

As the FBI began their raids, Tuvia Milstein, Adam Milstein's real name, was arrested along with his Israeli-born business partner, David Hager, a "bundler" for the crime ring. A key problem for prosecutors, however, was the issue of *mesira*, the Jewish version of the Mafia's practice of *omertà*, silence. One key witness came forward, but others may have been afraid of retribution within the close-knit Orthodox community. Despite the seriousness of the crime, many were instead angry at the witness for "ratting out" fellow Jews. "People are very shell-shocked about the whole thing on many levels," Rabbi Daniel Korobkin, a West Coast representative of the Orthodox Union, told the Jewish *Forward*. Sounding like a Mafia kingpin he added, "Number one, that our neighbors and friends are implicated, and number two, that an act of *mesira* on this level was perpetrated by one of our own."

Milstein's bond was set at \$100,000 and he faced ten years in prison, but he worked out a felony guilty plea for a reduced sentence with the help of an expensive Beverly Hills attorney. He tried to lessen the charges by claiming he was a "philanthropist" because he donated money to a number of far-right pro-Israel causes. But the prosecutor wasn't buying it. "There is an obvious concern that much of his philanthropy appears to have been merely a device to defraud the government," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. O'Brien. "This was simply a case about greed," scoffed Leslie P. DeMarco, the IRS special agent in charge of the investigation.

In September 2009, soon after his release from confinement, Milstein made a very odd request to the Justice Department. The ex-con wanted permission to fly to Israel where, among other things, he would "meet with Israel's Prime Minister." It was part of an exclusive AIPAC trip for the very highest rollers, the President's Cabinet, whose members donate \$25,000 or more a year. The permission was granted. One of the topics Milstein and Netanyahu likely talked about was the Israeli-American Council (IAC), an organization Milstein had cofounded at the same time he was committing tax fraud.

Backed by Adelson's millions, the IAC brought together thousands of expat and dual-citizen Israelis who became soldiers in Adelson's Army, supporting Netanyahu in his war in the United States. In the process, Milstein and the others would weaponize the phony charge of "anti-Semitism" and constantly use it as a bludgeon against those advocating for Palestinian human rights. Instead, there are likely few things more anti-Semitic than the use of Judaism and Jewish schools as fronts to commit fraud, theft, tax evasion, and other crimes. The real anti-Semites were the grand rabbi's nationwide ring of wealthy, greedy Jewish tax thieves, including Milstein.

## CHAPTER 22

### The Blue Network

Sheldon Adelson's powder blue limousine, a stretch Maybach with dark-tinted windows, pulled through a black wrought iron gate and turned left onto Trophy Hills Drive. Behind him was an identical limo containing agents from his Executive Protection Team. And behind them was Adelson's 44,870-square-foot mansion. Nearly the size of the White House with its East and West Wings, and so big it was stocked with Segway transporters to get around, it was once on the market for \$85 million.

It was October 2015, four months after Adelson's secret task force meeting, and he was on his way to his private hangars at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas for a flight to Washington, DC. The hangars contained Adelson's Air Force, a presidential-level fleet of private jets, including two special-performance custom-fitted Boeing 747SPs designed for extremely long nonstop flights, such as his trips from Tel Aviv to Hawaii. In addition to the jumbo jets, through his company, Las Vegas Sands Corp., he also owned an Airbus A340-500, a Boeing 767-300ER, six Boeing 737s, six Gulfstream Vs, and three Gulfstream IVs, for a total of nineteen aircraft. All were painted in the colors of Israel's flag, white with powder blue stripes.

On the long flight, as the 747SP with its multiple bedrooms, marble bathrooms, and circular lounges, cruised high above the Grand Canyon and Neftaska's cornfields, conversations likely focused on a troubling federal criminal bribery investigation then taking place. Its venue was Macau. A once-depressed Portuguese enclave along the Chinese coast near Hong Kong, in 1999 it reverted back to China as a special administrative region. It has since become the world's gambling capital, and also home to an entire Las Vegas-style strip of Adelson's hotels and casinos, which soon became the largest revenue stream for his company.

