

Why AIPAC? Not necessarily self evident.

Tip of the spear of groups lobbying for the most destructive ME policies

Militarization/subversion of sensible peace treaties/unconditional support

50 organizations behind it – Conference of Presidents – Bylaws Executive Committee

By effectively challenging AIPAC – the nexus of the lobby – you're challenging occupation, impunity, wasted US resources

AIPAC is vulnerable – research – leverage points

Challenged over election law violations, FARA violations IRS violations,

Really brought this on itself - manifestation of so many of the attributes the coalition is fighting

Defiance or rule of law – impunity – Is it surprising Israel's US key enabler acts this way?

Sown seeds of own demise....How?

Five minute walk down AIPAC's forgotten memory lane - history – Why was it created, and where did it come from?

Emergence from Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs – problems with FARA

Eisenhower Tax problems - AZCPA

DOJ Showdown – Foreign Agent Registration Order - Secret until 2008

Stealth PAC coordination – Election fraud -

Trade Report Theft – Unions to Monsanto disenfranchised

Espionage Act charges – Other classified Information handing from 1975 to 2004

Defamation Suit – small donor support declining – Moment right for regulation

Advantages of taking on AIPAC over violations

Ongoing exposure weakens the organization

Obligation of regulators to respond/ Americans dislike corruption enabled by lack of due regulation, "capture."

Asymmetric – focused on behavior –

Tipping point -Outrageous 81 member junket – People who don't care about ME policy, care about such diversions.

Programs – Simple, focused ask

FTA – Two filings under 1974 Trade Act – Section 301 – ISCAP win - \$6.64 billion in damages

FARA Filings – 2009 meeting at DOJ - Under AZC order – Demonstrations with Code Pink.

IRS – AIPAC & sham educational organizations – 1,300 page filing, 3 addendums.

Closing – Importance of multiplying efforts – raising issue – Code Pink taking to the street – Signup for Move Over AIPAC

Funding Impact - MOA – Research and findings to the street – develop buzz/losing is winning, public sees corruption



US Department of Justice Asked to Regulate AIPAC as a Foreign Agent of the Israeli Government

WASHINGTON, March 17 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The US Department of Justice has been formally asked to begin regulating the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) as the foreign agent of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A 392 page legal filing presented by a four person IRmep delegation in a two hour meeting with top officials of the Internal Security Section substantiated the following case for AIPAC's immediate registration:

1. AIPAC is a spinoff of an organization already ordered by the DOJ to register as an Israeli foreign agent. In November of 1962 the American Zionist Council was ordered by the Attorney General to begin filing disclosures as an Israeli foreign agent under the 1938 Foreign Agents Registration Act. <http://www.IRmep.org/1962Order.pdf> Six weeks later, former AZC employees incorporated the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, DC, taking over the AZC's lobbying activities. <http://www.IRmep.org/AIPAC.pdf> AIPAC did not register as a foreign agent.
2. AIPAC's founder Isaiah L. Kenen was the chief information officer for the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs in New York and for a time duly registered in that role. <http://www.IRmep.org/Kenen.pdf> The Justice Department ordered Kenen to personally re-register after he formally left the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs to head up private lobbying and publicity for the Israeli government at the nonprofit American Zionist Council. Kenen never complied with the order. <http://www.IRmep.org/order.pdf>
3. Espionage related FBI investigations in 1984 and 2005 reveal AIPAC's ongoing stealth foreign agency activities. Declassified FBI files released on the Internet last week reveal that in 1984 AIPAC and the Israeli Ministry of Economics were investigated for jointly obtaining and circulating classified US economic data to obtain favorable trade benefits for Israel. <http://www.irmep.org/ila/economy> In 2005 Pentagon Colonel Lawrence Franklin pled guilty and two AIPAC employees were indicted for obtaining and circulating classified US national defense information to Israeli government officials allegedly in the interest of fomenting US action against Iran.
4. AIPAC's executive committee consists of the original member organizations of the AZC in addition to newer members. The Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, the umbrella group of AIPAC's executive committee, is housed in the same New York office as the World Zionist Organization – American Section, a registered foreign agent that is heavily involved in illegal settlement expansion according to Israeli prosecutor Thalia Sasson.

According to Grant F. Smith, director of IRmep, the case for reregulating AIPAC as a foreign agent immediately is compelling. "AIPAC was designed to supplant the American Zionist Council as the arm of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the United States after the DOJ ordered the AZC to register as a foreign agent. As such, Americans should have full public access to biannual FARA registrations detailing AIPAC's publicity campaigns, lobbying expenditures, funding flows, activities of its offices in Israel and internal consultations with its foreign principals - particularly over such controversial issues as illegal settlements and US foreign aid."

