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RE: PART FOUR, *CONSPIRACIES & CONTROVERSIES*, CHAPTER FOUR "GRAND DECEPTIONS". ERICK SAN JUAN

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COMMENTS TO LESTER K., NEW ZEALAND

GCH—We have been friends for such a long time that I believe Lester will not object to my use of his letter for responding to a much-misunderstood circumstance.

It must be obvious to you friends and readers that we can't handle our paper, writings, or information flow carelessly. There are, frankly, too many people who disclaim anything we do or say. So be it—for the only thing that must stand the

measure of TIME is Truth. Furthermore, by now it must be understood that "short of God" we simply don't have the facts with which to judge much of anything other than actions as we perceive them to be "right" or "wrong". Even "wrong" has no actual meaning, for we can perceive, in truth, that which may well be wrong as right.

Is murder, for instance, more right if it be euthanasia or mercy killing? How about abortion which snuffs out a bit of LIFE? How about if you kill an enemy? Is it worse, perhaps, to kill a friend, a stranger, a child, an elderly person at your perceived end of "their" days as you count them?

Are we talking about a little bit dirty vs. a filthy mess? Is it worse to kill a Christian or a Muslim?

Now WHY DO ALL OF YOU CONTINUE TO PRAY TO GOD TO MAKE THINGS COME OUT LIKE "YOU" WANT THEM TO BE? IS YOUR WAY RIGHTEOUS AND RIGHT OR DO YOU PERCEIVE BY THAT WHICH YOU WERE GIVEN TO BELIEVE?

Lester shares: "As I pen this letter to you Iraq is having the hell bombed out of it. I have had lots of people ring me up and ask why don't you do something about Iraq...".

This is sufficient for comment.

When are we going to win? WE HAVE WON; THE ONLY THING LEFT IS TO FINISH THE PLAY WE HAVE STARTED.

If you dislike the game as it is being played—YOU HAVE TO REWRITE THE SCRIPT. THOSE WHO WISH A NEW WORLD ORDER DONE UP "THEIR WAY" ARE TRYING THEIR BEST TO "MAKE IT SO". Obviously, now that you have been weakened into stupor by the manipulators—you would have God or Hosts FIX IT? No. God gives THE WAY AND, ULTIMATELY, THE MEANS THROUGH WHICH YOU CAN TOTALLY REVERSE DIRECTIONS.

Freedom, peace and prosperity in justice do not come forth from war, hate and injustice.

The point is that

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Let us speak briefly about Iraq and recognize some players and you can call them by any name you choose, for they will always be devious and sickeningly ever-present while, even were you to take them out of the game, you still have THE game.

Even though some perhaps will say speaking the word “Jew” is somehow hateful with ill intent—what do you call a Jewish person? Well, “Jew” is such a recently coined word as to disallow CORRECT reference to anything through using it other than as the Khazarian (by a dozen alias names including now, Zionists) use of the term GIVEN TO THEMSELVES. That still has no impact one way or another, for the “Jews” seem to be able to banter the word about—but Goyim (anyone not a Jew) may NOT. Therefore, do we expect God to be more Christian than Jew or Muslim than Hindu?

Now the BIG question: Do YOU really care about Iraq or her people? Why, How, When, What, Where and Who did what to whom?

Is oil evil? Is gold evil? How about war; is it evil? None of the above. Only men are evil in their use of such horrendous methods of force as in war while oil and gold simply “are” “things”. God will not, either, change men’s hearts—MAN must change man’s heart into goodness if goodness is to be achieved.

We will again have to consider writing on the personages of those who do, indeed, inflict evil deeds onto others against their will. The games are always “clever” and the activities hidden to the best of the ability of those playing the evil games.

For instance, how many of you are TODAY aware of what is taking place in the new management of Iraq other than that some hard-line Shiite Muslims in Iraq object? In that objection it seems to be fine if a tank fires on citizens—if it is claimed the citizens fired “first”. Note WHO loses the skirmish.

Now, note that the wondrous ancient artifacts (mostly pagan and evil in their representation of ancient mankind) are being put on the market for blackmarket selling by nice media-men embedded with the “coalition of the willing” (CW). Ok, the fact that all of the thieves thus far uncovered are Jewish could not possibly have meaning, could it? The fact that the sales are being thrust forth through Jewish auction houses couldn’t have anything to do with it, either, could it?

What you had best look at is just WHO is found doing what to whom and stop the nonsense about God stopping some war or other. God didn’t even make “little green apples”—that is a gift from an apple tree.

Mr. Rumsfeld is Jewish so therefore is he good or bad? What he is has nothing to do with “lineage”, my friends. Is he evil? I do not need to judge but I certainly CAN AND SHALL JUDGE THE DEEDS PROJECTED ON OTHERS. To say that “Iraq belongs to you” when speaking to Iraqis is an insult to all ears around the globe. The LIE becomes the accepted recognition. Nobody believes such garbage but there you have it.

But, you seem to forget the line of command that puts a Donald Rumsfeld into position to do the dastardly manipulations he presents.

Moreover, just when you think you haven’t heard the name Henry Kissinger for a day or so—oops there it is again in the position of manipulation at the very top

level of Iraq’s administration. Never mind Sir Garner—try L. Paul Bremer who is named by “U.S. administration” to become civilian administrator in Iraq and oversee the country’s transition to democratic rule.

Mr. Bremer? Who in heck is Mr. Bremer? Oh come now, don’t you recognize household words and names? Mr. Bremer was a “secretary” in the State Department and he only left the State Department to JOIN KISSINGER ASSOCIATES. This is the consulting firm that RUNS THE WORLD.

And how is your day so far?

I don’t want to discuss other things today. I am having secretary “burnout” on the topic itself.

Along with the book we are sharing from San Juan perhaps it truly is time to remind you of a few things like that old New World Order and there is no better place to look than directly at Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Kissinger and thus and so. Perhaps we can do that, for there are some excellent articles on the topic now resurfacing.

Is this more important than the price of rice in China or downtown Manila? Undoubtedly TO YOU it is so but to China and downtown Manila, no it isn’t.

Where are “we” and what are we doing about “anything” here in Manila? Well, we again have a 4 to 5-day holiday while people paint signs and do whatever they do as they gather to object to “labor” causes. More than that, however, the government stops.

The Tallano edition of the paper has now been delivered to the whole of Philippine Congress. Feedback? No, all are on vacation!

As to Lester’s objection to V.K. Durham’s taking money “from him” because he thought she was someone worthy of assistance, we are truly sorry. However, she has “done-in” herself and with the able assistance of Rayelan Allen, they have just again restarted the statute of limitations for our case.

Raye is now saying that Doris is Dove of O or something as stupid and silly. She now pulls away from Bellringer as well and her justification is the call for integrity? “She has changed!” Raye has actually said she is not wrong but Dove changed? No, Dove has NOT changed—and unfortunately, neither has Rayelan Allen Russbacher, charlatan and prevaricator. Raye goes on to state that she expects those “Hong Kong hackers” to shut her down. She, of course, suggests that it might very well be “we hackers”. Well, wrong again! We might do that were we able to hack even from Hong Kong. We, however, find nothing of value or very much truth on Rumor Mill News, Website or forum.

Raye would like you to believe she somehow was party to a massive transfer of “the biggest gold transfer in history”—but alas, con games are still con games and she has only transferred one lie after another onto unsuspecting ears and eyes. She still owes Ekkers some \$50,000 MINIMUM without consideration of hardship in the funding—as a lot of it was TAKEN through misuse of Ekkers’ credit card and that can be identified to American Express. We just want to note that here so that we establish the dateline of updating of that “limitation statute”.

I would like to move on now directly into Chapter 4 of *Conspiracies & Controversies* so that we don’t get farther afield from our topic. It is all simply the New World Order come to your doorstep.

Please also note that the Anti-Defamation League and other Jewish organizations have officially asked the U.S. to bring sanctions against both Iran and Syria for Israel’s further protection. Are you still feeling secure in your honorable leadership as it goes about “liberating” nations and “freeing” people from their oppressions?

And to Lester: Life is just a bowl of cherries where each luscious cherry has a PIT.

Just remember something in the retelling of the story of the farmer’s donkey that fell in the well:

All the neighbors came to help the farmer when his ass fell into a deep hole. They worked diligently but to no avail so it was decided to simply bury the poor beast. So, all of the people took their shovels and started dumping dirt in the hole to bury the donkey.

All present were shocked when eventually the donkey simply walked out of the hole having used the dirt as climbing steps.

Moral? None at this point.

After the donkey was clear he promptly went angrily to the farmer and kicked him in the ass. Then, being even more infuriated he went from one to the other of the shovelers and kicked them soundly as well.

Why? Because it never pays to try to cover or bury your ass, my friends, for the donkey just MIGHT escape.

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CHAPTER 3

GRAND DECEPTIONS

[COMMENTS WILL BE IN BOLD PRINT WITHIN BRACKETS.]

SOYLENT GREEN

[H: I would suggest that you get yourself a copy of the book by that name (*Soylent Green*). It would be at any good bookstore and/or your library.]

Former President Joseph Ejercito Estrada’s vaunted “Erap para Sa Mahirap” economic program had been the object of close scrutiny and outright dictation by the so-called “Greenberg Group”, when it visited the Philippines in 1999. This group managed to take over key positions exclusively for the purpose of drafting and implementing policies which favor American interests.

[H: This is but a part and parcel of AGILE of recent notoriety but AGILE had not been “uncovered”, as with the donkey, at the time this book went to press.]

According to *Today’s* business reporter, Joseph Villanueva: Asia Society, an influential New York-based marketing team of Maurice “Ace” Greenberg and his American International Group (AIG), aimed “to examine the evolution of Asian debt markets and assess opportunities for investment for the global financial community”.

In December 1992 Lawrence Patterson, publisher of a U.S. magazine focused on topics such as conspiracy politics, published a blockbuster report on how America's airline transportation system has fallen into serious financial difficulties and how it came under the global financial community's total control. Patterson blamed no less than **Dr. Henry Kissinger** for this fiasco. "To execute the plan, Kissinger needed to pick an operator to cooperate in the program." Patterson explains. He chose Maurice Greenberg, president of a worldwide insurance company.

According to the *Executive Intelligence Review*, "Aside from AIG bigwig, Maurice Greenberg, former U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Nicholas Platt sits in as head on the high-level mission. The meeting between the Estrada administration and AIG top guns was sponsored by the Asian Development Bank (ADB)." **[H: Please remember what we have told you about those "Development" banks—they have all been funded through the Bush use of the Bonus funds. These are totally manipulated banks from upstart.]**

Some local banking experts were undoubtedly happy to know that Greenberg, through various subsidiary companies, controls the highly-touted UeberseeBank of Zurich. Over the years, at least two banks have been active in soliciting business from political conservatives: UeberseeBank and the Royal Trust Bank of Vienna. The latter is part of the Royal Trust Bank Group of Canada, controlled by none other than Edgar Bronfman, son of the Seagram Fortune's founder.

Greenberg group's swing of the Philippines, Thailand and South Korea came at a time when the "second phase" of the Asian crisis had driven Asian stock markets, currencies and economies into unprecedented disaster.

The May 12, 1998 issue of *Executive Alert Services* summarized the Asian situation: "Rising U.S. interest rates might trigger a global system meltdown by accelerating capital flight out of Asia, especially Japan, at a time such outflows are threatening to plunge Japanese financial and economic systems into uncontrollable collapse. Yet, failure of the U.S. authorities to act to stem the record speculative flows into the stock market threatens an even more dangerous near-term collapse of that bubble with international consequences from Europe to Asia."

This American "sin of omission" was admitted by U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. For the first time, Greenspan is singing Lyndon LaRouche's tune that recent developments in global capital markets had gone berserk—way, way out of the central banks' control. "Today's international financial system is sufficiently different... that it can reasonably be characterized as new, as distinct from being merely a continuing evolution from the past. At one moment, an economy appears stable, the next it is subject to an implosion of fear-induced contraction," he confesses.

A few days before Greenspan's shocking admission, *Corriere della Sera's* envoy to Tokyo, Renato Ferraro, quoted Charltoon Poom, Hong Kong's director of World Securities (a subsidiary of the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi), as having said: "Japan's agony and the Asian collapse have just started. The yen will fall beyond 160 to the dollar, the Far East stock markets will halve, and the whole

world will take the *Titanic* route. The Great Depression of the Thirties, in comparison, will be a joke."

Already, U.S. farmers are feeling the pinch. Ditto with their counterparts in Europe, Australia and Japan. They are now told to accept a price for their produce dictated by the "free market", which is way below their production costs. The 1997 collapse of Asian currencies against the dollar had made traditional imports of food from the United States and elsewhere, more prohibitive. In a word, we are facing the prospect of widespread world famine. "Financial collapse means there will be no more markets and no food."

More often than not, foreign groups who visit the Philippines are more interested in carpetbagging than developing the national economy. Up against globalists' patented mop-up operations and bargain-basement stalking on one hand, and Greenspan's paralyzing tactics on the other, we can only hope and pray that none of GMA's "bright boys" beat the gun on the President and have conducted secret negotiations with these financial *piranhas* in exchange for emergency credits to buy agricultural commodities.

Otherwise, Filipinos would end up being the "soylent green" garnishing on their dinner plates.

THE MANIPULATORS AND THEIR FOREIGN BOSSES

On June 11, 1998, *Today's* newspaper warned the Filipino people of dark shadows moving around President Joseph Ejercito Estrada's camp. "Protection of the nation's patrimony and citizens is a paramount duty of the state," it says. "Allowing foreigners to buy land will ultimately 'marginalize' Filipinos in their own land, the way the Native Americans lost their ancestral lands."

The article adds, "Pro-people segments of the Erap team tell me that these announcements are not Erap's. They, too, are wondering where these proposals are coming from. Some manipulators are putting words into the mouth of the President to create a *fait accompli*."

In *The Ideology of U.N. Conferences*, author Jean M. Guilfoyle reveals that the language of U.N. Conferences is usually cast and phrased in "political language". She ascertains that "Political language masks controversial issues, omits disputed facts and moves aggressively towards achieving consensus." For example, she noticed that participants at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo (1994), observed political language used to include abortion in a conference document as a women's health issue.

