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Israel's Ariel Sharon promotes Arab fundamentalism

Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon wanted to eliminate Sadat "as soon as possible," according to a prominent American Jewish leader close to and claiming to represent the thinking of the Sharon circles. Sharon, the strongman of the Israeli government who is expected to replace Begin as leader of the Likud Party and eventually of the government, represents the most extremist wing of the Israeli intelligence service Mossad. It is this section of the Israeli leadership that has given aid and comfort to the Khomeini regime in Iran.

The source on Sharon's desire to eliminate Sadat is a self-described anarchist close to the Socialist International who does not represent the mainstream of the American Jewish community. In an interview last month, three weeks before the assassination of the Egyptian President, he explained:

"What is happening in Egypt [sectarian unrest and Sadat's subsequent crackdown] is very, very serious. Sadat is finished. The Israelis know that come April, when Sinai is to be returned, Sadat will thumb his nose at us and return to the Arab fold. Therefore, it's now or never to dump him. Sharon would like to hurry the process along by putting a bullet in Anwar's brain, which is probably what is going to happen. Sharon really wants to get rid of Sadat fast. If Sadat goes before April, there is a very good chance that Sinai will never be returned. This is exactly what the hardliners in Israel and in the Arab world want, including Sharon. An Egypt turned upside down will justify the actions of both sides. Basically, the hardliners in Israel and the hardliners in the Arab world are in love with each other.

"Sadat knows he is finished. That's why he is fighting back so hard. No matter what he does, he's a goner. Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia will also go; that's a foregone conclusion. That will take a little more time. The collapse of Egypt will be the death-knell for the Saudis.

"What will happen after Sadat's death is that the fundamentalists will take over in Egypt, making it impossible for Israel to deal with Egypt. For the operation to work, Mubarak too will have to be bumped off, probably before Sadat. Egypt will then break up, some-

thing like Iran, but not quite the same. The idea I am getting at is that things work better in the Middle East when they are in small pieces; a divided Middle East is the answer. Iran eventually will be divided up. For all intents and purposes, it already is.

"The other aspect of this scenario is the assassination of Jordan's King Hussein, another of Sharon's pet projects. Arafat is being commissioned to do the dirty work on this one. This will be followed immediately by Arafat's turning on all the lunatics around him. He'll carry out his own Black September against the crazies and hopefully will kill them all. Then, we'll be able to deal with Arafat. We can't do that until Arafat shoots it out with the lunatics.

"The Soviets," the source asserted, "will not come to Sadat's aid."

Dealing with the Soviets

According to the source, Sharon, in association with the Labour Party's Mordechai Gur, is working to form a government of national unity in Israel. Under Sharon's directorship, a number of Israeli political figures along with sections of the American Jewish community, including the World Jewish Congress, are carrying on a back-room dialogue with the Soviet Union. The goal of the dialogue is to secure Soviet acquiescence to the idea of a radicalized, fragmented Arab world in exchange for a "neutralized" Israel.

The gameplan, according to the source, is as follows: "Begin's usefulness is up as of April, when Sinai is scheduled to be returned, though there is a damn good chance that Sinai will never be given back if Sadat gets blown away. As soon as the Camp David game is up, Begin too will have to go.

"What you're going to see in Israel is a national unity government come together. The back-room planning is already under way, and the leading players are to be Sharon and Gur. Watch Gur. Gur is the one who is going to rise to the leadership of the Labour Party.

"The game that a national unity government will play will be to work out some kind of deal with the Soviets. You've probably been picking up all those funny little signals coming out of Israel these days beamed toward Moscow, indicating Israel just might be ready to open the door a little. This what I'm involved in setting up. It's time to neutralize Israel. With a few appropriate changes in the rest of the Arab world—the removal of Sadat, the dividing up of the Arabs along sectarian lines—Israel can afford to be neutral. Sharon wants it. He's ready to deal with the Soviets. That may surprise you, given Sharon's public profile. Forget profiles: Sharon is ready for a deal with Moscow. Begin, of course, is totally opposed to anything to do with the Russians. That's one of the many reasons Begin's days are over as of April. After that, it's a new era."