

It Didn't Start, or Stop, With Spy Jonathan Pollard

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Addressing the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations Sept. 8, Gen. Anthony Zinni hardly concealed his anger in answering *EIR* White House correspondent Bill Jones' question about the July 10, 2002 Pentagon session of the Defense Policy Board, where former RAND Corporation "senior analyst" Laurent Murawiec called for the U.S. military occupation of the oil fields of "enemy" Saudi Arabia: If he were still in charge of the Central Command, declared Zinni, no such obscenity would have ever taken place inside the Pentagon. Why, then, have none of the principals responsible for the Defense Policy Board fiasco—Board Chairman Richard Perle, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy Doug Feith, or Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz—been fired, or even rebuked?

To answer that question, *EIR* investigators spoke to a wide range of Washington sources—on Capitol Hill, inside the Pentagon, in the intelligence community, and in the Administration itself. Among the most telling responses came from a Capitol Hill source, who complained, bitterly, that the Pentagon and State Department Israeli "mole hill" is being protected by senior White House staffers in the Office of Vice President Dick Cheney. The source freely acknowledged that Perle, Feith, and State Department arms control specialist David Wurmser were "guilty as charged" of peddling an Israeli Likud policy of perpetual war with the Arab world inside Team Bush—with an alarming degree of success.

We have documented that Perle, Feith, and Wurmser were the principal authors of a July 1996 study for then-Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, calling for a "clean break" with the Oslo peace process and all regional peace plans based on land-for-peace, in favor of a geopolitical "balance of power" strategy based on destabilizing the entire Arab world, with Israel permanently annexing the

West Bank and Gaza Strip (see "The Pollard Affair Never Ended!" *EIR*, Sept. 20). The study was prepared under the auspices of the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies (IASPS) in Jerusalem and Washington, a Jabotinskyite think-tank bankrolled by right-wing American billionaire Richard Mellon Scaife. Prime Minister Netanyahu wholeheartedly embraced the Perle document in a speech he delivered before a joint session of the U.S. Congress on July 10, 1996. Since coming into office in early 2001, current Israeli Prime Minister and serial war criminal Ariel Sharon has ruthlessly pushed the Perle-Feith-Wurmser scheme, with murderous efficiency.

In 1988, *EIR* published an exclusive cover story (June 3, "Suspected Soviet Spy Cell Wrote Reagan's Long-Term Strategy"), which identified ten senior Reagan Defense Department officials, all investigated by the General Counsel to Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, as suspected members of an "X Committee," deploying convicted Israeli-Soviet spy Jonathan Jay Pollard from within upper echelons of the Pentagon. The individuals named were: Albert Wohlstetter, Henry S. Rowen, Andrew Marshall, Fred Charles Iklé, Richard N. Perle, Stephen D. Bryen, Frank Gaffney, Jr., Douglas J. Feith, John F. Lehman, Jr., and Paul Dundes Wolfowitz. Of this group, Marshall, Feith, and Wolfowitz hold top Pentagon posts today. Perle and Iklé are both on the Defense Policy Board, a prestigious advisory group to the Secretary of Defense, that reports directly to Feith and Wolfowitz.

The entire Israeli spy network was nearly rolled up seven years *before* Pollard's November 1985 arrest, when Bryen, then a senior professional staffer on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was caught by an eyewitness passing a classified Pentagon document on Arab military capabilities, to visiting Israeli Ministry of Defense officials and a Washing-

ton-based Israeli “diplomat” suspected of actually being the Mossad station chief. A Justice Department probe of Bryen and the “diplomat,” Zvi Rafiah, was stymied by collusion of Deputy Attorney General Philip Heyman and Bryen attorney Nathan Lewin.

What came to be known, following Pollard’s arrest, as the “X Committee,” was thus fully operational, years before the U.S. Navy intelligence analyst Pollard was recruited, to steal classified U.S. intelligence documents for the top-secret Israeli scientific intelligence unit, Lekem, headed by Sharon and “Dirty Rafi” Eytan.

