

The 'Mole Hill' Inside The Bush Administration

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Over the coming weeks, President George W. Bush will be faced with policy decisions that will determine the future of this planet for generations to come. He will be confronted with a systemic financial collapse, orders of magnitude beyond the 1929-31 Great Depression crash. He will simultaneously face the imminent eruption of a new Middle East war, provoked by the Ariel Sharon regime in Israel, with the potential to trigger a "Clash of Civilizations" that would rapidly engulf the entire planet. He himself is under enormous pressure to approve a massive U.S. military invasion of Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein, which would wreck American relations with the Islamic world.

With sage policy advice, President Bush could weather these crises, and steer the United States and the world back to a course of peace and prosperity, just as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt did, from the point that he entered the White House in March 1933. To paraphrase a recent adage, "George W. Bush is no FDR." Nevertheless, President Bush could, at a moment of grave crisis, turn to the kinds of senior advisers, who do possess the maturity to return to earlier policy frameworks that have a proven record of success.

Lyndon LaRouche has spelled out a series of such measures, including convening a New Bretton Woods Conference, on the model of FDR's successful 1944 initiative. There, the mountain of unpayable world debt could be written off or reorganized, and new sovereign credit mechanisms and currency relations established, to launch a worldwide recovery program.

To put a dangerously unprepared President Bush in the position to take what now seem to be impossible steps, certain preparatory actions must be taken to clear the path for a rapid, crisis-driven policy turn. The "mole hill" of Jabotinskyite, Malthusian, and "Christian Zionist" agents inside the senior ranks of the Bush Executive departments must be flushed out.

In the first 18 months of the Bush Presidency, this network of senior figures in the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the National Security Council, and the Staff of the Executive Office of the Presidency, has managed to hijack and subvert the entire Bush Administration foreign and national security agenda, to the point that the United States is now seen—by America's allies in Europe, Ibero-America, the Arab world, and the Asia-Pacific region—as Ariel Sharon's leading partner in steering the world toward an abyss of eco-

nomie collapse and population wars, beginning from the Persian Gulf and Near East.

One 'Mole' Has Been Kicked Out

The effectiveness of this "mole hill" in sabotaging any sane policy is largely due to the fact that it functions as a tightly coordinated network, with well-established points of coordination with major U.S. news outlets, and with an array of Washington-based policy think-tanks and tax-exempt foundations that provide the logistics-in-depth for their wrecking efforts. Among them are: the American Enterprise Institute/New Atlantic Initiative, the Heritage Foundation, the Hudson Institute, and the Cato Institute. All of these think-tanks are, in turn, bankrolled through a remarkably small nexus of tax-exempt foundations, led by the Mellon Scaife foundations, the Bradley Foundation, the Olin Foundation, and the Smith Richardson Foundation. However, the power of this inside-the-Beltway apparatus depends on the revolving door of policymakers in the government. Remove the key individuals *inside* the administration, and the effectiveness of the whole operation is fatally damaged.

Already on June 28, "The Apparatus" suffered a setback, when Gen. Wayne Downing, the special counter-terrorism adviser to President Bush, abruptly quit his White House post. Downing had been the leading proponent for an insane U.S. military assault on Iraq, utilizing U.S. Special Forces troops, Kurdish and other Iraqi "Contras," and massive American air power, to unseat Saddam Hussein. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Gen. Tommy Franks, the Commander of the Central Command (Centcom), had roundly rejected General Downing's formal presentation of the Iraq war scheme, and had also challenged Downing's authority to directly deploy military assets that are under the regional Commanders. Even Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld had weighed in against Downing, declaring that, as Secretary of Defense, he reported to the U.S. Commander-in-Chief, President Bush, and not to a National Security Council staffer.

Before becoming the President's chief counter-terror adviser following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Downing—a four-star general in the Army Rangers, who had headed the Joint Special Operations Command until his retirement—had been the private "military adviser" to the Iraqi National Congress (INC) of Ahmed Chalabi, the widely discredited self-professed head of the exiled opposition to Saddam Hussein.

