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Obama Authorizes Economic War On Venezuela

US Sole Opponent of UN Anti-Nazi Resolution

By CARLA STEA / RCFP

On December 18, 2009, The United Nations General Assembly, by an overwhelming majority, adopted Resolution 64/147, A/C.3/64/L.53 put forth by the Third Committee, entitled: "Inadmissibility of Certain Practices that Contribute to Fuelling Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance." Excerpts from this resolution stated:

1. Reaffirms the provisions of the Durban Declaration and of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference in which states condemned the persistence and resurgence of neo-Nazism, neo-Fascism and violent nationalist ideologies based on racial and national prejudice and stated that these phenomena could never be justified in any instance or in any circumstances...Expresses deep concern about

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Haiti: An Unwelcome Katrina Redux

By CYNTHIA MCKINNEY

President Obama's response to the tragedy in Haiti has been robust in military deployment and puny in what the Haitians need most: food; first responders and their specialized equipment; doctors and medical facilities and equipment; and engineers, heavy equipment, and heavy movers. Sadly, President Obama is dispatching Presidents Bush and Clinton, and thousands of Marines and US soldiers. By contrast, Cuba has over 400 doctors on the ground and is sending in more; Cubans, Argentines, Icelanders, Nicaraguans, Venezuelans, and many others are already on the ground working — saving lives and treating the injured. Senegal has offered land to Haitians willing to relocate to Africa.

The United States, on the day after the tragedy struck, confirmed that an entire

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The Weird Factor The Panty Bomber Mystery Deepens

By JUSTIN RAIMONDO / ANTIWAR.COM

What I call the Weird Factor, for lack of a better name, seems to have become a permanent feature of our post-9/11 world, a dark and sinister leitmotif that plays in the background. On 9/11, of course, the Factor was on full display as a whole string of unusual events and unexplained phenomena were visited on us. The 9/11 Commission did little to clear these matters up, for the most part because they didn't address them. Just a few for the record: Bush reading *My Pet Goat* to schoolchildren after being told of the attacks, the sudden appearance of the "Israeli art students" — and their buddies, the "laughing Israelis" — in the months and weeks leading up to the attacks, and the apparent passivity of US air defenses on that fateful day.

I mean, how is it possible that the

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Hugo Chavez, president of Venezuela

By WAYNE MADSEN / WAYNE MADSEN REPORT
WMR's intelligence sources have reported that the Obama administration has authorized an economic war against Venezuela in order to destabilize the government of President Hugo Chavez. After a successful coup against Chavez ally, President Manuel Zelaya of Honduras, and the very thin 51-49 percent electoral win by Chile's billionaire right-winger Sebastian Pinera on January 17, a buoyed Obama White House has given a green light for political operatives in Venezuela, many of whom operate under the cover of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), to set the stage for massive street demonstrations to protest Chavez's devaluation of the bolivar, Venezuela's currency.

Chavez devalued the bolivar by fifty percent to make Venezuelan oil exports less expensive thus boosting revenue for his country. However, the devaluation has also seen price rises and inflation in Venezuela. The CIA and its subservient NGOs

have wasted little time in putting out stories about consumers rushing to stores ahead of price increases, especially on imported flat-screen televisions, the favorite consumer item being hyped by the corporate media as seeing a huge price increase and long lines at shopping malls favored by the Venezuelan elites.

The state has exempted certain consumer goods, such as food, medicines, school supplies, and industrial machinery from being affected by the bolivar's devaluation through a different exchange rate and price controls, but it is the price increases on televisions, tobacco, alcohol, cell phones, and computers that have the anti-Chavez forces in Venezuela and abroad hyping the ill-effects on the Venezuelan consumer.

To battle against businessmen who are trying to capitalize on the devaluation of the bolivar, Chavez has threatened to close and possibly seize any business that gouges the

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Chavez Accuses US Of Triggering Haiti Earthquake

By MATT SULLIVAN / RCFP

From *Russia Today*: "Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez has once again accused the United States of playing God. But this time it's Haiti's disastrous earthquake that he thinks the US was behind. Spanish newspaper *ABC* quotes

Chavez as saying that the US navy launched a weapon capable of inducing a powerful earthquake off the shore of Haiti. He adds that this time it was only a drill and the final target is ... destroying and taking over Iran."

Most commentators have discounted the

accusation from Chavez as "crazy conspiracy talk" from someone admittedly miffed at the US administration. And Chavez has good reason to be miffed: he was nearly ousted in a 2002 CIA-sponsored coup, and he is routinely

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WHO Hypes Swine Flu -Vaccine Makers Profit

The Infection Deception: Deep politics, global health policy, and the swine flu debacle

By BYRON BELITSOS AND DR. LEN SAPUTO

"In the event that I am reincarnated, I would like to return as a deadly virus, in order to contribute something to solve overpopulation."

— Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in 1988

Yes, the good Prince Philip did say he wants to come back as a deadly virus.

It's one of many such on-the-record statements alluding to the "elite" objective of global depopulation — the oft-alleged covert plan to reduce the world's population by two to four billion people through war, famine, disease, plunder, and any other means necessary. Of course, it's a grotesque charge lacking compelling proof, but one that provides the emotional backdrop for the great swine-flu debacle of 2009 and the vivid popular fears and confusion it aroused all over the world.

Conspiracists also charge that this "deep black" depopulation project has "white world" correlates, including Pharma-dominated lackey agencies like the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), who translate these policies into action on the world stage, mostly unaware of their diabolical source.

Impossible to prove such a monstrosity, you say?

But then, how do we address the many unanswered questions swirling around the H1N1 swine flu controversy? These include: Why would these health authorities, throughout the summer and autumn of 2009, obsessively track and issue dire warnings about an illness — 2009 H1N1 swine flu — that is not much more severe than an ordinary cold, and certainly far less lethal than the annual

seasonal flu? And why pursue such folly while virtually neglecting deadly global epidemics like hunger, cancer, and heart disease? And why maintain H1N1's status as a dire global health emergency when it only displayed a death toll of 16,000 worldwide in six months, while 24,000 people die daily from hunger or hunger-related causes? Why keep up the façade that H1N1 is a pandemic threat with its record of about 3000 deaths per month, when at least 30,000 die each winter month in an ordinary flu season? Why did health-policy officials omit the fact — well known to specialists — that the science supporting flu-vaccine safety and efficacy is questionable or at least controversial? For what reason are natural methods of prevention and treatment of flu infections almost never presented to the public —

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Three Gitmo Detainees Tortured to Death

By CHRIS FLOYD

If you really want to know the truth about the sickening wretches who run our country, if you want to know exactly what they will commit, what they will command, what they will countenance and conceal all the way to the very top of the blood-greased pole of the Oval Office, then read every word of this astounding piece by Scott Horton in the new edition of *Harper's*: "The Guantanamo 'Suicides.'"

This is a full-length article which the magazine is making available for free on its website. In it, Horton unfolds the story of three men, almost certainly innocent, who were almost certainly murdered by American "interrogators" at a secret site in the American concentration camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on the night of

June 9, 2006 — an atrocity that set off a long, complex chain of deceit that continues to this day.

These killings were not only declared "suicides" by Washington; it was even claimed that the deaths were deliberate acts of "asymmetrical warfare" carried out by hardened terrorists — "fanatics like the Nazis, Hitlerites, or the Ku Klux Klan, the people they tried at Nuremberg," as a Pentagon mouthpiece told the press. Yet as Horton notes, all three men had been put on "a list of prisoners to be sent home." One of them was only a few weeks away from his formal release. There was no credible evidence of terrorist connections against any of the men, two of whom had been sold into captivity by bounty hunters.

Yet, these prisoners did have one black

mark against them. They had been taking part in hunger strikes to protest conditions in the concentration camp. They were troublemakers, loudmouths. They wouldn't break. They had lawyers.

And so, according to a mass of credible evidence — from heavily redacted official reports pieced together by the students and faculty at the law school of Seton Hall University, and from the courageous testimony of soldiers who had been on duty that night — these three men, Salah Ahmed Al-Salami, Mani Shaman Al-Utaybi and Yasser Talal Al-Zahrani, were taken to a "black site" at Gitmo known as "Camp No." All regular military personnel were forbidden to enter the site, or even acknowledge its

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A Possible Cure for Multiple Sclerosis

Italian Surgeon Claims High Success Rate Against MS

By SHEILA CASEY / RCFP

A former vascular surgeon from the University of Ferrara in northern Italy has apparently cured his wife and 65 other people of multiple sclerosis (MS) by using balloon angioplasty to open the narrowed veins in their necks. All of the MS patients who have had Paolo Zamboni's procedure have remained attack-free, as long as their neck veins remained open. But if their veins close up again, their MS symptoms

return.

Zamboni began hunting feverishly for the cause of MS after his wife was diagnosed with the disease at age 37 and began to deteriorate. MS patients often lose the ability to walk, to talk, to feed themselves, and even to swallow.

Scientists have known for more than 100 years that MS patients had excess iron in their brains, but assumed it was a byproduct of the disease. Zamboni noticed

that the excess iron was usually in the core of the brain near a vein. In addition, the lesions that form in the brains of MS patients are grouped near veins.

Using ultrasound, Zamboni examined the neck veins of MS patients and compared them to the veins of healthy people or those with other neurological diseases. He found that nearly 100% of the MS patients had significant narrowing

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Obama Official Urges 'Cognitive Infiltration' of 9/11 Truth Groups

By DANIEL TENCER / RAW STORY

In a 2008 academic paper, President Barack Obama's appointee to head the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs advocated "cognitive infiltration" of groups that advocate "conspiracy theories" like the ones surrounding 9/11.

Cass Sunstein, a Harvard law professor, co-wrote an academic article entitled "Conspiracy Theories: Causes and Cures," in which he argued that the government should stealthily infiltrate groups that pose alternative theories on historical events via "chat rooms, online social networks, or even real-space groups and attempt to undermine" those groups.

As head of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Sunstein is in charge of "overseeing policies relating to privacy, information quality, and statistical programs," according to the White House Web site.

Sunstein's article, published in the *Journal of Political Philosophy* in 2008 and

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WH Press Corps Forbidden to Ask Certain Questions

By WAYNE MADSEN / WMR

WMR has learned from a veteran member of the White House Press Corps that the Obama administration has made it known through White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs and other White House Communications officials that certain questions posed by the reporters who cover the White House are definitely off-limits. On the banned list are any questions about Obama's post-Columbia University employment with Business International Corporation (BIC), a global financial and political information company that WMR previously reported was a front for the CIA.

White House Press Corps members have been quietly told that any questions related to BIC, Obama's withheld records while he was a student at Occidental College in Los Angeles from 1979 to 1981, or his records at Columbia, are forbidden. At the same time he was attending Occidental, Obama, using the name Barry Soetoro and an Indonesian passport issued under the same name, traveled to Pakistan during the US buildup to assist the Afghan Mujaheddin. WMR has learned from informed sources in Kabul that Obama has been extremely friendly, through

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HEALTH

Twenty-Five Health Enhancing Ideas

By MIKE ADAMS / NATURALNEWS

The New Year is upon us, and for many people, it includes a New Year's resolution for achieving improved health and happiness in 2010. Here are twenty-five health-enhancing ideas to help you accomplish that goal.

#1 - Replace sodas or soft drinks with tea or water.

#2 - Commit to eating one raw fruit (or serving of vegetables) at every meal.

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Italian Surgeon Claims High Success Rate Against Multiple Sclerosis

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in the veins that should be carrying blood from the brain back to the heart, while none of the other subjects had this narrowing. In addition, there was a relationship between the amount of narrowing and the severity of disease, with patients with only one blocked vein suffering milder disease and those with two or more blocked veins suffering more severely. He also found narrowing in the central vein that goes down to the heart through the chest, and patients with narrowing there often had the most serious form of MS, known as primary progressive. They deteriorate very rapidly, with no remissions.

Zamboni reasoned that the blood that was being forced back into the brain, (because it could not drain as it was supposed to) was leaving behind excess iron, as well as forcing immune cells through the blood-brain barrier and initiating an auto-immune response. Zamboni termed the condition CCSVI, or Chronic Cerebro Spinal Venous Insufficiency.

When he showed his findings to some neurologists, they were excited. But, Zamboni says, when he suggested a method to treat the condition, their enthusiasm waned markedly.

