

# DoJ 'perestroika' at the Pentagon

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Enacting a scene which is becoming increasingly familiar to residents of the nation's capital, squads of FBI agents sealed and searched the homes and offices of defense contractors, Pentagon consultants, and top Pentagon officials in a surprise dawn raid June 14. According to FBI sources, the raids involved "in excess of 250" agents in searches conducted in 30 states, with warrants targeting the entire spectrum of defense corporations. There are reports of 250 subpoenas issued for individuals, and estimates are that that number will rise to well over 1,000 and involve the entire defense community in a very short period. Congressional offices and staffers are also targets of the fishing expedition, which as yet has produced no indictments.

The two-year investigation, initiated by former Justice Department (DoJ) official Stephen Trott, is based on corruption allegations investigated by the Naval Investigative Service, and subsequently coordinated by then-DoJ Criminal Division head William Weld. Informed sources indicate that the actual controller of the operation is Ted Greenburg, a specialist in intelligence dirty operations, now serving in the Fraud Division of the DoJ.

According to reports leaked by DoJ sources to the media, the investigation was carried out behind the backs of ranking cabinet officials, and without the knowledge of the President himself—a feature which signals that the increasingly totalitarian capabilities of the Justice Department and the invisible authorities which direct it, will now be aimed at the guts of the Executive Branch.

William Weld, for example, arrogantly admitted that he had taken the extraordinary step of authorizing wiretaps of Pentagon telephones, without informing the Attorney General! In another unusual, if not unprecedented move, the FBI and Naval Investigative Service used search warrants to obtain Pentagon files, and served them in police-state style, sealing off the offices of Victor D. Cohen, director of tactical weapons acquisition for the Air Force, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Acquisition Management James Gaines. With yellow "crime scene" police tape marking off the sealed areas of the Pentagon, FBI agents could be seen poring over Defense Department files, in a scene which several observers likened to the raid on *EIR* and other offices associated with Lyndon LaRouche in Leesburg, Virginia on Oct. 6, 1986.

The comparison to the Leesburg raid is apt—even if the

show of force at the Pentagon was significantly smaller—since the raid was coordinated by the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, Henry E. Hudson, the same office which coordinated the Leesburg extravaganza.

In keeping with the character of the investigation, the Secretary of Defense was informed of the impending raid only hours before it occurred, and he was then allowed to inform the President! Justice Department sources leaked to the press the arrogant remark that cabinet officers such as the Attorney General and the Secretary of Defense could not be trusted with knowledge of the investigation. The spooky nature of these arrangements is highlighted by the published remarks of former Secretary of the Navy James Webb, who claimed to have been briefed regularly on the nature of the investigation.

Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci, and his press spokesman, Dan Howard, both tried to put the best face on the situation by insisting that the investigation is targeted at "individuals and not at the procurement and acquisitions process."

The vast scope of the fishing expedition now being conducted indicates that this is, at best, whistling in the dark. Informed sources point out that the particular targets of the investigation are incidental to the purpose of the investigation, which is to carry out further "re-structuring" of the government. The process is similar to the vaunted 'perestroika' methods of bureaucratic warfare conducted in the Soviet Union.

Look at the controllers of the operation. Ted Greenburg, currently in the Fraud Division of the DoJ, previously served in the office of the U.S. Attorney of the Eastern District of Virginia, specializing in legal actions focused on the intelligence community, and ran a series of cases which wrecked some of the Army's most sensitive covert and counter-terrorist units. At the same time, he prosecuted the networks caught supplying arms to Colonel Qaddafi. In the latter case, he teamed up with then-NSC consultant Michael Ledeen, and separated the trial of the field operative, Edwin Wilson, from the parent corporation, an entity named EATSCO, and put Wilson behind bars. The case against EATSCO was then "thrown"—protecting the principals of the company, Ted Shackley and Thomas Clines (see *Feature*, page 28). Shackley and Clines went on to become principals in the Irangate scandal.

The other preliminary indication that Greenburg's group is pursuing a new "Lockheed Scandal" aimed at U.S. allies, is seen in the search warrant executed against offices of the McDonnell Douglas Corporation in Missouri—itsself no stranger to DoJ political prosecutions. The warrants target corporate documents relating to the efforts to sell the F-18 Hornet in Korea and in Europe. The APG-65 radar of the F-18 is the only American-produced component in contention to be included in the next generation of European fighters.