General Downing's departure removed one of the most important figures in what has been called the "Wolfowitz-Perle Cabal." While Paul Wolfowitz serves as Deputy Secretary of Defense, in charge of the day-to-day affairs of the Pentagon, and Richard Perle serves as Chairman of the Defense Policy Board, which advises Secretary Rumsfeld, neither man had hour-to-hour access to the President himself. Downing had constant access to the President, through both National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and Homeland

Security Adviser Tom Ridge. “The Apparatus” has lost its most active West Wing booster. This defines an opportunity for a more thorough house-cleaning.

Who’s Who in the ‘Mole Hill’

Two Bush Administration appointees most clearly personify the “mole hill” problem. They are Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Douglas J. Feith, and Senior Adviser to the Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security David Wurmser. Before taking their current government posts, both men were closely associated with the most rabid Jabotinskyite Israeli circles, and publicly promoted policies in sharp opposition to President Bush’s stated goal of a “two sovereign states” solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict.

As Undersecretary for Policy, Doug Feith is responsible for the formulation of defense policy guidances, for Defense Department liaison to foreign governments, and for participation in interagency policy working groups. He has represented the Defense Department in all negotiations with Israel, and was the senior department official involved in meetings with Israel’s Interior Minister Uzi Landau and Gen.



Doug Feith

David Tzur, in June 2002, on establishing a permanent Israeli-U.S. joint office in Washington to coordinate “homeland security” affairs. According to news accounts, were this joint office to be established, it would give Israel almost unprecedented access to critical U.S. national security data, as well as dangerous levels of policy input to America’s evolving counter-terror strategy.

It is hard to imagine a more serious breach of U.S. national security, than allowing Feith to serve as the chief military negotiator with Israel. Following the November 1985 arrest of Jonathan Jay Pollard, a Navy analyst, on charges of spying for Israel, the General Counsel of the Secretary of Defense prepared a list of a dozen suspected Pollard co-conspirators, collectively referred to as the “X Committee.” Along with Richard Perle, Frank Gaffney, Steven Bryen, and Fred Iklé, Feith’s name was near the top of the list, according to sources then close to the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Although no one was ever arrested for conspiring with convicted spy Pollard—now serving a life sentence—it was officially recognized that Pollard could not have been acting alone, and that a higher-up (or higher-ups) inside the U.S. national security establishment had been tasking him to steal particular documents.

From March 1984 until September 1986, Feith served

as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Negotiations Policy. Prior to that, beginning in 1982, he had been Special Counsel to Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Perle. Perle’s immediate Pentagon deputy, at the time, was Steven Bryen, whom the Department of Justice and FBI had investigated for passing classified Pentagon documents, on the military posture of every Arab government, to Israeli Defense Ministry officials. Prior to going to work for Perle, Feith had been on the National Security Council staff under Richard Allen from 1981-82.

One of the major issues in the Bryen probe was the pending Reagan Administration decision on whether to sell AWACS surveillance planes to Saudi Arabia. At his various NSC and DOD posts in the 1980s, Feith aggressively opposed those sales.

After leaving government, Feith was the managing attorney for the law firm of Feith & Zell, which did extensive work with the Israeli defense industry. The firm maintained offices in Washington, New York, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Moscow. At the opening of the firm’s Moscow office, which coincided with the launching of an Israeli-Russian business center, Israel’s Deputy Prime Minister Natan Sharansky delivered a welcoming speech.

During his career out of government, Feith was also involved with an array of well-known Israeli Lobby outfits, and with a private consulting firm that was deeply involved in military ties between Israel and Turkey. That firm, International Advisors, Inc., was registered as a foreign agent of Turkey. Established in 1989, International Advisors listed Feith as its CEO. Although the *Wall Street Journal* identified the firm as the “brainchild of Richard Perle,” Perle was only a well-paid consultant. Feith funneled most of its legal work to his own law firm. International Advisors also employed Morris Amitay, who was formerly executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the official Israeli Lobby in America.