Zamboni hypothesized that opening up blocked veins with balloon angioplasty – the same procedure used to open blocked blood vessels in cardiac patients – and allowing the blood to drain normally, would stop the build-up of iron in the brain and stop the progression of the disease. He teamed up with vascular surgeon R. Galeotti, and they operated on 65 MS patients with a procedure now dubbed the “Liberation Treatment.” Surgeons thread a thin wire through the vein and into the patient’s neck, where they expand a small balloon at the stricture to open the closed vein. Within seconds, they see the blood begin flowing normally again.

All of the 65 patients have shown significant improvement, some immediately. Jeff Beale, an Emmy Award winning music composer, was the first American to have the procedure. He relates that, as the doctors were opening his veins, he felt “the lights come on.” He is now able to perform duets with his son, help his son with his homework, and has the energy to get through the day – whereas before he was continually sidelined by soul-crushing fatigue.

Other patients have exclaimed, within 20 minutes of having the procedure, “I can

feel my hands!” Within ten days, one woman regained use of her legs. Their health often continues to improve over the following months, with some patients returning to full health and no sign of disease at all. Others do not recover their former capacities, but suffer no new attacks. Zamboni said: “if you maintain open veins, you will not have more attacks, and you will not have active lesions.”

Zamboni’s wife Elena was one of the first to have her veins “liberated,” and now, two years later, she has had no more attacks and is considering neurologically normal. “This, for me, is the best prize,” says Zamboni.

The results of Zamboni and Galeotti’s study were published in *The Journal of Vascular Surgery* on November 24, 2009, and the response from MS patients has been overwhelming. Zamboni has been deluged with calls and emails from patients desperate to have the procedure before their condition degrades further.

But the response from the MS Societies in both the US and Canada has been dismissive, with the Canadian society urging patients to “not abandon the treatment they are on,” and the US society issuing the following statement: “At the present time, there is insufficient evidence to suggest that this phenomenon is the cause of MS.” They have discouraged patients from seeking treatment, or even getting tested to see if their veins are blocked.

When I called the press contact at the National MS Society to ask about CCSVI, I was told that she was busy working with ABC on a story about exciting new oral therapies for MS, and that I could find all I needed about CCSVI on their website. On the society’s webpage titled “Intriguing Leads on the Horizon,” no mention is made of CCSVI.

There has been scant coverage of Zamboni’s discovery in the mainstream media. A search for “Paolo Zamboni,” on the websites for The New York Times, Washington Post, LA Times, CNN and MSNBC brings up, again and again, “no results found,” or “no relevant documents.” A Swiss blog called The Daily Bell opines about this news blackout with: “It is too often the same weary story. Establishment scientific institutions and their planetary satellites - non-profits, etc. - huddle together to keep out anything that remotely challenges business as usual. Have you read about this

potential MS cure in manifold versions in the mainstream press? You would think that journalists would leap at the opportunity to cover this astonishing research. Maybe there is nothing to this, but mainstream media silence, as usual, seems deafening.”

Exempt from this criticism are a few outlets: *The Globe and Mail* in the UK, W5 TV in Canada, and The Huffington Post’s Erika Milvy, who wrote: “The pharmaceutical industry stands to lose a lot if Zamboni’s one-time treatment pans out. The most common drug therapies for MS cost about \$30,000 a year. And there are well over 100 medications for various MS symptoms... On one MS forum is a link to another pharma-gate headline: “Big Pharma’s Crime Spree”, in which the reporter for Bloomberg Markets Magazine assesses that “finding cures is not even remotely a consideration by pharmaceutical executives.”

Newly radicalized MS patients are outraged at the media blackout and are banding together to publicize Zamboni’s treatment and help each other find doctors who will test their veins. A search for CCSVI on Facebook brings up 21 recently formed groups with names like “M.S. (Millions Strong to raise awareness of C.C.S.V.I.)” An MS patient named Andrea has created a YouTube channel called MS Vlog Support Group. In a plaintive speech to the camera, she asks, “Where is the news coverage of this? I don’t understand why it’s not all over the place. It boggles the mind.”

As has been seen with numerous other diseases, those who make their living from people being sick are far more interested in treating symptoms than in effecting a cure that would have the patient walk out the door and never come back. Evidently these groups – the nonprofit MS societies, neurologists who specialize in treating MS and, most importantly, the pharmaceutical companies, who sold \$8.2 billion in MS drugs in 2007 – have the power to suppress the news about this astonishing development. The possible threat to their livelihoods apparently trumps the value of returning health and hope to the two million people worldwide who suffer from MS.

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Twenty-Five Health Enhancing Ideas For 2010

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- #3 - Add just 5 minutes a day to your exercise routine. Don't have an exercise routine? Start with 5 minutes a day!
- #4 - Get more sunshine!
- #5 - Learn some Pilates. It's probably the #1 exercise system for core strength and flexibility.
- #6 - Drink a superfood smoothie every day.
- #7 - Buy more indoor plants: They purify the air in your home.
- #8 - Take a quality, wild-harvested fish oil supplement that contains vitamin D.
- #9 - Eat more quinoa: It's a high-protein, low-carb "grain" that can easily replace rice or couscous.
- #10 - When you get out of bed each morning do five sit-ups first. It sounds simple, but just 5 sit-ups a day can make a difference.
- #11 - Instead of trying to find a parking spot so close to the grocery store, park farther away. You'll get a little more walking exercise and a little more sunshine.
- #12 - Get a good water filter so you can stop drinking tap water (or bottled water).
- #13 - Pick up a "gentle" art like Tai-Qi or Yoga. It will reduce your stress and improve your physical stamina.
- #14 - Take a relaxing hot bath with Epsom salts and soothing herbs like lavender. It will do wonders for your mind and your muscles.
- #15 - Get a professional massage! Massage therapy is really, really healthy, and it's a great way to reward yourself for some of the other accomplishments you're making.
- #16 - Grow your own sprouts! With a simple, low-cost sprouting machine, you can grow and eat your own sprouts. Eating just one ounce of sprouts a day still had a huge impact on preventing cancer and boosting immune function.
- #17 - Prepare for a spring garden. Sure, it's cold and snowy right now, but make a commitment to start a garden this Spring, and you'll reap

many health benefits in the months ahead.

- #18 - Get a mini-trampoline and do some rebounding in your living room. You can even watch movies or documentary DVDs at the same time.
 - #19 - Make a point to get at least eight hours of sleep for 2-3 nights a week (or more, if you can). Most people are sleep deprived, and the health cost is enormous.
 - #20 - Start visiting local farmer's markets so that you eat more local food in 2010. You'll be healthier and happier as a result.
 - #21 - Got a job you don't like? Quit it! Downgrade your lifestyle to live on less money, then pursue what you really enjoy. Being happy in a small house is better than being miserable in a big one.
 - #22 - Get off those medications! Make a point to learn how to safely and gradually get yourself off all the medications you can by eliminating underlying imbalances or illnesses. The fewer medications you take, the healthier you'll be!
 - #23 - Throw out your television! Are you still watching cable TV or satellite TV? It's a complete waste of your life (but you already knew that). Disconnect the cable. Read more books and get your information online where news sources are more independent and intelligent.
 - #24 - Make a decision to think of food as nourishment instead of entertainment. Eat what your body needs, not what your taste buds desire.
 - #25 - Teach others how to be healthy! The more you talk with others about healthy habits, the more you'll follow them yourself. :-)
- That's it! I hope you enjoyed these 25 ideas for improving your health in 2010 (and beyond).
- Of course, one of the best ways to keep improving your health in 2010 is to keep reading NaturalNews! We'll be bringing you more natural cures, herbal remedies and self-care tips throughout 2010.

The Infection Deception:

Deep Politics, Global Health Policy, and the Swine Flu Debacle

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and, as we will see, even overtly suppressed? And why, in the face of these incriminating realities — and in the midst of a great global recession — would the WHO mount the largest and most costly vaccine program since the era of the polio vaccinations in the 1950s? And finally, why did the H1N1 pandemic establishment continue to press their failing campaign throughout the 2009-2010 winter, only to evoke a challenge by the European Parliament which finally launched an “urgent” inquiry into the debacle in January?

Welcome to the mysteries of the deep politics of the swine-flu controversy, the great health policy disaster of 2009, and the source of many strange explanations — from all sides — that border on science fiction.

But could it happen by human design?

Aside from Philip’s fantasy of reincarnation, is a depopulation program using lethal germs even feasible?

The growing worldwide infrastructure for bioweapons engineering makes this notion plausible, at least as an accident; and we do know that huge population crashes that were naturally caused by microbes have happened many times in the past: In the fourteen century, bubonic plague wiped out a third of Europe’s crowded cities. Smallpox and measles carried by Europeans to the new world decimated the Native Americans.

So again, could Prince Phillip’s fantasy happen by human design?

We can’t rule this out in a world in which the threat of bioterrorism by disaffected groups is an ever-present reality. And we can’t entirely eliminate conspiracist scenarios about “shadow elites” with dark agendas. There are indeed many cases of vaccine-induced diseases (VIDs); one need only invent a pretext for vaccinating the population in order to carry out such an attack. We will soon see that documented cases of such crimes exist. Lab-invented viruses can and have caused havoc with populations.

According to one allegation that gained currency during last year’s H1N1 crisis (see labvirus.com or fluscam.com, for example), an intentional “lab mistake” released an unstoppable lethal germ into the global population. This lab-created flu was surreptitiously planted in a vulnerable location, Mexico, so that it could easily spread. To slowly draw the public in, this lab virus was designed to express high transmissibility but

a low death rate in its first wave (as was the case with 2009 H1N1) only to mutate into a lethal second or third wave — which has not yet happened, of course. (However, it should be noted that the naturally occurring 1918 Spanish flu was mild in its first appearance in 1917, but devastating in its second wave, causing over 50 million deaths.)

In a slightly more plausible set-up, a bug need not be programmed to morph into something worse; it need only be transmissible

intersections of deep politics and health policy? There is no way a typical “white world” scientist can penetrate the biotechnology capacities of a deep-black Level 4 bioweapons lab in the US — or in China or Russia for that matter.

Indeed, what the public and even mainstream science knows about top-secret bioweapons research always comes too late. We’ll learn about it when a bioweaponized specimen accidentally escapes from a lab (likely

all of which were intentional.

A case in point is the 1918 Spanish flu, the greatest pandemic in recorded world history. Most mainstream accounts omit the fact that this calamity was actually caused by vaccines given to WWI soldiers to guard against typhoid. Viruses as a species were as yet unknown, and the vaccines being used were later found to be contaminated with what turned out to be the lethal version of H1N1 swine flu.¹

The earliest case of intentional VID occurred in Kansas City and then in Pittsburgh in the early 1920s. In each city, hundreds of thousands of innocent citizens were convinced by scary campaigns to get vaccinated against non-existent threats of smallpox, leading to hundreds of deaths and thousands of cases of debilitating smallpox among these manipulated populations. The conspirators were convicted for this crime, but the story is not widely known.²

In the second case, history records that the initial batches of Dr. Jonas Salk’s polio vaccine, and even Dr. Sabin’s improved vaccine with “attenuated” live viruses, produced thousands of cases of poliomyelitis in vaccinated individuals in the 1950s.

Worse still is the fact that the new Sabin vaccines (which replaced Salk’s version) were contaminated with a mutated monkey virus called SV-40. This is purported to have caused untold millions of cancers worldwide.³

Then there’s the more widely known 1976-1977 outbreak of swine flu in the US, which shares features of the 2009 H1N1 disaster with respect to its frenzy of media propaganda. This hurriedly produced campaign led to perhaps the greatest US public health disaster of the century — 40 million Americans took a vaccine that was devastating in its side effects to a significant percentage; President Gerald Ford was forced to quickly suspend the vaccination drive. Amazingly, this swine flu outbreak has been widely acknowledged by top officials, including Dr. David Sencer, then head of the CDC, to have been “laboratory sourced.”⁴

Finally, in one of the most important investigative pieces ever written on the vaccination industry, Robert Kennedy, Jr., has recently published suppressed information — much of it obtained by FOIA requests — showing that America’s public-health authorities knowingly conspired with the pharmaceutical industry to suppress the link



global outbreak is imminent.”

