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Suspected Soviet cell wrote Reagan's long-term strategy

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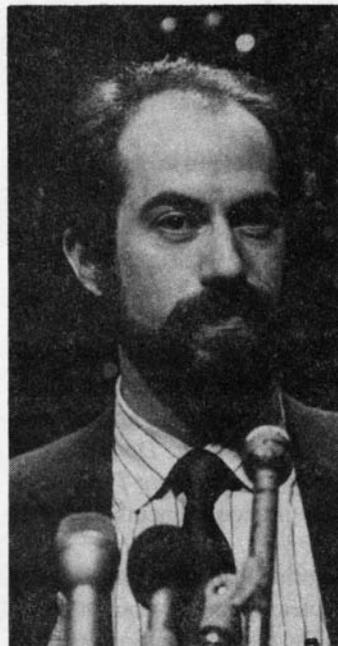
A tightly organized cell of suspected Soviet moles wrote the Reagan administration's "semi-official" long-term strategy for dealing with the U.S.S.R. and also played a major hand in drafting the disastrous Intermediate-Range Nuclear Force (INF) treaty that a deluded President Reagan now hopes will earn him and Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachov the Nobel Peace Prize.

As shocking as this may sound, Dr. Albert Wohlstetter and Dr. Fred Iklé, the two principal authors of the presidential report, *Discriminate Deterrence*, have been identified to this news service by highly reliable U.S. intelligence sources as prime suspects in a Soviet-Israeli "false flag" spy ring first exposed with the November 1985 arrest of Jonathan Jay Pollard and the December 1987 arrest of Shabtai Kalmanowitch.

On Feb. 19, 1988, *Washington Post* associate editor Bob Woodward published a front-page story detailing the Pentagon and CIA's futile search for "Mr. X," the designation for a high-level intelligence community mole who was believed to be providing Pollard with top secret code numbers of classified military documents that Pollard, a counterterrorist analyst at a Naval Investigative Service facility in Suitland, Md., would then pilfer and pass on to Israeli and Soviet intelligence. Shabtai Kalmanowitch, a Russian-born Israeli multi-millionaire, soon to be tried in Israel as a KGB spy, is widely believed to have been one of the Israel-Soviet "back channels" through which the "Mr. X" loot was shared with Moscow.

According to one Pentagon source, the elusive "Mr. X" is actually known to be an entire cell of shared Soviet-Israeli agents, rather than just one well-placed individual. While Woodward's headline grabbing revelations about "Mr. X" were aimed at blocking the Department of Justice from shutting down its Pollard investigation altogether, under reported strong pressure from State Department chief counsel Abraham Sofaer and Secretary of State George Shultz himself, Pentagon and CIA officials have been reportedly aware that they are dealing with an "X Committee," buried deep inside the American national security establishment.

One version of the "X Committee" list, reportedly passed from the office of the general counsel to the Secretary of Defense and on to the FBI early this year,



Talk by Leo Scanlon; Perle and Gaffney by Stuart Lewis

Left to right: Former top Pentagon officials Fred Iklé, Richard Perle, and Frank Gaffney, Jr.—all alleged to be on a list naming the “X Committee” that was reportedly passed from the Office of the General Counsel to the Secretary of Defense and FBI.

contained such prominent Reagan administration figures as: Iklé, Richard Perle, Steven Bryen, Doug Feith, Andy Marshall, Henry Rowen, and Frank Gaffney, Jr. All were, up until very recently, senior officials at the Pentagon, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the CIA’s National Intelligence Estimates Board.

For the past month, a team of *EIR* investigators has conducted an extensive background cross-check of these named individuals and others closely associated with them, such as Michael Ledeen, Roy Godson, and Neil Livingstone. This preliminary special report summarizes the findings to date.

Albert Wohlstetter recruits a net

Decades before there was Pollard and Kalmanowitch, Dr. Albert Wohlstetter had already established himself as one of America’s preeminent “nuclear strategists”—certainly one of the figures upon whom the early 1960s character “Dr. Strangelove” was based. First at the Rand Corporation and the University of Chicago, and later at his own consulting firm, Pan-Heuristics, Wohlstetter groomed literally scores of protégés for future sensitive government posts.

Using the Senate offices of the late Henry Jackson (D-Wash.) and Clifford Case (R-N.J.) as stepping stones for placing his epigones into the Washington, D.C. policymaking circuit, Wohlstetter had succeeded, by the time the Reagan administration entered office, in placing his assets in sensitive and powerful positions at the Pentagon. Dr. Fred Iklé, a Wohlstetter protégé from their days together at Rand, became the deputy secretary of defense. Richard Perle, who had come under Wohlstetter’s wing while still a student at Hollywood High School, and who survived a 1970 near-arrest, reportedly for passing secrets to the Mossad while on

Scoop Jackson’s staff, became President Reagan’s most trusted arms control adviser up until his departure from the Pentagon late last year. Perle was the actual author of the disastrous INF treaty proposal jumped on by Soviet boss Gorbachov at Reykjavik. The INF treaty, signed at last December’s Washington summit, has done more in the short term to hasten the decoupling of Western Europe from the United States than any action ever taken by the Russians.

According to one former associate, Wohlstetter carefully avoided ever accepting a formal government post that would have cast him in the spotlight and subjected him to more rigorous security checks. Rather, he cut the seemingly contradictory figure of a big spender, purchasing lavish mansions in Los Angeles and Chicago, and hosting dinners with \$200 bottles of wine at the most expensive restaurants for prospective protégés.