The Protectors

Pursuing the lead offered by the Capitol Hill source, *EIR* investigators have developed extensive evidence that the key “mole hill” protector in the Office of Vice President Cheney is his chief of staff and principal national security adviser, **I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby**.

Libby, according to an April 30, 2001 *New York Times* profile, has been a protégé of Paul Wolfowitz since 1973, when Libby was his student at Yale. When Wolfowitz joined the Reagan State Department, Libby came to Washington as his deputy. When, in 1989, Wolfowitz became the number-three Pentagon official under Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, in charge of policy, Libby came back to government as his top aide.

During his long career as a private attorney, Libby was both protégé and law partner of **Leonard Garment**, Richard Nixon’s White House General Counsel, and a pivotal figure in the Zionist Lobby power elite. In the days following Pollard’s arrest in November 1985, Garment conducted a damage assessment for the Israeli government. In 1986, he was brought to Israel and became the attorney for **Col. Aviem Sella**, the Israeli Air Force officer who was the recruiter and controller of Pollard.

The Garment-Libby Israeli connections run much deeper. On and off from 1985-2000, while out of government, Libby was the lead attorney representing fugitive metal trader **Marc Rich**. Rich was indicted by the Justice Department in 1983 for tax evasion and trading with the enemy (violating the boycott/embargo of Iran during the 1979-80 hostage crisis). Before going to trial, Rich fled the country, taking up luxurious exile in Zug, Switzerland, outside the reach of U.S. authorities.

From his Swiss base, Rich was a pivotal figure, drawing together the Russian Mafia, the Sharon circles in Israel, and convicted KGB spy **Shabtai Kalmanowitch**, in a vast intelligence and underworld operation that spanned the globe. His Israel-based Marc Rich Foundation was headed by a former high-ranking Israeli spook, **Avner Azulay**, who, according to Israeli sources, was bounced from the Shabak (Israel’s FBI-equivalent) on corruption charges. Rich boasts that his “foundation” was a source of funding for overseas Mossad operations.

According to a *Newsweek* magazine account, Azulay



One of the LaRouche campaign teams distributing 1 million copies of the leaflet, “The Pollard Affair Never Ended” in mid-September. Lyndon LaRouche has followed that blast, with 500,000 of the new leaflet reported here.

joined forces with **Zvi Rafiah**; with hedge fund manager, Mega Group founder and Democratic Leadership Council moneybags **Michael Steinhardt**; and with Anti-Defamation League (ADL) national director **Abe Foxman**, to lobby President Clinton to grant Rich a pardon before leaving office in January 2001.

The Rich pardon triggered a political explosion, which both the Republicans and the Gore-Lieberman Democrats sought to use against former President Clinton, to deprive him of leadership of the Democratic Party. Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.), chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, convened hearings on Feb. 28, 2001 and hauled in Lewis Libby to testify about his role in the pardon. Libby, already in the G.W. Bush transition team when the final lobbying push for the Rich pardon was under way, told the Committee that he had not been involved, although he insisted that Rich should never have been indicted by the U.S. government. Libby did, however, admit that he had met with Rich’s chief lobbyist, Jack Quinn, a former Gore White House attorney, on the pardon.

What neither Burton nor Libby chose to mention was that Libby was actively representing Rich at the time that the pardon drive was first launched by Michael Steinhardt—in 1996—and, perhaps as late as December 1999 when the Foxman-Azulay-Rafiah discussions were initiated. (Once Foxman agreed to assist in the Rich pardon drive, the Marc Rich Foundation in Israel promptly made a \$100,000 grant to the ADL.)

Perched in the Vice President’s office, cleansed of Rich’s tarnish, Lewis Libby has assembled a national security team of “X Committee” allies, including chief Middle East policy aide **John Hannah**—formerly deputy director of the leading Israeli Lobby think-tank, the Washington Institute on Near East Policy (WINEP)—and **Eric Edelman**, a career foreign service officer who joined Wolfowitz and Libby in the Bush Sr. Pentagon.