Feith also served as a director of the Center for Security Policy, headed by Frank Gaffney, another “X Committee” suspect and unabashed supporter of the Netanyahu-Sharon apparatus in Israel. Feith participated in a year-long study for the Jerusalem and Washington-based Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies (IASPA) called “A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm.” Other participants in the study included Richard Perle, David Wurmser, and Meyrav Wurmser. The study, once completed, was presented by Perle to then-Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, for whom it was drafted. The document, among other things, called for a cutoff of Israeli funds to the Palestinian Authority, which had been negotiated at Oslo, and for Israel to prepare military actions against Syria, in the context of increasing Hezbollah activity in southern Lebanon.

Feith wrote extensively, during his period out of government, for two particularly significant Israeli Lobby groups:

Americans for a Safe Israel (AFSI) and the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA).

Both AFSI and ZOA participated, along with a number of leading Christian Zionists, in a White House blackmail session in July 2001 (detailed later in this report), at which the groups threatened a cutoff of Christian evangelical support for President Bush—unless he gave a 100% green light to Ariel Sharon to crush the Palestinians.

ZOA published a 1999 book spelling out why there can never be a Palestinian state. Feith wrote one of the chapters, once again putting himself on record as a vocal opponent of the present stated Bush Administration policy. In fact, in several articles in various American newspapers and magazines, Feith had been a die-hard critic of President George H.W. Bush and his Secretary of State, James Baker III, for their rifts with Yitzhak Shamir's Likud party government in Israel.

Two years before publishing the book denouncing Palestinian statehood, ZOA had featured Doug Feith and his father, Dalck Feith, as guests of honor at its centennial banquet, giving them awards for their work as “noted Jewish philanthropists and pro-Israel activists.” A biography of Dalck Feith, provided by ZOA, identified him as an early member of Betar, the Zionist youth movement founded by Vladimir Jabotinsky. Feith's support for the policies of the right-wing Likud party of Sharon and Netanyahu, thus, are deeply rooted in his own family's involvement with the Jabotinskyite movement from its founding. Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, had denounced Jabotinsky and his Revisionist Movement for being a bunch of pro-Hitler and pro-Mussolini fascists, referring to Jabotinsky as “Vladimir Hitler.”

The Wurmser

Like Feith, David Wurmser also stands out as an unabashed Jabotinskyite, operating inside the State Department to undermine Secretary of State Colin Powell. Until his appointment early this year to the State Department post, Wurmser had been Middle East policy director at the American Enterprise Institute, and Director of the Research in Strategy and Politics Program at the Institute for Advanced Strategy and Political Studies. IASPS had produced the strategy for Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, in which Feith and Perle had also participated, and Wurmser's office prepared the report under Perle's leadership. That report promoted the “end of Labor Zionism” and the wholesale takeover of Israel by the Jabotinskyite policy of brutal suppression of Palestinian rights and ultimate annexation of the territories occupied by Israel in the 1967 war, and of “free-market” austerity.

From 1988-94, Wurmser was Director of International Grants for the Washington Institute for Near East Policy (WINEP), a spinoff think-tank from the American Israel Political Action Committee (AIPAC). WINEP was founded by the Australian-born Martin Indyk, who was President Clinton's Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, and later

Ambassador to Israel. Prior to coming to the United States, Indyk had worked in the Office of the Prime Minister, then Yitzhak Shamir, in Israel. Earlier, while working for the Australian equivalent of the U.S. National Security Council, Indyk was widely suspected of being an Israeli agent. Toward the end of his tenure as U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Indyk was investigated by the FBI for a series of security breaches, including unreported meetings with the head of Israel's foreign intelligence agency, the Mossad, and being in possession of classified data on unsecured personal computers.