In addition to gambling, crime had also become a growth industry in Macau, especially bribery, corruption, and money laundering. According to a report by the U.S. Congressional Executive Commission on China, \$202

billion in "ill-gotten funds" channel their way through the enclave each year. That obviously raises questions regarding the origins, and cleanliness, of the money Adelson passes out to his prize slate of pro-Israel Republicans every election. "Much of Mr. Adelson's casino profits that go to him come from his casino in Macau," noted the late Arizona Republican senator John McCain. "Maybe in a roundabout way, foreign money is coming into an American political campaign."

Landing at Dulles International Airport's private terminal, Adelson's motorcade quickly made its way to the Washington Hilton, an iconic hotel with a gleaming white curvilinear façade. A few blocks down Connecticut Avenue were the outdoor chess tables of Dupont Circle, and beyond was the White House. In the marble lobby, waiting to check in, was a crowd dotted with yarmulkes, and voices murmuring in Hebrew and Yiddish. Many wore Israeli flag pins and patches. They were there to attend the annual conference of Adelson's Israeli-American Council. An organization designed to bring together the growing community of nearly two hundred thousand Israelis and ex-Israelis in the United States, the IAC had become another division in Adelson's Army. They, like the members of his task force, were willing participants in Netanyahu's secret war targeting Americans involved in the boycott movement.

To give the group guidance and support, Netanyahu sent over members of his war cabinet. They included Gilad Erdan; Major General Amos Yadlin, the former chief of Israel's military intelligence; and Israeli justice minister Ayelet Shaked. He told the crowd of about thirteen hundred that Israel must seize the initiative and "move from defense to offense" against American members and followers of BDS. At the time, the Americans they were planning to attack, and others like them, were involuntarily subsidizing Israel with nearly \$4 billion a year in direct foreign assistance.

Beginning to rival the long-dominant and far better-known AIPAC in power, the IAC was even further to the extreme right in its pro-Israel/anti-Palestinian views. "Attila the Hun was too liberal for me," Adelson once half-joked during a talk in Israel, a place "I've been coming a million times a year at least," he said. The organization was largely supported with Adelson's money, including more than \$10 million in donations from 2015 to 2016.

Haim Saban soon dropped out as the organization grew more extreme. At the IAC annual conference the year before, in 2014, Saban and Adelson had an onstage debate over the "two-state solution," whereby Israel would end its illegal military occupation, thereby enabling the Palestinians to establish their own sovereign nation. But Adelson would have none of it; Israel would continue its vicious occupation regardless of its status as an international

outcast. Responding to a question about how to deal with "the problem of six million Palestinians," he answered, "I don't think the Bible says anything about democracy... [God] didn't talk about Israel remaining a democratic state, and if Israel isn't going to be a democratic state—so what?" He added, "Democracy is overrated."

Adelson was not alone in his disdain for the democratic process. Members of the Knesset also rejected democracy. "The State of Israel was created for the Jewish people, and its democracy is supposed to serve the Jewish people," noted Deputy Speaker Moshe Feiglin. And in 2022 lawmaker Miri Regev announced, "There are enough democratic countries. Another democratic country is not what is needed. What we need here is the only Jewish state in the world, which must be protected." Another Knesset member threatened a "Nakba," a mass expulsion, if Palestinian students at Israeli universities fly the Palestinian flag. "If you don't calm down we'll teach you a lesson that won't be forgotten," warned Israel Katz, a former minister of intelligence under Netanyahu.

Around the same time that Saban dropped out, Adelson put in his \$10 million and effectively took over the IAC. A few months later, on March 1, 2015, Adam Milstein met with a reporter for the *Jewish Journal* and announced that the IAC had formed a Washington, DC, office. Seated in the twelfth-floor M Club of the Marriott Hotel in the capital, Milstein explained that it would be "an advocacy arm for Israeli-American interests on Capitol Hill." He added, "We feel that we have the natural knowledge to be the ambassadors for Israel." It was a clear acknowledgment by Milstein that he and his group intended to act as foreign agents—"ambassadors"—on behalf of the Israeli government while engaging in lobbying activities with members of Congress.

From the beginning, according to Milstein, it was the Israeli government that secretly originated the idea of the IAC and has long been behind it. The concept came about in 2006 when Ehud Danoch, Israel's consul general in Los Angeles, outlined the idea on a napkin and presented it to several local expat Israelis. "He challenged them to establish an umbrella organization that would unite and empower the local Israeli community to support the State of Israel and get involved in pro-Israel advocacy," said Milstein. That led Milstein and a few others to form the Israeli Leadership Council, which later changed its name to the Israeli-American Council (IAC).