According to Guilfoyle, the magician's ruse on the occasion was an initial proposal requiring governments to provide "medical care to women who decide to terminate their pregnancies". It was an up-front, in-your-face approach which was both innocuously (to some) and boldly phrased. Though the attempt was struck down, abortion still appeared repeatedly in the document under a variety of guises: "fertility regulation", "reproductive rights", and "reproductive health"—and was even cleverly stashed in the phrase "safe motherhood" included in the World Bank's "Safe Motherhood Initiative" program.

"One characteristic approach U.N. international meetings is confrontational language redefinition. In international fora such as the U.N. conferences, heavily

laden with vested economic and ideological interests, knowing players often conspire to impose the values of alienated groups upon nations' participants through the manipulation of language; an effort made easier by the obvious language and cultural differences which exists among nations' representatives," Guilfoyle explains. "One example has been the continuous, Not-so-subtle effort to redefine and devalue the family as "families", i.e., framed in a broader context which includes homosexuals, unmarried single parents, and roommates." Needless to say, this move destroys societal norms which provide for the protection and care of dependents, and throw vulnerable individuals of all ages on the mercy, or lack of it, of the public domain.

According to Guilfoyle, the term "consensus" shifts in meanings under the pressure of the moment, taking on the characteristic of a Rousseau-like "General Assent", with dissenters dropped precipitously into the black hole provided for through recorded "reservations". Delegates with dissenting views are often "subjected to economic pressures related to future loans or grants by developed nations in order to force them into agreement."

Another approach is "withholding of translations during considerations of controversial issues within closed sessions." During the Habitat II Conference, emboldened and angered delegates from French-speaking African countries walked out of a session and were cheered by other developing country delegates and non-governmental organizations.

Suspicion that the U.N. is the *de facto* global government was confirmed by Jean Guilfoyle. She says: "The U.N. emphasis on 'civil society', composed of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private voluntary organizations (PVOs), community-based organizations (CBOs), businesses, trade unions, university representatives, etc., suggests the existence of democratic tendencies. In reality, this move constitutes the formation of 'factions' which can outnumber government delegates at the international level. It also bypasses the people and substitutes unelected, government-paid and selected 'chosen social forces' for the electorate while abolishing the classless society of liberal democracy. These selected groups are then brought into consultative 'solidarity' by and for government."

How do the U.N. manipulators work behind the term "food security"?

"The ultimate control of humanity through the control of survival needs such as food and water was raised in the designation 'Food Security' as the all-encompassing theme of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) World Food Summit held in Rome, November 13-17, 1996," Guilfoyle reveals. "The new catchword divided a political mask behind which international population control policies and the controlled allocation of world resources became linked with the provision of food."

The neo-Malthusian argument was advanced by FAO Director-General Jacques Diouf at a press conference in Rome on November 10, 1995. In response to a press inquiry, Diouf responded emphatically: "Good land is not available for increased production. The path for the future is closed. We are now going into agricultural development through intensification of production in a sustainable way; no

pollution, or excess pesticides, or questions of who can control water. This should be our focus.”

Guilfoyle’s shocking conclusion which cannot and should not be ignored by all freedom-loving individuals: “The United Nations and its numerous associated agencies have activated an internationally-structured social, economic and political order which retains control of existing world economic resources while extending a voracious grab for all natural resources in all nations, including agriculture and water. The major motivating value system is utilitarianism in which ‘cost-effectiveness’ is the major criteria, a system in which humans are referred to as ‘human resources’ and ‘human capital’ and man-as-material becomes available for transformation.”

THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR HISTORY

[H: You readers will recognize from our most recent writings that anything about the history of the Philippines that DOES NOT tell the whole story of land and ownership, with all its dastardly frauds, cannot be complete. However, it is amazing how insipid is the progress of the Elite thieves and robbers. Everywhere on the globe you will see these same parasites eating away at the very fiber of your beings while you beg for more—for somehow it may put a sheckle or two in your pocket at the very demise of freedom and TRUE prosperity.]

In this morning’s paper a headline, front page, reads: “If nothing works, try GOD”. I marvel that it never occurred to anyone, it would seem, to simply go first to GOD for your instructions and sharing and you might not end up with such FARCES as “SARS” perpetrated onto your foolish selves.]

Cecil John Rhodes (1853-1902), the British statesman and financier who became a leading advocate of British imperialist expansion in Africa, believed that the absorption of the greater part of the world under Anglo-Saxon rule (a.k.a. Anglo-American Establishment) means “the end of all wars”. To accomplish his goal of world domination, Rhodes drew up the first of six wills of family treasures earned from the Kimberly diamonds and Transvaal gold bars in South Africa, in which he stipulated that a secret society was to carry out his plans.

“The secret organization envisioned by Rhodes became the Round Table Group of England, the real founders of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA)... the Institute of Pacific Relations, and the ‘godfathers’ of the Council on Foreign Relations,” writes historian Paul Fisher in *Behind the Lodge Door*. They are but a few of those who have been charged with implementing a “One World Government or New World Order with a unified church and monetary system under their direction.”

To date, many Filipinos still refuse to believe that a relative handful of men have conspired for many years to rule nations and the world according to their philosophy.

Senator Blas F. Ople, chairman of the Senate’s Foreign Relations Committee, could be one of the “unbelievers” judging from his actions. In exchange for the ratification of the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA), Ople urged the Americans to grant the following demands: (1) correction of the U.S. government’s views that the Philippine-American War

was an “insurrection” and that the Filipino leaders were brigands; (2) Passage of the Veterans Equity Bill in the U.S. Congress to allow Filipino veterans who fought under the U.S. flag during World War II to enjoy the same benefits their American counterparts had received and (3) Return of the Balangiga bells which were taken by American soldiers from a church in Northern Samar as a war trophy (*Inquirer*, 8 February 1999). But all these were quickly “shot down” by no less than former President Joseph Ejercito Estrada. The VFA was after all, non-negotiable.

Aside from Ople, a bunch of cause-oriented congressmen also came out with similar demands. A resolution was pushed by a group demanding that the U.S. government issue an apology for wrongly viewing the Philippine-American War as an “insurrection”, when we had in fact already won our revolution against colonial Spain.

Maximo V. Soliven, the influential publisher of *Philippine Star*, chided our solons, telling them that obtaining apologies—especially from super powers—is never an easy task: “Let’s just get those lying Americans to at long last tell the truth about our history and their villainous distortion of it. Never mind the apology.”

In his February 5, 1999 *Philippine Star* article, Soliven could not help but ask the perennial question haunting Filipino history students and professors: “Since when had the Americans replaced the Spanish overlords as our ruling government? When they bought the Philippines from Spain in a rigged Treaty of Paris on December 10, 1898 for the ‘payment’ of \$20 million?”

Indeed, “rigged” is the correct term. For the so-called deal of the century was not “one of the biggest scams in history” as Soliven calls it. It was in fact a clever arrangement among conspirators, in which ten million unsuspecting Filipinos were bought at a bargain-basement price of two dollars each.

Worse, even our own kind have become the greatest collaborators of new colonial masters. When the first shot was fired by Private Grayson of the U.S. Army at San Juan Bridge, Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo continued to address the Yankees as “friends”, despite the fact that Don Felipe Agoricillo was officially snubbed by U.S. State Department officials as the first Asian Republic envoy.

Aguinaldo’s former enemies had the better sense to suspect the real motives of the in-colonialists. Basilio Agustin, the last Spanish Governor-General warned the revolutionaries, “The North American people made up of all social excrescences, shall possess themselves of your riches, and shall substitute Protestantism for your Catholic religion.” Similarly, Spanish Archbishop Nozaleda predicted, “This heterodox people, possessed by the blackest rancor and all the abject passion that heresy engenders, would raze your temples, profane the altars of the true God, rob us of our religion, and treat us as slaves.” (*STAR*, *ibid.*)

Aguinaldo and his men did not listen. Why?

Conventional wisdom tells us that the Philippine Revolution of 1896 was waged because of the people’s opposition to the tyrannical power of the Catholic Church in the islands. That the writings of Jose Rizal and the political leadership of Emilio Aguinaldo fanned the fires of rebellion.

“But it is quite superficial and misleading,” writes Paul Fisher. “In reality, the Philippine Insurrection was orchestrated by Freemasonry, and while Aguinaldo indeed led that revolution, he did so as a dedicated member and tool of the Craft.”

Pointing to a national Archives pamphlet as one of the sources of his information, Fisher stated that the U.S. government concealed the real history of the insurrection, “because of a reluctance to publish facts that might prove injurious to ex-revolutionists, Federal officials, and military personnel.”

Captain John R. M. Taylor, author of the War Department’s unpublished report, noted that “Lodges of the Masonic Grand Orient of Spain were established in the Philippine Islands around 1890, and proselytes from those lodges formed the Katipunan, a Tagalog Masonic revolutionary organization.”

In his introduction to *The Philippine Insurrection Against The United States: A Compilation of Documents with Notes* (Galley Proofs, U.S. War Department, Washington, D.C., 1909, U.S. Archives, Microfilm M719, 10-29-8, Roll No. 9), Taylor says: “It may be considered that in this introduction, I have done more than justice to the work of Spanish missionaries in the Philippines. I am not a Catholic, and have said only what my investigations of the subject have led me to believe was the truth in the matter.”

In his report, Taylor included an 1898 “Memor” from the Dominican Fathers to the Spanish government, which reads: “In consequence of the teaching of the Freemasons, the voice of the parish priest has no longer any effect on numbers of the natives, especially at Manila and in the neighboring provinces... The Freemasons... have recommended the war against us.”

Also included is a letter written by Olegario Diaz, commander of Manila’s *Guardia Civil* dated October 28, 1896, which contains the following words: “It is fully proven that Masonry has been the principle cause of the trouble in these islands, not only from the advanced and irreligious ideas scattered about but more by the foundation of secret societies of a distinctly separatist character.”

Commander Diaz also related how the Freemasons planned and carried out a “brutal and shameless campaign” against monastic Orders and constantly ridiculed religion. Later, this campaign acquired a political character, which included criticisms and attacks on the central government and the authorities in the archipelago.

In Fisher’s exposé of Masonic activities in the Philippines, he includes one section of the oath taken by members of the Katipunan, which confirms Taylor’s detailed account of the hostilities before and during the Philippine-American War. It reads: “Do you swear before Our Lord Jesus that you will be able to assassinate your parents, brothers, wives, sons, relatives, friends, fellow townsmen of Katipunan brothers should they forsake or betray our cause!”

[H: READ IT AGAIN!]

According to Fisher, punishment for disobeying Katipunan directives—which covered all Filipinos “whether they like it or not”—was sobering. “It consisted of being buried alive and then having the murdered person’s possessions—including his family—taken by members of an organization called the ‘Manduducut’. That punishment was decreed by Emilio Aguinaldo, the Katipunan Supreme Leader and dictator,” Fisher writes.

The unpublished U.S. War Department document also includes a report submitted by Manuel Luego, civil Governor of Manila, to the Spanish Colonial Minister. The report, dated October 1, 1896, exposed “An Extraordinary Document of Philippine Masonry. Giving Instructions to be Carried Out at the Outbreak of the Rebellion.” It reads in part:

“Fourth. While the attack is being made on the Captain-General and other Spanish authorities, the men who are loyal will attack the convents and behead their infamous inhabitants. As for the riches contained in the said convents, they will be taken over by this G.R. Log. (i.e., Grand Regional Lodge)...

“Seventh. The bodies of the friars will not be buried, but will be burned in just payment for the crimes which during their lives they committed against the noble Filipinos for three centuries of hateful domination.”

Some names appeared at the end of the “Instructions”. They are shown as “President of the Executive Committee, Boliva, the Vice Grand Master, Giordano Bruno, the Grand Secretary, Galileo.”

Captain Taylor revealed that the names are actually pseudonyms for Andres Bonifacio (President), Pio Valenzuela (Vice Grand Master) and Emilio Jacinto (Grand Secretary).

Insurgent Record Nos. 8 and 9 reveal a catalogue of letters found in Aguinaldo’s papers, by U.S. Army personnel, which shows that a Masonic Lodge called “Patria” was used to cover insurgent intrigues in October 1899. It also contains a copy of an undated letter from Juan Utor y Hernandez, a 33rd-degree Mason, to U.S. Army Chaplain Charles Pierce, relative to the establishment of a newspaper to be named *Patria*. Fernandez expected the full support and cooperation of their American brothers, which counted among others, General Otis.

Another letter by Fernandez, signed as editor of *La Patria Democratic Daily*, dated October 8, 1899 gives the reason why Aguinaldo insisted in referring to the Yankees as his “friends”. The important part reads:

“I am in relation with some American brothers of importance, and if we can give, secretly, a Masonic character to the peace, we perhaps shall succeed in guaranteeing it from attack in the future, since you know, dear brother, that England and the United States are two countries in which the Masonic institution has most respect and weight.”

As God warned Babel, “They will not leave off from their designs till they accomplish them in deed.” England remains in the vanguard of utopianism. The Catholic writer, Solange Hertz, has taken cognizance of this in all her writings.

“In England, the evil genius of Francis Bacon would forge both modern Freemasonry and the Royal Society, one the political, the other the scientific arm of secular revolution. It is no accident that in England, masonry is an arm of the Crown, whereas in Catholic countries, it is an instrument of subversion,” says Hertz.

Indeed, it is painful to uncover the truth about our history. The Philippine Revolution of 1896 was not a popular revolt; neither was its 1986 EDSA edition. Regarding the former, Aguinaldo had this to say in January, 1955: “It cannot be denied that the Filipino Revolution against Spain was the work and glory of Freemasonry in the Philippines.” (*New Age*, April 1955. Mauro. P. 232)

HEROES OR HEELS?

It can no longer be denied that most of our national heroes were members of various Masonic lodges. But how patriotic were they?

