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## Cheney Determined to Strike in US

*Only Impeachment and Removal from Office, or a General Strike, Can Stop Him*

By Webster G. Tarpley

A few weeks ago, a group of lawyers from western Massachusetts met with the local congressman, Democrat John Olver. Their request was that Olver take part in the urgent effort to impeach Bush and Cheney. Olver responded by saying that he had no intention of doing anything to support impeachment. He went further, offering the information that the United States would soon attack Iran, and that these hostilities would be followed by the imposition of a martial law regime here.

According to reports in the British press, the Cheney war party has gained the upper hand in the secret councils of the Bush White House, pushing aside the purported hesitations of Miss Rice, Secretary Gates, and the NATO allies to chart a direct course toward war with Iran:

‘The balance in the internal White House debate over Iran has shifted back in favour of military action before President George Bush leaves office in 18 months, the Guardian has

learned. The shift follows an internal review involving the White House, the Pentagon and the State Department over the last month. Although the Bush administration is in deep trouble over Iraq, it remains focused on Iran. A well-placed source in Washington said: “Bush is not going to leave office with Iran still in limbo.” At a meeting of the White House, Pentagon and State Department last month, Mr. Cheney expressed frustration at the lack of progress and Mr. Bush sided with him. “The balance has tilted. There is cause for concern,” the source said this week.

“Cheney has limited capital left, but if he wanted to use all his capital on this one issue, he could still have an impact,” said Patrick Cronin, the Director of Studies at the International Institute for Strategic Studies. ’ (“Cheney pushes Bush to act on Iran; Military solution back in favour as Rice loses out; President ‘not prepared to leave conflict unresolved”’, *Guardian*, July 16, 2007.)

Deluded supporters of the Democratic Party may

soon have to throw away their pathetic countdown clocks, those self-consoling little devices that remind them of how much time remains until noon on January 20, 2009, the moment when it is thought that Bush will finally leave office. These countdown clocks make no provision for the Cheney doctrine, which calls for a new super 9/11 with weapons of mass destruction in the US, to be used as the pretext for a nuclear attack on Iran and for martial law at home. Those who think the Republicans cannot hold the White House in 2008 have forgotten that neocons always prefer a coup d’etat to an election. As Cheney told Bob Schieffer of CBS’s “Face the Nation” on April 15, 2007:

‘The greatest threat now is “a 9/11 occurring with a group of terrorists armed not with airline tickets and box cutters, but with a nuclear weapon in the middle of one of our own cities.”’

Pelosi and Reid need to toss out their fatuous countdown clocks, and get out their impeachment stopwatches – fast.

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### BUSH RUNNING KIDNAPPING RING 39 More “Disappeared” Found

By Sherwood Ross

Evidence has been presented that the Bush administration is running an international kidnapping ring. Six human rights groups (HRG), on June 6, named for the first time 39 more kidnaping (they call them ‘disappeared’) victims of the Bush administration. Not only have Mr. Bush’s apparatchiks dumped the terrorist suspects in secret prisons but, they abducted some of their wives and children, too. The sons of alleged 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, aged seven and nine, were kidnapped and tossed into an adult detention center for months “while U.S. agents questioned the children about their father’s whereabouts,” HRG said in a news release. And when Tanzanian national Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani was seized in

Gujarat, Pakistan, in July, 2004, his wife was kidnapped with him. Shades of Joe Stalin, notorious for abducting Soviet defectors in their foreign sanctuaries!

“The duty of governments to protect people from acts of terrorism is not in question. But seizing men, women and even children, and placing people in secret locations deprived of the most basic safeguards for any detainees most definitely is,” said Claudio Cordone, a spokesperson for Amnesty International, one of the HRG involved in today’s revelations.

Adds Meg Satterthwaite, of the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at the NYU School of Law: “Since the end of Latin America’s dirty wars, the world has rejected the use of ‘disappearances’ as a fundamental

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### What the Corporate Media Won’t Tell You

By Dave Lindorff

The fact that most Americans oppose the war in Iraq, and want the president impeached, is testimony to the native intelligence and common sense of the citizens of this nation.

It sure isn’t thanks to the quality of the news we’re getting here in America!

Here are ten things you don’t know if you just depend on the corporate media for your information:

1. Most Americans would like to see this president and vice president impeached and removed from office. Newsweek

magazine published a scientific poll last October showing that 51 percent of us favor impeachment (including 29 percent of Republicans!), but the corporate media, which normally haven’t met a poll they won’t publish, didn’t publicize this one. And now, when the numbers supporting impeachment are surely even higher, you can’t even pay a polling outfit to ask the question. No wonder most people who favor impeachment still think they’re odd ducks.

2. There is a bill, filed in the House of Representatives on April 24 by Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH), calling for the impeachment of Vice President Cheney. Since it was filed, it has gained six co-sponsors, including a member of the House Democratic leadership, Rep. Janice Shakowsky (D-IL). Most major media have ignored this important story completely. Most Americans also don’t know that the Vermont State Senate voted overwhelmingly this spring to call on Congress to impeach the president.

3. The president has been declared a felon in federal court. Yet even after Federal District Judge Anna Diggs Taylor ruled last August that President Bush and the National Security Agency were committing serial Class A felonies and were violating both the First and Fourth Amendments by spying on Americans’ communications without first obtaining warrants, Bush continued ordering the NSA to continue the patently illegal program for at least half a year. In reports on the spying program, the corporate media never mention that it has been declared a felonious activity by the federal court.

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### General: ‘Supporting the Troops’ Means Withdrawing Them

By William E. Odom

Every step the Democrats in Congress have taken to force the withdrawal of US forces from Iraq has failed. Time and again, President Bush beats them into submission with charges of failing to “support the troops.”

Why do the Democrats allow this to happen? Because they let the president define what “supporting the troops” means. His definition is brutally misleading. Consider what his policies are doing to the troops.

No U.S. forces have ever been compelled to stay in sustained combat conditions for as long as the Army units have in Iraq. In World War II, soldiers were considered combat-exhausted after about 180 days in the line. They were withdrawn for rest periods. Moreover, for weeks at a time, large sectors of the front were quiet, giving them time for both physical and psychological rehabilitation. During some periods of the Korean War, units had to fight steadily for fairly long periods but not for a year at a time. In Vietnam, tours were one year in length, and combat was intermittent with



*Lt. General William Odom, US Army, (Ret.) addressing Congress*

significant break periods.

In Iraq, combat units take over an area of operations and patrol it daily, making soldiers face the prospect of death from an IED or small arms fire or mortar fire several hours each day. Day in and day out for a full

year, with only a single two-week break, they confront the prospect of death, losing limbs or eyes, or suffering other serious wounds. Although total US losses in Iraq have been relatively small compared to most previous

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### Doctors Overprescribe Calcium

By Elaine Sullivan

Osteoporosis, the loss of bone density, is the most common cause of fractures among the elderly. According to the US Surgeon General website, “Roughly 10 million individuals over age 50 in the United States have osteoporosis of the hip. An additional 33.6 million individuals over age 50 have low bone mass or “osteopenia” of the hip and thus are at risk of osteoporosis and its potential complications later in life.” An estimated 1.5 million Americans, mostly the elderly, suffer from hip, spine and wrist fractures each year due to osteoporosis.

Everyone wants strong bones and bones are mostly calcium; therefore, we should eat more calcium. This analysis, child-like in its simplicity is about as far as mainstream medical profession goes in their recommendations for bone health.

The standard medical questions such as: “Are you drinking milk, eating yogurt, taking calcium supplements?” assumes that by increasing calcium in your diet you can increase the calcium in your bones. That’s not just simplistic, it’s flat-out wrong. We are surrounded by calcium. It’s in our orange juice, in our dairy products, in our

soy products, in our favorite carbohydrates. It is even in the drinking water in most localities.

Harvard nutritionist Walter Willett observes: “Countries with the highest average calcium intake tend to have higher, not lower, hip fracture rates.” Bone health is far more complex than calcium alone, involving many nutrients and genetics, says new research. A study on Gambian bone health, reported on in an article by A. Prentice et al., states that despite the low daily calcium intake in women aged 18–80+ see CALCIUM, p. 2

### When Presidents Pardon Their Own Crimes

By David Swanson

George Mason (1725-1792), the father of the Bill of Rights (1791-2002), argued at the Constitutional Convention in favor of providing the House of Representatives the power of impeachment by pointing out that the President might use his pardoning power to “pardon crimes which were advised by himself” or, before indictment or conviction, “to stop inquiry and prevent detection.”

James Madison (1751-1836), the father of the U.S. Constitution (1788-2007), added that “if the President be connected, in any suspicious manner, with any person, and there be grounds to believe he will shelter

him, the House of Representatives can impeach him; they can remove him if found guilty.”

Of course, Bush has long been connected in a suspicious manner to Dick Cheney, “Scooter” Libby, Karl Rove, and others. Madison would probably have called for Bush’s impeachment when Bush first refused to investigate or hold anyone accountable for leaking Valerie Plame’s identity, or rather when Bush lied us into the war in the first place, or when he confessed to illegal spying, or when he detained people without charge and tortured them, or when he overturned laws with signing statements or refused to comply with subpoenas, and

so on and so forth. Madison wouldn’t have wanted to see his Constitution tossed aside until the moment Bush commuted Libby’s sentence. But he certainly would have acted now if not before.

The trial of “Scooter” Libby produced overwhelming evidence that Vice President Cheney personally led the campaign to attack Joe Wilson through the media. This “get Wilson” campaign included telling numerous reporters that Wilson was sent to Niger by his wife Valerie Plame, a CIA operative. Cheney was told by the CIA that Plame worked as a covert agent in the CIA’s Nonproliferation Division, which is the see SCOOTER, p. 7

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conflicts, the individual soldier is risking death or serious injury day after day for a year. The impact on the psyche accumulates, eventually producing what is now called “post-traumatic stress disorders.” In other words, they are combat-exhausted to the point of losing effectiveness. The occasional willful killing of civilians in a few cases is probably indicative of such loss of effectiveness. These incidents don’t seem to occur during the first half of a unit’s deployment in Iraq.

After the first year, following a few months back home, these same soldiers are sent back for a second year, then a third year, and now, many are facing a fourth deployment! Little wonder more and more of the soldiers and veterans are psychologically disabled.

And the damage is not just to enlisted soldiers. Many officers are suffering serious post-traumatic stress disorders but are hesitant to report it – with good reason. An officer who needs psychiatric care and lets it appear on his medical records has most probably ended his career. He will be considered not sufficiently stable to lead troops. Thus, officers are strongly inclined to avoid treatment and to hide their problems.

There are only two ways to fix this problem, both of which the president stubbornly rejects. Instead, his recent “surge” tactic has compelled the secretary of defense to extend Army tours to 15 months! (The Marines have been allowed to retain their six-month deployment policy and, not surprisingly, have fewer cases of post-traumatic stress syndrome.)

The first solution would be to expand the size of the Army to two or three times its present level, allowing shorter combat tours and much longer breaks between deployments. That cannot be done rapidly enough today, even if military conscription were restored and new recruits made abundant. It would take more than a year to organize and train a dozen new brigade combat teams. The Clinton administration cut the Army end strength by about 40 percent – from about 770,000 to 470,000 during the 1990s. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld looked for ways to make the cuts even deeper. Thus, this administration and its predecessor aggressively gave up ground forces and tactical air forces while maintaining large maritime forces that cannot be used in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sadly, the lack of wisdom in that change in force structure is being paid for not by President Bush or President Clinton but by the ordinary soldier and his family. They have no lobby group to seek relief for them.

The second way to alleviate the problem

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years in Gambia (360 mg), “...osteoporotic fractures are rare. Thus, there is a strong suggestion that the relatively low calcium intakes in many parts of the world are not accompanied by the increased prevalences of osteoporosis that might be.”

Yet, the FDA recommends that an adult take in 1,000 - 1,200 milligrams of calcium per day, up from 400 mg. just a few years ago. But how can they make such a recommendation when, according to a perspective in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, Vol. 71, No. 6, 1381-1383, June 2000 by Christopher Nordin; a “...negative calcium balance must lead to osteoporosis, the amount of calcium required to prevent such negative balance varies not only from individual to individual but also from culture to culture. The conclusion is inescapable that there is no single, universal calcium requirement, only a requirement linked to the intake of other nutrients.”