At the IAC conference in Washington, Adelson related to the members a conversation with Netanyahu in which the prime minister expected loyalty to Israel from Israeli-U.S. citizens. "Would you be willing to recognize Israeli-Americans as Israelis to all intents and purposes?" Adelson asked. To

which Netanyahu replied, "Of course, because otherwise we'd have to send emissaries to do the jobs that they can do." It was a response that raised many troubling questions dealing with dual loyalty and the expectation that Israelis living in the United States, including naturalized American citizens, would have a duty to act as agents of Israel. It was an issue that troubled Israeli journalist Chemi Shalev, the U.S. editor of *Haaretz*, who attended the conference. "Which raises the question: emissaries representing who, exactly, and to what purpose?" he wrote. The answers would be secret.

As the members of the IAC checked out the next morning, Netanyahu's war began. Key Jewish donors in the United States were secretly approached with a proposal by Psy Group, an Israeli psychological warfare firm with close connections to Mossad. Code-named "Project Butterfly," the proposal outlined a clandestine operation that would seek to damage specific Americans and U.S. organizations associated with the boycott movement. It would develop ways to disrupt their activities, lead them to be falsely investigated by the authorities, and run a hidden-media influence campaign against them.

Champion Tower in the Tel Aviv neighborhood of Bnei Brak was an odd place for a clandestine organization, one hidden from Israelis as much as the rest of the world. Built on a former car lot; Champion Motors, the ground floor of the forty-story glass and cement structure served as showrooms for Audi, Volkswagen, Seat, and Skoda automobiles. On the twenty-ninth floor, was the secret headquarters of the Ministry of Strategic Affairs. And standing at his wide plate-glass window, not far from his 24/7 ops center, Minister Gilad Erdan had a clear view of two distinct worlds.

To the west were the skyscrapers of modern, cosmopolitan, and largely secular downtown Tel Aviv, and beyond was the crescent of beaches along the Mediterranean Sea. Below, in contrast, was the most densely populated neighborhood in Israel, a center of Haredi Judaism, the world of the ultra-Orthodox. Permitted a large degree of autonomy, it is a world of rabbi-politicians and misogynistic gender segregation, including even segregated department stores and laws forbidding women from driving or even possessing a driver's license. Until it was finally declared illegal in 2011, female bus passengers were required to sit in the back and enter and exit through the rear door, if they were allowed on the bus at all.

However, it wasn't the anti-Palestinian racism and blatant sexism in his own society that concerned Erdan; it was secretly attacking and subverting American society that had become his mandate.

According to Erdan's deputy, director-general Sima Vaknin-Gil, a reserve brigadier general, Israel was waging its covert war so that the "narrative in the world won't be that Israel equals apartheid." The ministry needed to quickly silence the growing boycott movement and its messengers, by any means necessary, before what happened in apartheid South Africa happened to Israel. In Washington, addressing a private meeting of Adelson and Milstein's Israeli-American Council, General Vaknin-Gil issued a stark warning. "In order to win," she said, "we must use tricks and craftiness." They would include threats, intimidation, harassment, covert influence operations, troll farms, fearmongering, blacklists, and espionage. The key was turning thousands of Americans into clandestine Israeli agents to spy on and carry out the operations against their fellow citizens. Secrecy, emphasized Vaknin-Gil, was therefore critical. "We are a different government working on a foreign soil, and we have to be very, very cautious," she said. What she didn't know was that there was a spy in her midst, recording her on a hidden video camera.

Among those present for the private talk was Antoine "Tony" Kleinfeld, a fast-rising star within what Vaknin-Gil termed the "Blue Network." The color of Israel's flag, as well as that of Adelson's Air Force, the network was a spiderweb of scores of well-funded organizations in the United States and around the world that work with and carry out actions on behalf of Israel. And as Gilad Erdan noted, it was a network that wanted to keep their relationship with his intelligence organization very covert. "One of the principles for success is keeping our methods of action secret," he said. "Since most of the ministry's actions are not of the ministry, but through bodies around the world who do not want to expose their connection with the state, we must protect the information whose exposure could harm the battle."

