

phase of the district attorney's probe, returned from the Philippines, where he had taken refuge last November following an FBI interrogation about the passing of FBI and police files to the South African government.

Initially, the San Francisco police investigation had centered around Gerard's relationship to Roy Bullock, a 40-year ADL undercover operator who infiltrated Arab-American groups, homosexual activist circles, and radical right-wing groups for the ADL. Bullock and Gerard received \$16,000 from South Africa for spying on anti-apartheid groups in the United States, and Bullock frequently called upon Gerard to illegally snatch documents from police and other government data bases. As Assistant District Attorney John Dwyer delved deeper into the scandal, he refocused his probe at the ADL, which he now says is at the center of a nationwide illegal spy network. District Attorney Arlo Smith told reporters last month that Bullock is one of at least half a dozen full-time ADL spies working in different parts of the country, illegally obtaining information from police and spying on activists believed to oppose the policies of the Israeli and South African regimes.

Gerard, who had worked for three years for the CIA in the early 1980s, told police and reporters after his May 6 return to San Francisco that he feared for his life in the Philippines. He was arrested at the San Francisco International Airport and released the next day on \$20,000 bail. On May 12, he was arraigned and charged with five California state felony counts relating to the theft of classified government data.

In the indictment, Bullock is also cited for possession of 1,300 California Department of Motor Vehicle records. Bullock is expected to be indicted along with other ADL officials in June.

Gerard is also being investigated by the FBI for his possession of classified CIA documents dealing with agency activities in Central America during the height of the Contra efforts.

The Pollard angle

Another angle on the spy probe is the Jonathan Jay Pollard affair, which could be reopened on the basis of the West Coast investigation. According to an article in the May 11 *Village Voice* by Robert Friedman, Jonathan Pollard, the convicted Israeli-Soviet spy, has written recently to friends that a prominent official of the ADL was key to his spy activities. One likely suspect is Mira Lansky Boland, Irwin Suall's Washington, D.C. "fact finder." A former graduate school classmate and friend of Pollard's, Lansky Boland worked for the CIA and the Pentagon's Office of Net Assessments before going to work for the ADL in late 1982.

In May 1991, Lansky Boland escorted a group of 11 police officers to Israel on an eight-day all-expenses-paid junket. Gerard was one of those who traveled with her, in what another participant described as a "payback for services already rendered" to the ADL.

The psychiatric shock troops behind Waco

by Scott Thompson and Bruce Director

At her April 19 press conference held hours after the incineration of 86 members of the Branch Davidians, through the actions of the FBI Hostage Rescue Team, Attorney General Janet Reno repeatedly stressed that the choice of timing and the method behind the raid had all been worked out in consultation with "experts." In testimony before the House Judiciary Committee, FBI Director William Sessions reported that the two most important "experts" were long-time Bureau consultants, forensic psychiatrist Dr. Park Elliot Dietz and psycholinguist Dr. Murray Miron.

These two "experts" work with the FBI's National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC) at Quantico, Virginia, especially the NCAVC's Behavioral Sciences Unit (BSU) headed by FBI Special Agent John E. Douglas and a field action arm spun off the BSU known as the Investigative Support Unit. The FBI also drew upon an array of lesser cult "experts," including notably the "kidnap-for-hire" Cult Awareness Network, which was created out of the CIA "mind control" experiments under the influence of MK-Ultra participant Dr. Louis Jolyon West.

Dr. Dietz protests

According to FBI Director William Sessions's testimony, the most important "expert" upon whom the Bureau relied was Dr. Park Elliot Dietz. Dr. Dietz told an interviewer that he arrived at the command center near the Branch Davidian compound only 24 hours behind the FBI, and that he remained there for two days to help set up the negotiations between the Branch Davidians and personnel from the NCAVC's Special Operations and Research Unit. San Antonio Special Agent in Charge Jeff Jamarr, who had responsibility for the command center, testified that Dietz had particularly pushed the allegation that there was "child abuse," and that every passing day increased the risk to the children. This allegation especially played on susceptibilities of Attorney General Janet Reno.

Dietz has ceased giving interviews on his role to the press, because he maintains that the April 25 *Sunday Times* of London distorted what he told them. Dietz refuses even to clarify what the distortions were. His colleague, Dr. Murray Miron, who was also interviewed for the *Times* article, be-

lieves there is nothing wrong with it.

So, what is Dietz hiding?

