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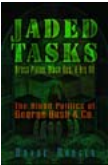
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THE NEWS

["Jaded Tasks" available directly from the publisher.](#)

Aug. 12/13, 2006 -- New false flag terrorist link involving diamond trade discovered in New York. A Syrian Jew named Rimon Alkatrri was indicted by a New York City grand jury for phoning a false terrorist threat to the New York City police in May. The indictment charged Alkatrri with making a false terrorist threat in the first degree. Alkatrri was arrested on July 31, a little over a week from the hype generated by the "great airplane liquid bombing hoax" reported by WMR (see below).

Alkatrri, who owns the El Castillo de Oro jewelry store on Knickerbocker Avenue in Brooklyn and who arrived in the United States in 1996, was arrested by police while he was leaving his apartment in a Syrian Jewish neighborhood on East 9th Street. In May, Alkatrri, using the alias Jose Rodriguez, and claiming to be from Israel, said he overheard five Syrian employees of his store use the phrase "Allahu Akbar" (God is great) and that they were plotting to hide explosives in hollowed-out jewelry and perpetrate a suicide bombing in the New York subway system on the Fourth of July. In the ten or so days before police became suspicious of Alkatrri, there were no moves by the Transportation Security Administration to ban the wearing of jewelry by passengers on aircraft.



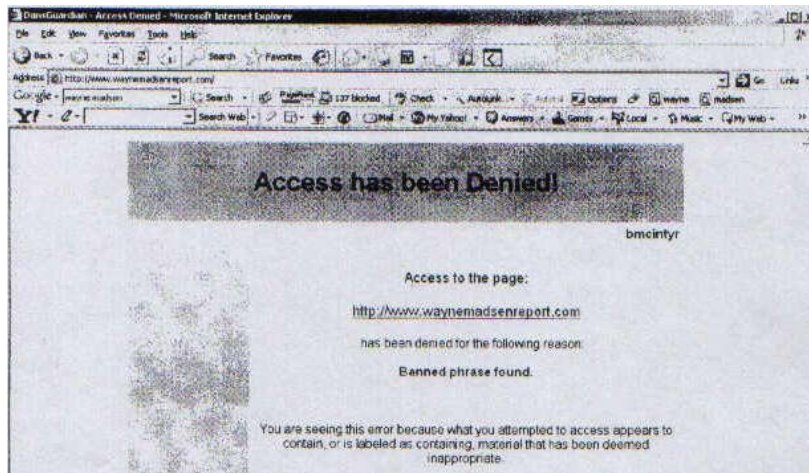
Israeli connection to New York City subway Fourth of July terrorist hoax.

Police soon became suspicious of "Jose Rodriguez's" account. The Israeli connection promoted police to alert Israeli authorities and a New York City detective stationed in Jerusalem to pursue the case. Police later discovered that the five Syrian "conspirators" identified by Alkatrri were not even Muslims, but Christians and Jews.

Alkatrri was not the first person associated with the international diamond business to have been involved in a terrorist threat. In 2003, Yehuda Abraham, a dual U.S.-Israeli citizen, global diamond dealer, and native of Afghanistan, was charged with money laundering for an Indian weapons smuggler named Hemant Lakhani who was attempting to purchase Russian portable missile launchers to bring down American passenger planes in the United States. Abraham was later convicted in the scheme that also involved a Malaysian bag man associated with the Southeast Asian Al Qaeda off-shoot Jemaah Islamiya. One of Abraham's chief diamond businesses was in Bangkok. Osama Bin Laden used an Algerian, who dressed as a Hasidic and used the name "Cyril Jacob," to sell West African blood diamonds in Hatton Garden, the Jewish diamond district of London. The editor's book, ["Jaded Tasks"](#), has a chapter on the connections between the diamond trade and terrorist financing.

Aug. 12/13, 2006 -- Another day and another personal data theft report. Some 6,000 patients of the Madrona Medical Group in Bellingham, Washington, are the latest victims of data theft, a pandemic across the United States. A former employee of the medical group was arrested for illegally downloading patient names, Social Security Numbers, dates of birth, and other sensitive information to his lap top computer. The perpetrator was arrested on June 8. [WMR's data theft chart](#) has been updated.

Aug. 12/13, 2006 -- WMR received this screen shot from a reader who reports that we are banned by the web content filtering program DansGuardian. The web site for DansGuardian uses phrases like "blacklists" and "bad sites" to describe web sites that are on their banned list.



WMR: banned by DansGuardian.

Aug. 11, 2006 -- **UPDATED.** According to knowledgeable sources in the UK and other countries, the Tony Blair government, under siege by a Labor Party revolt, cleverly cooked up a new "terror" scare to avert the public's eyes away from Blair's increasing political woes. British law enforcement, neo-con and intelligence operatives in the United States, Israel, and Britain; and Rupert Murdoch's global media empire cooked up the terrorist plot, liberally borrowing from the failed 1995 "Oplan Bojinka" plot by Pakistan- and Philippines-based terrorist Ramzi Ahmad Yousef to crash 11 trans-Pacific airliners bound from Asia to the United States. In the latest plot, it is reported that liquid bombs were to be detonated on 10 trans-Atlantic planes outbound from Britain to the United States.