Concerned organizations and individuals who wish to supplement the Department of Justice filing or participate in future negotiations with law enforcement officials should contact the Institute for Research: Middle Eastern Policy, Inc. at info@IRmep.org or 202-342-7325. IRmep is a private nonprofit that studies how warranted law enforcement and civil action can improve U.S. Middle East policy.

ARE THE MILLION GANS WHOSE BS SUPPORTED THE OIL & URAL GAS USTRY?

Ex-aide's book paints Palin as self-serving, distracted

A former aide to Sarah Palin has written a tell-all book that says the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee was ready to quit as Alaska governor months before her actual resignation and eager to move to more lucrative opportunities.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Frank Bailey talked about his book, *Blind Allegiance to Sarah Palin: A Memoir of Our Turbulent Years*, in advance of its release today.

Palin has not commented about the book. Pam Pryor, a spokeswoman for Palin's political action committee Sarah PAC, said in February when the book's manuscript was leaked that Palin would not respond to "untruth."

Bailey gives a scathing portrait of Palin as someone who is calculating and self-serving and not interested in carrying out her duties as governor of Alaska when she returned from being John McCain's running mate. He said it was so hard for her staff to get her to go to events and meetings that it was "like nailing Jell-O to a tree." Bailey told the Associated Press.

—Catalina Camria



By Yuri Gripas, AP/Getty Images

Anti-ALPAC activists

Drawing attention: Protesters rally outside the Justice Department in Washington on Monday, ahead of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech to the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee. They demanded ALPAC be reregistered and reregulated under the 1938 Foreign Agents Registration Act.

GOP less secure about winning N.Y. House seat

A special election for a U.S. House seat in Upstate New York is tightening up in a race that was supposed to be an easy win for Republicans.

Instead, Tuesday's election in the rural and suburban 26th

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\$6.64 Billion Damages Sought over Israeli Government and AIPAC Use of Stolen Classified US Trade Data

WASHINGTON, May 24, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Today the Section 301 Committee of the US Trade Representative formally received a petition demanding \$6.64 billion in compensation for US exporters. In 1984 US exporters were urged to submit business confidential data about their prices, market share, internal costs and market strategy to the International Trade Commission. The USTR guaranteed confidentiality and compiled the data into a classified report for use in negotiating the US-Israel Free Trade Agreement.

The Israeli government obtained the classified USTR report and passed it to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee to use in lobbying and public relations. Declassified FBI investigation files in the petition reveal AIPAC's legislative director made illicit duplications before returning the report by order of the USTR. The FBI interviewed Israeli Minister of Economics Dan Halpern who admitted obtaining the classified document and giving it to AIPAC.

According to the petition Israel unfairly leveraged the business confidential data stolen from US corporations and industry groups to create new export oriented industries to penetrate the American market. Israel thereby gained an unwarranted systemic advantage. The US-Israel FTA is an anomaly among all bilateral FTAs in that it principally benefits the foreign party, providing a destination for 40% of Israel's exports. The petition claims it is now a private industry funded foreign aid program. In 2010 the US Israel FTA produced an \$11.2 billion US deficit in goods trade. Over a decade the US deficit has averaged \$7.09 billion per year. The cumulative US-Israel deficit in current dollars since 1985 is \$80.9 billion.

Analysis of all other US-bilateral FTAs reveals that they do not deliver a systemic advantage to either partner. In 2010, the US had a \$31.43 billion total surplus with its other bilateral FTA partners, though in 2006 and 2007 these same agreements produced a narrow US deficit.

The petition recommends the \$6.64 billion be proportionally divided between nearly 80 US organizations according to their trailing 10 year revenues. If the Israeli government will not pay damages directly, the petition recommends the US implement a five year import duty over all Israeli exports to the United States to generate the compensation.

For information about the petition and compensation formula, contact Grant F. Smith at the Institute for Research: Middle Eastern Policy in Washington, DC at 202-342-7325 or by email at info@IRmep.org.

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July 22, 2011

Re: ISCAP Appeal No. 2010-074
USTR FOIA No. 08122049

Ambassador Ron Kirk
United States Trade Representative
Executive Office of the President
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Dear Ambassador Kirk:

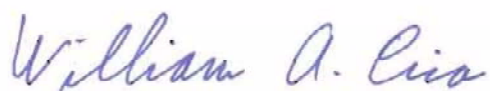
Subject: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel decision on the mandatory declassification review appeal filed by Grant Smith

The Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP), established under section 5.3 of Executive Order 13526, titled "Classified National Security Information," has reached its decision on the mandatory declassification review appeal filed by Grant Smith. The document is among the holdings of the Office of the United States Trade Representative. The document came before the ISCAP classified in its entirety. The ISCAP voted unanimously to declassify some portions and affirm the classification of other portions in the document. Enclosed is a chart that describes the document and outlines the ISCAP decision. If you would like to review the document that the ISCAP voted to declassify, please contact the ISCAP staff.

