

Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing

“An Oversight Hearing on Pre-War Intelligence Relating to Iraq”

Witness Biographies

Colonel Lawrence B. Wilkerson (Ret'd.)

Former Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Colin Powell

Lawrence Wilkerson is the Pamela C. Harriman Visiting Professor of Government at the College of William Mary, as well as Professorial Lecturer in the Honors Program at the George Washington University. His last positions in government were as Secretary of State Colin Powell's Chief of Staff (2002-05), Associate Director of the State Department's Policy Planning staff under the directorship of Ambassador Richard N. Haass, and member of that staff responsible for East Asia and the Pacific, political-military and legislative affairs (2001-02). Before serving at the State Department, Colonel Wilkerson served 31 years in the U.S. Army, including as Deputy Executive Officer to General Colin L. Powell when he was Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command (1989); as Special Assistant to General Powell when he was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1989-93); and as Director and Deputy Director of the U.S. Marine Corps War College at Quantico, Virginia (1993-97). Colonel Wilkerson retired from active service in 1997 and then worked as an advisor to General Powell.

Paul Pillar

Former National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia

Dr. Pillar is a Visiting Professor and member of the core faculty of the Security Studies Program at Georgetown University. He retired in 2005 from a 28-year career in the U.S. intelligence community, in which his last position was National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia. Earlier he served in a variety of analytical and managerial positions, including as chief of analytic units at the CIA covering portions of the Near East, the Persian Gulf, and South Asia. Dr. Pillar also served in the National Intelligence Council as one of the original members of its Analytic Group. He has been Executive Assistant to CIA's Deputy Director for Intelligence and Executive Assistant to Director of Central Intelligence William Webster. He has also headed the Assessments and Information Group of the DCI Counterterrorist Center, and from 1997 to 1999 was deputy chief of the center. He was a Federal Executive Fellow at the Brookings Institution in 1999-2000.

Dr. Pillar received an A.B. *summa cum laude* from Dartmouth College, a B.Phil. from Oxford University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Princeton University. He is a retired officer in the U.S. Army Reserve and served on active duty in 1971-1973, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. He is the author of *Negotiating Peace* and *Terrorism and U.S. Foreign Policy*.

Carl Ford

Former Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research

From May 2001 until the Fall of 2003, Carl Ford was Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, appointed by President George W. Bush. Mr. Ford is now a principal at Cassidy & Associates in Washington, D.C. While at the State Department, Mr. Ford provided intelligence support and analysis to the Secretary of State and other senior policy makers. He was also directly involved in crafting answers related to the war on terrorism, the Iraq war, the Chinese military, nuclear proliferation, the Middle East peace process, and the North Korean military threat.

Immediately prior to his appointment, Mr. Ford directed Ford and Associates, his own international consulting firm in Washington, D.C., where he provided strategic and tactical advice to American companies doing business with foreign militaries. Created in 1993, Ford and Associates helped firms such as Lockheed Martin, Boeing, and Raytheon sell their products to the militaries of Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan, among others.

Between 1965 and 1989, Mr. Ford served two tours of duty in Vietnam, was a U.S. Army Military Intelligence Officer, a Defense Intelligence Agency China Strategic Intelligence Officer, a CIA China military analyst, a professional staff member for East Asia on the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the National Intelligence Officer for East Asia at the CIA. Beginning in early 1989, Mr. Ford spent four years working at the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary levels in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Wayne E. White

Former Deputy Director, Office of Analysis for the Near East and South Asia,
State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research

Mr. White is an Adjunct Scholar at Washington's Middle East Institute. In March 2005, he retired as Deputy Director of the Office of Analysis for the Near East and South Asia in the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR/NESA).

Entering the Foreign Service in 1973, Mr. White served with the U.S. Embassy in Niamey, Niger in 1974-76 during the Sahel Drought Emergency as the General Services, Consular and Political/Military Affairs Officer. During 1976-78, he served as Chief of the Non-Immigrant Visa Section at the U.S. Embassy in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti and Deputy Chief of the Immigrant Visa Section. He spent the rest of 1978 and most of 1979 in Egypt, Israel, and the Sinai serving as a peacekeeper with the U.S. Sinai Field Mission. In late 1979, Mr. White joined INR/NESA in Washington, serving as editor of INR's "Arab-Israeli Situation Report" (1979-80) and Analyst for Iraq (1979-86). He then served as Senior Analyst for Syria, head of NESA's Lebanon Crisis Team, and Deputy Chief of NESA's Arab-Israeli Division (1986-90). He was Chief of NESA's North Africa, Arabian Peninsula, Iran, and Iraq Division during 1990-2002. He became NESA's Deputy Director and Senior Regional Analyst in

2002. During the March-April 2003 Iraq War, he took over as INR's principal Iraq Analyst, and, subsequently, headed INR's Iraq Team from August 2003 through March 2005.