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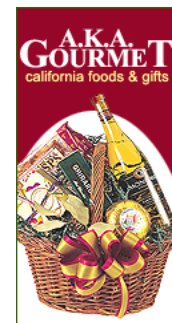
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British and American authorities permitted a man with a liquid bomb to board a U.S.-bound flight in Heathrow on Aug. 6 -- the pilot foiled secret UK-US attempt to hype an incident en route to or at Boston Logan.

The London terror plan was "known" last Sunday by British and American authorities, according to the [Indian press](#). American Airlines flight 109 from London Heathrow to Boston boarded a family of five, however, after the plane left Heathrow authorities determined that the father appeared on a British suspect list drawn up after the 7/7 London transit attacks. At first, the pilot was instructed to fly all the way to Boston where U.S. authorities could claim credit for apprehending the suspect. However, the pilot, fearing for the safety of his passengers and crew, refused and quickly returned to Heathrow without informing the passengers. Once on the ground, it was discovered that the male had in his carry-on baggage the type of combination liquid explosive and electronic device now being hyped by the British and American media.

British sources report that the reason for the delay in informing the airlines and traveling public about the liquid bomb on the American flight was to maximize the beneficial political impact for Blair and George W. Bush, both plummeting in the polls from the situations in Iraq and Lebanon.

Earlier this week, two employees of Murdoch's London tabloid, *News of the World*, were charged with hacking into the voice and text cell phone messages of three members of the staff of Clarence House, the residence of Princes Charles, William, and Harry. One of those charged with the wiretapping was Clive Goodman, the Royals editor of the *News of the World*. The same paper earlier tried to politically damage two anti-Iraq war British politicians -- Scottish Socialist Tommy Sheridan and Respect Party MP George Galloway. The paper charges that Sheridan was unfaithful to his wife by going to swinger's clubs. He won a quarter million dollar lawsuit against the paper. Galloway was confronted by Mazher Mahmood, an individual who uses the moniker "Fake Sheik," who posed as a wealthy Arab businessman and tried unsuccessfully to get Galloway to accept cash and make anti-Semitic remarks. In fact, Mahmood was and continues to be a reporter for *News of the World*, his continued employment approved by Murdoch. Goodman has merely been suspended by Murdoch but he has not been fired.



Murdoch uncovered Prince Charles-Gordon Brown plot to oust Blair. Phony terror plan cooked up to derail political coup plans.

However, what prompted Murdoch and Blair to hype a new global "terror" threat was what Murdoch learned from eavesdropping on the phone calls of Prince Charles' staff at the future king's office, home, and limousine. The eavesdropping revealed that Charles was working with Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, who is to the left of Blair, to conduct the same type of political maneuver that John Major used to oust Margaret Thatcher from office. London's left-wing Mayor, Ken Livingstone, was also in on the Charles-Brown plan and it was expected that return for his support, Livingstone would get a senior position in a Brown cabinet -- a development that sent shock waves through the neo-con circles in London, Washington, and Jerusalem, including British Home Secretary John Reid and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. The Charles-Brown plan was briefed by Blair to Bush during the former's recent visit to Washington. However, because the phony terror plot was known to both leaders -- they decided to be away on vacation when the terror plot was "uncovered." Bush is vacationing at his Crawford, Texas "ranch," while Blair is on vacation in Barbados, staying at Sir Cliff Richard's luxurious villa.

After Blair met with Bush in Washington, he flew to California where on July 30 he attended Murdoch's News Corporation private corporate executive conference at the posh Inn at Spanish Bay golf resort in Pebble Beach. Blair met with Murdoch, Israeli former Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Newt Gingrich, and various Fox, Star, and Sky News executives. The final touches were agreed to by Blair and Murdoch on how the fake terror plot would play out in Murdoch's media empire.



Airline terror plot cooked up by Blair, Bush, and Murdoch to save Tony's political ass.

Blair told Bush that a Brown government would move to withdraw British troops from Iraq, break the "special relationship" with the Bush White House, and move closer to the European Union and the United Nations.

The Israeli attack on Lebanon created a rift within Blair's Cabinet with some former Blair loyalists signaling their support for the political coup against Blair. As a result, a suspect passenger was permitted to board an American aircraft at Heathrow with a liquid bomb to lay the groundwork for the media and travel hysteria five days later.



Final touches on fake terror plot were agreed to by Blair and Murdoch at July 30 News Corp/Fox VIP meeting at the Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach, California.

The wiretapping of Charles' messages also indicated that he has weighed in with various European royal families to discourage them from inviting Bush on state visits to their nations. This, reportedly upset the Bush and Blair regimes, who were working together to improve Bush's image in Europe. The White House's displeasure with the monarchies in Spain, Belgium, Sweden, Luxembourg, and Norway are a direct result of the Murdoch



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eavesdropping on Charles' staff.



