

Editorial

Not Again!

EIR has spent the Fall exposing the imperial war plans of the Bush Administration's Chicken-hawk faction "that did not start after 9/11," but have existed in their present form and from their authors in the Pentagon and Vice-President's office, since 1990. Other journalists have joined these exposés, especially since Lyndon LaRouche's Sept. 11, 2002 webcast on the subject. The Oct. 24 *New York Times* revelation of a "secret parallel intelligence unit" in the Pentagon adds another piece to this treasonous picture. The unit has now been acknowledged; it is run by Undersecretary of Defense Douglas Feith, and its purpose is evidently to produce the properly spun story which Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld want, but cannot get from American intelligence agencies which know better: that Saddam Hussein runs Al-Qaeda and/or is planning to give Osama bin Laden's crew weapons of mass destruction. To complete the circle, Feith was one of the authors of then-Defense Secretary Cheney's 1992 military review document which proposed American total world strategic domination, and pre-emptive or preventive war against any power or nation that might challenge it in the future.

Are we returning to "Iran-Contra"? The "findings" of this intended secret intelligence unit were to have become "official secret assessments"—concocted for political and "imperial" purposes. Just as the "assessments" of Oliver North for then-Vice President Bush told us, 16 years ago, that our national security depended on making war on the government of Nicaragua; so it is with this Pentagon unit, and Iraq. That 1980s operation gave us, recall, the anti-Soviet war in Afghanistan which produced American agent Osama bin Laden.

In *Electronic Intelligence Weekly* for Oct. 21, we had reported that several very well-placed U.S. intelligence sources had alerted this news service, in recent days, that a "new Iran-Contra" operation is being secretly run out of the Pentagon, and that they fear that the consequences, this time around, will be even more disastrous than in the 1980s.

The question must be posed: Are Richard Perle, Paul Wolfowitz, Doug Feith, et al. attempting to revive

the early Cold War "focal point system?" Are they in the process of launching a "new al-Qaeda?"

As the late Col. Fletcher Prouty revealed in his booklength exposé, *The Secret Team*, for decades, following World War II, the Pentagon maintained a secret logistics capability, housed in the "Focal Point Office," which directed military irregular warfare operations out of the civilian Pentagon bureaucracy. The White House "Enterprise" of the Reagan-Bush era illegally revived the "focal point" system.

Now, intelligence sources warn that the same "parallel government" covert warfare apparatus is being once again revived, under the control of the civilian apparatus grouped around Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and his Deputy, Paul Wolfowitz.

A secret warfare unit, targeting Iraq, is being run under the cover of the Defense Policy Board, headed by America's number one "Chicken-hawk," Richard Perle. The unit has already dispatched operatives to the region, to encourage dissident elements inside Iraq, particularly in the Shi'ite region of the South, to start anti-government actions, to "create the appearance of widespread opposition to the Saddam Hussein regime." Self-professed "universal fascist" Michael Ledeen has been named as one of the operatives of the unofficial Defense Policy Board—as he was in the original Iran-Contra affair—to solicit backing for the anti-Saddam operations, from factions of the Iranian conservative clergy, with whom Ledeen had extensive, secret dealings during the 1980s. U.S. Army special warfare units, including "Yellow Fruit," are also being deployed to launch a covert phase of warfare inside Iraq—even before President Bush has received United Nations Security Council authorization, and before the weapons inspectors have been able to return. An Iraqi "Contra" force is being trained with \$92 million in U.S. funds.

The decision, if confirmed, to revive the secret parallel covert apparatus—when the leading uniformed military officers oppose an Iraq war—is a "secret team" scenario gone mad. Congress should ask some serious questions—now.