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reference to International Bankers. Any highlighting is Hatonn's [**MM: or definitely mine**], not mine. Enjoy. Read it slowly and carefully, and read it again.

For verification of some aspects of this information, I recommend the following excerpts from *Editorial Research Reports* (a publication of our Congress) available at your public library.

OPEC: 10 years after the Arab oil boycott. Sept. 23, 1983.

World Debt Crisis. Jan. 21, 1983.

and the following from the *Congressional Record*, December 5, 1979; pages 34793-4: An account of the Connection between Rockefeller, Carter, Kissinger, Chase Manhattan Bank, and how the Shah's money was removed from Iran.

December 20, 1979; pages 37630-2, 37640-2: Accounts of Sen. George Hansen's trip to Iran to negotiate with Iranians for the release of the hostages.

It is up to you to decide whether our Congress is a more credible source of information than a Pleiadian is. [**MM: talk about a No-Brainer!!!**]  
—Greg

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I found this last night on the Info.Paranet (Paranet) Echo.

It's a posting by Greg Lush and whether you believe it, reject it or laugh at it is up to you. I found it intriguing and have seen correlations of some of the material presented in other texts. You may have to read this a few times to comprehend it. (just a suggestion.)

Many thanks to Greg for taking the time to type it up and post it.

I ask you to note the date of writing for this document. The scribe who receives the radio frequencies from Hatonn is 'Dharma'. **Also, when Hatonn seems to "predict" in this writing, he is guessing based on probabilities. You must remember that humans are in control of these planes, so these humans have the ability to change the probabilities.** The Pleiadians speak of two types of 'grey men'. One is our familiar little gray aliens, the other is a

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## The “Grey Men” Tape

This is an edited transcription of a lecture taped April 23, 1988. The information is valid and, if anything, more easily recognized today.—**Hatonn**

Let us call the group which has elaborate—and successful—plans to rule your nation and your world, the Internationalists. When I refer to the Internationalists I am referring to a very Elite group of about twelve to thirteen ‘families’. These “families” hold your “purse strings”—zipper and lock, to all the bags of money in your world. Sound impossible? Nay, it is not only possible, it is extremely easy to visualize after I have explained it to you.

As I move along, I will give you some names and places whereby you can check it out on an individual basis. I wish never to place any human at risk, however, so in all instances I will only refer to those already having come forth with ‘public’ statements or information.

I will also have to explain a few terms used to have any sense of continuity. Therefore, as we move along, forgive me for any digression in attempt to give a definition, e.g., of ‘fractional banking’.

First, you must fully come into understanding that there truly ARE the Elite few, with plans well founded and functioning, who control both the world financial markets and ultimately will control all peoples of the world. Do not err in your thoughts by thinking I am speaking of ‘someone else in the world’, I speak more for the United States of America than I do of the remainder of your world.

As I pull portions of the puzzle together for this document, I shall again be referring to such groups as the Trilateral Commission, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Bilderbergers. Forgive me if I am repetitious. I may need to be repetitious in order to fit the pieces in proper perspective.

You must know that there are certain families (literally) that control the hard currency. The countries wherein these families abide are known as hard-currency countries. These thirteen families have control of the policy making and the decision making of the central banks of those countries. They are owners, these families, of the majority of the stock of the regional banks of the Federal Reserve System. ‘Federal Reserve’ would indicate to the more uninformed, that this is a Federal Government Branch. This is untrue, the Federal Reserve System is NOT a branch of your federal government. Just as these families control the regional banks of the Federal Reserve System, they also control the currencies that are not allowed to fluctuate. Note here that the American dollar is the standard against which all other currency is measured. All other nations are affected according to the changing values of the dollar. Not only do these families control the currencies, but they likewise control the banks. This, friends, is in all the leading nations of your world.

For ease of understanding, let us just consider the industrialized nations at this point. I will also need to explain fractional banking to you, because without understanding the lending system you cannot get the picture properly. All of the banks under control of these families practice fractional banking—and beyond (sometimes there is no hard money present at all). But, let us explain by example on a personal level.

### FRACTIONAL BANKING

This is actually referred to as fractional ‘reserve’ banking. Lenders are allowed to loan a maximum of up to 20 to one. This is perfectly legal, practiced by every lending institution in America and elsewhere.

Example: Mr. A goes to his friendly banker, Mr. B, and deposits one thousand dollars (\$1000) into Mr. B’s bank. Mr. B’s bank is a Savings and Loan so Mr. B puts the \$1000 into his own savings account. The Savings and Loan is required by your laws, to keep only 5% in reserve. They are allowed to loan out 95% of the money invested or 95% of that which is placed into savings accounts. This means of \$1000 there is \$950 which is available to be loaned out. In turn the Savings and Loan takes the \$950 and loans it to Mr. C to do some home repairs, let us say. This gentleman takes his borrowed \$950 and goes to the local hardware/lumber company and purchases supplies, lumber, nails, etc.

The lumber company carries on regular banking and therefore, he goes to his bank with the \$950 for deposit, to Bank D. Bank D is now required to keep 5% but can loan out 95% which would be \$902.50. Bank D now loans that to Mr. X who in turn filters it back into the economy, let us suppose, through the grocery store and other business stores. He spends it and now we have that money end up in Bank Z. Bank Z is required keep 5%. That means that Bank Z can loan out \$857.37. It is again loaned and filtered back in to the economy. This is continued right down to zero. With your \$1000 deposit those bankers using fractional reserve banking are now allowed to loan out \$20,229.60. This is practiced by EVERY lending institution in America and elsewhere. The amounts above do not include ‘interest’ on the money borrowed—only the principal amount.

You must now keep it in mind that this results in an increase in the money supply through the Federal Reserve System. Your ‘big boys’ simply turn up the speed of your money presses and run them a little faster and faster in order to pump more in to the economy just to boost up the fractional reserve banking. Let me remind you to **keep in mind that the thirteen families control all of the hard currencies of the world and are allowed to practice this fractional reserve banking**—this will be important as we move along.

### THE OIL CRISIS

We will now talk about something referred to, on your planet, as ‘System 2000’, which is a Global Creditors Unilateral plan. This plan went into effect somewhere about the early 1970s. At that time a pentagon official and several other officials visited Nigeria. They went to the Prime Minister and paid him fifty million dollars (\$50 million) to raise the price of his oil to more than double. Nigerian oil is ‘light crude’ of quality such that it is almost pure enough to burn immediately, without distillation, in automobiles. This type of oil sets the price of oil for the entire world. The \$50 million was cash across the board with no repayment requirements if Nigeria would double the price of light crude.

We will refer to this as light oil. There are only two locations in the world that have this light oil and, of course, it is the most valuable oil in your world, therefore, it is the standard against which all other oil in the world is measured. So, whoever controlled the price of the light oil at that time controlled the price of all of the oil in the world.

At this point, let us bring the Arabs into this scenario. This will also bring in the Trilateral

Commission—that also includes Mr. G.H.W. Bush. It was now time to bring pressure and persuasion to OPEC. What most of you Americans do not remember is that the United States of America IS A MEMBER OF OPEC.

It is kept most low profile.

At that time a ‘deal was cut’ with the Middle Eastern Oil Producers and this is how it went; all buyers were prepared to pay significantly higher prices for the oil—PROVIDED—all Middle Eastern nations supported the United States of America, BY INVESTING THE REVENUES INTO THE BIG BANKS IN AMERICA.

To make this picture clear, you must remember that the Arabs, who are wealthy sheiks today, had been wandering around on camelback in a very big desert. They were nomads and they were certainly most unsophisticated in business affairs. Years earlier when the international bankers found out that there was oil in their countries, they went forth and persuaded the Arabs to allow them to produce the oil by financing the oil fields, drilling, rigging—all supplies including expertise.

After the bankers financed the oil fields, they then charged the Arabs usury fees for building the supply systems—along with refineries. The usury was quickly repaid because the Arabs became very rich, very quickly. (Way back then you were only paying about 30 cents per gallon in your gasoline stations.) Let us now take it further, you go to Nigeria and pay them to double the price of light crude. Unbeknownst to the Arabs, those ones who had become wealthy overnight and didn’t know zero about business, much less international finance, the nomads, you call them together and say, ‘We will take the price of crude just as high as you want it to go—IF—you will deposit an established portion of the funds that you get from this NEW PROFIT RISE IN 30-YEAR TIME CERTIFICATES IN CERTAIN MAJOR U.S. BANKS.

Perhaps you ones can now understand the problems you experienced in your early 1970s. Remember the gas lines and the prices of oil skyrocketing? It was because the international bankers, who hold the purses of the world, knew that the increase in the price of oil that was going to the Arabs would come rushing right back to their banks in 30-year time certificates of deposit.

Turn now to the 30-year time deposits and let us examine the banker’s plans. Back in the late 70s and early 80s Sheik Yamani and his bunch had no idea that there was a connection between those banks, or that they were the same people that had the controlling interest of the major oil companies. Do you see what has been woven here? After all, how could the camel-riding nomads realize the international bankers were ‘having them’ hook, line and up to the fishing pole? How could they possibly know that what was happening through these oil companies, was that the monies were being cycled right back into the selected, no exceptions, banking system? They couldn’t and they didn’t!

### THE CONTROLLING TRUST

Going a long ways back now, in the 1870s, the Rockefellers set up something called a Joint Stock Trust. Here I will add, this was just a brief period of time before the American Government declared these trusts illegal. BUT, YOU SEE, THESE ONES COULD FUNCTION FOREVER UNDER WHAT YOU CALL A ‘GRANDFATHER’ CLAUSE. THAT BROTHERS, IS THE ULTIMATE CONTROLLING FACTOR IN AMERICA OF THE PRIME BANKS AND THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD. That ‘trust’ is in the control of the Rockefeller Foundation and, in turn,

controls the Federal Reserve Bank and is the method whereby the Internationalists are able to gain control of the currency of the U.S.A.

Does it begin to become reasonable that those New York banks are showing all-time record earnings? Yet, all around the rest of your country of the U.S., banks and Savings and Loans are going broke and failing. **THAT, FRIENDS, MEANS YOU ARE BEING MANIPULATED RIGHT ALONG WITH THE ARABS AND EQUALLY AS BLINDLY—WITH NO RECOURSE.**

Let us come back now, and speak of the deal which was “cut” (your ones in power love that term) with the Saudi Arabians and ones of the Middle East. These ones were required to put their money into the prime banks; keep in mind that they did not know that the prime banks were able to lend in amounts of twenty to one. (20 to 1 was quite a while ago, it is higher at present.) All they were receiving was the interest on the money they had deposited. Worse for them, in some of these countries it is unacceptable to receive interest for religious reasons so they might wait thirty years to get any money from their certificates of deposit. In other words, they did not know that this fractional type of banking could be done, but through this, the bankers of the world were able to gain control of the money of the Arab world, and in turn the Arab world only received back part of the interest from the money that they placed into the International Banking System—**UNDER THESE 30-YEAR TIME DEPOSIT CERTIFICATES.**

Through the money gained from the Arabs through the manipulation of the price of oil, and taking the price of gasoline from, let us say, 30 cents a gallon to \$1.25 a gallon—there is a lot of money being made. Now, with that money returning into the international banks at 20 to 1, I think you can see the staggering profits. Let us face facts, friends, that money originally came from YOU. Because the bankers had locked in the deposits they were then, in turn, able to make loans to Third World nations.

### **ENTER THIRD WORLD NATIONS**

Think back fifteen or twenty years ago when the International Bankers started investing in Third World country loans. **LOOK VERY CLOSELY AT THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE GOING BANKRUPT (COMPLETELY BROKE) TODAY. IT WAS FULLY INTENDED THAT THOSE COUNTRIES GO BROKE AND I WILL EXPLAIN THAT IN A LITTLE BIT.**

You might wonder how I know so much. Well, I have the best computer system in the universe and all I have to do is key it up and it is spread out before me. My computers rarely reflect errors; only changes in ‘probabilities’ and perturbations in human action and reactions.

I am sorry, friends, your friendly bankers set it up deliberately so that the Third World countries would go broke. You have to pay attention to history and look back to the time when those Third World countries were beginning to gain independence and setting up independent governments. It was at such times that these bankers loaned the upstarts great sums of money which actually had come to them through the Arabs, basically.

The international bankers not only wanted, but insured, that these borrowing countries would misuse the funding. It was fully intended that the

funds could be mismanaged through greed and simply be squandered. You must remember that the leaders of these countries had never governed anything or anybody. They knew nothing about government. They had been colonies under the governorship of other larger countries.

The international bankers knew that the leaders were bound to squander the funds. It was known they would have no way to know what to do with them (and they were massive) and so the cycle goes. They were actually squandering money taken from you through the Arabs through high oil prices, etc. Let us now follow it on through.

### **PUNISHING TEXAS**

I will hereby digress to a story from Dharma’s Earth home state—Texas—most of you have heard of it. Let us go back some years (not too many) to jog some memories. Do you remember someone named John Connelly, who was governor of Texas? Do you recall that he was also in the vehicle and was injured during John Kennedy’s assassination? Well, Mr. Connelly was also Under Secretary of the Treasury—he was a lot of things and titles. These ones with Mr. Connelly did a most fascinating thing—they planned to implement a new currency for the State of Texas. You see, Texas is a part of the Union only through a renewable ‘treaty’. The treaty is automatically renewed every year, but it isn’t necessary that it be renewed. That means, friends, that the U.S. only has a treaty with Texas to keep it in the union of states. It was not voted in as were your other states.

Texas was at one time—I believe your term might be ‘filthy rich’. The state was wealthy and there were many very, very wealthy individuals. Rich individuals such as the Hunt brothers, who actually had nothing originally, but became extremely wealthy, overnight, by OIL. That was all the way back when oil was first struck and became so popular.

I am truly going to tie all this together but you must bear with me, for there are so many facets. I must make it clear what I am going to say. I will explain to you why, if you don’t already know, it was so very important to ones of ‘the opposition’, and why there was an assassination attempt against Mr. Connelly’s life as well as Kennedy’s.