WHO Director General Dr. Margaret Chan, April 29, 2009

...based on the alleged fact that, as she said, “So far, 176 people have been killed in Mexico.” Unfortunately, for her, soon after her announcement, only 19 deaths were shown by lab analysis to result from the H1N1 swine flu strain—a sketchy way to launch a global pandemic!

enough to scare the world’s health authorities into ordering widespread vaccinations (as was the case with 2009 H1N1), which would in turn poison the world’s population—while turning a profit for the vaccine industry.

But our own research — backed by two leading virologists, Vincent Racaniello, PhD, a professor at Columbia University, and Henry Niman, PhD, president and founder of Recombinomics, Inc. — shows that though some of these outlying stories may be plausible on the surface, their supporting evidence and attempts at scientific explanation are manifestly false. According to these virologists, scientists don’t yet know how to program a mildly virulent virus so that it mutates on cue to become high lethal. And they certainly don’t know how to program a lethal virus like avian flu to make it transmissible. (Bird flu infections — based on the H5H1 virus — guarantee a terrifying death rate, but are very poorly transmissible between humans.) The results of our inquiry into the science of virology in relation to popular swine-flu conspiracy theories appears at our blog (AReturnToHealing.com/blog).

But then, one must ask, what can mainstream scientists know about classified biowarfare research—especially if they, like most, are hopelessly naïve about the

the case with Lyme’s disease), or through an intentional release, as in the October 2001 anthrax attacks that revealed a terrifying degree of weaponization heretofore unknown to scientists.

But are the vaccines themselves bioweaponized?

Turning things on their head, could the vaccines themselves be the agent of debility and death, as suggested by activist-physicians such as Dr. Len Horowitz, Dr. True Ott, Dr. William Deagle, and their numerous followers? In this equally gruesome school of thought, a lab virus may indeed be manipulated for release according to a devious plan. But it’s not this flu bug itself that will cause the pandemic; it’s the vaccine’s side effects and hidden ingredients. Some believe that introducing weaponized vaccines are the criminal motivation behind last year’s ludicrous propaganda program for vaccinating — that is, intentionally poisoning or impairing the immune systems of — the world’s population. And it is here that one begins to realize that tracking down these issues virtually requires the mind of a criminologist or a psychiatrist.

As stated, few know that this very phenomenon actually has a track record; below we cite a few salient cases of vaccine-induced disease among the many in past history, not

between thimerosal, a mercury-laced additive approved for use in vaccines until 2001, and childhood autism. Kennedy recounts the story of the steps by which, with the CDC in the lead, this de facto criminal operation conspired to systematically ignore, suppress, or distort incriminating data supporting what thousands of parents of autistic kids already believe about thimerosal from their own experience.

This is what we call a conspiracy, right?

The actions of the conspirators, Kennedy concludes, “arguably constitute one of the biggest scandals in the annals of American medicine.”⁵

Fraudulent claims of vaccine safety and efficacy

In an earlier investigative piece, “The Infection Deception-I” (see our blog at AReturnToHealing.com) we made a number of preliminary discoveries about the veracity of the official swine-flu story. First, we noted the conclusion arising from the most systematic review of the published research ever carried out, which shows that vaccines have little or no effect on influenza. Almost without exception, the studies are either junk science, or are riddled with conflict of interest; as with most studies of pharmaceutical products, vaccine studies are funded by those who manufacture them. (See Chapter 5 of our book, *A Return to Healing*, for additional documentation of this sad fact.) We also examined the very strong indications of both anticipated and unforeseeable safety problems, especially with a vaccine that was rushed into production with minimal oversight by the FDA.

Indeed, vaccines used in the US are not safe or at least not safety tested — not only for adults, but especially for at-risk groups such as infants, small children, pregnant mothers, the elderly, and those with asthma and compromised immune systems.⁶

Dr. Tom Jefferson, one of the world’s most knowledgeable experts in vaccine research and head of the Vaccine Field Group at the Cochrane Database Collaboration, an independent think tank that does not accept corporate funds, bluntly told the *Financial Times* that “there is no knowledge whatsoever that these vaccines are safe.”⁷ Also damning to the flu-vaccine establishment’s claims of efficacy was an astonishing article in the November 2009 issue of *The Atlantic* — a rare case of mainstream attention.⁸

Given this track record, government agencies have little choice but to collude with vaccine manufacturers to obscure the truth.

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A FIERCELY INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

Is Anyone Telling Us The Truth?

By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS

What are we to make of the failed Underwear Bomber plot, the Toothpaste, Shampoo, and Bottled Water Bomber plot, and the Shoe Bomber plot? These blundering and implausible plots to bring down an airliner seem far removed from al Qaeda's expertise in pulling off 9/11.

If we are to believe the US government, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the alleged al Qaeda "mastermind" behind 9/11, outwitted the CIA, the NSA, indeed all 16 US intelligence agencies as well as those of all US allies including Mossad, the National Security Council, NORAD, Air Traffic Control, Airport Security four times on one morning, and Dick Cheney, and with untrained and inexperienced pilots pulled off skilled piloting feats of crashing hijacked airliners into the World Trade Center towers, and the Pentagon, where a battery of state of the art air defenses somehow failed to function.

After such amazing success, al Qaeda would have attracted the best minds in the business, but, instead, it has been reduced to amateur stunts. The Underwear Bomb plot is being played to the hilt on the TV media and especially on Fox "news." After reading recently that *The Washington Post* allowed a lobbyist to write a news story that preached the lobbyist's interest, I wondered if the manufacturers of full-body scanners were behind the heavy coverage of the Underwear Bomber, if not behind the plot itself. In America, everything is for sale. Integrity is gone with the wind.

Recently I read a column by an author who has a "convenience theory" about the Underwear Bomber being a Nigerian allegedly trained by al Qaeda in Yemen. As the US is involved in an undeclared war in Yemen, about which neither the American public nor Congress were informed or consulted, the Underwear Bomb plot provided a convenient excuse for Washington's new war, regardless of whether it was a real attack or a put-up job.

Once you start to ask yourself about whose agenda is served by events and their news spin, other things come to mind. For example, last July there was a news report that the government in Yemen had disbanded a terrorist cell, which was operating under the supervision of Israeli intelligence services. According to the news report, Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh told the Saba news agency that a terrorist cell was arrested and that the case was referred to judicial authorities "for its links with the Israeli intelligence services."

Could the Underwear Bomber have been one of the Israeli terrorist recruits? Certainly Israel has an interest in keeping the US fully engaged militarily against all potential foes of Israel's territorial expansion.

The thought brought back memory of my Russian studies at Oxford University where I learned that the Tsar's secret police set off bombs so that they could blame those whom they wanted to arrest. I next remembered that Francesco Cossiga, the president of Italy from 1985-1992, revealed the existence of Operation Gladio, a false flag operation under NATO auspices that carried out bombings across Europe in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s. The bombings were blamed on communists and were used to discredit communist parties in elections.

An Italian parliamentary investigation unearthed the fact that the attacks were overseen by the CIA. Gladio agent Vincenzo Vinciguerra stated in sworn testimony that the attacks targeted innocent civilians, including women and children, in order "to force the

public to turn to the state to ask for greater security."

What a coincidence. That is exactly what 9/11 succeeded in accomplishing in the US.

Among the well-meaning and the gullible in the West, the supposition still exists that government represents the public interest. Political parties keep this myth alive by fighting over which party best represents the public's interest. In truth, government represents private interests, those of the office holders themselves and those of the lobby groups that finance their political campaigns. The public is in the dark as to the real agendas.

The US and its puppet state allies were led to war in the Middle East and Afghanistan entirely on the basis of lies and deception. Iraqi weapons of mass destruction did not exist and were known by the US and British governments not to exist. Forged documents, such as the "yellowcake documents," were leaked to newspapers in order to create news reporting that would bring the public along with the government's war agenda.

Now the same thing is happening in regard to the nonexistent Iranian nuclear weapons program. Forged documents leaked to *The Times* (London) that indicated Iran was developing a nuclear trigger mechanism have been revealed as forgeries.

Who benefits? Clearly, attacking Iran is on the Israeli-US agenda, and someone is creating the "evidence" to support the case, just as the leaked secret Downing Street Memo to the British cabinet informed Prime Minister Tony Blair's government that President Bush had already made the decision to invade Iraq and "the intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy."

The willingness of people to believe their rulers and the propaganda ministries that serve the rulers is astonishing. Many Americans believe Iran has a nuclear weapons program despite the unanimous conclusion of 16 US intelligence agencies to the contrary.

Vice President Dick Cheney and the neoconservatives fought hard with limited success to change the CIA's role from intelligence agency to a political agency that manufactures facts in support of the neoconservative agenda. For the Bush regime creating "new realities" was more important than knowing the facts.

Recently I read a proposal from a person purporting to favor an independent media that stated that we must save the print media from financial failure with government subsidies. Such a subsidy would complete the subservience of the media to government.

Even in Stalinist Russia, a totalitarian political system where everyone knew that there was no free press, a gullible or intimidated public and Communist Party enabled Joseph Stalin to put the heroes of the Bolshevik Revolution on show trial and execute them as capitalist spies.

In the US we are developing our own show trials. Sheikh Mohammed's will be a big one. As Chris Hedges recently pointed out, once government uses demonized Muslims to get the new justice (sic) system going, the rest of us will be next.

Paul Craig Roberts, a former Assistant Secretary of the US Treasury and former associate editor of the Wall Street Journal, has held numerous academic appointments. He has been reporting shocking cases of prosecutorial abuse for two decades. A new edition of his book, The Tyranny of Good Intentions, co-authored with Lawrence Stratton, a documented account of how Americans lost the protection of law, was published by Random House in March, 2008.



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A Closer Look at Justice in the Obama Administration

By DON SIEGELMAN

Recently the US Supreme Court dismissed a case where the Obama Administration took the position that prosecutors who knowingly give false evidence to get a conviction shouldn't be held liable because it might deter a prosecutor from going all out to get a conviction! Do you believe this nonsense? How much more off the moral path does this country have to go before somebody wakes up?

This position arose in regard to whether prosecutors could be sued for providing false evidence leading to the wrongful murder conviction of two men who spent over twenty five years in prison for a crime they did not commit!

The Obama Administration actually sided with the prosecutors, saying that they should not be sued civilly, even though they knowingly presented false evidence.

This position is so obviously wrongheaded and morally bankrupt that it immediately sounds an alarm that something is not right within the Obama Administration.

Based on the words of Candidate Obama during last year's campaign, the American people certainly expect something different from President Obama. However, there seems to be a pattern of President Obama siding with positions inconsistent with what Candidate Obama said.

Let's take a quick overview of just a few of these:

- As of now, there has been no investigation into why the Bush Administration led the United States into a war in Iraq under what we now

know to be false pretenses.

- The Obama Administration also sided with the Bush Administration regarding the use of warrantless wiretaps.

- President Obama has agreed with the Bush Administration's position of refusing to release photos of Americans torturing enemy combatants and has refused to prosecute the Americans who did use torture for interrogation.

- The Obama Administration has failed to investigate Karl Rove and his accomplices for misusing the power of the DOJ in prosecuting Democrats in order to win elections.

- The Obama Administration sided with the prosecutors in my case, even though we have enough evidence of prosecutorial misconduct to sink a battleship!

However, the straw that broke the camel's back was when I read about the Obama Administration arguing for immunity for prosecutors who present false evidence (as they did in my case) to get a conviction. According to CBS's 60 Minutes, the government made their key witness, "a crook," write and rewrite his testimony until he got it the way the government wanted. The government knowingly presented that false testimony to convict me, and this Administration is practically encouraging prosecutors to do it again.

The founding principles of our nation should make our government strive toward morality not away from it. When we commit war crimes and subvert our citizens' constitutional rights we should admit we are wrong and apologize. If we fail to admit we are wrong, when the whole

world knows we are wrong, we lose credibility. How can we expect other nations to respect us?

Anybody who looks at this issue knows that President Obama's position is wrong. Common sense tells us that prosecutors who present false evidence should be held accountable.

I really do not believe Candidate Obama lied to us about his ideals, rather, I think someone else is calling the shots.

My hope is that President Obama will take control.

I also hope that you will call and urge the President to change his position regarding prosecutors who lie to get convictions. Our country is better than that.

This issue is not about me or my case, it's about our country, our justice system, our morality. So, I am pleading with you to please call the White House and help urge the President to be more like Candidate Obama.