Like Feith, Wurmser has also been a frequent contributor to the Zionist Organization of America's *Outpost* journal. Following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, Wurmser had written in the pages of Rupert Murdoch's *Weekly Standard* that Saudi Arabia, and particularly Crown Prince Abdullah, had to be held directly accountable for the terror attacks. He linked the Crown Prince to “puritanical Wahhabism” and warned that he was capable of restoring cooperation among Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Syria. He wrote, on Oct. 29, 2001, “The Bin Laden network developed inside this Wahhab/Abdullah-Syria-Iraq-PLO strategic bloc and became the terrorist skeleton, unifying hereto separate, isolated, and strategically uncoordinated groups. At its core, al-Qaeda is a product of Saudi dynastic politics.”

The promotion of a U.S. strategic break with Saudi Arabia has been a leading theme of several Washington think-tanks with particularly close ties to Wurmser. The Hudson Institute's Middle East program is directed by his wife, Meyrav Wurmser, who has taken the lead in the post-Sept. 11 Saudi-bashing. She has had extensive ties to Israeli intelligence, through her previous work as co-founder and executive director of Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), another Jerusalem- and Washington-based group, which selects and translates particularly inflammatory articles from the Arab and Islamic press, for circulation to the international media and to the U.S. government.

She launched MEMRI along with Yigal Carmon, a retired Israeli Army Intelligence colonel, who held several top Israeli intelligence and counter-terrorism posts. From 1977-82, for example, Carmon was the Acting Head of Civil Administration in Judea and Samaria (as the West Bank is known in Israel), and after 1988, he was the Terror Against Terror adviser to Prime Minister Shamir. This was a top operational post in Israel, particularly in a Likud party-led government.

According to a Dec. 7, 2001 article published in the New York City Jewish weekly newspaper *Forward*, Carmon has been accused by several U.S. intelligence officials of attempting to recruit Americans to work for Israel.

Carmon's other closest associate in Washington is Steven Emerson, an unabashed Israeli propagandist, whose 1994 “documentary” on “Jihad in America” was a big promotional for the Clash of Civilizations. Emerson's The Investigative Project is sponsored by the Middle East Forum, run by Daniel Pipes. The Forum's *Middle East Quarterly* has regularly fea-

tured Meyrav Wurmser's diatribes against Iraq, Syria, Iran, and Libya.

Meyrav Wurmser received her doctorate from George Washington University and her dissertation was a paean to Jabotinsky and the Revisionist Movement in Zionism. Before taking the State Department post, David Wurmser wrote many "Inquiry & Analysis" papers for MEMRI.

Hudson Institute Pressures the President

As will be detailed in this report, the Hudson Institute has been openly promoting an American military occupation of Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province, where all of the Kingdom's oil reserves are located, and its "liberation" from the House of Saud. Max Singer, the co-founder of the Hudson Institute, penned a May 2002 article, which was published in both the *Jerusalem Post* and the *New York Sun* (both owned by Hudson Institute board member Conrad Black), "Free the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia," which called for carving out a Muslim Republic of East Arabia. In June 2002, Hudson sponsored a Capitol Hill seminar targetting the House of Saud as the sponsors of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. The event was chaired by Meyrav Wurmser.

Another politically sensitive issue involving David Wurmser's links to the Hudson Institute, is the fact that Marshall Whitmann works out of the same Washington office of the think-tank. Whitmann, formerly the director of legislative affairs for the Christian Coalition of Temple Mount fanatic Rev. Pat Robertson, is running the third party "Bull Moose" operation for Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.)—out of the Hudson Institute! It is no secret that McCain and Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) are conducting a coordinated attack against George Bush, threatening the President that if he does not launch a war against Saddam Hussein and provide total backing for Sharon's war plans, McCain will run against him in the 2004 Presidential race, and virtually assure Bush's defeat. This threat has already made itself felt, as evidenced by President Bush's kow-towing to Sharon in his June 24, 2002 speech on the future of Israeli-Palestinian relations.