The *Times* article, among other things, said:

"FBI chiefs ordered the attack on the cult's compound after being told by its psychiatric experts that [Branch Davidian leader David] Koresh was not the sort of man who would commit suicide. They were also told that unless the Bureau acted decisively, the siege could last two years and Koresh would starve women and children rather than surrender.

"After weeks of negotiations, the agency decided to commission two of America's top psychiatrists to build an 'offender profile' of Koresh. Hours after their conclusions were sent to FBI headquarters in Washington, the decision was made to use tanks and tear gas. . . .

"Crucially, one report ruled out the likelihood that Koresh would kill himself. Murray Miron told the agency that the cult leader would not risk physical pain. . . . His conclusions, contained in a secret memorandum, were based on a study of five letters written by Koresh during the 51-day siege. Miron also warned that Koresh had no intention of surrendering and that the FBI should take 'positive action sooner rather than later. Further delays would increase rather than reduce the danger.'

"A second psychiatric profile sent to FBI chiefs in Washington also warned that further delays would endanger the lives of cult members. Park Dietz, an FBI consultant psychiatrist, advised that the cult leader was prepared to sacrifice the lives of his followers rather than surrender.

"Dietz said in a confidential memorandum: 'The likelihood of there being a successful surrender of healthy women and children is remote.' He warned that when food and water ran out, Koresh would rather see his followers go hungry than give up. . . .

"The timing of the memorandums was crucial in influencing the FBI's decision to raid the compound. Miron and Dietz told the *Sunday Times* that they were asked to submit their conclusions on the Saturday before the raid. Later that day Janet Reno, the attorney general, approved the decision to send in the tanks. In seeking Clinton's support the next day, Reno cited the advice of the psychiatric experts."

Perhaps Dietz is just protesting that the article identifies him as one of the two psychiatric shock troops most responsible for the Branch Davidian conflagration.

Psycholinguist Dr. Murray Miron

The other expert cited by Justice Department officials is Dr. Murray Miron, a psycholinguist from Syracuse University who has been on a continuous retainer with the FBI for 15 years. Over the years, Miron has developed a computer program which he claims can produce a psychological assessment of a subject by analyzing written and oral speech. He claims to have worked on every major case the FBI has investigated, including the Patricia Hearst-Symbionese Lib-

eration Army case, Jonestown, and the Johnny Walker espionage case.

On the basis of this assessment, Miron told the FBI to disregard Koresh's religious beliefs and instead deal with Koresh as a manipulative criminal psychopath. Miron is not disturbed that his assessment led to such disastrous results in Waco. He continues to believe that the use of force was necessary.

Miron said in his final report to Attorney General Reno before the April 19 assault: "I have no certain predictions of what will happen if any kind of assault is mounted. I said it in the negative. I said I am not convinced that Koresh is suicidal; however, what I did say was that my confidence in any kind of conclusion wanes as this situation goes on, particularly in view of the fact that there are no negotiations, that we are at an impasse, that the methods we are using are entirely ineffective, and further, have the character of either weakness or mean-spiritedness. I was specifically referring to playing sounds of rabbits being killed and Tibetan chants. Further, it was transparent that Koresh was in entire control of this situation. We had to try to assert our authority and our control of the situation. It was entirely out of hand."

On the basis of his analysis of five of Koresh's messages, Miron told the FBI that there was little chance Koresh would commit suicide.

Psychiatry and the Waco children

Dr. Bruce Perry, who is a staff member of the Baylor College of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry in Houston, was chosen by the Texas Child Protection Service (CPS) to be the team leader for treating the 21 children released from the Branch Davidian compound after the initial raid by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) in February. From the very beginning, Dr. Perry tried to depict a scenario of "abuse and neglect," that had caused some of the children to develop a syndrome seen in many combat veterans known as post-traumatic stress disorder. Perry said that the syndrome had caused potentially irreversible brain damage to the children, so Dr. Perry was clearly one of those "experts" informing Attorney General Reno about "child abuse."

However, Dr. Perry was forced to admit in a May 5 press conference that, after extensive debriefing of the children, he could not find any signs of sexual or other kinds of child abuse that would meet the standards of legal evidence employed by the CPS to have taken the children away from their Branch Davidian parents. But, despite the ruling of authorities from Child Protective Services, Perry insisted that the children had suffered intense beatings as early as eight months old, had suffered emotional abuse, and, although he himself found no evidence, he still insisted: "I think that corroborates earlier reports that David Koresh had wives as young as 12."