While calcium is an essential mineral needed by the body to build strong bones and for other purposes, such as proper nerve and muscle function; there are many other factors besides dietary calcium in keeping our bones healthy. Factors such as; magnesium, vitamins D and C, the amount and kinds of protein we eat, the amount of sodium in our diet, and weight bearing exercise. If these other nutrients are not in balance, consuming mass quantities of calcium will not improve your bone health and will probably hurt you in other ways, such as kidney stones and clogged arteries.

The FDA also states that “...most Americans do not eat the recommended amount of calcium they need each day.” but that claim is not supported by the evidence. Research projects intended to study calcium deficiencies are thwarted because it is almost impossible to consume sufficient calories to sustain life and not get sufficient calcium.

Almost all calcium in the body (99 percent) is stored in the bones. The remaining one percent circulates in the blood. Calcium in the bloodstream works as a buffer. Our blood pH must be maintained around 7.4, which is slightly alkaline, if our systems get to acidic then our bodies will take the calcium needed for buffering from the bones to balance our systems. This doesn’t mean you aren’t getting enough calcium in your diet, it means your diet is causing your body to leach calcium from your bones to help balance your system

Calcium alone is not enough to keep bones strong throughout our lives. Several studies are now coming to light showing that

is to withdraw US forces from Iraq as soon as possible and as securely as possible. The electorate understands this. That is why a majority of voters favor withdrawing from Iraq.

If the Democrats truly want to succeed in forcing President Bush to begin withdrawing from Iraq, the first step is to redefine “supporting the troops” as withdrawing them, citing the mass of accumulating evidence of the psychological as well as the physical damage that the president is forcing them to endure because he did not raise adequate forces. Both Democrats and Republicans in Congress could confirm this evidence and lay the blame for “not supporting the troops” where it really belongs – on the president. And they could rightly claim to the public that they are supporting the troops by cutting off the funds that he uses to keep US forces in Iraq.

The public is ahead of both branches of government in grasping this reality, but political leaders and opinion makers in the media must give them greater voice.

Congress clearly and indisputably has two powers over the executive: the power of the purse and the power to impeach. Instead of using either, members of congress are wasting their time discussing feckless measures like a bill that “de-authorizes the war in Iraq.” That is toothless unless it is matched by a cut-off of funds.

The president is strongly motivated to string out the war until he leaves office, in order to avoid taking responsibility for the defeat he has caused and persisted in making greater each year for more than three years.

To force him to begin a withdrawal before then, the first step should be to rally the public by providing an honest and candid definition of what “supporting the troops” really means and pointing out who is and who is not supporting our troops at war. The next step should be a flat refusal to appropriate money to be used in Iraq for anything but withdrawal operations with a clear deadline for completion.

The final step should be to put that president on notice that if he ignores this legislative action and tries to extort Congress into providing funds by keeping US forces in peril, an impeachment proceeding will proceed in the House of Representatives. Such presidential behavior surely would constitute the “high crime” of squandering the lives of soldiers and Marines for his own personal interest.



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too much animal protein may cause calcium loss. Studies show that women over 65 who eat a high animal protein diet have more bone fractures than do women who eat a diet lower in animal protein and higher in vegetable protein. “Different sources of dietary protein may have different effects on bone metabolism. Animal foods provide predominantly acid precursors, whereas protein in vegetable foods is accompanied by base precursors not found in animal foods. Imbalance between dietary acid and base precursors leads to a chronic net dietary acid load that may have adverse consequences on bone.” according to Deborah E. Sellmeyer, et al. of the Study of Osteoporotic Fractures Research Group.

Another recent study involving 3814 women over age 70 did not find calcium or vitamin D supplements to be of any value in preventing fractures. The women were given 1000 mg of calcium and 800 IU of vitamin D for a period of two years. *The British Medical Journal* 330: April 30, 2005 and other large studies also confirms these findings.

Higher fruit and vegetable intakes may have positive effects on bone mineral status in both younger and older age groups, especially at the spine and femoral neck. The specific mechanisms remain to be ascertained, but vitamin C, other fruit-specific antioxidants, and lifestyle may play a role according to an article in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, Vol. 83, No. 6, 1420-1428, June 2006 by Celia J. Prynne, et al.

Another key factor, perhaps the single greatest factor affecting bone health, is exercise. Weight bearing exercise causes the body to build more bone. Bones will weaken if they are not subjected to adequate amounts of loading and weight bearing for sufficient periods of time. Maintaining, or preferably increasing, physical activity can mitigate some of the musculoskeletal problems of aging and can also provide many other health benefits.

Physical activity must be maintained to preserve bone mass and can help preserve bone strength even in the face of bone loss. It is never too late to start exercising and the benefits are huge.

The typical American diet is a sure fire way to end up on the short end of the bone density stick: high in animal protein, low in vegetables and fruits, low in exercise. It is the age old solution: eat right and exercise.



## The Ringworm Children

By Jill Mann

In a series of articles, Israeli writer Barry Chamish reviews Israeli television’s 2004 expose of the deliberate mass radiation poisoning of 100,000 young Israeli immigrants from North African and Middle Eastern countries (*Sephardim*) with a screening of the award winning 2003 documentary film, *The Ringworm Children*.

The story goes like this: With vast evidence from Nazi experiments in the concentration camps and the atomic bombing of Japan, the scientific community was well aware by 1951 of the short and long-term dangers of radiation, especially on children. The American government had banned forced radiation testing based on eugenics on humans prisoners, the mentally feeble, etc., but wanted human lab rats for its nuclear and other programs.

In 1951, the director general of the Israeli Health Ministry, Dr. Chaim Sheba, flew to America and agreed, on behalf of the Israeli government, to supply the humans in exchange for money and nuclear secrets. Dr. Sheba returned to Israel with 7 x-ray machines, supplied to him by the American army.

The x-ray machines were to be used in a mass atomic experiment with an entire generation of Sephardi youths to be used as guinea pigs. Dr. Sheba demanded that all North African children be sent to health centers to receive radiation therapy as a pre-emptive treatment for ringworm, normally treated with vinegar. Every Sephardi child was to be given 35,000 times the maximum dose of x-rays through the head. For doing so, the American government paid the Israeli government 300,000 Israeli liras a year (billions in today’s dollars).

To fool the parents of the victims, the children were taken away on “school trips” and their parents were later told the x-rays were a treatment for the scourge of scalp ringworm. 6,000 of the children died shortly after their doses were given. Many of the rest developed epilepsy, amnesia, Alzheimer’s disease, sterility, horrifying scarred bald spots, severe scarring on the body, loss of teeth and hair, chronic headaches, psychosis, and cancers at more than double the rate of the general population.

Many people have testified that the radiation campaign caused the children serious emotional harm. Without any explanation, they were brought to clinics where the hair on their heads was shaven, the hair that remained was pulled out with hot wax, and the roots were eliminated with x-rays.

The majority of the victims were Moroccan because they were the most numerous of the Sephardi immigrants. The generation that was poisoned in Israel became the country’s perpetual poor and criminal class, while the Moroccan Jews who fled to France became prosperous and highly educated. The common explanation was that France got the rich, thus smart ones. The real explanation is that every French Moroccan Jewish child didn’t have the brain cells fried with x-rays.

David Deri, makes the point that only Sephardi children received the x-rays. “I was in class and the men came to take us on a tour. They asked our names. The Ashkenazi children [descendents of European Jews] were told to return to their seats. The dark children were put on the bus.” A Moroccan woman: “It was a Holocaust, a Sephardi Holocaust. And what I want to know is why no one stood up to stop it.”

The film presents a historian who declares that the ringworm operation was a eugenics program aimed at weeding out what Ashkenazi leaders perceived to be the “weak strains of society”. *Running Rings Around the Victims*, by Aryeh Dayan, says that the ringworm radiation campaign lasted until 1960.

Fifty years after the ringworm radiation, victims are still fighting for compensation from the state for their illnesses. The claims process is prohibitive, riddled with tricky and impossible procedures, and the sparsely granted awards are paltry.

Victims have been stonewalled in their efforts even to get information. David Deri, relates the frustration he encountered when trying to find his childhood medical records. “All I wanted to know was what they did to me. I wanted to know who authorized it. I wanted to trace the chain of command. But the Health Ministry told me my records were missing.” Boaz Lev, the Health Ministry’s spokesman chimes in, “Almost all the records were burned in a fire.”

Chamish contends that the Israeli leaders were aware of, responsible for, and benefited from the program. It is unlikely that a program involving the equivalent of billions of dollars of American government funds for cash-strapped Israel could be unknown to the Israeli leaders.

A hospital was named after Eliezer Kaplan, who handled the profits of the operation. A whole medical complex was named after Chaim Sheba, who ran Ringworm Incorporated.

Chamish says it is a miracle that *Ringworm Children* was broadcast at all, but it was aired at the same time as the highest-rated show of the year, the final of Israel’s, *A Star Is Born*. The next day, while there was not a word about *Ringworm Children* in any paper, the newly-born star’s photo took up half the front pages.

See more information at: [www.barrychamish.com](http://www.barrychamish.com)



## The Road to Empire

### US Imperial Timeline

1953 – US secret operations overthrow the first democratically elected president of Iran, Mohammad Mossadeq when he moves to nationalize oil industry. The Shah is installed as dictator who returns oil rights to American and British corporations. Tens of thousands of Iranian civilians are tortured and killed.



1954 – US overthrows democratically-elected President Arbenz of Guatemala. 200,000 Guatemalan civilians are killed for demanding their democracy back.



1963 – US backs assassination of South Vietnamese President Diem. More than 4 million S.E. Asians killed in ensuing war. While the “Domino theory” is touted as “reason” to be in Vietnam, the real reason was getting control of the Golden Triangle drug trade, for funding illegal operations.



Chilean presidential palace being bombed on September 11, 1973

1977 – US backs military dictatorship in El Salvador. 70,000 Salvadoran civilians killed.

1980s - Current SecDef Robert Gates, then with the CIA, establishes al-Qaeda to train Osama bin Laden’s fighters to kill Soviets in Afghanistan. Al-Qaeda and the Mujahadeen receive over \$3 billion in US aid.



1990 - Iraq invades Kuwait, using US weapons provided during Reagan era after being given assurance, “Your inter-Arab conflicts are not our problem” by the US Ambassador, April Glaspie.

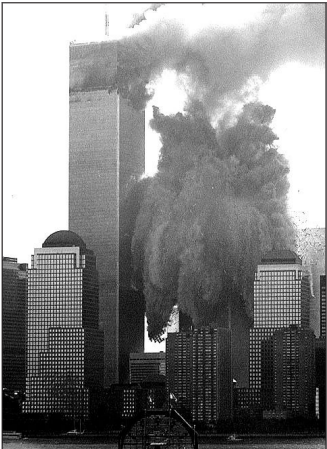


Rumsfeld meets with Saddam Hussein in 1983, the same year the US supplies him chemical weapons.

1991 - Bush Sr. reinstates dictator of Kuwait, as a base from which to control a “no-fly zone” across Iraq — virtually a massive swath of US-controlled territory, right over the heart of Iraq. US aircraft bomb Iraq, first weekly, then daily. UN estimates 500,000 Iraqi children die from bombing and sanctions.

1995 - TWA Flight 800, who’s destruction by sea-launched missile was witnessed by hundreds on Long Island, declared an “accidental” explosion of the center fuel tank. FAA responds by requiring a photo ID of all passengers before boarding.

2000 - US gives Taliban-ruled Afghanistan \$245 million in “Aid” right after Taliban meets with Enron in Houston. But the deal breaks down, Taliban refused to grant US oil companies pipeline rights through the country and destroys the opium crop.



2001 - While “Poppy” Bush meets with Shafiq bin Laden (Osama’s brother) at defense conglomerate Carlyle Group gathering on 9/11, US military stand-down allows the greatest terror attack in US history. 3,000 Americans die.

2003 - US invades Iraq on totally false premise. More than 850,000 Iraqi civilians have been killed in the ongoing illegal occupation.

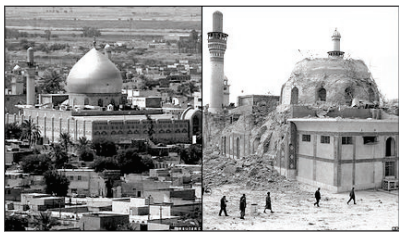


#### A message from Ramsey Clark

“Time is short: The question is whether we have the will to act.” Help support the September 15th march in Washington.

I am writing to you with the hope that you will help us organize and promote the September 15th March in Washington DC. Thousands of Americans from around the country will join together to demand the impeachment of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney and insist on the immediate end to the war in Iraq. September 15th is the date General David Petraeus is mandated to make a report to Congress on the progress of the so-called surge. The eyes of the national and international media will be focused on Washington DC at that time.

