

only of 200 Uzi and 200 Galil rifles which initially were intended for the Antigua Training School and were shipped to Panama. All costs for the transshipment were paid by us from the Panamanian funds.

The 'Spearhead' case

Excerpts from the affidavit submitted by Col. Clyde Walker, former commander of Antigua's Defense Forces. The affidavit was first published by Antigua's The Nation on April 13, 1990.

Between October and December 1988, the Hon. Vere Bird, Jr. gave me three (3) sets of reading materials headed *Spearhead Ltd.* Personal Security and Anti-Terror Units. The Minister asked me to read them and that I should advise him if the proposed training school would be beneficial to Antigua.

I studied the materials and at first thought that the training would be good for both the Defense Force, the Police Force, and tourism in general.

Sometime early in January the Minister told me that the owner of Spearhead Ltd. will be coming to Antigua to discuss the setting up of the training school providing the Antigua Cabinet approves their application.

Later the same month one Col. Yair Cal Klein and another Israeli who was never identified to me came to my office where the minister and I had a meeting with them.

The proposed training school was discussed at length. . . . Colonel Klein drew our attention to pages 7 and 8 of the course—*V.I.P.*

Minister Bird that if the Cabinet approves the setting up of the training school they would have to approve the weapon list on those two pages (7 and 8) but they could be kept either at the Police Station or the Defense Force and when the students are being taught weapons training they could be drawn and returned after use. . . .

About two (2) weeks after this meeting I prepared an intelligence report on Colonel Klein and all the other names in the pamphlets with their complete CVs and I gave the report to United States CIA agent Robert Hogan in his hotel room at St. James Club and I requested of him some investigation into 'Spearhead Ltd.' and the Colonel and his trainers. I had also discussed Spearhead Ltd. and Colonel Klein with Chief of the CIA Eastern Caribbean Mr. George Kenning, Barbados embassy, in my office, and also in the VIP lounge at Grantley Adams Airport.

Some months passed and I didn't hear anything about Spearhead Ltd. or the Colonel from the CIA, so I contacted George Kenning and he told me Spearhead Ltd. appears to be all right. . . .

Sometime in April 1989, Minister Vere Bird Jr. told me that he discussed the matter with the Deputy Prime Minister at Cabinet and that the Deputy told him not to bring it up in Cabinet because Israel still has a South African connection

The Toliver case: 'It stinks to high heaven'

In April of this year, the U.S. government settled a civil suit—to which it was not a party—for considerably more than the loss claimed by the plaintiffs. This strange occurrence took place in the Wichita, Kansas court of Federal Judge Patrick Kelly in the case of *Midland National Bank v. Puritan Insurance Co.* The government rushed to settle after Judge Kelly ordered Attorney General Richard Thornburgh into his courtroom to explain the government's conduct in the case. Judge Kelly accused the U.S. government of engaging in "criminal conduct." This case "stinks to high heaven," he said. "It involves the transport of drugs by agents of the United States, or with the acquiescence of the United States."

The case involved an aircraft leased by the U.S. government from a Kansas businessman. In 1983, the plane crashed off the Cayman Islands while returning with a cargo of drugs from Colombia. Pilot Michael Toliver, a convicted smuggler, said he had been hired to deliver weapons to the Nicaraguan Contras and he often brought back drugs on the return flight. Toliver once testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Terrorism and Narcotics, that at one point he had flown 20 tons of marijuana to Homestead Air Force Base in Florida in exchange for weapons for the Contras.

The Wichita civil suit was brought by Midland National, which financed the plane, against the insurance company, Puritan, when the latter refused to cover the loss of the crashed aircraft, claiming that it was not used for the purposes stated in the policy.

and he doesn't think other Cabinet members would support it.

The Minister then communicated this to Colonel Klein by telephone in my presence. . . .

At no time did the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force, which is under my command, give Colonel Klein or Spearhead Ltd. permission to send weapons to Antigua. . . .

At no time did I or any member of the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force collect any weapons or ammunition from any boat or vessel on behalf of the force or anyone. The first time I heard of a boat coming here with weapons on it was yesterday, Thursday 5th April 1990, when the Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Lester Bird told me so.