Dr. Perry's eighth report includes almost every allega-

tion made by Branch Davidian defectors who had been brainwashed by the Cult Awareness Network, showing that his debriefings of the children had been biased by this “kidnap-for-hire” group.

Perry also stated that his psychiatric team had set up a law enforcement liaison group, which turned his reports over to the Texas Rangers and the FBI. In several reports Perry alleged as fact the whispered mythology of the children, that this was the apocalyptic final battle and that there would be “fiery explosions.” Afterward the children believed that David Koresh would return from the dead to slay the evil outsiders. According to Dr. Perry, this was evidence of some kind of suicide pact among the Branch Davidians.

MK-Ultra’s Louis Jolyon West

Dr. Louis Jolyon West had been a pioneer in the CIA-funded experiments using LSD and other forms of menticide (electro-shock, isolation deprivation, and the group dynamic, behavior modification techniques created at the Tavistock Clinic) as part of the notorious MK-Ultra program in the 1950s and ’60s. He is a founding influence and advisory board member of the Cult Awareness Network, which gave him its Leo J. Ryan Award in 1990 (see *EIR*, May 14, “Kidnapping ‘Experts’ Bid to Take over Justice Department”).

Asked about the lessons of the decision to bring the standoff with the Branch Davidians to a head, West said that the work of the FBI planners at Quantico was “terrific, outstanding,” but that the Bureau should have waited, because, “When you have a psychopath in a trap, you can’t predict what will happen.” Although West appears not to have been consulted as an “expert” by the Bureau on the Branch Davidians, this was not the case with CAN. As *EIR* has previously reported, it was defectors brainwashed by CAN from Australia, whose delusions provided the basis for the affidavit in the Feb. 28 ATF raid. And, a spokesman for FBI Special Agent Jeff Jamarr told *EIR* that CAN members were calling the command post in Waco throughout the siege with reports that sought to incite the Bureau’s hostage negotiators.

West sees the events at Waco as an opportunity to use the excuse of the First Amendment’s separation of church and state to crack down on the very rights the First Amendment protects. West said that it is necessary to protect children from “dangerous, ruthless, manipulative, screwing” cults that take the guise of religion. He called for lowering the threshold of what constitutes a legal definition of child abuse, so the state can separate children from parents in so-called cults. West complained that cults that call themselves churches are given wide latitude for criminal behavior. These religious cults must be made open to scrutiny by federal law enforcement, and their finances must not be protected. “Freedom of belief should not be a refuge for scoundrels” like David Koresh, West claimed.

Farrakhan dispels media image

by Debra Hanania-Freeman

On May 3, three hundred political, religious, and community leaders enjoyed a rare opportunity to hear the Honorable Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, present for consideration to President Clinton and the U.S. Congress his analysis of the crises confronting America.

The National Press Club event was hosted by the Capital Press Club, the nation’s oldest black media organization, which was founded over 50 years ago when black journalists were banned from membership in the National Press Club. Although Minister Farrakhan is no stranger to the public podium—an address he delivered in Atlanta this past October drew an audience of over 50,000—it was his first appearance at the National Press Club.

Farrakhan used the opportunity to release a statement entitled “A Torchlight For America,” whose text was excerpted from his forthcoming book of the same title, to be released sometime in May.

Farrakhan’s remarks examined the status of the nation’s health care system, welfare reform, taxation, prison reform, the national debt, and the economy. Although the speech was packed with facts and statistics, and was bitingly accurate in its critique of the state of the U.S. economy, what was most striking about the presentation was not Minister Farrakhan’s acumen as an economist, but his personal vision of God, his good humor, and the kind of passionate defense of African-Americans that could only be delivered by one who has fully internalized his own responsibility to provide leadership for his people.

“I have to stand and speak for the voiceless, whose leadership has often been quiet or weak in the face of an open enemy. Although I have been misrepresented by the media in the past, this is a new opportunity to receive my message and judge it against the criterion of truth. Tonight, I hope to speak to you and be received without bias and prejudice,” he said. The Nation of Islam leader said he had been tarred as an anti-Semite, as a hater, in an effort calculated to cut off his spreading influence in the black community, to make clergymen and political and civic leaders fear that they would be similarly slandered if they associated with him. His words were taken out of context and misrepresented. When he attacked Israel for persecuting Palestinians, he was branded a “Hitler.”