President Bush has said ...”the Iraqi people owe the American people a huge debt of gratitude.” Feeling unappreciated he has questioned “...whether or not there is a gratitude level that’s significant enough in Iraq.” Let us count the acts of the Bush Administration for which the Iraqi people should be grateful.





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Congressman Ron Paul

## Defend the Constitution!

Recently, the General Accounting Office studied nineteen instances where the President issued so-called “signing statements.” In such statements, the President essentially begins the process of interpreting legislation – up to and including declaring provisions unconstitutional – hence often refusing to enforce them.

The GAO study found that in nearly 1/3 of the cases studied, the administration failed to enforce the law as enacted. This approach is especially worrisome for several reasons.

First, these signing statements tend to move authority from the legislative branch to the executive, thus upsetting our delicate system of checks and balances. Next, these statements grant the President power not given by the Constitution, allowing him to usurp powers of the judicial branch. Finally, the idea of agencies refusing to enforce the law as passed sets precedent for the type of runaway administrative actions our constitution was expressly enacted in order to avoid.

Although these signing statements are at record high numbers, the problem is not with a single administration. Contrary to the claims of those who raise this issue for purely political purposes, the most significant challenge to liberty presented by these statements is that they can serve to further erode our constitutional republic.

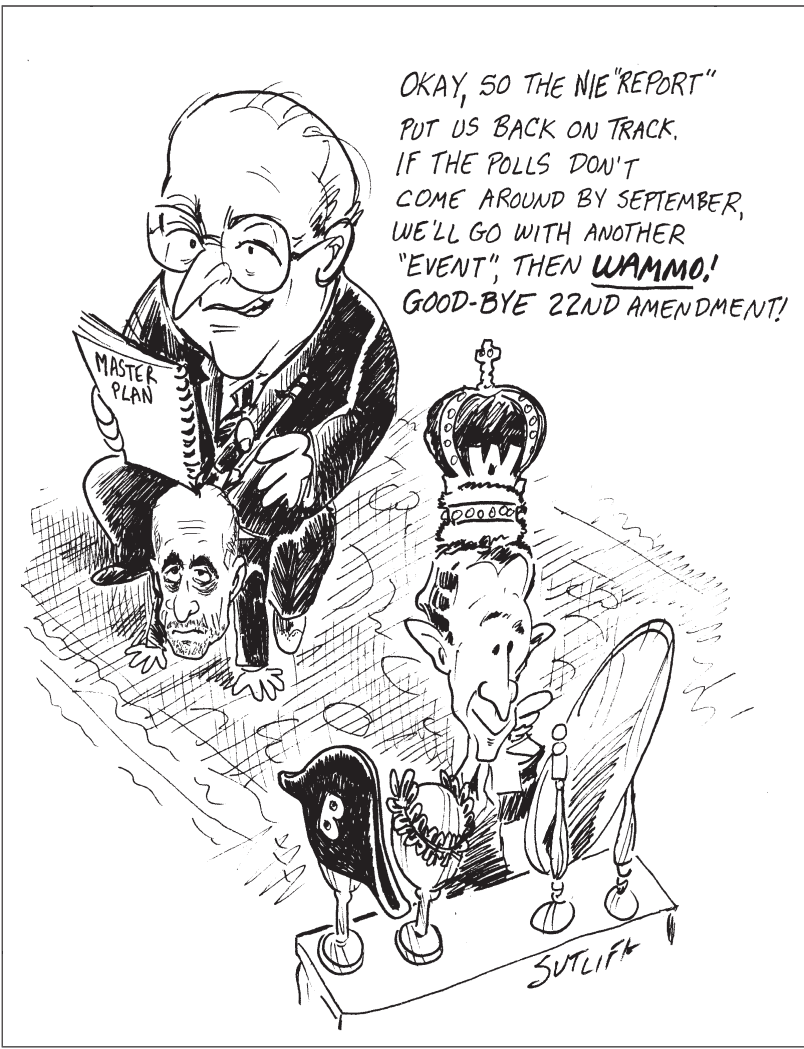
I have long been skeptical of the line item veto on spending bills for the same reason I oppose these signing statements. The legislature should not yield its authority to the executive. Our constitutional republic demands that all branches of government understand and respect our system and jealously guard their own prerogatives.

In modern Washington nothing is more misunderstood, and less appreciated, than the genius of republicanism. Presidents issue signing statements that effectively “approve in part and reject in part,” laws of the land – even though there is no constitutional provision for such a process. In addition, Congress cedes its powers at the crucial moment when a decision on whether or not a war is to be fought will be made, only to then criticize the effort it could have used its powers to stop.

In his Notes on Virginia, Thomas Jefferson spoke clearly and directly about the idea of elected representatives delegating their responsibility to other branches of government, saying in no uncertain terms that since such representatives had received their authority by delegation from the people – expressly for the use as representative – the legislature had to choose to either use the authority granted or return it to the people. In other words, there is to be no delegation of authority from the representatives to the executive branch of government.

Concerns with signing statements ought to include a concern for the health of our constitutional republic, it ought not to be based upon the political battle of the day. Regardless of whether the President is named Bush or Clinton, and without respect to any particular political interest, we in Congress need to fulfill our oath of office and protect and defend the constitution and our republic. Our constituents deserve no less, and should demand it of all of us.

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Entebbe Hijack -- Yet Another False-Flag Operation?

Must we now add the 1976 Entebbe Hijacking to the long and growing history of state-sponsored false-flag terror events?

... more in the next issue.

## In Iraq, Mercenaries Outnumber G.I.s

The Los Angeles Times reports that newly released figures show the number of US-paid private contractors in Iraq now exceeds that of American combat troops, raising fresh questions about the privatization of the war effort and the government’s capacity to carry out military and “rebuilding” campaigns.

More than 180,000 civilians are working in Iraq under US contracts, according to State and Defense department figures. Including the recent troop buildup, 160,000 soldiers and a few thousand civilian government employees are stationed in Iraq.

The total number of private

contractors is far higher than was previously reported and shows how heavily the Bush administration has relied on corporations to carry out the occupation of Iraq, corporations that are reaping huge profits while the costs are borne by the taxpayer, the troops, and the Iraqis.

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## US Stazi Now Hiring

The FBI is taking cues from the CIA to recruit thousands of covert informants in the United States as part of a sprawling effort to boost its intelligence capabilities.

FBI said that the increase was driven by a 2004 directive from President Bush ordering the bureau to improve its counterterrorism efforts by boosting its human intelligence capabilities.

According to a recent unclassified report to Congress, the FBI contends that these thousands of new informants are needed to provide secrets about possible terrorists and foreign spies. But the FBI’s own history in this regard is not reassuring. For decades the FBI has maintained programs targeting political opponents and infiltrating peaceful civic groups under programs such as COINTELPRO.

Other recent FBI initiatives include expanding its collection and analysis of data on U.S. persons, retaining years’ worth of Americans’ phone records and even increasing so-called “black bag” secret entry operations; all clear violations of the Fourth Amendment.

So we see that this adinistration, when confronted by the courts and civil libertarians with calls to cease it’s illegal warrantless wiretaps and invasions of privacy; all clearly forbidden by the Fourth Amendment, responds by increasing it’s efforts to impose a police state on it citizens.

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Paul Craig Roberts

## A Wake-Up Call

This is a wake-up call that we are about to have another 9/11-WMD experience.

The wake-up call is unlikely to be effective, because the American attitude toward government changed fundamentally seventy-odd years ago. Prior to the 1930s, Americans were suspicious of government, but with the arrival of the Great Depression, Tojo, and Hitler, President Franklin D. Roosevelt convinced Americans that government existed to protect them from rapacious private interests and foreign threats. Today, Americans are more likely to give the benefit of the doubt to government than they are to family members, friends, and those who would warn them about the government’s protection.

Intelligent observers are puzzled that President Bush is persisting in a futile and unpopular war at the obvious expense of his party’s electoral chances in 2008.

In the July 18 Los Angeles Times (“Bush the Albatross”), Ronald Brownstein reminds us that Bush’s behavior is disastrous for his political party. Unpopular presidents “have consistently undercut their party in the next election.” Brownstein reports that “88% of voters who disapproved of the retiring president’s job performance voted against his party’s nominee in past elections. . . . On average, 80% of voters who disapproved of a president’s performance have voted against his party’s candidates even in House races since 1986.”

Brownstein notes that with Bush’s dismal approval rating, this implies a total wipeout of the Republicans in 2008.

A number of pundits have concluded that the reason the Democrats have not brought a halt to Bush’s follies is that they expect Bush’s unpopular policies to provide them with a landslide victory next year.

There is a problem with this reasoning. It assumes that Cheney, Rove, and the Republicans are ignorant of these facts or are content for the Republican Party to be destroyed after Bush has his warmonger-police state fling. “After me, the deluge.”

Isn’t it more likely that Cheney and Rove have in mind events that will, once again, rally the people behind President Bush and the Republican Party that is fighting the “war on terror” that the Democrats “want to lose”?

Such events could take a number of forms. As even diehard Republican Patrick J. Buchanan observed on July 17, with three US aircraft carrier battle groups in congested waters off Iran, another Tonkin Gulf incident could easily be engineered to set us at war with Iran. If Bush’s intentions were merely to bomb a nuclear reactor, he would not need three carrier strike forces.

Lately, the administration has switched to blaming Iran for the war in Iraq. The US Senate has already lined up behind the latest lie with a 97-0 vote to condemn Iran.

Alternatively, false flag “terrorist” strikes could be orchestrated in the US. The Bush administration has already infiltrated some dissident groups and encouraged them to participate in terrorist talk, for which they were arrested. It is possible that the administration could provoke some groups to actual acts of violence.

Many Americans dismiss suspicion of their government as treasonous, and most believe conspiracy to be impossible “because someone would talk.”

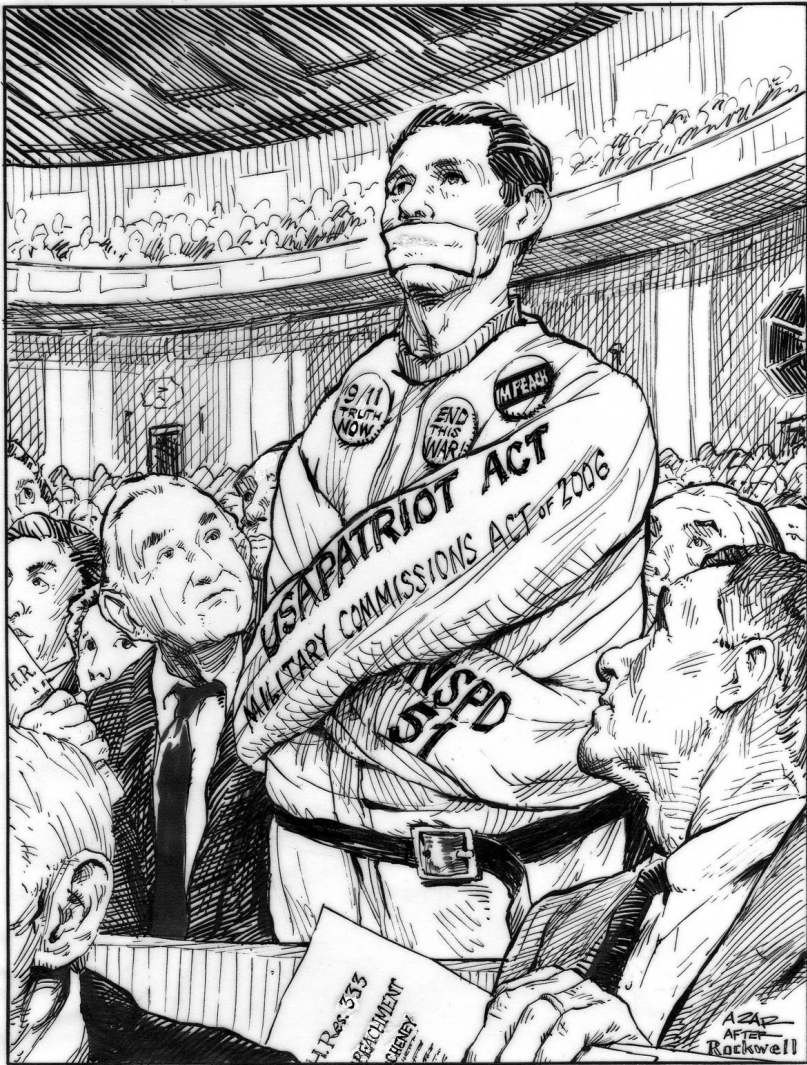
There is no basis in any known fact for this opinion.