To many Filipinos, Manuel L. Quezon, president of the Philippine Commonwealth, was the “greatest Filipino who ever lived”. Even Paul Fisher, author of *Behind the Lodge Door* had only praises for him. He writes:

“Brother Manuel Quezon... although selected for advancement to the 33rd Degree, declined the dubious honor, because ‘he feared some way, sometime, that there might be some obligation in accepting the honor which would be in conflict with his allegiance to the Philippines.’” (p. 217)

However, Isagani R. Cruz, in his *Critic at Large*, revealed a little known fact about the man who preferred to have “a government run like hell by Filipinos” than one “run like heaven by the Americans.” He points to the test issue (1984) of the *Bulletin of the American Historical Collection* (published by the American Association of the Philippines in Manila) as his most reliable source.

Indeed, John Pritchard’s article on “President Quezon and Incorporation of the Philippines into the British Empire, 1935-1937”, may shock Quezon’s numerous admirers. It demonstrates how Quezon tried to sell the Philippines to the British.

“No Asian leader has had a higher place in the memory of his own people than the first President of the Philippine Commonwealth,” Pritchard states. However, after getting wind of Uncle Sam’s real intentions, Quezon argued against U.S.-sponsored independence because he believed that the Hare-Hawes-Cutting Law “put American-Philippine trade on an equal footing, that it restricted Filipino rights to emigrate to America, that it gave indefinite powers to the U.S. High Commissioner, and most importantly, that it perpetuated American military and naval reservations which offended Philippine national honor and sovereignty.”

Despite his dissenting view on one of our prominent heroes, Pritchard was considered as a ‘kind’ critic. “Earlier scholars have been less respectful to Quezon,” Cruz explains, and “a quick glance at some sources available at American libraries should prove interesting to those who view our heroes as larger than their real lives.”

For example, in *Social Engineering in the Philippines: The Aims, Execution and Impact of American Colonial Policy, 1900-1913* Greenwood Press, 1980, Glen Anthony May tells how Governor-General Forbes asked Quezon and Osmena in 1907 if they were truly for independence. Since the Nationalista Party’s platform at that time indicated it. In an August 14, 1907 letter, Forbes wrote:

“They practically admitted to me that it was really a catch way of getting votes; that what they wanted was office, not independence; that they understood very clearly that the present condition of affairs would not change and that we need have very little anxiety about what they would do when they got in; that they would be friendly to the government and not attempt to start any waves.”

This was not the only instance Quezon told American officials that he advocated independence “for election purposes only”. In *The Papers of Woodrow Wilson* (Princeton University Press, 1979), the former U.S. President wrote in 1914, that “Quezon expressed his fears of independence in the near future, basing his fears largely on the conduct of Japan.”

Cruz cites a less polite conversation involving the fiery Quezon. In *Turmoil and Tradition: A Study of the Life and Times of Henry L. Stimson*, Elting Morrison recounts the discussion between Quezon and Stimson:

“One night at Malacañang, after dinner, Quezon walked up and down the porch in the moonlight saying, ‘What we need more than anything else is certitude. What we need more than independence is the knowledge that the situation as it now exists or could be made to exist will continue to exist. We are constantly being subject to changing administrations in Washington, changing attitudes on the part of the American people, changing procedures on the part of American businessmen here. Give us certainty and we will take a dependent status. But for heaven’s sake, let’s get organized so we can run the thing with some assurance that it will continue to run for a while and forget the independence issue.’ Then he said ruefully, ‘like your President T.R.—if you quote me on this, I will say you lie.’”

Quezon wanted protection against what he envisioned as the Chinese or Japanese menace in the future. Obviously, he wasn’t fully aware as to what kind of people he was dealing with. They were no ordinary “Brother Masons”. This is why President Jefferson once expressed pity for those who thought they knew what was taking place. Benjamin Disraeli, the British prime minister, felt pretty much the same way.

Quezon and Osmena played fire with the Secret Society which started World War II—or the so-called “Anglo-American Establishment” organized by imperialist Cecil Rhodes in the 1870s. The aim of this organization is to spread British Rule over the world and bring the United States under British Rule over the world and bring the United States under British control.

This same Secret Society destroyed Germany during World War I and then backed Hitler in an effort to destroy Soviet Russia. At the same time, a German member of this group was the head of Hitler’s General Staff and had conspirators organized to assassinate Hitler on their command.—Admiral Wilhelm Canaris, the director of Hitler’s Naval Intelligence!

Sources who do not wish to be identified informed us that Quezon, Osmena, Benito Legarda and his pal, Pardo de Tavera, were in fact, working for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the precursor of the CIA, which was created with the aid of British Intelligence (MI-6) and the British Special Operations Executive (SOE). But there was a “falling out” among the four of them, as Quezon and Osmena veered toward the British, while Legarda and Pardo de Tavera decided to stick it out with the Yanks. Interestingly, the descendants of these four Masonic families found themselves reunited at EDSA in 1986.

The “Punch and Judy Show” featuring our country’s heroes continues unabated: Rizal wanted to annex the Philippines as a province of Spain, while Quezon wanted to incorporate the country into the British Empire: for Recto, Benigno Aquino, Sr. and Jose P. Laurel, we know that they were pro-Japanese; and Sison, Jalandoni, and company are pro-China, while their colleagues on the opposite side of the Marxist pole are pro-Russia.

So who’s pro-Philippines? No one at the moment.

It only proves that from 1896 to 1986 we were not an independent nation, nor can we ever be, as long as we are ruled by an invisible government.

MENDIOLA MASSACRE:

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRUTH

On January 21, 1987, about 10,000 members of the militant Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) led by Jaime Tadeo, barged into the former compound of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in Quezon City, chanting the official anthem of the New People's Army (NPA). Later, veteran newsman Louie Beltran would report that the stormtroopers had set up a military-type barricade to block two streets off the Quezon Memorial Circle. Unchallenged, the farmers went on to lower the Philippine flag flying over the government compound and replaced it with a banner which bears the hammer and sickle.

The successful occupation of a government agency emboldened the NPA regulars within the farmers' rank and had taken effective control of demonstrating KMP members. They decided to march to Malacañang the next day to pressure the Aquino government to institute badly-needed agrarian reforms.

Near the Mendiola Bridge, the demonstrators were met by a cordon of 300 riot policemen under the command of Col. Edgar dela Torre. When they attempted to break the police line, the KMP marchers were met by a volley of shots coming from the M-16s of a Philippine Marine battalion stationed near the gates of Malacañang.

Nineteen farmers died instantly. Among them were Adelfa Aribe, Robert Caylao, Dionigo Viva Bautista, Sonny Boy Perez, Dante Evangelio, Rodrigo Cranpa, Agelita Guterrez, Bernabe Lakindanauan, Roberto Yumul, Leopoldo Alonzo, Danilo Arijona, Ronilo Dumanlan and Vicente Campomanes.

Tadeo's gamble of creating another "Bloody Sunday" similar to one hatched by Father Gapon of the Okhrana faction, the "priest" who set the 1905 Bolshevik revolution in motion, failed miserably. In fact, moderates from media blamed Tadeo's reckless adventurism. "Anyone who leads 10,000 enraged marchers carries with him the responsibility of ensuring that their fired-up emotions will not lead to unnecessary loss of lives," writes Oscar Miranda of *Kabayan*.

Tadeo used the farmers to foment discordant strife which ended in bloodshed. There was no need for him to lead them to try and cross Mendiola Bridge, knowing that they were up against a contingent of military troops ordered to secure president Cory Aquino at all costs. (Oplan Yellow was headed by PC-INP Gen. Ramon Montano, assisted by then P/Col. Alfredo Lim, even though Lim had no operational responsibility of his WPD elements at that time. In fact, Lim had even volunteered to lead the negotiation panel to have a dialogue with the leaders of the demonstrators in order to resolve the situation peacefully and avoid violent dispersal operations as per "rules of engagement".

Following standard operating procedure, P/Col. Alfredo Lim, an experienced police commander in crowd control and seasoned veteran of almost daily confrontation with militant dissenters both from the Left and from the Right since the First Quarter Storm (FQS) of the '70s, stationed himself along elements from the WPD well forward of the designated frontline to await the leaders of the

farmers' march. But, as reported ahead of time by military intelligence operatives, Tadeo's earlier boast that "blood will flow", if their grievances were not addressed by the government, became the KMP's order of the day. Even an experienced negotiator like P/Col. Lim could not stop the NPA agents provocateur from carrying out their secret agenda.

The farmers' attack came so sudden and so fierce that it engulfed Lim's group. They even managed to physically hold then P/Major Conrado Francisco, until security escorts intervened and led the WPD officers to safety. It was at this point when sporadic firing occurred, P/Col. Lim had no choice but to carry out the orders entrusted to him by his superiors.

Needless to say, the bloody incident shocked the entire nation. "The KMP blamed President Aquino as commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), while the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) castigated the military for violating the human rights of the hapless farmers," reads Oscar Miranda's published report. "Even the Ministry of Foreign Affairs headed by General Manuel Yan promised the diplomatic corps full disclosure of the matter in question," he adds.

Meanwhile, several organizations registered their protests: the Concerned Seamen of the Philippines (CSP), the U.P. College of Public Administration Alumni Association, and the Student Christian Movement of the Philippines called the incident a replay of the Marcos dictatorship. Even the National Democratic Front (NDF) cancelled its scheduled peace talks with the government, blaming the latter for its inability to control the military.

Joining the public outcry against the military were Human Rights Committee Vice-Chairman Jose Reyes, Nini Quezon Avancena, Abelardo Aportadera, Sister Marian Dimaranan, and Executive Director Antonio Quintos, who resigned from their positions. According to them, they're presence could not possibly survive under such "militarization".

President Aquino immediately summoned her top ministers for a Cabinet meeting. After three hours of huddle with Defense Minister Rafael Iletto, AFP Chief-of-Staff General Fidel V. Ramos, and the others, Aquino announced the formation of a Citizen's Mendiola Committee composed of Vicente Abad Santos, Jose Feria, and Dean Antonio Miranda of the Civil Liberties Union (CLU) which was given two weeks to investigate the incident and come up with appropriate recommendations.

Aquino likewise approved the "vacation leave" filed by General Ramon Montano, commanding general of the Capital Region Command (CAPCOM), while the matter is being investigated. She also ordered the immediate release of other demonstrators.

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As we walk through the historical play—realize that times rarely change in human behavior. So much is based on lies and corruption as to have great difficulty in realizing where one stops in the ongoing morass. Even to the interchange of highest leadership the recurring statement shows up again and again: "... and if you tell this I will proclaim that you lie...". This then has become the mode of operations from the child toddler to the highest administrator of any government. Nobody even bothers to take the time to investigate

TRUTH in order to stop perpetuating the lies. The lies are enhanced by everyone along the line who has jealous envy or wants a piece of someone else's action. We live it all the time, daily in fact, in even our tight little family circles as in "she got more than I did" or attending the business of others which are NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

We have always been plagued with people stating that they gave up this or that to come and "serve" somehow. Not me—they didn't—for I NEVER have suggested such a thing. However, when the dust settles and choices are made, the presentation somehow becomes rooted in the mind of the "believer". Then, no matter what or who impacts any one of the "team" or any of the operations, it seems to be assumed to be the business of "all". NO, it is not so. Moreover, we have NEVER asked that ANYONE fail to have his own livelihood at anything he chooses. If there would be workplace available, so be it, but this does not assume that ALL are somehow accountable to the "whole". We are all simply struggling, borrowing or doing whatever is applicable to get through this hard time and many of those working at their tasks are NOT particularly "within any loop" to be delineated one against another. Moreover, I am extremely curious as to just how those encounters become the problem of the team in Manila? So be it, for it certainly causes this writer to never wish to return to the immediate fray. We cannot be responsible for each and all—not me, not thee.



Please begin to give more personal thought to what you do and especially on the gossip you spread because it might just well be uninformed information. We find that the majority of the people alive today would eat all the seed grain. It is a sad commentary on MANKIND.

I, for one, will butt right out of your business or circle the minute you suggest it. We are pedaling as fast as we can.

Salu, GCH

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Zionist Barbarians Prepare For Conquests In Syria And Iran

The drive for Imperial wars is no longer oil—it is Israeli regional interests.

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The Evil Genius of Empire: Will Iraq Arise Again?

By James Petras, www.globalresearch.ca,
30 April 2003

Millions of U.S. citizens protested before the war and when it was launched but as the U.S. war machine proceeded to conquer Iraq, the movement declined, the number of protestors decreased to the thousands, and was mostly composed of committed activists. In its place, hundreds of thousands of U.S. flags began to sprout from car antennae and housefronts. The polls indicated that close to three quarters of the population supported Bush’s handling of the war.

It is clear that the rapid military conquest and U.S. destruction of Iraq produced a wave of irrational chauvinist support for Bush and the war. The bitch goddess of success—even “successful” genocide—has a multitude of worshippers in the United States. This raises many painful and difficult questions about the nature of the U.S. anti-war movement and popular sentiments. It is clear that those intellectuals who eulogized the pre-war opposition as a “new moral force” on an upward ascent were wrong. Many antiwar dissidents turned and supported the war once it started. An even greater multitude came out waving their flags after Iraq was defeated, Iraqi society destroyed and the Iraqi people humiliated. The war did not heighten opposition, as some progressive intellectuals hoped, military success decreased protest and increased chauvinist sentiments. Moreover as Bush, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz *et al.* allowed looters and organized gangs to pillage the entire society, there was virtually no popular outrage—only a few professional archeologists and curators bemoaned the losses to humanity.

What accounts for the demise of the U.S. peace movement and even the embrace of war among some sectors of the protestors, particularly as the military pulverized and conquered Baghdad?

The most important single factor was the turn from fear of a lethal “attack” by Iraq to the “security” of a U.S. military conquest and occupation of Baghdad. In other words many U.S. opponents of war were not motivated by moral principle or solidarity—they acted against the war because they feared that U.S. society

and soldiers might be adversely affected. Once it was clear that there was no chance for any significant retaliation within the U.S. or Iraq (Bush knew all along Iraq was effectively disarmed before invading), that the U.S. military was in total control, they switched loyalties and joined in supporting the warlords.

