

## Facts Behind Terror by Jeffrey Steinberg

### The Copscam blueprint

*U.S. cities will be left prey to higher crime and terrorism if this "police corruption" effort is allowed to proceed.*

Police chiefs around the nation may have raised their eyebrows in July when the FBI attempted to Abscam Bridgeport Police Superintendent Joseph A. Walsh. There should be no extended joy in the fact that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was caught at its own game and that the "Copscam" backfired. It is the appraisal of *EIR's Investigative Leads* law-enforcement intelligence directors that the FBI, redirected since 1973 by the Police Foundation apparatus, intends to run illegal Copscam operations around the country, with Patrick V. Murphy, James Q. Wilson, and other witting operatives of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and Police Foundation, selecting the victims.

Abscam and the soon-to-be-named Copscam have been the pre-planned schemes of the FBI since the bureau was taken over by then-Attorney General Edward Levi and FBI Director Clarence Kelley. Both Levi and Kelley stripped the bureau of any counterintelligence capability against the enemies of the United States.

Edward Levi's infamous guidelines emasculated any potential for the FBI to serve the nation, and those guidelines were used to set the tone for city-by-city attacks against legitimate police intelligence divisions. Kelley, during his five years as director of the bureau, re-oriented all FBI operations in order to build up an "auditing investiga-

tion" capability against "white-collar crime," and weeded out all opposition to the mass reorganization: the two moves enabled the Department of Justice to initiate Abscam, Brilab, and Pendorf.

Clarence Kelley has long been an associate and coworker of Patrick V. Murphy. As Kansas City chief of police (1961-73), Kelley worked with the Police Foundation to run a series of experiments which "proved" that squad car patrol was no deterrence to crime and was therefore a waste of time. Kelley is currently on the board of directors of Murphy's Police Foundation and is a member of the PERF.

In the Spring 1980 issue of *The Public Interest*, James Q. Wilson, vice-chairman of the Police Foundation and member of the current President's Task Force on Violent Crime, described how the "re-programming" of the FBI was achieved by its director Kelley:

"The man Kelley brought in to close down virtually all the domestic security investigations was, ironically, Neil Welch, then in charge of the Bureau's Philadelphia office and later to be in charge of the New York office and of Operation Abscam.

In a matter of months, thousands of security cases were simply terminated; hundreds of security informants were let go; domestic security squads in various field offices were disbanded and their agents assigned to other tasks. New

attorney general guidelines clarified and narrowed the circumstances under which such cases could be opened in the future. . . .

"The Philadelphia office was one of the first to redesign its structure so that most of its squad had the task, not of responding to victim complaints, but of identifying ('targeting') individuals, groups and organizations for intensive scrutiny on the grounds that they were suspected of being involved in organized crime, major conspiracies, labor racketeering, or political corruption [emphasis added]."

What Wilson does not reveal is who, among his co-thinkers, chose the targets. The FBI and its allied Police Foundation network is now selecting its next targets for Copscam, just as "targeting" had occurred in Abscam.

In 1980, the FBI set up a special RICO (Racketeering and Investigation of Corrupt Organizations) task force on local police departments. As a result, at least five corruption investigations were initiated in Milwaukee, Chicago, Philadelphia, Louisiana (Shreveport), and Connecticut (Bridgeport).

*Investigative Leads* has learned through sources close to the New York City Police Department (NYPD) that approximately 120 police officers and officials have been targeted by U.S. Attorney Robert Morgenthau and the New York federal task force in an effort to further destroy the NYPD—a job initiated between 1970 and 1973 by then Police Commissioner Patrick V. Murphy.

At a time when a new wave of terrorism and racial violence is being incited throughout the country, other police departments will be, or already have been, targeted.