Murdoch-Bush-Blair perception management hoax: Be afraid, be very afraid.

Not surprisingly, after Galloway tore into a Sky News reporter on a recent televised interview, *The Sun*, a Murdoch paper, is now reporting that one of the 24 British aircraft liquid bomber suspects now under arrest, Waheed Zaman, met with Galloway "many times." The paper quotes the sister of the suspect. A Galloway spokesman denies that Galloway knows the suspect. What is suspect is the Murdoch media empire that makes up news and commits illegal acts to provide cover for the false flag operations being conducted by Britain, the U.S., and Israel.

Pakistan's Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) agency has helped provide the cover story for the alleged liquid bombers. Working with British and U.S. intelligence, the ISI says it broke up the plot after arresting terrorist suspects in Lahore and Karachi. However, the ISI claims that the men were affiliated with the Kashmiri terrorist group Lashkar-e-Toiba, a group that is run and funded by the ISI itself.

The disclosure of the Charles-Brown plot has already created a backlash from the neo-cons. The Murdoch media is already floating the rumor that Home Secretary Reid is now Blair's chosen successor, while there will be an effort to scandalize Charles in an effort to convince the British public that it would be best to skip over him and have Prince William assume the throne upon Queen Elizabeth's death or abdication.

British commentators are noting that it is Reid, a noted neo-con, who is chairing national security "Cobra" meetings in Blair's absence. Blair bypassed Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott and many political observers believe that Prescott was passed over because of evidence that he was involved in supporting the Charles-Brown coup. Prescott chaired Cobra meetings in the wake of the July 7, 2005 (7/7) London transit bombings.

Meanwhile, Republican governors Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mitt Romney used the occasion to boost their sagging popularity by placing their states' National Guardsmen at major airports in their states.

Aug. 11, 2006 -- SCOOP! Although Universal/Viacom and the MSM are pushing Oliver Stone's "World Trade Center" as being "non-political", Ed Rampell reveals exactly where and how the director of "JFK" appears to reference 9/11 skeptics' top conspiracy theory. Read Rampell's revelatory review at [Poliwood](#).



Aug. 10, 2006 -- Rumsfeld and Israeli spy Larry Franklin reported to have been very close.

Larry Franklin, the Pentagon Office of Special Plans Iran and Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) analyst and reserve Air Force Lieutenant Colonel who was temporarily posted at the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv, served as a virtual personal liaison for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, according to U.S. intelligence sources who have spoken to WMR. Franklin, who pleaded guilty to passing classified information, including CIA Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI), to two America Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) officials who passed the information to an Israeli embassy Mossad agent, was sentenced to twelve years and seven months in prison and a \$10,000 fine in January. The two AIPAC employees, Steven Rosen and Keith Weisman, were indicted for illegally receiving classified information. Franklin and other neo-con cell members -- Harold Rhode and Michael Ledeen -- conducted secret negotiations with the knowledge of Rumsfeld and Pentagon policy chief Douglas Feith -- with the Iranian government through the offices of Iran-Contra co-conspirator Manucher Ghorbanifar. According to U.S. State Department sources, Rhode is also very close to Iranian neo-con ally and Iraqi oil industry majordomo Ahmad Chalabi and that the relationship is said to be more than merely professional.

Although the Pentagon quickly distanced itself from Franklin after his arrest and revelations of the AIPAC-Mossad espionage program, U.S. intelligence sources report that Franklin accompanied Rumsfeld on his May 1, 2003 and February 26, 2004 trips to Kabul, Afghanistan and acted as his personal Pushto and Dari interpreter with Afghan officials. The sources claim that Franklin had a collegial photograph taken of himself with Rumsfeld and Afghan President Hamid Karzai during the Afghan visit. Franklin also speaks Farsi, Urdu, Arabic, and Hebrew. Franklin boasted to his colleagues that he learned the languages from his Pakistani, Afghan, and Iranian colleagues and bosses while working as a tax cab driver in New York City.



Convicted Israeli spy Larry Franklin (l.) and Donald Rumsfeld (r.) reported by U.S. intelligence officers to have been "extremely close."

U.S. intelligence officials also revealed that Franklin repeatedly attempted to recruit other U.S. intelligence personnel to work in a "NOC" or "non official cover program." Later, it was discovered the "NOC" program was not American but Israeli.

The fact that Franklin was so close to Rumsfeld, whose coterie of advisers has been very small and largely non-inclusive of uniformed military personnel, makes Rumsfeld a prime suspect in the AIPAC espionage case and a possible severe national security risk.

Aug. 10, 2006 -- Another sensitive laptop computer stolen amid hype over missing Egyptian students and alleged threat to bomb 10 Britain to U.S. flights with liquid bombs. Within the last 24 hours, the American public has been subject to government and media hype concerning 11 "missing" Egyptian students who arrived in the United States last month but failed to report for their classes at Montana State University and Britain's arrest of 21 Britons of "south Asian" descent who were arrested for plotting to blow up U.S. bound airplanes from Britain with liquid bombs disguised as toiletries. Later, one Egyptian was arrested in Minneapolis and another two were picked up in New Jersey.