The mass media presented military successes and conquest as the result of the strategic genius of U.S. military and civilian leaders. The media presented every surrender and every humiliation of the Iraqis as reducing the “threat” to U.S. soldiers and civilians. The absence of any Iraqi attack with weapons of mass destruction and the images of the U.S. occupation of the principal oil wells and regime palaces were featured in the media, and were well received, even in a jocular manner, by most U.S. citizens. In the psyche of many U.S. citizens the absence of danger unleashed an orgy of chauvinism and an embrace of the geniuses of evil. Pro-war ideologues and their supporters became more aggressive in promoting new wars. The doubters and critics became defensive and some became demoralized by the sight of mass pillage, the killing of Iraqis protesting U.S. occupation and the deranged chauvinist behavior of their neighbors and workmates, none of whom demonstrated the minimum concern for the conversion of Iraq into a smoldering wasteland. If there was the minimum concern among the mass of U.S. citizens, they would have noticed that the images of “masses” of Iraqis supposedly “welcoming” the U.S. “liberators” was in the hundreds in a city of 5 million.

That the pulling down of a Saddam statue was preceded by the raising of the U.S. flag and that U.S. soldiers were among the handful of Iraqis pulling down the statue. In Mosul, Baghdad, Najaf, Nasariyz and several other cities, thousands of courageous Iraqis braved U.S. guns, tanks and helicopters, to demand their freedom from the U.S. and their appointed exile stooges as well as Saddam Hussein. But U.S. citizens continued to exalt with pride over the “conquering heroes” (“our brave soldiers”)—the assassins of peaceful protestors demanding freedom from their past tyrants and present military overlords.

The bulk of the U.S. public is not bothered that a U.S. military general rules over 23 million Iraqis. Newspapers are positively elated to see General Franks celebrating the occupation as his new role as military ruler. Nearly eighty percent of U.S. citizens believe the conquest, destruction and cultural rape of Iraq was a worthy war. They revere the generals and administration for carrying out an ‘honorable’ war despite the fact that every official justification for the war has been demonstrated to be lies. No weapons of mass destruction were found; no links to al-Qaida were found; no capture of Saddam Hussein took place; there was no attempt to protect the civilian population; there was no protection of hospitals. On

the contrary, the U.S. occupation forces allowed the hospitals to be attacked and stripped of medicine and equipment—while thousands of maimed and wounded children, women, elderly and soldiers howled in pain and the more fortunate died in pools of blood on hospital floors from treatable wounds.

Contrary to optimistic progressives, the great majority of U.S. citizens are totally disinterested in the suffering of the Iraqis at the hand of the U.S.-backed vandals and looters. Only a few indignant curators have protested. In most cities and towns, citizens are preparing celebrations to “welcome home our brave men and women in arms”, glad that the B-52 bombers, missiles and fragmentation bombs were able to end the war so quickly, so decisively, so successfully... at the cost of only 121 dead U.S. soldiers. “Bring on Syria”, “Bring on Iran”. I can hear it now in the beer halls of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as in the well modulated but menacing voices of the leaders of major Jewish organizations, echoing the voice of their real President, Ariel Sharon.

This was not a “war” against a dictator, nor even a simply ugly massacre of the Iraqi people, it is the deliberate destruction of a civilization carried out by modern barbarians—modern barbarians combining high-tech weapons of mass destruction, directed at destroying homes, factories, offices, water-treatment facilities, public utilities with primitive vandals and paramilitary forces destroying the heritage of 5000 years of civilization and 30 years of a modern secular Arab state. Vandals unleashed to incinerate the archives of a nation, its libraries and research institutes, to strip the most famous archeological museum of priceless antiquities and jewels of Islamic art, to destroy universities, school records, hospitals, documents detailing the most important aspects of modern Iraqi life as well as Iraqi national heritage. This is the systematic destruction of everything which allows a people to exist as a recognized nation.

There is no question that the pillage by the vandals was a deliberate policy of the U.S. government. Washington was advised in advance of the war of the danger to the museums and precious historical archives. Yet Washington chose to meet in January with antiquities dealers to “liberalize” the rules of sale and export of looted art. **Perlstein** and other representatives of American art dealers demanded the U.S. abolish Iraq’s “retentionist” policy on art and antiquities. As the occupation took place and Iraqi citizens pleaded with U.S. officials and soldiers to protect the museums, offices, archives and hospitals, they were driven away. In cases where citizens defended their homes and businesses from the vandals, they were denounced to the Marines as supporters of Saddam Hussein and shot. The world’s greatest war criminal Rumsfeld in his usual cynical and sinister jocular fashion absolved the vandals... “There is always looting after a war.” He added, “There was nothing we could do...freedom means being free to do bad things.”

The 200,000 U.S. armed forces occupied the major cities, protected the oil wells, took over the presidential palaces, patrolled the major streets in the city centers—helicopters, machine guns, tanks everywhere—and yet the most powerful army in the world could not stop hundreds of lightly armed criminals and arsonists right in front of their eyes?

The News Desk

By John & Jean Ray

CONFUSED ABOUT WAR WITH IRAQ

*Schaumburg Review: Letters to the Editor,
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Schaumburg, IL—I am writing in response to “Protests hurt our troops”, April 10, 2003.

First I am confused by those who say our soldiers are fighting for our freedom, for our right to protest and for our right to free speech. I was unaware that those things were at stake. In fact, based on the article about the new library Patriot rule [Patriot Act signs are posted at library, April 10, 2003], it appears that our administration is attempting to ignore certain rights.

Second, I am very confused about how wanting to put our troops in harm’s way is being supportive of them. I very much respect those who are willing to serve, and I find it disgraceful that we are putting them in danger for no legitimate reason. Because I am against this war does not mean that I am not supportive of the troops. I want the troops home safely.

My biggest confusion is about when, how and why Iraq became tied to 9/11. If someone can show me evidence stating that Saddam Hussein was involved in 9/11, I would be supportive of this war. However, I have seen no such proof and I can’t support a decision to go to war based on maybes, probablys, and what-ifs.

Which brings me to my last piece of confusion. I thought that we went to war because Iraq was a direct threat to our country. Since we have not found any weapons of mass destruction as of this writing, [4/11], suddenly we are now there to free the Iraqi people? If this is the case, then what heinous dictator are we going to go after next?

Come on, America, wake up and look at the facts!—
Tammy Brown

[JR: Actually, it is not Tammy that is confused as she sees the mixed signals put out by Washington as the cause for the confusion. It was these same mixed signals from the U.S. ambassador to Iraq that gave the okay for Iraq to invade Kuwait in the first place... thus starting the first Gulf War.]

‘U.S. PLANS TO MERGE IRAQ, JORDAN AFTER WAR’

By Aslam Khan,
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ISLAMABAD—The United States is working on a plan to merge Iraq and Jordan into a unitary kingdom to be ruled by the Hashemite dynasty headed by King Abdullah of Jordan with Amman as the capital of the proposed new country, reveals a startling report made available here on Friday.

The idea to unite Jordan and Iraq in a pro-U.S. Hashemite kingdom after an American war is aimed at “ensuring a stable post-war Iraq”, according to *Stratfor*, a strategic forecasting think tank based in the U.S.

It says that as a U.S. war against Iraq nears, both Washington and Middle Eastern players are working to make sure the expected American victory will result in strategic long-term gains. “The idea of a central Iraq

populated by Sunni Arabs joining with Jordan to form one Hashemite kingdom is being considered as one way to secure such gains,” *Stratfor* says.

The plan, authored by U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney, was first discussed at an unusual meeting between Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan and pro-U.S. Iraqi Sunni opposition members in London in July.

The plan’s goal in Iraq is to create a united Hashemite kingdom embracing Jordan and Iraq’s Sunni areas. In a nutshell, the plan involves uniting Jordan and Sunni-populated areas of Iraq under the rule of the current Jordanian regime.

The report says this will be done if Iraqi Sunni leaders “appeal to King Abdullah with such a request, which has a weak but still legally valid justification, as Abdullah is the second cousin of the last Iraqi king, Faisal II, who was overthrown in 1958”. The report says the plan will bring strategic benefits to the U.S., Israel and Jordan.

Benefits for U.S.: The fact that the Western-based Iraqi opposition completely depends on Washington will help the “Hashemite Plan”. The U.S. favours the plan because the current goal of replacing Saddam Hussein with a pro-U.S. Iraqi government still would not guarantee long-term U.S. control over the territory and its oil.

“First, it may become too hard for a new government in Baghdad to effectively control the whole country, even with U.S. troop support. An example is Afghanistan, in which the government of President Hamid Karzai still controls only the capital,” the report says.

“Second, the new government’s attempts to establish control over all of Iraq may well lead to a civil war between Sunni, Shia and Kurdish ethnic groups, with U.S. troops caught in the middle. The fiercest fighting could be expected for control over the oil facilities,” it adds. Uniting Jordan and Iraq under a Hashemite government will give U.S. several strategic advantages.

“First, the creation of a new pro-U.S. kingdom under the half-American Abdullah will shift the balance of forces in the region heavily in the U.S. favour,” the report says. After eliminating Iraq as a sovereign state, there would be no fear that one day an anti-American government would come to power in Baghdad, as the capital would be in Amman.

“Current and potential U.S. geopolitical foes Iran, Saudi Arabia and Syria would be left isolated from each other, with big chunks of land between them under control of the pro-U.S. forces,” according to *Stratfor*.

“Equally important, Washington would be able to justify its long-term and heavy military presence in the region as necessary for the defence of a young new state asking for U.S. protection and to secure the stability of oil markets and supplies. That in turn would help the U.S. gain direct control of Iraqi oil and replace Saudi oil in case of conflict with Riyadh,” it adds.


The richest oil areas would not go to the Hashemite kingdom but to a widely autonomous Kurdish region that still will be formally a part of the Hashemite state. To make sure the Kurds don’t upset U.S. ally Turkey by declaring an independent state, U.S. will have the excuse of deploying its forces in the Kurdish region, with new bases located just next to oil fields in areas such as Kirkuk.

“Washington then will be able to offer the new Hashemite kingdom as a model for other Arab states, combining what the Arab masses see as the advantages of a traditional monarchy with the

One has to be utterly stupid to believe that this was merely an oversight. When there are riots and looting of supermarkets in the U.S., the National Reserves are given orders to “shoot to kill”... and they do, mostly Blacks and Hispanics, but not vandals, pillaging the heritage of humanity.

Pillage follows the logic of the U.S. Empire. First the sanctions, impoverishing the country and undermining the health of the new generation; then war to destroy the basic foundation of the economy and infrastructure; followed by pillage by paramilitary groups to obliterate the historical memory, the symbols and signs of a civilization; and finally the partition of the country among a collection of sheiks, mullahs, disreputable exile flunkies, tribal tyrants and local gangsters—under the direction of a U.S. generalissimo and U.S. Marines and protected by servile police and local officials willing to serve the foreign ruler. The U.S. use of vandals and thugs follows the example of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the use of Maronite militias to pillage and murder Palestinian refugees in Sabra and Shatila. The destruction of hospitals, schools, ministries of health and education, land ownership records and cultural centers resembles Jenin, Ramalla and Nablus—only on a national scale. The imperial barbarians use the local vandals to complete the “final solution”—the reduction of a proud historical nation into a series of fragmented primitive fiefdoms of servile and tyrannical vassals.

The imperial barbarians, drunk with power, elated by massive public support, egged on by Ariel Sharon and his Zionist proxies in the Bush administration immediately prepare for new conquests in Syria and Iran, recycling the same formula used to invade and destroy Iraq. **The drive for Imperial wars is no longer oil, it is Israeli regional interests.** A former high-level CIA analyst spelled it out very clearly on U.S. National Public Radio... “After Iraq, the U.S. policymakers are looking forward to regime change or modification in Syria and Iran which will ensure that Israel will be the unchallenged superpower in the region”.

The “evil genius” of U.S. Empire has infected the country—from a scratch it has become gangrene. The belief that the U.S. can wage wars of conquest successfully without losing soldiers—is now common currency among the mass of North Americans. The high-tech barbarians of the Empire are unleashed. To the dismayed critics who ask “why the destruction and pillage?”, Rumsfeld answers “Why not? We won—They lost.” Rumsfeld, Sharon, the Generals and the Israeli surrogates in Washington have not definitively defeated the Iraqi people. Surrogate vassals, bogus “prime ministers”, imperial appointed administrators are already suspect or openly rejected. U.S. occupation forces are frightened of every “stranger” in the streets—for they are the first conquering army that never fought...(the bombs did it all). Face to face with tens of thousands of Iraqis who totally reject them, they panic, they shoot and they kill, but the civilian pressure is building. Their slogan “Neither Saddam nor the U.S.” may not be the complete program for democracy and development... but it is a start. The Iraqi people are rising from the ashes once again; it is the story of 5,000 years of civilization, conquest and national liberation. 

benefits of a U.S. alliance,” the report says.

“The potential combination of educated Iraqis, U.S. aid and military assistance, and oil revenues might help the new state become a beacon for the Arab world to follow,” it adds. Were more states to adopt this example, the geopolitical influence of both Saudi Arabia and Egypt would decline, making it easier for Washington to deal with them.

“In case of a future conflict with Saudi Arabia or Iran, U.S. forces would be in the ideal position to strike not only from sea but also from land by using new bases in the Hashemite kingdom and the Kurdish region,” the report reveals.

Benefits for Israel: “Iraq, arguably Israel’s most determined foe, will be eliminated and Baghdad’s end will deprive the Palestinians of much financial and other assistance, which can reduce the effectiveness of attacks against the Jewish state.”

Benefits for Jordan: “King Abdullah will vastly expand his role and prominence in the region with a joint Hashemite state, becoming the second-most important U.S. ally after Israel. In addition to his huge territorial gains, he also will get a chunk of Iraqi oil.

“And Palestinians, who currently make up half of Jordan’s population, will become a minority in the new state, with much less potential to stir up trouble,” the report adds.

