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[America’s Loose Nukes in Israel](#)

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Israel decided this week to send Minister for Intelligence Affairs Dan Meridor to the [Nuclear Security summit](#). This U.S. bid to secure vulnerable nuclear stockpiles against non-state actors is both closely watched and furiously spun. Israel avoided exposing Prime Minister Netanyahu to embarrassing scrutiny of Israel’s clandestine nuclear weapons arsenal. For this reason, [trumpets](#) the *New York Times*, Israel sent a lower-level delegation. But Israel has long responded defiantly to threats of robust U.S. oversight. A long-running investigation into how weapons-grade uranium went missing from [Pennsylvania](#) illustrates why America has been incapable of securing its own nuclear materials and know-how from insider threats. The future of that uranium may determine the success or failure of the Obama administration’s non-proliferation effort.

Steve Levin was a member of the underground Haganah – a precursor to the Israel Defense Forces – and fought during Israel’s 1948 war under Meir Amit, who later became head of Israeli intelligence. Levin was a close friend of David Ben-Gurion, the first prime minister of Israel. In the mid-1940s while leading the [Jewish Agency](#), Ben-Gurion launched a massive clandestine conventional arms financing, [theft, and smuggling network](#) [.pdf] in the United States diverting to Palestine small arms, heavy machine guns, munitions-making equipment, aircraft, ships, and tanks destined for American scrap yards after World War II.

On the nuclear front, Levin [financed](#) the purchase of the Apollo Steel Company facility in Pennsylvania for \$450,000. Founder and President Dr. Zalman M. Shapiro, a [genius inventor](#) and head of a local Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) chapter, incorporated the Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation (NUMEC) at Apollo in 1956. Levin capitalized NUMEC through a stock offering in 1957 and business took off – propelled by the critical knowledge of highly talented scientists. NUMEC co-founder Dr. Leonard P. Pepkowitz previously worked on the clandestine [Manhattan Project in 1944](#) producing America’s first atomic bombs. Pepkowitz later led analytical chemistry research at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. NUMEC regularly received large quantities of highly enriched uranium and plutonium from industry giants Westinghouse and the U.S. Navy for [reprocessing](#) into nuclear submarine fuel and other specialty uses. Shapiro was [meticulous](#) in his stewardship of the company’s financial resources, carefully shopping around for banks willing to accommodate the complex demands of the fast growing NUMEC.

In the early 1960s, the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) began documenting suspicious lapses in NUMEC’s security, inexplicably lax record-keeping, and the ongoing presence of large numbers of Israelis at the plant. In 1962 the AEC considered suspending “[classified weapons work](#)” at NUMEC. In 1965 an AEC [audit](#) found that NUMEC could no longer account for 220 pounds of highly enriched uranium. In 1966 the FBI opened an investigation – code-named Project DIVERT – and began monitoring NUMEC’s management and Israeli visitors. On Sept. 10, 1968, four Israelis visited NUMEC to “discuss thermoelectric devices with Shapiro,” according to correspondence seeking official AEC consent for the visit from NUMEC’s security manager. Among the approved visitors was Rafi Eitan. After Eitan’s visit, [587 pounds of highly enriched uranium](#) was classified as missing.

Former Deputy of the CIA’s Directorate of Science and Technology Carl Duckett said the agency came to the conclusion by 1968 that “NUMEC material had been diverted by the Israelis and used in fabricating weapons.” An eyewitness gave testimony to the FBI about one late evening in 1965 when he encountered several NUMEC employees loading a flatbed truck with nuclear materials. It was unusual that material was shipping so late at night. Moreover, these particular employees (names were censored from the 2,654 pages of FBI documents released under the Freedom of Information Act) “never

loaded trucks themselves.” The eyewitness was “sure this was high-enriched uranium products due to size and shape of the container and the labeling.” An armed guard ordered the witness away; he was later threatened to never reveal what he had seen on the loading dock.