Toll free number for President Obama: (800) 833-6354

Sincerely, Don Siegelman

Don Siegelman is the former Democratic governor of Alabama. He was convicted in 2003 for bribery in what many consider to be a politically motivated prosecution directed by Karl Rove from the Bush White House. 50 U.S. legislators and officials, and 44 former state attorneys general have called for a review of the case but the Obama administration has not.

Courage to Speak the Truth

RON PAUL



“There's been a coup, have you heard? It's the CIA coup. The CIA runs everything, they run the military. They're the ones who are over there lobbing missiles and bombs on countries. ... And of course the CIA is every bit as secretive as the Federal Reserve. ... And yet think of the harm they have done since they were established [after] World War II. They are a government unto themselves. They're in businesses, in drug businesses, they take out dictators ... We need to take out the CIA.”

- Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX), Jan. 15, 2010

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Innocence Project VS. Ambition and Corruption

By LARISA ALEXANDROVNA / ATLARGELY.COM
Having covered and exposed prosecutorial corruption for the last few years, I have lost my once staunch belief in the justice system and those who claim to be working for the greater good. How can they be when their job is political? I have often been attacked for trying to expose prosecutorial misconduct. Bryan Smith, writer-at-large for Chicagogmag.com, shows us yet another example of such underhanded tactics by prosecutors more interested in politics than in justice in his article "The Professor and the Prosecutor: Anita Alvarez's office turns up the heat on David Protes's Medill Innocence Project". (Chicagogmag.com January 23, 2010):

"In their own ways, they have risen to stardom on a stage built from misery, two battlers who grapple with questions of life-and-death justice: Anita Alvarez, a Chicago native and career prosecutor with working-class roots, who dramatically emerged from a pack of formidable opponents to become the first woman and first person of Hispanic descent to hold the top job in the second-largest prosecutor's office in the nation; and the Northwestern University professor David Protes, a crusader against wrongful convictions who has guided his students to find fresh evidence that helped free five people from death row and sprang six others from imprisonment for murders they did not commit-putting prosecutors on the defensive with each notch in his belt.

Over the more than two decades they built their careers, the two rarely crossed paths. That changed when Alvarez, who took office a little over a year ago, found herself dealing with the latest cause championed by Prof. Protes: the claim that a man named Anthony McKinney had been wrongly jailed for more than 30 years."

Imagine if you found out that you were responsible for robbing 30 years from an innocent person? Imagine that in that time, the guilty party has been free? What would you reaction be? My first reaction would be grief, remorse, sadness. My second reaction would be to help free the person I had wronged. My third reaction would be to publicly apologize. Then, when all of that was done, I would resign my position. There is nothing special about me in having this series of reactions. Most decent people would respond in the same manner.

But some people are not decent and when they sit in positions of authority, holding the power of freedom, life, and justice in their hands, then they threaten the very fabric of democracy. This is the entire reason for a free press: to protect the governed from the government; to stand between those with power and those without. When a prosecutor uses that power to attack a

journalist in retribution for doing what they are entrusted by the Constitution to do, the line crossed is so serious, it requires outrage from all.

Such has been the case with the Bush appointed prosecutors, whom the Obama administration has allowed to remain in their positions of power and authority.

Not all prosecutors are corrupt of course, but enough are corrupt (and some aggressively so) to cause a significant breach of public trust. Some have even engaged in criminal activity to further their own political ambitions. An example of the latter is the still sitting US Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, Leura Canary, who continues to remain in her post and does more damage.

Now we see the actions of Anita Alvarez, who needs to resign or be removed for her attacks on David Protes, in particular, and press freedoms in general:

"In this case, Alvarez turned the tables on Protes, challenging the motives and ethics of him and his students. In a court filing, her office has given voice to deeply unflattering, sometimes personal accusations: that some students may have paid a witness to recant; that other students "flirted" with witnesses, in effect, to persuade them to make incriminating statements; and that students may have been so driven to get an A [grade] that they twisted or suppressed evidence to suit their cause of freeing McKinney."

If that were the case, why have no charges been brought against the students? Why have statements such as these been made ONLY after the Innocence Project brought evidence that might free McKinney? Why has this been done instead:

"Meanwhile, outside court, her office has given at least two reporters a memo about a 1996 case as "background" information. The memo recounts scurrilous and unsubstantiated claims about the conduct of Protes and students who were working on an investigation that resulted in freeing two men from death row and two others from life sentences. "What on earth does [an old] memo based on lies and designed to smear my students have to do with the truth of whether Anthony McKinney was wrongfully convicted?" asks Protes."

David Protes is a highly regarded journalism professor who has devoted his life to freeing the innocent imprisoned in the US among the guilty. Alvarez cannot win this battle, not by a long shot. As I often urge you to do, protect your journalists.

Not that it much matters to me, but I should tell you that Alvarez is a Democrat.

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Obama Authorizes Economic War On Venezuela

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consumer by inordinately raising prices. The first target of a temporary closure was a Caracas store owned by the French firm Exito.

International investment analysts praised Chavez's decision to devalue the bolivar and said the decision was overdue considering the fall of oil prices worldwide. However, the CIA and NGOs, many aligned with George Soros's Open Society Institute and the US National Endowment for Democracy are planning large street demonstrations against Chavez's handling of the economy. National Assembly elections are scheduled for September but the Obama administration has decided that if Chavez can be removed now, his allies in Bolivia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Paraguay, and some Caribbean island states will quickly abandon Chavez's alternative to American-led Western Hemisphere financial contrivances and free trade pacts, the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas (ALBA). The Obama planners then see Cuba, once again, being isolated in the hemisphere and ripe for increased US political pressure. Cuba was placed on the list of 14 countries requiring additional airline passenger screening as part of the policy to pressure and isolate Cuba. There is a possibility that with the outbreak of US-inspired violence on the streets of Venezuela, that nation could join Cuba on the list as the 15th country.

The Obama administration's assault is two-fold: economic and political. Pressure is being applied against the gasoline chain Citgo, which is owned by the Venezuelan state oil company, PDVSA, and Venezuelan investment favorability ratings. Politically, the US is overtly and covertly funneling money to anti-Chavez groups through the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), US Agency for International Development (USAID), and groups affiliated with George Soros.

There is also a small military component to Obama's strategy of undermining Chavez. US, P-3 Orion over-flights of Venezuelan airspace from bases in Aruba

and Curacao are designed to intimidate Chavez and activate Venezuelan radar and command, control, communications, and intelligence (C3I) systems to gather electronic and signals intelligence data that would be used by the United States to jam Venezuelan military networks in the event of a US-inspired surprise against Chavez by US loyalists embedded in the Venezuelan military, police, PDVSA, and media. The US is also stoking cross-border incursions into Venezuela by Colombian paramilitaries to gauge Venezuela's border defenses. Last November, Colombian right-wing paramilitary units killed two Venezuelan National Guardsmen inside Venezuela in Tachira state. Weapons caches maintained by Colombians inside Venezuela have been seized by Venezuelan authorities. Venezuela has also arrested a number of Colombian DAS intelligence agents inside Venezuela.

Obama signed a military agreement with Colombia that allows the United States to establish seven air and naval bases in Colombia. An additional agreement by Obama with Panama will see the US military return to that nation to set up two military bases.

It is estimated that some 25 percent of Venezuelans are likely Fifth Columnists who would take part in a revolt against Chavez. Many are based in the Venezuelan oil-producing state of Zulia and the capital of Maracaibo, where successive US ambassadors in Caracas have stoked secessionist embers and where the CIA and US Defense Intelligence Agency have concentrated much of their efforts. In November, Venezuelan police arrested in Maracaibo, Magaly Janeth Moreno Vega, also known as "The Pearl," the leader of the right-wing United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC), which has been directly linked to Colombia's pro-US President Alvaro Uribe and members of his government, including former Colombian attorney general Luis Camilo Osorio Isaza, appointed by Uribe as Colombia's ambassador to Mexico.

US Sole Opponent of UN Anti-Nazi Resolution



UN Building in New York City

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the glorification of the Nazi movement and former members of the Waffen SS organization, including by erecting monuments and memorials and holding public demonstrations in the name of the glorification of the Nazi past, the Nazi movement and neo-Nazism, as well as by declaring or attempting to declare such members, and those who fought against the anti-Hitler coalition and collaborated with the Nazi movements, as participants in national liberation movements...Expresses concern at recurring attempts to desecrate or demolish monuments erected in remembrance of those who fought against Nazism during the Second World War, as well as to unlawfully exhume or remove the remains of such persons, and urges states in this regard to fully comply with their relevant obligations, inter alia, under article 34 of Additional Protocol 1 to the Geneva Conventions of 1949... (Notes with concern the increase in the number of racist incidents in several countries and the rise of skinhead groups which have been responsible for many of these incidents, as well as the resurgence of racist and xenophobic violence targeting members of ethnic, religious or cultural communities and national minorities)...stresses that the practices described above do injustice to the memory of the countless victims of crimes against humanity committed in the Second World War, in particular those committed by the SS organization and those who fought against the anti-Hitler movement, and poison the minds of young people, and that those practices are incompatible with the obligations of the States members of the United Nations under its Charter, and are incompatible with the goals and principles of the Organization."

On December 18th, 127 members of the United Nations, including India, Kazakhstan, China, Russia, Iran, Israel, Syria, Iraq, Libya, voted in favor of the resolution. Fifty-four members abstained, including France, Germany, Latvia, Georgia, Lithuania, Estonia and Ukraine, and only one nation opposed the resolution: the United States.

Since 2003, similar resolutions opposing the resurgence of Nazism have been sponsored by the Russian Federation, along with other similarly concerned member States of the United Nations. Each year, the resolution has been adopted by the overwhelming majority of the members of the United Nations, in each case, with Iran, Syria and Israel voting together in favor of the resolution, and in each previous year the resolution was opposed by only 2 out of the 192 States belonging to the United Nations: previously, only the United States and the Marshall Islands opposed that resolution. This year, despite the change promised by the Obama Administration, the United States, alone and in isolation, opposed the resolution.

On February 28, 2007 I asked the US State Department spokesman: "Tom, why did the United States vote against resolution 62/142, which prohibits the glorification of Nazism, especially since former Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Stuart Eizenstat spent years trying to get compensation for victims of Nazi atrocities?" On February 25, 2009, I asked the US State Department spokesman: "Robert, recently a commission was established on preventing genocide, co-chaired by William S. Cohen, Madeleine Albright with Stuart Eizenstat and Tom Pickering. And since there is a great interest in that, and it is extremely important; why did the United States vote against a resolution which was adopted recently at the General Assembly of the UN, on the inadmissibility of the glorification of Nazism, prohibiting the description of Nazi collaborators during World War II as national liberation movements? That's Orwellian."

The State Department reply of February 26, 2009 stated: "This resolution fails to distinguish between actions and statements that, while offensive, should be protected by freedom of expression, and actions that incite violence, which should be prohibited. The United States remains convinced that governments should not punish speech, even that which is deemed offensive or hateful. In a free society hateful ideas fail on account of their own intrinsic lack of merit."

The State Department explanation of their vote against a resolution so historically important that together, Iran, Israel and Syria recognized its indispensability

desecration of historic truth are an essential component of political and psychological warfare.

According to historian Christopher Simpson, in *The Splendid Blonde Beast, Money, Law and Genocide in the Twentieth Century*, (page 134): "Franklin Delano Roosevelt had come to distrust the European Division of the State Department, which disagreed with FDR's politics and often pursued its own agenda regardless of directives from the White House. State's Eastern European specialists, including William Bullitt, Loy Henderson and George Kennan, leaned toward a strategy of rapprochement with Hitler and an anti-Bolshevik 'cordon sanitaire' with Germany against the Soviets. Roosevelt favored normalized relations with the Soviets - in late 1933, he sent the first US Ambassador to Moscow since the 1917 revolution, and as the decade wore on he increasingly viewed the German-Japanese Axis as the world's most dangerous imperial force."

Considering the recently established Genocide Prevention Task Force, one would have expected the United States to vote in favor of a resolution to prevent the resurgence of Nazism, one of the most genocidal ideologies in human history.