[JR: What a brilliant U.S./Israeli plan to divide and effect an eventual takeover of the whole Middle East. Our mole in the ground, V.P. Cheney has been busy creating our vision of what the future of the Arab countries should be like. The U.S. is not working to create a new government for Iraq with the Shiites who make up a 65% majority, but with the Sunnis who are a minority. How can the Sunnis as a 13% minority, bring stability and fairly represent the interests of the Shiite and 19% Kurdish population? The Hashemite ruling classes of Jordan have long been in the control of the U.S. and Israel ever since they fought with the British for their “independence”, under Lawrence of Arabia. How deceived they were then and how deceived they are now. In 1951 King Abdullah of Jordan was assassinated because of suspicions he was too accommodating in serving Israeli/U.S. interests, and in 1959 King Faisal II and his family were killed and that ended the Hashemite rule in Iraq, when Iraq became a republic. It appears as though Jordan is being used as a wedge that will divide and end the ruling and political factions that comprise the Arab states. This will instigate and further the regime changes that have long been conspired by the world’s Zionist plotters. The U.S., Britain and Israel are setting up puppet dynasties and not democracies to deceive and betray the Arab people, again. The Elite has used successfully these same plans for centuries... and we have yet to catch on.]

HEZBOLLAH CHIEF TO IRAQIS: RESIST U.S.

By Deborah Horan, *Tribune*, 04/23/03

BEIRUT—Speaking for the first time since Saddam Hussein’s regime fell, Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah on Tuesday implored Iraqis to resist what he described as a U.S. military occupation of their country.

“The American occupation of Iraq stopped the nightmare of Saddam, but there is a second nightmare, which is the occupation of Iraq by America,” Nasrallah told thousands of Lebanese Shiites gathered to commemorate the death of the grandson of the Muslim Prophet Muhammad.

“The Iraqi people must resist this occupation,” he said. Nasrallah’s speech came as millions of Iraqi Shiites gathered in the holy city of Karbala to commemorate the

40th day after the anniversary of Imam Hussein’s slaying in A.D. 680, a mournful ceremony marked annually by most of Lebanon’s Shiites but suppressed in Iraq during the 35-year rule of the Baath Party and Hussein.

Until now, Hezbollah leaders have stayed largely on the sidelines of the U.S.-led war in Iraq, watching with quiet unease as a regime they despised for its brutal oppression of Shiites was toppled by American forces they neither trust nor want to see remain in Iraq.

Tuesday’s call for resistance ended that silence, but it was unclear how Nasrallah’s words might affect the Shiites of Iraq, whose clerical leaders have been vying for power in the vacuum left by Hussein’s fall, or whether they might galvanize Hezbollah members to fight the Americans.

When U.S. troops first entered Iraq, there were reports that Hezbollah members were among the Arab volunteers who had gone to Iraq to wage jihad. But on Tuesday, Nasrallah stopped short of calling on followers of his militant group, which the U.S. government considers a terrorist organization, to aid Iraqi resistance.

“We can bet that the Iraqi people will resist the American occupation and liberate themselves,” he said.

Nasrallah’s prestige has risen in Lebanon and among Shiites throughout the Middle East since his organization forced Israel to withdraw from southern Lebanon in 2000 after 22 years of occupation, a feat that Arab governments had for decades failed to accomplish. ...

But it was impossible to know how his words struck the throngs who had listened. Security guards prevented foreign journalists from speaking to worshipers in the absence of a Hezbollah official.

“Iraqis all say they want Islam. We want what they want,” was all one Hezbollah spokesman would say, on condition of anonymity.

Hezbollah traditionally has maintained strong ties with Iran, which continues to aid Hezbollah’s military fight against Israel and has provided a haven to at least one potential Iraqi Shiite leader, Ayatollah Mohammed Bakr al-Hakim, for more than 20 years. ...

But Lebanon’s ties with Iraqi Shiites also are tight, despite Saddam Hussein’s repression of Shiite religious rituals. Many of Lebanon’s most revered Shiite clerics studied in religious schools in Najaf, Iraq, and the two communities have strong social ties and often intermarry.

Flanked by stoic bodyguards on a stage built to replicate the shrine to Imam Hussein in Karbala, Nasrallah told the throngs in south Beirut that Iraq’s Shiite leaders never would accept a U.S. military presence in Iraq.

“In Najaf you will not find any person who will give cover for this occupation,” he said.

Nasrallah downplayed schisms that have developed recently among Shiite factions as various Shiite clerics vie for the powerful—and lucrative—position of marjaiya, which translates roughly to “spiritual reference”. Shiite faithful give huge sums in yearly “tax” to the marjaiya of their choice.

One potential spiritual leader, Ayatollah Abdul Majeed Al Khoei, who returned to Iraq with America’s blessing earlier this month, was murdered in Najaf. A second top Shiite leader, Ayatollah Ali Sistani, was told to leave Iraq by an angry mob that threatened to kill him because he had urged Shiites not to resist the U.S.-led invasion.

Nasrallah said Sistani never urged his followers not to resist. “Arab television needs to tell the truth,” he said, and not propaganda. “They said that Sistani asked the Americans to come to Najaf to bring safety and security to the people. This is not true.”

[JR: The U.S. invasion and occupation in Iraq has opened up a Pandora’s Box of factious religious and political groups of Shiite, Sunni, Shia, Kurds and ex Baath Party members, not to mention the other influences coming from Iran, and now Lebanon. Let us not forget Israel in all this mix of political and religious potpourri. Now how does the

will of the Iraqi people fit in all this? Shouldn’t there be elections supervised by a neutral parties like, say France, Germany, Russia and China and anyone else that wasn’t a part of the U.S. “coalition of the willing”.]

U.S. STEPS UP HUNT FOR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN IRAQ

By Doyle McManus and Bob Drogin,
Los Angeles Times, 04/20/03

WASHINGTON—With its claim that Iraq was hiding chemical, biological and nuclear weapons still unproved, the Bush administration is preparing to dispatch hundreds of additional investigators to step up the search—and warning that it might take up to a year to complete.

The Pentagon is assembling a new Survey Group with more than 1,000 experts to interrogate Iraqi scientists and broaden the search for weapons of mass destruction, officials said.

U.S. military units in Iraq have found no prohibited weapons since they invaded the country last month.

Some experts, both inside and outside the U.S. government, say Iraq’s weapons programs might turn out to be significantly smaller than the Bush administration has portrayed. And some warn that missteps in military units’ initial searches of suspected weapons sites unwittingly might have destroyed useful evidence. ...

“We are quite confident of our intelligence,” Secretary of State Colin Powell said in a television interview last week. “When the searching is all over and the evidence comes forward, this conflict will rest on a solid foundation of fact.”

But officials also have begun an effort to lower public expectations, emphasizing how difficult it will be to find the evidence.

“It is not like a treasure hunt where you just run around looking everywhere, hoping you find something,” Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said last week. “The [United Nations] inspectors didn’t find anything, and I doubt that we will. What we will do is find the people who will tell us.”

Gen. Tommy Franks, head of U.S. Central Command, said recently that the search could take up to a year.

Officials maintain that they are not frustrated or disappointed that evidence of their principal charge against Hussein has not turned up, but they acknowledge that they will face mounting skepticism from critics of the war the longer a search takes.

The issue will come up this week in the UN Security Council. Chief UN arms inspector Hans Blix clashed with the Bush administration before the war when he argued that his inspections should be allowed to continue.

The issue of U.S. credibility has been raised by some critics. But the administration insists it isn’t worried that critics might not find any U.S. discoveries believable without international monitors on the scene. ...

The surrender last week of two scientists—Lt. Gen. Amer Saadi, the main liaison to UN inspection teams for chemical and biological weapons after 1995, and Jafar Jafar, who founded and led Iraq’s clandestine nuclear program—raised hopes that the search would soon bear fruit.

But the scientists assert that “they destroyed everything” in the years after the 1991 Persian Gulf War, according to a U.S. intelligence official familiar with the initial debriefings.

David Albright, a former nuclear weapons inspector in Iraq, said he long ago concluded that the administration was overstating the likelihood that Iraq had rebuilt its nuclear weapons program. He said he is increasingly skeptical of claims that Iraq had a huge arsenal of chemical and biological weapons.

“If there are no weapons of mass destruction, I’ll be mad as hell,” Albright said. “I certainly accepted the

administration claims on chemical and biological weapons. I figured they were telling the truth. If there is no [cache of weapons], I will feel taken.”

[JR: Weapons of mass destruction did not justify our war against Iraq, nor the necessity of a regime change, nor Saddam, and certainly not forcing our brand of freedom and democracy upon the Iraqi people. Rumsfeld lamely postulates that even if UN inspection didn't turn up anything, and even if we don't find anything, we will find people who will tell us something. Really, and what should one make of such an ambiguous statement? How relevant will these revelators be especially if they are bribed or coerced into telling us what we want to know. How credible will we be to an already suspicious world? The longer “our search” takes for WMD the less plausible our war against Iraq was or is. Our deceptive practices will only succeed in embroiling the world in an endless debate, which the U.S. will ignore or curtly dismiss. Americans have successfully been lied to, taken in and scammed by the Bush Oil Cartel.]

FBI TO HUNT MUSEUM'S STOLEN ART

News Services, 04/18/03

WASHINGTON—Stung by the furor over the U.S. military's failure to protect Iraq's historical treasures, the FBI on Thursday assigned dozens of agents to hunt down priceless artifacts looted from the National Museum in Baghdad.

FBI Director Robert Mueller's announcement came as a third cultural adviser to President Bush resigned in protest. The adviser noted that the U.S. military quickly secured oil fields during the invasion but commanders only belatedly sent soldiers to guard the museum, even though the Pentagon was warned of the danger for plunder.

“We certainly know the value of oil, but we certainly don't know the value of historical artifacts,” Gary Vikan, director of the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, said after resigning along with Richard Lanier and Martin Sullivan, who led the President's Cultural Property Advisory Committee for eight years. ...

Responding to the criticism, Mueller said that dozens of agents in Iraq would help conduct investigations into thefts and looting at the museum and other cultural sites.

Agents would aim to capture thieves, recover stolen artifacts and cooperate with Interpol, the international law-enforcement organization, to track sales “on both the open and black markets”, Mueller said. ...

Also Thursday, experts meeting in Paris agreed to send an emergency mission to Iraq to assess the damage at the National Museum and other cultural institutions.

The experts also disclosed new details of the National Museum's plundering. They said there was strong evidence that many of the looters had keys to museum vaults, raising suspicions that organized crime may have been involved. ...

Also Thursday, the American Anthropological Association urged the Bush administration to offer amnesty and monetary rewards to encourage the return of items.

Looters made off with statues, golden bowls, manuscripts and other treasures in the museum's collection chronicling ancient Mesopotamia, considered the cradle of civilization and home to modern Iraq.

The bandits were so efficient at emptying Iraqi libraries and museums that reports have surfaced of artifacts already appearing on the black market, experts said.

“It looks as if part of the theft was a very, very deliberate, planned action,” said McGuire Gibson, professor of Mesopotamian archeology at the University of Chicago and president of the American Association for Research in Baghdad. “It really looks like a very professional job.”

But it remained unclear exactly what was gone.

With many museum records now in ashes and access to Iraq still limited, it could take weeks or months to answer those questions.

It was unknown whether one of the national museum's greatest treasures, tablets containing Hammurabi's Code, one of the earliest codes of law, were there when the looting began.

Neil MacGregor, director of the British Museum, said some of the greatest treasures—including gold jewelry of the Assyrian queens—were placed in the vaults of the national bank after the 1991 Gulf War. There was no information on whether those items remained safe.

Many at the Paris meeting feared the stolen artifacts have been absorbed into highly organized trafficking rings that move goods through a series of middlemen to collectors in Europe, the United States and Japan.

The White House on Thursday repeated its assertions that the U.S. military had worked hard to preserve the infrastructure of Iraq. ...

But the experts meeting in Paris said that even moves to prevent the illegal export of looted objects from Iraq would require detailed information on what was stolen from museums in Baghdad and Mosul as well as from libraries, monuments and archeological sites.

“At this point, none of us knows anything,” said Salma El Radi, an Iraqi scholar associated with New York University.

[JR: With the chaos going on in Baghdad and its aftermath little will be achieved by the FBI bloodhounds sent there to investigate. It is obvious that this assistance will be too little and will have come too late. The professional thieves and the vandals had to be a part of a very well organized joint venture. The museum was a major target for someone who wanted to extract revenge. The number one suspect is ISRAEL! Our satellites made it a priority to see and to know all that was going on in Iraq and in particular Baghdad. I say all the Bushites know but will never turn in the Zionist perpetrators. The destruction of Iraq's ancient artifacts will in our lifetimes remain an unsolved mystery...unless all were replicas.]

THE LOOTING OF IRAQ'S CULTURAL HISTORY

By Georgie Anne Geyer,
Universal Press Syndicate, 04/18/03

WASHINGTON—In the 1980s, when I traveled several times to Baghdad to cover the bitter Iran/Iraq war, for moments of joy I would slip over to the Iraqi National Museum and lose myself—and reclaim myself—among the glorious treasures of our least-known antiquity.

I remember it as a rather small museum. Apparently it has since been enlarged. But there was incredible intimacy to be found among the cultural riches, such as the Sumerian silver harp from Ur and the iconic “Head of a Woman” from Uruk.

I recall moving very slowly through the basement of the museum where, at least then, the great wall carvings from Nineveh lined the walls with their haughty Assyrian warriors, spears in hand.

Many Americans know the Aztec, Mayan and Inca civilizations from Central and South America—they are close by, and precious. Many have been to Egypt and to the great Roman ruins around the Mediterranean. But few have been to Baghdad, and even fewer have been to the extraordinary ruins of Babylon, Ur, Nineveh, Hatra and Samarra. These were the cultures that spawned us 7,000 years ago, and yet for all these years they were lost to most of us.

Now, many of those civilizations' treasures are also lost to the Iraqis, who will need them more and more as they move into the next and most dangerous phase of their precarious national life.