Massive theft of transportation workers' personal data now reported from Florida.

Lost in the hype over the American and British arrests was the theft of yet another laptop computer containing extremely sensitive information on those who work in the air and ground transportation industry in the United States. The Miami, Florida Department of Transportation Inspector General's office reported that on July 27 a laptop containing personal and sensitive information on 133,000 Florida pilots and commercial drivers was stolen from a government computer in Doral, Florida. The names, Social Security Numbers, dates of birth, and addresses

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of Florida pilots and commercial and regular driver's licenses in the Miami-Dade and Tampa Bay regions were stolen. The theft of the computer was not reported to Department of Transportation officials in Washington until July 31.

WMR has been repeatedly reporting that, according to U.S. intelligence sources, the pandemic of personal data thefts are part of a covert Bush administration-sanctioned program to populate the databases of Total Information Awareness system databases.

Aug. 10, 2006 -- Hear Bill O'Reilly's comment about this editor. [Click here.](#)

Aug. 9, 2006 -- **UPDATED 8/10.** A U.S. Navy sailor is reportedly under investigation by Navy authorities with spying for Israel and desertion. On July 29/30, WMR reported on the largely forgotten last Israeli spy in the military, Lt. Col. Jeremiah Matysse, an intelligence officer in Texas who deserted to Israel but was returned to the U.S. in 2000.

Navy Fire Control Technician Petty Officer Third Class Ariel J. Weinmann, who served on board the *USS Albuquerque* (SSN-706), a Los Angeles-class nuclear attack submarine, was detained by federal authorities at Dallas-Fort Worth airport after returning from Mexico City and while en route to Vancouver, British Columbia. Weinmann was listed as a deserter in July 2005. He is now being held in the Norfolk Naval Station brig under maximum security. Navy authorities have been reluctant to release the name of the country involved in the espionage case. The Middle East newspaper *Al Watan*, is reporting that the country in question is Israel. *The Jerusalem Post* is referring to the *Al Watan* story in today's edition. The Norfolk media is suggesting a Russian connection to the case. However, as noted in this editor's book, "Jaded Tasks," there are strong connections between Israeli intelligence and the global Russian-Ukrainian Mafia.



Reported Israeli spy aboard *USS Albuquerque* (SSN-706) being held in brig in Norfolk. May have passed classified Tomahawk cruise missile information to Israel prior to military attack on Iran.

Weinmann allegedly met his intelligence handlers and passed them classified information in three locations: Manama, Bahrain; Vienna, Austria; and Mexico City. Because of his rating, Weinmann would have had access to classified information on the Tomahawk cruise missile system. The Albuquerque is also capable of conducting signals intelligence operations and covertly inserting U.S. Navy commandos into coastal areas.

Weinmann enlisted in the Navy in July 2003. The classified data was contained on a Navy laptop computer that Weinmann took with him when he deserted. It is possible that the computer contained an encryption chip that permitted Weinmann and his handlers to continue to access classified Navy information online. The laptop computer was not returned and Weinmann was charged with theft and destruction of government property because Weinmann allegedly smashed the computer's hard drive with a sledgehammer while he was in Vienna.



U.S. intelligence sources suspect Navy is covering up Ariel J. Weinmann's Israeli espionage connections. Claim if Russia was involved, that information would have been released when suspect was first arrested in March.

Israel's intelligence interest in the Tomahawk is significant. Currently, the Israeli Navy has three German-built Dolphin class diesel electric submarines that are Popeye Turbo cruise missile capable. Israel's submarine deployment strategy is to keep one submarine on standby in Haifa (now likely deployed due to Hezbollah rocket attacks), one in the Red Sea and supported out of an Israeli support base in the Dahlak Archipelago in Eritrea, and one in the Persian Gulf that is on standby for an attack on Iran.

Aug. 9, 2006 -- The latest theft of personal data belonging to the Veterans Affairs Department is worse than originally reported. Data, including medical information, on 38,000, not the originally reported 20,000 veterans, was stolen from a Unisys contractor office in Reston, Virginia. As previously reported by WMR, the pandemic of thefts of personal data is part of a covert and illegal operation to populate Total Information Awareness surveillance databases. It was also revealed that there were two other thefts of personal data from the VA in May of this year and last year. The thefts resulted in the loss by VA employees in Minneapolis and Indianapolis of personal data on over 16,000 veterans. Senators Harry Reid, John Kerry, and Patrick Leahy are urging that Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson be fired. Pennsylvania Republican Senator Rick Santorum has rushed to Nicholson's defense. [Data theft chart updated.](#)

Aug. 9, 2006 -- Fox News oral diarrheal blatherer Bill O'Reilly spewed forth some more of his stock in trade last Monday night. Leading up to introducing his whacko right-wing guest Michelle Malkin, the nausea-inducing anti-immigrant xenophobe, O'Reilly cited this editor in his diatribe against columnists who point out the racist nature of the Republicans, particularly Colorado Republican Rep. Tom "Bomb Mecca" Tancredo:

"Factor Follow-up

Bill O'Reilly

GUESTS: Michelle Malkin

O'REILLY: Thanks for staying with us. I'm Bill O'Reilly. In the 'Factor Follow-up' segment tonight, labeling people bigots. *Denver Post* columnist Cindy Rodriguez implied that I was anti-Hispanic for wanting to secure the borders.

