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## Methodology

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# EIR's approach blew the covers

by Mary McCourt

*Since early 1978, the Executive Intelligence Review has been publishing the evidence on the real controllers of international terrorism now being revealed by the Italian authorities. The following are highlights:*

**May 1978:** The *EIR* published the exclusive first English translation of the *Dossier San Marco*, by Italian journalist Guido Giannettini. Released to the press in 1974 by then Defense Minister Giulio Andreotti, when the consequences of the 1973 Yom Kippur War and Arab oil embargo were toppling governments in Europe, the dossier had been blacked out of the U.S. media. It dispelled the myth of "left versus right terrorism" and discussed the economic/political reasons for the terrorist operations.

"Among the principal bodies involved with Operation 3947 [a planned coup in Italy in 1969] were: the British DI-6 service, . . . the Israeli military information service; liberal circles allied to the Great Unified Lodge of England and the Great National Lodge of Italian Masonry [Propaganda-2]; the British banks Barclays and Hambros. . . .

At the beginning of 1971, some British and Israeli circles who had attended to 'Operation 3947' made contact again over Italy, asking for . . . an operation to move . . . the country to the right . . . The principal circles [included] in the Israeli government Itzhak Rabin and Ariel Sharon. . . ."

"The Nixon plan for the Mediterranean [the 1972 Rogers Plan] was designed to avert the threatened embargo of Arab-supplied oil. . . . Countermoves destined to provoke the failure of the Nixon plan were put into operation. . . .

The internal U.S. operation consisted of the mounting of the Watergate affair; . . . Henry Kissinger received exceptional powers. . . . The best way to provoke the failure of the . . . Mediterranean alliance [of Italy, Spain, France and Greece] foreseen in the Nixon plan was to

block every move to turn the Italian political axis toward the right, but to turn it instead toward the left. . . . To carry out such a maneuver it was necessary to relaunch the left and above all its actively involved groups like the PSI [Italian Socialist Party]. . . .

"The Israeli Command . . . and the Americans and British . . . progressively reduced their support of the Italian right. . . . The Israeli Mossad [a branch of Israeli intelligence] assumed (and not only for motives concerning the Italian situation) the control over the European extraparliamentary left (end of 1971) . . . The Mossad intervened at the base of left provocations. . . ."

**August 29-Sept. 4, 1978:** "Inaugurating a new *Terrorism* section, *EIR* brings you, in exclusive, the global picture of how the European "black nobility" centered in the British faction of the Knights of Malta deploy both the left and right varieties of terrorism through Israeli intelligence. . . ."

"Approximately two weeks ago, Israeli Minister of Transportation Meir Amit announced the deployment of Israeli hit teams all over Europe . . . [since] other countries are not sufficiently tough on terrorism, he said, . . . Israel will do the job for them.

"As we will show, it is in fact Israel, together with Britain, that controls international terrorist capabilities. . . . At the time . . . Israeli intelligence squads [were] already in place . . . in Europe . . . [and] would, as usual, operate without the knowledge of the governments of the countries concerned. . . .

". . . announcements of an international terror escalation come at the same time that the official channels in Italy, France . . . have begun to expose Israel as the source of international terrorism. . . . [These exposures were] launched Aug. 17 with an interview in the French daily *l'Aurore* with Italian General Dalla Chiesa, a Carabinieri general recently appointed by Italian Premier Andreotti to head investigations into the foreign networks responsible for the March kidnapping and subsequent murder of former Premier Moro. . . . Dalla Chiesa identified Joachim Klein as an agent of the Mossad. Besides Klein's role in the founding of the Baader-Meinhof, he was the mastermind of the 1975 raid on the Vienna OPEC meeting.

"Klein had been recently at an Israeli kibbutz for extensive Mossad debriefing before . . . deploying to an unspecified country . . .

". . . a heated debate began in the Italian press, including denials of the charge by [PSI head] Craxi. . . .

"[West German press] confirmed Dalla Chiesa's claims . . . and revealed that another Baader-Meinhof member, H. Klaar, was in Italy under Mossad auspices during the period of the Moro kidnapping. . . without the Italian authorities being informed. . . .