The question of what really happened on those first nights of the looting in Baghdad—when the national museum, and then the national library, were sacked, many of their precious treasures looted or wantonly destroyed—will be the subject of study for years. I suspect history will be far less kind to us regarding Iraq's cultural destruction than it will be about the entire invasion. Archeologists, even those sympathetic to the West, are already comparing those Walpurgis Nights of criminality and destruction to the invasion of early Baghdad by the Mongols, from the East, in 1258.

Is it possible that we Americans will be seen as the Mongols from the West? Will our sins of omission—American troops didn't loot; they just didn't stop it—be seen as nearly as bad as the Mongols' sins of commission?

It was not that such destruction was unforeseen. For months, archeologists and scholars had gone to the Bush administration and to the Pentagon to warn of the importance of these treasures and to ask for protection for them during the warfare. “I thought we had understandings,” McGuire Gibson, professor at the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, said this week. “I didn't expect that we would stand by and let them loot the museum and burn the ministries.”

The Pentagon has said only that the museum had been put on the no-target list in response to the scholars' warnings, but that it was not a “matter of priority” during combat operations. Asked about why we allowed the destruction, an exasperated Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said in one of his press conferences: “We don't allow bad things to happen, bad things just do happen. Disorder happens every time there's a period like this. It isn't something that one allows or doesn't allow.”

But in fact, American soldiers in Baghdad immediately surrounded—and protected—the oil ministry. In other sectors of Iraq, American forces were quick, and according to plan, to secure oil wells, dams and other critical sites before Western troops moved into the capital city. This is fine and right—but the rather sharp discrepancy in the efforts made to protect physical creations as compared to the effort to protect a rich country's great cultural creations is what tells the real story.

It wasn't that the ideological fathers of this policy didn't care about antiquities; they just didn't even think about them. Over and over, you see in our actions toward Iraq that to the ideologues who designed this war, the Iraqi people are just chessmen to be moved about at the will of our dreams and intentions for them. Do they really have a “culture”? And how important would that be, if they did? All we want to do is “democratize” them—and if we have to bypass their entire culture to do it, well, that is a cheap price to pay for our version of a perfect world over there.

The problem is that democracy is not just a faith or a way of life; it is a process and a mechanism. It works where individual human beings are already acculturated to it. It is not a new dress to wear to the ball, not instant coffee, not wash-and-wear. Indeed, we already see chaos in the meetings between the various groups in Iraq designed to bring democracy.

Ironically, the cultural strength that these people had—the strength that might have seen them through to a better time—was exemplified by the thousands of years of human creation represented in that museum. Too bad it didn't get on the list with the oil ministry. **[JR: I believe it was a deliberate act on the part of the U.S. to allow the sacking and plundering of the Iraqi Museum with all its priceless manuscripts and antiquities. The main objective was to eradicate the ancient history of Iraq in order to rebuild its future**

from a clean slate. With the proper “programming” it will probably take but a generation to readjust the thinking of the Iraqi people. They won’t need a past history in the new Iraq we are reconstructing for them. Wonder who we will designate to replace the ancient God of Sumer... Bush Jr. or Sharon?]

U.S. SOLDIERS QUESTIONED
OVER STOLEN IRAQI CASH

Daily News, 04/24/03

AS SAYLIYA CAMP, Qatar (*Reuters*)—The U.S. military is questioning some of its soldiers over the alleged theft of part of a multi-million-dollar haul of cash found in Baghdad, a spokesman at Central Command said on Thursday.

“We have questioned soldiers involved with the disappearance of monies found in Iraq on April 18,” Lieutenant Mark Kitchens told *Reuters*. “At this point we believe money was taken.”

He declined to say how many soldiers were under investigation or how much money had allegedly been stolen.

“All money found is the property of the Iraqi people,” Kitchens said. “The riches of the nation of Iraq, whether money, oil or art, belong to the people and we intend to ensure they get it.”

Members of the U.S. 3rd Infantry Division stumbled on the cash, which amounted to more than \$650 million in total, during an action to stop the looting which swept parts of the Iraqi capital when Saddam was toppled.

The money was stashed in a building whose windows had been bricked up to provide a hiding place, the U.S. military said. News reports said the money may have belonged to members of Saddam’s feared Baath Party.

Kitchens said unit commanders involved in the discovery of the cash had noticed some of the money was missing during the search operation. “The thefts to date were uncovered in a matter of hours,” Kitchens said.

He said officers from the military’s criminal investigation division had been called in to investigate the allegations of theft, the latest embarrassment for the U.S. military which has been criticized for not doing enough to protect valuable artifacts in Baghdad’s main museum.

On Wednesday U.S. officials said they had charged one former *Fox News* employee and were investigating some returning journalists after seizing 15 paintings, gold-plated guns and other items taken from Iraq and smuggled into the United States.

In the past week, U.S. customs and immigration officials have seized paintings taken from the palace of one of Saddam Hussein’s sons, found a cache of gold-plated weapons taken from an Iraqi government facility and confiscated Iraqi bonds, knives and other spoils of war.

Most of the people caught smuggling the items were reporters returning from covering the war in Iraq. But the gold-plated weapons were believed to have been looted by a member of the U.S. military and were in a shipment bound for a U.S. military base in Fort Stewart, Georgia.

[JR: Our wars are now fought with WMD and high-tech weapons yet pillage and the spoils of war is still a part of our modern day warfare. Maybe that is why Rumsfeld was hesitant to rely on a large ground force in order to minimize such actions. Some of our troops forgot that they were there on a mission to bring freedom and democracy to the Iraqi people and to be examples of America’s good will while in Iraq. I guess when you put on a uniform and are trained to kill it is hard to overcome some of those ancient traditions of warfare... especially when your country is a superpower.]

U.S. TRAINED, CHALABI BACKER’S TROOPS
‘CAUGHT LOOTING BAGHDAD’

Ananova—UK, 05/14/03

Fighters of the U.S.-trained Free Iraqi Forces have been arrested after they were allegedly found looting abandoned homes of members of Saddam Hussein’s regime.

U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Bryce Ivings said FIF soldiers have been caught repeatedly while looting homes in an enclave in Baghdad where members of the Baath Party lived.

He said soldiers from the 7th Infantry Regiment detained four men dressed in FIF uniforms and carrying rocket-propelled grenades. The men were taken to a prisoner-of-war detention centre.

Less than an hour later, another patrol found four other fighters—in uniform, but unarmed—carrying away china, glassware and clothing from empty houses. **Sergeant Jason Letterman said they were not held, but were told to stop the looting. [JR: NOW ISN’T THAT NICE!]**

FIF soldiers were trained, uniformed and brought to Iraq by the U.S. military. They are the military wing of the U.S.-backed Iraqi National Congress and wear desert camouflage uniforms.

Baghdad police chief, Zabar Abdul Razaq, says FIF forces have looted homes in Baghdad and refuse to obey police orders. He added: “They will not respect our men and we need the U.S. soldiers to help us control them.”

Lieutenant Colonel Alan King, commander of the Civil Affairs battalion and responsible for reconstituting the police, said U.S. troops will help enforce the law.

King said he was concerned that one of the Iraqi opposition parties that has returned to Iraq after Saddam’s overthrow may be trying to start a rival police force.

He has reportedly told Razaq that his force is the only legitimate law enforcement in Baghdad and that anyone trying to form another one would be treated as hostile forces.

[JR: These are the same U.S.-trained Free Iraqi Forces that looted many homes in Basra and other southern Iraqi cities. When the local citizens complained they were told “you can’t do anything to us because we are with the U.S. invasion force”. It was also reported through other sources that local shop owners were even killed trying to prevent their stores from being pillaged by these unrestrained “troops” free to plunder the very ones they are there to liberate.]

IRAQ STEWARD: U.S. NEUTRAL ON RULE
MILITARY MOVES TO CHECK POWER
OF UPSTART EXILE

By Christine Spolar, *Tribune*, 04/25/03

BAGHDAD—As America’s top administrator in Iraq attempted to distance himself from the evolving political scene, the U.S. military threatened to physically oust a high-profile Iraqi exile from his base of operations for allegedly trying to grab millions in Iraqi government funds.

Intent on nurturing democracy in the post-Saddam Hussein era, the Bush administration clearly is beginning to realize the minefields that lurk in the evolving political process. Jay Garner, the retired general leading the reconstruction program, said the United States and Britain, which led the war effort, would favor no candidate for Iraq’s peacetime future.

“The coalition doesn’t have a candidate,” Garner said at a news conference at a former government hall in Baghdad. Garner’s sentiment seemed to belie what has been clear support, within the Defense Department and the White House, for longtime Iraqi exile Ahmed Chalabi.

Garner said Chalabi, the leader of the Iraqi National Congress, “was not supported” by the coalition. ...

Garner’s statement came as the military moved to wrest authority from a onetime Chalabi ally who appeared to be trying to expand his authority to undermine the Iraqi banking system and re-establish ties with questionable Baath Party officials.

Mohammed Mohsen al-Zubaidi, an Iraqi exile who once aided Chalabi’s group in ferreting out Iraqi defectors who could aid the Bush administration, was ordered to stop claiming authority over the Iraqi capital and promising fat salaries to government employees who return to work.

The commander of ground forces in Iraq, Lt. Gen. David McKiernan, issued a proclamation Wednesday night that only “the coalition had absolute authority within Iraq”. The order was issued, military sources said, in reaction to moves by al-Zubaidi to grab Iraqi government funds for his political use and to stoke old intelligence relationships.

Notably, the military moved Wednesday after al-Zubaidi that same night contacted the heads of the Iraqi Central Bank, Rafidain Bank and Rasheed Bank and asked them to hand over 100 million dinars—about \$500,000—so he could pay salaries for his staff and pay all outstanding salaries of government employees plus 1,000 percent raises, according to Col. Ted Seel.

An American military liaison to Chalabi’s political organization, who has set up operations within the Iraqi National Congress’s headquarters, was contacted by the banks and alerted McKiernan.

“The banks were told to do nothing until they could talk to McKiernan,” Seel said Thursday.

The confrontation over the use of Iraqi treasury money followed a similar dispute two weeks ago, military sources said. Then, al-Zubaidi tried to withdraw \$248 million from the Rafidain Bank. The bank president, who believed al-Zubaidi was working with Chalabi, traveled to Nasiriyah to inform Chalabi of the anticipated withdrawal.

The U.S. military quashed the money transfer, and troops ended up carrying the money, 62 boxes containing \$4 million each, back into the bank, military sources said.

The attempted fund transfer Wednesday prompted a letter from the coalition headquarters that no funds were to be disbursed from Iraqi banks without the consent of the coalition commander.

Seel later said he attempted to meet with al-Zubaidi and order him to vacate his offices on the 17th floor of the Sheraton Hotel late Thursday afternoon. Al-Zubaidi’s staff, according to Seel, said the political leader was out of the office.

“If he stays there, he will be apprehended,” Seel said Thursday. “U.S. troops should have delivered a message to him to disarm his police and to go. Zubaidi is doing things that will damage the democratization process rather than help it.”

In mid-April, the Marines, who had laid the groundwork for the restoration of civilian control of police and security, cut off relations with al-Zubaidi over concerns that he was too close to former secret police. Al-Zubaidi, who once worked out of the Palestine Hotel where the Marines were located, moved to the Sheraton Hotel.

In an interview, al-Zubaidi shrugged off McKiernan’s order and the idea that the Americans could tell him how to run for political office. He would not answer any specific questions about misconduct.

“I am seeing my people and I am concerned with them. We will find the solutions for ourselves,” al-Zubaidi said.

Asked whether he would follow McKiernan’s order, al-Zubaidi said obliquely that “I live in my country and I pay for my people. I’m not doing anything that the Americans need to be concerned with.”

Al-Zubaidi, who was an unknown in Baghdad society two weeks ago, is a former midlevel security agent, according to aides to Chalabi. He apparently has had a long relationship with Chalabi’s organization and is known in U.S. intelligence circles. ...

Chalabi aides acknowledged al-Zubaidi had “been resourceful and effective” in the past but they said they were dumbfounded by his new role. Al-Zubaidi had been living in Syria and Jordan the last year but turned up in Baghdad as the war started, they said.

“The next thing we know,” said one aide, “he is proclaiming himself the mayor of Baghdad.”

Al-Zubaidi has said he is allied with Chalabi. Chalabi’s organization and the military said all ties have been broken in the past week.

[JR: The so-called “exiled” Iraqi National Congress received a \$250 million U.S. government handout that was squandered away in questionable expenditures. Chalabi’s chief sponsor is none other than our own arch Zionist for Israel, WOLFowitz! One can only assume by his own greedy actions, that al-Zubaidi is also a protégé of the Zionists. Both men have succeeded in scamming their way into our American intelligence agencies and political centers of power. Neither Chalabi nor al-Zubaidi has lived in Iraq for decades. Al-Zubaidi and his merry band of thieves are Western-sponsored opportunists who came to Iraq just for the looting. Neither man should have access or have any connections with Iraq’s post-war government. Iraq’s conquest was about oil, Iraq’s treasures and now Iraqi banks. You can be sure that the Israeli Zionists are “profiting” from all their thievery. I wonder how many Israeli pawnshops have opened in Baghdad or in our main headquarters that are now being heavily guarded by U.S. troops, tanks and missiles? Sad to say but the Iraqi people hold only a minor importance in the plans of the invaders, plotters, looters, and re-reconstructionists and profiteers pouring into Iraq. The Iraqi people will be assimilated into our kind of democracy. America through the AEI has made it a top priority to revamp Iraq’s educational system just as we are busily doing in Afghanistan. The Iraqi children will be programmed and re-educated into our crass culture and way of thinking to be anything but what they truly are and that is... Muslims!]

GET READY FOR THE SOVIETIZATION OF AMERICA

By Al Martin (<http://www.almartinraw.com>),
American Free Press, 04/21/03

Some people wonder what a country that holds personal liberties above all other rights is doing hiring the former head of the KGB to consult on the issue of homeland security.

You will be happy to learn that the former head of the KGB (the secret police of the former Soviet Union), General Yevgeni Primakov, has been hired as a consultant by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Do you think he will share his expertise in “security” to prepare U.S. citizens for domestic internal passports under the pretense of fighting the never-ending “War on Terrorism”?