According to polls, 36% of the American people disbelieve the 9/11 Commission Report. Despite this lack of confidence, and despite the numerous omissions and errors in the report, it has proven impossible to have an independent investigation of 9/11 or to examine the official explanation in public debate. Even experts and people with a lifetime of distinguished public service are dismissed as “conspiracy theorists,” “kooks,” and “traitors” if they question the official explanation of 9/11. This despite the fact that war in the Middle East, a long-planned goal of Bush’s neoconservative administration, could not have been initiated without a “new Pearl Harbor.”

That powerfully constructed steel buildings could suddenly turn to dust because they were struck by two flimsy aluminum airliners and experienced small fires on a few floors that burned for a short time appears unexceptionable to a majority of Americans.

Moreover, people have talked. Hundreds of them. Firefighters, police, janitors, and others report hearing and experiencing a series of explosions in upper floors and massive explosions

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## If You Would Not Impeach George Bush Who Would You Impeach?

By Sherwood Ross

If you, my fellow Americans, will not demand the impeachment of the worst president in American history, a man who is a traitor to our Constitution, a global tyrant, a destroyer of world peace and order, and a threat to the survival of human life on this planet, who *will* you impeach?

This George W. Bush, this native-born nincompoop, this dangerous dunce, this wastrel, this smirking twister of truth, this forked-tongued liar in a business suit, this heinous torturer, this killer of innocents, this Thief-of-Baghdad, this mass murderer, this fountainhead of human vomit, in short, this blot on the very name of America, must be compelled by Congress and the

American people to answer for his alleged and apparent crimes.

He, and every culpable member of his Gang must be impeached and made to stand trial before the Senate for the Genocide of Iraq and countless other criminal acts. One of the least of his crimes, ordering wiretaps without court order in violation of the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, entitles him to a five-year vacation at Leavenworth for trampling the Fourth Amendment’s protection against unreasonable search and seizure. And his most heinous crime, the war of aggression against Iraq, violates the U.S. War Crimes Act of 1996 that subjects perpetrators to imprisonment and the death penalty if a victim dies. Surely, Americans

who are too timid to sign a petition for impeachment might well consider there are 650,000 Iraqis who, had they lived, could have signed such a petition with their own blood.

As far back as October, 2005, an Ipsos Public Affairs poll found 50% of the public agreed with the statement, “If President Bush did not tell the truth about his reasons for going to war with Iraq, Congress should consider holding him accountable by impeaching him.” Now, as new evidence comes to light each day documenting how Bush and his aides lied this nation into a criminal war of aggression, yes, just as Hitler did when he invaded Poland, just as Stalin did when he invaded Finland, just as Mussolini

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# Osama bin Laden Dead at 44 Reports Confirm

The New York Times reported that the Central Intelligence Agency has closed a unit that for a decade had the mission of hunting Osama bin Laden and his top lieutenants. The unit, known as Alec Station, was disbanded late last year and its analysts reassigned within the C.I.A. Counterterrorist Center, the officials said.

Osama bin Laden, you may remember, became a household name after the Sept. 11 attacks, when President Bush pledged to bring Mr. bin Laden to justice “dead or alive.” Even though the administration continues to evoke the name of Osama bin Laden whenever they feel the need to reinforce the fear program, they have never offered any credible evidence that Mr. bin Laden was involved in the 9/11 attacks, and the ‘white paper’ promised by Colin Powell has never materialized.

Agency officials said that tracking Mr. bin Laden and his deputies remained a high priority, and that the decision to disband the unit was not a sign that the effort had slackened. But the fact remains that there have been no new videos of bin Laden since 2001 and the few audio recordings released in 2003 and 2004 attributed to him are widely regarded by experts as crude fakes. So there has been no independently verifiable evidence that Osama is alive since 2001.

According to United Press International (Oct. 31, 2001), bin Laden underwent clandestine kidney treatment by Dr. Terry Calloway (Canadian urologist) for 11 days in July at the American Hospital in Dubai. During his hospital stay, bin Laden met with a US CIA agent, according to French daily Le Figaro and Radio France International. The day before the infamous September 11 terrorist attacks, bin Laden entered a military hospital for further kidney dialysis treatment in Raqalpindi, Pakistan, reported by CBS (Jan. 28, 2002).

In an interview with CNN (Jan. 19, 2002), Pakistan’s President Pervez Musharraf hinted, “He (bin Laden) is dead for the reason he is a ...kidney patient.” Musharraf also mentioned that bin Laden took two dialysis machines with him into Afghanistan.

A few days later, Dr. Sanjay Gupta on CNN (Jan. 21, 2002) gave his professional assessment of bin Laden’s medical condition based on the videotape broadcasted by al Jazeera on December 27, 2001. He explained that bin Laden’s ghastly appearance — “grayness of beard, paleness of skin, very gaunt sort of features” — is often associated with chronic kidney failure or renal failure.



Osama B. Laden 1957 - 2001

He also noted that bin Laden couldn’t move his left arm probably due to a stroke because people suffering from kidney failures have a higher risk for stroke. Dr. Gupta pointed out that dialysis machines require electricity, clean water and a sterile environment to function properly. Without an operational machine, a patient would only survive for less than a week.

During December 2001, the US Air Force, after cornering the Taliban combatants in the mountainous Tora Bora, relentlessly blasted the area for days, unleashing an estimated 1.8 million kg of explosives, including the deadly bunker-busting bombs to implode caves. According to the Pentagon, radio transmissions of bin Laden’s voice were detected regularly until December 14, 2001.

An Egyptian paper posted on December 26, 2001, ran an obituary on Osama bin Laden whose death resulted from lack of proper medical care for “serious lung complications.” A Taliban official told the Pakistan Observer that he saw bin Laden’s face before the burial in Tora Bora where some members of bin Laden’s family, friends and al Qaeda fighters gathered for his funeral. Asked whether he could pinpoint the spot where bin Laden was buried, he answered, “I am sure that like other places in Tora Bora that particular place too must have vanished,” implying that it was obliterated by U.S. aerial bombing.

According to Washington Post (Oct. 28, 2002), the Arabic-language al-Majallah obtained bin Laden’s will from a “very reliable” source in Afghanistan. The will — typed, signed by bin Laden and dated December 14, 2001— includes verses of Koran and the words of a man “who appeared desperate and on the verge of death.”

It would appear that the CIA had a good reason for disbanding the Bin Laden Station; Osama has been dead since 2001.



# 600 “DISAPPEARED” BY PAKISTANI SECURITY FORCES

By Sherwood Ross

Pakistan’s security forces have “disappeared” about 600 individuals since 2002. Human rights activist lawyer Asma Jahangir says that since 9/11 and Guantanamo, they act as if “they have a free hand.”

The disappeared are “usually picked up by plainclothesmen in four-wheel drives...(and) if the victims are ever seen again, they invariably say that they have been tortured with electric shocks, beaten, given injections, hung upside down by their ankles,” Jahangir said.

Jahangir is described as “a symbol of freedom and defiance, comparable to Aung San Suu Kyi, in Burma” by historian William Dalrymple, who interviewed her for the July 23 issue of The New Yorker magazine.

Jahangir said the military government of President Pervez Musharraf has “no direction, no plan, no schedule” and that, in terms of human rights, it is “worse than any civilian government we’ve ever had.”

“Musharraf is rapidly losing the minimum respect that gives you the moral authority to rule a country,” the activist lawyer said. “The sacking of the Chief Justice (Ifthikhar Chaudhry March 9th) was the final straw. If we lose this one, it is all over for the rule of law in this country.”

Jahangir went on to say, “A return to democracy would certainly not be an instant miracle for this country. But it would be a start.” She added, “However flawed democracy here is, it is still the only answer. Once there is a proper political movement, the religious parties will become marginalized. I am not at all gloomy. These protests (against Musharraf) have been a wake-up call.”

“Musharraf’s government has a

civilian face---there are still elections and assemblies---and he has come to believe his own propaganda that he really is a democrat,” Jahangir continued.

Political scientist Ayesha Siddiqia told Dalrymple, “There is a breakdown of effective government. The political parties have all failed to create an environment where the poor can get what they need from the state. The laws are always twisted for the rich...So the poor have begun to look to alternatives for justice.”

In her recent book, “Military Inc.,” Siddiqia said the Pakistani military has business assets of more than \$20 billion, with interests ranging from cement and dredging to the manufacturer of corn flakes and the baking of bread, controls a third of the nation’s heavy manufacturing and owns nearly 12 million acres of land.

Author Dalrymple writes, “A cosmopolitan middle class is prospering, yet for the great majority of poorer Pakistanis life remains intolerably hard and access to justice or education is a distant hope: just 1.8% of Pakistan’s GNP is spent on education. “He continued:

“Instead of investing adequately in education, Musharraf’s government is spending money on a fleet of American F-16s for the Air Force. Health care and other social services for the poor have also been neglected, in contrast to the public services that benefit the wealthy, such as highways and airports--- many of which are world-class.”

Despite the multiple shortcomings of the Musharraf regime, some Pakistanis are asking whether toppling him might not make a bad situation worse. Jugnu Mohsin, publisher of the “Friday Times,” who asked, “Is Asma naïve? It is true that the lawyers’ movement, if it destroys Musharraf, could

By Jeff Long

Every security culture guide tells you not to discuss anything confidential over the phone because the phone might be tapped. Actually, you shouldn’t discuss anything confidential if a cell phone is anywhere close by. Last November, the US Justice Department approved what are known as roving taps.

In Congressional testimony about “roving wiretaps” it came out that most cell phones can be signaled by the tower to go into “diagnostic mode” and at that point they broadcast all audio reaching the microphone. Some models will do this even when turned off, but none can transmit with the battery removed.

During a criminal investigation of members of the Genovese family, the FBI bugged restaurants where the mobster John “Buster” Ardito had meetings. When Ardito and his associates discovered three of the bugs, the feds changed their tactics and began using roving taps instead. An FBI affidavit written by Assistant US Attorney Jonathan Kolodner refers to the roving tap in Ardito’s phone as a “listening device placed in a cellular telephone.” The FBI also placed a roving tap in the cell phone of Peter Peluso, an accomplice of Ardito who later turned snitch. This was the first legal use of roving taps in the US.

What is a cell phone? It is a computer with software you do not control, cannot modify, hooked to a speaker, a microphone, and a radio transceiver. In other words, it is the perfect bugging device.

“Just How Secure Is Your Cellular Phone?”—a 1997 article in the National Reconnaissance Organization newsletter—has this to say: “A cellular telephone can be turned into a microphone and transmitter for the purpose of listening to conversations in the vicinity of the phone. This is done by transmitting to the cell phone a maintenance command on the control channel. This command places the cellular telephone in the ‘diagnostic mode.’ When this is done, conversations in the immediate area of the telephone can be monitored over the voice channel.”

The US Commerce Department’s security office warns that “a cellular telephone can be turned into a microphone and transmitter for the purpose of listening to conversations in the vicinity of the phone.” An article in the Financial Times in 2005 said mobile providers can “remotely install a piece of software on to any handset, without the owner’s knowledge, which will activate the microphone even when its owner is not making a call.”

In addition, some cell phones can’t be completely powered off without taking the batteries out. In an opinion arguing that roving taps are legal under federal wiretapping laws, US District Judge Lewis Kaplan said that roving taps “functioned whether the phone was powered on or off.” Newer Nokia phones will turn themselves on if an alarm is set, and apparently they’ll also turn themselves on to eavesdrop on your conversations.

Nextel and Samsung handsets and the Motorola Razr are especially vulnerable to software downloads that activate their microphones, said James Atkinson, a counter-surveillance consultant who has worked closely with government agencies. “They can be remotely accessed and made to transmit room audio all the time,” he said. “You can do that without having physical access to the phone.”

A BBC article from 2004 reported that

create more problems than it solves. The fall of Musharraf could well lead to the rise of a violent political Islam.”

However, Mohsin added many thought Gandhi and Martin Luther King were naïve “but it was they, not the realists, who succeeded in changing the course of history.”

What Mohsin means is changing the course of history for the better. By its emphasis on strengthening Pakistan militarily, the Bush administration, through its defense contractors, is siphoning off funds that could be spent ameliorating the lot of Pakistani’s poor, The New Yorker article suggests. This may serve only to increase public disaffection with Musharraf’s rule and hasten the downfall of the ally President Bush seeks to perpetuate in power, an ally who shares his belief in military force and who has no scruples when it comes to torture.

