Pakistan via a New Jersey export company named Giza Technologies of Secaucus (owned by Zeki Bilmen -- whom the FBI has identified as a Turkish Jew who was already under surveillance by the CIA team). The cargo manifest listed the equipment as electronics gear [lithotripters used to break up kidney stones] for the Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto, South Africa. However, the initial shipment of 66 triggers did not go to the hospital but to Karni's Top-Cape Technology of Cape Town, South Africa. Top Cape, in turn, sent the triggers to AJKMC Lithography Aid Society in Islamabad, Pakistan through Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Top-Cape "officially" traded in military and aviation electronics equipment. It was during the summer of 2003, when Valerie Plame and her team -- at a critical stage of their investigation of the A. Q. Khan network -- were outed by White House officials Karl Rove, Scooter Libby, and at least one other individual (possibly Elliot Abrams), that Karni received an e-mail from his long time Pakistani associate Humayun Khan (no relation to A. Q. Khan) asking for 200 triggers to be sent to his Islamabad-based company, Pakland PME.

After initially attempting to purchase the devices from a sale agent in France -- an attempt that proved unsuccessful when the French agent demanded a U.S. export license for the triggers because the end destination was Pakistan -- Karni managed to obtain the triggers from Perkin-Elmer's manufacturing plant in Massachusetts through Giza Technologies. Karni's e-mail traffic to and from Khan was being intercepted by a covert agent in South Africa and being forwarded to U.S. authorities. It is not known whether the covert agent was a Brewster Jennings' asset but it would not be surprising considering Karni was an important link in the A. Q. Khan nuclear smuggling network. By the time the initial shipment of 66 triggers were sent to Karni's Cape Town office, U.S. and South African intelligence were already closely monitoring the transaction and the key players involved. It is also noteworthy that Karni previously worked for a Cape Town electronic import firm called Eagle Technology but was fired after it was discovered by his boss that he was making secret deals to ship nuclear components to Israel, India, Pakistan, and possibly, North Korea. Karni had been in South Africa for 20 years after arriving from Israel. His time in South Africa coincided with the apartheid government's rapid development of its own (since disestablished) nuclear weapons program and very close military ties between South Africa and Israel.



A.Q. Khan link to Israeli smuggler: Designed to speed up Iranian nuclear development to justify U.S./Israeli attack on Iran.

As for Humayun Khan, the *Los Angeles Times* discovered that the Pakistani "businessman" had been involved in nuclear weapons smuggling since 1975 when he was engaged in business with a former Nazi named Alfred Hempel, who was the kingpin in a global nuclear smuggling network active throughout the 1970s and 1980s. Hempel died in 1989. In an interview aired by PBS's *Frontline* on July 26, Humayun Khan said he never realized Karni was Jewish, stating that the Israeli masqueraded as a Muslim. However, what is clear is that an Israeli-based network, involving key neo-conservatives in the Bush administration, were attempting to speed up the clock on the delivery by the A. Q. Khan network of prohibited nuclear material to countries like Iran, thereby justifying a pre-emptive U.S. (and Israeli-supported) attack on Iranian nuclear installations. It was this network that attracted the attention of the CIA and when it realized some of the "men behind the curtain" were in the Pentagon, they had their smoking gun evidence of double dealing by Bush administration officials and their compatriots in the Sharon government.

Although AJKMC, the Pakistani company, said it merely printed copies of the Koran, U.S. investigators pointed out the initials also stand for the All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference, an Islamist opposition party that supports groups allied to Al Qaeda in Kashmir. Some anti-terrorism experts believe that Osama Bin Laden may be hiding in Kashmir.

A Malaysian link was also discovered in Karni's network, which is significant in light of developments involving Brewster Jennings' exposure by Rove and Libby. A Swiss citizen named Urs Tinner was arrested by German authorities in October 2004. Tinner was accused of supervising the manufacture of centrifuge components in Malaysia. The United States demanded Tinner's release, which led to speculation that Tinner was a U.S. intelligence asset who penetrated the A.Q. Khan network and may have been part of the Brewster Jennings operation.

According to FBI insiders, wiretaps of phone calls in the Giza-Bilmen-Karni smuggling ring yielded the name Douglas Feith, the Undersecretary of Defense for Plans and Policy and one of Donald Rumsfeld's chief advisers, and Turkish MIT intelligence members of the American Turkish Council, a lobbying group which represents some of America's largest defense and private military contractors.

In May 2005, *Der Spiegel* magazine reported that Tinner was, in fact, a CIA agent. Germany announced that Tinner would be extradited to Switzerland, something that *Der Spiegel* reported was the result of a "deal" cut

between Germany and the United States. A February 2004 Malaysian police report named both Urs Tinner and his father, Friedrich, as principal engineers in overseeing the machining of uranium-enrichment centrifuge components at a Scomi Precision Engineering (Scope) plant in Malaysia. Friedrich Tinner, owner of a Swiss firm named PhiTec AG, was named in an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report as one of many Swiss individuals involved in shipping nuclear components to Libya and Iran. Swiss authorities had previously cleared Friedrich Tinner of charges that he shipped centrifuges to Iraq. Friedrich Tinner's other son, Marco, owned a firm called Traco that was also reported as a supplier of equipment and services to Scomi.

If the Tinnens were working for the CIA, one subject of interest for them was a Sri Lankan businessman named B.S.A. Tahir who arrived in Malaysia via Dubai in the mid-1990s. In a February 2004 speech at the National Defense University in Washington, DC, President Bush stated that Tahir was A. Q. Khan's "chief financial officer and money launderer." Investigators discovered that Tahir made several trips to Germany and Turkey, the native country of Karni's spark trigger supplier Bilmen, to meet with suppliers for the Khan network.



Israeli nuclear arms smuggler Asher Karni: His links to Bush administration and Israeli officials may have been the real reason Valerie Plame and Brewster Jennings & Associates operations were exposed.

A Federal Judge in Denver said Karni could be released on \$75,000 bail but the government appealed the decision to Judge Thomas Hogan of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, DC. Hogan is the judge who ordered *New York Times* reporter Judith Miller to prison for her failure to testify before the Grand Jury. The federal prosecutors' appeal failed and Karni was released on bail into the custody of Rabbi Herzel Kranz. Karni was ordered to wear an electronic monitor and was ordered to remain at the Hebrew Sheltering Home in Maryland.

July 29, 2005 -- Did Bush flip off the press after a pre-Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) vote meeting with House Republicans? Considering Bush's past juvenile frat boy antics (calling a *New York Times* reporter a major league asshole and -- according to CIA sources, after an April 2002 President's Daily Brief -- this editor an asshole after being quoted in *The Guardian* that the 2002 Venezuelan coup against Hugo Chavez was backed by key Bush administration officials, for example), it should come as no surprise that Bush would flip off a Spanish journalist who attempted to ask him a question. White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan hilariously told reporters that Bush's extended digit was his thumb as he was giving reporters a "thumbs up" signal on the upcoming CAFTA vote. Sorry, Scotty, it couldn't be Bush's thumb, because as we all know inside the Beltway, he's got his thumb up his own ass when it's not up your's.



July 28, 2005 -- FBI ratcheting up AIPACgate. As Rovegate continues to boil over, so do two other FBI investigations: AIPACgate and Niger DocuGate. Rovegate Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald's investigation has, as reported here on July 13, dovetailed with the FBI's probe of Pentagon accused Israeli spy Larry Franklin and his ties to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and the crude forgeries of Niger government documents said to implicate Saddam Hussein in trying to buy uranium from the west African country. [Haaretz](#) is reporting today that the FBI wants to interview Naor Gilon, the political affairs director at the Israeli embassy in Washington, as well as several other Israeli officials, including intelligence officers, who are currently in Israel. Israel reportedly rejected the FBI's request for personal interviews of the Israelis, preferring written questions to be posed.

FBI investigators are often adept at determining whether a subject is lying when they conduct personal interviews and obviously Israeli intelligence is aware of this tactic. The FBI is also reportedly investigating whether a private intelligence network in Italy, with ties to the Ariel Sharon government, the Bush National Security Council, and the Italian government of Silvio Berlusconi, was involved in preparing and shopping around the Niger government forgeries. Rovegate is also now focused on the activities of then-National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice in the leak of a covert CIA counter-proliferation operation.

SIDEBAR -- The untold story of Rovegate may be whether the White House not only leaked the name of Joseph Wilson's wife for purely political retaliation but also to close down her and her Brewster Jennings' team's work on counter-WMD proliferation. Some insiders believe that the CIA covert group was getting uncomfortably close to clandestine business deals that would have exposed members of the Bush family and their closest political and business friends. The following quote from George H. W. Bush is germane in this case: "If the people knew what we had done, they would chase us down the street and lynch us." The revelations at [Intelligence Whispers](#) regarding Saudi money movements through Texas are also germane to this story.

July 28, 2005 -- FBI Director says one of its counter-terrorism wiretap audio tapes is in a language US intelligence cannot identify. According to today's [Washington Post](#), in response to a Justice Department Inspector General audit criticizing the FBI for failing to analyze more than 8,000 wiretaps of intercepted communications, FBI Director Robert Mueller complained that some tapes could not be translated because the languages were too obscure. Mueller said that of those wiretap recordings, many were in "obscure languages and dialects and one language could not be identified and translated by anyone in the US intelligence community." Mueller's defense is disingenuous at best. The National Security Agency (NSA) has linguists fluent in well over 100 languages. When Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi once used Berber speakers to fool US intelligence, he miscalculated, since NSA had, at the time, two Berber linguists. Unless the speaker of the "unknown" language was from another planet, it is doubtful that the US intelligence community could not have recognized it and sought out a translator among its ranks.

July 27, 2005 -- White House withholding Roberts' papers. The White House is stonewalling the Senate on releasing documents from John G. Roberts' time as Deputy Solicitor General in the Bush I administration. The documents may detail Roberts' role in the pardons of leading Iran-contra criminals as well as the eleventh hour commutation of the 55-year prison sentence of Pakistani heroin smuggler Aslam Adam. Roberts served under Bush I Solicitor General Kenneth W. Starr, who was later the Independent Special Prosecutor of President Clinton in the Lewinsky Affair.