The FBI, CIA, Congress, the GAO, and the AEC spent fruitless decades investigating the diversion. The FBI insisted on nuclear forensics to determine whether radioactivity in soil samples collected outside Dimona in Israel had any telltale NUMEC signature. But not until U.S. Navy analyst Jonathan Pollard was arrested spying for Israel in 1985 was Rafi Eitan’s importance fully understood. In 1986 investigators discovered the Eitan who entered NUMEC in 1968 had the same birth date – 11/23/1926 – as the spy handling Pollard. According to [Anthony Cordesman](#), “There is no conceivable reason for Eitan to have gone [to the Apollo plant] but for the nuclear material.” Eitan has since been forced out of the cold as one of Israel’s [top economic espionage](#) agents for Israel’s secretive LAKAM, involved in multiple operations against U.S. targets. The Israel lobby’s role, never deeply explored by the Pollard investigators, was perceptible in the background. An operative of a U.S.-Israel business [foundation](#) provided the Washington, D.C., [safe house](#) where documents stolen by Pollard were duplicated and secreted away to Israel.

But Pollard’s subsequent life sentence in prison is the exception to the rule – crimes for Israel (even nuclear diversion) [aren’t punished by America](#). In a now familiar pattern, the investigation of NUMEC uranium diversion waxed and waned into the 1990s. DIVERT was soon transformed into a futile investigation into whether Zalman Shapiro had foreknowledge or personal involvement in the caper and ways officials in agencies from the State Department to the AEC thwarted warranted law enforcement and accountability for Israel. To date, all of the uranium-diversion masterminds, financiers, and beneficiaries have escaped criminal prosecution, even as U.S. taxpayers fund a nuclear [waste cleanup](#) at the (now defunct) NUMEC Apollo facility.

That the U.S. is a sieve for Israeli nuclear espionage is well documented. In 1988 the GAO [determined](#) that Department of Energy nuclear laboratories were far too open to foreign visits from “countries identified as sensitive by DOE because they are a security and/or proliferation risk, such as Pakistan and Israel.” The lessons of Eitan went unheeded. The report found that “Of 637 visitors from countries such as India, Israel, and Pakistan, the DOE required background checks for only 77.” In addition to amassing critical knowledge, other nuclear technologies known to have been diverted from the U.S. to Israel include dual-use triggering technologies, [klystrons](#), and [krytons](#).

It never had to be this way. In the early 1960s, just as the problems at NUMEC began, President John F. Kennedy unleashed a robust non-proliferation and law enforcement pincer maneuver. He [demanded U.S. inspections](#) of Israel’s [Dimona weapons](#) plant in order to prevent Israel from going nuclear. Kennedy simultaneously [ordered](#) Israel’s American lobby to register as foreign agents to bring their undeclared activities out into the open. But Israel and its U.S. lobby ultimately prevailed on both counts.

In formally [pressing Israel to join](#) the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty while pushing for a settlement freeze and peace negotiations, the Obama administration is retracing JFK’s final footsteps. Israel’s lobby still has its own sovereign policy priorities. As Zalman Shapiro and lobby elites such as neoconservative gadfly Frank Gaffney [gathered](#) at ZOA events on the eve of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, pivoting the U.S. military from Iraq toward Syria and Iran was a top priority. The lobby also worked day and night to keep America’s [front](#) (and [back](#)) doors open for massive aid transfers and trade preferences, buffing up its own image by plucking [operatives](#) from the harsh [clutches](#) of law enforcement – even winning [presidential pardons](#) to erase or exalt other unfortunate historic events that called into question the U.S.-Israel “special relationship.” Investigative reporter Seymour Hersh [noted](#) that the American Israel Public Affairs Committee’s (AIPAC) entire [executive committee](#) (the Conference of Presidents) favors releasing Jonathan Pollard on the grounds that “his crimes did not amount to high treason against the United States, because Israel was then and remains a close ally.” These unspoken, forced policies directly pit Israeli prerogatives against American national security, governance, and rule of law – they are often only won only through [illegal means](#). As Israel ratchets up its own “project divert” effort to compel others to confront NPT signatory Iran (while derailing meaningful Israeli-Palestinian negotiations), the rest of the world showed true commitment to non-proliferation by sending [top diplomats](#) to America’s summit.

Israel simply sent in another [spy](#).

This is why the U.S. must demand more than Israel’s entry into the NPT. Only by recovering all purloined nuclear materials can Obama win confidence in America’s own commitment to controlling loose nukes.