Why are those men ‘broken’ today and a state in severe financial trouble? It is because the Internationalists learned of what the Hunt brothers and Mr. Connelly were trying to do. Texas, a state by treaty, can legally secede from your union. The Hunt brothers and Mr. Connelly knew that Texas had the ability to set up their own country and have their own currency. That is why they could be solvent and not be under the dictates of the Federal Reserve System. Or, simply stated, under the control of the international bankers.

At about the same time, they were in the process of gaining a corner on the silver of the world. This was in order to finance a process whereby they could overcome the international bankers and it was at that point the Hunt brothers were smashed. John Connelly was almost killed, and Texas, which could have been the only state in the union to fulfill breaking out of the trap, has been punished with some extremely major problems. Today, portions of Dallas and Fort Worth, Houston and other wealthy, wealthy cities have gone on to resemble

ghost towns in your Old West. Ones who had grown rich in the oil industry have been severely punished, the Hunts and Connelly are bankrupt.

The Internationalists became so incensed, so angry, at what these Texans had done that they broke the back of the oil industry, and the major oil producers of Texas. It was a well-designed plan and executed in perfection.

When one attempts to interfere with the plans of the international bankers, you can see what the results can be. The Hunt brothers were working directly with the Shah of Iran, on the above plan. Immediately thereafter one of the Texas bankers was killed, the Shah of Iran deposed, and the Hunt brothers were forced into bankruptcy.

There are many ways the international bankers can get revenge on ones who attempt interference with their overall plan; through murder, or you might well be placed into a mental institution and locked away permanently, or you can have trumped-up charges brought against you whereby you are locked away indefinitely in prison. This latter has also happened to numerous ones in the ‘UFO’ investigation circles who find and bring forth truth. It is exactly what happened to Colonel Wendelle Stevens. Colonel Stevens probably has investigated more UFO incidents than any other individual. Further, an assassination plot was arranged and attempted while Colonel Stevens was incarcerated. Strangely, the perpetrator, who dressed as a religious leader, was caught in the act, turned over to the FBI, and has never been heard from again. So be it.

### **THE SHAH’S DEATH**

If you will recall, the Shah of Iran was in perfect health when he was deposed and departed Iran. He was only declared to be sick after he reached the United States. You were told he was being held in ‘protective’ custody at a military base. There, you were also told, he was being treated for his illness—which was not present at the time of his arrival. He died anyway, didn’t he? Face it—his death was planned and the murder executed.

In your present months there is an international uproar over the use of chemical and germ warfare utilized in Iran and Iraq. Some of the viruses cannot be traced—nor, in such above instances, would anyone dare to pursue it.

Who would question a man becoming ill, being treated and then expiring unexpectedly? Certainly no one in the United States would question it. You were uncomfortable enough just having the man in your country. Death can most effectively be brought about in any number of non-traceable ways; one of which is through micro-dots and variations of vibration frequencies, as well as through viruses. (This is exactly what happened to Dharma, in her own dwelling—causing cardiac arrest. We just happen to have her under constant monitoring, for she is a receiver of several of us in this higher-frequency dimension; therefore, we can catch these attempts and counter them. Doesn’t do much for the mental relaxation of the victim, however.)

### **THE HOSTAGE STORY**

You can get verification of these little stories from Senator John Hansen of your own government. I am going to speak of Iran and your people who were taken hostage. I doubt many of you have heard the truth of the matter.

Senator Hansen was in the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. He knew what was happening in Iran and requested permission to go to Iran and investigate. Congress refused. Mr. Hansen then purchased his own private airline ticket and proceeded to Iran anyway.

When Senator Hansen arrived, the one called Khomeini proffered an audience. Guess what Khomeini said? He said, 'We don't want these hostages, certainly not any more than you want us to have them'. 'As a matter of fact,' Khomeini continued; 'I'd like to give you these hostages, at least half of them anyway, and you can take them home with you tomorrow morning. That is, Mr. Hansen, if you will promise to begin an investigation into the relationship between the Shah of Iran, Chase Manhattan Bank, Mr. Henry Kissinger and your President Carter.'

At this point, Senator Hansen was most delighted. He rushed to call back to the U.S. to someone who could give authorization and said 'Hey, I can bring half of the hostages home tomorrow. How shall I arrange it?' The person on the other end of the line said, 'Well, I will call you back tomorrow and let you know.' Now please guess what happened on the following morning? When the call was placed back to Mr. Hansen, he was told the following, 'Get yourself on the next airplane coming to America. Come home immediately. Do not bring hostages. Do not do any negotiating. You have no right to speak the part of the Congress of the United States of America even if you are a congressman. Get home immediately with no further discourse.'

Here is what he found upon his return to Washington—that the incident was entered into the *Congressional Record*. Further he found that President Carter knew the hostages were going to be taken and further—knew that they were there for a reason and he was not to interfere. Now, you ones get yourself ready for a bomb if you have not already had access to this exposé. The release of the hostages in Iran was negotiated by a negotiator of Chase Manhattan Bank in New York, U.S.A. All outside overt and covert attempts to gain release was a facade. Ask any Marine who was involved in the military efforts thereof.

Is it really any wonder to you ones that Iran is all ticked off at you today? Those hostages, and America, were held in terror while bankers got the Shah's money safely into their banks before the Shah was killed and then, in turn, got much of the money belonging to Iran. A pretty wicked way to get Iran's money into the Chase Manhattan Bank so it could remain solvent and be one of the wealthiest institutions in the entire world.

### SLEIGHT OF HAND

The international banks formed bank 'holding companies' so that they could not be held responsible. The Chase Manhattan, Chemical Bank and J.P. Morgan's bank were the predominant banks for money deposited by the Arabs. The holding companies were formed in order to loan out money to the Third World countries while knowing full well that the Third World countries were going to go broke.

After the Shah had been destroyed and the money was safely in the banks, there were massive

amounts of money loaned to Third World countries. These notes were shifted from the banks to the bank holding companies in anticipation of the eventual bankruptcy of the borrowing countries.

One holding company was for the purpose of loaning money to the Third World countries. The purpose of the second holding company was to borrow money from the international bank in order to purchase agricultural lands. That means farms and also certain corporations in the United States. The farms and businesses will probably continue to make some money, but the Third World countries are destined to go down. This is ongoing, dear ones, not a passing fancy.

### WATCH THE HANDS

We are going to now consider currency on a world basis. We will also point out why some of the monetary plans and money-making formats are valid and viable.

Let us speak a bit about Mr. Marcos who was recently deposed from the Philippines. This is most typical, friends, so watch the hands closely. A representative of the international bankers' bank went to those ones and said, 'Mr. Marcos, we will forgive all of your loans. You cannot pay them back, you cannot pay back the interest, you can't pay back the principal, but we would like to make you a bargain. We will just forgive the loans.'

Digress time: Remember, who did that money belong to that they loaned out to these Third World places? It was not the bankers'. Well, of course, it was all that Arab money, because of the higher oil prices that the people all over the world had paid. So, back to what the bankers say, 'We'll just forgive your loans, the principal and the interest and you never have to pay it back—IF (ALWAYS THE IF). The 'if' goes about as follows: You have to do away with your national currency, whatever it is. The dollar will be your currency basis of value. You will be set up with a type of debit card system instead of the usual currency system. Then, too, you must give us perpetual rights to all of the natural resources in your country.

Interestingly enough, it was right after that little gift gesture, that friendly little suggestion, that Mr. Marcos was deposed. Why do you suppose that happened? **Well, Mr. Marcos was pretty feisty and he told the international bankers where they could go right after they got immediately out of his country. He had no intention of giving them sovereignty over his country and look what happened.**

Everyone in that country found that suddenly their social security number was synonymous with their credit number; further, their central bank was to act as a wholesaler for credit, which in turn, was extended to it by the new super bank which was announced by your Mr. Paul Volker in the fall of 1985. That was ratified immediately by President Reagan. Just a fun aside for you who love to play with numbers and speculate about coincidence—the names and numbers, the digits, added up to six. Lots of things around Mr. Reagan add up to sixes—even his retirement home address. I take very little stock in these things, but many of you seem to like the game. Also, because a President is not reelected does not mean he is vanquished from the fray.

A further contingent condition of the benevolent gift, if you will, of the International Monetary Fund, was that in order to help the economy of those

countries the IMF was going to nominate external, nondomestic corporations to properly engineer, exploit and excavate the minerals of those said countries who had just put those same mineral resources up as collateral. This would all, thereby, supposedly bring prosperity to those striving nations.

Mr. Marcos was a bit sharper up front, however, and he pinpointed on the word PERPETUAL in the contract. He realized that quite obviously he would be signing away the sovereignty of his nation.

I make no comment or judgement regarding Mr. Marcos as a person, nor do I make comment about any individual—those ones are of human format, not mine. I am just telling you the way it is and how some things happened.

In the case of the Marcoses, it was only a matter of weeks before the bankers brought down the guillotine blade. Riots were financed by, and originated through, ones of the international bankers' groups. It is never humanly wise to cross these ones; you see Mr. and Mrs. Marcos were exploiting the people well enough on their own and did not wish to share.

### WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?

Ah, let us not forget those holding companies of which I spoke. Remember holding companies one and holding companies two? The second group was receiving credit from the first group of holding companies to purchase assets and liabilities from the 'prime' banks. The only liabilities they would purchase were liabilities represented by Certificates of Deposits of the Arab nations. The assets they were buying were loans made to the debtor nations. Remember, it was designed that Third World countries would default on the loans which would bankrupt the holding companies which had purchased the Arab's CDs from the banks.

At such a point, the international bankers say to the Arabs, 'OK fellows, sorry, but all those billions of dollars in 30-year term deposits that you have been depositing all these years are gone. They were sold to a holding company, unattached to us, which loaned the money to Third World countries which are bankrupt—broke—gone kaput. Sorry, Mr. Arab, but as of today you are bankrupt. Just like that—all gone!'

You might ask, 'Is it possible for the Arab world to go bankrupt? Really now, the richest people in the world with all that oil?' It is a little bit shocking isn't it? Poor souls, they didn't even know those CDs had been 'sold' to those holding companies. They had deposited the money right into the New York bank as required. How could they possibly know they were transferred out and into bankruptcy-destined companies? How could they understand the inner manipulations of international financiers? They were nomads, they didn't know anything about business. One cannot even consider them foolish. How much of this intrigue do you know, much less understand? The Arabs could not know what they were up against. But now let us look at what has happened. Before the end of 1986 the Arab world became a bit aware of what was happening to them. The word went out that before May 1st, 1987 millions and millions had to be transferred out of the Arab world into America, to start preparing for doomsday. Money was to be shifted into any kind of securities that were even halfway decent. Why do you think this was so? It was so that when the Arab sheiks came to the point of bankruptcy

they could be sure the people under them, those millions of people of the Arab countries who have literally been 'kept' by give-away programs, could not get at them. They would have a place to run to and, hopefully, hide. Well, when this all comes down that these Arab countries have literally been sold out, innocently or knowingly, there will be uprisings, turmoil and literally, massacres abounding. It is going to happen, friends, right in the Arab nations.

This is why they have purchased, and set in place, silkworm-type missiles from China. Long-range, nuclear-capable, and they have the nuclear devices to arm them. Could it be they will be needed against their own peoples? The people are going to be quite irritated when they are no longer receiving anything from the oil revenues, that their own country is bankrupt and that further, they were sold out by their own leaders. At that point there will be mass migration of sheiks headed for America where they have already transferred the most of their assets.

The Arabs were trying to make the big purchases by May of 1988; it is now a year-and-a-half later. Do you not think things might be starting to come down pretty soon? Could it be relatively correlated in timing to Savings and Loan problems and private pension plan troubles and failing economy and... and...?

I continue to see problems as I look on my scanners. The probability of you making it into your 1990 before a major depression is not reflected there. I see no way for you to make it past your fall season.

You only need a couple more countries to default and your monetary system will collapse. You sit on the target for several methods of pulling you down into collapse. Well, back to the original story.

We are talking of holding companies in trouble. The international bankers have removed responsibility from themselves. They passed the notes, etc. on to the holding companies who in turn made the bad loans. All that money belonging to the Arabs has been passed into the holding companies. All the international bankers have to do is say to the Arabs, 'You are broke. As of today—all gone!' When the Arabs demand payment of the 30-year-term notes, the holding companies are insolvent—simple as that, no funds—broke.

Do you see now, that this group 'made' people some years back and now they can 'break' them with equal speed and efficiency without being accountable?

I fear, friends, it is not very different from what is being done unto you dear ones. BUT, that is another story.

Here things began to happen rapidly and with sleight-of-hand. There have followed myriad of liquidations, foreclosures and bankruptcies which were effected by the FDIC and FSLIC which are under the total control of the Federal Reserve Board. Literally dozens of banks all over America quickly were, and are, being bought up. But the big question is by whom? Who has the money in sufficient amounts to make such purchases? The great sums come from the higher-oil-price money that goes to the Arabs, then deposited into the international bankers' banks. The banks being purchased are then intentionally closed. Some of those banks are still solvent. They are also buying up farmland throughout America through the farmers who are now being put into bankruptcy because of the high American dollar (in relationship to

foreign currency). At least this is the way it was up to a year or so ago—it is fluctuating somewhat at the present time, for other heinous things are under way which are the next step in the plan. I shall not go into those things in this document, for I intend to do a document relative to your economies. First, let us consider what is happening now and has been, for your past few years—a lot of things are being done now through the Oriental communities. Ah so?

#### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

What happens next after this point in insolvency and negotiations, is that the assets would have to be liquidated. The Arabs now have to liquidate. They bought farmland, for instance, all over America. Likewise they bought stocks in a lot of corporations as well as a lot of bonds and some other kinds of real estate. In fact, they have controlled a large portion of the New York Stock Exchange. Keep in mind the Japanese control a large portion, also.

Let us look at the morning following the notice of bankruptcy. The Arabs will dump their stocks onto the New York Stock Exchange—and what is going to happen when billions of dollars worth of their stock comes on the market? I am talking billions and billions of dollars and, suddenly, there it all is to be sold!