Not content with exterminating 6 million Jews, in World War II, the genocidal Nazi behemoth turned eastward, where, according to Martin Bormann, "The Slavs are to work for us. In so far as we don't need them, they may die.... Education is dangerous. Every educated person is a future enemy." Finally, in the words of Dr. Otto Brautigam, Deputy Leader of the Nazi Political Department of the Ministry for the Occupied Eastern Territories,

"It is no longer a secret from friend or foe that hundreds of thousands of Russian prisoners of war have died of hunger or cold in our camps. We now experience the grotesque picture of having to recruit millions of laborers from the occupied Eastern territories after prisoners of war have died of hunger like flies. In the prevailing limitless abuse of the Slavic humanity, 'recruiting' methods were used which probably have their origin in the blackest periods of the slave traffic. A regular man hunt was inaugurated. Without consideration of health or age the people were shipped to Germany.... Our policy has forced both Bolsheviks and Russian Nationalists into a common front against us. The Russian fights today with exceptional bravery and self-sacrifice for nothing more or less than recognition of his human dignity."

Twenty-five million citizens of the Soviet Union died fighting Nazism. Six million Jews were exterminated as a canon of Nazi policy. Many thousands of Americans died fighting Nazism in Europe and North Africa. Countless partisans fighting collaborationist regimes in France, Italy, Yugoslavia, and throughout Europe were tortured to death by the Nazis. The essence of Christopher Simpson's masterpiece is that there was a fifth column of Nazi sympathizers in the United States because Nazism was "better for business." General Motors, Standard Oil and du Pont were "deeply involved in German weapons production." According to Max Wallace, in *The American Axis*, Henry Ford was not only the inspiration for Adolf Hitler (as declared by Hitler, himself), but throughout World War II subsidiaries of Ford in Germany were manufacturing the very machinery the Nazis used to slaughter American soldiers.

Perhaps, today, it is not the First Amendment, but precisely such a fifth column responsible for the United States opposition to United Nations Resolution 64/147. It is impossible to overestimate the significance of the fact that together, Syria, Iran and Israel (generally thought to be the bitterest of enemies) voted in unison in favor of that Resolution, not only once, but year after year after year. Perhaps they share a subliminal recognition of a common interest and a common threat of another world war. There is a vast, untapped oil reserve in Siberia. Perhaps, while attention is focused upon the Middle East, covert action is focused upon seizing those oil reserves. To accomplish that, those covert actors will have to finish the work begun by Hitler: the dismemberment and subjugation of Russia (not incidentally a nuclear power). Like the Nazis, the Taliban hold that "education is dangerous; every educated person is a future enemy." Who created the Taliban? Who is using them today?

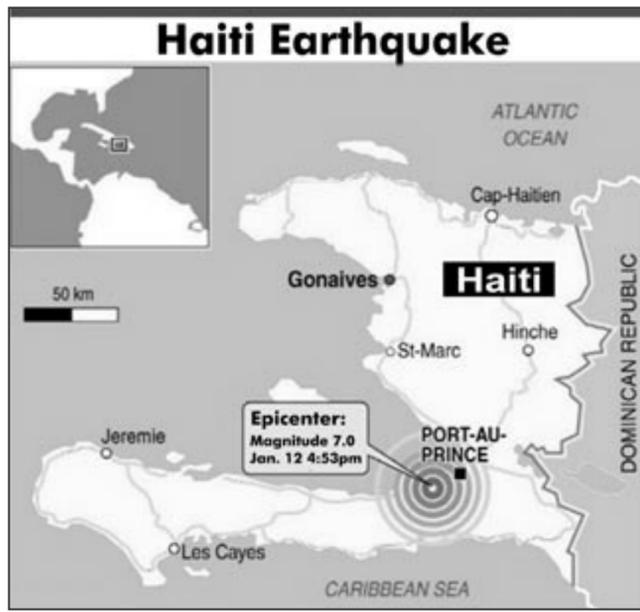
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Chavez Accuses US Of Triggering Haiti Earthquake

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described by US officials and news media as a "dictator" even though he has won reelection by wide margins and currently has higher approval ratings than Obama.

But surely this talk of "Tectonic Weapons" is crazy... isn't it? Well not according to former Secretary of Defense William Cohen. Here is what he had to say on the matter at a Senate counterterrorism conference in 1997:

"Others [terrorists] are engaging even in an eco-type of terrorism whereby they can alter the climate, set off earthquakes, volcanoes remotely through the use of electromagnetic waves... So there are plenty of ingenious minds out there that are at work finding ways in which they can wreak terror upon other nations... It's real, and that's the reason why we have to intensify our [counterterrorism] efforts."

President Chavez offered no evidence to back up his assertion but there are several "coincidences" surrounding the Haitian earthquake that have raised suspicions. For example we learn from SOUTHCOM that a disaster relief task force arrived in Port-au-Prince the

day before the quake to prepare for a drill that involved providing relief to Haiti in the wake of a hurricane. After the earthquake hit on Tuesday the SOUTHCOM drill "went live" and material and personnel standing by in Miami were immediately dispatched.

It could easily be just a coincidence, but the specter of "drills going live" have been a feature of other false-flag events in the past. Such as the case of the 7/7 train bombings in London when Peter Powers admitted they were drilling just those events at those same exact locations that morning. Researcher Webster Tarpley has documented that more than 15 drills were being conducted on or about 9/11/2001, including FEMA and NORAD drills, some involving hijacked airliners and others simulating planes crashing into buildings.

At this point Chavez' accusation, while it may not be impossible, is not supported by any evidence and has very little credibility. If, on the other hand, the next major quake strikes Iran...

Haiti Quick History

- December 5, 1492: Columbus discovers Haiti (the island of Hispaniola)
- 1697: The Spaniards cede the western third of Hispaniola to the French crown at the Treaty of Ryswick. Haiti is now called "Saint Domingue".
- 1697-1791: Saint Domingue becomes the richest colony in the world. Its capital, Cap Français, is known as the Paris of the New World. It is also a regime of extraordinary cruelty; the 500,000 slaves taken by the French are flogged, starved, and buried alive for minor offenses.
- 1791: the first major black rebellion takes place, initiated by Boukman, a voodoo houngan. This begins the markings of civil war between the black dominated north and the mulatto dominated south.
- 1796: Toussaint L'Ouverture, an educated herb doctor and military man, emerges as the leader of the former slaves in the north. He restored order, ended the massacres, and restored some of Saint Domingue's former prosperity.
- 1801: Napoleon Bonaparte dispatches an army of 34,000 troops to subdue the slave armies and retake the colony for France; this mission was unsuccessful.
- 1802: Convention in Paris reintroduces slavery, which brings on more rebellions and massacres.
- 1804: Jean Jacques Dessalines proclaimed the independent black Republic of Haiti in the northern half of the island. Dessalines was unpopular with the mulattos and was assassinated in 1806. His death led to civil war.
- 1820: Henry Christophe commits suicide by shooting himself with a silver bullet. At his death Haiti was taken over by General Boyer, and civil war ceased. Boyer obtained official Haitian independence from France at the price of 150 million French francs.
- 1843 to 1915: Haiti sees 22 heads of state, most of whom leave office by violent means. Rivalry continues among the whites, the mulatto elite, and the blacks.
- 1915: President Guillaume Sam is dismembered and the Americans invade the country. They remain for 19 years. Despite improvements made to the infrastructure by the Americans, the Haitians opposed their presence.
- 1934: The Americans leave Haiti, which is now prospering once again.
- 1957: François 'Papa Doc' Duvalier, a doctor and union leader, elected president. He terrorized the country, through his private militia, the tontons macoutes (which means in Creole, "uncle boogeyman").
- 1971: François Duvalier dies and is succeeded by his son Jean Claude, age 19 (also known as 'Baby Doc'). By this time Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere (and remains so to this day).
- 1986: The Duvalier regime collapses under Operation Deschoukay and Baby Doc flees to France.
- 1990: Jean-Bertrand Aristide (a religious priest) is elected in a landslide victory. Military coup deposes Aristide's government; Organization of American States imposes an embargo lasting three years.
- 1994: Aristide returns to Haiti to serve out his term of office, facilitated by the US military and UN troops.
- 1995: René Préval elected in a landslide victory
- 2001: Aristide succeeds Préval for a second five-year term.
- 2004: Aristide is forced from office via a U.S.-assisted military coup. He is kidnapped, and flown out of Haiti aboard a U.S. military aircraft to South Africa. Boniface Alexandre is inaugurated as interim president. UN troops begin peacekeeping occupation.

Haiti: An Unwelcome Katrina Redux

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Marine Expeditionary Force was being considered "to help restore order," when the "disorder" had been caused by an earthquake striking Haiti; not since 1751, 1770, 1842, 1860, and 1887 had Haiti experienced an earthquake. But, I remember the bogus reports of chaos and violence that led to the deployment of military assets, including Blackwater, in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. One Katrina survivor noted that the people needed food and shelter and the US government sent men with guns. Much to my disquiet, it seems, here we go again. From the very beginning, US assistance to Haiti has looked to me more like an invasion than a humanitarian relief operation.

On Day Two of the tragedy, a C-130 plane with a military assessment team landed in Haiti, with the rest of the team expected to land soon thereafter. The stated purpose of this team was to determine what military resources were needed.

An Air Force special operations team was also expected to land to provide air traffic control. Now, the reports are that the US is not allowing assistance in-shades of Hurricane Katrina, all over again.

On President Obama's orders, military aircraft "flew over the island, mapping the destruction." So, the first US contributions to the humanitarian relief needed in Haiti were reconnaissance drones whose staffing are more accustomed to looking for hidden weapon sites and surface-to-air missile batteries than wrecked infrastructure. The scope of the US response soon became clear an aircraft carrier, a Marine transport ship, four C-140 airlifts, and evacuations to Guantanamo. By the end of Day Two, according to the *Washington Post* report, the United States had evacuated to Guantanamo Bay about eight [8] severely injured patients, in addition to US Embassy staffers who had been "designated as priorities by the US Ambassador and his staff."

On Day Three we learned that other US ships, including destroyers, were moving toward Haiti. Interestingly, the *Washington Post* reported that the standing task force that coordinates the US response to mass migration events from Cuba or Haiti was monitoring events, but had not yet ramped up its operations. That tidbit was interesting in and of itself, that those two countries are attended to by a standing task force, but the treatment of their nationals is vastly different, with Cubans being awarded immediate acceptance from the US government, and by contrast, internment for Haitian nationals.

US Coast Guard Rear Admiral James Watson IV reassured Americans, "Our focus right now is to prevent that, and we are going to work with the Defense Department, the State Department, FEMA and all the agencies of the federal government to minimize the risk of Haitians who want to flee their country," Watson said. "We want to provide them those relief supplies so they can live in Haiti."

By the end of Day Four, the US reportedly had evacuated over 800 US nationals. For those of us who have been following events in Haiti before the tragic earthquake, it is worth noting that several items have caused deep concern:

1. the continued exile of Haiti's democratically-elected and well-loved, yet twice-removed President and former priest, Jean-Bertrand Aristide;

2. the unexplained continued occupation of the country by United Nations troops who have killed innocent Haitians and are hardly there for "security" (I've personally seen them on the roads that lead

only to Haiti's sparsely-populated areas teeming with beautiful beaches);

3. US construction of its fifth-largest embassy in the world in Port-au-Prince, Haiti;

4. mining and port licenses and contracts, including the privatization of Haiti's deep water ports, because certain off-shore oil and transshipment arrangements would not be possible inside the US for environmental and other considerations; and

5. extensive foreign NGO presence in Haiti that could be rendered unnecessary if, instead, appropriate US and other government policy allowed the Haitian people some modicum of political and economic self-determination.

Therefore, we note here the writings of Ms. Marguerite Laurent, whom I met in her capacity as attorney for ousted President of Haiti Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Ms. Laurent reminds us of Haiti's offshore oil and other mineral riches and recent revival of an old idea to use Haiti and an oil refinery to be built there as a transshipment terminal for US supertankers. Ms. Laurent, also known as Ezili Danto of the Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network (HLLN), writes:

"There is evidence that the United States found oil in Haiti decades ago and, due to the geopolitical circumstances and big business interests of that era, made the decision to keep Haitian oil in reserve for when Middle Eastern oil had dried up. This is detailed by Dr. Georges Michel in an article dated March 27, 2004 outlining

- in tiny Haiti, post the 2004 Haiti Bush regime change."

