

Editorial

Monica Pollard?

Monica Lewinsky's lurid appearance before the Kenneth Starr grand jury has prompted many sage political observers around the world to pose the question: Was Lewinsky a Likud plant into the Clinton White House? It is highly unlikely that we will ever get a satisfactory answer to that question. However, some questions have been raised recently, and are now the subject of further investigation by *EIR*, about the involvement of the government of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israel's intelligence services, in the ongoing "Lewinskygate" assault on the Clinton Presidency.

One European journalist has pointed out that, from October 1995 onward, U.S. intelligence agencies, including the Defense Investigative Service (DIS), the National Security Agency (NSA), and the FBI, have been in hot pursuit of an Israeli intelligence network, operating inside the United States. In October 1995, the DIS issued a warning to defense contractors about possible Israeli espionage targetting American defense firms. Two months later, when word of the probe was leaked to the media, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith attacked the DIS for spreading "anti-Semitism." Then-Defense Secretary William Perry ordered the DIS probe shut down. Despite the outward appearances of backing down in the face of Israeli pressure, nevertheless, the Clinton administration, with the case of convicted spy Jonathan Pollard in mind, remained vigilant about the possibility of a new round of Israeli espionage.

In January 1997, according to a variety of news accounts, the NSA intercepted a telephone conversation between a Mossad officer at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, and the head of the Mossad in Tel Aviv. The agent was asking authorization to solicit help from an Israeli "mole" inside the Clinton inner-circle, whom the agent called "Mega." Then-Mossad boss Danny Yatom flatly rejected the request, and chastised the agent for even raising the idea of jeopardizing their super-mole. According to our sources, the Netanyahu government went into a panic. A team was promptly dispatched to Washington from Israel to devise a "dam-

age control" plan for shutting down yet another American government probe into Israeli intelligence operations against the Clinton administration.

Here is where Lewinsky apparently enters the picture. According to a Tel Aviv source, the Israeli sleuths soon "discovered" that a telephone tap on Lewinsky's Watergate apartment might turn up just the ammunition required to pressure the U.S. government into dropping the "Mega" probe. Indeed, after a brief flurry of media coverage of the "Mega" scandal, which the Netanyahu government vociferously denied, the story disappeared from the news. We do not know yet whether the "Mega" probe was dropped at that time.

In June 1997, President Clinton, according to a number of news accounts, decided to raise the pressure on Prime Minister Netanyahu, to get him to make good on his promises to live up to the Rabin government's peace accords with the Palestinians. Every subsequent effort by the Clinton administration has been met by outrageous stonewalling and sabotage. In late 1997, President Clinton, furious at Netanyahu's subversion of the Mideast peace process, refused to meet with him while he was in the United States attending a series of Zionist Lobby events.

The following month, President Clinton agreed to host Netanyahu at the White House. Just before the scheduled Jan. 20 Oval Office session, the Israeli Prime Minister staged an anti-Clinton rally, with none other than Rev. Jerry Falwell, one of the "Christian" Right's most vicious Clinton libellers. Needless to say, the Clinton-Netanyahu meeting the next day was a non-starter. In the midst of the Netanyahu visit to Washington, the Lewinsky scandal broke in the national media.

EIR is now in the process of probing a wide range of sources around the world. We are not yet prepared to draw any conclusions about the role of the Netanyahu circle in the Lewinsky affair. But, *EIR* has been right, since 1994, in our warnings that the neo-conservative Zionist Lobby apparatus has been in the forefront of the assault on the Presidency. We felt it appropriate to inform our readers that this is a story that we intend to pursue.