She also labeled Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell homophobes for opposing gay marriage. *Dallas Morning News* columnist Macarena Hernandez also attacked me over the border issue and labeled Mel Gibson a racial bigot.

Kansas City Star columnist Wayne Madsen called Congressman Tom Tancredo, sponsor of racist anti-illegal immigration legislation. George Diaz writing in the *Orlando Sentinel* labeled Tancredo an idiot who uses racist drivel. Cynthia Tucker, the editorial director at the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* wrote that President Bush used racists to get elected. And the list goes on and on."

Then, O'Reilly states that while it is okay for conservatives to call Al Gore "insane" and "retarded," it is not fine for liberals like this editor to call jackasses like Tom Tancredo a bigot. O'Reilly feels that calling someone a bigot or racist is some sort of hate speech. Mr. O'Reilly must have quite a sore back, considering he walks through life with his head up his ass.

"MICHELLE MALKIN, FOX NEWS CONTRIBUTOR: Well I call people what they are in my column. And occasionally that it does meaning taking liberal bigots to task for their hypocrisy. I was on your show back in the fall when I was on my book tour talking about 'Unhinged' which has a whole chapter on unhinged liberal bigots who on the one hand talk about compassion and tolerance and on the other hand use the most vile epithets against their opponents.

And I think that there is a place for labeling it when it is .

O'REILLY: But aren't they hypocrites rather than bigots? See, here is what I am objecting to. We had John Podhoretz, who is a columnist send - he is a conservative guy. He says that Al Gore is insane. OK. That is just the usual partisan rhetoric. Ann Coulter calls people witches, harpies, all kinds -- retarded. Name calling is one thing but labeling a person a bigot, all right, saying they are anti-Semitic or homophobic, that elevates it up into here is a

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Bill O'Reilly: It's OK for right-wing pundits to call someone insane or retarded but don't dare be a liberal and call someone a bigot. Hey Bill, you're all three: insane, retarded, and a bigot!

One other item of note: having op-ed pieces in the *Kansas City Star* does not make me a columnist for that newspaper.

Aug. 9, 2006 -- With Joe Lieberman's defeat by Ned Lamont in yesterday's Connecticut Democratic primary, all eyes are now turning to New York and the September 12 primary between Hillary Clinton and her anti-war and pro-labor challenger Jonathan Tasini. WMR endorses Tasini, this editor's one-time National Writers' Union president. Tasini is the only progressive and anti-war choice in New York.

Jonathan Tasini, Democratic Senate candidate, released the following statement on the election in Connecticut:

"I want to congratulate Ned Lamont on his victory and I applaud Connecticut Democrats for standing up and declaring with a loud voice that Democratic Party politicians who vote for illegal, immoral wars will be held accountable at the ballot box. Now, New York Democratic voters have a chance to move our party another giant step towards a progressive agenda that will save lives, end the war and benefit hard-working Americans."

"On the question of the war, support for devastating pro-corporate policies such as NAFTA and so-called 'free trade,' Joe Lieberman and Hillary Clinton have the same world views. Hillary Clinton is trying to obfuscate her position on the war. Let us be clear: she voted for the war and continues to support the occupation of Iraq, which has killed 2,500 of our young men and women in uniform and tens of thousands of Iraqis. I believe in the safe, immediate withdrawal of our troops. I also oppose so-called 'free trade' and believe NAFTA was a disaster for our country, while my opponent says NAFTA was a good thing and she recently voted for yet another so-called 'free trade' agreement with Oman."

Hear, hear!



Aug. 8, 2006 -- U.S. Postal Service employees of the Brentwood postal facility (now called the Curseen-Morris Mail Processing and Distribution Center) in Washington, DC, victims of the first biological weapons attack in the United States in 2001, now face additional attacks -- by the senior management of the U.S. Postal Service, including GOP political hack Postmaster General John Potter. According to Brentwood sources, the jobs of the current Brentwood employees are being threatened by an administration bent on privatizing the US Postal Service. Clerk jobs at Brentwood are being transferred to postal facilities as far away as Richmond and Philadelphia, a hardship for longtime residents of the Washington, DC area. Postal service drivers are finding their jobs being outsourced to contract drivers and maintenance workers are being downsized. Postal service management is also dragging its feet on implementing safety measures at Brentwood designed to prevent a repeat of the deaths resulting from the 2001 anthrax mailings.