Slim, Jewish, extremely pro-Israel, an Oxford grad fluent in six languages including Yiddish and Hebrew, Kleinfeld was a perfect fit for the Blue Network. With a crisp North London accent and a smart wardrobe, he was also very sociable. He would throw lavish parties for members of the network in his tony Dupont Circle apartment, its walls covered with vibrant pro-Israel posters and its bookcases stacked with thoughtful writings about Israel and Judaism. And then there was his enthusiasm, his constant appearances at private fund-raisers and exclusive conferences, chatting it up with powerful members of the network, like Adam Milstein, and officials from the Israeli embassy.

In reality, Kleinfeld was a British filmmaker engaged in an undercover investigation for Al Jazeera television focusing on Washington's role in the network. And as Vaknin-Gil spoke, Kleinfeld's hidden camera was rolling.

Kleinfeld had arrived in town from London in the summer of 2016. At the time a similar undercover investigation was taking place there. Over drinks at the Aubaine, a shabby-chic French restaurant directly opposite the Israeli embassy in Kensington, West London, the undercover reporter turned on his hidden camera. What he caught was Shai Masot, an Israeli diplomat with a military and intelligence background, plotting to "take down" members of Parliament considered hostile to Israel, among them Deputy Foreign Minister Sir Alan Duncan, a vocal advocate for Palestinian human rights. Masot also told senior Labour MP Joan Ryan that he had obtained "more than £1 million" to pay for Labour MPs to visit Israel, visits that were simply luxury propaganda junkets.

Soon after the documentary aired on UK television, however, Israel quickly recalled Masot. "The diplomat in question seems no longer to be a functionary of the embassy in London," said Prime Minister Boris Johnson, unable to repress his obvious satisfaction. "So, whatever he may have been doing here his cover may well be said to have been truly blown." And Duncan, a Conservative member of Parliament for nearly three decades, accused Israel of "disgusting interference in our public life."

As might have been expected, a number of Jewish and pro-Israel groups launched bitter protests over the film, including hurling knee-jerk accusations of anti-Semitism. But following a lengthy investigation, Britain's top broadcast regulator, Ofcom, found no validity to the charges. "I think anti-Semitism as a smear is not what it used to be," said one disappointed Jewish supporter of Israel. Nor did the British authorities find any other issues, and they fully cleared the program. In its lengthy verdict it concluded that the film was "a serious investigative documentary" produced in the public interest. "Surreptitious filming," Ofcom confirmed, "was necessary to the credibility and authenticity of the program because without it, the program makers would have had to rely on second-hand accounts." And as Boris Johnson's comments indicated, he was happy the program put an end to at least one instance of Israeli treachery on British soil.

With the success of the British production, including a positive endorsement from the prime minister, the producers were hoping for a similar reaction in the United States to their American version, especially with their very convincing undercover agent, Tony Kleinfeld. But nowhere in the world is the pro-Israel lobby as powerful as in the United States. Thus, prior to the release of the completed film, horrified U.S. Jewish and pro-Israel groups initiated a massive pushback effort to spike the entire program, as they did in London. And once again they lobbed tired, overused accusations of

anti-Semitism at the mostly British and American producers. But unlike in the UK, the American version greatly implicated the Trump administration and members of Congress in allowing and encouraging Netanyahu's blatant espionage and covert actions within the country, actions that also implicated a number of the same Jewish special interest groups protesting the loudest.

As a result, the groups received powerful backing from both Congress and the administration in their efforts to kill the film and bury its harsh and embarrassing truths. In the end, the Qatari ministers, facing problems with their neighbors in the Gulf and fearful of ending up on the wrong side of the powerful and vengeful Trump White House, buckled and folded, killing the program as it was set to air on al Jazeera.

Nevertheless, the completed film was eventually leaked on YouTube, and the revelations were startling. Among other things, they captured the director-general of the Ministry of Strategic Affairs, Vaknin-Gil, in Washington quietly laying out to members of Adelson's IAC the details of Israel's war plans against the United States, plans that included setting up a covert intelligence unit to spy on Americans involved in the boycott movement and take action against them. According to Vaknin-Gil:

Ambiguity is part of our guidelines, that's why I'm not going to say anything too much about each one of the legs. The first one is intel, intelligence, or data, or information. What we've done is mapped and analyzed the whole [boycott] phenomena globally. Not just the United States, not just campuses, but campuses and intersectionality, labor unions and churches. We started to establish a project called Israel Cyber Shield. This is actually a civil intelligence unit that collects, analyzes and acts upon the activists in the BDS movement, of its people, organizations, or events. And we give it everything we collect. We are using the most sophisticated data system, intelligence system in the Israeli market.