An agency head has the authority to appeal an ISCAP decision to the President in accordance with section 5.3(f) of Executive Order 13526. As Executive Secretary of the ISCAP, I will assume your receipt of this letter one week from its date, at which time the 60-day appeal period will commence under Article VIII, Paragraph I of the ISCAP bylaws (69 Fed. Reg. 17055, April 1, 2004).

Additional details and procedures with respect to the discharge of your authorities in this matter are set forth in the ISCAP bylaws. If you have any questions, please contact Christopher O. Hofius, William C. Carpenter, or me. Our telephone number at the Information Security Oversight Office is (202) 357-5250.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM A. CIRA
Executive Secretary



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US Treasury Department

Acknowledgement 5/16/2011 Complaint

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Dear Mr. Smith:

Commissioner Shulman has asked me to respond to your letter of May 16, 2011, in which you request to meet and provide information about the activities of a particular tax-exempt organization. I am the Acting Commissioner of the Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, one of the four operating divisions in the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the Exempt Organization program is under my jurisdiction.

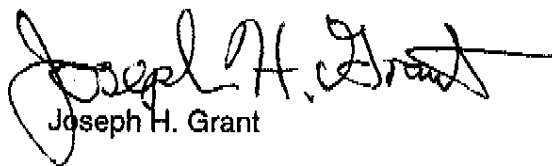
We maintain an ongoing program to ensure tax-exempt organizations continue to meet the requirements for tax exemption. As part of this program, we give serious consideration to complaints made alleging the abuse of tax exempt status. Whenever we receive information about an organization that raises questions about its compliance with the tax laws, we forward that information to our Exempt Organizations Examination office in Dallas, to determine if an examination or other action is warranted. These decisions are made by career civil servants with experience in exempt organization law. To submit any information for our consideration, you can send it via:

- Mail - to IRS EO Classification, Mail Code 4910DAL, 1100 Commerce St., Dallas, TX - 75242-1198,
- Fax - to 214-413-5415, or
- Email - to eoclass@irs.gov.

Please be aware that the Internal Revenue Code includes taxpayer privacy provisions enacted by the Congress to protect the privacy of all taxpayers. Therefore, I cannot comment on information you provide or on what action, if any, we may take on the information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 283-2500 or Joseph Urban of my staff at (202) 283-8925.

Sincerely,



Joseph H. Grant



AIPAC congressional lobbying junkets to Israel illegal charges IRS and DOJ filing – IRmep

Washington-DC A complaint filed today with the IRS and Justice Department charges the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) is a "sham" charitable organization of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. The AIEF, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation which reported \$26.3 million in 2009 revenue, is housed in the same facilities as AIPAC. AIPAC was incorporated as a domestic lobby in 1963 by a former Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs employee, six weeks after the Justice Department ordered its parent organization, the American Zionist Council, to begin registering as an Israeli foreign agent.

AIEF recently paid expenses for more than 80 members of Congress to travel to Israel during recess, but does not disclose planned activities or educational curriculum. Rabbi Bruce Warshal called AIEF "an amazing organization of which no one has ever heard...It's amazing that someone hasn't filed suit to stop this charade."

According to the 29 page IRmep Center for Policy and Law Enforcement filing, AIEF meets the IRS definition of an AIPAC "sham corporation" because:

1. AIEF is completely controlled by AIPAC, 66% of AIEF board members are AIPAC directors. 47% of AIPAC's board are also AIEF directors;
2. AIEF lacks sufficient staff. According to IRS and Congressional Research Service benchmarks, a bona fide educational organization would have at least 271 employees. AIEF has none;
3. AIEF's "educational" content and audiences are determined by AIPAC lobbying objectives. AIEF has no website. No AIEF funded material is made directly available to the public;
4. AIEF files deceptive IRS Form 990 reports. Although AIEF has multiple foundation donors such as the Saban Family Foundation (\$1 million), The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc. (\$150,000) and The Marcus Foundation, Inc. (\$500,000), it does not properly and individually report such large donors and amounts on its publicly auditable Schedule B. This deceptive practice was pioneered by AIPAC to hide the narrowing funding base of both organizations.
5. AIEF makes improper transfers of tax-deductible funds to AIPAC. In 2009 AIEF transferred \$13.5 million in tax deductible funding to AIPAC;
6. AIEF Near East Research merger. Founded in 1957, the Near East Report laundered overseas funding to AIPAC's founder to publish disinformation about Israeli nuclear weapons and US peace initiatives.

This IRmep Center for Policy and Law Enforcement filing, which urges revocation retroactive to 1990, is available at: <http://irmep.org/09092011AIEF.pdf>

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