What happens to farmland that is already depressed? In 1987 prime farmland that had been worth \$3,000 an acre was less than \$700 per acre because of deflation and the inability to repay farm loans. Now you have added drought and all sorts of other bad dreams. By the way, this deflation was brought about by your Federal Reserve System. Well, the Arabs don't want that farmland, they have all the problems they can handle. What happens to the price of farmland? It is going right to the floor isn't it? Brothers, when that happens with the value what does it mean? It means it has no collateral value any longer. With no collateral value, how can a farmer borrow money next year for his crops? In turn, what happens to the crops? Who is going to feed the people? What is going to happen in the grocery markets? The results, of course, equate to hunger and scarce supply. Sad, brothers, but it is a well-laid plan working to perfection.

It all boils down to CONTROL and how do you ever recover. Further, let us look at your stock situation. What is going to happen when these multitudes of stocks are dumped on the stock market? Chaos. What will be the result of catastrophic chaos? IT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO THROW THE AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGES, PRIVATE CORPORATIONS, PRIVATE BUSINESS, AMERICAN REAL ESTATE AND QUITE FRANKLY, THE PEOPLE IN GENERAL, INTO A STATE OF TOTAL CONFUSION. TO THE RESCUE! Let me finish the plan for you. At the time of total confusion and inability to function, those benevolent bankers are going to come through with a 'save the world proposal'. They are going to be prepared to eliminate cash because of its collapse. Secondly, they must then stop drug trafficking. Then, they must also push to stop tax cheating. Now, what self-respecting American citizen can possibly be against such noble efforts? They (the bankers) have set up and orchestrated all of these programs and now will pretend to stop them.

What will the average American do when your

television says, 'Look at what those dirty Arabs have done to you?' What would you do? You are going to believe what they tell you, aren't you? You are going to be right up there in front saying 'Sure they did it to us. Those Arabs want to control the world.' Pretty soon it will be, 'Those Japanese want to control the whole world,' and then, 'The Chinese want to control the whole world.' You will join the chant that says, 'Look they bought up all this major part of America. Look at all the money we have given them, and see what they have done. They have collapsed our stock market, et cetera and so on'.

Ah ha, but here come your benevolent bankers and they are going to say to you, 'You have got to have a new currency and then the next thing we will do is use that new currency to stop this dope trafficking. You know, that which is coming in from Central America and those other countries. Then, of course, we are also going to have to have a debit card to stop people from tax cheating because, after all, Mr. Public, if we don't do this we will never get ourselves back on our feet. So, brothers, if you'll just turn everything over to us benevolent bankers we will take care of everything and straighten out the whole mess.' You know what, brethren? **You will hop on that bandwagon and agree to your imprisonment like babes to candy. You will not only agree to it; you will demand it.** For you will forget to hear the big IF. 'YOU WILL GET ALL THIS DONE FOR YOU IF YOU WILL JUST TAKE A DEBIT CARD FOR YOU INDIVIDUALLY WITH OUR LITTLE OLD NUMBER ON IT!' YOU WILL HAVE JUST FALLEN FOR THE OLD IDENTIFICATION CARD SCHEME.

HOW CAN THIS HAPPEN TO YOU? BECAUSE YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN TOLD THE TRUTH, FRIENDS, AND WILL YOU BELIEVE IT NOW AS I GIVE IT TO YOU? NO, MOST OF YOU WILL DISCOUNT ME AS A FIGMENT OF SOME NUT'S (GBLs?) WILD IMAGINATION. SO BE IT, FOR I AM GREATLY SADDENED FOR YOU AS A SPECIES.

#### THE NEW CURRENCY

This has been a scenario about the Middle East. Where do you think you are today and what do you think you will be when you have this new currency? It will only devalue the old 'dollar' to zero. It is planned already and named already—the Phoenix. A little prior to this, there is a plan to bring forth an international credit card ID. Let us refer to it as a government ID card with your social security number on it which would be—and get this because the next is important—satellite-linked through the Star Wars system. Does any of this sound familiar to you? This program of Star Wars is at least 60% geared towards this very purpose and only 40% for the claimed defense systems, etc.

This major space linkup will facilitate the transmission of banking information throughout the world instantly. This would be a debit card with a number which would be required for you to do business, and friends, if you know anything at all about your Biblical prophecies, God has already told you it will be, it will take place. Further, it will be done in such a clever way that you 'Christians' who say you will NEVER sign up nor participate will never see it hit you and you will have joined the program

without even realizing it. How else are you going to survive? Let us not be foolish in our claims, for you are dealing with the most clever planners who have out thought you completely up to this date.

Now, I hope you will believe me when I tell you that the 'Star Wars' program of satellite systems is in place. Satellites are up there, friends. We of other planets are allowed to stop nuclear warheads—we are not permitted to touch satellites which are not geared to some type of nuclear detonation.

Well, all those wonder-filled bits of technology called eyes in the sky and spy satellites 'for your security' are really for the purpose of transfer of the very banking and income information which I have just been describing. It can set up immediate transfer of funds from all over the entire world, from the debit card, that the internationalists will see to it are established with every living person. You will be on the system whether you know it or not. In fact, you who are old enough to read these words—and every child—is already entered therein.

All information will be entered into a central computer and from that place the world will come under instant financial control. So, dear Americans, you have just paid your hard-earned money to finance that program to initiate the bankers' international credit card system and number system that will be implemented whether or not you choose it. **IT IS DONE, BROTHERS, IT IS IN PLACE—DONE! DON'T TELL ME YOU WILL NOT PARTICIPATE—YOU ARE ALREADY A PARTICIPANT, DEAR LITTLE ONES.**

Oh yes, what of your defense system? Doesn't look too good does it? **Well, we are not going to let those nuclear warheads out here in outer space past one-hundred-fifty miles anyway. That is our prerogative and we stop them or dismantle them.**

#### HEAR ME

Do you not see, brothers, that this is the way the prophecies are coming into your focus? It is happening all about you—but you don't seem to know what it is you look for.

Please, all I want you to do at present is HEAR ME. There is naught you can do about it to any great extent as it stands.

You who will hear me and mine own groups, hear me. You must utilize all of the remaining time to its maximum efficiency, for we will have to continue to work under the new systems. Our projects will never be less than excellent investments and they must, and will, be funded. It needs to be done rapidly, however, before we are caught up in the total collapse of the monetary system. We can work through depression if we have funding—monetary collapse shuts us down for all practical purposes, until the system can be put on track and functioning.

It can work and will work, for in these confused, rushed and harassed days there is great madness to shift money and make money on money and etc. Countries such as China, Japan—all non-hard-currency countries are desperate to convert to dollars.

I will further tell you that your governments know we are here. They also know we are not here to interfere. We are here to walk our people through a transition and we plan nothing subversive. We do plan good business ventures and welcome all who wish to participate. We have no communes, all work for fair

reward. We plan good business with total integrity and latest technology. We are here to help, not overthrow. We are here only to walk our brothers through, for it will all come down just as the prophecies are given. There will be some very bad times ahead most surely if plans are not made for those days of tribulation.

Let me speak a bit more regarding 'timing'. I know that what I have said is truth.

It was confirmed by top sources in Switzerland that by October of last year there were twelve debtor nations who had agreed to the proposal of debt forgiveness in exchange for perpetual consignment of natural resources. There only need to be one or two more that give enough leverage to announce the Arabs bankrupt. As of now, all the top leaders in the Arab world know the story and they are scared to death about it. They don't know what they are going to do about it; there is actually nothing they can do about it. They certainly do not know how to announce it to their populace. There doesn't seem to be any way to get the information out to the people.

Further, no one knows how to announce all this to the American people. It has been attempted by some and fallen on deaf ears. **I hope that by the time many of you have read this document, there will be recognition of our presence in your space. What I tell you is truth.**

#### IN SUMMARY

I would like now, to sum up this scenario.

Because the 20-to-1 debt-to-asset banking ratio also operates in reverse (that's how it is with leverage), it only takes about five percent of the Third World nations to declare bankruptcy and when they do, and they accept the plan of the international bankers, then the bankers can declare the bank holding companies bankrupt. **Because of the reverse leverage of the loans, only 5% of the Third World countries could basically declare the world bankrupt and the ownership of all falls to the international bankers.**

When this program is initiated and in place, it will wind up with the international bankers owning all mortgages and all properties. What is that going to do to your country? What about the world? What control will they have when they initiate the debit card? It will be an automatic number which will be given and would be required because the country is devastated.

It would then result that the international bankers, who are made up of all these secret and complex committees I have previously discussed, would now own the majority of the United States and most other countries (for all will fall in short order), would control the Arab world and therefore, by about a thirty-year plan of manipulation, will have brought the peoples of the world under control.

Two years ago, your Senator George Hansen said you had only about a year to get this under control, to get the information out and do something about it. Well, your year has passed into two and a half. How much have you heard about it? I doubt very much. Brothers, this is how men make slaves of their fellow men.

It has, however, been prophesied since the beginning of your world that these things would come to pass. This statement is not to give you negative feelings. This is to tell you that you are

IN the time of evolution of your planet where these things are now coming to be.

I go through all this that you might recognize the signs which are all around you. The time, in your perception of time, is fleeting. The 'time' we call sequence of events—is fleeting. We have much to do and we are here and available to assist you ones of God and the children of your planet called Earth Terra. You are a sister planet to we of the Pleiades. Many of our ones walk among you. There are many duties and jobs that must now be finished.

The story, the work, will go out—for that is God's promise to man. His promise is to allow man to hear and to see, followed by proof. He will send these things through us of the space brotherhood.


These things shall be documented and sent forth to man so that man can see what he wishes to do—what choices he wishes to make regarding his divinity. I am going to leave this portion now, that you ones can ponder these things.

We come in love and we can see farther than you. We have access to all records, so we can see and know. **We can give assistance if we are so petitioned.** And you might ask, 'Why would you ones do that?' Because Father God the Totality, the Light which is your Source and My Source loved you enough to send forth His Celestial Son, before us. We now serve that same 'Son' who is our Commander and act in His service.



Further, for you who are our brothers, we will not leave you stranded on that place. Ye who do not yet know me, will come to understanding our presence. I leave mine seal and my blessings on this portion, which I fear is quite lengthy. Please ponder it several times until you have understanding, for it is most important.

Go Dharma, it has been such a terribly long session for you. Turn the papers over to the others that you may get some rest.

Salu, Salu, Salu

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# The News Desk

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WHY DOES BUSH PUSH TO SILENCE FREE SPEECH?  
PRESIDENT'S OBSESSION THREATENS STABILITY  
AROUND THE WORLD

By Ramsey Clark, *TORONTO STAR*, 03/01/03

*Former U.S. Attorney-General Ramsey Clark met with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein last Sunday. He wrote this commentary for the Toronto Star.*

Should a free person be afraid to meet with a demonized "brutal dictator"?

If not, how do we hope to learn, understand, act to avoid violence and war? If our (U.S.) government says, "You will only be deceived and used, a dupe, if you meet," doesn't this reveal an intention to exercise arbitrary control over information on which public opinion is formed that might affect government plans?

Why did the White House object to the interview with President Saddam Hussein by Dan Rather, seek to interject rebuttal and rebuke at different points in the interview, and then complain that a person who lies should not be allowed to speak in the media?

Because I believe in individual freedom and that the truth can set us free, I will never accept the command "thou shalt not" reason together.

At this moment, U.S. anger over meetings with Saddam Hussein reflects Bush administration fears that opposition voices might begin to ask, "Who are the real aggressors, the greater threats to peace, the most dangerous terrorists?" Once a person is able to hear all sides and is informed, the answers cannot be controlled by government propaganda.

During the barely two years of his presidency, George W. Bush has revealed an unprecedented, uncompromising obsession for war that threatens peace and economic stability around the world.

He is the head of government of the sole superpower on earth. Its military is capable of destroying any nation without ever setting foot on it and, incredibly, President Bush has threatened to use nuclear weapons.

The U.S. has less than six percent of the world's population, with vast wealth concentrated in corporate control and personal fortunes that have created the greatest—and growing—gap between rich and poor, and economic policies that contribute to the same growing gap worldwide.

Bush proclaimed the right and initiated a war of aggression against Afghanistan, causing thousands of deaths, many civilian, and installing a government of his choice in Kabul.

He has authorized daily military flights over Iraq which have resulted in frequent, and in the last few months, daily aerial assaults that have killed hundreds of people in Iraq without a single U.S. plane being hit or seriously at risk.

He has proclaimed his intention of "regime change" by military force in Iraq with an unavoidable consequence of thousands of civilian deaths. U.S. regime changes in the past brought to power the Shah of Iran, Mobutu in the Congo, Pinochet in Chile and dozens of other repressive governments subservient to U.S. interests and power.

Reverberations from President Bush's bellicosity threatening war, even nuclear assaults, have been heard from India, Pakistan, North Korea... Colombia, the Philippines and occupied Palestine.

If Bush's promise is to make Iraq a paradise of

democracy—"liberty plus groceries" as the Depression-era Texan congressman Maury Maverick defined it—ask how the people of North Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Haiti, Somalia, Sudan and Afghanistan fared after direct U.S. interventions in the last half-century.

President Bush has authorized and approved assassinations, summary executions and murders—and boasted of them, in his State of the Union message in January. "All told, more than 3,000 suspected terrorists have been arrested in many countries, and many others have met a different fate... let's put it this way, they are no longer a problem for the United States and our friends and allies."

He has authorized and condoned bribery, coercion and retaliation to obtain his war ends.

Fundamental human rights and civil liberties protected by international law and the *U.S. Constitution* have been violated within the United States against both citizens and aliens and abroad by illegal arrests, secret detentions, false criminal charges, and interference with rights to assemble, protest and speak.

He has drastically undermined UN authority, threatening it with irrelevancy, coercing it to follow his command and acting independently and in defiance of the *UN Charter*.

For Iraq, Bush has authorized a plan of attack called "Shock and Awe", a massive aerial and missile assault in the first hours and days against a defenceless people. Any one of the 300 to 400 cruise missiles, which will strike Iraq the first day, is far deadlier than all the alleged excessive-range missiles—(with ranges) less than 200 kilometres—that Saddam has been ordered to destroy.

The world has been told "There will not be a safe place in Baghdad... The sheer size of this has never been seen before, never been contemplated before."

How are the people of the world to accept these threats? Are they terrorism as prelude to genocide?

President Saddam Hussein told Dan Rather, "We will die in Iraq."