July 27, 2005 -- Iraq War vet seen as strong challenger to win "safe" GOP Ohio House seat. Iraq War Marine Corps veteran Paul Hackett is running a strong race to succeed Republican Rob Portman in Ohio's Second District, traditionally a safe Republican district. Portman resigned to become President Bush's Trade Representative. Hackett's opponent, Jean Schmidt, an anti-abortion activist tied to the Christian Right, is receiving help from the national GOP, including Tom DeLay, and President Bush. Hackett charges that Bush is a "chickenhawk" for not serving in Vietnam and believes that the Iraq War is a disastrous mistake, emphasizing that the United States should have gone after Osama Bin Laden instead. Hackett is attracting support from Republicans, independents, veterans and labor unions, something that could result in an upset in a district which has, in the past, voted more than 70 percent for Republican House candidates. Hackett also won the endorsement of the Republican-leaning [Cincinnati Post](#). An upset victory for Hackett in conservative southern Ohio amid a statewide GOP financial scandal that has crept right into the office of Governor Bob Taft would serve as an important bellwether for Democratic hopes of recapturing Congress and the Ohio State House next year. National Democrats were slow to come to Hackett's assistance although now some prominent Democrats

have belatedly campaigned in the district. The special election is August 2. Click [here](#) for more information on Hackett's campaign.

July 27, 2005 -- Some London police believe the "suicide" bombers were tricked into carrying bombs on board trains and bus. [The New York Times](#) is reporting today that a number of London police investigators are skeptical that the July 7 bombers knew that they were embarking on a suicide mission. EUROPOL investigators agree with the assessment of their British counterparts that the bombers may have been fooled into believing they were going to leave bombs with timers on trains and a bus and then escape. Police also believe that there is a single mastermind or a group of conspirators behind the bombings. The police reason the mastermind or major conspirators tricked the bombers into believing they were placing bombs with timers on the trains so they could not later identify those behind the plot. The theory that far right-wing elements allied with Islamist radicals may have been responsible for the terrorist attacks remains as a credible explanation. (See July 15-16 Story below).

July 26, 2005 -- Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) intends to interfere in Fitzgerald probe. Senator Pat Roberts, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, announced that his committee will be "reviewing" the criminal probe by special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald of the White House leak of the identities of covert CIA agents. If Roberts is serious and not just grandstanding, this may indicate that the White House is looking to give Fitzgerald's targets (Karl Rove, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, and others) congressional general immunity from prosecution in return for their testimony before Roberts' committee. This was the method by which John Poindexter and Oliver North were able to avoid jail time for their roles in Iran-contra, their convictions being overturned by a federal appeals court because of their previously granted congressional immunity. There is also a bit of Watergate redux in Roberts' statement. Pressure by the GOP on Fitzgerald is reminiscent of the Nixon administration's decision to fire Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox. That prompted the resignations of Nixon's Attorney and Deputy Attorney General. Meanwhile, the Karl Rove/neocon spin machine is stepping up its criticism of ex-CIA officers who are defending Valerie Plame and Joseph Wilson. The Project for a New American Century (PNAC) director Gary Schmitt penned a screed in William Kristol's and Rupert Murdoch's *Weekly Standard* attacking former CIA officer and Valerie Plame colleague Larry Johnson, who gave the Democratic weekly radio response to Bush's address on July 23. The neocon attack on CIA veterans, including the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS), began in earnest on the Republican Freerepublic.com site, a bevy of white supremacists, JDLers, and John Birchers largely based in California's San Joaquin Valley and Orange County.



White House siccing "Lapdog" Roberts on "Bulldog" Fitzpatrick

July 26, 2005 -- CIA agents concerned about counter-intelligence "hits" masked as terrorist attacks. In the aftermath of the outing by the White House of the identities of covert CIA agents, CIA professionals are concerned about past and future terrorist bombings being used by foreign counter-intelligence agencies and terrorist organizations to selectively assassinate CIA agents and assets identified as being involved in America's counter-WMD proliferation operations. Of particular concern are small scale terrorist attacks directed against restaurants, cafes, hotels, and bars where agents and their assets meet. They point to the July 23 bomb blast at an Istanbul cafe near the Galata Bridge which is frequented by Turks and foreigners. The relatively low yield blast injured two people, a Dutchman and a Turk. Turkey remains a central focus by U.S. intelligence agencies on WMD proliferation because of its close links to the former Soviet Central Asian states, Pakistan, Israel, and former Warsaw Pact eastern European nations. The Marriott Hotel in Jakarta was car bombed on August 5, 2003, just a few weeks after the White House leaked Valerie Plame's name and her NOC firm, Brewster Jennings & Associates, to several reporters, including columnist Robert Novak. Some 14 people were killed and 148 injured in the Marriott bombing. According to intelligence sources, a covert team of CIA agents on a classified mission were due to stay and meet at the hotel the day the bombing occurred but they canceled their reservations at the last minute when they were tipped off that they were targets for an attack. The CIA team was reportedly involved in the capture in Thailand of Al Qaeda terrorist chief Hambali,

thought to have been involved, in addition to the Bali nightclub and other bombings, in trying to procure radioactive material (cesium-137 and cobalt-60) smuggled from the former Soviet Union via Laos to Thailand. It is not known whether any Brewster Jennings NOCs or assets were members of the CIA team that captured Hambali but the terrorist's connections to an international network of radioactive material smugglers would suggest CIA Counter Proliferation Division (CPD) involvement at a minimum. Plame and her Brewster Jennings colleagues reported to the CPD. The Jakarta bombing was blamed on Al Qaeda's Indonesian affiliate, Jemaah Islamiya.



After the Bush White House Leaks: No Safe Haven for CIA

July 25, 2005 -- ROVEGATE ENTERING CRIMINAL OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE PHASE. Appearing on *Face the Nation* on July 24, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said he told White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, Jr. about the criminal investigation of the Valerie Plame/CIA leak 12 hours prior before he notified the rest of the White House staff to preserve all documents, including email, relating to the leak. Card was the chair of the White House Iraq Group (WHIG), tasked with developing propaganda to support the Iraq War and engage in political smear tactics against war opponents, including Ambassador Joseph Wilson. Two targets of the special prosecutor's leak investigation -- Karl Rove and Scooter Libby -- were members of the WHIG. Gonzales was White House Counsel when he tipped off Card on the night of September 29, 2003, about the investigation. Gonzales was also called before the Grand Jury to testify about the case. That gave White House staff, including Rove and Libby, a full 12 hours during the evening of September 29 and the early morning of September 30 to destroy any incriminating documents before the official Justice Department order arrived. Now the investigation will focus on Card, his testimony before the Grand Jury, and whether he engaged in possible obstruction of justice by informing other White House staff of the investigation.

In another sign that Capitol Hill Republicans want to change the subject and obfuscate on the national security leak, Kansas Republican Senator Pat Roberts announced his Senate Select Committee on Intelligence will investigate the CIA's use of non-official cover (NOC) agents like Valerie Plame. Roberts showed his ignorance of the agency for which he is supposed to provide oversight by telling CNN's *Late Edition* on July 24, "I must say from a common-sense standpoint, driving back and forth to work to the CIA headquarters, I don't know if that really qualifies as being, you know, covert." Roberts is not aware that CIA NOCs, as well as official cover field agents and case officers, routinely enter CIA headquarters. Plame's NOC company, Brewster Jennings & Associates, was rolled up as a result of the White House leak. The leak infuriated then-CIA Director George Tenet so much he requested a Justice Department criminal probe of the disclosures. A highly-classified internal CIA Damage Assessment Report on the leak, which Roberts has reportedly seen, referred to the effect on the CIA's covert counter-WMD proliferation operations as "devastating."

July 25, 2005 -- Watergate Redux -- Nixon had CREEP, Liddy, and the Plumbers; John Mitchell; and the 18-minute gap. Bush has WHIG and Libby; Alberto Gonzales and John Ashcroft; and a 12-hour gap. Nixon's political trickster, Donald Segretti, was young Karl Rove's mentor. It is interesting to go back and look at the indictment of Segretti and compare his criminal acts to his apprentice Rove's today (will we be seeing a similar indictment titled, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V. KARL C. ROVE?). Right now, chances appear very, very good.

July 24, 2005 --"THIRD POSITION" AND "AL QAEDA." Additional ties between "Al Qaeda" and right-wing "Third Position" cells investigated in Europe. With the London Transport bombings, the Madrid train bombings, known links between far right leaders and Islamist radicals in Britain and Italy, and the uncovering of a neo-Fascist private intelligence ring in Italy tied to Islamist extremists and a mysterious U.S. covert operations unit run from the National Security Council and Pentagon, there is renewed interest by European law enforcement in similar Al Qaeda-rightist links in Germany and Switzerland. Ever since the 1980s, there were confirmed intelligence reports of neo-Nazi European groups training in terrorist camps in North Africa. When veteran FBI agent Mike German began looking more deeply into links between right wing terrorist groups

in the United States and Islamist radicals, his entire penetration operation was shut down on orders of Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert Mueller. German resigned from the Bureau in protest.

Achmed (aka Ahmed) Albert Friedrich Armand Huber, a Swiss German neo-Nazi convert to Islam, served on the board of Nada Management, a large Islamic banking institution founded in 1987 as Al Taqwa ("Fear of God"). The company maintained offices in Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Italy, the Bahamas, and a semi-independent anomaly, Campione d'Italia, a miniscule Italian enclave located on the shores of Lake Lugano, completely surrounded by Swiss territory. In addition to banks and off-shore financial shells, Al Taqwa operated, before it closed its doors, a global Islamic "hawalah" system, which transferred small amounts of money (less than \$1000) from agent to agent without a paper trail. Hawalahs were and are extensively used by Al Qaeda and other groups to fund their activities. On March 5, 2002, CNN's Mike Boettcher described Huber as a "living, breathing embodiment of a dangerous alliance of neo-Nazi and Islamic extremists, a coalition united in its hatred of America and Jews; a coalition known as the Third Position." Huber is an admirer of Osama bin Laden, the late Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran, and Adolf Hitler. Huber maintains that Hitler was a secret admirer of Islam. He told CNN's Boettcher, "Hitler has always said, 'the only religion I respect is Islam, and the only prophet I admire is Mohammed.'" Huber also said, "Al Qaeda is a very honorable organization. I mean, apart from some things they did."