# Is Your Cell Phone Bugged?

intelligence agencies routinely employ the remote-activation method. “A mobile sitting on the desk of a politician or businessman can act as a powerful, undetectable bug,” the article said, “enabling them to be activated at a later date to pick up sounds even when the receiver is down.”

Greek and US officials in Greece apparently had their phones tapped for over a year before the 2004 Olympics. The article stated, “It was not known who was responsible for the taps, which numbered about 100 and included Greek Prime Minister Costas Caramanlis and his wife, and the ministers of foreign affairs, defense, public order and justice. Most of Greece’s top military and police officers were also targeted, as were foreign ministry officials and a US embassy number. Also tapped were some journalists and human rights activists.” The case is still ongoing as reported this month in the July issue of IEEE Spectrum, a journal published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, which has an article on cellphone technology that reads like a spy thriller. Because it is.

## How to Tell If Your Phone Has a Roving Tap

The following tips are from security expert Lauren Weinstein, who wrote about them on his blog (a video entitled, “Is Your Cell Phone Bugged?” explains these tips in detail, and is available on YouTube and Google Video).

Everything your phone does requires electricity, which it gets from its battery. Y o u r battery runs out much faster when your phone is transmitting data than when it’s not. If you notice t h a t

## Is Someone Listening?



your phone’s battery has been draining much faster than it normally does, and if you haven’t been talking on it, this could be a sign that it’s tapped.

Normally, when you talk on your cell phone for a long period of time, it becomes warmer. If your phone is heating up when you’re not talking on it, it might mean that your microphone is recording audio to your phone’s flash memory to be transmitted later on or that your phone is transmitting audio live.

There are two different types of cell phone services: Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) and Code-Division Multiple Access (CDMA). The vast majority of the world’s cell phones use GSM; in the US, all T-Mobile and Cingular phones use GSM. If you put a GSM phone close to speakers or other audio equipment, it will produce a buzzing noise if information is being transmitted. It’s normal for your cell phone to create a brief buzzing noise in speakers every so often, but if there’s continual buzzing and you’re not making a phone call, this is a strong sign that your phone is transmitting audio without your consent. This will not work on Verizon and Sprint phones, however, because they use CDMA technology. Watch the online video

mentioned above to understand specifically what kind of buzzing to watch for.

## Your Cell Phone Is a Tracking Device

A “roving wiretap” gives both audio and location-either by GPS or by the older and now automated method of triangulation.

All new cell phones have GPS devices in them, which can be used to find the location—within feet—of a cell phone anywhere in the world. Cell phones are constantly communicating with towers to make sure the time is accurate, to check for messages and more, meaning that the exact locations of most cell phones are known at all times. The location of older phones that don’t have GPS devices can also be determined with a process called triangulation, in which a reasonably accurate location can be determined by measuring the relative time delays in the signal from the phone to three different cell phone towers. The fugitive hacker Kevin Mitnick was located and arrested in 1995, when law enforcement triangulated his cell phone.

And, by the way, don’t think your home phone is anymore secure, as most transmit wirelessly to the base unit. This is just new technology for an old game.

Let’s talk History Channel for a moment. During the Cold War, a highly cleared Charleton Heston used to host and narrate training films for US intelligence agencies, mainly for CIA, for the purpose of being a better covert operative. In one instance, Moses himself showed how to take an old rotary dial phone, probably only familiar to those who visit grandma on holidays, dial it with a certain code to have it “turn on” without ringing, just enabling the phone to transmit the audio in the room to anyone listening or recording, and those old phones could pick up every little sound. This is old school technology with Ma Bell.

So remember what a cell phone actually is—a computer that transmits. No matter who you are, if you have something you don’t want “your” government to hear, or just some other snooper to know about it under the umbrella of Fatherland Security, follow the rules above. Understand that most of you aren’t being surveilled, but if you are outspoken critic of your government’s policies, chances are highly likely under the Bush regime’s draconian plethora of executive orders and disregard for the Constitution and its Bill of Rights, that you have a nice sized file in some filing cabinet. I received a copy of mine almost twenty years ago, when it was still quite small.

Don’t get me started on the new iPhone and its technology...

So, NSA installs secure rooms at AT&T operations centers in San Francisco and near St. Louis in 2003, staffed by cleared government workers, with AT&T declining to comment, as did the government, citing national security. Then this spring, AT&T buys Cingular and becomes the sole carrier for Apple’s iPhone. I’m just thinking out loud. Like I said, don’t get me started. I’m sending my AT&T phone bill to the new NSAT&T.

Remember, all of these new government jobs created after the false-flag operation known as 9/11, weren’t created to process your government forms for faster service.

Compiled from numerous Internet stories, mainstream news, listening in on agency personnel “talking around” work subjects in coffee shops and partially shredded government documents disposed of improperly.





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Wakeup Call

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in the underground basements. This eyewitness testimony was kept under wraps for three or more years until the official explanation had taken root. The oral histories were finally forced loose by Freedom of Information Act suits. The eyewitness reports of explosion after explosion had no effect.

Larry Silverstein, who received billions of dollars in insurance payments for the destroyed buildings, talked. He said on public television that the order was given “to pull” building 7. His stunning admission had no effect.

The Bush administration is preparing us for more terrorist attacks. The latest intelligence report says that al Qaeda has regrouped, rebuilt, and has the ability to come after us again. “Al Qaeda will intensify its efforts to put operatives here,” says the report.

Security operatives, such as Michael Chertoff, and various instruments of administration propaganda have warned that we will be attacked before next year’s election. Chertoff is not a person who wants to be known as Chicken Little for telling us that the sky is falling.

Bush has the Republican Party in such a mess that it cannot survive without another 9/11. Whether authentic or orchestrated, an attack will activate Bush’s new executive orders, which create a dictatorial police state in event of “national emergency.”

The UK government is hand-in-glove with the Bush administration and will provide cover or verification for whatever claim the Bush administration advances. So will the right-wing governments in Canada and Australia. That takes care of the English-speaking world from which contrary explanations might reach the American people.

It is possible that Bush is now too weak, that suspicion is too great, and that there is too much internal resistance in the federal bureaucracy and military for any such scenario. If so, then my prediction prior to the invasion that the US invasion of Iraq will destroy Bush, the Republican Party, and the conservative movement will be proven true. The Democrats’ strategy of doing nothing except making sure Bush gets his way will produce the landslide that they expect.

However, this assumes that Cheney, Rove, and their neoconservative allies have lost their cunning and their manipulative skills. It is difficult to imagine a more dangerous assumption for Democrats and the American people to make.

Once the US experiences new attacks, Bush will be vindicated. His voice will be confident as he speaks to the nation: “My administration knew that there would be more attacks from these terrorists who hate us and our way of life and are determined to destroy every one of us. If only more of you had believed me and supported my war on terror these new attacks would not have happened. Our security efforts were impaired by the Democrats’ determined attempts to surrender to the terrorists by forcing our withdrawal from Iraq and by civil libertarian assaults on our necessary security measures. If only more Americans had trusted their government, this would not have happened.” And so on. Anyone should be able to write the script.

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Jack Abramoff’s major client surfaces in post-9/11 “Air Bin Laden” flights from US

By Wayne Madsen

The dots are fast connecting with the release of FBI documents on post-9/11 Saudi-chartered flights from the United States. The documents were released to Judicial Watch pursuant to a Freedom of Information Act request. The documents describe a number of charter flights flying Saudis out of the United States in the immediate aftermath of 9/11, including Saudi royal family and Bin Laden family members. There is even the tantalizing possibility that Osama Bin Laden, himself, chartered some of the flights that spirited his family members out of the United States.

Particular interest is focused on one document describing a Saudi charter flight aboard a Gabon-flagged aircraft, a DC-8-73, Tail Number TR-LTZ, which departed La Vegas on September 19, 2001 bound for Geneva, Switzerland. On September 11 and 12, the Saudis, all reputedly members of the royal family, were staying at the Four Seasons Hotel and Caesar’s Palace in Las Vegas.

The Associated Press reported on September 26, 2001 that the FBI took possession of photographs and other documents from SunCruz Casino boats, owned by jailed GOP lobbyist and Israeli Lobby kingpin Jack Abramoff. The report stated, “SunCruz Casinos has turned over photographs and other documents to FBI investigators after employees said they recognized some of the men suspected in the terrorist attacks as customers. Names on the passenger list from a Sept. 5 cruise matched those of some of the hijackers. Two or three men linked to the Sept. 11 hijackings may have been customers on a ship that sailed from Madeira Beach on Florida’s Gulf Coast.”

Florida investigative journalist Daniel Hopsicker later learned that one of those on board the casino boat was Mohammed Atta, the alleged chief hijacker. Abramoff took over control of SunCruz from Gus Boulis, who was gunned down gangland-style on a Fort Lauderdale street on February 6, 2001.

Saudi royals are allegedly Wahhabi Muslims who eschew such “decadent” places as casinos and bars. The presence of Saudis in Vegas and Atta on a gambling boat in Florida paints a much different picture. Previously, WMR reported that United Flight 93 hijackers were present on the evening of September 10, 2001, in a Wayne, New Jersey strip club before rising in the morning and heading off to Newark International Airport.

Abramoff, at the time of the Gabonese charter flight, was one of that oil-rich nation’s chief lobbyists in Washington. Abramoff’s connections with the Saudis and African nations, such as Gabon, go back to the 1980s when he and

GOP right-wing activist Grover Norquist, who now has close links to the Saudis, were aiding Afghan mujaheddin guerrillas via their International Freedom Foundation (IFF), which once held a summit of anti-communist rebels from Afghanistan, Laos, Nicaragua, and Angola in the Angolan jungle headquarters of Jonas Savimbi’s UNITA faction. Gabon, whose President, Omar Bongo, is a convert to Islam, is a close ally of the Saudis. Bongo and Savimbi also had a mutual friend -- Abramoff. IFF was also supported by a number of right-wing groups in the United States and the government of apartheid South Africa. IFF also had the backing of two other nations that might, at first, appear diametrically opposed to one another -- Israel and Saudi Arabia.

The Israeli-Saudi links not only developed after their cooperation in support of the Afghan mujaheddin and other anti-communist rebels but flourished.

There were already links between Saudi intelligence and the Mossad through the Safari Club, a secret intelligence-sharing alliance signed on September 1, 1976, between Sheikh Kamal Addam, the Turkish-born head of Saudi intelligence; General Nemotollah Nassiri, the head of Iran’s SAVAK; and the heads of Egyptian and Moroccan intelligence. The Safari Club had the support of the British, French, and Turkish intelligence services, as well as the CIA, then headed by George H. W. Bush.

Addam secretly arranged in the behind-the-scenes work for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat’s visit to Jerusalem to meet Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in 1977. Some radical Saudi royals were incensed by this and Addam was replaced by Prince Turki, the future liaison man between the Saudi royals and Osama Bin Laden.

In 1985, Saudi Arabia wanted to buy sophisticated AWACS planes from the United States. The Israeli Lobby did not want the Reagan administration to sell such aircraft to the Saudis, not because they mistrusted their Saudi royal friends but because they considered the Saudi regime unstable and were afraid the planes could end up in the hands of a Saddam Hussein, Hafez Assad, or a nationalist, anti-Western regime in Saudi Arabia.

Instead, the Israelis raised no objections when a parallel arms deal was made between Saudi Arabia and Britain to buy sophisticated weapons, including jet fighters. That deal was known as the Yamamah deal with BAE Systems. The British media is now reporting on alleged bribes paid by BAE to Saudi ambassador to the United States Prince Bandar. Yearly payments of \$100 million were allegedly paid to Bandar through Riggs Bank in

Washington, a bank with which the Bush family had close ties. Prince Turki also reportedly received British payments.

Bandar’s wife, Princess Haifa, used money from the same Riggs accounts containing the secret payments, to pay for the lodging of one of the 9/11 hijackers.

The Yamamah deal was reportedly overseen by Charles Powell (now Lord Charles Powell), a close adviser to then-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Powell’s brother, Jonathan Powell, is the chief of staff to Prime Minister Tony Blair. Another brother, Hugh Powell, is the chief of security for the British Foreign Office. The Powells ensured that the Thatcher-John Major-Tony Blair transitions ensured the secrecy of the BAE payments to the Saudis, payments that later expanded to include post-apartheid South African officials and Czech government leaders.

Lord Charles Powell is now an adviser to the board of BAE and he also serves on the board of Jardine Matheson, a Hong King-based business empire that is linked to HSBC, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which WMR previously reported was involved in the transfer of funds through Dubai to pay the 9/11 hijackers in the United States. In fact, Treasury Secretary Paul O’Neill was fired by the Bush administration after he pressured Dubai and Saudi officials about the laundering of terrorist money through banks under their control.