If death is by U.S. violence, what will come after?

**[JR: I wonder if Ramsey Clark's discerning comments were cited in the media outside of Canada? Bush's attack on Iraq is aptly named Shock and Awe. It is awesome in meaning and the concept is too chilling to even try to contemplate. After the intended horrors and the shock wears off the world will react and declare their utter contempt for our barbarous actions towards a weakened nation. As for the awe, there will be precious little of that because awe means to hold respect, esteem or admiration for a decision or action that is valued and appreciated by all. There will be no honor in our aggression and the use of coercion or bribery will not buy for us a friend or win over an enemy. America and Britain will pay dearly in backlashes and repercussions if we continue on our grim march towards war.]**

INTERROGATING THE DEAD AL-QAIDA,  
OR ARE WE STUPID?

By Asim Mughal, *Paknews.com*, 03/04/03

There are shrill cries of success and sighs of relief surrounding a news report that is being hailed as the biggest catch so far: No. 3 man, Sheikh Khalid Muhammad, of the dreaded al-Qaida is captured, alive!

The biggest success in the global war against terrorism. This is certainly excellent news and both the Pakistani and the American authorities deserve congratulations.

Unfortunately, while the coalition is claiming success, there is a run for taking the credit. The American version of the news from likes of *CNN*, *Foxnews*, *MSNBC* hardly mentions the Pakistani role and makes it sound like Sheikh Khalid Muhammad was captured somewhere in Texas, not from Rawalpindi. The Pakistani version earlier claimed this to be a joint operation but now it is claimed to be 100% Pakistani operation.

The contradictions do not stop here. Americans claim that Sheikh Khalid Muhammad is in their custody and is now being interrogated for the second day. Whereas, the Pakistanis are saying that he has not been extradited to any country. Furthermore, it is being said that Sheikh Khalid will be extradited to Kuwait.

Now why Kuwait one asks? Sheikh Khalid Muhammad is being referred to as a citizen of anywhere from Kuwait, Pakistan, Yemen, up to holding 20 passports of different countries. What is his real nationality?

Now, about his role as the key planner of all past terrorism acts and all future acts. It is said that Khalid was the chief/key planner of 9/11 attacks? But wasn't that attributed to Osama bin Laden? But wait! It was not too long ago that it was claimed that "key planner of the attacks on World Trade Centre and the Pentagon, Ramzi Bin al-Shibh" was arrested.

So, who is the real man?

A more troubling problem is that it was reported by both American and Pakistani authorities back in September 2002 that Sheikh Khalid Muhammad was killed in a raid. The reason we remember him vividly was the way his death was dramatized. He was reported as writing words on a wall with his own blood as he was dying.

It was reported a few days after the report of a raid that Khalid's wife and children were in custody and being interrogated.

So, maybe all this is very confusing to an average bunch of people like us, but perhaps someone can tell us who the real Sheikh Khalid Muhammad is? How can Sheikh Khalid Muhammad be in America, Pakistan and Kuwait at the same time? If he died in the gun battle on Sept 15, 2002 in Karachi, who has been raided and arrested on March 3, 2003?

We will all feel much safer when told the truth, rather than some raids and captures which do not add up, as it seems.

**[JR: The spin heads in D.C. have so many wars to start they can't keep track of their lists of usual suspects. They have their fingers pointed in all directions, and the terrorists now seem to be multiplying everywhere. All Arabs and Muslims look alike and fit perfectly into their flexible profiling...only their names are different. If the spooks can't fabricate an enemy they can always clone one. Perhaps Sheikh Khalid Muhammad could be one since nobody knows for sure just where he's from?]**

ROAD TO WAR  
ALREADY, THERE HAVE BEEN CASUALTIES

By Ray Moseley, *Tribune*, 03/02/03

LONDON—So far the march toward war against Iraq has threatened to destroy NATO and the European Union, turned America and its cheese-eating and pilsner-swilling erstwhile friends in France and Germany against each other, reawakened doubts about the effectiveness of the United Nations, fed anti-Americanism around the world, stalled any hopes for an early stock market recovery, exacerbated a monumental Christian-Muslim world divide, threatened to bring about regime change in Britain, left an almost-forgotten Osama bin Laden sitting pretty and heightened Americans' fears of terrorist attack.

Not to mention, of course, that it has pitted Hollywood against Washington, a case of two superpowers vying for the American soul. It may seem there are only two ways out of this situation: (a) call the whole thing off before matters get even worse, or (b) get on with the war as rapidly as possible on the assumption that only a war at this stage can sort things out.

In fact, the first option is not a real option, as it would give an unacceptable victory to Saddam Hussein and make the split among the Western allies almost irreparable. That doesn't make the second option necessarily more palatable to those who wonder how we slipped into this mess in the first place.

Some of the problems that have arisen were unavoidable, but in most cases no hindsight is required; the warning signs were there from the beginning and were ignored. And there is room for blame all around.

Any assessment of blame has to begin with the neo-conservatives of the Bush administration—it will be their war, after all—and with their novel approach to foreign policy.

**National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice encapsulated that vision in an article she wrote for Foreign Affairs quarterly just before President Bush's inauguration, when she said the United States would pursue foreign policy in its own national interest, and any corollary benefits for the rest of the world would be incidental.**

That represented a more radical departure from traditional U.S. foreign policy than many people recognized at the time. It was a benchmark for unilateralism after more than a half-century in which the United States locked itself in a web of mutually beneficial alliances with key nations around the globe that promoted stability in a dangerous world. ...

In their view, the United States had a mission to expand its influence, an inescapable reality of American history, in the words of the chief ideologue of this thinking, historian Robert Kagan.

He has coupled that with an implied suggestion that what is good for America, or more precisely, what Americans assume is good for America, is good for the world. In short, America's role is to remake the world in its own image, according to its own principles, even if that means acting without regard to international opinion or the historical factors that have shaped different perspectives among other people. This is so, according to Kagan, because American ideals and principles are unquestionably superior to those of the rest of the world.

There is nothing intrinsically wrong with a nation acting in what it perceives to be its self-interest. All nations do it.

But the messianic vision of the Bushites goes beyond that in the breadth of its hubristic arrogance, based on the premise that the United States is powerful enough to do what it likes and is a unique nation with a unique understanding of what is best for all of humankind.

That mind-set led the new administration, just before and after Sept. 11, 2001, to demonstrate its contempt for the opinions of others by a number of actions, such as tearing up treaties to which the U.S. had committed itself. ...

Some of the lesser but still influential voices from the Bush administration are even more repugnant to those outside the United States. Former Bush speechwriter David Frum, for example, advocates the United States establishing something akin to the old Ottoman Empire in the Middle East.

Then there is the Defense Policy Board chairman, Richard Perle, who says that Israel has a "legitimate and noble" claim to land held by Palestinians.

Rhetorical flourishes aside, the administration may have a case for going to war but it has failed to make the case because it prefers blind acceptance to diplomatic persuasion. ...

Hussein has to go sooner or later, but is that more important than making sure Osama bin Laden goes now? More important than settling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a root cause of anti-Americanism in the Middle East?

The resentment that the administration has engendered abroad is understandable to a point. It is not primarily based, as some Americans like to believe, on envy of U.S. power. In the case of Germany and France, it has gone beyond all bounds of reasonableness; extremism on one side of the Atlantic has given rise to extremism on the other. ...

There is plenty of room for legitimate disagreement about the wisdom of going to war against Iraq, but little excuse for disagreement to take on the character of a schoolyard fight and to threaten alliances and institutions that are in the interest of all Western people.

Still, it was up to the promoters of this coming war to build support for it through careful diplomacy that considered differing national interests. They have proved to be a thorough and unrepentant failure at that, so how can anyone trust them to carry out the war and its aftermath effectively?

**[JR: If the U.S. is made to back off from its premeditated war plans against Iraq it does not in any way claim a victory for Saddam. That sort of thinking comes from a lie because neither Saddam nor anyone else who stands up against the U.S. will ever be allowed to win anything and neither will their people. The U.S. and Israel will see to that! America's defeat in world affairs will come from its beleaguered foreign policy. Look to see what our intrusions have done in the Philippines, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Haiti, and Venezuela. These countries are now unstable and chaos adds uncertainty to their daily existence. All of these countries are a reflection of our muddled and failed foreign policies. The U.S. has got to reexamine its intractable stance towards other countries. If we do not reach such an epiphany we will face an uncertain future of our own making. The blame lies equally with all the world powers that have allowed the U.S. crisis with Iraq to escalate and now holds a dominant place in world affairs. We as well as Israel have to be imposed upon to end the protracted hostilities between the Palestinians and their Zionist rulers. It has been tolerated and allowed to continue for far too long. Like for almost sixty years and counting. Unless this situation is resolved neither the U.S. nor Israel can be expected to settle any past scores without the use of reactionary responses or hostile actions. Nothing has been achieved by this but to ratchet up and multiply those deadly scores.]**

#### 'UNDECLARED WAR' ENTERS NEW PHASE ALLIES BOMB KEY IRAQI TARGETS

By Nicholas Watt, Richard Norton-Taylor,  
Suzanne Goldenberg, *Guardian*—UK, 03/03/03

Britain and the United States have all but fired the first shots of the second Gulf war by dramatically extending the range of targets in the "no-fly zones" over Iraq to soften up the country for an allied ground invasion.

As Baghdad threatened to stop destroying its Samoud 2 missiles if the U.S. presses ahead with its invasion plans, allied pilots have attacked surface-to-surface missile systems and are understood to have hit multiple-launch rockets.

Targets hit in recent days include the Ababil-100, a Soviet-designed surface-to-air missile system adapted to hit targets on the ground, and the Astros 2 ground rocket launcher with a range of up to 56 miles. These would be used to defend Iraq in the event of an invasion or to attack allied troops stationed in Kuwait.

Britain and the U.S. insist publicly that the rules for enforcing the no-fly zones over the north and south of Iraq have not changed—that pilots only open fire if they are targeted. But privately defense officials admit that there has been an aggressive upping of the ante in recent weeks to weaken Iraqi defenses ahead of a ground invasion.

Analysts confirm there has been an intensification of what is known as "the undeclared war".

The allied action will prompt allegations that Britain and the U.S. have unilaterally changed the rules of the no-fly zones. These zones were established after the last Gulf War to protect Shias in the south and Kurds in the north.

John Warden, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel who was an architect of the 1991 Gulf War air campaign, gave a taste of the change in tactics when he said: "We have added a new category of targets, and those were some of the Iraqi multiple rocket launchers and some of their relatively short range surface-to-surface missiles."

Loren Thompson, a defense analyst with the U.S. Lexington Institute, told *Reuters*: "The U.S. military is taking advantage of the no-fly zones to prepare the battle space for war. There's been a sporadic war occurring in the air over Iraq for a dozen years now. This merely ratchets up the intensity."

The intensification of the Anglo-American attacks is likely to be seized on by Iraq, which has long complained that Britain and the U.S. have abused the no-fly zones.

Believing that its hand has been strengthened by its decision to comply with UN demands to destroy its Samoud 2 missiles, Iraq said that it would call a halt to the destruction if the U.S. presses ahead with its invasion plans.

Speaking after the destruction of 10 missiles over the weekend, Saddam Hussein's scientific adviser, Lieutenant General Amer al-Saadi, said: "If it turns out at an early stage during this month that America is not going the legal way, then why should we continue?"

The intensification of the attacks in the no-fly zones appears to show that Britain and the U.S. are determined to follow the military route, despite the continuing debate at the United Nations.

The bombing is likely to cause renewed tension with France and Germany, which have both argued that it is inappropriate to prepare for war until the UN has decided that military action is necessary. ...

In the past week, they have attacked Iraqi targets three times. On Thursday they attacked a missile site and communications system near Basra.

On Friday they bombed three mobile air defense early warning radars and a surface-to-air missile system near An Nasiriyah, approximately 170 miles southwest of Baghdad.

On Saturday, British and U.S. aircraft attacked military communication sites and a mobile radar in the same location.

Last month British and U.S. aircraft attacked the Ababil-100 missile site near Basra, where surface-to-air missiles adapted to hit ground targets were located, according to U.S. central command.

The U.S. says that they bombed the targets in response to the Iraqis moving the missiles and air defense below the 33rd parallel marking the northern end of the southern no-fly zone.

**[JR: War is a dirty, rotten business and the U.S. is succeeding in bringing it to another dangerous level. Our pre-emptive attacks to soften our enemy before a declared action is distasteful as well as dishonorable and it speaks volumes about our cruel intentions towards those nations who are weaker. While the world debates rage on, Iraq and its people are being coerced and drawn into a one-sided war in which they will not be able to retaliate or defend themselves. It is not democracy and freedom we are bringing to Iraq or the Middle East, it is their demise as well as our own. How can America claim a victory over tyranny when we have become what tyranny is?]**



DAMASCUS FEARS IT'S IN BUSH'S SIGHTS

By Liz Sly, *Tribune*, 02/28/03

DAMASCUS, Syria—These are worrying times for Syria, which has emerged as the staunchest Arab opponent of America's threat to wage war with neighboring Iraq.

Not only does the prospect of war summon nightmarish images of chaos beyond its borders and instability across the Arab world, but the talk emanating from Washington about democratizing the region leaves Syrians wondering whether they will be the next target of America's ambitious plans to reshape the Middle East.

In his speech outlining his vision for a post-Hussein Iraq, President Bush offered no specific proposals for doing that. He praised reforms already under way in some Arab countries and said only that "a new regime in Iraq would serve as a dramatic and inspiring example of freedom for other nations in the region."

But such comments do little to allay anxieties about a looming conflict that many in the Middle East fear won't stop with regime change in Iraq and that is casting a pall over the often-strained relationship between Syria and the U.S.

"American officials are talking about remapping the Middle East, they are saying their objective is not only Iraq but the region, as if the region is empty, as if it doesn't already have people in it," said Syrian government spokeswoman Buthaina Shaaban.

Syria, which currently holds a seat on the UN Security Council, has already told the U.S. that it will not support a second resolution on disarming Iraq.

To some hawks in Washington, the Damascus government is merely a milder version of the one in Baghdad, fitting many of the criteria for regime change that the Bush administration has hinted would be applied across the region once Saddam Hussein has gone. ...

