

1. Is it correct that you are the director of the Office for Special Plans in the Pentagon, and is it still true that the office is still attached to the Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs?

In August 2002, DoD's bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian affairs (NESA), directed by Dr. William Luti, underwent an internal reorganization. The office is now called Special Plans and Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, still under the direction of Dr. Luti. Mr. Shulsky was director of the office of Special Plans from August 2002 to April 2003.

2. Is the Office for Special Plans a group of policy advisers and analysts who have produced many intelligence reports used by the administration in planning the war on terrorism and the war in Iraq?

The office of Special Plans does not produce intelligence reports. The intelligence review function that has been the subject of past media attention does not fall under Special Plans/NESA.

3. How many permanent employees does the Office for Special Plans have?

The office of Special Plans has about 18 employees, a mix of temporary and permanent staff, military and civilian.

4. Is it true that your office was created to look at intelligence that the CIA was using?

The Special Plans office is focused on policy planning and guidance related to the Northern Arabian Gulf, and the war on terrorism. It was created in August 2002 as part of an internal reorganization of NESA.

5. Is it true that much of the information included in the Office for Special Plans reports has come from Iraqi defectors who came to you through the Iraqi National Congress?

The office receives intelligence information on a need to know basis, as do other offices within DoD and the rest of the government. It does not run intelligence collection.

6. Has the Office for Special Plans provided INC intelligence reports through senior officials in the Pentagon to officials in the White House.

Intelligence reports from all sources are entered into the intelligence reporting system within the Defense Intelligence Agency and distributed within DoD as necessary. Senior DoD policymakers may from time to time call various bits of intelligence information to the attention of the White House.

7. Is it fair to say that the OSP often had disputes over the validity of intelligence data with the CIA and the State Department?

No, that is not a fair – or accurate -- characterization.

8. Is it correct to say that you recruited Michael Maloof as a Special Plans consultant, and the Douglas Feith approved his appointment at the end of 2001?

No. The office of Special Plans was established in August 2002.

9. Did you then assign Mr. Maloof to review al Qaeda intelligence reports from the Afghanistan war in order to look for links to Iraq?

No.

10. Was he then accused of not reporting contact with a foreign national while on an overseas trip for the Office of Special Plans, leading to the suspension of his security clearances? Over the following few months, did he continue to have access to SIPR-NET the federal government's classified "secret internet protocol router"?

Mr. Maloof did not travel overseas for Special Plans and it would be illegal to disclose such information about his security clearance.

11. Did Mr. Maloof then appeal to the DIA with the support of Feith and Richard Perle and, after a divided vote, was his security clearance restored?

See #10.

12. Is it correct that Maloof then continued to focus on seeking a link between Iraq and Al Qaeda?

Not a Special Plans issue.

13. It was suggested to Mr. Hersh that he and David Wurmser be permitted to identify and debrief the ten most important Iraqi defectors; did this come to pass?

Not a Special Plans issue.

14. Is it true that your father, named Sam, wrote a stock-market column for the New York Post?

Mr. Shulsky's father, Samuel, wrote a financial Q&A column for King's Features Syndicate, which was published in the NY Post, as well as other papers.

15. Is it true that you studied under the political philosopher Leo Strauss at the University of Chicago and received your doctorate in 1972?

Yes.

16. Is it true that you served under Richard Perle in the Pentagon during the Reagan administration?

Yes.

17. For what years did you serve as a staff director of the Senate Intelligence Committee?

Mr. Shulsky was Minority Staff Director from 1981-82.

18. Is it true that you joined the RAND Corporation in the 1990s as a consultant dealing with issues having to do with China?

Yes, Mr. Shulsky worked at Rand during the 1990s and wrote on China, among other issues.

19. Did the Office for Special Plans provide Vice President Cheney with information that he shared with legislators a few days before the war in Iraq started – information to the effect that Iraq had sent sixteen of its top scientists abroad on missions linked to the sharing of nuclear weapons data?

Mr. Shulsky has no knowledge of such an event.

20. Is it correct, as we have told that some officials associated with the Office of Special Plans employees call themselves, in a joking way, "The Cabal?"

No one in Special Plans refers to themselves or the office as "the Cabal."