"Third Position" advocate Ahmed Huber

Detailed research on the Al Qaeda/Neo-Nazi links is found in an [April/May 2002 article by journalist Kevin Coogan](#) (the highlights of which are encapsulated below):

On November 7, 2001, the US State Department Office of the Coordinator of Counterterrorism issued a list of organizations and individuals with financial ties to Al Qaeda. Huber was on the list. One of Al Taqwa's directors was Ahmad Idris Nasr al-Dil, Kuwait's former honorary counsel in Milan and a financial backer of Milan's Islamic Cultural Center, a known support structure for Al Qaeda that was shut down by Italian authorities on November 29, 2002. Italian investigators are now investigating a covert US special operations team that kidnaped Milan-based radical Egyptian cleric Husain Moustapha Omar Nasr (Imam Omar) and renditioned him to Egypt where he was jailed and tortured. Imam Omar was also a CIA asset used to keep track of Al Qaeda units in the Balkans -- units that were originally supported by the CIA and Muslim government-funded "defense funds" like the Bosnia Defense Fund set up in the 1990s under a Riggs Bank shell and directed by Richard Perle and the Feith & Zell law firm of Douglas Feith and Jerusalem-based attorney and Salem Chalabi colleague Marc Zell.

Two of Al Taqwa's directors, Yusuf Nada -- an Italian citizen -- and Ali Ghalib Himmat, were also members of the Muslim Brotherhood, which, like Osama Bin Laden, advocates the creation of an Islamic superstate. Dr. Ayman al Zawahiri, Osama bin Laden's deputy, is a longtime Muslim Brotherhood member and activist. Himmat also was a director of the Geneva branch of the International Islamic Charitable Organization (IICO), which was headquartered in Kuwait. Another Muslim Brotherhood leader, Yusuf Al Qardawi, served as the head of Al Taqwa's Board of Religious Advisors, based in Qatar. Much of Al Taqwa's funds came from Saudi Arabia. It is noteworthy that Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Qatar are all allies of the Bush administration in the "Global War on Terror." It is of particular interest that Nada founded the first Islamic bank in Egypt, the Egyptian branch of Saudi Arabia's Faisal Islamic Bank, the head of which was once Prince Turki al Faisal, one time head of Saudi Arabian intelligence, Saudi Arabia's main interlocutor with Osama bin Laden, and recently named to replace Prince Bandar bin Said as Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States. Faisal Bank has been linked by Luxembourg authorities to Al Qaeda financing activities.

Huber has straddled many political philosophies during his life. In the 1960s Huber was an active member of the leftist Swiss Socialist Party and helped Algerian Muslim terrorists buy weapons in Switzerland for their war

against the French. Huber was also pro-Israeli. That put Huber on the other side from his later ally, French far right leader Jean-Marie LePen, who, during the Algerian War, was fighting Huber's Muslim Algerian allies. Huber began studying Islam at a Muslim Brotherhood-run center in Geneva and converted to Islam. In Egypt, Huber grew close to the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Amin al Husayni, who was a close friend of Hitler. In Egypt, Huber also met Johann van Leers, a high ranking member of the Nazi Propaganda Ministry and aide to Joseph Goebbels. Van Leers, like Huber, converted to Islam, changing his name to Umar Amin van Leers. The Huber and van Leers Nazi-Egypt connection in Egypt occurred at the same time that the CIA, under Allen Dulles, permitted former Nazi German army and SS officers to travel to Egypt from Germany to train Gamal Abdel Nasser's military officers. This training program was revealed by former CIA officer Miles Copeland. Another Huber colleague was Francois Genoud (aka "Sheikh Francois"), a banker who supported pan-Arab nationalist groups, Palestinian terrorists, postwar Nazi support networks like ODESSA, and neo-Nazi political causes. Genoud funded SS butcher Klaus Barbie's legal defense team and grew close to Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine leader Wadi Haddad and arch-terrorist Ilyich Ramirez Sanchez, aka "Carlos the Jackal." Genoud and Huber were also close to Belgian Waffen SS General Leon Degrelle while he was in exile in Spain (an exile that was courtesy of Spanish Fascist Caudillo Francisco Franco and his chief religious advisor Josemaria Escriva, the founder of the right wing Catholic organization Opus Dei). Genoud committed suicide in 1996.

Meanwhile, Huber established close links in the 1960s with Germany's Red Army Faction ("Rote Armeefraktion" -- RAF), also known as the Baader-Meinhof Gang. Huber became friends with one of the RAF's leaders, Horst Mahler is now a leader of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party of Germany (NPD). Mahler celebrated the 9/11 attacks on the United States, saying they "marked the end of the American Century, the end of global capitalism, and the end of the Yahweh-Cult of Mammonism."

Huber also enjoyed close links with Austria's far right leader Jorg Haider and Turkish Islamist "Refah" Party leader Necmettin Erbakan. Huber has visited French far right leader Jean Marie LePen's home in St. Cloud, outside of Paris. Just a few days before 9/11, Huber spoke to an NPD conclave in Saxony and praised George W. Bush. In an interview for the NPD newspaper, Huber said it was very important for the neo-Nazis that Bush did not have any "Jewish Zionist" advisors. After Huber and his Al Taqwa firm were identified as having ties to Al Qaeda, Huber changed his tune and called the Bush administration a "gangster regime."

Huber bragged that he was able to enter and leave the United States at will prior to 9/11. He told *Wochen Zeitung* in 1993, the same year Al Qaeda was involved in the first World Trade Center bombing, "Because I was registered in all the CIA computers as Achmed, but my passport still remains Albert, I can enter and exit the USA without any problems."

Compare the secretive nature of Al Taqwa finances to the July 24 story on [Intelligence Whispers](#) about a Swiss bank and Saudi connection to the funding of one of the hijackers aboard United Flight 175, the plane that crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

UPDATED July 25, 2005 -- On July 24, the [Herald News](#) of north Jersey reported on a surge of neo-Nazi activity in towns around northeast New Jersey. West Paterson and Passaic police reported neo-Nazi groups placing hate literature on doorsteps and car windshields. In 2003, a former county probation officer in Clifton founded the "American Third Position," a neo-Nazi hate group. Another group, National Vanguard, has distributed hate fliers in Paramus. There has also been a surge in vandalism directed at Jewish homes and cemeteries in the north Jersey towns where the neo-Nazis are active. North Jersey, particularly Jersey City, Secaucus, Newark, and Paterson, was a nexus for the activities of the Al Qaeda cells that were behind both the 1993 and 2001 World Trade Center attacks.

July 23, 2005 -- **House Hearing on anniversary of 9/11 Report** -- Representative Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) chaired a 9-hour hearing in the Cannon House Office Building on the anniversary of the release of the widely-criticized 9/11 Commission Report. Witnesses, including 9/11 family members, former intelligence officers, former diplomats, politicians, academicians, and legal experts were uniform in their contention that the 9/11 Commission was deeply flawed and its report failed to address why 9/11 occurred. A number of the Commission members had major conflicts of interest. The Executive Staff Director Phillip Zelikow is a long-time Republican activist with close ties to Condoleezza Rice and the right-wing funded Miller Institute. The Commission was also criticized for focusing more on increased authorities for intelligence and law

enforcement and intelligence restructuring than on the events of 911 and past U.S. policy in the Middle East and South Asia that led up to the 911 attacks.

Former CIA officer Mel Goodman stated that the 911 Commission intelligence reforms proposed and, in part, acted upon by the Bush administration, would do nothing to prevent the politicization of intelligence. He said there's no better way to politicize intelligence than to place the Director of National Intelligence in the executive chain. He added, "considering [John] Negroponte's background in Honduras," the creation of the DNI is "a bad precedent." Goodman pointed to a statement by Negroponte that his goal is to ensure intelligence "meets consumer demands."



McKinney Hearing witness Lorie Van Auken, whose husband was killed in the WTC, expressed her frustration at both the 911 Commission's failure to address key issues and President Bush, who she watched on TV sitting in a Florida classroom with second graders after the second plane struck the Trade Center. While worried about the fate of her husband, she was bewildered that Bush would remain in the classroom, putting himself and the school children in danger while America was experiencing a major terrorist attack.

The panel discussed past U.S. support for Al Qaeda and its affiliates in Afghanistan, the Caucasus, Algeria, the Philippines, and the Balkans. Experts like British Middle East expert Nafeez Ahmed, author of *The War on Freedom*, pointed to links between Philippine Intelligence and the Abu Sayyaf Group; Algerian Intelligence ties to the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), and U.S. intelligence support for Al Qaeda units in Kosovo and Azerbaijan and the Mujaheddin and Taliban in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The 1990s exploits of Iran-contra felon, retired General Richard Secord, and two other covert players, retired Air Force Special Forces officer Harry "Heine" Aderholt and Gary Best, in backing Azerbaijan against Armenian separatists in Nagorno-Karabakh, was of particular note. The three, using a front company called Mega Oil, brought hundreds of "Arab Afghans," many of whom were members of Al Qaeda and served under then-Bin Laden ally Gulbuddin Hekmatayar, into the region from Afghanistan to fight not only in Nagorno-Karabakh but also Georgia, Chechnya, and Dagestan. The goal was to eliminate pro-Russian governments to make way for the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline. Hundreds of Al Qaeda terrorists were trained in terror tactics. At the time of the operations, Richard Armitage was the head of the US-Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce, an entity supported by companies like Chevron (on whose board Condoleezza Rice served), Halliburton (where Dick Cheney was CEO), and Enron (which was a cash cow and network of off-shore shells for the Bush family).

A number of experts, including Dr. Peter Dale Scott of the University of California at Berkeley, a former Canadian diplomat and author of *Drugs, Oil & War*, referred to the U.S.-sanctioned heroin trade from Afghanistan as the primary method Al Qaeda uses to finance its operations. That contention was supported by Lauretta Napolione, author of *Modern Jihad, Terror Incorporated*.

Veteran ABC News Middle East correspondent John Cooley, author of *Unholy Wars: Afghanistan, America, and International Terrorism*, provided a statement for the hearing. Cooley shoots down the neo-con line about links between Saddam Hussein and Al Qaeda.

"In the area of ignorant or mislaid intelligence warnings about 911, as well as the false (and probably in some cases, falsified) intelligence about Saddam Hussein's supposed WMDs and terrorist links, I can attest to personal experience: Myself and other working reporters often described Saddam Hussein's early support of notorious Palestinian guerilla groups, such as Abu Nidal, but also his quarrels with them, often resulting in their expulsion and/or assassination of their leaders."

"We reported how bin Laden, during his 1990s operations in the Sudan and later, denounced Saddam and offered to turn his volunteer Islamist legions against him in the Kuwait war of 1991. This was rejected by the Saudi royals. They preferred to accept then US Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's offer of a 400,000-plus, US-led expeditionary force, an idea excoriated by bin Laden as "an infidel presence" at sacred Muslim holy places, a main cause of bin Laden's break with the Saudi regime."