Mr. White has traveled widely in West Africa, North Africa, the Levant, Iraq, the Arabian Peninsula, Europe (including Russia), the Caribbean and Japan. A native of the Philadelphia area, Mr. White received a Master of Arts in Middle East History from Penn State in 1973. He received the State Department's Superior Honor Award five times, and the Department's Meritorious Honor Award three times. In 1986, he was named INR's first "Analyst of the Year," and in 2005 he received the Secretary's Career Achievement Award from Secretary of State Powell. Mr. White also has received the National Intelligence Certificate of Distinction for service during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, in 2000 the National Intelligence Medal for Outstanding Achievement, a 2004 citation from the National Intelligence Council (NIC) for his outstanding contributions relating to Iraq, a special NIC citation for contributions to the overall National Intelligence Mission, and was a 2002 National Intelligence Fellow. He lives on Skytop in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains with his wife Sonia Melnikoff White.

Rod Barton

Former Senior Advisor to the Iraq Survey Group

Rod Barton served for 23 years as an intelligence officer with the Australian Defence Intelligence Organisation, where he became the Director of Strategic Technology responsible for monitoring overseas development of Weapons of Mass Destruction. In 1991 he was invited by the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) to participate in the first weapons inspection in Iraq. His involvement with UNSCOM continued intermittently over the next eight years including two years based in UN headquarters in New York where he was part of the four-person team that uncovered Iraq's biological weapons program in 1995.

With the disbandment of UNSCOM at the end of 1999, Mr Barton worked as a private consultant to industry and government. In 2001 he was invited to work for the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) where for two years he was an advisor to Dr Hans Blix, the Executive Chairman of UNMOVIC.

After the 2003 Iraq war, at the request of the CIA, Mr Barton worked as the senior technical adviser to the Iraq Survey Group involved in the hunt for Iraq's missing Weapons of Mass Destruction. Rod Barton has recently written a book, *The Weapons Detective*, about his experiences.

Joseph Cirincione

Senior Vice-President, Center for American Progress

Mr. Cirincione is Senior Vice President for National Security and International Policy at the Center for American Progress in Washington DC. Prior to joining the Center in May 2007, he had served as director for nonproliferation at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace for eight years. Mr. Cirincione is the author of *Bomb Scare*:

The History and Future of Nuclear Weapons (Columbia University Press, Winter 2007), *Deadly Arsenals: Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Threats*, (Second Edition, 2005), and co-author of *Universal Compliance: A Strategy for Nuclear Security* (March 2005). He teaches a graduate course at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.

Mr. Cirincione worked for nine years in the U.S. House of Representatives on the professional staff of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Government Operations, and served as staff director of the Military Reform Caucus. He is the author of numerous articles on nuclear weapons issues, the producer of two DVDs on proliferation and is a frequent commentator on these issues in the media. He has held positions at the Henry L. Stimson Center, the U.S. Information Agency and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the International Institute for Strategic Studies. He is an honors graduate of Boston College and holds a Masters of Science with highest honors from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service.

Michael Smith

Defense Correspondent, *Sunday Times*

Michael Smith writes on defence and security issues for the *Sunday Times*. He left school at 15 to join the British Army and after service with the Royal Artillery became a member of the army's Intelligence Corps. He left the army in 1982 to join the BBC Monitoring Service, the British equivalent of the CIA's Foreign Broadcast Information Service, where he began his career in journalism.

Smith left the BBC in 1990 to become a newspaper journalist. He wrote on eastern Europe for the *Financial Times* and the *Sunday Times* before joining the *Daily Telegraph*, where he was Defence Correspondent and covered a number of wars and conflicts. He moved to the *Sunday Times* as Defence Correspondent in April 2005.

Smith is the author of a number of books on intelligence and special operations including *The Spying Game*; the UK number one bestseller *Station X: The Codebreakers of Bletchley Park*; and *Foley: The Spy Who Saved 10,000 Jews*, which led to Israeli recognition of the former MI6 officer Frank Foley as Righteous Among Nations, the same award granted to Oskar Schindler and Raoul Wallenberg. Smith was named Specialist Writer of the Year in the 2006 British Press Awards.