

# Carter Cabinet In Coverup Of U.S. Intelligence Failures

Recent disclosures in *Aviation Week* magazine concerning Soviet particle beam weapons have exposed two devastating problems with the current U.S. intelligence capability. Firstly, the Central Intelligence Agency's complete inability to foresee that highly publicized Soviet breakthroughs in particle beam physics would quickly give rise to new Soviet strategic military capabilities points up, with renewed force, the long-known overall incompetence of that agency. Secondly and more importantly, the strenuous Administration denials of the *Aviation Week* material confirm that the Administration and its new CIA Director are purposely squelching competent intelligence estimates in favor of those which support the preconceived policies of the Administration and the Trilateral Commission.

In fact, in order to aid the transformation of the nation's intelligence services into a rubber stamp, the Administration has, according to sources in the intelligence community, begun a purge of several agencies to ensure no opposition to such pre-programmed estimates.

Last week's *Aviation Week* article was based on reports by Maj. General George Keegan, which confirmed that the Soviet Union had achieved several significant breakthroughs in related areas of plasma physics which gave it the potential for deploying an ion beam anti-ballistic missile system by sometime in 1978 at the earliest (see EIR Vol. IV, No. 19, for excerpts of the article). For the past five years, General Keegan had taken his Air Force Intelligence group outside the bounds of the normal intelligence estimate process; and had pursued some highly advanced scientific application work modelled on intelligence they were receiving about the Soviet scientific work. Keegan came up with the most accurate appraisal, outside of the work done by the U.S. Labor Party, of Soviet capabilities in this field. He offered the evaluation to the CIA; it was ignored.

In the May 16 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, CIA Director Stansfield Turner, without taking up any of the facts put forward by Keegan or *Aviation Week* stated that "the Central Intelligence Agency does not believe the Soviet Union has achieved a breakthrough which could lead to a charged-particle beam weapon capable of neutralizing a ballistic missile." In the same week, President Carter stated that "we have no evidence that the Soviet Union has achieved a breakthrough..." He called the *Aviation Week* article "a report that is based on some inaccuracies," and said that it "has been exaggerated." The Defense Department revealed that "Senior officials in the Defense Department do not believe that the Soviet Union has achieved a breakthrough in research which could soon provide a directed energy beam

weapon capable of neutralizing ballistic missile weapons..."

This official Administration response was printed out despite the fact that *the Aviation Week manuscript had been submitted to the Defense Department for strict clearance weeks earlier and had been completely approved for accuracy of its contents*. This is because most of scientific "revelations" in the Keegan piece are already in the public domain — in Soviet lectures in this country as well as scientific and technical journals — and were consistent with other recent sweeping breakthroughs in Soviet science. *Aviation Week* has since challenged Carter to cite chapter and verse on his claim of "inaccuracies."

*Aviation Week* editor Robert Hotz makes a serious mistake in assuming that President Carter and Admiral Turner are simply ill-informed by an incompetent "intelligence bureaucracy" which surrounds them. Carter and Turner are very conscious, along with the rest of the Administration at Cabinet level, of the nature of the coverup and the withholding of this vital national security information. The black propaganda of phony intelligence is what the Administration needs to maintain their "aura of power" confrontations for "limited" war in the Mideast and Africa. This does not exclude the fact that members of the intelligence bureaucracy make rotten political and strategic evaluations — their incompetence presently blends right in with the prevarication which the Administration deems necessary to support its policies.

Admiral Turner revealed the basic nature of that incompetence in the same *U.S. News and World Report* interview cited previously. Commenting on the difference between Soviet and U.S. strategic thinking, Turner said: "The Soviets in their planning start with Cold War and think the process through all the way to strategic nuclear war — and even to post-war recovery. We, on the other hand, tend to think Cold War to deterrence. There's less emphasis in our thinking on what happens after the nuclear weapons start going off..." Turner is admitting that the Administration is incapable of thinking through the implications of its policies of bluff and confrontation — a full-scale Soviet thermonuclear first strike at the point the USSR determines its strategic interests are intolerably threatened.

The recent estimates made by the CIA of oil and gas reserves in the United States and the Soviet Union is equally telling on the CIA's reputation. It has now been proved beyond a reasonable doubt, by a variety of sources ranging from the U.N. to Exxon, that these estimates are completely fabricated to support Carter's energy legislation. Harold Brown, James Schlesinger

and Admiral Turner then used the false information to go before a House committee reviewing the legislation to demand that the legislation be passed for reasons of "national security," because the dwindling supply reported on by the CIA would come under increased competition in the near future.

False evaluation is not a new phenomenon for the CIA. As a matter of fact it has been a time honored tradition in the intelligence section of the CIA since its inception in 1947. Only after the fact did the CIA's regular intelligence professionals correctly analyze the first Soviet atomic test, the first Soviet hydrogen bomb blast, and the Soviet Sputnik launching.

As of this writing, it is fair to say that the only professionally competent strategic evaluations to be found in the government, aside from the remains of General Keegan's unit, are from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). But even the DIA is squeezed into agreeing with the time honored CIA "brownie point" known as the National Intelligence Estimate.

A recent interview with a DIA official is indicative of the factional grumblings hidden in the unit. He called Generals Keegan and Graham (ex chief of the DIA who retired one year ago) and other DIA personnel "traitors to the Administration and the country for leaking classified information."

#### *The Coverup*

As we go to press there are piecemeal efforts underway in the Congress to lift the veil off elements of the Carter coverup. Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater has entered the entirety of the *Aviation Week* article into the Congressional Record. The House Armed Services Committee is holding closed hearings on the matter of Soviet ion-beam work and the Senate Intelligence Committee, according to well informed sources, is considering hold-

ing open hearings on the discrepancy between the Keegan and "official" intelligence estimates of the CIA. But the Administration is deepening the coverup.

Turner, Harold Brown, and Zbigniew Brzezinski have all launched coverup campaigns within their respective sections of the intelligence to screen new disclosures from surfacing in an unsanitized form. This past week the *New York Times* printed a "leaked" memorandum which was circulated to heads of the DIA, the National Security Agency, and the three service chiefs, by Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, which amounted to an edict which would prevent "leaks" from reaching the Congress and the press.

In addition Brown has strengthened the role of the Defense Inspector General, a former Watergate assistant special prosecutor. The Inspector General has been authorized to investigate any "unlawful" operations within the Defense Department "regardless of location of security classification." Brown has forbidden the agencies from passing on intelligence estimates to other agencies or Congress without first having those estimates filtered through his own "experts." The *Christian Science Monitor* has editorially praised the Brown moves as bringing "military spies" under control.

Simultaneously Admiral Turner, who has mistakenly been cast as a traditionalist military man by several leading conservatives, has made it clear that he is enforcing the same type of coverup measures within the CIA. Turner has already fired two ranking employees; his own words from a prominently displayed exclusive *Washington Post* interview with Watergater Bob Woodward — "I do not feel that strict control of this agency can be maintained had they been permitted to remain" — indicate the real reasons for the firings. Reliable sources have indicated that both the Turner and Brown moves are for purely political and factional reasons.