The facts now strongly indicate that there was high-level coordination between Abramoff’s underworld network of Russian-Ukrainian-Israeli gangsters, wealthy Saudi financiers, and neocon operatives within the Bush administration to bring about a U.S. military invasion of Iraq, to be followed by an attack on Iran. The over 200 so-called Israeli “art students” who were living among the 9/11 hijackers in the months before 9/11 were creating diversions for federal law enforcement. The Israeli “movers” who confused law enforcement on the morning of 9/11 continued the diversionary “false flag” tactics. There are two nations in the Middle East that lacked the ability to take on Baghdad and Tehran -- and they are the two that have left indelible fingerprints on the attacks of 9/11: Israel and Saudi Arabia. And they and their surrogates in the United States had an interest in luring the United States into bloody Middle East war and almost 7000 American civilians and military members have paid for this treachery with their lives.

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Controversial Filmmaker Arrested for Desertion



Korey Rowe (right), Dylan Avery, and Jason Bermas (not shown) are creators of “Loose Change”, a controversial film disputing government account of the events of 9/11.

May be Forced to Return to Iraq

Korey Rowe, one of the creators of the popular and highly controversial film, *Loose Change*, has been arrested for desertion. Rowe insists it’s all a mistake and that he was discharged and has the papers to prove it, “When they came to my house, I showed them my paper work.”; Rowe said, “but the cop said ‘You’re still in the system.’”

Rowe has been returned to his unit at Ft. Campbell, KY. The unit may ship-out to Iraq soon but it’s not clear if Rowe will be forced to return to duty. If so, he will miss the September release of the latest version of the film; it’s third.

Given recent revelations of the apparent murder of outspoken war critic Pat Tillman; Rowe better watch his back.

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What the Corporate Media Won’t Tell You

4. Fifteen Democratic state party organizations have passed impeachment resolutions calling on Democrats in Congress to initiate impeachment proceedings against the president and vice president. The most recent of these, the Democratic Party of Oklahoma, passed its resolution at the party’s annual convention on May 19. Other Democratic Party conventions, in states from Nevada and California to Massachusetts and North Carolina, have passed similar resolutions. Most have been ignored by the corporate media even in their own states.

5. Bush’s so-called “coalition of the willing” is not so willing and is not really much of a coalition either. When’s the last time you’ve heard how many countries are on board with the US in the war and occupation of Iraq? The reality? Britain, the only significant contributor of combat troops besides the U.S., is pulling out, as Italy and Spain did earlier, and many other countries, like Denmark, Lithuania and others, plan to be out of Iraq by August or at the latest

December. One indication of the seriousness of situation: the Pentagon no longer lists the countries that are members of the “coalition.” The only mainstream report I’ve seen laying out this collapse in international support for Bush’s war was in USA Today last February.

6. The Homeland Security Department last year awarded Halliburton \$385 million in a no-bid contract to construct prison camps designed to hold tens of thousands of unspecified prisoners in the event of domestic unrest. Meanwhile, President Bush has signed a bill altering the insurrection act so that he can declare martial rule and order active duty troops to take charge anywhere in the domestic US in the event of “public disorder.” No one in the corporate media has reported on these developments or asked the White House to explain what it’s all about.

7. There is evidence that Cheney, as CEO of Halliburton, was a patron of the Washington Madam whose client book

of high-class call-girls is causing many in Washington political circles--mostly Republicans it appears, who apparently need to pay for their sex--to sweat. So far no mention of the Cheney angle in the corporate media, though they’ve been having fun with the broader story of a political sex scandal. No mention either of how a brave West Point cadet a few weeks ago refused to shake Cheney’s hand on stage when the vice president was handing out this year’s diplomats at the Army’s premiere officer academy.

8. Among the “worst of the worst” of the “evildoers” captured and held as “enemy combatants” at Guantanamo were children, some of them preteens and kids who were under 15 when captured and brought to the island of Cuba--so many in fact that the military had to set up a special facility, called Camp Iguana, just for adolescent and pre-pubescent “fighters.” The corporate media have barely reported on this atrocity (the New York Times ran only one article mentioning child captives, in June 2005). The only wider coverage of this outrage came recently when the government tried to prosecute one such alleged child “terrorist”--Omar Khadr--only to have the military judge in charge toss his case out because the government had misclassified him.

Khadr, we learned, was captured in 2001 in Afghanistan at the ripe age of 15, making him one of the older child captives brought to and interrogated at Guantanamo. Under international law, the U.S. was supposed to treat this and other child soldiers as victims, not as war criminals. Khadr, a Canadian by birth, instead has spent five years doing hard time in US captivity.

9. Well-researched reports on the rampant theft of both the 2000 and 2004 elections, and on Republican plans for theft of the 2008 election, such as Mark Crispin Miller’s *Fooled Again*, have gone unmentioned in the corporate media. Books on the subject, like Miller’s and like Greg Palast’s best selling *Armed Madhouse*, have never been reviewed.

10. And of course, there’s my own book. *The Case for Impeachment*, despite its having sold over 20,000 copies in hardcover, and despite its having now come out in a mass-market paperback edition, in both cases printed by a mainstream publisher, St. Martin’s Press, has not received a single review in the corporate media. In this, my co-author Barbara Olshansky and I are not alone. None of the books on the impeachable crimes of this administration, including one by Nixon-era impeachment panelist

and former congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman, and one by Judiciary Chair Rep. John Conyers, has been reviewed by a mainstream media outlet.

What we’re talking about here is nothing less than a media blackout of important stories and news.

Thanks to the internet and to the grapevine, and thanks to their basic native intelligence, most Americans seem to understand that we’re being lied to and cheated. What the media blackout of important news does manage to do, however, is keep us all thinking that we are in a minority in opposing things like illegal wars, a trampled Constitution, and stolen elections.

In fact, however, we’re actually the majority. Once we realize this, maybe we will have a movement, instead of a just nation of isolated cynics and complainers.

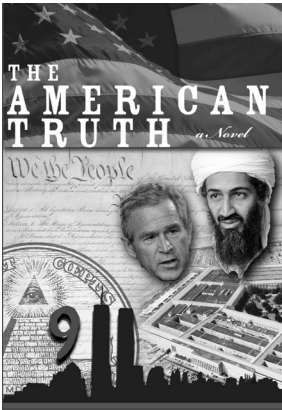
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Book Review

*The American Truth*  
by Nick Shelton, Mill City Press, 2007



This is the second book by this young author--his first novel. The first quarter of the book begins by establishing some facts about the events of 9/11--facts well known within the 911truth community but not by the average reader.

The rest of the book is a novel that follows Nathan Alexander, a former Navy Seal, and Pentagon employee who loses his wife in the 9/11 attack. Nathan believes the official story until he meets Daniel Lewen, who everyone thinks died on 9/11 but he was saved by a well timed warning.

From there the books reads like a cold-war spy thriller, with car chases, clandestine meetings and betrayal. At some points, the writer's youth and lack of Washington-insider experience shows, but the absence of the usual acronym filled language adds to the readability.

Overall, *The American Truth* is a welcome addition to the growing library of 9/11 literature and would make an excellent beach-read.

Book website: [www.AmTruth.com](http://www.AmTruth.com)

Tillman Case Looks Like Murder



To date, there have been at least seven official investigations of Pat Tillman's death in Afghanistan, but in spite of these efforts, the truth keeps leaking out.

For five weeks after his death the Army knew Tillman was cut down by his fellow Army Rangers, but told the public and Tillman's own family that he died in a firefight with enemy militia.

Army medical examiners were suspicious about the close proximity of the three bullet holes in Pat Tillman's forehead and tried without success to get authorities to investigate whether the former NFL player's death amounted to a crime.

"The medical evidence did not match up with the, with the scenario as described," a doctor who examined Tillman's body after he was killed on the battlefield in Afghanistan in 2004 told investigators.

The doctors - whose names were blacked out - said that the bullet holes were so close together that it appeared the Army Ranger was cut down by an M-16 fired from a mere 10 yards or so away.

The report also states that "No evidence at all of enemy fire was found at the scene - no one was hit by enemy fire, nor was any government equipment struck."

The cover-up began immediately. His uniform and diary were burned.

In an effort to block the investigation, false testimony, attributed to Tillman's comrades, was inserted into the record by an un-named army chaplain. At one point "Army attorneys sent each other congratulatory e-mails for keeping criminal investigators at bay as the Army conducted

an internal friendly-fire investigation that resulted in administrative, or non-criminal, punishments."

The Army has now censured retired three star Philip Kensinger for "a failure of leadership" and accused him of lying to investigators probing the aftermath of Tillman's death. When questioned, Kensinger said some 70 times that he had a bad memory and couldn't recall details of his actions.

The Army has now been forced to admit that Tillman was gunned down by Army Rangers. Wesley Clark, appearing on the Olberman show said that the orders must have come from the very top.

Three shots to the head; no one and nothing else hit; evidence destroyed. That can mean only one thing.

Why Was Pat Tillman Murdered?

According to his comrades, when Pat discovered that the invasion of Iraq was based on a mountain of lies and deceit and had nothing to do with defending America, he became infuriated and indicated that he planned to speak out against the war when he returned home.

As far back as March 2003, immediately after the invasion, Tillman famously told his comrade Spc. Russell Baer, "You know, this war is so fucking illegal," and urged his entire platoon to vote against Bush in the 2004 election. Tillman is reported to have planned a meeting with one of his favorite authors, anti-war icon, Noam Chomsky, upon his return but Pat Tillman was cut down before he could speak-out publicly against the war.

History's Lessons

By Paul Joseph Watson

A BBC Radio 4 investigation sheds new light on a major subject that has received little historical attention, the conspiracy on behalf of a group of influential powerbrokers, led by Prescott Bush, to overthrow FDR and implement a fascist dictatorship in the U.S. based around the ideology of Mussolini and Hitler.



USMC Gen. Smedley Butler, "the Fighting Quaker" at the time of his death, the most decorated Marine in U.S. history.

In 1933, Marine Corps Maj.-Gen. Smedley Butler was approached by a wealthy and secretive group of industrialists and bankers, including Prescott Bush the current President's grandfather, who asked him to command a 500,000 strong rogue army of veterans that would help stage a coup to topple then President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

According to the BBC, the plotters intended to impose a fascist takeover and "Adopt the policies of Hitler and Mussolini to beat the great depression."

The conspirators were operating under

the umbrella of a front group called the American Liberty League, which included many families that are still household names today, including Heinz, Colgate, Birdseye and General Motors.

Butler played along with the clique to determine who was involved but later blew the whistle and identified the ringleaders in testimony given to the House Committee on un-American Activities.

However, the Committee refused to even question any of the individuals named by Butler and his testimony was omitted from the record, leading to charges that they were involved in covering the matter up, and the majority of the media blackballed the story.

In 1936, William Dodd, the US Ambassador to Germany, wrote a letter to President Roosevelt in which he stated,

"A clique of US industrialists is hell-bent to bring a fascist state to supplant our democratic government and is working closely with the fascist regime in Germany and Italy. I have had plenty of opportunity in my post in Berlin to witness how close some of our American ruling families are to the Nazi regime.... A prominent executive of one of the largest corporations, told me point blank that he would be ready to take definite action to bring fascism into America if President Roosevelt continued his progressive policies. Certain American industrialists had a great deal to do with bringing fascist regimes into being in both Germany and Italy. They extended aid to help Fascism occupy the seat of power, and they are helping to keep it there. Propagandists for fascist groups try to dismiss the fascist scare. We should be aware of the symptoms. When industrialists ignore

laws designed for social and economic progress they will seek recourse to a fascist state when the institutions of our government compel them to comply with



Prescott Bush, the father of George H. W. Bush was involved in a plot to overthrow the FDR administration in 1933, documents in the National Archive show.

the provisions."

The proven record of Prescott Bush's involvement in financing the Nazi war machine dovetails with the fact that he was part of a criminal cabal that actively sought to impose a fascist coup in America.

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Smedley Butler penned his classic book *War is a Racket*, in 1935.

"War is a racket. It is the only one international in scope. It is the only one in which the profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives."

"There are only two things we should fight for. One is the defense of our homes and the other is the Bill of Rights."