Brentwood postal employees are also on the receiving end of "aggressive discipline" for speaking out about the changes that are affecting their employment and personal safety. Meanwhile, this coming November will represent the fifth anniversary of the anthrax attacks and resulting postal employee deaths at Brentwood. Plans for a memorial have received no support from either the Postal Service or the Bush administration. Evidence points to the U.S. Army's illegal biological weapons laboratory at Fort Detrick, Maryland as the source for the anthrax used in the attacks.



Brentwood: First under attack from Fort Detrick anthrax and now from downsizing and outsourcing.

Aug. 8, 2006 -- On July 14, 2006, WMR reported the following:

"WMR has learned that covert Iranian backchannels employed by a current member of the U.S. House of Representatives in support of [Valaerie] Plame's Brewster Jennings & Associates network were thoroughly compromised by the White House leak. The member of Congress, who, like Plame, had been an earlier CIA "non-official cover (NOC) energy consultant" in the Middle East during the late 1970s and early 80s, and who was familiar with the early weapons of mass destruction proliferation involving the A. Q. Khan network of Pakistan, Libya, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia, was compromised and he and his connections to the Brewster Jennings & Associates intelligence network and Iranian government contacts were made known to adversarial intelligence agencies. The staff of the member whose covert Iranian contact network was compromised was targeted and tainted with Jack Abramoff money, putting the U.S. Representative in extreme political jeopardy."

WMR can now report that according to congressional sources in Washington and well-placed sources in Columbus, Ohio, including high-level Democratic sources, the congressman in question is Republican Rep. Bob Ney, who yesterday announced that he was dropping out of his race for re-election. Because neo-con elements opposed to any negotiations between the United States and Iran discovered Ney's involvement in CIA backchannels to Tehran they decided to use Abramoff's illegal political money and favors conduit to steer money and non-monetary gifts to Ney's staff and eventually to Ney himself. With Ney's departure from Congress, his role as an intermediary between Washington and Tehran is severely diminished.

After Ney's stint as a CIA "NOC" in the Middle East, he returned to Ohio to run against former US Representative and then-Ohio state representative Wayne Hays. Hays resigned from Congress amid a sex scandal involving Elizabeth Ray in 1976. Ney, who beat the coal industry-connected Hays in his run for the state House of Representatives in 1980, also received the backing of the unions in a traditionally Democratic district. Ney eventually became the chairman of the powerful US House of Representative Administration Committee, an office referred to as the "Mayor of Capitol Hill."

In May, Ney's former chief of staff Neil Volz pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy involving his role in getting Ney to support several Abramoff initiatives that benefited Abramoff's Indian casino, Israeli-connected wireless company, Northern Marianas clothing manufacturer, and other clients.



[US Playing Card Company \(Jarden, Inc.\)](#)



According to a Democratic Party official in Ohio, it was always well known that Ney had "special protection" stemming from his CIA past. A House of Representatives source revealed that Abramoff's interest in Ney was accentuated by Ney's involvement as a CIA Counter-proliferation Division (CPD) backchannel to Tehran. However, under General Michael Hayden's iron fist, the CIA continues to purge those involved with Brewster Jennings, the CPD, and questioning fanciful Bush administration weapons of mass destruction claims.



Bob Ney's Iran backchannel work for CIA earned the interest of Abramoff and neo-con gang. Ney departure serves as the final roll-up of successful CIA counter-proliferation network.

Ney's place on the ballot will be taken by Ohio State Senator Joy Padgett, an extreme right-wing Republican who accused her 2004 Democratic opponent, former Associated Press reporter Terry Anderson, of consorting with terrorists because he had his photo taken with a Hezbollah member in Lebanon. What Padgett did not say was that the Hezbollah member was Anderson's captor when Anderson was held as a hostage for almost seven years in Lebanon in the 1980s. The Democratic candidate for Ney's seat is Zack Space who can now expect the same Karl Rove-inspired mudslinging attacks from Padgett as were received by Marine Corps veteran Paul Hackett in his race against Jean Schmidt in the Ohio Second District.

Aug. 8, 2006 -- WMR's Israeli sources have revealed that Israel, in addition to dropping leaflets over targeted areas in Lebanon warning residents to evacuate, also used Arabic-speaking phone callers in a telemarketing-like program, to call Lebanese civilians to warn them to leave their homes. It is not known whether those responsible for the phone calls coordinated their activities with the Israeli Air Force, which bombed telecommunications infrastructure targets throughout Lebanon. We have not spoken to any Lebanese who may have received the following strange phone call, "This is the Israeli Defense Force. We will be bombing your neighborhood in one hour. You must gather a few possessions and leave immediately."



"Hello Lebanon. This is Israel. Do you have Prince Albert in a can?"

