

Rees-Mogg prepares for Clinton second term

by Scott Thompson

Lord William Rees-Mogg, the co-editor of the U.S. news-letter *Strategic Investment* and the former editor of the London *Times*, recently told an interviewer that President Bill Clinton will probably be “Watergated” in his second term in office. “I have a sort of feeling that what will probably happen is that he will be re-elected, but that something will emerge in the second term,” Rees-Mogg said. He added, “That’s what happened in Watergate, and I think it can happen again.”

For over a year, the British strategy against President Clinton has been one of hard cop versus soft cop, to force the President further into compromises with Britain’s assets on Capitol Hill, the Conservative Revolutionaries, led by Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.). Rees-Mogg is the premier Peer among a handful of journalists who have played the hard cop: inventing nonexistent scandals, transforming truthful statements with innuendo, targeting Hillary Clinton in a manner that has been done with no other First Lady, and spreading rumors and strife. The other journalists in this British hard-cop operation notably include: Sir Peregrine Worsthorne of the Hollinger Corp.’s Telegraph Plc., who is the stepson of Montagu Norman, the man who, as head of the Bank of England, helped impose Adolf Hitler on Germany; and, the self-confessed British intelligence asset Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, who is also with the Hollinger Corp.’s *Sunday Telegraph*, and has fabricated stories out of whole cloth that Deputy White House Counsel Vince Foster was purportedly murdered.

A British intelligence front

Hollinger Plc., whose nominal owner is the Canadian Conrad Black, has been a British intelligence front since it was founded as the Argus Corporation after World War II. Its international board of advisers includes Lady Margaret Thatcher, Lord Peter Rupert Carrington, Sir Henry Kissinger, and former British Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

While these British journalists outdo William Hearst’s notorious “yellow journalism” in their attacks on President Clinton and his wife, House Speaker Gingrich and the Conservative Revolutionaries have more and more adopted a soft-cop approach, telling the President that he must compromise, just a bit more, must take just one more step toward

them. President Clinton’s concession after the first U.S. government shutdown, that he would accept a seven-year balanced budget calculated using congressional budget figures, was the first major step in this process. And, now, Rees-Mogg has revealed that at the end of this process, if President Clinton is re-elected, the British intend to try to “Watergate” him.

In the interview, Rees-Mogg agreed that he had “either written quite a bit, or had been involved with people who did, on the Clintongate scandals.” Asked whether sufficient momentum had been generated by the hard-cop journalists to make Clinton a one-term President, Rees-Mogg responded:

“I think they [British journalists] could, in that I think there are some quite serious matters that have been successfully kept under wraps. I don’t think you shred all those papers for no good reason. Whether they will, is another problem. I don’t think that anything has yet been established in public that would stop him becoming President again or stop him winning a second term. I have a sort of feeling that what will probably happen is that he will be re-elected, but that something will emerge in the second term. That’s what happened in Watergate, and I think it can happen again.”

However, Rees-Mogg was vague about what it was exactly that the British had in store to topple President Clinton: “No. I mean the whole sort of interconnected mess of scandals, what collectively go under ‘Whitewater,’ although I’ve followed them closely, have now so many aspects. . . . And, I just can’t make a guess what part will unravel.”

Northern Ireland

Asked whether President Clinton had undermined the postwar United States-United Kingdom “special relationship,” Rees-Mogg said:

“Not really. It is true that he’s an American President whom the British don’t particularly feel attracted to and who does not feel particularly attracted to us. And, so, I think that it’s reduced the normal warmth of the relationship. . . . Inevitably, some Rhodes Scholars [like President Clinton] are going to take against the environment [in the United Kingdom]. . . . [But,] Presidents come, Presidents go.”

Asked whether President Clinton’s peace mission in Northern Ireland was viewed as anti-British, Rees-Mogg patronizingly referred to the Northern Irish as “tribesmen”:

“I don’t think the British admire his [President Clinton’s] foreign policy. But . . . the English attitude is that we wish that the two fighting tribes of Northern Ireland would settle their differences. . . . The one thing we do understand, I think, much better than Washington does, is that the Protestant tribe is the majority in Northern Ireland, and that no settlement that the Protestant tribe won’t accept will actually work. And, that, therefore, courting the Protestants is just as important as courting the Nationalists. But, having the American President courting the Nationalists doesn’t bother us a bit.”