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1. There are now papers that have emerged thru document digging and research, that were obtained by students of G.W.U., showing that the Kennedy administration did, in-fact, try to rope in the Israeli nuclear program at Dimona when it was begun. Page upon page of scanned documents reveal that President Kennedy might just as well have been talking to his pet rock, Lyndon, about nuclear non-proliferation. As so many in this country now believe that Lee Harvey Oswald was solely a 'patsy' that the murder of Kennedy got conveniently hung around, what most people do not know is the extent to which the evidence now points to an Israeli role in the murder of Kennedy. We know they were the keynote actors in Sept. 11th, 2001., and that the 1967 attack on the U.S.S. Liberty was far more than just a huge misunderstanding by Israeli fighter pilots who, over the radio, 'positively identified' their target back to their tactical command structure, as they repeatedly bombed, torpedo'd and strafed the ship that day in 1967. Is it such a stretch to suggest that due to heavy Israeli infiltration into the U.S. Government even at this early stage of the game of mass murder, made it so very easy to ensure that the Kennedy murder would remain to this day, so highly classified, that the details of the cover-up by a complicit and wholly on board U.S. Government, would remain buried to protect Israel from American retaliation? I think not.

This recent call of O'bombya's to push Israel to sign the NPT, almost guarantee's that a similar fate now is being plotted for this all too compliant and malleable puppet of the oligarchy, for perhaps ad-libbing the foreword to his eulogy, at this farce nuclear non proliferation summit he just held. Are the power's that be already setting the stage for a Joe Biden Presidency in the wake of yet one more Israeli assassination on U.S. soil by the Mossad?

The most effective way for the plug to be pulled on the Israeli nuclear weapons program and continued production at Dimona, is to take the money away, every cent of it, and in-fact, start to demand Israeli repayment of the trillions of U.S. dollars handed to it by this government here, in violation of laws on the books to put the kibosh on U.S. foreign aid to non signatories to the NPT, such as Israel.

The only way to force this horse, Israel, to drink at the NPT well, is to make it dead certain that the money tap is absolutely turned off, and that the systematic and thorough weeding out of Israeli agents and spies on U.S. soil is about to begin in-earnest. And this means, taking the media ownership away from the very zionists who have suppressed truthful reporting about Israel for the lion's share of about 47 years since John F. Kennedy was murdered.


It's time to starve the beast, and remove it's tentacles from our Government, and hold trials for TREASON for members of the U.S. Congress and Senate who have acted as de-facto FOREIGN AGENTS for ISRAEL in violation of their Oath's of Office.

It's time. Either we act now, or consign the entire middle east to endless turmoil and bloodshed, due to Israeli nuclear hegemony in the region.

 *Comment by GOES DEEPER THAN THAT* | *April 14, 2010* | [Reply](#)

- o I wouldn't hold my breath waiting for Obama to actually do anything to force Israel to enter the NPT, or anything else for that matter.

It makes a great sound-bite for maintaining the (false) impression of US independence though.

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2. You got that right, Aletho! The 'drama' queens in the U.S. government put on so much Kabuki Theatre for the ignoramus' in the Untitled Snakes, that their freaking eyes are developing permanent 'slants' to them! It's the same shit as the incessant back and forth Kabuki games between the CONgress and the Senate right wing vs the dems, too! As for O'bomb'ya, he's starting to get stretch marks around the corners of his mouth and ball slap marks on his chin from

Netanyahoooooo's frequent visits to see him. If this keeps up, those two are gonna have to announce their NUPTIALS soon and get married!

All of this crap by O'bomb'ya is a diversion. His presidency is failing and sinking faster than the Titanic did in that cold icy water that night years ago. Same with the overall approval rating for the CON's in CONgress, they too are pretty much even steven, numbers wise.

If there is a shiny side to this, it's that the sheeple are starting to smell a huge, plague infested RAT, and that RAT is the U.S. federal government. I think now you could ask the question; "how much do you agree that ISRAEL controls the U.S. foreign policy and monetary policies??" and see that the average couch potato now might say; "way, way too much!!" to that question.

someone high up in our government with a 'K' at the beginning of his last name, said; "He who makes peaceful revolution impossible, makes VIOLENT REVOLUTION INEVITABLE", and I just don't think the power's that be fully understand what 200 or 250 million pissed off, quite 'had it' American citizens would do to them if they showed up by the tens of millions and encircled Washington, D.C. and demanded they all resign and surrender for arrest to proper authority for their TREASON.

I just don't think they fully comprehend how bloody and violent that will get if they don't listen.