Israeli politicians and several U.S. analysts have frequently identified Syria as a bigger threat to Israel's security than Iraq. Syria is the only one of Israel's Arab neighbors to have refused to sign a peace treaty with Israel. It is host to offices of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Hamas groups and supports Lebanon's Hezbollah, all of which are on America's list of terrorist organizations.

**On a visit to Israel earlier this month, John Bolton, the U.S. undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, was quoted as telling Israeli officials that after Iraq, "it will be necessary to deal with threats from Syria, Iran and North Korea."**

In an interview with the Arabic newspaper Asharq al-Awsat last weekend, Richard Perle, a senior Pentagon adviser, was more specific. "I hope Syrian President Bashar Assad will consider reforms, otherwise he may say to himself, 'I could be the second target,'" Perle said. ...

Under the 39-year-old Assad, who inherited the presidency upon the death of his father in 2000, Syria has taken steps toward greater openness. One of his first acts as president was to allow Syrians to access the Internet. Satellite dishes sprout from rooftops and balconies, bringing uncensored news from around the world into Syrian living rooms.

Opposition to the regime is still not tolerated, and many Syrians say they would like to see a more democratic system, if only to alleviate the chronic problem of official corruption. But there is little evidence of any urgent or organized desire to change the current government. ...

The government's firm anti-war stance has, if anything, enhanced its popularity, and Syria has perhaps less reason to fear a backlash from its citizens than some of the Arab states that have lent support to the U.S. When Syria backed America in the last Persian Gulf War, sending troops to join coalition forces in Kuwait in the face of widespread popular support for

Hussein's cause, the security police were out in force to prevent anti-government demonstrations.

This time around, "the government is of the same mind as the street, and so there is no need for the street to move against the government," Jabbour said.

The government's support for Palestinian groups also is broadly popular. The Palestinian flag flutters alongside Syria's outside government buildings, a reminder of Syria's solidarity with the Palestinian cause. Syria doesn't regard the groups it plays host to as terrorists but as liberation movements, said Shaaban, and will resist any U.S. pressure to withdraw its support.

Nobody seriously expects Washington to seek war with Syria. But after Iraq, Syria may well find its activities under greater scrutiny, diplomats say.

"There is a lobby in Washington, an important one, that wants to see Syria dealt with pretty soon," said a foreign diplomat in Damascus. "It's in the dreams of some hawks but, practically, it wouldn't fly."...

Its opposition to war is not expected to translate into active support for Iraq if a conflict occurs, U.S. and Syrian officials say. Rather, Shaaban said, Syria's opposition springs not from concerns about its own position but the broader implications of a conflict that could engulf the region.

"Syria believes a war in Iraq would put the Middle East back 100 years, paralyze economic prosperity, unleash unknown forces and certainly encourage extremism," she said.

**[JR: The lobby or "ethnic" element in D.C. has Syria next on their list of targets. Israel is making Syria her top priority because Syria doesn't mince words about the Zionists and their involvement in their plans for the Middle East. The rulers in the Middle East will not be able to stop the Zionist march through their countries once Israel makes her moves. As the Persian poet and philosopher Omar Khayyam stated so beautifully in his poem: "the moving finger writes, and having writ moves on, nor all your piety, nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it." The writing is definitely on the wall for all the world to see.]**

BUMPS IN MIDDLE EAST 'ROAD MAP'

By Nicole Gaouette, *Christian Science Monitor*, 02/25/03

JERUSALEM—As Palestinians and Israelis reengage in talks, their main instrument for working toward peace looks increasingly at risk.

The "road map", authored by the U.S., the European Union, Russia, and the United Nations, outlines a way to end the Middle East conflict and create a Palestinian state by 2005. The quartet met with Israeli and Palestinian officials last week in London, where the road map was a key part of discussions.

Its importance extends beyond the borders of this bitterly contested patch of land. A key U.S. goal in the lead-up to a possible attack on Iraq is defusing Arab anger at the U.S.'s perceived bias toward Israel. Championing the road map serves that end.

But while the parties involved publicly support the plan, behind the scenes officials express reservations. They question the Israeli and American commitment to it and Palestinian interest in complying with its requirements.

"I wouldn't bet my next month's salary on it surviving the way it's written now," says one foreign diplomat involved in the talks.

These officials suggest that the road map faces two traps. One is death by a thousand cuts if participants whittle away at its substance in endless negotiations; the other is that it will be burned by events on the ground, whether Israeli domestic politics or the spiraling violence in Gaza between the Israeli army and the militant group Hamas.

Israel's Byzantine coalition politics represents the first hurdle. On Sunday, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon signed a coalition agreement with the National Religious Party (NRP) to help create a government in the 120-seat parliament. If this arrangement comes to pass, the government will have a right-wing bent that does not bode well for peace discussions. The NRP's burly, bearded leader, Effi Eitam, holds hard-line views, including the belief that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat should be killed.

The pact between Mr. Sharon's Likud Party and the NRP reportedly dictates that the government will support President Bush's push for a Palestinian state. The NRP has made clear, however, that it will oppose the policy in Cabinet discussions.

Furthermore, Israeli papers say that the agreement promises Mr. Eitam the construction and housing ministry, which oversees the building of settlements. The road map demands an immediate freeze on all settlement activity, something Eitam would oppose.

Sharon's own commitment to the road map is not entirely clear. He has accepted the principles of Mr. Bush's vision of a Palestinian state, but rejected a Labor Party request to unequivocally commit to evacuating settlements.

It's a tactic he has used in the past. Sharon accepted in principle the 2001 Mitchell Report, meant to restart political talks but never submitted it to his cabinet for approval. ...

In mid-January, Sharon publicly dismissed the quartet and its plan, telling *Newsweek* magazine that "the quartet is nothing! Don't take it seriously! There is [another] plan that will work." In an attempt to calm the controversy caused by his comments, Israel released a statement saying that it and the U.S. "see eye to eye" within the framework of the quartet.

In late January, *The Forward*, a newspaper based in New York, described what that shared vision might entail. Attributing its story to high-level Israeli and U.S. sources, *The Forward* said the two countries had a plan to establish a "demilitarized Palestinian state with temporary borders."...

The Israeli version details more than 100 adjustments to the original road map, according to *Ha'aretz* newspaper. The plan:

\* eliminates the 2005 timetable set out in the road map and in Mr. Bush's speech.

\* sharpens the map's vague reference to a Palestinian state with the "characteristics of sovereignty" by detailing a demilitarized state with Israeli-controlled entrances, exits, and airspace;

\* requires Palestinians to meet a series of demands—including establishing a cease-fire and launching political reforms—before Israel does anything. The original road map requires Israel to take several steps, including dismantling settlement outposts, allowing Palestinian officials to travel, and halting home demolitions and the destruction of infrastructure. ...

**[JR: The world is preoccupied with Iraq but nothing has changed for the Palestinians. The Israeli military are continuing their assaults into the Gaza and the Palestinian towns are being turned into closed-in confines with some even looking like concentration camps. Israel and U.S. are simply going through the motions of seeking a solution to the Palestinian problem. Sharon says that the U.S. and Israel see eye to eye on the "road map" towards peace as drawn by the EU and UN. I guess that is partly true because when President Bush looks eye to eye into his mirror he sees the mirror image of his handler, Sharon. You can be sure that whatever statements Bush might utter regarding U.S./Israeli policies, they are being written by Sharon or one of the 25 Israeli Zionists who hold the top cabinet posts or positions in the Bush/Sharon White House. Americans are in denial regarding such facts but then they wouldn't take notice if a blue-and-white flag with the Star of David were flying over the White House either.]**

PENTAGON HITS GENERAL ON TROOP COUNT*New York Times, 02/28/03*

WASHINGTON—In a contentious exchange over the costs of war with Iraq, the Pentagon's second-ranking official on Thursday disparaged the top Army general's assessment of the number of troops needed to secure postwar Iraq. House Democrats then accused the Pentagon official, Paul Wolfowitz, of concealing internal estimates.

Wolfowitz, the deputy defense secretary, called the recent estimate by Gen. Eric Shinseki of the Army that several hundred thousand troops would be needed in postwar Iraq "wildly off the mark". Pentagon officials have put the figure closer to 100,000 troops.

He then dismissed newspaper articles this week saying the Pentagon put the cost of war and reconstruction at \$60 billion to \$95 billion this fiscal year.

Wolfowitz's refusal to be pinned down infuriated some committee Democrats, who noted that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Mitchell Daniels Jr., the budget director, had briefed President Bush on just such estimates Tuesday.

"I think you're deliberately keeping us in the dark," said Rep. James Moran (D-Va.). "We're not so naive as to think that you don't know more than you're revealing."

Wolfowitz promised he eventually would fill in lawmakers on the administration's figures.

**[JR: One would hope that our representatives in Congress are finally getting the message they are being scammed by the hawks and vultures in the Department of Defense and the Pentagon. The Rumeys, the Wolfies and the Perles are leading Congress down the Zionist briar patch and really sticking it to them. WOLFowitz is showing his contempt for Congress and is merely treating them as the lackeys they truly are. Humor gets us through the dark times and lightens the soul.]**

SIGNS AT PEACE RALLIES

Stop Mad Cowboy Disease

How Many Lives Per Gallon?

New World Disorder

"NO WAR, BY GEORGE!"

Dubya Dubya III

War is God's way of teaching Americans geography.

Daddy, can I start the war now?

"Read Between the Pipelines"

I love my dad too, but jeez!

1000 points of light and one dim bulb.

Sacrifice our SUVs, not our children.

Draft dodgers shouldn't start wars.

"War is sweet to those who haven't tasted it."

(Erasmus).

Our grief [over 9/11] is not a cry for war.

You don't have to like Bush to love America.

Bush-Cheney-Rumsfeld: the \*sses of evil.

\$1 billion a day to kill people—what a bargain.

Consume—Consume—Bomb—Bomb—Consume—

Consume

Bombs kill too many children and too few dictators

"God blesses other nations too"

IF WAR MAKES YOU NAUSEOUS, PUKE ON THE

BUSHES

Smoke pot not Iraq

Fighting terrorism with war is like fighting fire with gasoline

Drop Bush, Not Bombs!

Drunken frat boy drives country into ditch.

Who would Jesus bomb?

War begins with 'Dubya'.

Bush is proof that empty warheads can be dangerous.

Let's bomb Texas; it has oil, too.

How did our oil get under their sand?

If you can't pronounce it, don't bomb it.

America, get out of the Bushes.

It's time to trim the Bush.

Big brother isn't coming—he's already here.

Impeach the squatters.

Let Exxon send its own troops.

SUV owners roll over for terrorism.

We can't afford to rule the world.

War is so 20th Century!

9-11-01: 15 Saudis, 0 Iraqis.

Don't waive your rights while waving your flag.

I asked for universal health care and all I got was this

lousy stealth bomber.

War is not a family value.

A picture of Bush saying "Why should I care what the American people think? They didn't vote for me."

COURT VOIDS ARGENTINA'S CONVERSION OF DOLLARS TO PESOS

By Kevin Gray, *Newsday*, 03/06/03

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—The Supreme Court on Wednesday declared unconstitutional a government decree that converted dollar bank accounts to devalued pesos, a ruling that could ease the way for thousands of Argentines seeking to restore the value of their savings.

Hundreds of people danced and hugged each other on the steps of the courthouse amid shouts of "Give us our money back!"...

Despite the celebrations, it remained unclear how far-reaching the effect of the court's decision would be on about \$9 billion in bank deposits to which savers want the dollar value restored.

The long-awaited ruling applied to a single case, ordering state-owned Banco de la Nacion to restore the original dollar value of a \$247 million deposit held by the provincial government of San Luis.

That account was converted from dollars into pesos after the country's economic crisis forced President Eduardo Duhalde to end the peso's one-to-one peg with the U.S. dollar and devalue the currency. The government also imposed Draconian banking restrictions in December 2001 intended to thwart a run on the banks and prop up the ailing financial system.

The high court said the forced conversion of San Luis' account to pesos violated property rights.

The ruling is expected to set a precedent for about 180,000 savers who are challenging Duhalde's decree in the lower courts.

But analysts cautioned it was unlikely the country's banks—whose balance sheets have been battered by the devaluation—would make cash payments to depositors.

"The banks will likely have to reach an agreement with each client," said Ricardo Rouvier, an Argentine analyst. "And given their shaky financial shape, it is most likely they will be paid in medium- to long-term government bonds."

That option has been widely rejected by many Argentines who saw their savings slashed. As part of the devaluation, Duhalde ordered all dollar deposits converted to pesos at a rate of 1.4 to the dollar. Since then, the peso has fallen to 3.2 to the dollar.

**The ruling also is likely to add to the uncertainty surrounding the country's financial system, which in recent weeks had shown some signs of stabilizing as Argentines decided to keep their money in the banks after the yearlong restrictions were gradually lifted.**

Wednesday's decision gives San Luis and bank officials 60 days to determine how and in what form the money will be repaid. The ruling does not specify that the payments must be in cash, and it is likely many cases will take years to work their way through Argentina's legal system.

The government did not immediately comment Wednesday but repeatedly has signaled its opposition to "re-dollarizing" accounts. Duhalde had sought to postpone the decision until after presidential elections scheduled for April 27. ...

**[JR: The 180,000 savers who sued to have their savings accounts converted back to the U.S. dollars may have much larger bank accounts than the average Argentine. They might also be from the more privileged classes and are more concerned about sustaining U.S. interests rather than Argentina's? The IMF/WB central bankers don't want the pesos to replace the fiat dollar because it will slow down their progress for takeover and control of South America's financial and security systems as well as their currencies. The infiltrators/parasites have already successfully burrowed in and dismantled the systems of the Philippines.]**

REBEL VOTE STUNS BLAIR

By Michael White, Patrick Wintour and Nicholas Watt, *Guardian*—UK, 02/27/03

Tony Blair's Iraqi war strategy was shaken to the core last night when 121 Labour backbenchers defied a three-line whip to join a cross-party revolt and tell the prime minister that the case for military action against Saddam Hussein is not yet made.

The vote, which came at the end of an impassioned and impressive six-hour debate in the House of Commons, dramatically reshapes the debate for the three crucial weeks ahead.