CAPPS II is the name of the new program which is technically under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Transportation, but that’s only technical and the only reason they did that was to use the Transportation Department’s budget to buy the computer hardware and software they need.

The way it works is you give them your credit card and they slide it through like you would in a store and then they hit a button and the monitor reads: CAPPS II, SS CTF.

The SS CTF evidently stands for State Security Citizen Threat File. But it has nothing to do with the Department of Transportation. It goes directly to a division, which has been established between the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, and the CIA and several other federal agencies.

This is a new division, referred to as the Office of Internal Security, which is coordinating the effort to establish citizen threat files on every U.S. citizen. It will be a huge database including credit files,

medical files, political and religious affiliation, military history, attendance at anti-government rallies, etc.

The news clip didn’t point out what information is being accessed. The only thing they’ll tell you is they’re going to access your credit history, but like the guy giving the interview said they will be accessing a whole lot more. They just don’t tell you what it is. When the Department of Homeland Security was asked about it, they wouldn’t say but replied that it would defeat the purpose if we told you what it was we were looking for.

No announcement will be made to the public about what information exactly is being accessed or exactly how much information or what type of information is going to be included in each citizen’s security threat file.

What I liked about this segment is that they interviewed General Yevgeni Primakov, who is now a consultant to the Department of Homeland Security along with General Alexander Karpov.

Primakov was laughing about it because he’s getting paid a big fee to do it. He doesn’t care, of course. Primakov speaks beautiful English, as you would expect a former head of the KGB to do. When he was asked what is this CAPPS II program really about, because obviously even “terrorists” could have credit ratings.

Primakov said that this is one of the steps now being employed along with NICA and new identity upgrade features which are coming to your driver’s license. It is being used to get the people used to new types of documentation and carrying new types of identity cards pursuant to the United States instituting a formal policy of internal passports. And he actually used the words “internal passports”.

When the NICA (National Identity Card Act) gets passed, the Posse Comitatus Act gets overturned, a few other pieces of legislation yet to be proffered get passed, the White House will have more control over the American people than the Kremlin had over the Russian people when Stalin was alive. He said that and then he laughed.

What Primakov finds funny are what he calls these “right wing flag wavers” that were so anti-communist and now they’re supporting a state policy of internal passports.

The irony is deafening.

Primakov continued by saying that he had been hired as a consultant and he was consulting on other “security” matters, an ongoing policy in various agencies of government—some of these offices haven’t even been created yet—to consistently narrow the rights of the American people and to expand the power of government. He professed not to know why, the reason for all this was, other than he admitted that “it doesn’t have much to do with ‘fighting terrorism’”.

In other words, it’s funny that we need a commie to come over here and tell people the truth. And remember its not just any commie, it’s the former head of the KGB, who is being (paid) for with taxpayers’ money from all the (naive) flag wavers out there.

And it’s not only Primakov. Look who else was hired: There’s General Karpov, former KGB station chief of their Washington station at their embassy and the first director of the Russian Federal Security Service.

You could call this the “Sovietization of America”. Primakov said he can’t wait to get on the payroll (he called it the “pay corps,” referring to the Heritage Foundation, the PNAC and all the other right wing foundations in the United States) He can’t get over how many ex-KGB generals and colonels still want to come over to the United States and become consultants to get on the pay corps.

It has been reported that Nikita Krushchev Jr. works for the Heritage Foundation. Another right wing foundation has Elena Stalin. The Old Soviet Brand names are all coming to Washington to get on the gravy train and teach the Bush administration how to further restrict the rights of the American people.

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SOME FEAR BIG BROTHER LURKS INSIDE PATRIOT II

By Jill Zuckman, *Tribune*, 04/24/03

NORTHFIELD, Wis. —Here in this tiny farming town of 586 people, worries about terrorist attacks have given way to worries about Big Brother.

Kathryn Severance, a retired business professor, stood among her neighbors the other day and asked Sen. Russell Feingold (D-Wis.) to stop the Patriot II proposal, a draft law which would broaden the powers of the FBI and other law-enforcement agencies to crack down on potential terrorists.

“It’s our civil rights,” Severance told Feingold. “People can be incarcerated without their family knowing. That’s what they did in Iraq. And didn’t we just get finished bombing that place to smithereens?”...

What makes the Wisconsin residents’ apprehension about Patriot II all the more striking is that the legislation does not even exist.

In February a draft bill from the Justice Department surfaced that would expand the government’s law-enforcement and intelligence-gathering powers, reduce judicial oversight of surveillance, authorize secret arrests, create a DNA database of suspected terrorists and revoke the U.S. citizenship of people suspected of terrorist activities.

The proposal is a follow-up to the USA Patriot Act, legislation requested by President Bush in the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, and quickly passed by Congress, with Feingold casting the only dissenting vote in the Senate. That act also expanded the government’s arrest, search and eavesdropping powers.

Although Patriot II has yet to be introduced or even debated in Congress, concerns about new restrictions on civil rights and a loss of privacy are spreading thanks to word of mouth and the Internet. ...

As suggested by his vote against the first Patriot bill, Feingold is particularly receptive to such concerns. He told Jahnke he believed the first round of legislation was “overkill” and a violation of civil liberties.

“There’s a possibility it could be even worse and they could take away a person’s citizenship,” Feingold said of the current proposal.

But this time, Feingold said, the climate had changed. “I think I’m going to have allies this time,” the senator said. “I don’t think I’m going to be alone.”

Stephen Thayer, executive director of the American Conservative Union, said his organization has heard from citizens around the country since the proposal began circulating.

“We found that a lot of people are also interested in ensuring our lawmakers take into consideration civil liberties when they are making public policy,” said Thayer, adding that times of crisis often produce legislation that is not the result of “due deliberation and due consideration”.

According to a *CNN/USA Today* Gallup poll from last June, 56 percent of respondents said the government should not take steps to prevent terrorism if those steps would violate basic civil liberties.

And a *CBS News/New York Times* poll in November showed that 44 percent were more concerned that the government would excessively restrict civil liberties than that it would fail to enact strong anti-terrorism laws. Forty percent held the opposite view.

According to the Bill of Rights Defense Committee, which fights anti-terrorism legislation that it views as infringing on the *Constitution*, 92 cities, towns and counties have passed resolutions protesting or challenging the provisions of the Patriot Act.

Justice Department spokeswoman Barbara Comstock said the new proposal, obtained by a watchdog group called the Center for Public Integrity, had not been vetted at the time and is no longer “the operative draft”. She said no decisions have been made about offering a Patriot II bill.

“There continues to be ongoing discussion about whether to seek additional legislation,” Comstock said. “We don’t make any apologies for continuing to assess whether there’s a need for improved information-sharing or tools to help protect the American people against terrorism.”

When Feingold cast the lone vote against the first Patriot Act on Oct. 26, 2001, he said he expected a backlash from voters cowed by fears of terrorism. “I felt it would probably take me a couple years to get around the state to explain this,” he said.

Instead, he said the reaction of Wisconsin voters was immediately positive.

Ken Van Doren, a construction worker from Mauston, complimented the senator this week on his vote. Standing in the wood-paneled courtroom of the Juneau County Courthouse, Van Doren said he is worried about the growing power of law enforcement.

“To me, Waco is probably the scariest thing that’s ever happened,” he said, referring to the 1993 raid on the Branch Davidian complex in Texas that ended in a fire and killed dozens of people. “I’m very concerned about living in a police state.”

[JR: One thing this article does not mention is that this USA Patriot Act is “supposed to expire” in October 2005. Bush and his neo-cons did not get this USA Patriot Act pushed through at the most opportune time in the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001 just to let it expire. The neo-cons have already been covertly planning Patriot Act II, plus inserting amendments into other legislation to bolster this unconstitutional Patriot Act I. The Justice Department is not even providing Congress with progress reports on the effectiveness of the Patriot Act. This is evidence that what they are actually doing is not to become public, not because of informing terrorists, but to keep American citizens from becoming aware of the total loss of their civil and privacy rights under the *Constitution*. The majority of the sheeple have no concept of what is in this Patriot Act and the absolute power it gives our authoritarian government, but the title “Patriot Act” sure sounds great to them.]

TRAVELERS TOLD TO BE WARY—OF COMING HERE

By Eric Gwinn, *Tempo*, 04/11/03

Anti-American sentiment abroad has many Americans thinking twice about traveling overseas. But around the world, America isn’t seen as such a safe and friendly place either, amid worries about possible terrorist reprisals for the U.S.-led war on Iraq and tightened immigration controls in the U.S.

Advice foreign travelers are receiving ranges from keep mum on the war on Iraq to avoid the U.S. altogether. ...

Such travel advice has always been around from foreign governments and in travel guides, but Sept. 11, the February outbreak of an unfamiliar virus in Asia and the war on Iraq have added to travelers’ concerns.

“Travel from Europe to the U.S. has been seriously hurt,” said Mike Spring, publisher of Frommer’s travel guides. “When people come here, they realize they’re as safe as they are anywhere, but it’s the same

experience Americans have when traveling abroad: The farther away the destination is, the scarier it seems. The more you depend on press reports, which highlight aberrations, the more frightened you are.”

The Washington, D.C.-based Travel Industry Association of America says that according to travel companies in Japan, many customers who had planned family trips to foreign countries during the spring recess and the Golden Week holidays in May have canceled their plans. Nippon Travel Agency Co.’s overseas travel bookings for April are down 8 percent, while May reservations have dropped 25 percent on a year-on-year basis.

Fear of terrorist attacks in the U.S. forced the Japanese Football Association to cancel soccer matches it had scheduled for late last month against Uruguay in San Jose, Calif., and against the U.S. national team in Seattle. In February, the soccer association had canceled its travel plans over fears of terrorist attacks in the U.S. in the wake of an assault on Iraq. The soccer group reversed that decision, then called off its trip in the days before the U.S. attacked Iraq.

While countries have always given travel advisories based on a nation’s safety, some recently have warned against going to the U.S. based on its immigration policy.

Last month, Oman warned its citizens against unnecessary travel to the U.S. in response to America’s anti-terrorist program to register, fingerprint and track non-immigrants from 45 nations, including Iraq, Iran and North Korea.

Some nations have complained publicly that the program is onerous and offensive.

According to the Omani announcement, “Citizens are likely to be subjected to inappropriate and discriminatory treatment, and, therefore, advised to avoid traveling to the U.S. unless there is an urgent reason to do so.

“While the Foreign Ministry understands the reasons behind such measures taken by the U.S. government, citizens are advised to bear this in mind when planning to travel to the U.S.”

The travel warning echoed Indonesia’s warning to its citizens in January.

In discouraging unnecessary travel to the U.S., Indonesian Foreign Ministry spokesman Marty Natalegawa said, “The policy, which seems to be arbitrary, is hard to comprehend and could not be accepted by the government of Indonesia.

“Indonesia is very concerned over the implementation of that policy, which has a discriminatory nuance.”

The immigration program also has affected the World Freestyle Wrestling Championships, to be held in September in New York City. Mohammad Tavakkol, vice president of FILA, the world’s wrestling governing body, protested the policy by refusing to attend the championships.

Mohammad Reza Taleqani, president of the Iranian Wrestling Federation, said, “If the U.S. government insists on fingerprinting the Iranian freestyle wrestlers upon entering the United States, Iran will not send its team to take part in the 2003 World Freestyle Wrestling Championships.”

Foreign nations’ travel warnings are giving the U.S. a taste of its own medicine. Nations targeted by U.S. State Department travel advisories usually are angered by warnings because they could cost the destination nations American tourist dollars and lead to stigma long after the warnings expire.

That feeling was summed up in an op-ed piece written for the All African Media Group by Dr. Imre Loeffler, a surgeon at Nairobi Hospital:

“The most disturbing consequence of telling people not to travel here and there for fear of terrorism, sorry, the assumed high risk of terrorism, is the encouragement so given to terrorists. It is official certification that their methods have had the desired effect and that one can save

the ammunition. All that is necessary is to spread rumors and inflict damage thus—damage on a country, on a continent, on world travel, on the world economy. ...

[JR: America is no longer seen as a nation of good and the warnings to foreign travelers visiting our shores say as much. Because of the siege mentality of our government leaders we now regard all foreign guests with suspicion. The atmosphere in Zionist America has become as unfriendly to visitors as Israel is to the Palestinians living there. IT HAS ALSO BECOME UNCOMFORTABLE FOR NON-JEWS (AMERICANS) LIVING HERE. The world is filled with many beautiful places for foreigners to visit, who would welcome them and treat them in a more friendly and gracious manner... while still taking their money.]

U.S. AIMS TO UPGRADE VISITOR TRACKING HIGH-TECH SYSTEM WILL BE PHASED IN

By Frank James, *Washington Bureau*, 04/30/03

WASHINGTON—Visitors to the United States soon will need to register with an electronic system that will record certain physical attributes, making it easier for immigration and law-enforcement officials to track when they enter and leave the country or overstay their visit, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Tuesday.

Relying on at least two biometric identifiers—such as photos, fingerprints or iris scans—the system is expected to be a major improvement over previous immigration controls that drew severe criticism after the Sept. 11 attacks. ...

But immigration and privacy experts raised concerns about the plan announced Tuesday by Ridge. An entry-exit system such as the one the Homeland Security Department plans will be hard to put in place, one expert said. Another said the plan should be examined for potential negative impact on travelers’ privacy before it gets the official nod.

Ridge said the new program, called U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indication Technology, would make it more difficult to illegally enter the U.S. but ease the process for those legally entering the country. ...

The system’s first phase, to be applied to visitors at international airports and seaports, is expected to be in place by the end of the year, Ridge said. Congress set that deadline in a law passed after the Sept. 11 attacks aimed at increasing border and visa security.

Because of the new system, homeland security officials said the department would not reinstate the controversial program in which foreign nationals from certain, mostly Muslim countries were ordered to register with the federal government.

The program in which all foreign students must register with the government would be integrated into the new system, officials said.