"During the summer of 2001, this reporter received directly from Jordanian intelligence in Amman information already passed to the United States, both in Jordan and Germany: communications intercepts of messages between terrorist operatives referring to imminent operation, code-named in Arabic "THE BIG WEDDING," in the continental US, using aircraft. Similar warnings were passed to Rabat and doubtless onward to Washington, by a Moroccan intelligence operative who infiltrated bin Laden's immediate circle. Suspected by bin Laden and frozen out, he escaped. He was eventually given a new identity and existence in the United States."

John Cooley has covered the Mideast and South Asia as a correspondent and author since the late 1950s.

McKinney was thanked repeatedly for the courage to hold the unofficial hearings and she received several standing ovations from the assembled witnesses, families, experts, and audience members. McKinney said that the "truth has finally arrived in the Congress."

Keeping up its role as a mouthpiece for Corporate America and a longtime enemy of Rep. McKinney, *The Atlanta Journal Constitution* has a report in today's issue about the hearing. The paper insinuates the hearing was dominated by "conspiracy theorists." A posting on Democratic Underground today is quite correct when it states the topics brought up in the hearing were not "conspiracies" but "discoveries." On the other hand, Daily Kos, the faux "liberal" Blog, keeping to form as a fount of group think and mainstream media pabulum, had little or nothing on the McKinney hearings. It has repeatedly censored postings that its operators and moderators claim are unfounded "conspiracy theories." The McKinney hearings were due to be broadcast by C-SPAN on the evening of July 23. The hearings were also streamed by Indymedia and Pacifica Radio.

July 22, 2005 -- State Department memo paragraph containing Valerie [Plame] Wilson's name marked "S" -- Secret. *The Washington Post* is reporting today that a June 10, 2003 State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR)/Undersecretary for Political Affairs three-page memo that discussed Ambassador Joseph Wilson's fact finding trip to Niger on behalf of the CIA and mentioned in the second paragraph the name of his covert CIA wife, Valerie [Plame] Wilson, was, at a minimum, classified at the Secret level. *The Wall Street Journal* reports today that the entire memo was classified Top Secret/NOFORN (No Foreign Dissemination). The paragraph containing Plame's name was marked "(S/NF)" "Secret, No Foreign Dissemination." The disclosure of that information by Karl Rove and Scooter Libby is a clear violation of laws governing the handling of classified material and is now a focus of special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald. Apparently, two sentences in the seven sentence S/NF paragraph dealt with Mrs. Wilson and her husband's visit to Niger -- the remainder emphasized previously-reported State Department diplomatic intelligence that reiterated that Iraq had not attempted to obtain uranium from Niger. In fact, the memo may have thrown cold water on an attempt by neocons to shop around phony intelligence that Iraq had attempted to buy uranium not only from Niger but from three other African countries: South Africa, Namibia, and Gabon. (Gabon is where Amb. Wilson served as ambassador under George H. W. Bush; Niger was Wilson's first diplomatic posting). Hence, Bush's "16 word" State of the Union address sentence that referred to British intelligence and "Africa."

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Secretary of State Colin Powell had the memo in his possession on Air Force One when he

accompanied President Bush on his July 7-12, 2003 trip to Africa. Then-Press Secretary Ari Fleischer and White House Communications Director Dan Bartlett accompanied Bush on the trip and are also the focus of the criminal probe of the security leak. Other White House communications aides, including Scott McClellan, Adam Levine, and Claire Buchan, were subpoenaed by Fitzgerald, along with Fleischer and Bartlett, and testified before the Grand Jury. The prosecutor has also shown an interest in Robert Joseph, the NSC official responsible for counter-WMD proliferation, and Karen Hughes, Bush's then-Communications chief. Hughes is due to testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at her confirmation hearing for Assistant Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy. Senators will have to navigate questions on Rovegate gingerly to avoid any legal interference with the Fitzgerald probe.

UPDATED July 22-23 -- Reported here first on July 16 in "Rovegate-Boltongate link." From July 22 *New York Times*: "Democrats who have been eager to focus attention on the case [Plame leak] have urged reporters to look into the role of several other administration officials, including John R. Bolton, who was then under secretary of state for arms control and international security and has since been nominated by Mr. Bush to be ambassador to the United Nations. " NBC News has now reported that Bolton, indeed, testified before the Rovegate Grand Jury about the Top Secret/NoForn memo that contained Valerie [Plame] Wilson's name. Other State Department officials testifying included Colin Powell and other undersecretaries, likely including INR chief Carl W. Ford and Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage.

UPDATED July 23, 2005 -- [July 21, 2005] -- An Italian prosecutor has issued arrest warrants for six more Americans, identified as CIA agents but reportedly members of a secret Pentagon task force made up of current and former U.S. Special Forces, foreign special forces personnel, and CIA Special Activities Division operatives. The American personnel are wanted for their involvement in the kidnaping of Egyptian Islamic cleric Hassan Moustapha Osama Nasr (Imam Omar) from a Milan street in early 2003. German prosecutors in Zweibrücken are now investigating whether the US agents passed through Ramstein Air Base with the kidnaped cleric -- which could mean additional German criminal charges being brought against the US agents. German and Italian prosecutors are cooperating in the case against the Americans.

Names of six additional U.S. agent [here](#).

The Italian and German prosecutors may be whittling away at one end of an international criminal conspiracy of leading neo-con advisers to the Bush administration, a covert Pentagon special operations team controlled by the NSC officials Stephen Hadley and Iran-contra felon Elliot Abrams, and semi-official Italian covert team with neo-Fascist and Italian intelligence links called DSSA. The forged Niger documents originated in Italy and may have been placed there by the US covert team acting with their Italian counterparts. US intelligence sources are pointing to Iran-contra player and current NSC adviser Michael Ledeen as one likely suspect in the unfolding conspiracy to deceive Congress and the American people into believing Iraq tried to purchase uranium from Niger. CIA veteran Ray McGovern has written, "Beyond his geopolitical punditry, Ledeen's curriculum vitae shows he is no stranger to rogue operations. A longtime Washington operative, he was fired as a "consultant" for the National Security Council under President Ronald Reagan for running fool's errands for Oliver North during the Iran-Contra subterfuge. One of Ledeen's Iran-Contra partners in crime, so to speak, was Elliot Abrams, who was convicted of lying to Congress about Iran-Contra. Abrams was pardoned before jail time, however, by George H. W. Bush, and he is now George W. Bush's deputy national security adviser. Ledeen is said to enjoy easy entrée to the offices of the vice president and the Pentagon, as well as to his friend Abrams."

McGovern continues, "Ledeen has denied having anything to do with the forgery. Yet the company he keeps with other prominent Iran-Contra convictees/pardonees/intelligence contractors suggests otherwise. Besides, Ledeen has had a longstanding association with the Italian intelligence service, which, according to most accounts, played an important role in disseminating the forged documents. Could Italian intelligence be the "[foreign] government service" mentioned in the Senate intelligence

committee report?"

July 20, 2005 -- The Bush-Saud-Bin Laden Axis Continues to Flourish. Saudi King Fahd has officially accepted the resignation of Saudi ambassador to the United States Prince Bandar bin Sultan (affectionately nicknamed "Bandar Bush" by members of the Bush family). But his replacement should shock every American citizen, especially those who lost loved ones in repeated "Al Qaeda" terrorist attacks on U.S. soil and abroad. The Saudis have shot a hypocritical blast at the United States by naming Prince Turki al Faisal, the former head of Saudi intelligence and current ambassador to London, as their next ambassador to Washington. During his 27-year stint as head of Saudi intelligence, Turki met on several occasions (at least five times) with Osama Bin Laden and his lieutenants. Turki was originally named in a \$1 trillion lawsuit filed by families of the victims of 911. The lawsuit claimed Turki helped fund Bin Laden. A Federal judge ruled that Turki had immunity from such a suit and, after an article in *Paris Match* alleged that Turki helped fund Al Qaeda, Turki sued the magazine for libel and won a large settlement and apology. In 2002, Turki told CNN, "I met bin Laden five times during the jihad against the Soviets in Afghanistan." However, by his own admission, Turki had an additional meeting with Bin Laden and his allies in 1991, some two years before the radical terrorist leader helped engineer the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. One was a coordination meeting held in Saudi Arabia to help overthrow the Marxist government of South Yemen. The defeat of the South Yemeni government took place in 1994, well over a year after the WTC van bombing in New York, a period of time when Bin Laden was living in Khartoum, benefitting from the largesse of wealthy Saudi businessmen and Royal family members. According to the London *Sunday Times*, Turki also met with Bin Laden representatives at a Paris hotel in 1996 and in 1998 with Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar and Osama Bin Laden in Kandahar, Afghanistan, while Bin Laden was virtually running the country. Turki took over the Saudi *Istakhbarat al Amiyah* intelligence service from his uncle Kamal Adham. Although Turki was removed as head of Saudi intelligence as a result of U.S. pressure after 911, he will now represent his nation in Washington, DC.



"The Saudi Sopranos"

Turki's uncle, Kamal Adham, had his fingerprints all over the BCCI scandal, along with the GOP's Ed Rogers. Adham, a major BCCI shareholder, was called the "grandfather of BCCI's Middle East Intelligence Network." From Sen. John Kerry's report on BCCI:

ED ROGERS AND KAMAL ADHAM

Introduction

In the view of the Subcommittee, the real story of Ed Rogers' involvement in the BCCI scandal has yet to be fully revealed. Rogers, a former White House Political Director, left his position at the White House in early August 1991 to start the political consulting firm of Rogers and Barbour [*Haley Barbour, former RNC Chair and current Gov. of Mississippi*] in Washington D.C. By the end of August Rogers, who had only briefly practiced law, was offered a \$600,000 contract with Kamal Adham.

Rogers was deposed by the Subcommittee in March 1992. His account of how he received the contract with Adham, who he consulted before accepting Adham as a client, and his relationship to Adham after withdrawing from the contract, are all called into question by his telephone logs, documents provided to the

Subcommittee and interviews conducted by the Subcommittee.

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Although there is some difference of opinion between Rogers and White House Counsel **Boyden Gray** [*note, Gray is a point man for Bush on nomination of John Rogers, who was involved in Iran-contra, cited in Independent Special Counsel Judge Lawrence Walsh's report*] as to exactly when in early August Rogers left the White House, Rogers' office phone logs at Rogers and Barbour indicate that on August 5th, he placed a phone call to Mr. Sam Bamieh at Intertrade Group in San Mateo, California. According to Mr. Gray, Rogers officially left the White House on August 6, the day after phone records show Rogers called Bamieh.