Sources close to the Bush Administration report that White House political director Karl Rove is obsessed with the McCain-Lieberman gang-up threat, and has insisted that Rove vet all of the President's major foreign policy and national security decisions, to assure that the Administration take no action that might offend the Sharon government or the American Zionist Lobby, and thus jeopardize a GOP Congressional victory in November 2002, and a Bush re-election in 2004.

The Wolfowitz-Perle Cabal

While Feith and Wurmser represent two particularly egregious examples of the "mole hill" problem confronting President Bush, they are not the highest ranking administration officials who deserve that label. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz is a powerful figure within the Bush Adminis-

tration, who was responsible for opening the door for many of the "moles" to join the staff of the Secretary of Defense.

Wolfowitz has been a longtime proponent of the NSSM-200 dogma of keeping the population and sovereignty of Third World nations down. In the 1970s, writing for a joint Ford Foundation/Rand Corporation "Middle East Project," Wolfowitz had advocated that "The promotion of peace through economic development has been characterized by Leonard Binder as 'an attractive idea, drawn from the mythology of the idea of perpetual progress.' . . . But even if we should accept for the moment this mythology of benign progress, how could we be sure that development would bring benevolent peacefulness before it would bring the material capacity to fight a war?"

In the document, Wolfowitz lashed out at President Dwight Eisenhower's Atoms for Peace program, particularly venting against the idea of building nuclear power plants in the Middle East to provide the basis for widespread desalination of seawater, to expand desperately needed fresh water. "The possibility of slowing technological development, rather than merely controlling its applications, is rarely considered seriously by technologists, who often regard the attempt to postpone technological progress as comparable to King Canute attempting to hold back the tides." He complained that "often uncritical" support for nuclear power development "seems to derive from a deeply ingrained faith in scientific progress."

Wolfowitz's government career began in the Ford Administration, when he served under Henry Kissinger and Fred Iklé (another "X Committee" suspect) as Special Assistant to the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. In the Reagan-Bush Administration, Wolfowitz was Director of Policy Planning at the State Department, and was later head of East Asian Affairs and U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia. Under the elder George Bush, Wolfowitz was Undersecretary of Defense for Policy.

From the very outset of George W. Bush's campaign for the 2000 GOP Presidential nomination, Wolfowitz was brought in, along with Condoleezza Rice, to tutor the inexperienced Texas Governor in foreign policy and defense matters. Wolfowitz promptly



Paul Wolfowitz



Richard Perle

added Richard Perle to the inner core of tutors, making regular pilgrimages to Austin.

Wolfowitz was instrumental in getting Doug Feith into the Pentagon, as well as in the selection of Richard Perle to head up Defense Secretary Rumsfeld's Defense Policy Board. Dov Zakheim, another right-wing Zionist Lobby operative, was placed in a top Pentagon post, as Comptroller.

As number two in the Department of Defense, Wolfowitz has been forced to toe the line in his public appearances. Behind the scenes, it is a different matter. On Sept. 21, 2001, at a Camp David meeting of senior administration policy aides, Wolfowitz made the pitch for a full-scale American invasion of Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein, in response to the Sept. 11 attacks, despite the fact that there was no evidence of any Iraqi involvement. At the time, President Bush concurred with Secretary of State Powell, Rumsfeld, and even Vice President Dick Cheney, in rejecting the Wolfowitz plan. However, there are many indications that the original Wolfowitz proposal—or a variation on it—is now being put in play, indicating both an erosion of the resistance to the insanity inside the Bush national security team, and the persistence of the “moles” in pushing the United States into a Mideast quagmire.