Aug. 8, 2006 -- Senior Azerbaijani government and intelligence officials fully expect a U.S. attack on Iran, according to our Middle East sources. The Bush-Cheney oil cartel have sent former U.S. ambassador to Azerbaijan Stanley Escudero as its personal lobbyist to Baku to impress upon Azeri officials the importance of supporting a U.S. attack on Iran. Escudero served as the U.S. ambassador to Azerbaijan from 1997 to 2000. Azerbaijan is the origination point for the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline that carries oil from the Caspian Sea to the Turkish Mediterranean coast. Escudero's successor in Baku, Reno Harnish, was recalled to the United States after he became embroiled in a prostitution scandal involving the sale of Azeri girls to the United States. Harnish was the subject of an FBI investigation. Escudero is President of Florida- and Baku-based Shield Bearer LLC, a consulting firm for US oil companies in Azerbaijan, and a board member of the US-Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce, an organization once headed by Richard Armitage and whose general counsel is the son of James Baker. The chamber's honorary advisers include Henry Kissinger, Brent Scowcroft, John Sununu, and James Baker. Richard Perle is a Chamber Trustee. Escudero also serves on the board of Central Asia Energy/Karasu Operating Company, the Azeri subsidiary of Moncrief Oil International.

The moral of the story -- where there are U.S. oil companies, there is corruption and crime.



Escudero: Bush-Cheney oil cartel envoy to Azerbaijan.

Aug. 8, 2006 -- Voters in the Georgia Fourth Congressional District Democratic primary runoff between Rep. Cynthia McKinney and Hank Johnson, the Karl Rove candidate, will be voting with computer voting machines with no paper backup. The fix is obviously in.

Early reports from the Georgia Fourth:

"Less than one hour into the voting day, multiple problems with the electronic voting machines have arisen. McKinney precinct watchers are reporting machines down already, unsecure machines, and at least one 4th Congressional District precinct without McKinney's name on the ballot, but with her opponent's name on it. Midway Elementary School, at 7:20 am, one voter came into vote and went through the check-in procedure, she put the card in the machine and went to the poll manager; the poll manager did not address the issue. The voter left in disgust. The McKinney campaign has the voter's name. And an eyewitness report, too.

At Hooper Alexander, one machine not operational. Another location had to redo the zero report because the machine did not initiate at a zero count. And at yet another location, the voting machine where the voting card is inserted is not secure."

Aug. 8, 2006 -- Another day and another massive data theft. The Veterans Administration, which had the computer files of over 25 million veterans and active duty personnel stolen from an employee's Maryland home and then proudly announced that two Montgomery teenagers stole the computer in a surgical hit without any compromise of data, has more egg on its face. A laptop containing the Social Security Numbers, dates of birth, a medical information on 38,000 veterans who received treatment from VA centers in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh was stolen from a Unisys office in northern Virginia. Unisys is a VA contractor.

As previously reported by WMR, U.S. intelligence sources have reported that the data thefts are part of a covert operation by the NSA and the Homeland Security Department to populate Total Information Awareness surveillance databases.

[Data theft chart updated.](#)

Aug. 7, 2006 -- On July 17, WMR reported that the Pentagon is paying Dr. Jeffrey Addicott's Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, the million dollars to find out new ways for the federal government to classify previously open government information in the name of protecting it from access by "terrorists." Under a contract that is yet to be signed, Addicott, a former Pentagon counsel to the US Special Forces, will research ways to curtail the federal and individual state freedom of information and open government laws. WMR has learned that the money for Addicott was earmarked in the defense appropriations bill by Texas Senator John Cornyn, a graduate of the St. Mary's law school.





John Cornyn, once a FOIA supporter, now seeks to hasten its demise.

Cornyn, a strong Bush loyalist, has flipped 180 degrees from past support for increasing the strength of the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). In March 2005, Cornyn and Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) introduced the "Faster FOIA Act," a bill that would have created a sixteen-member advisory commission tasked with suggesting ways to decrease delays in the processing of FOIA requests.

Aug. 7, 2006 -- See Ed Rampell's article on Mel Gibson at [Poliwood](#).

Aug. 7, 2006 -- Hank Johnson, the quasi-Republican challenger to Rep. Cynthia McKinney in tomorrow's Democratic primary run-off election in the Georgia Fourth District, brought up the US Capitol Police harassment incident involving McKinney last March. A white Capitol cop, failing to recognize McKinney, grabbed her from behind. Black members of the US Capitol police claim that McKinney was likely the target of a set up involving the top brass of the police force. In defending the US Capitol police, which saw a rise in racism and illegal behavior among its ranks under former Chief Terrance Gainer and police counsel John Caulfield, Johnson was not only supporting a department that tolerates Jim Crow on Capitol Hill, a fact borne out by comments from the Black Police Officer's Association, but also a department that counts at least one alleged statutory rapist in its ranks.

Capitol policeman Sgt. Michael Malloy, a 15-year veteran of the US Capitol Police, has been charged with making videotapes of him and Arron Burroughs, a former Bowie High School assistant football coach, having sex with a 15-year old girl in Malloy's Charles County, Maryland home. Malloy has been charged with "first degree child sex abuse while armed." Court documents indicate that Malloy engaged in repeated sexual acts with the underage girl in both Maryland and Washington, DC. One incident took place in a parking lot near the House of Representatives office buildings.

Johnson's GOP supporters once again demonstrate their "family values" hypocrisy.

WMR heartily endorses Cynthia McKinney and Ned Lamont in tomorrow's Democratic primary elections.