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--In 1983 [Prince] Bandar asked Bamieh if he would go into business with Richard V. Secord and Albert Hakim to bid on a security project at a Saudi airport. Secord and Hakim were key figures in the plan to channel money from the sale of US weapons to Iran to the Contra rebels fighting Nicaragua's leftist government. The business relationship was never cemented because the three never got the contract.

-- In 1983, Saudi officials asked Bamieh to funnel money to Morocco for the training of UNITA guerrillas. The Saudis said former CIA Director William Casey was aware of the plan, Bamieh said.

-- In February 1984, Bandar approached Bamieh in Cannes, France, asking him to set up an offshore company that would supply goods and services to anti-communist movements and oil to South Africa. Bandar said he declined, even though Bandar said, "Don't worry about the legalities" because Casey was discussing the matter with King Fahd.

Read the entire chapter on Kamal Adham and Bandar at:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/1992_rpt/bcci/19rogers.htm

July 20, 2005 -- RIP, Paul Duke. Paul Duke, a consummate professional journalist and true gentleman, has died at the age of 78. Duke was one of a vanishing breed of TV journalists -- one that transitioned in a hugely successful way from the print press to television. Starting out as an Associated Press reporter in Richmond, Virginia, then moving to the AP's Washington bureau and moving over to The Wall Street Journal's DC bureau, Duke joined NBC News in 1964 where he primarily covered Congress. In 1974, Duke became the moderator of PBS's Emmy award-winning "Washington Week in Review." In retirement, Duke was a national board member of Common Cause. When I spoke to Paul a few years ago, he was critical, in his genteel way, of the low road TV journalism has taken. Ironically, the conversation took place at La Colline Restaurant on Capitol Hill, four floors directly below the Washington studios of Fox News Channel.



GOP SLEAZE ALERT July 19, 2005 -- President Bush has nominated William Robert Timken, Jr. to be the next U.S. ambassador to Germany. Timken, the head of Canton, Ohio-based Timken Co. and one of the Bush campaign's deep pocketed "Pioneer" half million dollar contributors, also served on the board of directors of Ohio-based Diebold, Inc., the company accused of helping to fix the 2004 presidential elections through the use of faulty and paperless computerized voting machines. Timken

conveniently resigned from the board of Diebold on July 5, 2005, just a few weeks prior to Bush nominating him as ambassador to Germany. Note to Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee: This will be the first time you will be able to get someone so involved with Diebold and the 2004 election under oath during his confirmation hearings. This is something John Conyers would've dearly loved to do over on the House Judiciary Committee -- but official hearings were blocked by the GOP. Senators Biden, Dodd, Feingold, etc.: don't blow this golden opportunity to grill Timken on what he knows about Diebold chairman Walden O'Dell, his comment that he would "do whatever he could" to put Ohio in Bush's column, and pre-programmed Diebold "election engineering." The GOP will argue it has nothing to do with Timken's qualifications to be an ambassador -- but being involved in a crooked election says everything about Timken's integrity.

July 19-20, 2005 -- Bush's choice for SCOTUS: John Roberts of the US DC Circuit Court of Appeals. Appointed in 2003 by George W. Bush. In lockstep with the right-wing Federalist Society. Pro-corporation, down the line: on environmental issues, labor rights, etc. Voted with the religious right on their core issues. Anti-voting rights and civil liberties. Anti-women's choice. Associate counsel to Ronald Reagan, 1982-86, including the Iran-contra scandal time frame. Deputy Solicitor General under George H. W. Bush, 1989-93 -- likely involved in Dec. 24, 1992 decision by senior Bush to pardon Iran-contra principals Caspar Weinberger, Elliot Abrams (current National Security Council official and reported as person of interest in Rovegate), Robert McFarlane (advisory board Washington Institute for Near East Policy (WINEP), Duane Clarridge, Alan Fiers, and Clair George.

With Roberts' last minute pick, is the fix in for a future Supreme Court case involving Bush's and Cheney's violation of the Constitution about waging an illegal war in Iraq? We report, you decide.



Supreme Court pick John G. Roberts, Jr., US Court of Appeals for DC

WOULD THE REAL JOHN ROBERTS PLEASE STAND UP?

"John Roberts" was named in the Iran-contra Report of Judge Lawrence Walsh -- Was it Reagan White House Associate Counsel John G. Roberts, Jr. or White House Political Office senior aide John B. Roberts II?

National Endowment for the Preservation of Liberty (NEPL)

Channell had years of experience in raising funds for conservative political causes. As a result, he was asked by White House officials early in 1985 to help organize a "Nicaraguan Refugee Fund Dinner" to raise money for the contra cause. Channell became disenchanted with the way the dinner-planning had been conducted, and in April 1985 he approached White House political director Edward Rollins to offer his assistance in promoting President Reagan's contra policies.

He was referred to **White House political aide John Roberts**, who in turn directed him to Miller, a private public relations consultant who ran a firm known as International Business Communications (IBC).³ According to Channell, Roberts told him that Miller and his partner Frank Gomez ``are the White House -- outside the White House." ⁴

³ In 1984, Miller and his partner Gomez began providing public relations advice to contra leader Adolfo Calero. Calero's Nicaraguan Development Council between September 1984 and May 1985 paid \$55,000 in retainer fees to IBC. (Miller, FBI 302, 7/8/87, p. 4.)

⁴ Channell, Select Committees Deposition, 9/1/87, p. 53.

UPDATED July 21, 2005 -- Updated information on Roberts and IBC: A knowledgeable individual who worked closely with the Reagan administration recalls a youthful looking White House aide named John Roberts, who also went by the nickname "JR," attending an IBC conference on investments in Central America in the mid-1980s. The financial conference was held in Houston. IBC reports that the firm no longer maintains records on conferences held 20 years ago. The Roberts who attended the Houston meeting reportedly had strong links to then-US ambassador to Honduras John Negroponte. So the question remains: which John Roberts in the Reagan White House used the nickname "JR" and attended a meeting sponsored by the company named in the Walsh Report? Was it John G. Roberts, Jr., who served as Associate White House Counsel from 1982-86 and has been a longtime contributor to GOP political candidates around the country. (John G. Roberts has significant investments in international business firm Shaw Pittman, where his wife Jane Sullivan Roberts is a senior partner. Shaw Pittman has maintained professional business links with IBC, which facilitates international business meetings. David Rubinstein, a Shaw Pittman alumnus, is the founding partner and managing director of The Carlyle Group). Or was it John B. Roberts II, also a White House official under Reagan from 1981-85, who wrote an October 1, 2004 OP-ED in *The Washington Times* criticizing the CIA in general and CIA National Intelligence Council's National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia Paul Pillar in particular for his gloomy National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) on Iraq's future after the U.S. invasion? *Secrecy News*, published by the Federation of American Scientists' Project on Government Secrecy, is now reporting that the John Roberts named in the Walsh Report is John B. Roberts II and not, as they first reported, John G. Roberts, SCOTUS nominee.

<http://www.washtimes.com/op-ed/20040930-082915-5728r.htm>

WHAT DID JOHN ROBERTS KNOW ABOUT THE ADAM COMMUTATION? Pakistani heroin smuggler served 5 years of 55 year sentence; freed by senior Bush and his Justice Department two days before Bill Clinton was sworn in. Pakistani heroin smuggler flown as quickly out of the country as the Bin Ladens and Saudis were a few days after 911.

Perhaps the strangest decision by the first Bush administration and its Justice Department, in which Roberts was a significant player as Deputy Solicitor General, was their January 18, 1993 decision to commute the tough sentence -- two days before Bush left office -- of convicted Pakistani heroin smuggler Aslam Adam. A resident of Karachi who had only been in the United States for less than a month, Adam was sentenced in 1985 to a 55 year Federal prison term after federal authorities caught him retrieving a package containing heroin sent from Pakistan to a Charlotte, North Carolina post office box. The package had been flagged by a US Customs Officer at JFK Airport in New York and a stakeout was laid in Charlotte to catch Adam when he picked up the package. It was reported at the time of Adam's commutation that he was involved in a CIA covert operation involving Pakistan. During 1985, the CIA, along with Saudi Arabia and Pakistan's ISI intelligence, was funding and training the Mujaheddin guerrillas fighting the Soviets in Afghanistan. One of the guerrilla leaders was Osama Bin Laden. Justice Department and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) officials, as well as Pakistan's ambassador to Washington, expressed bewilderment and surprise at Adam's pardon by Bush and the Justice Department. U.S. Judge Robert Potter (a tough sentencing judge nicknamed "Maximum Bob") said he didn't want Adam freed. In addition, upon Adam's pardon and quick release from Butner Federal Prison in North Carolina, he was taken by Federal agents to a waiting plane and flown to Pakistan. Prison warden K.M. Hawk was opposed to an earlier proposal to have Adam freed to serve

his sentence in Pakistan. Bush never explained why he pardoned Adam. Bush White House officials directed inquiries to the Justice Department. Justice passed the buck back to the White House.

The comments by various parties involved in the Adam case:

"It's most unusual. There must have been some diplomatic aspect. I can't see President Bush making a cavalier move on the brink of leaving office in this fashion after what he's said about the war on drugs." -- Ken Andresen, the assistant U.S. attorney who prosecuted Adam.

"It's not good to be recommending clemency in cases of drug offenses." -- David Stephenson, Pardon Attorney of the US Justice Department.

"It may be that the Drug Enforcement Administration or the CIA wanted something from Pakistan -- and what they wanted will never see the light of day." - anonymous law enforcement official.

"I didn't know anything about it until I saw it in the paper." -- Judge Robert Potter.

"I don't know why the president commuted this man's sentence. Only the president and his close advisers would know that." -- Thomas J. Ashcraft, US Attorney, Western District of North Carolina.

"I wish I had been as effective with President Bush as Mr. Adam." -- Pakistani ambassador to the United States Syeda Hussain.

"God bless Bush." -- Fatima Adam, Aslam Adam's mother.

"Drugs is the gravest threat facing our nation." -- President George H. W. Bush.

Source: "Freeing of drug smuggler baffles legal authorities," By John Monk, Gary L. Wright; Knight-Ridder Tribune News, The Houston Chronicle, March 28, 1993, p. A20.