- Smedley Butler



How the Public Relations Industry Sold the Gulf War

By John Stauber and Sheldon Rampton

Hill and Knowlton produced dozens of video news releases (VNRs) at a cost of well over half a million dollars, but it was money well spent, resulting in tens of millions of dollars worth of "free" air time. The VNRs were shown by eager TV news directors around the world who rarely (if ever) identified Kuwait's public relations (PR) firm as the source of the footage and stories. TV stations and networks simply fed the carefully-crafted propaganda to unwitting viewers, who assumed they were watching "real" journalism. After the war Arthur Rowse asked Hill & Knowlton to show him some of the VNRs, but the PR company refused. Obviously the phony TV news reports had served their purpose and it would do H&K no good to help a reporter reveal the extent of deception. In *Unreliable Sources*, authors Martin Lee and Norman Solomon noted that "when a research team from the communications department of the University of Massachusetts surveyed public opinion and correlated it with knowledge of basic facts about US policy in the region, they drew some sobering conclusions. The more television people watched, the fewer facts they knew; and the less people knew in terms of basic facts, the more likely they were to back the Bush administration.

Throughout the campaign, the Wirthlin Group conducted daily opinion polls to help Hill & Knowlton take the emotional pulse of key constituencies so it could identify the themes and slogans that would be most effective in promoting support for US military action. After the war ended, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation produced an Emmy award-winning TV documentary on the PR campaign titled "To Sell a War." The show featured an interview with Wirthlin executive Dee Alsop in which Alsop bragged of his work and demonstrated how audience surveys were even used to physically adapt the clothing and hairstyle of the Kuwait ambassador so he would seem more likeable to TV audiences. Wirthlin's job, Alsop explained, was "to identify the messages that really resonate emotionally with the American people." The theme that struck the deepest emotional chord,

they discovered, was "the fact that Saddam Hussein was a madman who had committed atrocities even against his own people, and had tremendous power to do further damage, and he needed to be stopped."

Every big media event needs what journalist and flacks alike refer to as "the hook." An ideal hook becomes the central element of a story that makes it newsworthy,



The great Iraq War lie. The pictured girl told the world under tears that she saw how Saddam Hussein's soldiers took babies out of their incubators and let them die on the cold floor. In truth she hadn't been in Kuwait at the time. The girl was in fact the daughter of the Kuwaiti ambassador in Washington.

evokes a strong emotional response, and sticks in the memory. In the case of the Gulf War, the "hook" was invented by Hill & Knowlton. In style, substance and mode of delivery, it bore an uncanny resemblance to England's World War I hearings that accused German soldiers of killing babies.

On October 10, 1990, the Congressional Human Rights Caucus held a hearing on Capitol Hill which provided the first opportunity for formal presentations of Iraqi human rights violations. Outwardly, the hearing resembled an official congressional proceeding, but appearances were deceiving. In reality, the Human Rights Caucus, chaired by California Democrat Tom Lantos and Illinois Republican John Porter, was simply an association of politicians. Lantos and Porter were co-chairs of the Congressional Human Rights Foundation, a legally separate entity that occupied free office space valued at \$3,000 a year in Hill & Knowlton's Washington, DC office. Notwithstanding its congressional trappings, the Congressional Human Rights Caucus served as another Hill & Knowlton front group, which -- like all front groups -- used a noble-sounding name to disguise its true purpose.

Only a few astute observers noticed

the hypocrisy in Hill & Knowlton's use of the term "human rights." One of those observers was John MacArthur, author of *The Second Front*, which remains the best book written about the manipulation of the news media during the Gulf War. In the fall of 1990, MacArthur reported, Hill & Knowlton's Washington switchboard was simultaneously fielding calls for the Human Rights Foundation and for "government representatives of Indonesia, another H&K client. Like H&K client Turkey, Indonesia is a practitioner of naked aggression, having seized . . . the former Portuguese colony of East Timor in 1975. Since the annexation of East Timor, the Indonesian government has killed, by conservative estimate, about 100,000 inhabitants of the region.

MacArthur also noticed another telling detail about the October 1990 hearings. "The Human Rights Caucus is not a committee of congress, and therefore it is unencumbered by the legal accouterments that would make a witness hesitate before he or she lied . . . Lying under oath in front of a congressional committee is a crime; lying from under the cover of anonymity to a caucus is merely public relations.

In fact, the most emotionally moving testimony on October 10 came from a 15-year-old Kuwaiti girl, known only by her first name of Nayirah. According to the Caucus, Nayirah's full name was being kept confidential to prevent Iraqi reprisals against her family in occupied Kuwait. Sobbing, she described what she had seen with her own eyes in a hospital in Kuwait City. Her written testimony was passed out in a media kit prepared by Citizens for a Free Kuwait. "I volunteered at the al-Addan hospital," Nayirah said. "While I was there, I saw the Iraqi soldiers come into the hospital with guns, and go into the room where . . . babies were in incubators. They took the babies out of the incubators, took the incubators, and left the babies on the cold floor to die."

In truth she hadn't been in Kuwait at the time. The girl was in fact the daughter of the Kuwaiti ambassador in Washington, USA.

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John Stauber and Sheldon Rampton are authors of "Weapons of Mass Deception" rated by Project Censored as one of the most censored stories of 2004.

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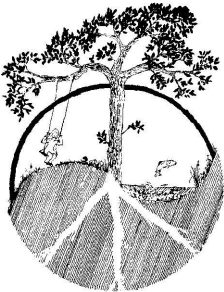
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**CHERTOFF’S GUT FEELING FOR TERRORISM**

Integral to the Cheney strategy has always been to orchestrate a climate of public terror. As Cheney told WLS in Chicago on Friday April 13: It’s important that people remember 9/11.” 9/11 remains the basis of every one of Cheney’s intrigues. One of Cheney’s terror facilitators in this sense is Michael Chertoff, the cadaverous Secretary of Homeland Security. Although an experienced bureaucrat, Chertoff is now contemplating his navel as he searches for new ways to intimidate the American people, who have essentially no natural enemies at all, into the hallucination that they face an acute existential threat of being wiped out from one moment to the next. Chertoff told the editorial board of the Chicago Tribune – once the voice of isolationism – that the US faces an increased danger of attack in the summer of 2007. This wild fabrication, not based on any specific information of any kind that he could cite, Chertoff called his “gut feeling ... the nation faces a heightened chance of an attack this summer.” “I believe we are entering a period this summer of increased risk,” said Chertoff. “Summertime seems to be appealing to them. ... We worry that they are rebuilding their activities.” The desperate demagogues of the Republican Party are facing a hecatomb at the polls in November 2008. Their idea seems to be that of the fascist Prime Minister Aznar of Spain in March 2004: if you are sure to lose an election, stage a terror attack, declare martial law, and perpetuate your power that way. Aznar was stopped by a general strike of about one third of the entire Spanish people. If all else fails, would Americans be capable of a mass strike against war and dictatorship? We may soon find out.

Chertoff’s troubled gut has already given rise to a White House interagency group of top intelligence and law enforcement functionaries that meets every Friday afternoon at 1PM. Will this committee run the coup? Reports followed of dozens of FBI agents fanning out to pursue a “worry list” of some seven hundred alleged leads, including 100 in the New York area. Some of these derived from the recent British terror stunts in London and Glasgow used by MI-5 and MI-6 to smooth the transition from the Tony Blair quasi-police state to the Gordon Brown version of the same thing. MI-5 and MI-6 displayed the same mixture of comic ineptitude and phlegmatic homicide which was their hallmark during the long years when London was the prey of bombs by the “Irish Republican Army,” now revealed to have been top-heavy with government intelligence agents who called the shots. The Glasgow airport event consisted of a burning car crashed into a building, the films of which were shown all afternoon the by the US cable news networks. One was tempted to propose a caption: “Only one burning car – a good day on the Cross-Bronx Expressway.” Yet for one burning car, the world was supposed to stop. These British events had been preceded by several weeks of hysteria about allegedly looming terror attacks against US installations in the Rhein-Main area of Germany, featuring the Wiesbaden spa, all based on CIA claims made to the government in Berlin and relentlessly trumpeted through the controlled media.

**A NEW 9/11 THE KEY TO BOLSTERING WESTERN RESOLVE**

Chertoff’s rationale was illuminated by an interview with Lt. Colonel Doug Delaney, the chair of the war studies program at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, a NATO intelligence center. Delaney was addressing the problems raised by the rising Canadian losses in Afghanistan, but he provided a valuable window into the minds of military planners when he observed, in the words of the interviewer: “It may well be that the key to bolstering Western resolve is another terrorist attack like 9/11 or the London transit bombings of two years ago, he says. If nothing happens, it will be harder still to say this [Canadian meddling in Afghanistan] is necessary.” In other words, it may be time for a new false flag synthetic terror operation to gin up hysteria in North America to permit the present bankrupt elites to retain power and further grind down any spirit of popular resistance to such irrational rule. Chertoff’s fear-mongering was backed up by ousted Republican senator and notorious scoundrel Rick Santorum, who told a radio interviewer that “between now and November, a lot of things are going to happen, and I believe that by this time next year, the American public is going to have a very different view of this war.” Chertoff’s reckless and inflammatory ventriloquism was the harbinger of the new US National Intelligence Estimate issued on July 17.

**THE BOOZ ALLEN NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE: “AL QAEDA” THREAT TO USA LOOMS**

This pitiful NIE ranks with the lying NIEs issued before the attack on Iraq in 2003 as a tissue of lies and prevarications. The main thesis is that al Qaeda branches around the world are striving to infiltrate more operatives into the US for terror attacks on the US “homeland.” “Although we have discovered only a handful of individuals in the United States with ties to al Qaeda senior leadership since 9/11, we judge that al Qaeda will intensify its efforts to put operatives here,” opines the declassified summary of the underlying secret screed. “As a result, we judge that the United States currently is in a heightened threat environment.” (cnn.com, July 17) The new faked NIE has been produced under the supervision of Admiral Michael McConnell, the current US intelligence czar, whose credentials include

ten years at Booz Allen Hamilton, the premier private military firm.

Intelligence community veteran Philip Giraldi of the CIA has dismissed the new NIE with its talk of “high impact plots” against the US as “a tour de force of misinformation disguised as fact.” Giraldi also noted: “It is possibly no coincidence that there has been a significant increase in the anti-Iran rhetoric emanating from both the Bush administration and Congress over the past few weeks, mostly seeking to establish a casus belli by contending that Iran is masterminding lethal attacks against US troops in Iran and NATO forces in Afghanistan.” (antiwar.com, July 17)

**CHENEY’S PERSIAN ADVENTURE**

A nuclear attack on Iran remains the central obsession of the George Shultz-Rupert Murdoch-Cheney faction. On July 10, the Pentagon announced that it would be sending another aircraft carrier battle group, this time that of the USS Enterprise, to the waters off Iran. This means that whenever that carrier joins the two already there, three US attack carriers will be within striking range of Iranian targets. The Pentagon followed up shortly thereafter with another statement, assuring the world that soon only one carrier would patrol off Iran. But that was only a dubious promise, and in the meantime the three carriers would shortly be ready to attack.

**THE ATTACK ON PAKISTAN: MIDSUMMER OF NEOCON MADNESS**

Cheney also has the option of attacking into Pakistan. Cheney had visited Pakistan at the end of February with an obvious ultimatum to General Musharraf to get ready to mount a land war against Iran this summer. Equally and immediately obvious was the fact that Musharraf, who considers himself the heir to the great Mustafa Kemal Atatürk of Turkey, had told the Vice President to go Cheney himself. With Pakistan refusing to attack its neighbor, Cheney suddenly discovered that Osama bin Laden was being protected by Musharraf! The US-UK destabilization of Pakistan began in grand style, with the New York Times helpfully publishing lists of generals whom Washington would be delighted to see take power in a putsch in Islamabad. Pawns of the destabilization included the Chief Justice of Pakistan, reputed to be a British agent, and riots by lawyers in business suits. Then came the slaughter at the Red Mosque, staged by the usual CIA/MI-6 fundamentalists. Pakistan, under tremendous pressure from the US, has announced a military crackdown on so-called Taliban forces in the northern tribal areas of Waziristan, an enterprise sure to stir up a hornet’s nest of resistance even if none had been there before. The neocons demanded that the US invade Pakistan, under the pretext of looking for Osama bin Laden. On July 12, neocon fascist William Kristol told Fox News: “I think the president’s going to have to take military action there over the next few weeks or months.... Bush has to disrupt that sanctuary. I think, frankly, we won’t even tell Musharraf. We’ll do what we have to do in Western Pakistan and Musharraf can say, ‘Hey, they didn’t tell me.’” Ironically, bin Laden’s second in command, reputed MI-6 speaking tube Ayman al Zawahiri, at around the same time issued a fatwa declaring jihad against Musharraf’s Pakistani regime. If Musharraf was harboring Osama, why would al Qaeda declare war against Musharraf? The answer is

The greatest threat now is “a 9/11 occurring with a group of terrorists armed not with airline tickets and box cutters, but with a nuclear weapon in the middle of one of our own cities.”  
Dick Cheney on Face the Nation, CBS, April 15, 2007

what it has always been: “al Qaeda” is a troupe of agents provocateurs founded by the CIA and the British, and remains so until this day. As for the neocon plan to attack Pakistan, it is the very midsummer of madness: if Iran has three time the population of Iraq, Pakistan with 164 million is more than five times more numerous than Iraq. If the neocon plans succeed, the US would soon be at war with almost 300 million people – far too many for the hollow US force of 10 divisions, whatever technology they might possess.