But experts said U.S. VISIT would leave major gaps. For instance, border crossings would still lack exit controls. Now, the points from which travelers depart the U.S. mostly lack exit controls, because the official view has been that such travelers are the concern of their destination countries.

The border crossings to Canada and Mexico present a particular challenge. Travelers can drive or walk across borders that lack a defined exit. “Physically, there’s a huge infrastructure challenge of developing this system and I don’t think they’ve put enough money toward it,” said Judith Golub, senior director for advocacy and public affairs at the American Immigration Lawyers Association in Washington.

The fiscal 2003 budget for an entry-exit system was \$380 million, a “drop in the bucket,” she said, adding that funding for the coming fiscal year is not much better. Entry and exit controls are required at land crossings by the end of 2005.

Another significant challenge would be locating visitors who failed to leave when their visas expired. "The issue is, do they have enough resources to track those people?" Golub said.

Dennis Murphy, a Homeland Security spokesman, said the department could put 14,000 investigators in the field to search for visa violators. But 35 million visitors entered the U.S. in recent years and even a small fraction of scofflaws would quickly tax resources.

The program also raises privacy concerns, observers said, especially because it is unclear how the government will use the data it collects. "I don't think the Department of Homeland Security should be implementing these systems before there's been adequate evaluation," said Marc Rotenberg, president of the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington.

[JR: The U.S. is building an electronic citadel that won't change the world's perceptions of what we are about. The Bushkovites have made laws that severely limit the rights of its own citizens so why should foreign visitors expect to be treated any differently? It is ludicrous for this administration to pretend that our new VISIT program to screen foreign travelers won't make them feel unwelcome or intimidated. Americans traveling overseas might get the same treatment from foreign governments who feel Americans are an unfriendly presence as well. Not only is the U.S. becoming an unfriendly place to visit it is also becoming a hostile place for its citizens who have to pay the taxes to their federal jailers for their own confinement.]

BUY A BUSINESS?

By Don Stott, *gold-eagle.com* (Gold Digest), 5/3/03

Businesses are bought and sold every day. Day in and day out, people sell and buy businesses. They may retire, are tired of it, want to try something new, or the competition may be too much for them. Others have decided to work for themselves, and think they can do it profitably. There are franchised businesses, individually-owned Mom and Pop stores, supermarkets, auto dealerships, hamburger stands, and hundreds of others. Every business gets sold and bought at one time or another—or merged into a larger one perhaps. How are businesses priced? Several ways.

The first consideration, is whether the business property is owned or not. If it is, and the selling price of the property is part of the sales price, the selling price will be appreciably higher than if the store or place of business is leased. Most businesses lease their offices, stores or places of operation.

The next part of business pricing is its profits, or net. The gross is the amount taken in. The net is what is left after expenses. Some businesses have huge grosses. Many times in the millions of dollars per year. This means nothing if there is no "bottom line", which means net profit. If a business takes in \$25 million a year and it has expenses of \$26 million, it is bankrupt. If a small Mom and Pop corner grocery takes in \$250,000 a year and has expenses of only \$200,000, they have a net of \$50,000. In all probability, that business could be bought for \$150,000.

I am reminded of the story of the fellow running a hot-dog stand, and selling his hot dogs for 50 cents. His friend says to him, "Hey George, those hot dogs cost you 40 cents, the gas, bun, condiments, taxes, licenses, etc., cost you 15 cents, how do you think you are going to stay in business?" George answers, "I'll make up for it in volume." Stupid, huh? Well, that kind of arithmetical calculation is responsible for millions of bankruptcies each year. Large corporations juggle figures to make their performance look good, thereby

making their stock go higher. Corporate finance can be extremely crooked, as witness Enron and other bankruptcies which cost stockholders hundreds of millions of dollars. A corporate indication of a stock's value, is its "P/E ratio". P/E stands for "price-earnings" and is a pretty good indicator of a stock's value. If a stock is priced at \$100 and its P/E ratio is 10, that means the corporation earned a 10% profit. Profits may be plowed back in the corporation at the whim or orders of the CEO or board of directors. Stockholders may not get anything as a dividend if the CEO or board decides the corporation need a new wazmatazz or fratasat costing millions of dollars. The P/E ratio is what counts in stocks, even if there are no dividends.

If a business grosses \$1 million and ends up with a \$100,000 profit, it has made 10% and technically has a P/E ratio of 10. Theoretically, that's a fairly good business, assuming the owners don't have to work a hundred hours a week and have no time off. If a business has a long-term lease so the rent won't go up—and is well operated and profitable—what could be gotten for it? Let's explore further.

Assume a business that sells and repairs whamadoodles. Whamadoodles have a hundred parts, and whenever a new model comes out, the manufacturer sees to it that parts for last year's model won't fit into this year's model... or so it seems. Lots of parts have to be on hand, so if the business is sold or bought, the parts and new whamadoodle inventory, as well as the business itself, will have to be considered. The customer base and good will are called "blue sky". (Wonder what I am coming to? Read on.) The business also has computers for keeping track of parts, customers, billings, accounts receivable, accounts payable, withholding taxes, etc. It has office furniture, possibly delivery trucks, forklift trucks, packing equipment, and all that goes into a whamadoodle business. After all of that, it still makes a hundred thousand bucks a year. Could you sell or buy the business itself—not counting the property, equipment and inventory—for \$3,200,000? Not on your chinny-chin-chin. You might buy or sell it for \$250,000 plus property, inventory and equipment, but 32 times net? When pigs fly.

So here it is, making a pretty good profit, operating well, is secure—and whamadoodles will be around for a long time. The customer base is enlarging, and all looks good. So why can't it be sold for \$3,200,000 plus equipment and inventory? Why wouldn't someone buy it for that price? Simply because the market will not bear it. Selling businesses is very competitive. People wanting to go into business always look at the figures, potential, and usually imagine they can do a better job and improve the bottom line, or net. A person buying a business would likely be convinced that they could do it better than the current owner and make more than he is making. It's natural.

The "market" sets the price of things. People wanting to go into business are plentiful. Their abilities may not be very good, but there's a lot of them looking, and this keeps prices down. Competition is the word.

Just about every business I have sold has been bought by idiots who promptly ruined them. They had the cash, so who was I to tell them what to do, or refuse to sell, because I thought they are fools? Just like stockbrokers, you might say. (Now we are getting there.) Here are businesses going for a decent price, and a person buying one can do well if they are smart, experienced and have a bit of luck. Just like stocks. (We are there.) Why then, do people continue to buy stocks, whose latest average P/E ratios are 32? A P/E

ratio of 32 means that the stock is priced at 32 times its earnings (not dividends) and is three to four times their historic ratio, which would make them a terrible buy. The stockbroker doesn't usually care a whit about the client but is interested in his commission for selling, just like the businessman selling his business. If the client wants to buy that over-priced stock, so be it.

If you bought that business for \$3,200,000 (P/E ratio of 32 which is what stocks are now), it would take you 32 years to pay for it—and this is if you took no salary, nothing broke and the market for whamadoodles remained steady. Foolish? Yup.

A stock's P/E ratio of 10 means you may get a small check each year, and the corporation is making a go of it. Not a bad buy, perhaps. A P/E ratio of 32 means the stock is over-priced—and it's just that simple. You'd be far better buying a business which is priced at ten times its net. Far better, but you can usually buy it for a lot less. If you own your own business, you do not suffer from fools that run corporations, and their ignorant boards of directors, which is usually the case. When you own your own, you make the decisions, and a business can often be bought for twice or three times its net, not ten times. That's a P/E ratio of 2 or 3. In other words, stocks are generally a poor buy, as of this date.

Now look at gold and silver. There are few places in the world where silver can be mined for its current spot price. Maybe in China, using slave labor, but not many others. Silver is now being used to preserve lumber and is being sprayed on hospital heat ducts—since bacteria cannot live on silver. If low, or non-resistance wire ever comes to pass, it'll use thousands of tons of silver. Silver is used for multitudes of electrical products, computers, jewelry and photographic film. Gold can be mined at its current spot price, but at not too many places. Then we get back into ratios again. Gold-Silver ratios are over 70 to 1, an enormous disparity and totally unnatural. They should be 35 to 1, or even lower. They were 16 to 1 in 1980—and also 16 to 1 for most of America's history. Ratios are important, as far as stock buying, business buying and precious-metals buying. You wouldn't buy a business with a P/E ratio of current stock prices. When you buy a share of stock, you are actually buying part of a business. If you wouldn't buy an entire business with a P/E ratio of 32 to 1—and can usually buy one with a P/E ratio of as low as 2 or 3—why in the world would you buy into a business (stocks) with a ridiculous P/E ratio of 32? If you buy a stock, check the P/E ratios, which are not published in the newspapers. Protect yourself.

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BUSH VOWS PRE-EMPTIVE WAR ON ALL U.S. ENEMIES

By Patricia Wilson, *Rense.com*, 5/3/03

CRAWFORD, Texas (*Reuters*)—President Bush proclaimed victory in Iraq on Saturday but said the war on terror was far from over and vowed to hunt down America's enemies before they could strike.

He closely linked the U.S.-led invasion to oust Saddam Hussein to the campaign to stamp out terrorism—launched after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks—despite the lack of a definitive connection between the two.

"The battle of Iraq is one victory in a war on

terror that still goes on,” Bush said in his weekly radio address. “The scattered cells of the terrorist networks still operate in many nations and we know from daily intelligence that they continue to plot against free people.”

In an apparent warning to North Korea, Iran, Syria and other countries accused by Washington of helping terrorists or pursuing “weapons of mass destruction”, Bush said the United States would not stand idly by in the face of serious danger from the spread of nuclear, biological and chemical arms.

“Our government has taken unprecedented measures to defend our homeland and, more importantly, we will continue to hunt the enemy down before he can strike,” Bush said.

The president also paid tribute to allies who offered military help in the war on Iraq, singling out Australia, whose prime minister, John Howard, is a guest at Bush’s 1,600-acre (547 hectare) ranch near Crawford this weekend.

The two leaders flew together from California, where Bush declared an end to major combat operations in Iraq from the deck of a homebound U.S. aircraft carrier, to central Texas aboard *Air Force One* on Friday evening.

Howard is the last of a trio of stalwart war supporters to win coveted invitations to “Prairie Chapel Ranch” for a social evening, a tour, talks and a Saturday news conference. Prime ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Jose Maria Aznar of Spain already have visited.

‘MUCH WORK TO DO’

Bush said Australian forces played “an important role in the liberation of Iraq”, citing special operations during the opening days of the six-week war, bombing runs by FA-18 fighters, securing sites in western Iraq that could have been used to launch Scud missiles and helping British forces take control of the Faw Peninsula.

Howard and Bush were expected to discuss how Iraq will be secured, rebuilt and steered along the road to democracy.

“Our coalition still has much work to do in Iraq. We are bringing order to parts of that country that remain dangerous,” Bush said. “The transition from dictatorship to democracy is hard and will take time, but it is worth every effort.”

Bush said U.S. and other forces would stay in Iraq until their work was done; “then we will leave and we will leave behind a free Iraq.”

Australia plans to open an office in Baghdad soon to help coordinate its involvement in rebuilding postwar Iraq. But most of the 2,000 military personnel that Australia sent to fight alongside U.S. and British troops in the Gulf will start to return home this month.

Howard has so far ruled out sending a significant peacekeeping force to Iraq, saying Australia already has peacekeeping obligations in East Timor and the South Pacific.

But Australia has sent a small contingent of military and civilians to Iraq to help search for “weapons of mass destruction”, control air traffic at Baghdad airport and try to get Iraq’s agricultural sector up and running again.

Bush repeatedly justified the war as necessary to remove Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction that he said posed a direct threat to the United States. But so far the United States has failed to find any chemical or biological weapons almost a month after toppling Saddam’s government.

American forces have looked at about 10 percent of about 1,000 sites on a list provided to the war commanders but a senior U.S. official said he believed there were probably thousands more not on that list.

NEVADA CORPORATIONS:

When Is An Owner NOT A Stockholder?

Budget’s “Tip of the Week” #3:

NRS 78.197—Rights of persons holding obligations of corporation

If you own part (or all) of a corporation, you’re a stockholder, right? In Nevada, the answer to that question is, “Not necessarily.” Let’s look at another unique provision of Nevada corporate law:

NRS 78.197 Rights of persons holding obligations of corporation.

A corporation may provide in its articles of incorporation that the holder of a bond, debenture or other obligation of the corporation may have any of the rights of a stockholder in the corporation.

With this provision written into your Articles of Incorporation, you “may have any of the rights of a stockholder”—without owning stock! Thus, the holder of a note COULD own the corporation and could even be afforded the same VOTING RIGHTS as a stockholder—without being a stockholder. And in the absence of stockholders—in cases where no stock has been issued—presumably, the holder of a promissory note of the corporation could have 100% of the voting rights at any meeting.

If such a provision related to *NRS 78.197* is NOT in your current Articles of Incorporation, check and see if the following standard clause exists under an Article relating to Amendments:

Except with respect to amending the non-assessability of shares per Article IV, this corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation or its Bylaws in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute or by these Articles of Incorporation or by the corporation’s Bylaws, and all rights conferred upon the stockholders are granted subject to this reservation.

If so, the corporation may “amend... these Articles of Incorporation... in the manner prescribed by... the corporation’s Bylaws”. In other words, the Articles of Incorporation are modified by the Bylaws. If such a provision exists in your Articles of Incorporation, we suggest that you amend the Bylaws to reflect wording such as *NRS 78.197* suggests for the Articles of Incorporation.

If neither of these provisions exists in your corporation’s Articles, you might want to file an Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation. We can handle such a filing with the Secretary of State for you, just ask.

Next week, we’ll look at what might be called a “turnip” or “prickly pear” clause in the *Nevada Revised Statutes: NRS 78.7502*.

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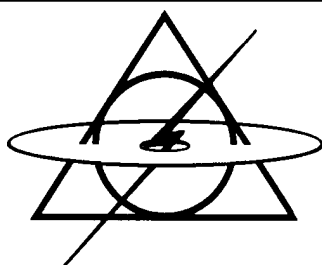
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