

three-judge court which appoints independent counsels, and obtained authorization to expand Starr's investigation into allegations of perjury and obstruction of justice in the *Jones v. Clinton* case.

But already, three days before that, Starr's lawyers had wired up Linda Tripp, so that FBI agents could record discussions between Tripp and Monica Lewinsky in an effort to try to obtain evidence that Clinton was trying to get witnesses to commit perjury in the Jones case. Lewinsky had been subpoenaed by Jones's lawyers to give a deposition in the Jones case in November, after a series of anonymous calls came into the Rutherford Institute—which had just announced it would bankroll Paula Jones's case—tipping them off about Lewinsky.

Meanwhile, FBI agents and lawyers from Starr's office spent the day on Jan. 16 threatening and trying to intimidate Lewinsky into cooperating with Starr. And, having spent the day with those same FBI agents and Starr prosecutors, Linda Tripp then spent the evening briefing Paula Jones's lawyers about her discussions with Lewinsky and about Starr's investigation, so that Jones's lawyers could attempt to entrap President Clinton during his deposition scheduled for the next morning.

Starr's takeover of the Jones case is now *kaput*—along with the Jones case itself.

It is high time that the role of Ambrose Evans-Pritchard's orchestration, the Olson salon, and Starr's gross prosecutorial misconduct, become the subject of a real criminal investigation.

Starr witness-tampering under investigation

by Edward Spannaus

Attorney General Janet Reno stated on April 2 that she is reviewing allegations "of monies paid to a witness" which were forwarded to her by the United States Attorney in western Arkansas, and possibly also by the FBI.

The U.S. Attorney in Fort Smith, Arkansas, P.K. Holmes III, has ordered the local FBI to investigate possible tampering with Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's key witness in the Arkansas Whitewater investigation, involving monies paid by Richard Mellon Scaife through *American Spectator* magazine. The witness is David Hale, a former municipal judge in Little Rock, who became a protected government witness against Bill Clinton for Starr's office in 1994, in order to obtain a reduced sentence for his own crimes. Eyewitnesses have now come forward to say that they saw Hale receiving

cash payments from private parties while he was a federally protected witness in Starr's probe; and investigations by a number of news media organizations have shown that the cash originated with the "Daddy Warbucks" of the anti-Clinton propaganda crusade, Richard Mellon Scaife.

Protected witness

While Hale was under investigation by Federal officials in 1994, he began changing his story in order to falsely implicate Clinton in a fraudulent loan scheme. Hale was put in the Federal Witness Protection Program by Starr's prosecutors, and never went anywhere without an FBI escort. Yet Hale managed to meet regularly with *private* anti-Clinton operatives and investigators, feeding them stories about Clinton and receiving cash payments in return. Most of the meetings took place at a Hot Springs, Arkansas bait shop run by Parker Dozhier—who would spend day after day debriefing Hale, typing up the notes and passing them on to the *American Spectator*. Dozhier received at least \$35,000 from the American Spectator Educational Foundation (ASEF), some of which he passed on as cash payments to Hale.

The monies originated with foundations controlled by Mellon Scaife. They were then transferred through ASEF into the "Arkansas Project," with the funds administered by two longtime associates of Scaife, Virginia lawyer Stephen Boynton, and Thomas Henderson, who was vice president of the ASEF.

Theodore Olson, a longtime friend and former law partner of Starr, who hosts a regular "Get Clinton" salon at his Northern Virginia home, is also the attorney for ASEF, and sits on its Board of Directors. When Hale was subpoenaed to appear before the Senate Whitewater Committee in 1995, Olson represented Hale.

More Troopergate money

At the same time, new information has emerged that another wealthy right-winger who provides major funding for both the Heritage Foundation (of which Scaife is the largest funder), and for Newt Gingrich's GOPAC campaign committee, was a source of funds for some of the Arkansas state troopers who became both sources of dirt for the news media, and also became witnesses in the now-defunct Paula Jones case against President Clinton. According to the New York *Observer* and the Chicago *Sun-Times*, Smith introduced author David Brock to the Arkansas state troopers, including Larry Patterson and Roger Perry. At the time that Brock got the anti-Clinton stories from the troopers which appeared in the January 1994 *American Spectator*, he received \$5,000 from Smith. The troopers admitted that they had each received \$6,700 from Smith. All told, Smith poured \$80,000 into the Arkansas dirt-digging effort in 1992-94. He admitted, in an interview with the Chicago *Sun Times*, that his first efforts, in 1992, were part of George Bush's re-election drive.