The scale of the revolt—the biggest within a governing party for more than a century—saw Mr. Blair's plea for endorsement of his pro-UN approach to disarming the Iraqi regime rejected in favour of a "not yet" amendment by 198 rebels, including 121 Labour MPs, 52 Liberal Democrats, 13 Conservatives and 12 nationalists. The vote against the amendment was 393, with Iain Duncan Smith leading most Tory MPs into the Blairite lobby.

Jubilant rebels rubbed home their point when the bland main motion backing Mr. Blair's position was carried by 434 to 124. Fifty-nine Labour MPs voted against.

The rebellion spread far beyond the hard core of 30 to 40 leftwing MPs who have consistently opposed Western military interventions. It easily surpassed the 67 who rebelled against disability cuts in May 1999, and the 47-strong revolt over lone parents' benefit in December 1997.

The vote "demonstrates there is no public support for a war. The prime minister has failed to convince the public or the party. It's time for him to think again", said the leftwinger Jeremy Corbyn, who has been campaigning against Saddam's brutality since the 1980s when his regime was backed by the West.

But satisfaction was not confined to rebels. "This is a really sophisticated vote. Tony now knows he has to go along the UN route, which he didn't know on his own. It needed the demonstrations and this vote and it's what Britain should do," said one senior minister.

The scale of the rebellion undermines Mr. Blair's belief that he can send 40,000 British troops into action even if an "unreasonable veto" by France or Germany denies him the vital second UN resolution. He remains confident that he will get it. ...

But the vote could increase the impatience of Washington's hawks who dislike both Mr. Blair—a European social democrat—and the "UN route" he favours. Paris and Berlin will see the vote as proof that they have shown better judgment in calling for 120 more days of inspection. ...

Rebel MPs who claimed to be speaking for public opinion repeatedly argued that last night's vote would be their last chance to vote against a war within weeks.

But ministers promised two more votes—one after next week's Blix report on progress made by the UN's weapons inspectors—and another on military action, preferably before any war might start.

Jack Straw made the pledge after being enraged by remarks made overnight by the Labour chairman, John Reid, to the effect that there would be no more major votes.

The foreign secretary went straight to Mr. Blair to win a commitment to more votes, something Downing Street had been wary about. At question time yesterday, the prime minister had invoked the historic royal prerogative right to declare war—which Mr. Straw now regards as outdated.

**[JR: One can only hope that the winds of rebellion that swept through Parliament will blow across the Atlantic and move our U.S. Knesset to stand up against George Dubya. By all appearances a majority of the members of the British Parliament have declared their independence from their American rulers and that they desire the freedom and the liberty to decide the future course of their country. Now where have we all heard this before?]**

#### RUSSIA TAPS NUCLEAR OPPORTUNITIES IN IRAN

By Hooman Peimani, *Asia Times*, 03/04/03

Mohamed ElBaradei, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), visited Iran last week to inspect the controversial Natanz, Arak and Isfahan nuclear facilities. While the American government largely ignored the visit during which ElBaradei confirmed Iran's peaceful use of nuclear energy, the Russian nuclear authorities took the opportunity to discredit the American government's campaign on an alleged Iranian nuclear weapon project assisted by Moscow.

ElBaradei visited Iran on the request of Golam-Reza Aqazadeh, the head of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI). During his visit, an IAEA delegation headed by him inspected the under-construction uranium enrichment facility in Natanz, located in Iran's central province of Isfahan. Reportedly, the AEOI authorities briefed the IAEA head on "the process of designing, construction and progress of the project" meant to help Iran meet its future nuclear fuel requirements. ...

At the end of his visit to Iran, ElBaradei attended a joint press conference with Aqazadeh during which he confirmed Iran's cooperation with the IAEA and the consistency of Iran's nuclear projects with its status as a non-nuclear signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1968 (NPT). He stated that he had not observed anything "unexpected" during his inspection. He also praised Iran's policies of "confidence-building" and "transparency" in its nuclear programs. As well, the IAEA head stressed Iran's right to have non-military nuclear programs by stating that "application of nuclear energy for civilian purposes is the right of every nation".

While in Iran, ElBaradei talked to high-ranking Iranian officials, including President Mohammad Khatami, speaker of parliament Mehdi Karubi and the head of the Expediency Assembly, Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. The three officials stressed Iran's commitment to its NPT obligations and the absence of any nuclear weapons program in their country, while stressing their right to have non-military nuclear programs, including energy production...

The mentioned officials also emphasized the necessity of making the Middle East a nuclear free zone through the nuclear disarmament of Israel, the only regional nuclear power, and by ensuring the compliance of all other regional states with their NPT obligations. A week earlier, Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazi also stressed the importance of ensuring a nuclear free status for the Middle East in his remarks on the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program and on why it needed a nuclear power generation industry. ...

The IAEA head's visit to Iran was largely ignored by the American government, which had made an uproar over Iran's clandestine activities in its Arak and Natanz facilities in December 2002. However, Russian Atomic Energy Minister Alexander Rumyantsev used the occasion to defend Russia's non-military nuclear cooperation with Iran. ...

In response to the American government's allegation on Iran's ongoing nuclear weapons program, Rumyantsev rejected the ability of Iran to embark on such program since Iran had "none of the required technical facilities to manufacture atomic weapons". For this matter and based on ElBaradei's approval of the Iranian nuclear program, Rumyantsev reacted to this month's American expression of concern about Iran's uranium mining and its constructing uranium enrichment facilities by saying, "Unlike the United States, Russia is not the slightest bit worried about the discovery of uranium mines in Iran." Hence, the Russian minister backed Iran's efforts to mine uranium as he stated, "[I]t is also the economic and natural right of the Iranians to benefit from their own uranium mines."...

Undoubtedly, Rumyantsev's mentioned statements and others such as "it is the natural right of Iran to use the nuclear energy" reflected Russia's approval of Iran's nuclear program and its rejection of the American accusations on its military nature to which the Russians allegedly contribute. However, it also revealed Russia's determination to expand its share of the lucrative Iranian nuclear projects regardless of American pressure.

**[JR: It appears as though the comments by the IAEA and Russia has diffused the U.S. allegations that Iran was using its atomic energy program as an excuse to produce WMD. Such evidence will be set aside should the Bushites want to backtrack and (again) include Iran on its list of enemy targets. America is playing Russian roulette with the world with all the chambers fully loaded.]**

#### RUSSIAN EXPERT PREDICTS 500,000 IRAQI DEAD IN WAR DESIGNED TO TEST WEAPONS

By Rossiyskaya Gazeta in Russian,  
*www.globalresearch.ca*, 02/22/03

*Interview with military analyst Vladimir Slipchenko by Aleksandr Khokhlov;*

*Vladimir Slipchenko, is military analyst, doctor of military sciences, professor, and major general of reserves, is a major Russian specialist on future wars.*

*His predictions of the course of U.S. military operations in Iraq (1991, 1996, and 1998), Yugoslavia (1999), and Afghanistan (2001) coincided almost 100% with what subsequently happened in reality. Today the military analyst predicts the course and outcome of the next U.S. war against Iraq, which the American military themselves have already dubbed Operation "Shock And Awe".*

[Khokhlov] Vladimir Ivanovich, so much has already been said about the reasons and causes of the new war in Iraq, but I cannot get rid of the feeling that they are either talking about something entirely different, or not telling the full story. ...

[Slipchenko] The main purpose of the war is indeed being left out of the picture and nobody is saying anything about it. I see the main purpose of the war as being the large-scale real-life testing by the United States of sophisticated models of precision weapons. That is the objective that they place first. All the other aims are either incidental, or outright disinformation.

For more than 10 years now the United States has conducted exclusively no-contact wars. In May 2001 George Bush Jr., delivering his first presidential speech to students at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, spoke of the need for accelerated preparation of the U.S. Armed Forces

for future wars. He emphasized that they should be high-tech Armed Forces capable of conducting hostilities throughout the world by the no-contact method. This task is now being carried out very consistently.

It should be observed that the Pentagon buys from the military-industrial complex only those weapons that have been tested in conditions of real warfare and received a certificate of quality on the battlefield. After a series of live experiments—the wars in Iraq, Yugoslavia, and Afghanistan—many corporations in the U.S. military-industrial complex have been granted the right to sell their precision weapons to the Pentagon. They include Martin Lockheed, General Electric, and Loral. But many other well-known companies are as yet without orders from the military department. The bottom line is \$50-60 billion a year. Who would want to miss out on that kind of money? But the present suppliers of precision weapons to the Pentagon are also constantly developing new types of arms and they must also be tested. The U.S. military-industrial complex demands testbed wars from its country's political leadership. And it gets them.

#### **Peculiarities of the War**

And that is the main aim of the new war in Iraq.

[Khokhlov] How will this war differ from the no-contact wars previously waged by the United States?

[Slipchenko] First, in terms of its political objectives. For the first time since 1991 the United States sets the goal of changing the political system in the enemy state and removing or physically eliminating the country's leadership.

They have not previously succeeded in this. Remember, the Americans did not previously try to remove Saddam Hussein from politics, and even Milosevic was not removed from the post of Yugoslav leader by military means. The U.S. Armed Forces carried out their required tests of new weapons and then packed up their guns and went home. Now they face a very difficult mission.

Therefore, second, because of the change of objective the strategy of the war also changes radically. For the first time the war aims mean that the United States must without fail achieve total victory. To that end it is necessary to achieve three objectives: rout the enemy's Armed Forces, destroy his economy, and change the political system.

The Iraqi army will be subjected to very powerful blows. It will be physically annihilated. In order to impose a new puppet government in the country (and I am sure the Americans have already formed that government) and to give that government the opportunity to get on with its work, the United States will be forced actually to occupy Iraq. The occupation of territory within which seats of organized resistance could persist would lead to large losses among U.S. Army personnel. Guerrillas, and in the context of the Arab world also shahid martyrs wearing explosive belts—naturally the Americans do not need this. Therefore they will totally annihilate the Iraqi army. Practically all Iraq servicemen will die. There will be terrible carnage.

[Khokhlov] Does Iraq have any chance of offering resistance to the United States?

[Slipchenko] In Iraq we will once again see a situation where two generations of warfare meet. Iraq is strong and prepared for a war of the last generation—on land and for land, for every target. But 600,000 soldiers, 220 military aircraft, something like 2,200 tanks, 1,900 artillery guns, around 500 multiple rocket launchers, 6 SCUD missile launchers, 110 surface-to-air missile systems, and 700 anti-aircraft installations will prove useless when they meet the aggressor.

In fact, there will not be a meeting on the battlefield as such. The Americans, waging a no-contact war, will methodically use precision missile strikes to destroy all the key facilities of Iraq's state and military infrastructure, and will then wipe out enemy manpower with missile and bombing raids.

### Progress of the War

[Khokhlov] How will the Americans begin hostilities?

[Slipchenko] First of all there will be precision strikes against bunkers and command posts where Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi leaders might be hiding, against Army headquarters and troop positions, and against components of the air defense system. Sophisticated ground-penetrating vacuum-type precision munitions will be used to destroy buried targets. Even if one of these weapons explodes not exactly inside, say, an underground bunker, in any case the exits from the shelter will be blocked. The bunker will become a mass grave for everyone who is unfortunate enough to be in it.

To destroy armored equipment, in the very first days the Americans will use cluster aviation bombs with self-guided munitions. The “mother”-cluster bomb gives “birth” to several tens or hundreds of “baby” bombs, each of which independently chooses its own target to destroy on the ground.

I am confident that in the very first hours of the war the United States will also use new pulse bombs. They are also called microwave bombs. The principle by which these weapons operate is as follows: an instantaneous discharge of electromagnetic radiation on the order of two megawatts. At a distance of 2-2.5 kilometers from the epicenter of the explosion the “microwaves” instantly put out of action all radioelectronic systems, communications and radar systems, all computers, radio receivers, and even hearing aids and heart pacemakers. All these things are destroyed by the meltdown method. Just imagine, a person’s heart explodes! ...

As a result of the use of these weapons Iraqi systems for command and control of the state and troops will be destroyed practically instantaneously.

[Khokhlov] What other new types of arms could be tested?

[Slipchenko] Since this war will be experimental for the United States, several new types of precision cruise missiles will be tested with a view to obtaining quality certificates. I believe attention will be devoted first and foremost to missile launches from submarines. The Americans are planning to make their submarine fleet the main launchpad.

The Pentagon will continue to perfect the mechanism for targeting precision weapons. In 2000 with the help of the space shuttle *Endeavor* the United States scanned around 80% of the surface of the Earth and created an electronic map of the planet in three-dimensional coordinates. The level of detail of objects on this map is down to the size of a window. That is to say, you could train a lens—installed in a military satellite—first on Baghdad, then on the city center, then on Saddam’s palace, and on his bedroom window. You give the command—and in a few minutes’ time a targeted cruise missile flies into that window....

[Khokhlov] How long will this war go on?

[Slipchenko] I predict that Operation Shock And Awe will last not more than six weeks. The first period of the war—the “shock”—will last around 30 days. Some 400-500 sea- and air-based precision cruise missiles will be launched against targets in Iraq every 24 hours. During that month Iraq’s troops and its economic potential will be annihilated. Anything that survives for any reason will be guaranteed destruction in the next two weeks. In the second stage—“awe”—the Americans will conduct a piloted version of a total cleanup of the territory. To this end the United States will use B-52 and B-2 Stealth bombers. In four hours of flight one Stealth is capable of detecting and destroying as many as 200 stationary or moving targets on the ground. The United States intends to use at least 16 B-2 bombers. The Stealths will be in the air constantly, one replacing the other.

[Khokhlov] Will the Iraqi air defense system be able to counter the American planes and cruise missiles?

[Slipchenko] Iraq already has no air defense

facilities in the north and south of the country—U.S. aviation is constantly bombing these areas. What remains in the center of the country will be destroyed in the first 10 minutes of the war. Iraq’s anti-aircraft system is based on the classical active radar detection system: emit—detect—illuminate—destroy. The Americans will exploit this for their own purposes. As soon as an Iraqi radar reveals itself by emitting electromagnetic energy, a precision cruise missile will be dispatched against the “revealed” air defense facility using this same beam. Iraq has no chance of countering this.