Wolfowitz's circumstances have, if anything, prompted Perle to throw caution completely to the winds, peddling every war-party scheme to draw President Bush into a military confrontation with the Arab world. Perle is not technically a member of the administration, and his post as chairman of the Defense Policy Board is an advisory one. In fact, Perle is employed by the Hollinger Corporation, Plc—the London-based media empire of House of Lords member Conrad Black, which owns the *Daily Telegraph* newspapers in England, the *Jerusalem Post* in Israel, and a string of papers throughout the British Commonwealth and in the United States. Henry Kissinger co-chairs Hollinger's international advisory board.

Recently, Conrad Black and Michael Steinhardt, a major financial and political booster of Joe Lieberman, launched a new daily newspaper in New York City, the *New York Sun*, with the clear objective of promoting the war-party agenda.

Kissinger is also a member of Perle's Defense Policy Board, along with former CIA Director James Woolsey, who also is the attorney for the Iraqi National Congress, and the number-one proponent of a U.S. military invasion of Iraq. Other members of the Defense Policy Board include Kenneth Adelman, Eliot Cohen, Helmut Sonnenfeldt, and James Rodney Schlesinger. Cohen served under Wolfowitz in the Pentagon during the George H.W. Bush Administration, and is a professor at the Johns Hopkins Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)—where Wolfowitz was dean, until his most recent government appointment.

The *New York Times* reported recently that it was a Defense Policy Board recommendation that put the invasion of Iraq back on the Bush Administration agenda.

Perle, who is known in Washington policymaking circles as the “Prince of Darkness,” is another person who has dedicated much of his public career to the promotion of Henry Kissinger's murderous NSSM-200 policy.

In 1978, while a staffer on the Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee under Chairman Henry Jackson (D-Wash.), Perle hosted Dr. Bernard Lewis, when he came to Washington to promote his “Arc of Crisis” policy at the Carter National Security Council of Zbigniew Brzezinski and Samuel “Clash of Civilizations” Huntington.

Perle barely averted a career-killing exposé, along with fellow Senate staffer Steven Bryen, of their work for Israel, managing instead to land a top post in the Reagan-Bush Administration, as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy. Perle's and Bryen's careers were saved by attorney Nathan Lewin, who arm-twisted Justice Department officials to shut down a Federal grand jury, probing allegations that Bryen had passed classified Pentagon documents on Arab military plans to an official of the Israeli Ministry of Defense. Recently Lewin has written that Israel should assassinate family members of suicide bombers, as a “deterrent” against terrorism.

In the Reagan Administration, Perle, along with Bryen, who came from the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA) to become Perle's deputy, used Perle's Pentagon post to implement “technological apartheid” against a wide range of Third World countries, by demanding that the Defense Department be given veto power over any foreign sales of “dual-use” technologies that could have any possible military applications.

Perle and Bryen were at the top of the list of suspected “X Committee” collaborators of Jonathan Pollard inside the Reagan Administration.

More of ‘The Apparatus’

Other figures in the “mole hill” inside the top echelons of the Bush Administration include:

John Bolton, Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Organizations, who brought in David Wurmser as his Special Assistant, which did not require Senate confirmation. Bolton's own confirmation by the Senate came by a 57-43 margin, with only 7 Democrats supporting him. His nomination could have been killed, had the Democrats launched a filibuster.



John Bolton

After holding several posts in the Justice Department and the State Department under Presidents Reagan and Bush,

Bolton became senior vice president of the American Enterprise Institute, where he worked closely with Wurmser and Perle, and helped launch Margaret Thatcher and Henry Kissinger's New Atlantic Initiative, which has promoted the new Anglo-American imperium through its annual conferences in Europe and the United States.

During the controversial nomination hearings for a position in the State Department, where he has been dubbed the "hatchetman," it came out that Bolton had, during his work at AEI, written against America's traditional "one China" policy. He had claimed that "by any accepted definition of customary international law and practice, the Republic of China [Taiwan] is a 'state.'" It also came out during those hearings, that Bolton had received a \$30,000 payment from the Taiwan government.