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3. <http://www.examiner.com/x-37620-Conservative-Examiner~y2010m4d13-Special-army-unit-ready-to-be-deployed-on-American-soil-just-before-Nov-elections>

Special army unit ready to be deployed on American soil just before Nov. elections (Update)
April 13, 5:16 PM Conservative Examiner Anthony G. Martin

Note: An update has been posted at the end of the article.

In October of this year, one month prior to the November midterm elections, a special army unit known as 'Consequence Management Response Force' will be ready for deployment on American soil if so ordered by the President.

The special force, which is the new name being given to the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 3rd Infantry, has been training at Fort Stewart, Georgia and is composed of 80,000 troops.

According to the Army Times,

They may be called upon to help with civil unrest and crowd control or to deal with potentially horrific scenarios such as massive poisoning and chaos in response to a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high-yield explosive, or CBRNE, attack.

The key phrase is 'may be called upon to help with civil unrest.'

This afternoon a local radio talk show host reported that he had been in contact with a member of the military. This military source stated that the armed forces have been alerted to the strong possibility that civil unrest may occur in the United States this summer, prior to the midterm elections of 2010.

The source described this as 'our long, hot summer of discontent' that could be eerily reminiscent of the summer of 1968 when riots broke out in many of our largest cities.

However, the summer of 2010 could well be much worse due to the players involved. In 1968 the major players were war protesters. This time, the outrage simmering beneath the surface of American society involves a broad cross-section of the heartland, and most of them are heavily armed.

It is highly unlikely that these citizens would ever initiate armed conflict of any kind. In their view, gun rights are for self-defense—and for defense against tyrannical government, which our Founders regarded as the most dangerous force on earth.

However, it has become clear that other groups may well initiate violence in order to start an ‘incident’ that would give Obama and a rogue Congress a reason to implement martial law, confiscate the citizens’ guns, enforce curfews, and suspend all future elections until such time as it is deemed ‘safe’ to proceed with human liberty as encapsulated in the right to vote.

Tea Party members, for example, have been warned in recent days that members of Andy Stern’s SEIU union and members of the organization formerly known as ACORN plan to infiltrate Tea Party gatherings in order to incite some sort of incident that could result in armed conflict.

In addition, all indications point to a humiliating defeat for the Democrats and Obama in November. Not only will the House in all likelihood transfer to Republican control, but it is increasingly possible for the Democrats to lose the Senate as well.

And there are Leftwing groups in this country that would use whatever means necessary to prevent that from happening.

ACORN has already gone underground, changing its name so as to fly beneath the radar screen. How many people will the group register to vote illegally?

And with Obama’s plan to naturalize between 10 and 20 million illegal aliens, a brand new voter base for the Democrats will be in place prior to November.

Add to this the growing unrest over continued high unemployment, the coming spike in interest rates and inflation, and the still-boiling outrage over the manner in which Obama and the Democrats shoved ObamaCare down the throats of the citizens, and all of the ingredients are present for a major F-5 tornado to sweep across the heartland.

To what extent would soldiers use deadly force during such ‘civil unrest’ should the Consequence Management Response Team be utilized? During the anti-war riots of the 1960s they killed student protesters. What about now?

The military source cited by the radio host today was asked this very question. He would merely say that the culture of the U.S. military is changing—half support Obama and the other half are dead-set against him.

His conclusion? There is no way to know for sure if they would obey an order to open fire on ordinary citizens.

Update: The Cato Institute published this warning when the program was launched in its first phase in 2008 (the program has been updated and expanded since 2008). The Founders insisted that standing armies were never to be used against American citizens on our own soil, no matter what violations of this principle have occurred in the years following. In the spirit of

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Patriots and of real journalists government must be questioned constantly and held to intense scrutiny in order to
preserve
liberty.

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<http://www.thelibertysphere.blogspot.com/>

I wonder if any of these 80,000 troops know what a slaughter it will be if they take up arms against U.S. citizens and
fire on
them???

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4. This is an important piece. If the government thinks its citizens are mad now, they should put this report on the 6
o-clock news and see the reaction.

“To date, all of the uranium-diversion masterminds, financiers, and beneficiaries have escaped criminal prosecution,
even as U.S. taxpayers fund a nuclear waste cleanup at the (now defunct) NUMEC Apollo facility.”

Even that would make them mad and that is just the tippy tip of the icy berg.

All of our agencies compromised. And Israel arrogant in its right to use us for its purpose and lyingly call us “friend”.

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