"What emerges . . . are three levels of operations which jointly run international terrorism . . . the professional hit team level . . . the "cover" level of left-wing

terrorist gangs . . . [and] the level of financing both of the above. . . .

[A prime example of] the functioning of the second level . . . is the case of Daniel Cohn-Bendit. . . . Following 1968 . . . [he] was relocated to Israel. . . . [In September 1978 he met with] terrorist Rudi Dutschke and others from the SPD in West Germany . . . to 'refound the SPD' through the integration of the terrorist underground and the 'greenie' or environmentalist movement . . . with the SPD. . . .

**July 10-July 16, 1979:** *EIR* cover story, "Time's up for terrorists":

"The Italian Socialist Party . . . is now under police investigation for its ties to some of the most notorious international terrorists: the Red Brigades gang. . . .

". . . Bettino Craxi, a friend of Senator Edward Kennedy and recently endorsed by the *New York Times* to head Italy's new government, was questioned by the magistracy . . . June 27. . . . The entire Socialist Party leadership has come under suspicion of strong terrorist collaboration and collusion. . . . the uppermost levels of Italian terrorist controllers—long identified as such by the European Labor Party in two special dossiers [entitled *Who Killed Aldo Moro* and *Socialist Area: The Party of Terrorism*—have now come under judicial scrutiny. . . .

"Although there has been minimal press coverage throughout Europe and the United States concerning the dramatic developments in Italy, a major battle is taking shape over whether the results of the Italian crackdown will be applied to those countries where terrorism remains a scourge. . . . According to both French intelligence and former West German security officials, one of the continuing difficulties in clearing out the terrorist organization is the political protection that is afforded the terrorists by leading public officials. . . ."

"It is the method employed by Italian investigators that has been successful in unearthing terrorist controllers in the highest levels, including the calling in for questioning of prime minister hopeful Bettino Craxi . . . any proper approach to fighting terrorism, fighting environmentalism and fighting drugs is identical . . . approach[ing] and trac[ing] upwards the . . . networks to key institutions that control the media . . . [and] our leading institutions. . . ."

"The magistracy [could] not move against individuals like Negri [the professor at the University of Padua who recruited terrorists, was head of the Potere Operaio which incubated the Red Brigades, and who was finally arrested in April 1979] without irrefutable proof of his terrorist activities. . . .

"What changed was the methods by which Judges Alessandrini and Calogero defined that which constituted significant evidence. . . . Once they had defined what they were looking for in the coherent general political objectives of the terrorists and the organized networks which protected them—they finally began to get results."

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## **Financial Channels**

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# **Arab financiers of terrorism and drugs**

by Judith Wyer

At about the same time that the Propaganda-2 (P-2) Freemasonic Lodge scandal again became front-page news in Italy last December, the government of Giovanni Spadolini made Italy's first overtures to rebuild economic and political ties with Saudi Arabia that were established in 1978 by the Prime Minister at that time, Giulio Andreotti. Under the regime of Spadolini's predecessor, Arnaldo Forlani, who fell from power when the P-2 lodge was first exposed in May 1981, Italian-Saudi relations had soured due to charges of corruption in Saudi oil sales to Italy. The scandal, which originated with Italian Socialist Party boss, Bettino Craxi and his Propaganda-2 cronies, aimed to break Saudi-Italian ties in favor of closer Italian links with Libya. At the same time, Craxi and his friends calculated that the scandal would undercut Saudi Crown Prince Fahd and give leverage to his opponent, Saudi Third Crown Prince Abdullah, a leader of the fanatical Muslim Brotherhood, which controls Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi.

### **The current turn**

During a visit to Saudi Arabia in the first week of January, Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo reached an agreement for renewed state-to-state oil purchases and expanded Italian-Saudi economic cooperation, reversing Craxi's sabotage. Colombo agreed to a Saudi proposal that Italy act throughout Europe to promote the Mideast peace plan drafted by Prince Fahd in August 1981 as an alternative to the Camp David framework.

The turn in Saudi-Italian relations coincides with revelations in the Italian press and from the government commission investigating P-2, revelations establishing connections between the fascist lodge and certain prominent Arabs. The scandals have primarily centered upon the Quaddafi regime, but have also begun to touch networks in Lebanon and Egypt.