

## Middle East Report by Robert Dreyfuss

### What was Ramsey Clark doing in Iran?

*Ramsey Clark is guilty of more than defying a government ban on travel to Iran; he's funneling Iranian money into terrorist groups in the United States.*

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark's "sympathy" for the Iranian dictatorship of Ayatollah Khomeini is nothing but a cover for Clark's coordination of terror in the U.S. and abroad, according to exiled Iranian sources.

The Free Voice of Iran, a clandestine radio broadcast into Iran by exiles opposing the Khomeini regime, issued a report on Clark's visit to Teheran earlier this month to attend a conference on the "crimes of America" against Iran under the Shah. The report notes that "immediately after the success of Khomeini, Clark has regularly received large sums of money through Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to arrange pro-Khomeini demonstrations" in the United States. It notes that Clark has "used part of his millions of dollars he received to publish pro-Khomeini pamphlets and publications in the United States and has paid black groups, American communist and leftist student organizations in order to stage pro-Khomeini demonstrations."

These allegations plus Clark's known past history of supporting radical political groupings in the U.S. suggests that Clark may have been coordinating urban terror and civil unrest in the U.S. with his close confidant Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh. Since Clark is known to still maintain the post of White House Special Envoy to Iran, Clark's presence in

Iran further confirms *EIR's* past documentation of the fact that the Carter administration both installed and currently backs the fanatical Khomeini regime. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie confirmed that Clark was on a covert mission for the White House during an interview this week with Meet The Press where he termed Clark's trip "part of the process of indirect diplomacy now ongoing." The "outrage" expressed by both the administration and the major American media close to the White House over Clark's defiance of a government ban on travel to Iran is but a veil the Oval Office is attempting to hide behind.

The Free Voice of Iran which speaks for the republican opposition associated with former Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar continued to beam its exposés of Clark and Ghotbzadeh throughout the course of the conference. This propagandistic offensive might have contributed to the striking denunciation of Clark as a "Rudolph Hess" style American agent by the Iranian media controlled by the powerful Islamic Republican Party (IRP). The IRP has been at odds with Ghotbzadeh and President Bani Sadr over control of Iran's disintegrating political structure.

On June 3, Free Voice of Iran reported that as early as 1963 "one of the persons who had very close connections with him (Ghotbzadeh) was Ramsey Clark, who

was the representative of Amnesty International in the affairs of Iran . . . Ghotbzadeh received a large salary from this organization also as an adviser to Ramsey Clark." The broadcast reports that prior to Ghotbzadeh becoming a "disciple" of Clark he was a protégé of State Department envoy Richard Cottom who put Ghotbzadeh "in contact" with British Intelligence.

Clark's funneling of Iranian money into dissident groups in the United States is only a small part of his subversive activities. The *EIR* will soon release a report documenting Clark's longtime control over urban youth gangs, terrorists and insurgents.

Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche issued a public statement on Clark's treasonous voyage to Iran in which he asserted that if the truth were known of what Clark was really doing in Iran new revelations would surface with respect to international terror and the commensurate conspiracy to impose a "new dark age" for which Khomeini stands.

In recent days in Washington immigration and law enforcement agencies have begun to probe into the Clark deployment and illegal entry of prominent Iranians associated with the Khomeini regime into the U.S. Just before Clark arrived in Iran, two members of the Khomeini government, an advisor to Bani Sadr and the governor of the province of Azerbaijan, somehow entered the U.S. and attended a conference of the Muslim Student Association in Ohio. The MSA is a group which both Clark and Ghotbzadeh helped create out of which both American and foreign terrorists have emerged.