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#### IS BUSH WHITE HOUSE PLOTTING NEW 'OCTOBER SURPRISE' WITH ISRAEL?

**July 31**--*EIR* is investigating a report from a qualified Israeli source that the Bush White House is pressuring Israel to cooperate in a new "October Surprise" scam, involving the planting of "Iraqi" weapons of mass destruction in Syrian territory. These so-called "Iraqi" WMD components, the source reports, have been stashed in a secured warehouse in the Negev Desert in Israel for months, and the Bush Administration is now pressuring the Olmert government to plant the components inside Syria, during cross-border operations, as part of the extended Israeli invasion of Lebanon, ostensibly to root out the Hezbollah from the south of the country.

According to the source, while Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is under pressure from saner elements within his government coalition to refuse to cooperate in the White House wingding, elements of the plans are moving forward. The recent bombing of the United Nations monitoring post inside Lebanon, in which four UNIFIL observers were killed, may have been related to preparations for an Israeli military strike across the border into Syria, to plant the fake WMD.

According to the source, the WMD would be "discovered" by U.S. military units operating along the Iraq-Syria border, at a moment close enough to the November midterm elections in the U.S. to affect the outcome.

Lyndon LaRouche warned today that if Israel goes ahead with this stunt, it could trigger World War III by miscalculation.

According to the source, the Bush White House is desperate over prospects of a major political defeat in the Congressional elections in November. Another aspect of the effort to survive the midterm vote, according to the source, is plans to increase American troop strength in Iraq now, to achieve a breakthrough that might allow a withdrawal of American forces on the eve of the November elections. Plans are being discussed to bring seasoned combat troops from South Korea into Iraq for a "summer offensive," the source added, noting that British Prime Minister Tony Blair also came under pressure from Bush to augment the British military force inside Iraq.

Reports of White House "October Surprise" schemes have also come from top level U.S. intelligence sources, who have identified Pentagon ongoing contacts with notorious Iran-Contra swindler Manucher Ghorbanifar as tied to a separate scheme to plant "made-in-Baghdad" WMD inside Iraq, towards the same goal.