Israel Cyber Shield, therefore, was a clandestine Israeli intelligence organization designed to spy not just on American students, but also on Christian churchgoers and labor unionists. And it was the recipient of Israel's massive intelligence resources. Once their targets were identified, according to Vaknin-Gil, the ministry then "acts upon" them using covert operations. Key was hiding all Israeli government links to the operation and its targeting of Americans. The ministry therefore created a phony, innocent-appearing front organization, "Concert." Supposedly a nonprofit "charity," it was anything but.

Network. "In the case before us," he wrote, "the ministry [of Strategic Affairs] not only is 'aided' by private organizations in carrying out its activities, but also transfers much of its power—draconian powers to surveil, spy on, and spread propaganda—to private organizations that are not directly accountable to the government." In other words, turning American Jewish and pro-Israel organizations into clandestine conduits for the ministry.

One of those secret conduits is the Washington-based Israel on Campus Coalition (ICC), a key player in the Blue Network. Because much of the boycott activity takes place on college campuses around the United States, targeting and spying on student activists has become a high priority for Israel. This is often done secretly by fellow students belonging to Jewish and pro-Israel on-campus organizations. Once gathered, that intelligence on their fellow Americans is fed to the ICC, which acts as a sort of command center for on-campus spying. "The ICC pools resources from all of the campus organizations. So that they're tapped in on all angles," Lila Greenberg, the senior-national field organizer for AIPAC, told undercover reporter Tony Kleinfeld.

"We built up this massive national political campaign to crush them," boasted Jacob Baime, referring to Americans on campuses across the country who support Palestinian human rights and the boycott. The ICC's executive director was meeting with Kleinfeld at the organization's Washington headquarters. On the hidden camera he described ICC as basically a clandestine Israeli military command. "It's modeled on General Stanley McCrystal's counterinsurgency strategy in Iraq. We've copied a lot from that strategy that has been working very well for us, actually. And one of the pieces is this Operations and Intelligence Brief."

That intelligence brief, containing secret details about targeted American students, is then passed on to the Ministry of Strategic Affairs, according to Baime's director of operations, Ian Hersh. "In terms of information sharing, we did add the Ministry of Strategic Affairs to our Operations and Intelligence Brief," he said. Baime told Kleinfeld that he also "coordinates with" and "communicates with" the ministry. Kleinfeld asked if he might be able to join in on the conversations occasionally, but Baime said no. "It's a pretty sensitive conversation."

They were striking revelations, indicating that Israel is illegally operating a secret nationwide campus spying operation within the United States, and Baime and his staff may potentially be acting as covert foreign agents for Israel. Beyond spying, the ICC engages in covert operations against the innocent American students, with its "massive national political campaign to crush them."

## THE INFILTRATORS

Instead, it was funded by \$36 million from the ministry, and an equal amount or more was expected to be supplied by donors within the "Blue Network" of covert collaborators. In that way, U.S. donors could pretend their cash was going to a "charity," rather than an Israeli intelligence organization targeting fellow Americans.

From the beginning, Concert had very close ties to the Adelson/Milstein Israeli-American Council. In 2015, Sagi Balasha left his position as CEO of the IAC to become the first CEO of Concert. Milstein in turn took over as head of the IAC. Another founder of Concert was Ehud Danoch, Israel's former consul general in Los Angeles and the man who helped launch the IAC along with Milstein. Other Concert directors included retired brigadier general Yossi Kuperwasser, a former director-general of the Ministry of Strategic Affairs as well as a former top military intelligence official; former IDF military intelligence chief Amos Yadlin; ex-senior IDF intelligence officer Miri Eisin; and former national security advisor Yaakov Amidror. It was hardly the board of a benevolent charity dedicated to aiding the elderly or other noteworthy causes.

A key reason for attempting to hide the ministry's activities behind the phony charity was concern that cooperative Americans from the Blue Network could be arrested as illegal agents of Israel. Before the decision to create this front, the ministry attempted to pass millions of dollars to the network to pay for support and cooperation in carrying out its operations. One involved flying members of the network to Israel to be trained as "influencers," then back to the United States to spread propaganda and perform other secret tasks on behalf of the Israeli government.