Unfortunately, before the tragedy struck, and despite pleading to the Administration by Haitian activists inside the United States, President Obama failed to stop the deportation of Haitians inside the US in peril of being deported due to visa expirations. That was corrected on Day Three of Haiti's earthquake tragedy with the January 15, 2010 announcement that Haiti would join Honduras, Nicaragua, Somalia, El Salvador, and Sudan as a country granted TPS by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

President Obama's appointment of President Bush to the Haiti relief effort is a swift left jab to the face, in my opinion. After President Bush's performance in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the fact that Hurricane Katrina survivors who want to return still have not been provided a way back home, the appointment might augur well for fundraising activities, but I doubt that it bodes well for the Haitian people. After all, the coup against and the kidnapping of President Aristide occurred under the watch of the Bush Presidency.

Finally, those with an appreciation of French literature know that among France's most beloved authors are Alexandre Dumas, son of a Haitian slave, and Victor Hugo who wrote: "Haiti est une lumiere." [Haiti is a light.] Indeed, Haiti for millions is a light: a light into the methodology and evil of slavery; a light into a



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African people of this piece of land that we call Haiti know their history and they know that they militarily defeated the ruling world empire of the day, Napoleon's France, and the global elite at that time who supported him. They know that they defeated the armies of England and Spain.

Haitians know that they used their status as a free state to help liberate Latin Americans from Spain by funding and fighting alongside Simon Bolivar; that their example inspired their still-enslaved African brothers and sisters on the American mainland; and before that Haitians were even free, they fought against the British inside the US during its war of independence and won a decisive battle in Savannah, Georgia, where I have visited the statue commemorating that victory.

Haitians know that France imposed reparations on them for being free, and Haiti paid them in full, but that President Aristide called for France to give that money back (\$21 billion in 2003 dollars).

Haitians know that their "brother," then-Secretary of State Colin Powell, lied to the world upon the kidnapping and second ouster of their President. (Sadly, it wouldn't be the last time that Secretary of State Colin Powell would lie to the world.) Haitians know, all too well, that high-ranking blacks in the United States are capable of helping them and of betraying them.

Haitians know, too, that the United States has installed its political proxies and even its own soldiers onto Haitian soil when the US felt it was "necessary". All in an effort to control the indomitable Haitian spirit that directs much-needed light to the rest of the oppressed world.

While the tears of the people of Haiti swell in my own eyes, and I remember their tremendous capacity for love, my broken heart and wet eyes don't dampen my ability to understand the grave danger that now faces my friends in Haiti.

I shudder to think that the "rollback" policies believed in by some foreign policy advisors to President Obama could use a prolonged US military presence in Haiti as a springboard for rollback of areas in Latin America that have liberated themselves from US neo-colonial domination. I would hate to think that this would even be attempted under the Presidency of Barack Obama. All of us must have our eyes wide open on Haiti and other parts of the world now dripping in blood as a result of the relentless onward march of the US military machine.

So, on this remembrance of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I note that it was the US government's own illegal Operation Lantern Spike that snuffed out the promise and light of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Every plane of humanitarian assistance that is turned away by the US military (so far from CARICOM, the Caribbean Community, Médecins Sans Frontières, Brazil, France, Italy, and even the US Red Cross) — as was done in the wake of Hurricane Katrina — and the expected arrival on this very day of up to 10,000 US troops, are lasting reminders of the existential threat that now looms over the valiant, proud people and the Republic of Haiti.



Haitian White House, Port-au-Prince, before and after the quake.

the history of oil explorations and oil reserves in Haiti and in the research of Dr. Ginette and Daniel Mathurin.

"There is also good evidence that these very same big US oil companies and their inter-related monopolies of engineering and defense contractors made plans decades ago to use Haiti's deep water ports either for oil refineries or to develop oil tank farm sites or depots where crude oil could be stored and later transferred to small tankers to serve US and Caribbean ports. This is detailed in a paper about the Dunn Plantation at Fort Liberté in Haiti.

"Ezili's HLLN underlines these two papers on Haiti's oil resources and the works of Dr. Ginette and Daniel Mathurin in order to provide a view one will not find in the mainstream media nor anywhere else as to the economic and strategic reasons the US has constructed its fifth largest embassy in the world - fifth only besides the US embassies in China, Iraq, Iran and Germany

successful slave rebellion, a light into nationhood and notions of liberty, the rights of man, and of human dignity. Haiti is a light. And an example that makes the enemies of black liberation tremble. It is precisely because of Haiti's light into the evil genius of some individuals who wield power over others and man's ability, through unity and purpose, to overcome that evil, that some segments of the world have been at war with Haiti ever since 1804, the year of Haiti's creation as a Republic.

I'm not surprised at "Reverend" Pat Robertson's racist vitriol. Robertson's comments mirror, exactly, statements made by Napoleon's Cabinet when the Haitians defeated them. But in 2010, Robertson's statements reveal much more: Haitians are not the only ones who know their importance to the struggle against hatred, imperialism, and European domination.

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Two Hit, Three Down
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By LYNN MARGULIS

I comment here on the nanotechnology aspect of Jerry Mazza's masterful review (Rock Creek -fiercely independent-Free Press, January 2010, page 6) of David Ray Griffin's extraordinary 2009 book, *The Mysterious Collapse of World Trade Center 7: Why the Final Official Report about 9/11 is Unscientific and False*.

By the time we (Dorion Sagan – my eldest son and Sciencewriters partner – and I) met David Griffin in 2003 in his native habitat at the Center for Process Studies (which is on the campus of the Claremont School of Theology in southern California), he had written over two dozen books, none of which I had ever read or even heard of. We immensely enjoyed a three-day scientific-philosophical meeting on the Darwinian-evolutionary view of life that had been organized by Griffin's sage mentor, the sweet-tempered but razor sharp, Jimmy Carter-sounding, octogenarian professor emeritus and director, John B. Cobb, Jr. The results of this fascinating meeting have since been published (Cobb, ed. 2008).

In spite of his authorship of eight excellent books on the subject, he is not winning the education skirmish. This is not surprising, because science education battles – I can tell you this from chronic painful experience – are far more intrinsically difficult to win than those of mere science. I illustrate this point with regard to the destruction of the World Trade Center.

The scientific problem:
Why did three World Trade Center buildings (#1,#2 and #7) collapse on 9/11, after two (and only two) of them were hit by "hijacked airplanes"?

The scientific answer:
Because all three buildings were destroyed by carefully planned, orchestrated and executed controlled demolition. Ignited by incendiaries (such as thermate) and high explosives (including nanothermite), the steel columns were selectively melted in a brilliantly-timed controlled demolition. Two 110-story buildings (towers 1&2), plus one 47-floor building (WTC 7), were induced to collapse at gravitationally accelerated rates in an operation planned and carried out by insiders. The apparent hijacking of airliners and the crashing of them into the Twin Towers were intrinsic parts of the operation, which together provided a basis for claiming that the buildings were brought down by Muslim terrorists. The buildings' steel columns, which would have provided irrefutable physical evidence of the use of explosives, were quickly removed from the scene of the crime.

Impeccable logic and addiction to reading inspire this truth-seeker. With his practiced scientific mind (he has organized professional philosophy-of-science conferences and published several books on this theme) coupled with investigation of evidence from not only us scientists but from witnesses, documentary film-makers, scholars, architects and engineers et al., he concludes that the virtual free-fall collapse of the three (not two) World Trade Center buildings in 2001 was a premeditated, exquisitely executed operation. He recognized this "tragic publicity stunt" (my claim) was likely intended to provide the "new Pearl Harbor" desired by radical neoconservatives, some of whom had become members of the Bush administration (see Ch. 6 of Griffin's 2006 book, *Christian Faith and the Truth behind 9/11*).

The far-more-difficult science-education problem:
The persistent problem is how to wake up public awareness, especially in the global scientifically literate public, of the overwhelming evidence that the three buildings collapsed by controlled demolition. (Much has been published in peer-reviewed scientific journals, see Ch. 4 of *The Mysterious Collapse*). We, on the basis of hard evidence, must conclude that the petroleum fires related to the aircraft crashes were irrelevant (except perhaps as a cover story). We citizens of Earth within and beyond the boundaries of the United States who demand detailed evidence for extraordinary claims agree with Griffin: the rapid destruction of New York skyscrapers on September 11, 2001 was planned and executed by people inside the US government.

Griffin's eight books about 9/11 (listed below) are his call to his kind of truly patriotic action. They show in appropriate detail, accurately documented, that the official government conspiracy theory can not

be correct journalistically, scientifically, and morally. Muslim airline hijackers, in short, never triggered the collapse of high-rise steel-framed buildings at gravitational acceleration into neat removable pieces. They didn't remove the remaining steel girders before they could be studied as evidence for a huge crime. They were not described in telephone calls by passengers and crew members from the four airliners – all the evidence for al Qaeda hijackers on the planes dissipates under close inspection (for example, even the FBI now admits that the reported cell phone calls from 25,000 to 40,000 feet never happened).

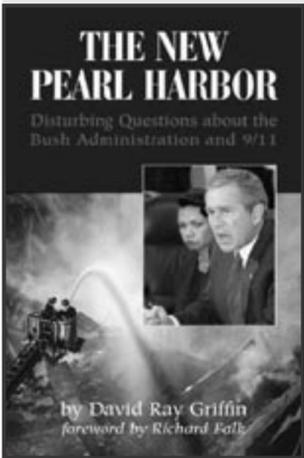
And to me the most compelling and obviously incorrect accusation is that Muslim hijackers caused the pulverization of cement high-rise office buildings into tons of dust that contain crystalline thermate and other minute metallic particles not found in the usual charred remains of fire rubble. Minute iron-aluminum-molybdenum rich spheres, steel perforated with swiss-cheese type holes and large quantities of unreacted nanothermite are not components of petroleum office fires. Besides the fact that building fire temperatures, even if fed by jet-fuel, could not have risen beyond 1,800°F, and hence they would be nowhere close to the of 2,800°F needed to melt iron (or for molybdenum that melts at 4,753°F).

The facile appeal to the presence of gypsum (calcium sulfate) in the office wall-board fails to explain why sulfur was found in the intergranular structure of pieces of steel. (There was no detection of calcium!) *The New York Times*, in a rare example of honest reporting about the WTC collapses, called this "the deepest mystery uncovered in the investigation".

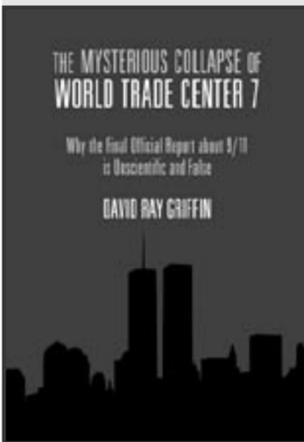
Nor could "Muslim terrorists" have accessed and then planted in these buildings huge quantities of nanothermite. This recently developed high explosive was developed mainly in secrecy by professional scientists and engineers who enjoy government grant support for "nanotechnology" by the military. Significant quantities of red-gray crystals of nanothermite have been found in several independently collected samples of WTC dust studied by a team headed by physicist Steven Jones, formerly of Brigham Young University.

Niels Harrit, a University of Copenhagen professor of chemistry who specializes in nanochemistry, is the first author of a peer-reviewed paper reporting this team's results. The two mutually exclusive "9/11-conspiracy theories", the patently and nefariously absurd tale our government imposes on us and the true, criminal story yet to be entirely brought to light, deserve the attention of all literate people. Remember: Only two airplanes struck, but three buildings collapsed at free-fall velocities on that same day. Begin with Mazza's review and Griffin's book that detail the nanothermite scientific studies. Examine the government's reluctant late admission that WTC 7 came down in absolute free fall for over two seconds to realize this is a scientific impossibility unless all the steel columns were partitioned into neat, removable pieces by explosives. Find out what happened to two men, Hess and Jennings, trapped inside WT7 in its abortive explosion before noon. Truth here, as David Ray Griffin tries to tell it, is (at least to me) stranger and far more dramatic than even the best fiction.