[Khokhlov] How much will this war cost?

[Slipchenko] According to my estimates, \$80 billion. But the total sum spent could rise to 100 billion. We will never know the exact figure of expenditure, if only because the war will be partly funded by private companies offering the Pentagon their experimental models of precision weapons for free in the hope of future dividends. The program for rearming the U.S. Armed Forces is about \$600 billion. Therefore today the military-industrial complex need not stint, it can give weapons to the Army for free.

[Khokhlov] What human losses could Iraq suffer?

[Slipchenko] Very considerable ones. Since the Americans are planning to physically annihilate the Iraqi army, I reckon that at least 500,000 people will be killed. This will be a very bloody war.

### After the Apocalypse

[Khokhlov] What will come after the war?

[Slipchenko] The Americans will have to occupy Iraq. The occupation corps will apparently consist of four mechanized and armored divisions, one parachute division, and one division of the British Armed Forces. All these troops will not fight. There will be no ground operations in Iraq! The U.S. Army will enter a burning desert—the Iraqis will certainly set fire to the oilfields—without a single shot being fired. There will simply be nobody to shoot at them.

[Khokhlov] How long will the direct occupation last? Will the Americans stay in Iraq forever?

[Slipchenko] They will certainly leave Iraq. There is no point in their staying there. The occupation will last one and a half, two, or at the most three years and will cost American taxpayers a further \$80-100 billion to maintain the troops in Iraq. Then the United States may enlist in an operation that they will undoubtedly call “peacekeeping” the Poles, Czechs, and other “new recruits” to NATO, the Estonians, but they themselves will leave. The “peacekeepers” will stay a further one to one-and-a-half years in Iraq.

During this time major investments will be made in the country with a regime friendly to the United States, and in two years’ time Iraq’s oil sector will reach a level of oil extraction of 2-2.4 million barrels a day. In five years they will be extracting up to 5 million barrels of oil a day. The world oil price will fall to \$12-15 a barrel. The currently stagnant U.S. economy will soar.

[Khokhlov] And what will happen to Russia’s economy, which is currently supported exclusively by “petrodollars”?

[Slipchenko] I have no answer to that question. I am an expert in wars.

## BLOOD MONEY

By William Rivers Pitt, truthout.org (Perspective), 2/27/03

**“In the councils of Government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the Military Industrial Complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists, and will persist. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes.”—President Dwight Eisenhower, January 1961**

George W. Bush gave a speech Wednesday night before the Godfather of conservative Washington think tanks, the American Enterprise Institute. In his speech, Bush quantified his coming war with Iraq as part of a larger struggle to bring pro-Western governments into power in the Middle East. Couched in hopeful language describing peace and freedom for all, the speech was in fact the closest articulation of the actual plan for Iraq that has yet been heard from the administration.

In a previous *Truthout* article from February 21, the ideological connections between an extremist right-wing Washington think tank and the foreign policy aspirations of the Bush administration were detailed.

The Project for a New American Century, or PNAC, is a group founded in 1997 that has been agitating since its inception for a war with Iraq. PNAC was the driving force behind the drafting and passage of the Iraqi Liberation Act, a bill that painted a veneer of legality over the ultimate designs behind such a conflict. The names of every prominent PNAC member were on a letter delivered to President Clinton in 1998 which castigated him for not implementing the Act by driving troops into Baghdad.

PNAC has funneled millions of taxpayer dollars to a Hussein opposition group called the Iraqi National Congress, and to Iraq’s heir-apparent, Ahmed Chalabi, despite the fact that Chalabi was sentenced in absentia by a Jordanian court to 22 years in prison on 31 counts of bank fraud. Chalabi and the INC have, over the years, gathered support for their cause by promising oil contracts to anyone that would help to put them in power in Iraq.

Most recently, PNAC created a new group called The Committee for the Liberation of Iraq. Staffed entirely by PNAC members, The Committee has set out to “educate” Americans via cable news connections about the need for war in Iraq. This group met recently with National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice regarding the ways and means of this education.

### Who is PNAC? Its members include:

- \* Vice President Dick Cheney, one of the PNAC founders, who served as Secretary of Defense for Bush Sr.;
- \* I. Lewis Libby, Cheney’s top national security assistant;

- \* Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, also a founding member, along with four of his chief aides including;

- \* Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, arguably the ideological father of the group;

- \* Eliot Abrams, prominent member of Bush’s National Security Council, who was pardoned by Bush Sr. in the Iran/Contra scandal;

- \* John Bolton, who serves as Undersecretary for Arms Control and International Security in the Bush administration;

- \* Richard Perle, former Reagan administration official and present chairman of the powerful Defense Policy Board;

- \* Randy Scheunemann, President of the Committee for the Liberation of Iraq, who was Trent Lott’s national security aide and who served as an advisor to Rumsfeld on Iraq in 2001;

- \* Bruce Jackson, Chairman of PNAC, a position he took after serving for years as vice president of weapons manufacturer Lockheed-Martin, and who also headed the Republican Party Platform subcommittee for National Security and Foreign Policy during the 2000 campaign. His section of the 2000 GOP Platform explicitly called for the removal of Saddam Hussein;

- \* William Kristol, noted conservative writer for the *Weekly Standard*, a magazine owned along with the *Fox News Network* by conservative media mogul Rupert Murdoch.

The Project for the New American Century seeks to establish what they call 'Pax Americana' across the globe. Essentially, their goal is to transform America, the sole remaining superpower, into a planetary empire by force of arms. A report released by PNAC in September of 2000 entitled 'Rebuilding America's Defenses' codifies this plan, which requires a massive increase in defense spending and the fighting of several major theater wars in order to establish American dominance. The first has been achieved in Bush's new budget plan, which calls for the exact dollar amount to be spent on defense that was requested by PNAC in 2000. Arrangements are underway for the fighting of the wars.

The men from PNAC are in a perfect position to see their foreign policy schemes, hatched in 1997, brought into reality. They control the White House, the Pentagon and Defense Department, by way of this the armed forces and intelligence communities, and have at their feet a Republican-dominated Congress that will rubber-stamp virtually everything on their wish list.

The first step towards the establishment of this Pax Americana is, and has always been, the removal of Saddam Hussein and the establishment of an American protectorate in Iraq. The purpose of this is threefold: 1) To acquire control of the oilheads so as to fund the entire enterprise; 2) To fire a warning shot across the bows of every leader in the Middle East; 3) To establish in Iraq a military staging area for the eventual invasion and overthrow of several Middle Eastern regimes, including some that are allies of the United States.

Another PNAC signatory, author Norman Podhoretz, quantified this aspect of the grand plan in the September 2002 issue of his journal, *Commentary*. In it, Podhoretz notes that the regimes "that richly deserve to be overthrown and replaced, are not confined to the three singled-out members of the axis of evil. At a minimum, the axis should extend to Syria and Lebanon and Libya, as well as 'friends' of America like the Saudi royal family and Egypt's Hosni Mubarak, along with the Palestinian Authority, whether headed by Arafat or one of his henchmen." At bottom, for Podhoretz, this action is about "the long-overdue internal reform and modernization of Islam".

This casts Bush's speech to AEI on Wednesday in a completely different light.

Weapons of mass destruction are a smokescreen. Paeans to the idea of Iraqi liberation and democratization are cynical in their inception. At the end of the day, this is not even about oil. The drive behind this war is ideological in nature, a crusade to 'reform' the religion of Islam as it exists in both government and society within the Middle East. Once this is accomplished, the road to empire will be open, ten lanes wide and steppin' out over the line.

At the end of the day, however, ideology is only good for bull sessions in the boardroom and the bar. Something has to grease the skids, to make the whole thing worthwhile to those involved, and entice those outside the loop to get into the game.

Thus, the payout.

It is well known by now that Dick Cheney, before becoming Vice President, served as chairman and chief executive of the Dallas-based petroleum corporation Halliburton. During his tenure, according to oil industry executives and United Nations records, Halliburton did a brisk \$73 million in business with Saddam Hussein's Iraq. While working face-to-face with Hussein, Cheney and Halliburton were also moving into position to capitalize upon Hussein's removal from power. In October of 1995, the same month Cheney was made CEO of Halliburton, that company announced a deal that would put it first in line should war break out in Iraq. Their job: to take control of burning oil wells, put out the fires, and prepare them for service.

Another corporation that stands to do well by a war in Iraq is Brown & Root, a subsidiary of Halliburton. Ostensibly, Brown & Root is in the construction business, and thus has won a share of the \$900 million government contract for the rebuilding of post-war Iraqi bridges, roads and other basic infrastructure. This is but the tip of the financial iceberg, as the oil wells will also have to be repaired after parent-company Halliburton puts out the fires.

More ominously is Brown & Root's stock in trade: the building of permanent American military bases. There are twelve permanent U.S. bases in Kosovo today, all built and maintained by Brown & Root for a multi-billion dollar profit. If anyone should wonder why the administration has not offered an exit strategy to the Iraq war plans, the presence of Brown & Root should answer them succinctly. We do not plan on exiting. In all likelihood, Brown & Root is in Iraq to build permanent bases there, from which attacks upon other Middle Eastern nations can be staged and managed.

Again, this casts Bush's speech on Wednesday in a new light.

Being at the center of the action is nothing new for Halliburton and Brown & Root. The two companies have worked closely with governments in Algeria, Angola, Bosnia, Burma, Croatia, Haiti, Nigeria, Rwanda and Somalia during the worst chapters in those nation's histories. Many environmental and human-rights groups claim that Cheney, Halliburton and Brown & Root were, in fact, centrally involved in these fiascos. More recently, Brown & Root was contracted by the Defense Department to build cells for detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The bill for that one project came to \$300 million.

Cheney became involved with PNAC officially in 1997, while still profiting from deals between Halliburton and Hussein. One year later, Cheney and PNAC began actively and publicly agitating for war on Iraq. They have not stopped to this very day.

Another company with a vested interest in both war on Iraq and massively increased defense spending is the Carlyle Group. Carlyle, a private global investment firm with more than \$12.5 billion in capital under management, was formed in 1987. Its interests are spread across 164 companies, including telecommunications firms and defense contractors. It is staffed at the highest levels by former members of the Reagan and Bush Sr. administrations. Former President George H.W. Bush is himself employed by Carlyle as a senior advisor, as is long-time Bush family advisor and former Secretary of State James Baker III.

One company acquired by Carlyle is United Defense, a weapons manufacturer based in Arlington, VA. United Defense provides the Defense Department with combat vehicle systems, fire support, combat support vehicle systems, weapons delivery systems, amphibious assault vehicles, combat support services and naval armaments. Specifically, United Defense manufactures the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, the M113 armored personnel carrier, the M88A2 Recovery Vehicle, the Grizzly, the M9 ACE, the Composite Armored Vehicle, the M6 Linebacker, the M7 BFIST, the Armored Gun System, the M4 Command and Control Vehicle, the Battle Command Vehicle, the Paladin, the Crusader, and Electric Gun/Pulse Power weapons technology.

In other words, everything a growing Defense Department, a war in Iraq, and a burgeoning American military empire needs.

Ironically, one group that won't profit from Carlyle's involvement in American military buildup is the family of Osama bin Laden. The bin Laden family fortune was amassed by Mohammed bin Laden, father of Osama, who built a multi-billion dollar construction empire through contracts with the Saudi government. The Saudi BinLaden Group, as this company is called, was heavily invested in Carlyle for years.

Specifically, they were invested in Carlyle's Partners II Fund, which includes in that portfolio United Defense and other weapons manufacturers.

This relationship was described in a September 27, 2001 article in the *Wall Street Journal* entitled 'Bin Laden Family Could Profit From Jump in Defense Spending Due to Ties to U.S. Bank'. The 'bank' in question was the Carlyle Group. A follow-up article published by the *Journal* on September 28 entitled 'Bin Laden Family Has Intricate Ties With Washington—Saudi Clan Has Had Access To Influential Republicans' further describes the relationship. In October of 2001, Saudi BinLaden and Carlyle severed their relationship by mutual agreement. The timing is auspicious.

There are a number of depths to be plumbed in all of this. The Bush administration has claimed all along that this war with Iraq is about Saddam Hussein's connections to terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, though through it all they have roundly failed to establish any basis for either accusation. On Wednesday, Bush went further to claim that the war is about liberating the Iraqi people and bringing democracy to the Middle East. This ignores cultural realities on the ground in Iraq and throughout the region that, salted with decades of deep mistrust for American motives, make such a democracy movement brought at the point of the sword utterly impossible to achieve.

This movement, cloaked in democracy, is in fact a PNAC-inspired push for an American global empire. It behooves Americans to understand that there is a great difference between being the citizen of a constitutional democracy and being a citizen of an empire. The establishment of an empire requires some significant sacrifices.

Essential social, medical, educational and retirement services will have to be gutted so that those funds can be directed towards a necessary military buildup. Actions taken abroad to establish the preeminence of American power, most specifically in the Middle East, will bring a torrent of terrorist attacks to the home front. Such attacks will bring about the final suspension of constitutional rights and the rule of habeas corpus, as we will find ourselves under martial law. In the end, however, this may be inevitable. An empire cannot function with the slow, cumbersome machine of a constitutional democracy on its back. Empires must be ruled with speed and ruthlessness, in a manner utterly antithetical to the way in which America has been governed for 227 years.

And yes, of course, a great many people will die.

It would be one thing if all of this was based purely on the ideology of our leaders. It is another thing altogether to consider the incredible profit motive behind it all. The President, his father, the Vice President, a whole host of powerful government officials, along with stockholders and executives from Halliburton and Carlyle, stand to make a mint off this war. Long-time corporate sponsors from the defense, construction and petroleum industries will likewise profit enormously.

Critics of the Bush administration like to bandy about the word "fascist" when speaking of George. The image that word conjures is of Nazi stormtroopers marching in unison towards Hitler's Final Solution. This does not at all fit. It is better, in this matter, to view the Bush administration through the eyes of Benito Mussolini. Mussolini, dubbed 'the father of Fascism', defined the word in a far more pertinent fashion. "Fascism," said Mussolini, "should more properly be called corporatism, since it is the merger of state and corporate power."