But fearing charges, some of the organizations within the network turned the ministry down, including the Jewish Federations of North America as well as the Jewish Council on Public Affairs. They knew that without formal registration, such actions would be violations of both the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) and the law against agents of a foreign power, known as Section 951, serious crimes. The turndowns left Erdan and his top officials "anxious and frustrated," according to one of the American Jewish officials approached. Erdan and his ministry were "anxious to figure out a way to spend the money." The result was the creation of the phony "charity," Concert. Nevertheless, the front was far from opaque.

Within Israel, the link between Concert and the ministry was little more than a badly kept secret. And among those warning of its dangers was human rights attorney Shachar Ben-Meir. In a petition to Israel's Supreme Court, he argued that Concert was used for "surveillance and espionage" as well as propaganda, and that those activities were carried out by proxies, like the Blue

According to Baime, the ICC's war-room-like command center with its wall of flat-screen monitors uses the most advanced intelligence technology on the market. At the time it included Radian6, which monitored online conversation in real time from more than 150 million social media sources, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, blogs, and other online communities. A dashboard provided geolocation data and other details. "We're phasing that out over the next year and we're bringing on more sophisticated technology that is developed in Israel," Baime said. "The research operation is very high-tech. When I got here a few years ago the budget was \$3,000. Today it's like a million and a half, or more. Probably it's two million at this point. I don't even know, it's huge. It's a massive budget."

Unsurprisingly, the ICC is heavily funded by Milstein, who also sits as a director on its board.

Money, therefore, seems to be no object. The group even paid over \$1 million to a high-powered Washington political consulting firm, FP1, to set up a network of anonymous websites and social media accounts to attack students who supported Palestinian rights. Hidden behind its opaque digital wall, the ICC is free to name and shame, leveling spurious and outrageous charges of anti-Semitism and terrorism, and even likening students protesting Israel's occupation to members of the Ku Klux Klan. Intimidation is the goal, all without fear of being held to account, or showing their direct links to the Israeli government. Secrecy is therefore paramount. "We have a lot of communications capabilities, and what's most interesting about it, I think," said Baime on the hidden camera, "is that 90 percent of the people who pay attention to this space very closely have no idea what we're actually doing, which I like. We do it securely and anonymously and that's the key."

Israel also secretly hires Americans as spies to work out of its Washington embassy and its consulates around the United States to covertly surveil and monitor fellow Americans. Thoroughly vetted to ensure loyalty to Israel, many of those hired have spent years heavily involved in pro-Israeli activities from the time they were in college and before. Among them was Julia Reifkind, who led a pro-Israel group at the University of California at Davis before moving on to become an activist with AIPAC. In October 2017 she was hired by Israel and assigned to its embassy in Washington.

Reifkind had good preparation for her assignment. Thinking that Kleinfeld was a fellow pro-Israel activist, over dinner at Washington's Mari Vanna restaurant she revealed that while at AIPAC she spent much of her time deceiving college students about her covert connection to the organization. "Obviously I'm an AIPAC-trained activist," she said. "When you're lobbying on behalf of AIPAC, you don't say AIPAC, you say, 'I'm a pro-Israel student

from UC Davis.' And when you're meeting with students on campus I would never say, 'I am the AIPAC Campus Rep.' I'd say, 'My name is Julia and I'm a pro-Israel student.'"

At the embassy, Reifkind focused on developing intelligence on fellow Americans, including students on college campuses. "So nobody really knows what we're doing," she said. "But mainly it's been a lot of research like monitoring BDS... It's mainly gathering intel, reporting back to Israel. That's a lot of what I do. To report back to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Strategic Affairs, and make sure they have the right information." Among the ways she spies on boycotters and Palestinian human rights supporters is with fake Facebook accounts. "I have my fake Facebook that I follow all the SJP [Students for Justice in Palestine] accounts. I have some fake names. My name is Jay Bernard or something."

Once Reifkind collects the intelligence on her targets, she passes it on to her boss at the embassy, who translates it into Hebrew. Then it is sent to Erdan's Ministry of Strategic Affairs and other offices over a very secure encrypted system called Cables. It's "really secure," she said. "I don't have access to it because I'm an American... I've seen it, it looks really bizarre... And then they'll send something back and he'll translate it and tell me what I need to do." What Reifkind didn't know was that the FBI had the embassy wired. Like a comic strip from *Mad* magazine, it was the spies spying on the spies.