Adam's name was the last on Bush's pardon/commutation list:

Aslam P. Adam	Commutation	1985	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute heroin, importation of heroin, and use of mail in committing felony, 18 U.S.C. § 2, and 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 846, 952(a), 960(b)(1)(A), 963, and 843(b)
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It is obvious that Karl Rove had a lot to do with the last minute decision by Bush to dump Judge Edith Brown Clement (5th Circuit Court of Appeals) and replace her with Roberts. Former Louisiana Democratic Senator John Breaux, a Clement backer, seemed assured of her nomination at mid afternoon on July 19. Clement seemed to be the consensus candidate Bush arrived at after consulting with 70 members of Congress from both sides of the aisle. First Lady Laura Bush also favored another woman to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. But then Rove obviously weighed in with his politically-advantageous choice. Rove is hoping a contentious Roberts nomination will embolden the Religious Right base, move media and public attention away from Rovegate (CIA leak), and put Washington, DC into a "campaign" mode instead of a "scandal" mode. Essentially, Rove, who is now rumored to have committed perjury at his first Grand Jury appearance, is thumbing his nose at the Special Prosecutor and his critics:



He doesn't intend to go anywhere.

July 19, 2005 -- Censorship in the UK. Sir Jeremy Greenstock was Britain's ambassador to the UN in the lead up to the invasion of Iraq and its aftermath. He has written a book, *The Costs of War*, castigating the war and the U.S.-led Iraq occupation authority of L. Paul Bremer. Emulating some of the world's most insidious dictators, Prime Minister Tony Blair has ordered Random House (UK) not to publish Greenstock's book, demanding the removal of several pages critical of Blair, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, and the Bush administration. Among the censored pages are those that describe how the Bush administration attempted to manipulate the UN Security Council as a virtual rubber stamp for the war. Greenstock also presents a stinging criticism of Bremer and Condoleezza Rice. Greenstock also calls the Bush administration's reasons for the Iraq war "politically illegitimate." His revelations about the war bolster the information disclosed in the Downing Street memos.



Greenstock joins Robin Cook, Clare Short, and dozens of other current and ex-British government officials who have criticized the Iraq War

July 18, 2005 -- U.S. Ambassador to Italy involved in major conflict of interest. Mel Sembler, a rich Florida developer of shopping malls and playgrounds for the rich and famous, was awarded the coveted U.S. ambassadorship to Italy as a result of the hundreds of thousands of dollars he pumped into GOP coffers, particularly the campaigns of George W. George H. W., and Jeb Bush. The first President Bush awarded Sembler the ambassadorship to Australia. During the 2000 presidential campaign, Sembler's wife, Betty, was a member of the Republican Jewish Caucus. She also co-chaired Jeb Bush's gubernatorial campaign. In 2000, Mel served as National Finance Chairman for the Republican National Committee. After taking office, Bush quickly named Sembler a member of the Export-Import Bank, an entity that had guaranteed loans for a number of multi-million projects, including oil pipeline construction, in which Halliburton had a major stake.



Amb. Mel Sembler's Security Role in Italy: Making Sardinia Safe for Hotel and Condo Developers

Now, Sembler serves as George W. Bush's liaison to the neo-Fascists and pro-Iraq War politicians in Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's government, particularly neo-Fascist leader and Deputy Prime Minister Giancarlo Fini, who is considered Ariel Sharon's "man" inside the Berlusconi government. The result of Sembler's reign in Rome has been the sinking of U.S.-Italian relations to the lowest point since Benito Mussolini ruled Italy. U.S. troops shot and killed the deputy chief of Italian intelligence (SISMI) in Baghdad and wounded a freed Italian hostage, journalist Giuliana Sgrena. Thirteen U.S. intelligence agents are wanted by Milan authorities for the illegal kidnaping of an exiled Egyptian Imam from a Milan street in early 2003. A secret unofficial parallel Italian intelligence network, DSSA, tied to extreme right-wing groups, is being linked to forged Niger documents central to the Rovegate scandal. And now, according to the [Los Angeles Times](#), Sembler is pressuring Sardinia's center-left regional president Renato Soru to lift a moratorium on coastal development on his pristine Mediterranean island. Sembler has not merely been suggesting a lifting of the moratorium but actively lobbying Soru to permit development. It is obvious that Sembler is misusing his position as ambassador to help enrich himself and his wealthy mega-construction business friends. Soru is also pressuring the United States to vacate its Naval Support Activity nuclear submarine base on La Maddalena island off Sardinia's north coast, an issue that has earned him the wrath of the neo-cons in the Bush administration.

July 18, 2005 -- WMR scoops *The Washington Post*. WMR reported on nepotism involving MZM, Inc. and the National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC) on June 29. Today, the story made [The Post](#).

This was our report on June 29: "Conflict of interests charges swirled around NGIC even before MZM eased out Battelle as the prime contractor for the agency. NGIC insiders claim that NGIC management was equally close to both MZM and Battelle. The insiders cited one case where the son of a senior NGIC manager, whose work experience largely consisted of being a waiter and bartender, was hired by MZM as a senior manager. They also pointed to the wife of an NGIC senior official being employed as a secretary for Battelle and MZM. The NGIC insiders emphasize that such employment of relatives violate the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)."

July 18, 2005 -- President Bush welcomed Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to the White House today -- but Bush's role and that of his then National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice in Nepal's June 2001 regicide and their future plans for that nation -- are still a hot topic in Kathmandu and New Delhi. See [State Department cables](#) on Bush/Rice role in Royal Assassination aftermath in Kathmandu.



The late Royal Family of Nepal: What role did Bush and Rice play in their assassinations and replacement?

July 17-18-19, 2005 -- ROVEGATE -- Appearing on *Meet the Press* this morning, former Clinton White House Chief of Staff John Podesta gave some insights into Karl Rove's job as Deputy Chief of Staff in the Bush White House. Podesta said that Rove coordinates the activities of two major national security bodies -- the National Security Council (NSC) and the Homeland Security Council (HSC). One of the White House staffers who was reportedly "flipped" as a cooperating witness by special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald, Vice President Cheney's Principal Deputy Assistant for National Security **John P. Hannah**, has also been mentioned as a probable source of information on CIA covert agent Valerie Plame Wilson and her clandestine job in the CIA. Hannah reportedly told the prosecutor about what he knew about Scooter Libby's own role in the outing of Plame to the media. The editor made a July 18 morning call to the White House Press Office concerning Hannah's background -- information on Hannah is pending -- but the atmosphere at the White House is clearly in the "crisis mode" category. **UPDATED** Note: The Vice President's Press Secretary did not respond to our inquiry about John Hannah as of close of business on July 18. What is known about Hannah is that before he took his present position with Cheney's staff as chief foreign policy, national security and Middle East adviser, he was a Fellow at the neo-con and pro-Likud Washington Institute for Near East Policy (WINEP). In the first Bush administration, Hannah was with the Policy Planning Staff at the State Department and was known as a hawk in negotiating with Mikhail Gorbachev's *glasnost* and *perestroika*-reformed Soviet Union. In 1996, Clinton Secretary of State Warren Christopher praised Hannah in a speech to WINEP. Christopher said, "The Institute [WINEP] has been a reservoir for talent as well. Any organization that could help cultivate the likes of Martin Indyk, Dennis Ross, and John Hannah has got to be doing something right. Sometimes I think that the State Department owes the Institute a finder's fee."

In his present position, Rove is responsible for chairing meetings of the Principals and Deputies Committees, which bring together high-level representatives from various intelligence, law enforcement, and homeland security agencies for regular and ad hoc briefings. Rove has access to "all source intelligence," meaning he has a Top Secret/Special Background Investigation (SBI) clearance with access to numerous compartments and special access programs (SAPs): Special Intelligence (SI), COMINT, Byeman, ECI, Endseal, Gamma, H, Talent Keyhole (TK), Pearl, and VRK (Very Restricted Knowledge).

This means that Rove can access signals intelligence (SIGINT) information, including transcripts of domestic FBI wiretaps, human intelligence reports, reports on "black bag" and other "sneak and peek" operations, and internal CIA, NSA, DIA, FBI, and Homeland Security documents.

In his national and homeland security role as Deputy White House Chief of Staff, there are definite indications that Rove has, in the past and even quite recently, authorized the misuse of U.S. intelligence, including potentially illegal phone and email wiretaps, to gather extremely personal and sensitive information in order to smear his political opponents.

July 16, 2005 -- ROVEGATE-BOLTONGATE LINK? -- Amid the scandal over who leaked the name of

Joseph Wilson's CIA covert operations wife to Karl Rove and other White House officials, there is renewed focus on a June 10, 2003 State Department memo that recapped Ambassador Joseph Wilson's trip to Niger to check on deceitful "intelligence" on that nation's uranium export controls. The State Department memo was written by the State Department based on the notes of a State analyst who attended a multi-agency intelligence meeting in early 2002 to investigate alleged Iraqi uranium purchases in Africa, including Niger. The memo reportedly contained the name of Wilson's wife. In a significant development, [The New York Times](#) is reporting today that the memo was written by Marc Grossman, the Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs and a copy of it was requested by Secretary of State Colin Powell before he left for Africa with President Bush on the evening of July 7, 2003. Deputy Secretary Richard Armitage called Carl W. Ford, Jr., the Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research at his home on July 6 (a Sunday) and requested a copy of the memo. The fact that State's Intelligence and Research Bureau (INR) and Grossman were involved in the discussions about Niger and uranium are important in light of the revelations that UN ambassador nominee John Bolton, who was then Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. Grossman, Armitage, Powell, and Ford were all reportedly subjects of Bolton's request for National Security Agency (NSA) intercepts of communications. Bolton, who had declared war on INR, was working closely with Vice President Cheney's staff, including Chief of Staff Scooter Libby; Karl Rove; UN ambassador John Negroponte; the National Security Council; and the Pentagon neocon cell to hype and fix intelligence to justify the invasion of Iraq. [The Associated Press](#) is also reporting today that on July 11, 2003, Rove sent an email to Deputy National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley discussing Rove's previous phone call to Time's Matt Cooper about Wilson and his wife. Rove, Hadley Libby, then-National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, and Press Secretary Ari Fleischer were all members of the White House Iraq Group, set up to craft propaganda justifying the war.



Bolton -- Is he also a central player in Rovegate?

The discrediting of the "intelligence" about yellowcake uranium exports by Niger to Iraq was a reeling blow to Bolton's war justification activities as State's counter-proliferation chief. If special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald is able to link Bolton's illegal use of NSA intercepts against opponents of the Iraq war to the White House Iraq Group and the leak of Valerie Plame Wilson's name to Karl Rove and others, Rovegate will take on truly Watergate proportions, with illegal wiretaps being added to the mix of possible violations of national security, perjury, criminal conspiracy, and obstruction of justice.