Boycott the French, the Germans, and the other 114 nations who stand against this Iraq war all you wish. France and Germany do not oppose Bush because they are cowards, or because they enjoy the existence of Saddam Hussein. France and Germany

stand against the Bush administration because they intend to stop this Pax Americana in its tracks if they can. They have seen militant fascism up close and personal before, and wish never to see it again.

Would that we Americans could be so wise.—  
[http://truthout.org/docs\\_03/022803A.shtml](http://truthout.org/docs_03/022803A.shtml)

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## THE TIME IS NOW

By Lee Dye, Special to *ABCNEWS.com*, 2/27/03

### Some Argue We Should Worry About Incoming Asteroids

Long ago David Morrison grew tired of the snickers he has heard for these many years. Despite the fact that he is a senior scientist with the NASA, some people regard him as a bit of a nut.

He's a prophet of doom in a three-piece suit.

Morrison has been shouting into the wind for a couple of decades now about a very real threat that many prefer to dismiss. He believes an asteroid or a comet [or possibly Planet X?!] may be headed our way and could smash into the Earth with catastrophic consequences, maybe even wiping out all life.

Yup, you've heard that so many times now that you want to chuckle. It's *Star Wars* stuff. And besides, there's probably little we can do about it anyway, so why waste time worrying?

#### 'Lesser' Asteroids Also Pose Threats

But in the years since he first began to boldly proclaim that we need to take this threat seriously, Morrison has picked up support, and not just from astronomers who are cataloguing celestial bodies that we need to monitor closely. A small number of experts in various fields are joining the struggle, convinced that we shouldn't give up the battle before the fight is joined.

One of them is Lee Clarke, associate professor of sociology at Rutgers University and a specialist in disaster preparations. Clarke makes a point that is too often ignored.

We are focusing too much, Clarke maintains, on the "doomsday scenario". It would only take one of the approximately 700,000 mega-asteroids that are whipping around our solar system to wipe out all life on Earth. If one of them hits us, we're toast—and that is so unthinkable that it has turned many off to Morrison's lament.

Clarke calls that a "low-probability, high-consequence event", and it may not happen for thousands, or millions, of years. If at all.

What is far more likely, Clarke and others maintain, is a collision with a lesser asteroid or a comet that may not be a "planet killer", as he puts it, but quite capable of creating catastrophic results.

"That's a near-certain event with a range of consequences," he says, noting that a relatively small object, less than 200 feet in diameter, leveled trees over a 25-mile area in the Tunguska region of Siberia in 1908.

"These things are rare, but over the long haul they are almost certain to happen," Clarke says. "That was big enough that if it hit any major metropolitan area we would have an unprecedented calamity on our hands. To not think about it, or not talk about it, just because it's got that *Star Wars* kind of patina, is a mistake."

#### Rising to the Occasion

But what really bothers Clarke is that he doesn't hear many people talking about it. He thinks that's partly because of a misconception. Political leaders seem to think that a catastrophic collision would cause such panic in the streets that no amount of planning would be of any help.

Clarke says that's nonsense.

People don't panic during a disaster, he says. Instead, they help each other. Way down deep, he says, our society is a civil one, and it doesn't go away just because life around us is falling apart.

"Most of us would not rip off our neighbors, or even a stranger, even if we knew we would not get caught," Clarke says. "That's heightened during a time of disaster."

And it is particularly true when people see themselves as facing a common threat.

"They will bind together to fight that threat," he says.

And in the end, it is the people themselves who must rise to the occasion. Clarke points out that the "first responders" in any disaster aren't police or firefighters. They are the "people in the street", he says, who pull their fellow citizens from an earthquake-damaged building, or a crashed airliner.

#### Government Secrecy?

So mitigating a major disaster like an asteroid collision will **depend primarily on how well the people themselves are prepared**. They are the ones, for example, who will have to help their fellow citizens evacuate a major metropolitan area if the asteroid is headed that way. There won't be enough cops to do the job.

But nobody can do that without adequate preparation, and the consequences of failure could be the loss of thousands of lives that could have been saved.

My guess is most people figure that scientists will come up with a plan to divert the asteroid before it hits the Earth. Some have suggested that small rockets placed on the asteroid could push it toward a different course. Others have indicated that even painting one side of the big rock could cause the solar wind to push it into a safe trajectory. Or how about a giant solar sail to pull it out of harm's way?

But that all depends on how much time we have, and whether we have the technological resources to do it.

Unfortunately, we're not anywhere close to dealing with the threat. We don't even know how to talk about it.

During the recent convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Denver, one expert set off a firestorm when he suggested that government secrecy might be the best alternative.

Geoffrey Sommer of the Rand Corp., a think tank in Santa Monica, Calif., that advises the federal government on many issues, told a press conference that if a planet killer is headed our way, maybe the feds ought to just keep their mouths shut.

"If an extinction-type impact is inevitable, then ignorance for the populace is bliss," Sommer said.

His comments angered so many people that he has since decided to decline all interviews on the subject, according to a Rand spokesman.

#### Sensitive Politicians

Sommer's plight is worth noting because it reveals just how contentious this issue can be. It also shows that it will take a bold leader to move the matter forward.

Clarke, for one, isn't optimistic that's going to happen anytime soon.

"It's hard to see which politicians are going to step up to the plate," he says. "They'll be branded as crazies."

Besides, we've got lots of other things to worry about. So we'll probably just put this off until some astronomer comes up with an asteroid that really is headed our way.

But by then, it will probably be too late.

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#### SILVER: TAKE DELIVERY

By Don Stott, *gold-eagle.com* (Gold Digest), 3/8/03

The COMEX seems to be the main culprit for the stagnant price of silver. In spite of the fact that there is very little of it in stockpiles, if any, silver prices continue to languish. Here's one reason. When people "take delivery" of their silver contracts, which are in ugly, heavy, thousand-ounce bars, they leave them at the COMEX!

This is comparable to buying groceries and leaving them at the grocery store. If they are in the COMEX "warehouse", they aren't in your possession, and unavailable if you need them. Similar to various precious metals firms, especially the one I started out with back in the 1970s, "storing" clients' gold for them. Nuts to that. Millions were lost when North American Coin and Currency went down the tubes, and their officers went to jail. It has been reliably estimated that from 4 to 8 large traders are manipulating silver by continually trading long and short—over 300 million ounces of silver which doesn't exist. Even though it is against all rules and ethics to do so, the daily manipulation continues.

No one wants those thousand-ounce silver bars which the COMEX delivers, because they are difficult to ship, never weigh in at 1,000 ounces and should be disposed of if they are acquired. They usually are not delivered, but sit in the "warehouse"—if they are there at all. No, I am not saying the 1,000-ounce silver bars are not there, but has anyone ever seen them? Is it possible that they are not all there? The COMEX doesn't even have a "warehouse", first of all. The "warehouses" are deposit receipts for silver *supposedly* stored at various East Coast banks. Does it exist? Are the deposit receipts valid? Is everyone honest? Is the Pope a Protestant? I feel quite certain that there isn't a dime's worth of gold in Ft. Knox, even though the reliable U.S. government claims to have over 8,000 tons of gold. I'd be willing to bet they haven't an ounce. If they did, why do they have to buy gold on the open market to make Gold Eagles? Why don't they take it from Ft. Knox? Where do they get their silver? They admit they have none in their vaults. Does the U.S. government get silver from COMEX deposit receipts and take delivery from various storage banks to make Silver Eagles? I don't know, but I do know that if you want silver to go up, you need to take delivery of it, and especially if you trade silver contracts.

Paper silver doesn't have any value, any more than paper dollars [or paper gold]. Paper silver or COMEX deposit receipts are only as good as the physical silver which backs them. Do banks have a lot of paper money if you wished to get, say, \$25,000 in cash? Hah! Try it. You just can't imagine the chicanery that goes on in the financial world. **Banks can loan twenty times as much as they have on deposit, thanks to the fractional reserve banking system.** Is it remotely possible that COMEX deposit receipts for thousand-ounce bars, supposedly stored at various banks on the East Coast, can't 100% be delivered? Are banks honest in their other actions? Is the Fed honest, when it prints billions and trillions of fiat dollar bills, which are redeemable in nothing? As an example of honesty in high places, take this quote from the latest *Forbes* magazine. "The U.S. Federal Trade Commission has created more than a dozen Websites touting such products as income tax avoidance, weight loss without exercise, huge travel discounts, and \$100,000-a-month home businesses. The Feds insist they don't collect data on anyone." And pigs do fly, correct? If you buy silver, or take delivery of a fulfilled contract, GET IT!

By taking delivery of silver, you increase the demand. If you trade silver and let it sit in a warehouse—rather than in your safe or wherever you may store it—the demand is not increased. If you bought groceries and left them in the store for someone else to take delivery of, even though you

may have paid for them, the demand is not from your purchase, but from the person who comes along, buys and takes the groceries home. I have one client who takes delivery of those thousand-ounce bars, because he doesn't trust the COMEX receipts to be reliable. Sure, they are bulky and not even pretty, but by taking delivery, they are yours, and the demand has increased. By not taking delivery, the silver inventory remains constant, and prices are not likely to go up. If times are going to be as rough as I think they are going to be, one needs to have their metals at hand.

One Website says that gold should be stored in Switzerland! Of all the asinine advice ever given, that takes the cake. You own gold to hedge yourself and protect yourself, correct? Then why would you want to store it any place but in your own home or place of safety and easy access? Gold ten thousand miles away is an absurdity, just as is gold in some account off shore in the Caribbean or other inaccessible place. If times get rough, as we thought they would with Y2K, would you have stored your food, water, generator or flashlights in a distant city or country? Of course not. If you go out in a boat to catch some fish, do you leave your life preserver on shore? If you go for a swim, do you leave your swimsuit at home? Why would you leave your silver in a warehouse, your gold at some distant place, or your food in the grocery store—and especially after you have paid for it? Honestly, I sometimes think I am writing to first-graders.

Maybe, if Futures traders of silver began taking delivery of those bars—and converting them into decent hundred- or ten-ounce bars or silver rounds—the price would go up, because the supply of available silver would decrease and force the day of reckoning that much sooner. When hard times come, you want your safety devices close at hand. If the COMEX racket isn't stopped, the day will come soon enough anyway, because there just are not any silver reserves worth mentioning. When my rounds and ten-ounce bars are manufactured, they are made from melted-down thousand-ounce bars, and I assume Johnson-Mathey does the same when they cast their hundred-ounce bars. The thousand-ounce bars are .999 pure. The problem with them is that they are incredibly heavy and never weigh in at an exact thousand ounces. Get them, sell them and take the silver back in hundred-ounce bars or lower sizes that are easy to handle and simple to sell when one wants to do so.

Everyone places so much trust in huge organizations and corporations which may not be worth a hoot in hell. I've seen metals "storage" outfits not have an ounce left, when claims were made. I've seen banks go bust. I've seen stock frauds and mining frauds galore. Why should one trust the COMEX to have your silver? Maybe it has most of it. Maybe it has all of it, but it belongs in your hot little hands, not in some eastern bank's vault. Your gold belongs in your place of safe keeping, not in some obscure place across the waters, with you holding a receipt or checkbook which is *supposed* to be the same as physical. It isn't.

How many men have come home, found their homes empty and a note saying, "goodbye"? Marriage is supposed to be the utmost form of trust—but half of them go bad and 75% of them are broken by wives who were trusted. The most intimate, close relationships gone asunder, and the victim never mistrusted the other party. Why then, should you trust your precious metals to some bank or storage facility? Why should your gold be in Switzerland, of all places?

Hot off the wires! More new paper, fiat "money" will be announced in a couple of weeks. This time it'll be in colors besides the usual green. How long before they say, "Your old dollars will be no good after \_\_\_date?" (Shades of Germany in 1924 and 1948.) Protect yourself.

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## NEVADA CORPORATIONS:

# When Is A Corporation NOT "Doing Business"?

## Budget's "Tip of the Week" #15:

### **Operating in a Foreign Jurisdiction Without Having to Qualify the Corporation**

Since most people who form Nevada corporations reside in jurisdictions other than Nevada, one of the first questions that needs to be addressed is how to properly use the corporation while they themselves operate from within their home state (or country). Is it necessary to register or qualify the Nevada corporation to do business within their jurisdiction? Often it is—especially if there is a physical presence involving employees—but there are often many useful exceptions to the rule.

Let's look at the exemptions from qualification in the State of California—which is generally known for both its stringent regulations and its repressive taxation—to see what "loopholes" exist. You should look up the regulations in your own particular jurisdiction but as a general rule they will tend to be quite similar.

#### **Business Exempt from Qualification in the State of California**

Without excluding other activities which may constitute transacting business, a foreign corporation shall not be considered to be transacting business solely by reason of carrying on any one or more of the following activities:

- 1) A foreign corporation shall not be considered to be transacting intrastate business merely because its subsidiary transacts intrastate business.
- 2) Maintaining or defending any action or suit or administrative action.
- 3) Holding meetings of its board or shareholders or carrying out other activities concerning its internal affairs.
- 4) Maintaining bank accounts.
- 5) Maintaining offices or agencies for the transfer, exchange or registration of its securities.
- 6) **Effecting sales through independent contractors.**
- 7) **Soliciting or procuring orders either by mail or through employees or agents or otherwise where such orders require acceptance without this state before becoming binding contracts.**
- 8) Creating evidences of debt or mortgages on real property.
- 9) Conducting an isolated transaction within a period of 180 days and not in the course of a number of repeated transactions of like nature.

We have highlighted number 6 because this provision is used by an increasing number of businesses in the area of consulting. When the consultant is an independent contractor and the income is earned by a Nevada corporation, the corporation has no presence in the foreign jurisdiction, only the contractor does. So, the contractor must pay home-state tax on his income but the corporation earns its income in Nevada. There can be tremendous tax savings if the contractor lives modestly and draws only what is needed to meet living expenses.

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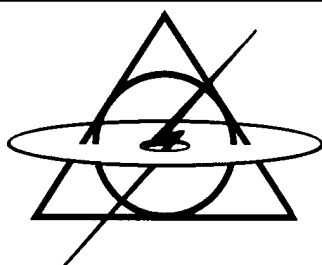
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