All the while, Wohlstetter apparently went to great lengths to distance himself from his years of activity as a figure in the American communist movement in the 1930s and 1940s. According to several Wohlstetter contemporaries interviewed by *EIR*, while at City College, Wohlstetter was actively linked to the Communist Left Opposition. That opposition sprang up around the figure of Leon Trotsky following Trotsky’s ouster by Stalin, at the point that Stalin moved to decimate the “Trust” apparatus of “cosmopolitan communists” whom he believed were too anxious to cut a deal with Western financier interests.

By 1983, Wohlstetter and his network had so penetrated the national security apparatus of the Reagan administration that the “father of America’s MAD strategy,” as Wohlstetter was known, was formally appointed—at the same time as Henry Kissinger—to the President’s Foreign Intelligence

Advisory Board, a post he retains today. While not exactly an operational assignment, membership on PFIAB entitles Wohlstetter to access some of America's most important and operational intelligence secrets.

When the Reagan administration set out to define a long-term strategy for confronting the Soviet threat going into the early decades of the 21st century, a "private" blue ribbon commission was empaneled by Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger. The co-chairmen of the panel were Wohlstetter and Iklé.

The final product of the Wohlstetter-Iklé Commission, once one grasps the implications of the "X Committee" authorship, was predictable. Released at a Pentagon press conference on Jan. 12 of this year, *Discriminate Deterrence, a Report from the Commission on Integrated Long-Term Strategy*, made two particular policy pronouncements that were tantamount to treason.

First, the report stated categorically that the United States should formally remove its nuclear umbrella from its European NATO allies, thus virtually assuring the Soviets of an unchallenged conventional military takeover of Western Europe at any moment they might choose.

Second, the report called for the abandonment of the President's Strategic Defense Initiative by refocusing on the more narrow objective of a point defense of America's land-based nuclear arsenal. By abandoning the overall doctrinal shift to Mutually Assured Survival based on a broad defense against all Soviet nuclear weapons, the report called for killing the whole program while at the same time abandoning the postwar doctrine of deterrence by massive retaliation.

As if to remove any doubt as to the intention of the report, co-author Wohlstetter told an *EIR* journalist at the Pentagon press briefing, "The SDI will eventually die of embarrassment [because] the notion that the Soviet Union would launch a nuclear attack against the population of the United States is absurd." Emphasizing that Soviet expansionist goals were "narrowly" focused on the Eurasian land mass, Wohlstetter went to the very heart of the *Discriminate Deterrence* policy by asking *EIR*, "Why should the U.S. risk self-annihilation for the sake of defending foreign soil?"

The consequences of the Wohlstetter report were predictably devastating. Read as an abandonment of the entire postwar Western Alliance and a turning toward a go-it-alone Fortress America, the document triggered instant and violent reactions from among America's staunchest European allies. Reagan administration efforts to distance itself from the report fell on deaf ears, as one European government after another began preparing to make its peace with a ravenous Moscow. If internal problems in the Warsaw Pact itself get in the way of Moscow's long-term ambition to consolidate a "Third Rome" empire, it will certainly not be through lack of effort by Wohlstetter and other suspected "X Committee" members who have delivered to Moscow all assistance possible.

The intelligence search for 'Mr. X'

U.S. government investigators are hot on the trail of "Mr. X," the senior U.S. government official deemed responsible for having placed convicted Soviet-Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard in a sensitive post at U.S. Naval Intelligence. Without such an official, or officials, Pollard could never have reached his position. *EIR* has received a list of suspects currently being investigated by the U.S. government for having played that treacherous role. *EIR* investigations have independently confirmed that all the individuals on the list are likely KGB (Soviet intelligence) or Mossad (Israeli intelligence) agents or assets. It is *EIR*'s judgment, moreover, that the individuals on the list, far from being a random collection of suspects, constitute a tightly organized conspiracy, which was responsible, *as a whole*, for patronizing and protecting Pollard.

Perhaps the best description of them is "Albert Wohlstetter's children."

As reported in an accompanying article, "former" Trotskyite Albert Wohlstetter is the mastermind of the Soviet-sponsored U.S. strategic policy known as "discriminate deterrence," that is, abandonment of allies in Europe and Asia. Wohlstetter was one of the founders of the Rand corporation, a center of crackpot strategies, together with Andrew Marshall, Henry Rowen, and Herman Kahn. In former days, Wohlstetter, Rowen, and Kahn were known as "the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost of Rand." Others in Washington added Rand founder Bernard Brodie to the group, and condemned them as the "Four Pursemen of the Apocalypse."

Altogether, the list includes:

Henry S. Rowen. Currently a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, Rowen joined Wohlstetter and Kahn at the newly formed Rand corporation in 1951, following graduation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His most recent government post was chairman of the National Intelligence Estimates Board at CIA, 1980 to 1983.

In 1951, Rowen and Wohlstetter succeeded in expanding their penetration of U.S. defense circles through a Rand study on the vulnerability of Strategic Air Command bases to Soviet surprise attack. Rowen and Wohlstetter designed the insane doctrine of "flexible response" and "controlled escalation" at Rand, and later sold it to Defense Secretary Robert McNamara.

In 1959, Rowen, Wohlstetter, and Andy Marshall became key figures in the John F. Kennedy campaign. Following Kennedy's election, Rowen was appointed Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary under McNamara, where he advocated the "Mutually Assured Destruction" deterrence thesis,