SIDEBAR - The neo-cons and the Republicans on the Hill are spinning disinformation claiming that Valerie Plame Wilson was not a non-official cover (NOC) agent but some sort of administrative assistant. These statements prove that the Republicans and the neo-cons know little or nothing about intelligence. The CIA's Directorate of Operations (DO) relies on two major types of agents: case officers (acting under "official cover," usually at U.S. embassies and non-official cover (NOC) agents like Plame and her Brewster Jennings & Associates colleagues (consisting of no more than about five other NOCs. The Boston address for Brewster Jennings & Associates was an "accomodation address" used for the receipt of mail, packages, and faxes). They work together to spot and recruit assets (sources who are usually foreign nationals in positions of trust in foreign governments and businesses). Because NOCs do not have diplomatic immunity, they are subject to arrest for espionage except in nations that have a special arrangement with the United States (UK, Germany, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and a few other NATO countries). Through a combination of operations, case officers and NOCs assess potential targets, i.e., potential new assets or targets for other types of clandestine operations. On May 20, 1998, Brian Fairchild, a CIA case officer for 20 years, testified before the Joint Economic Committee of the US Congress that the CIA was increasingly relying on agents like Plame, non-official cover personnel:

"Before any operations abroad can succeed, case officers must have cover good enough to hide their true affiliation, and their operations. Therefore, the DO must discontinue assigning most of its case officers to U.S. Embassies abroad, although there will always be a need to have some case officers assigned undercover in embassies, so they can spot and assess official targets. Our embassies are incompatible with cover, because they are permeated with Foreign Service Nationals, many of which work against our interests, and the embassies are a natural point of focus for local counterintelligence services. In effect, the U.S. Government has announced to the local service that all of our personnel, including our intelligence officers, are located within the embassy. This provides the local service with an immediate advantage over the DO's case officers - counterintelligence officers know where they are, and can spend their resources investigating a single location.

To counter this threat, DO case officers must be assigned to non-official cover positions, mostly in commercial entities. When our case officers are hidden among thousands of U.S. businessmen, it will be almost impossible for local counterintelligence officers to uncover them, and hence, their personal and operational security will be greatly enhanced. The DO is already working on this type of cover, but more needs to be done, and on a greater scale."

In IC21, a 1996 staff study of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the role of a NOC is further defined and described as dangerous:

"Clandestine operations managers must concentrate more on building target specific access, a process that, more often than not takes months if not years. Examples are: placing a non-official cover (NOC) officer or recruiting an agent in a company that can plausibly get close to a covert weapons proliferation conduit; finagling a way to get inside a terrorist safehouse to implant listening devices; or buying a house from which to mount a technical collection operation."

By exposing Plame and Brewster Jennings, the Bush White House put into jeopardy NOCs, now a key element in the CIA's DO operations.

SIDEBAR - July 16, 2005 -- There are indications that the leak of the Brewster Jennings & Associates counter-WMD operation also resulted in the exposure of allied intelligence NOCs and private business assets working for British and German intelligence agencies who were assisting the CIA in its efforts to counter the flow of WMDs. The foreign agents worked for Britain's MI-6 (Secret Intelligence Service) and MI5 (Security Service) and the German Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND). The German counter-WMD operation concentrated on the smuggling of nuclear material from the former Soviet central Asian states. The British agents, using "trading company" fronts, had close contacts with assets in Iran, North Korea, the United Arab Emirates, Libya, Ukraine, China, India, Pakistan, and Russia.



Rovegate has hurt the West's ability to track the proliferation of WMDs and materials like the nuclear trigger (krytron) above.

July 16, 2005 -- THE MILITARY HOSPITAL THE CHICKENHAWKS DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT

According to a knowledgeable U.S. Army medical source, the U.S. Army Institute for Surgical Research's Burn Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, near San Antonio, is handling some of the worst U.S. military casualties from Iraq. Although the Pentagon spinmeisters steer politicians and journalists to Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Medical Center inside the Washington Beltway to see the numerous recovering amputee veterans from Iraq, Fort Sam Houston is an entirely

different matter. The wounded at the Sam Houston Burn Center suffer from severe and painful life threatening burns, the source said, adding, "you've got guys down there at Sam Houston lying in comas . . . their families, including young children, sit by their bed sides every day waiting . . . its an awful thing to see." Perhaps President Bush may want to take time off from clearing brush off his "ranch" to take a spin over to Sam Houston to see for himself what his senseless war has done to these soldiers and their families.

July 15, 2005 -- ROVEGATE -- Karl Rove's testimony before the Grand Jury, if it can be taken as true and non-evasive (which is doubtful) is being leaked piece meal to the media. The latest spin is that Rove claimed he heard of Valerie Plame's identity as a CIA agent from Robert Novak and replied that her heard the same thing. When asked if he heard the same from any other journalists, Rove replied yes, but in a tactic designed to avoid perjury, he said he did not remember the name of the other journalist. I think any thinking person can figure who that other journalist was.

NEW Special Report: By Wayne Madsen and Umberto Pascali

UPDATED July 15-16, 2005 -- Islamic fundamentalist link to British Fascists; liaisons between "renditioned" U.S. intelligence asset Italy and Al Qaeda cells in Balkans; U.S. links to Al Qaeda all coming together in a nexus of intrigue and deception Although British law enforcement has tied the London Transport bombings to three British citizens of Pakistani origin and one British citizen from Jamaica and the British and American governments are citing Al Qaeda links to the bombers, the fact remains that there are well-defined links between British fascists and Islamic terrorist groups. The head of Britain's anti-terrorism branch, Peter Clarke, has identified the bombers as Shehzad Tanweer, Hasib Husain, and Mohammad Sidique Khan – of Pakistani descent – and Lyndsey Germail (aka Jamal), a Jamaican by birth. They have been linked to Mohammad Barbar, a Queens, New York computer specialist arrested last year by U.S. authorities after he took part in an Al Qaeda summit in Pakistan. David Myatt, a native of England's Midlands, was the founder of a fascist group called Combat 18, the security service for the British National Front. Members of British intelligence penetrated the group as a way to insert agents into Northern Ireland's Protestant paramilitary groups. Myatt, an Adolf Hitler admirer and self-styled "Satanic Fuhrer" since the 1960s, has been trying to stir up an ethnic war in Britain by pitting his followers against Africans, Asians, and Jews. The founder of a Fascist satanic occult group, the Order of the Nine Angels, Myatt's blueprint for a fascist takeover of Britain was contained in his 1997 book, "The Practical Guide to Aryan Revolution." However, according to an article in the Birmingham, UK *Sunday Mercury* in 2003, Myatt experienced a metamorphosis from white Aryan nationalist to Islamic fundamentalist follower of Osama bin Laden. In his writings and web postings, Myatt/Aziz continues to attempt to meld Nazism with Islamic fundamentalism. Myatt converted to Islam and changed his name to Abdul Aziz. He also used the names Abdul bin Aziz, Abdul Aziz ibn Myatt, and Abdul al Haqq and has used the email address sheikh@al-qaeda.com. Myatt/Aziz continues to fan the flames of British Fascism while adhering to his newly-found Islamic beliefs. He runs Britain's National Socialist Movement and a web site called Aryan Nation at the same time he leads a pro-Al Qaeda group called the Islamic Liaison Group. In many Islamic circles in Britain and abroad, Myatt/Aziz, who has become an "expert" on the Koran, is viewed as an Islamic "scholar" and even a "holy man." After 9/11, Myatt/Aziz began echoing the most extreme Al Qaeda propaganda. He continued to pen such anti-Semitic tracts as "The Crusader War Against Islam" and "The Zionist Quest for World Domination." Myatt/Aziz's extremism was embraced by one British Islamic extremist group, Al Muhajiroun, whose leader, Sheikh Omar Bakri, told *The Mercury* in 2003, "I am very keen to meet up with him [Myatt/Aziz] as we both share a lot in common and I am sure he can help the Islamic cause." Although he moved from his Worcestershire home in 2003, Myatt/Aziz has continued to post inflammatory messages on Islamic and Nazi web sites using various aliases. Now comes word from *The Guardian* that the fascist British Nationalist Alliance and British National Front are planning a series of incendiary anti-Muslim marches and seeking support from British football hooligan groups in West Ham, Millwall, Crystal Palace, and Arsenal (oddly, Arsenal, in particular, has multi-ethnic players), which contain cells of racist and neo-Nazi football club fans.



British Nazi-Al Qaeda Links? They are unmistakable and definite

[The Independent](#) reported on July 10, 2005 that Al Qaeda may have hired a gang of "white mercenary terrorists" to carry out the London bombings. The [Daily Mirror](#) reported on July 16, 2005 that the four bombers may have been "duped" into carrying their bomb-laden backpacks on to the Underground and a bus.

There is also intelligence that points to Italian neo-fascist, Pentagon Task Force 121, and Balkan Islamic fundamentalist links to the London bombers. French counter-terrorism officials have reported that Balkan or Eastern European-origin military grade explosives were used in the London blasts. A major Italian investigation into the operations of a secret parallel neo-fascist network called DSSA, a hybrid group of Pentagon-CIA Special Activities Division covert operators working under the umbrella of Task Force 121, and the Balkan and Italian operations of CIA asset Husain Moustapha Omar Nasr (Imam Omar), a fundamentalist Imam kidnaped by the Pentagon covert operators from Milan on February 17, 2003 and flown on an "extraordinary rendition" flight to his native Egypt where he was tortured. But Imam Omar had another function. He was, according to Albanian intelligence sources, a CIA asset who kept tabs on Al Qaeda activities in the Balkans, particularly among Albanian Islamist extremists in Albania, Kosovo, and Macedonia. With French intelligence reporting that the explosives used in London were Eastern European or Balkan in origin, it is important to revisit the U.S. relationship with Al Qaeda elements in the Balkans.