Within his position as arms control chief, Bolton played a major role in the Bush Administration's Nuclear Policy Review, which was denounced by Russia's Col. Gen. Leonid Ivashov in his Jan. 11, 2002 interview with Strana.ru. Ivashov characterized it not only as the pre-emptive use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear states, but as generally consistent with Henry Kissinger's NSSM-200 policy against developing nations in its various manifestations: "If we read the U.S. National Security Strategy for the Coming Century, then we find that the Americans see the exhaustion of natural resources and the rapid growth of world population, as one of the main, priority problems. . . . Therefore, what the United States is doing in various regions of the world, is being done, obviously, in order to force nations of those regions into a mode of regressive development. . . . If my conclusion is correct . . . then in that case nuclear weapons will really become a battlefield weapon."

While in his present position, Bolton gave a speech to the Heritage Foundation on May 6, 2002, which he titled, "Beyond the Axis of Evil: Additional Threats of Mass Destruction." In this speech, he added to the "evil axis" list of Iran, Iraq, and North Korea, potential wars with Libya, Cuba, and Syria for their alleged development of biological and chemical weapons.

J.D. "Jack" Crouch, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security, is a full member of "The Apparatus" nest within the Pentagon. Crouch began his government career as a Legislative Assistant to Sen. Malcolm Wallop (R-Wyo.). Anglophile Wallop, on the Senate Select Intelligence Committee, was assisted by chief aide Angelo Codevilla, now a co-director of the National Security Division of IASPS, where David Wurmser was also employed. This is the think-tank that prepared the study, chaired by Richard Perle, for then-Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, on how to crush any move toward a Palestinian state and bring an end to "Labor Zionism," replacing it with Mont Pelerin Society "free-market" economics.

Under President George H.W. Bush, Crouch served

briefly as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy. Meantime, until his most recent government job, he worked as an assistant professor of Defense and Strategic Studies at Southwest Missouri State University, where he had written in *Comparative Strategy* (January 1996), that the United States must "set a firm deadline for destruction of North Korea's nuclear complex and its long-range missile production facilities," and redeploy nuclear weapons in South Korea. And on Feb. 27, 1996, writing in the *Fort Lauderdale Sentinel*, Crouch promoted another potential war, echoed by some recently in the Bush Administration—a war on Cuba. "We ought to consider military options," he wrote.

Where does Crouch find his roots for launching a "Thirty Years War"? While out of government, he belonged to Republicans Abroad-Oxford University, which called upon members to "rely on British imperial experiences." In particular, this group has embraced the early 20th Century's Sir Halford MacKinder, whose "geopolitics" for seizing control of the Eurasian "Heartland" provided the cover for King Edward VII to ignite World War I. The group sponsored a gathering, entitled "The Anglo-American 'Special Relationship' in the post-Cold War World: Much More than Meets the Eye," at Britain's Hull University in April 1995, where Crouch boasted that he had used British intelligence material during his government postings, rather than American intelligence products. This was an echo of Henry Kissinger's own May 1982 "confessions" of his British geopolitical pedigree.

Ian Brzezinski works at the Pentagon directly under J.D. Crouch, as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Europe and NATO. He is the son of Zbigniew Brzezinski, the National Security Adviser to President Carter, who was the godfather of the Afghan mujahideen, and the protégé of British Orientalist Dr. Bernard Lewis. Lewis and Zbigniew Brzezinski sold President Carter on the disastrous "Arc of Crisis" strategy of promoting Islamic extremism and terrorism to destabilize the Soviet Union, which unleashed a "little dark age" throughout the Middle East and Central Asia. Zbigniew Brzezinski was also made infamous by warning the Shah of Iran, shortly before the Islamic Revolution, against any thought of economic development for his country: "There will be no new Japans in the Persian Gulf, or south of the Rio Grande River."

Both in the Pentagon and earlier, as Senior Professional Staff Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he worked directly with then-Chairman Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), Ian Brzezinski has focussed on a subject dear to his father's heart: NATO enlargement as a containment of Russia.