**WARNINGS: RON PAUL, PAUL CRAIG ROBERT’S, CINDY SHEEHAN, PAT BUCHANAN**

Among other authoritative voices across the political spectrum warning of an imminent Bush-Cheney attack on Iran:

Republican Congressman and presidential candidate Ron Paul commented to Alex Jones: “I think we’re in great danger of it. We’re in danger in many ways, the attack on our civil liberties here at home, the foreign policy that’s in shambles and our obligations overseas and commitment which endangers our troops and our national defense.”

Paul Craig Roberts, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury under the Reagan Administration, wrote in his latest column: “Unless Congress immediately impeaches Bush and Cheney, a year from now the US could be a dictatorial police state at war with Iran. Bush has put in place all the necessary measures for dictatorship in the form of ‘executive orders’ that are triggered whenever Bush declares a national emergency. Recent statements by Homeland Security Chief Michael Chertoff, former Republican senator Rick Santorum and others suggest that Americans might expect a series of staged, or false flag, ‘terrorist’ events in the near future.” (Paul Craig Roberts, “Impeach Now or Face the End of Constitutional Democracy,” Counterpunch, July 16, 2007) In a July 19 interview with Thomm Hartmann

of Air America, Roberts cited Bush’s July 17 executive order, which allows the US regime to seize the property of anyone found to be interfering with the reconstruction of Iraq. This radio warning was reported by the RIA-Novosti news agency of Moscow in numerous languages. The Moscow summary, dated July 20, begins: “A former Reagan official has issued a public warning that the Bush administration is preparing to orchestrate a staged terrorist attack in the United States, transform the country into a dictatorship, and launch a war with Iran within a year.”

Pat Buchanan is convinced that the danger of a new war provocation by Bush-Cheney will come in August, when the Democratic Congress will conveniently be out of Washington and on vacation. Buchanan asks important questions:

Is the United States provoking war with Iran, to begin while the Congress is conveniently on its August recess? One recalls that it was in August 1964, after the Republicans nominated Barry Goldwater, that the Tonkin Gulf incident occurred.

Has Bush secretly authorized covert attacks inside Iran? Are US and Israeli agents in Kurdistan behind the attacks across the border to provoke Iran? On July 11, Iranian troops clashed with Kurd rebels inside Iran, and the Iranians fired artillery back into Iraq.

Is this yet another abdication by Congress of its moral and constitutional duty to decide when and whether America goes to war?

Why is Congress going on vacation? Why are a Democratic-controlled House and Senate not asking these questions in public hearings? Why is Congress letting Bush and Vice President Cheney decide whether we launch a third war in the Middle East? Or is Congress in on it?” (“Tonkin Gulf II and the Guns of August?,” World Net Daily, July 17, 2007)

Based on the John Olver remarks, the Democrats are in on it. As for Buchanan, he should say these things on MSNBC.

Also warning of new war provocations was Cindy Sheehan, who traveled to Washington DC to declare her challenge to failed House Speaker Pelosi. She commented that there was a “distinct possibility” that America will be hit with another staged terror attack that will allow Bush to enact the martial law provisions he recently imposed by executive order. These measures allow Bush to declare a domestic state of emergency in response to virtually any minor incident anywhere in the world. (Paul Joseph Watson, Prison Planet, July 12, 2007, “Sheehan: Distinct Chance Of Staged Attack, Martial Law; Peace Mom warns of false flag terror as she prepares to take on sell-out Pelosi.”)

**US IRAQ SUPPLY LINES IN GRAVE DANGER**

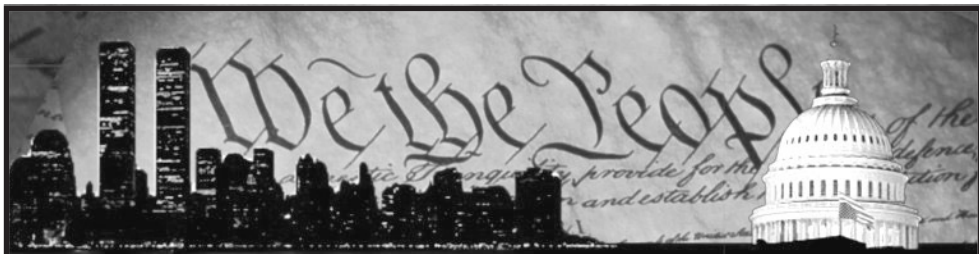
Washington still cultivates delusions of grandeur: the moment of truth for Iraq will be in mid-September, or perhaps in November or December.... But, as one British writer once put it, what if the bear blows first? What if US forces in Iraq experience catastrophic military defeat at some point in the future? What if it takes the form of pocketing or encirclement, the “Dunkirk if you’re lucky, Stalingrad if you’re not so lucky” outcome?

It is not clear whether or when Iraqi resistance forces will move decisively to attack the Achilles heel of the US occupation forces,

the 400-mile truck convoys between Kuwait City and Baghdad, but the longer the US forces continue their present futile efforts, the more likely this tragic outcome will become. These are trucks driven by Pakistanis, Turks, Bangladeshis, and Filipinos, and protected by private military contractors – by poorly armed mercenaries. A recent report by Jim Michaels in USA Today indicates that the strategy most dangerous to the US forces is indeed gaining ground among the resistance: Michaels writes that “attacks on supply convoys protected by private security companies in Iraq have more than tripled as the US government depends more on armed civilian guards to secure reconstruction and other missions. There were 869 such attacks from the beginning of June 2006 to the end of May this year. For the preceding 12 months, there were 281 attacks.” Of all the news coming out of Iraq, this is perhaps the most ominous. Any military debacle by the US forces in Iraq would be immediately blamed on Iran, and would infallibly be seized upon by Cheney as a pretext for massive retaliation against Iran.

**DOLLAR HYPERINFLATION A FACTOR**

An important contributing factor in the Cheneyac war hysteria is the beginning of dollar hyperinflation. Two Bear Sterns hedge funds have blown up, wiping out \$9 billion of capital in a few days, and “Helicopter” Ben Bernanke of the Federal Reserve says that the subprime mortgage bubble meltdown will lead to \$100 billion in losses by US banks, and this is clearly a lowball figure. Two analysts quoted by the Toronto Globe and Mail on July 19 suggest that the entire US banking establishment may now be looking at a 15% to 20% devaluation because of mortgage-related losses. Only frenetic pumping in of new dollar liquidity by Helicopter Ben and his men is staving off big bankruptcies, but this sloshing liquidity spells hyperinflation. The Dow has



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<b>Wednesday, September 12</b>	<b>Lobby Training</b> - Church of the Reformation 212 East Capitol St, Washington, DC
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passed 14,000, but the dollar has also reached an all-time low of almost \$1.40 to a euro, with a 26-year low against the British pound. With oil well above \$75 and gold above \$680 per ounce, while raw materials and food prices skyrocket, the US may soon resemble Germany of 1923, when people took their money to the grocery store in a wheelbarrow, and brought home their purchases in their pocket. Small wonder that the worldwide dumping of the bankrupt US dollar continues apace, with Iran now asking Japan to pay for oil transactions in yen, cutting Wall Street out of another lucrative commodity flow.

**US SITUATION TRAGIC**

These points bring into sharp relief the dire predicament of our tragically drifting country in the summer of 2007, a summer which Cheney’s backers and controllers are determined to transform into the Summer of Fear. Skeptics may object that they have heard all this before – in the spring and the autumn of 2004, in the late summer of 2005, and in March-April of 2007 – and that so far the general war with Iran had not occurred. This is true, but it is no argument against the urgency of the warnings that the present writer and others have issued from time to time over the last three years. It only shows that the world has been lurching and careening along the edge of a much wider war in the Middle East since about May of 2004 at the latest. For much of this time we have lived in the shadow of the Cheney doctrine, which calls for a nuclear attack on Iran in the wake of a new super 9/11 terrorist provocation (coming from the bowels of the US intelligence community) – as revealed by Philip Giraldi in The American Conservative in August of 2005. Each time some combination of internal US institutional resistance and inertia, objections by NATO allies, and foreign threats or pressure have somehow avoided the worst. So far we have muddled through. But Cheney’s backers and controllers – the ones designated as the Cheneyacs in this analysis – have unfailingly pulled themselves together after each rebuff, and have marshaled their forces for a new drive over the brink of the abyss. As long as Bush and Cheney are in power, as long as the 9/11 rogue networks in the US intelligence community continue their work unpurged and undisturbed, we will face one war emergency after another, until the likely moment when humanity’s luck runs out. Under any political system committed to its own survival, each of the Cheneyac war drives over the past three years should have lead to the impeachment, removal from office, and indictment of the dour and snarling old reprobate himself, and a general mop-up of his followers. It is the fact that the corrupt and cowardly parliamentary cretins of the Democratic Party have failed to impeach and oust Bush-Cheney over the last six months since they took power which represents the most immediate cause of the fix we are now in. Congressman Kucinich has introduced the needed articles against Cheney, but the Pelosi-Reid opportunists have been hostile to this needed measure. It is time for honest activists to join with the Philadelphia Platform to get on with the business at hand before martial law is imposed by these neocon fascist madmen, since by then it may be too late.

**BRZEZINSKI: “A TERRORIST ACT IN THE US BLAMED ON IRAN”**  
The Democratic Party Congressional

leadership has known all about Cheney’s plans for six months or more, as can be shown from the public record. On February 1, 2007, Zbigniew Brzezinski warned the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of ongoing machinations designed to procure war with Iran and beyond: “A plausible scenario for a military collision with Iran involves Iraqi failure to meet the benchmarks, followed by accusations of Iranian responsibility for the failure; then by some provocation in Iraq or a terrorist act in the US blamed on Iran; culminating in a ‘defensive’ US action against Iran that plunges a lonely America into a spreading and deepening quagmire eventually ranging across Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.” Over the past half year, events have followed Brzezinski’s scenario closely. Blaming Iran for the missed benchmarks in Iraq is now the daily stock in trade of the Bush administration and the US Central Command, who whine continuously about Iranian interference in Iraq. There have been several military provocations in Iraq which the US has tried to pin on Iran, most notably March 23, 2007 incident involving 15 British Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel who were taken into custody by the Iranians. This incident was a part of Cheney’s winter-spring war drive, which peaked with two US B-1 bombers deliberately violating Iranian airspace over the city of Abadan in oil-rich Khuzestan province on March 31. This crisis was defused by a mobilization of persons of good will around the world, with Russian President Putin and the RIA-Novosti news agency playing a critical role. In particular, a pointed March 28 warning from Putin to Bush about attacking Iran created enough uncertainty in Washington about how Moscow might respond to nuclear aggression against Iran so that cooler heads than Cheney’s prevailed.

**FIGHT BACK WITH THE PHILADELPHIA PLATFORM**

That leaves us with Brzezinski’s third scenario point: a terrorist act in the US blamed on Iran. What Brzezinski is talking about here is high treason, insurrection, genocide, high crimes against humanity under US law and the Nuremberg Code. Why has he not been called upon to tell all he knows about this sinister plot, so obviously operating through the Cheney-Addington office, and through Eliot Abrams at the White House? Because the Democrats who heard that warning – Senators Biden, Dodd, and Obama on the committee, plus Hillary Clinton – have done nothing to raise a hue and cry, hold hearings, issue subpoenas, demand documents, or begin impeachment hearings against those involved. The Democratic Party must therefore be seen as fully complicit under the Nuremberg Code in any future crimes by Cheney regarding a wider war in the Middle East. The Democratic Party has failed, and the viable peace movement must now organize independently on a multi-issue basis including 9/11 truth, as called for in the July 4, 2007 Philadelphia Platform, which can be seen at actindependent.org.



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