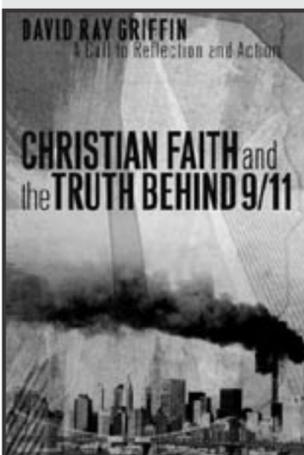
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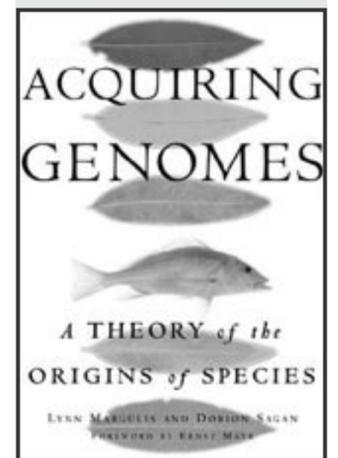
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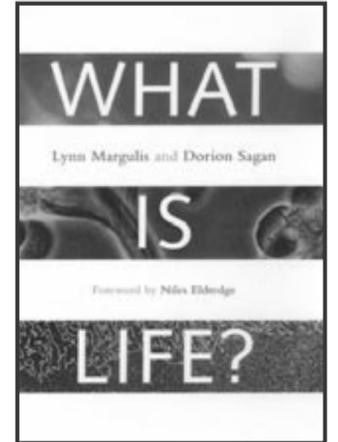
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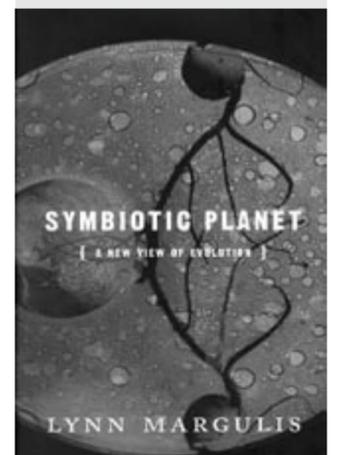
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The Panty Bomber Mystery Deepens

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terrorists actually hit the Pentagon, the symbolic fortress of America's alleged military supremacy? After spending untold trillions on "defense" over the years, a sum that never declines in real terms, and driving ourselves into near-bankruptcy on account of it, how in the name of all that's holy did nineteen men armed with box-cutters manage to drive Don Rumsfeld stumbling into the street, literally running for his life?

The Weird Factor seems to intensify whenever there is some significant event in our ongoing "war on terrorism," or whatever they're calling it these days. My longtime readers will be familiar with my theory of how this works. Briefly: on Sept. 11, 2001, the impact of those airliners as they hit the Twin Towers sent us careening into an alternative dimension where up is down, right is left, and torture is the American Way – in short we landed in Bizarro World, where we have been trapped ever since. The post-9/11 cognitive shift that heralded our entry into this alternate dimension is amplified around these incidents, and certainly the most recent – the midair antics of the Undie Bomber – underscores the Weird Factor at its absolute weirdest.

The official narrative has been in flux, due in part to the political firestorm that surrounds the event: President Obama's characterization of the Undie Bomber as an "isolated" individual, unconnected to a larger network, began to fall apart almost before it was uttered. As the links between Umar Farouk Abdul Mutallab and the specter of "al Qaeda on the Arabian Peninsula" surfaced – along with the incredible story of how Mutallab's father, a prominent Nigerian banker, personally reported his son to the US embassy and the CIA – the official story had to be amended. Now it's "the buck stops here," an admission of failure and the inevitable calls for making everyone's flying experience more problematic and unendurable than ever.

Also inevitable was the way the Republicans leapt on the incident to somehow prove the President and his party are "soft" on terrorism, a strangely empty critique that doesn't seem to consist of anything more substantial than a highly arguable perception of "softness" in the President's rhetoric. GOPers complained that the



Panty Patsy, Umar Farouk Abdul Mutallab

might be a teenager, was dressed somewhat shabbily, and was accompanied by an older "well-dressed" man who looked and sounded like he might be a native of India. When they approached the desk, the Indian did all the talking, explaining that Mutallab didn't have a passport but needed to get on the flight. The attendant replied that everyone on the flight had to have a passport, to which the Indian retorted that his companion was a Sudanese refugee, and "we do this all the time." Well, then you'll have to speak to my supervisor, said the attendant, and the odd couple went down a hallway: the next time Haskell saw this "refugee," he was setting his underpants on fire in an attempt to down the plane.

Dutch security is now denying Haskell's eyewitness report, on the basis of having reviewed 200 hours of surveillance video. Haskell, however, is sticking with his story, and has located another passenger who (he says) corroborates his account, but this witness is afraid to step forward out of fear of being in the spotlight. Haskell also asks a reasonable question: why don't they release the surveillance video, just like the US authorities released video of that idiot in New Jersey who snuck through security?

Additionally, there are all sorts of other questions that arise when we consider how the Dutch handled security at Schiphol in this instance: for example, all passengers at Schiphol are interviewed, an innovation introduced by the Israeli companies that provide security services there. No doubt these interviews are videotaped, or at least there must be some account of the interview, either from interviewer or his notes: let's see them. I refuse to believe that Mutallab, being interviewed and sitting there with a bomb in

he was then handcuffed and taken away. At this time an FBI agent came up to the rest of the passengers and said the following (approximate quote) 'You all are being moved to another area because this area is not safe. I am sure many of you saw what just happened (Referring to the man in orange) and are smart enough to read between the lines and figure it out.' We were then marched out of the baggage claim area and into a long hallway."

This account is backed up by Daniel Huisinga, an American from Tennessee, who was also on the flight and saw the "man in orange" being handcuffed and led away.

As Haskell points out, the explanation offered by US government officials has gone through a few different versions, from *it never happened to it had nothing to do with terrorism*. So what's the real story? Our government isn't saying – and our media isn't asking.

3) The man who videotaped the entire flight. Charlie and Patricia Keepman, of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, who were sitting 20 rows behind Mutallab on the flight "said another passenger" sitting right in front of them "videotaped the entire flight, including the attempted detonation of explosives," according to this news report:

"This person actually was videotaping it,' Mr. Keepman told the Detroit News. Mrs. Keepman told 620 WTMJ's Wisconsin's Morning News: 'He sat up and videotaped the entire thing, very calmly. We do know that the FBI is looking for him intensely. Since then, we've heard nothing about it.'"

The Keepmans' account is backed up by another passenger, Beau Taylor:

"Taylor was in seat 29A of the plane, and was about 10 rows back from Abdul Mutallab when he allegedly attempted to stage an attack. In the midst of passengers trying to subdue Abdul Mutallab and flight attendants working to put out the fire, Taylor says he looked behind him and saw a man filming the situation about two to five rows back.

"I looked behind me as the flight attendant ran through, and I looked and there was a guy with a camera," Taylor says.

"Taylor says he notified the FBI of what he saw, in hopes of helping them to obtain footage of the foiled attack.

"There's definitely footage from the time it was mission critical, to the time they hauled (Abdul Mutallab) to the front," Taylor says. 'I told them 100 percent there was a guy filming.'"

In recording the entire flight, was the mystery cameraman inspired by Andy Warhol's film, Empire, an 8-hour movie in which the unmoving camera was simply trained on the Empire State Building – or was a more sinister motive involved?

See what I mean by the Weird Factor?

All this is aside from the incompetence and missed signals that allowed the Undie Bomber to even get on a plane. Our government officials aren't addressing any of these other questions, nor are their Republican critics – who only want to know why the President doesn't launch an immediate invasion of Yemen. None of the issues raised by these oddities are being addressed by anyone – except a very few ordinary Americans, like the Haskell and the Keepmans, who witnessed the Weird Factor in action.

I have no hypothesis to submit to my readers as to the meaning of the above: all I can say, at this point, is that there is a lot more to the Christmas Day incident than our government is letting on. We don't yet have all the facts, but it is weird indeed that these particular facts are being steadfastly ignored.

What we do know is this: the bare bones scenario, aired by the President in his earliest remarks, is incorrect. What we don't know – yet – is how much broader was the conspiracy to down flight 253. If the eyewitnesses are right, then the activities of Mutallab's well-dressed companion certainly point to a pro-terrorist auxiliary, of some sort, providing Mutallab with invaluable assistance. This scenario is also implied by the "man in orange," whose identity and whereabouts are a complete mystery at this point. As for the person who videotaped the entire proceedings – I have no idea what to make of it. It's the Weird Factor – and it's pretty strange, even considering how far down this particular rabbit hole we have gone.

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White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs

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personal correspondence on White House letterhead, with a private military company that counts among its senior personnel a number of Afghan mujaheddin-Soviet war veterans who fought alongside the late Northern Alliance commander Ahmad Shah Masood. The firm is also involved in counter-insurgency operations in Colombia, where Obama is building seven new military bases, and Iraq.

In 1981, Obama spent time in Jacobabad and Karachi, Pakistan, and appeared to have an older American "handler," possibly a CIA officer. WMR previously reported that Obama also crossed the border from Pakistan and spent some time in India. At the time of Obama's stay in Pakistan, the country was being built up as a base for the anti-Soviet Afghan insurgency by President Carter's National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and later by President Reagan's CIA director William Casey.

Obama has suspiciously refused to release his transcripts from Occidental or Columbia University and he has remained cagey about

his post-Columbia employment with BIC.

The word from the White House Press Corps is that if anyone were to ask Obama about BIC or possible past CIA work, domestically or abroad, the offending reporter would see a quick pulling of the White House press credential.

The White House website states the following about openness and transparency by the Obama administration:

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Obama Official Urges 'Cognitive Infiltration' of 9/11 Truth Groups

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recently uncovered by blogger Marc Estrin, states that "our primary claim is that conspiracy theories typically stem not from irrationality or mental illness of any kind but from a 'crippled epistemology,' in the form of a sharply limited number of (relevant) informational sources."

By "crippled epistemology" Sunstein means that people who believe in conspiracy theories have a limited number of sources of information that they trust. Therefore, Sunstein argued in the article, it would not work to simply refute the conspiracy theories in public -- the very sources that conspiracy theorists believe would have to be infiltrated.

Sunstein, whose article focuses largely on the 9/11 conspiracy theories, suggests that the government "enlist nongovernmental officials in the effort to rebut the theories. It might ensure that credible independent experts offer the rebuttal, rather than government officials themselves. There is a tradeoff between credibility and control, however. The price of credibility is that government cannot be seen to control the independent experts."

Sunstein argued that "government might undertake (legal) tactics for breaking up the tight cognitive clusters of extremist theories." He suggested that "government agents (and their allies) might enter chat rooms, online social networks, or even real-space groups and attempt to undermine percolating conspiracy theories by raising doubts about their factual premises, causal logic or implications for political action."

"We expect such tactics from undercover cops, or FBI," Estrin writes at the *Rag Blog*, expressing surprise that "a high-level presidential advisor" would support such a strategy.

Estrin notes that Sunstein advocates in his article for the infiltration of "extremist" groups so that it undermines the groups' confidence to the extent that "new recruits



Cas Sunstein suggests the best way to fight conspiracy theories is for the government to infiltrate groups and covertly disseminate disinformation.

will be suspect and participants in the group's virtual networks will doubt each other's bona fides."

Sunstein has been the target of numerous "conspiracy theories" himself, mostly from the right wing political echelon, with conservative talking heads claiming he favors enacting "a second Bill of Rights" that would do away with the Second Amendment. Sunstein's recent book, *On Rumors: How Falsehoods Spread, Why We Believe Them, What Can Be Done*, was criticized by some on the right as "a blueprint for online censorship."

Sunstein "wants to hold blogs and web hosting services accountable for the remarks of commenters on websites while altering libel laws to make it easier to sue for spreading 'rumors,'" wrote Ed Lasky at *American Thinker*.

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President didn't use the word "terrorism" enough, that his tone lacked the requisite harshness, but when it comes to substantial differences over policy – or over the specifics of this case – the Republican critics come up empty. I won't be the first to point out that the Bush administration's response to the Richard Reid/Shoe Bomber incident was nearly identical to the Obama's on this very similar occasion. Team Bush raised the threat level, imposed all sorts of new regulations and restrictions to make air travel decidedly more unpleasant, and were somewhat less self-critical than their successors.

In all of this politicized brouhaha, however, we hear not one word about the various anomalies clustered around al Qaeda's latest – and most successful – post-9/11 attempt to sow fear and confusion in the West. I count three:

1) The well-dressed "Indian" man seen accompanying Mutallab at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport. Michigan attorney Kurt Haskell, a passenger on the flight, was playing cards with his wife in front of the ticket desk when he saw what he considered to be a bit of an odd couple approach the desk and engage in a conversation with the attendant. Mutallab, who looked to Haskell as if he

his underpants, wasn't sweating bullets at the very least. How did he explain himself? What did the interviewer ask? These are questions that won't be answered until and unless the Dutch are more forthcoming – and the media start getting more aggressive when it comes to uncovering questions of simple fact.

