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# The Abu Daoud Affair

The Abu Daoud affair was staged from the beginning to force a crisis in the growing alliance against the dollar between the Arab states and Europe. Rockefeller's Die Spinne terrorist networks, including Interpol, and its French, W. German, and Israeli networks, arranged the Paris arrest of Palestinian leader Abu Daoud to provoke Arab rage against the European governments involved and to provide a context for terrorist incidents and counter-terrorist repression.

The provocation backfired, however, despite an international press effort to turn the arrest into a full-fledged anti-Arab campaign, and even conservative French press sources are now openly discussing the fact that the U.S. CIA and related intelligence agencies were behind the whole affair. To be more specific than these French sources, the arrest involved the Interpol network of police and paramilitary right-wing organizations as well as the leftist networks of the Washington-based Institute for Policy Studies, with the entire operation under the aegis of the U.S. National Security Council and the Rockefeller financial interests.

### *The Facts of the Abu Daoud Affair*

Abu Daoud, also known as Mohamed Daoud Odeh, is a 39-year-old Palestinian leader of Al Fatah, the grouping within the Palestine Liberation Organization led by Yasser Arafat.

Abu Daoud arrived in Paris Jan. 5 from Beirut, after having obtained a proper visa from the French foreign ministry. On Jan. 6 he met with French officials at the foreign ministry to discuss the investigation of the murder of PLO representative Mamdouh Saleh, gunned down in Paris a week earlier by Israeli agents operating with the complicity of French Interior Minister Michel Poniatowski.

Saleh's assassin was identified at a public press conference in Paris by leading Gaullist Vincent Monteil. Monteil named Harlay Libermann, the Israeli military attaché in Paris in 1965, as the coordinator of a continentwide hit squad responsible for a series of murders of Palestinian Arabs. Monteil stated that he had provided the evidence on Libermann to French authorities, but had achieved no result.

On Jan. 8, Abu Daoud was suddenly arrested by the French secret police (DST). It was initially reported that the arrest was made on the basis of an Interpol warrant issued by West Germany, which blamed Abu Daoud for the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre. Later, however, it was revealed that West Germany had issued no such request, and the DST and Interpol had acted solely in cooperation with Israeli Intelligence.

Israeli Intelligence, meanwhile, contacted the right-

wing Bavarian state government in West Germany, dominated by the political machine of neo-Nazi Franz Josef Strauss and his Christian Social Union, to get them to put pressure on the federal government to demand Abu Daoud's extradition from France. Aware of the international crisis that such an event would cause, the West German government stalled and refused to grant the Bavarian request.

The incident, solely the result of an Interpol provocation, developed as a major political crisis for France. The Arab states put tremendous pressure on France, while Gaullist and communist forces inside France sharply attacked the DST and Poniatowski's interior ministry over the arrest.

On Jan. 11, Abu Daoud was released unconditionally and flown to Algeria.

### *Interpol's Failure*

From the start, the purpose of the arrest of Abu Daoud was to disrupt European-Arab relations. Had Abu Daoud been held, and had he been extradited to West Germany or Israel, Arab sentiment would have exploded. In addition, the arrest was intended to trigger a number of spectacular terrorist incidents run by the Institute for Policy Studies' networks in so-called retaliation for the Abu Daoud arrest. The terror option, used as a political weapon by Interpol, was meant to trap Western Europe in support for the U.S.-Interpol "counterterror" repression, thus worsen European-Arab relations.

With the release of Abu Daoud, the whole affair — so

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"... There is completely open speculation in France over whether the American secret service, the CIA, and behind them possibly the State Department or the Israeli lobby in the USA, might not have had an interest in burdening France's constantly improving relations with the Arab world. This is particularly significant since only days from now Giscard will visit Saudi Arabia, a country which until now has been an exclusive bastion of American capital."