

IRAQIS DENY ANY TIES WITH ARYAN WASHINGTON OFFICE SAYS IT NEITHER KNOWS NOR PAID WHITE SUPREMACIST

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Tulsa white supremacist Dennis Mahon tried Thursday to get as far as possible from the Iraqi government, and the Iraqis were glad to see him go.

Mahon said this week that he received monthly \$100 payments for four years and believed the money came from the Iraqi interests section in Washington, which represents the nation's interests in the United States.

He said he began receiving the money in 1991 shortly after sending Iraqi representatives videotapes of anti-gulf war demonstrations he had sponsored.

On Thursday, Iraqi interest section employee Mahasin Yono, who Mahon said was his contact, said she had never heard of the self-styled Aryan warrior.

She also said she never financed any U.S. political movement and doesn't know how Mahon got her name.

Even if she wanted to finance someone like Mahon, there's no money, she said.

``Sir, we can't even afford our salaries," she said.

``I mean, a machine breaks, we don't have money to fix it. We don't have money for anybody, not even for a cleaning lady."

Mahon's public profile grew Monday when the attorney for Oklahoma City bombing defendant Timothy McVeigh mentioned Mahon's alleged Iraqi funding in a petition to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Attorney Stephen Jones alleged that there are international terrorist links to the bombing.

A government informant has claimed that Mahon talked of blowing up Oklahoma City's federal building before it was bombed.

Jones' petition suggested that Mahon or his foreign contacts have information that could help McVeigh.

He asked the appeals court to delay McVeigh's trial, which starts Monday.

``It's beginning to get a little hairy," Mahon said.

``Jones thinks there's a conspiracy under every bed."

He said he was not the mastermind behind anything, much less the Oklahoma bombing.

``I've got a below-average IQ," he said.