Elliott Abrams is the Senior Director of the National Security Council's Office for Democracy, Human Rights, and International Operations. Fortunately for Abrams, this position does not require Senate confirmation; in 1991 he pled

guilty to two counts of withholding evidence from Congress during Iran-Contra hearings and was granted a Christmas Eve pardon a year later by President George H.W. Bush. From 1990 until his recent appointment, Abrams was a Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute's Washington, D.C. branch.

Abrams is the son-in-law of Midge Decter and Norman Podhoretz, two elders of the neo-conservative, "liberal imperialist" movement. Podhoretz has run the American Jewish Committee's flagship publication, *Commentary*, and has been receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars a year from the Bradley and Mellon Scaife foundations via the Hudson Institute.

After a brief career in business and law in the 1960s, Abrams was appointed chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, through which he worked with Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, the South American Division Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL).

During the 1970s, Abrams worked in several positions in Congress, including Special Counsel to the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (SPIS), where he collaborated closely with Richard Perle; Special Counsel to the late Sen. Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson (D-Wash.); and Special Counsel, then Chief of Staff to then-Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.). Abrams was in the nest of suspected Israeli spies—including Perle, Gaffney, and Bryen—who were all Senate staffers in the late 1970s, and who all were given significant positions inside the Reagan Administration.

During the Reagan Administration, Abrams did a brief stint as Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizational Affairs, and was then assigned to be Assistant Secretary of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. During the last five years of the Reagan Administration (nearly until his indictment), Abrams was Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs.

He was, in all of his postings in the Reagan White House, a central player in the covert war in Central America. More recently, before being appointed to the current National Security Council staff, Abrams helped launch the campaign to overthrow the Peruvian government of President Alberto Fujimori, after Fujimori conducted a successful campaign to defeat the narco-terrorist Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) and MRTA gangs.

Tim Goegelin, the White House liaison to the "religious community," got his White House post on the basis of long-standing ties to Gary Bauer, a Christian Zionist promoting Sharon's Mideast war drive. (Bauer's role is detailed elsewhere in this report.)

The McCain Mutiny Bullies the President

by Jeffrey Steinberg

On Feb. 2-3, 2002, the United States was represented at the annual Wehrkunde international security conference in Munich, Germany by four people all deeply involved in the effort to hijack the Bush Administration's foreign policy, on behalf of the Clash of Civilizations doctrine of the Anglo-American oligarchy. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.), Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, and Defense Policy Board Chairman Richard Perle presented such a unified front for a new Anglo-American world empire, that other Americans attending the conference, including former President George H.W. Bush's National Security Adviser Gen. Brent Scowcroft, stood up from the audience to rake the American warhawks over the coals.

McCain, seizing upon President Bush's unfortunate invoking of the "axis of evil" in his State of the Union speech, pressed for a war of annihilation against Saddam Hussein, and at the same time delivered an unambiguous warning to America's NATO partners and other allies. "A day of reckoning is approaching," McCain declared. "Not simply for Saddam Hussein, but for all members of the Atlantic community, whose governments face the choice of ending the threat we face every day from this rogue regime, or carrying on as if such behavior, in the wake of Sept. 11, were somehow still tolerable. . . . The combined examples of regime change in Afghanistan and Iraq would likely compel several other state sponsors of terror to change their ways or go out of business, accomplishing by example what we would otherwise have to pursue through force of arms. These nations—Syria and Sudan, for instance—have a choice, and it is in their interest to make the right one."

'Bush Has To Placate Him'

Speaking the next day, Lieberman echoed McCain's incendiary message, telling the top international security officials, "We cannot claim victory in our war against terrorism until we decisively address the profound threat posed by Saddam Hussein and his weapons of mass destruction. America will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons."

The coordinated deployment of McCain, Lieberman, Wolfowitz, and Perle betrayed an even nastier reality: The Senatorial duo has been working, since the early months of the Bush Administration, to blackmail the President into



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