As in Britain, there are Italian Fascist-Islamic terrorist connections in Italy. C'era Franco Freda, the original neo-Fascist terrorist connected to the "Servizi Devianti" in Italy, which is being currently being probed by a Genoa magistrate, Freda was also pushing "Islamist" radicalism. Freda, it should be noted, created the group of anarchists who were used as front of for the Gladio/P2-backed neo-Fascist Milan bombings in 1969. Like Myatt in Britain, Claudio Mutti of the National Front of Thilger and other neo-Fascist Italian groups "converted" to Islam and created groups of Italian Islamic fundamentalists. The links between the neo-Fascists and Islamists in Italy are as unmistakable as those in Britain. On October 16, 2001, weeks after 9/11, the Russian news agency Novosti reported an Al Qaeda training at Ropotovo, Kosovo, near an American base at Kosovska Kamenica. The report stated that according to Russian peacekeeping forces in the breakaway province, "the camp is now training 50 Afghan and Algerian mujahideen, led by Zaiman Zawahiri. He is reportedly the brother of one of the closest associates of international terrorist Osama bin Laden. This camp prepares militants for terrorist formations in Kosovo and Macedonia. Their 'instructors' are former [ethnic] Albanian officers who, in 1991-92, deserted from the Yugoslav Army." [The Independent](#) (UK) reported on October 21, 2001 that "Interpol has linked bin Laden to Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) crime gangs, and that he "supplied one of his top military commanders for an elite KLA unit" in Kosovo." The Al Qaeda units were also operating in neighboring Macedonia. The Macedonian daily *Dnevnik* reported on Oct. 19 that the group led by the brother of Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri, the closest associate of bin Laden, had crossed the border from Kosovo into Macedonia. Quoting intelligence sources, *Dnevnik* wrote: "The younger brother of the chief of the Balkan headquarters of al-Qaeda, Ayman al-Zawahiri, with around 50 mujahideen, has entered Macedonia and has started building fortifications in the Skopska Crna Gora region. The aim of the terrorist group is to attack the water supply" for Skopje.

The Macedonian newspaper reported that the gang had been stationed earlier in the training camp near the village of Ropotovo, Kosovo—as Novosti also reported—and received orders to enter the Macedonian town of Matejce. On Oct. 16, a convoy of refugees, who were previously expelled by the KLA, were supposed to visit their destroyed houses. However, the observers from the Organization for Security and Cooperation (OSCE) in Europe entered the village first, and reported that at least 50 armed men had communicated they were going to fire on the convoy if they dared to enter Matejce. The OSCE order to the heartbroken refugees was: Go back, we cannot guarantee your security!

But who is Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri, whose brother Zaiman is running terrorist camps under NATO protection in the U.S. zone in Kosovo? As the London *Guardian* wrote, "Even to say he is bin Laden's right-hand man may understate his importance." He is considered by many to be the real head of what is known as the bin Laden group. "Some analysts believe that in his current role in Afghanistan, al-Zawahiri has taken over control of much of bin Laden's terrorist finances, operations, plans, and resources," wrote the *Guardian*. His known terrorist career started no later than 1981, with his involvement in the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat; it includes the massacre of 70 people on a tourist bus in 1997 Luxor, Egypt, and the assassination attempt against Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in 1995.

Strangely enough, according to an expert who testified before a U.S. Congressional committee in January 2000, al-Zawahiri was granted U.S. residence by the Immigration and Naturalization Service—something almost impossible for many legitimate immigrants to obtain. Should we be surprised that one of the centers of operation for al-Zawahiri was London, where one of his closest relatives resided? President Mubarak is believed to have referred to him when, after the Luxor massacre, he stated: "There are people who carried out crimes and who were sentenced [in Egypt] and live on British soil.

A deputy director in Macedonian intelligence was quoted in an interview in the *Halifax Herald* stressing: "We have already provided a substantial dossier to the CIA, and obtaining further proof [of the link between bin Laden and the KLA] is our ministry's number-one priority." The intelligence official revealed that the Macedonian forces had contained the KLA assault in May, despite the KLA's superior armaments, because Ukraine supplied helicopter gunships. However, the KLA was able to neutralize this Macedonian advantage. He said, "Shortly after that, our helicopter pilots reported being targeted by sophisticated [U.S. made] Stinger [anti-aircraft] missiles. It is our information that the (KLA) received these Stingers from their mujahideen connections in Afghanistan."

During the time of the Al Qaeda/Albanian incursions into Macedonia, Macedonian intelligence began reporting about the narco-terrorist connections between the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) and the Taliban, and between these two groups and high-level U.S. and British intelligence agencies. This network, which was linked through Turkish intermediaries, figures largely in what former FBI Turkish/Farsi/Azeri translator Sibel Edmonds discovered while working for the FBI and explains why the Bush administration invoked a state security provision on her to prevent her from revealing what she knew about U.S. cooperation with and coddling of Islamic terrorist groups and Middle East and Balkans drug cartels.

On Oct. 23, 2001, Gwen McClure of Interpol's Criminal Subdivision officially informed a group of parliamentarians from NATO countries that Interpol has evidence that bin Laden is linked to Albanian gangs which have taken over the growing web of crime across Europe. Their investigations have also shown that bin Laden deployed one of his top military commanders for an elite KLA unit during the NATO war in Kosovo. The Interpol confirmation of the direct collaboration between bin Laden networks and the NATO-KLA operations during the bombing of Yugoslavia in 1999, is further confirmed by an article in the Swiss financial daily (*Neue Zuercher Zeitung*) on Oct. 25, 2001: "According to Egyptian and French intelligence services, in the late 1990s, bin Laden brought 500 Arab mujahideen to Tirana [Albania]. They are reported to have fought side by side with the KLA and to have been involved in the most brutal acts of revenge against Serbian civilians." McClure also stated that a meeting took place in Albania, in the presence of bin Laden, according to Albanian police. Several Algerian terrorists were present at the meeting. "It was during this meeting," she stressed, "that many structures and networks were established for propaganda and fundraising activities and for providing the Algerian armed groups with logistical support." During and immediately after the Kosovo war, when the KLA took over the province, heroin and weapons trafficking exploded unchecked. The so-called "Albanian mafia" ended up controlling 80% of the heroin distribution in Western Europe, when Kosovo had become a NATO protectorate.

A short article which appeared from the Egyptian Mideast News Agency on Sept. 8, 1996, entitled "Al-Jihad Terrorist Claims Strong CIA Terror Ties." It read: "An important cadre in the al-Jihad organization, who has returned from Afghanistan, has disclosed that there are strong relations between the CIA and British intelligence on one side, and terrorist leaders in Egypt and the Arab countries. Ahmad Rashid, the former ideologue of the Jihad, said that (Ayman al-Zawahiri, the military

commander of the Jihad organization, had asked the CIA for \$50 million) early in the 1990s to stage a coup in Egypt." Other reports say that it was actually a man called al-Amriki ("the American" in Arabic) who made the offer. The \$50 million offer was accompanied with the assurance that the United States would not interfere with an "Islamist" takeover of Egypt, and allegedly proposed a (modus vivendi) between U.S. forces and the "Islamists" in the Balkans. Reportedly, al-Amriki was known among Islamist circles as a CIA go-between to various militant groups especially connected to the Afghan Jihad. And, connections among the CIA, British intelligence, and Afghan "fighters" are nothing secret or surprising, given that Western agencies provided support, training, logistics, and financing for those who were willing to fight against the Soviets in Afghanistan. In January 1998, in an interview with the French journal *Le Nouvel Observateur*, former U.S. National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, an advocate of a "Clash of Civilizations" between the West and Islam, confirmed that, indeed, secret CIA support to the mujahideen started six months before the date given officially. The secret support was intended as a provocation to the Russians, to lure them into the "Afghan trap." Brzezinski stated: "According to the official version of history, CIA aid to the mujahideen began during 1980, that is to say, after the Soviet army invaded Afghanistan, on Dec. 24, 1979. But the reality, secretly guarded until now, is completely the opposite: Indeed, it was July 3, 1979, that President Carter signed the first directive for secret aid to the opponents of the pro-Soviet regime in Kabul. And that very day, I wrote a note to the President in which I explained to him that in my opinion this aid was going to induce a Soviet military intervention." When asked if he regretted that provocation today, Brzezinski replied, "Regret what? That secret operation was an excellent idea. It had the effect of drawing the Russians into the Afghan trap--the day that the Soviets officially crossed the border, I wrote to President Carter: 'We now have the opportunity of giving to the U.S.S.R. its Vietnam War.' Indeed, for almost ten years, Moscow had to carry on a war that was unsustainable by the government, a conflict that brought about the demoralization and finally the breakup of the Soviet empire. What is most important to the history of the world? The Taliban or the collapse of the Soviet empire? Some whipped-up Muslims or the liberation of Central Europe and the end of the Cold War?"

So, it is not hard to see why the "Islamists" would have an open channel with Western agencies including the CIA. The man who reportedly presented to al-Zawahiri the \$50 million proposal and the encouragement to destabilize Egypt, is known as Abu Mohamed al-Amriki, "Mohamed the American," real name Ali Mohammad. An Egyptian military man, al-Amriki joined the Jihad organization in 1981, the year that the Jihad claimed credit for the Oct. 6, 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat. Among the persons arrested for that assassination was Ayman al-Zawahiri, charged with illegal weapons possession. The stories of al-Amriki and al-Zawahiri tend to intersect not only in Afghanistan and Egypt, but also in the United States. It was al-Amriki who organized the visit of al-Zawahiri to New York, California, and Texas, to collect money, officially, for the families of the Afghan war victims. In reality, part of the money, according to the courtroom testimony of Khalid Abu-al-Dhahab in Cairo 1999, was used to finance the bombing of the Egyptian Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan. Al-Amriki reportedly began his career as the elusive "American" in 1981, when he first arrived in the United States immediately after having joined the Jihad organization, and was enlisted in a U.S. Special Forces school for foreign officers at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

In 1985, after leaving the Egyptian Army, he came to California and married. In 1986, he joined the U.S. Army. As a sergeant, he was stationed again at Fort Bragg's Special Warfare center, and in the late 1980s he popped up at an Afghan refugee center in Brooklyn, New York. There he gave combat training to Afghan and Muslim recruits who were to be sent back to Afghanistan to fight the Russians. Al-Amriki in 1992 went to Pakistan and Afghanistan to train the bin Laden men, providing especially "military and basic explosives training," according to U.S. court records. Al-Amriki terrorist career took off from there, putting him in contact and in a position of leadership with virtually every major Islamist terrorist organization. Al Amriki/Mohammad was indicted and convicted for his involvement in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. One of the prosecutors in that case was Special Prosecutor in the RoveGate case, Patrick Fitzgerald. Nevertheless, Al Amriki/Mohammad was a prized contact for Pentagon special operations personnel. One of his closest colleagues, a former member of Delta Force, is now involved with Task Force 121 and the Pentagon's Strategic Support Branch (Project Icon) and passing intelligence to the neo-conservative parallel intelligence unit operating inside the Pentagon. Task Force 121 is the group responsible for the kidnaping of Imam Omar from Milan and other irresponsible and dangerous adventurism around the world.

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