2) The "man in orange" arrested at the Detroit airport, who was on the same flight. As Haskell tells it:

"Ever since I got off of Flight 253 I have been repeating what I saw in US Customs. Specifically, one hour after we left the plane, bomb sniffing dogs arrived. Up to this point, all of the passengers on Flight 253 stood in a small area in an evacuated luggage claim area of an airport terminal. During this time period, all of the passengers had their carry on bags with them. When the bomb sniffing dogs arrived, one (1) dog found something in a carry on bag of a 30-ish Indian man. This is not the so called 'Sharp Dressed' man.' I will refer to this man as 'The man in orange.'"

"The man in orange, who stood some 20 feet away from me the entire time until he was taken away, was immediately taken away to be searched and interrogated in a nearby room. At this time he was not handcuffed. When he emerged from the room,

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The Infection Deception: Deep Politics, Global Health Policy, and the Swine Flu Debacle

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For example, the studies on H1N1 vaccine performed by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, are being done in collaboration with two of the manufacturers themselves, Novartis and Sanofi Pasteur. "There is no indication of any independent research entities participating in the trials without financial ties to the pharmaceutical industry," assert Richard Gale and Dr. Gary Null.⁹

Finally, there is the bizarre fact that President Obama declared swine flu a national health emergency on October 23, even as the rate of infection by this relatively benign virus began to decline. Just two days previous to Obama's surprise announcement, CBS News broadcasted findings from a major investigation of the CDC's that entirely refuted the need for such an emergency declaration; the CDC's swine-flu incidence data was shown to likely be fraudulent.¹⁰

What's the problem with Geneva?

From the outset, WHO Director General Dr. Margaret Chan seemed almost eager for a pandemic to call her very own, when she declared on April 29 — with very scanty evidence in hand — that a "global outbreak is imminent." Chan's initial declaration was based on the alleged fact that, as she said, "So far, 176 people have been killed in Mexico." Unfortunately, this crucial number turned out to be highly misleading. Soon after her announcement, only 19 deaths were shown by lab analysis to result from the H1N1 swine flu strain—a sketchy way to launch a global pandemic!

The mild, new strain was certainly communicable, as it did manage to travel around the world to numerous countries. So by June 11 Chan and the WHO raised the level of influenza pandemic alert to Phase 6, the highest possible — making it the first flu pandemic declaration in 41 years. Under enforceable United Nations and World Trade Organization rules, this gave the WHO extraordinary powers to override the health policy regulations of any member nation; it could now dictate national policy from the global level — including the right to coerce a nation's populations to get vaccinated — at any time it deemed necessary during the Level 6 classification.

By the way, the Phase 6 declaration was also good for business: WHO member nations were compelled by treaty rules to implement pandemic plans and also to purchase swine flu vaccines whenever this class of pandemic is declared.

Later in June the WHO claimed that "as many as 2 billion people could become infected over the next two years — nearly one-third of the world population." It also asserted that at least 4.9 billion doses would be needed to inoculate the planet, representing an estimated \$400 billion in revenue to vaccine manufacturers.

But how, you may ask, was the WHO able to utilize this highest-possible classification for the first time since 1968, when all the data pointed to a mild virus? Easy: They just eased up significantly on the definition of the word "pandemic."

No kidding.

Spiegel Online explored this disturbing aspect of the 2009 swine-flu scandal with Dr. Tom Jefferson, and Wolfgang Wodarg, the chair of the Health Committee in The European Council, a German parliamentarian who is also an epidemiologist, also found it "suspicious" that WHO changed its definition of a pandemic "on its homepage at the end of May."^{11, 12}

Since last June, the global vaccine

industry has filled orders in the range of three billion doses during the course of the 2009-2010 flu season; the US alone spent over \$7 billion to stockpile the nation with upwards of 250 million doses and for other related expenses, and 60 million were vaccinated.

But what exactly caused the overreaction in Geneva that led to such efforts and expenditures?

One clue comes from a close look at where the WHO gets its funding. Its annual budget for 2010 was \$5 billion; \$4 billion or eighty percent of this comes from voluntary contributions from pharmaceutical companies, foundations, and other donors.¹³

European investigators have now concluded that WHO's behavior was directly compromised by its institutional links to Big Pharma.^{14, 15} *Der Spiegel* reported that members of the European Scientific Working Group on Influenza (ESWI), which claims to be an independent scientific advisory body advising EU member governments on policies regarding H1N1 influenza, is directly financed by Big Pharma. "ESWI claims it brings together scientific 'key opinion leaders in influenza.' However, the sole financial backers are ten leading pharmaceutical companies."¹⁶

The coup de gras came on January 2, 2010, when it was announced that the Council of Europe Parliament member states will launch an immediate inquiry into "the influence of the pharmaceutical companies on the global swine flu campaign." The parliamentary motion was introduced by Dr. Wolfgang Wodarg, who said he considers the current pandemic campaign of the WHO to be "one of the greatest medicine scandals of the century." The text of Wodarg's resolution states: "In order to promote their patented drugs and vaccines against flu, pharmaceutical companies influenced scientists and official agencies, responsible for public health standards to alarm governments worldwide and make them squander tight health resources for inefficient vaccine strategies and needlessly expose millions of healthy people to the risk of an unknown amount of side-effects of insufficiently tested vaccines."¹⁷

Deep Politics, H1N1, and the Future of Medicine

H1N1 may or may not be a hi-tech lab virus or an excuse for injecting poisonous vaccines, but there is one conspiracy that we can substantiate—one that alone places this aspect of modern medicine in the domain of criminalized politics.

In "Infection Deception I" we explained in detail how — in the very midst of an alleged flu pandemic — the federal government has been actively suppressing purveyors of antiviral herbs and other immune-boosting natural substances in the form of intimidating legal notices sent to numerous companies, most of them small herb retailers.

One of these letters was sent to high-profile, bestselling physician Dr. Andrew Weil. As with each of the vendors of these natural substances; Weil was ordered by the FDA to "cease and desist" from selling an astragalus herbal formula.

Our own investigation discovered that the FDA sent such warning letters to a total of 70 companies. The banned methods of preventing or treating H1N1 swine flu include the use of well-known herbs such as echinacea and elderberry, pinecone extract, oil-leaf extract, devices such as air filters, and even vitamin D.

It has long been known that a principal cause of seasonal flu is the wintertime lack of exposure to sunlight, which triggers the production of vitamin D in the skin. Because vitamin D deficiency is common in the winter, a proven method to keep

oneself from catching an infectious disease is vitamin D supplementation; the science on this issue is settled.¹⁸ The systematic suppression of such well-understood natural substances as astragalus and vitamin D lends itself to the charge of gross criminal neglect. Millions of Americans who believe they need the H1N1 vaccine are not being told to boost their immunity as a preventive measure. Our health officials are not even telling them to engage in exercise, another scientifically proven prophylaxis against infections. With occasional exceptions, ordinary Americans only hear reference to the politically approved products of the pharmaceutical-industrial complex.

Worldwide, there are no well-controlled human clinical studies backing the efficacy of flu vaccines. They simply don't exist. On the other side — taking the simple example of the herb astragalus — one can cite two millennia of clinical use in China, an impeccable safety record, and controlled modern scientific studies. The situation is epitomized by a recent statement by Luc Montagnier, MD, 2008 Nobel Laureate: "The drug industry pushes ineffective drugs and vaccines because they cannot profit from good nutrition or clean water."

And thus, in the end, the issue is not really science, then, is it? Rather it's a matter of naked political power organized to guarantee profit and social control.

We've highlighted the swine flu case in this essay, but it's just one small feature of a much larger battlefield: modern medicine's war against common sense and good science — which in turn translates into a war on the world's population and on nature itself. This, at a bare minimum, is the depopulation agenda that we can prove. As for other indications of criminal intent, the jury awaits more research to provide better evidence — along with global activism backed by the improved organization of the political and spiritual power of the peoples of the world.

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Satellite image of Guantanamo Bay detention facility showing black site, "Camp No"

Three Gitmo Detainees Tortured to Death

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existence — although some soldiers later testified to hearing screams from behind Camp No's concertina wire. Eyewitnesses say that three prisoners were taken, one by one, in a white van to Camp No on the night of June 9; and later, just before the alarm went up about the "suicides," the van returned and unloaded a mysterious cargo.

As Horton notes, the official accounts of the "suicides" are risible:

According to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), each prisoner had fashioned a noose from torn sheets and T-shirts and tied it to the top of his cell's eight-foot-high steel-mesh wall. Each prisoner was able somehow to bind his own hands, and, in at least one case, his own feet, then stuff more rags deep down into his own throat. We are then asked to believe that each prisoner, even as he was choking on those rags, climbed up on his washbasin, slipped his head through the noose, tightened it, and leapt from the washbasin to hang until he asphyxiated.

[Yes, that's the same NCIS that has its noble adventures in the pursuit of truth and justice celebrated each week in a top-rated TV show.]

What really happened to the men? One clue comes from yet another hunger striker, Shaker Aamer, who was "interrogated" that same night, but managed to survive:

He described the events in detail to his lawyer, Zachary Katznelson, who was permitted to speak to him several weeks later. Katznelson recorded every detail of Aamer's account and filed an affidavit with the federal district court in Washington, setting it out:

On June 9th, 2006, [Aamer] was beaten for two and a half hours straight. Seven naval military police participated in his beating. Mr. Aamer stated he had refused to provide a retina scan and fingerprints. He reported to me that he was strapped to a chair, fully restrained at the head, arms and legs. The MPs inflicted so much pain; Mr. Aamer said he thought he was going to die. The MPs pressed on pressure points all over his body: his temples, just under his jaw line, in the hollow beneath his ears. They choked him. They bent his nose repeatedly so hard to the side he thought it would break. They pinched his thighs and feet constantly. They gouged his eyes. They held his eyes open and shined a mag-lite in them for minutes on end, generating intense heat. They bent his fingers until he screamed. When he screamed, they cut off his airway, then put a mask on him so he could not cry out.

The treatment Aamer describes is noteworthy because it produces excruciating pain without leaving lasting marks. Still, the fact that Aamer had his airway cut off and a mask put over his face "so he could not cry out" is alarming. This is the same technique that appears to have been used on the three deceased prisoners.

Aamer, whose wife is British, continues to

be held in the concentration camp, despite the UK government's request for his release, and despite the fact that there is "no suggestion that the Americans intend to charge him before a military commission or in a federal criminal court [or], indeed, [that] they have [any] meaningful evidence linking him to any crime." The only dangerous thing about Aamer is what he knows and what he can tell.

Horton examines the official cover-up of these deaths in great detail. The deliberate and systematic deceptions began in the first hours after the killings — and are still going on, carried forward with great guile by the Obama Administration. All along the way, evidence was destroyed, records were falsified, and eyewitnesses were ignored — or threatened. When the whistleblowers took the case to the new Administration in early 2009, hoping for a fairer hearing from the progressive young president, they were fobbed off with earnest promises of a thorough investigation by a team which included a close crony and former law partner of new Attorney General Eric Holder. But after months of inaction, the probe was suddenly closed, with government officials refusing to explain the decision.

Perhaps the most gruesome act in this bipartisan cover-up was the mutilation of the dead men's bodies. All three of them had their neck organs removed by military pathologists in the earliest stages of the investigation. As Horton notes:

An odd admission, given that these are the very body parts — the larynx, the hyoid bone, and the thyroid cartilage — that would have been essential to determining whether death occurred from hanging, from strangulation, or from choking. These parts remained missing when the men's families finally received their bodies.

This mutilation — "the removal of the structure that would have been the natural focus of the autopsy" — prevented the families from carrying out proper forensic examinations of their own. Their request for the return of their children's body parts went unanswered.

All they are left with — all we are left with — are mutilated corpses and lies.

There is much more in Horton's piece, and again, I urge you to read it in full. Hold it in your mind the next time some sanctimonious official begins extolling the exceptional virtues of our shining city on the hill. And remember — always remember — that this militarist system of lawless violence and brutal domination is what our greasy pole-climbers, of whatever political stripe, want to have; it is what they want to wield. It is precisely this kind of power — of life and death, of sway and command — that they yearn for, fight for, cheat for and lie for in the bizarre and hollow rituals that our empire stages every four years.

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