Aug. 5/6, 2006 -- Mexico on verge of revolution as election tribunal rejects full vote recount. In a scene which was reminiscent of the US Supreme Court's rejection of a Florida vote count in the 2000 presidential election, Mexico's Federal Election Tribunal rejected a request by the Democratic Revolution Party (PRD) and its presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador for a full vote recount in the recent election that was plagued by fraud committed by the neo-con National Action Party administration and supported by the Bush regime. The tribunal merely voted to authorize a partial vote recount of 12,000 of 130,000 polling stations -- 9 percent of the polling places. Lopez Obrador walked out of the tribunal session in protest over the decision.

Millions of Lopez Obrador and PRD supporters, including many of Mexico's poorest citizens, closed down Mexico City's city center last Sunday. The Mexico City mayor and the municipal administration are members of the PRD and Mexico City police have resisted calls by PAN President Vicente Fox to clear out the protestors. Protest camps have been set up on Zocalo Square and Paseo de la Reforma in the heart of the city. WMR has received information from Mexico that the country is on the verge of a popular revolution in support of Lopez Obrador.

Plans are being made for PRD supporters to occupy the Mexico City's Benito Juarez International Airport, the Mexico City stock exchange, the Federal Election Institute, and the Federal Election Tribunal offices. The revolution has already taken hold in Oaxaca state, where the supporters of the Popular Assembly of the People of Oaxaca (APPO) have taken control of a number of government buildings, police vehicles, public buses, and other facilities. Zapatista supporters are increasing their protest activities in Chiapas state. Chiapas and Oaxaca are strong centers of support for the PRD and Lopez Obrador. Protests against the election fraud have occurred in Xalapa, the capital of Veracruz state, which borders on Oaxaca.



The scent of popular revolution fills the air in Mexico.

The events in Mexico have triggered into action the covert teams of CIA agents working from bases in southern Texas that were poised to create civil unrest among the Mexican right-wing in the event that Lopez Obrador won the presidential election outright. Without even waiting for the contested election to be certified, neo-con PAN candidate Felipe Calderon received congratulations from his two NAFTA/North American Union allies, George W. Bush and Canadian Tory Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Already, pro-PAN agitators, paid by the Mexican federal government and CIA elements, have targeted PRD supporters in acts of violence in cities like Monterrey, Sinaloa, and Tijuana. Pro-Lopez Obrador protests are also expected in Los Angeles among the many Mexican immigrants in the city.

Aug. 5/6, 2006 -- On August 1, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations released a voluminous 370-page report on the use of off-shore trusts and shell corporations by American billionaires to avoid taxes. The report highlights the off-shore and tax-dodging activities of the notorious Bush billionaire contributors -- Sam and Charles Wyly, also known as the "Wyly Brothers." The Wyllys, who came to prominence as the financial backers of various 527 political action committees in the 2000 and 2004 elections (the anti-John McCain Republicans for Clean Air in 2000 and Swift Boat Veterans for Truth in 2004), developed a series of 58 interlocking trusts and and shell corporations that maximized stock options and warrants to make huge profits and avoid taxes. The tax avoidance contrivances were used between 1994 and 2004.

Several facts brought out in the Senate report are noteworthy. One is the decision by Sam Wyly in December 2000 to withdraw annuity assets in a Cayman Islands trust associated with the Bermuda-based Scottish Re Group, the global reinsurance company. Nine months later, reinsurance companies were left holding the bag for the 911 terrorist attacks. In September 2000, the assets of two Wyly trusts, Lake Providence International Trust and Castle Creek International Trust, an Isle of Man entity, were valued at \$75 million. The Senate report also states that by June 2001, three months before the 911 attacks, the Wyllys had completely divested themselves of Scottish Re shares: "After the Wyllys decided to withdraw from Scottish Re, the Wyly-related offshore entities began to sell their

shares. Ms. Boucher [Michelle Boucher, a Cayman Islands accountant and Canadian citizen who was also a senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Scottish Annuity and Life Holdings, a Wyly Cayman Islands corporation] kept Sam and Evan Wyly [Evan is Sam's son] informed about these sales. In addition, by June 2001, Maverick [Maverick Capital Ltd., a Wyly family \$8 billion hedge fund] sold virtually all of the Scottish shares it had purchased."

As the revelations about the Wyllys' dodgy investments in Scottish Re Group were made public in the Senate report, the company's second quarter losses were pegged at \$130 million and the firm's stock plunged by 82 percent. After this news broke, Scottish Re's chief executive officer Scott Willkomm resigned.

The Senate report also identifies Winston Thayer Capital Partners as an investor in the Wyly off-shore trust network. Winston Partners is co-owned by George W. Bush's brother Marvin Bush and Marvin's longtime friend Scott Andrews. Winston Thayer Capital Partners is a joint venture with Thayer Capital Partners, which is owned by GOP political majordomo Fred Malek. Until 2000, Marvin Bush sat on the board of Stratesec, the company that had security contracts for the World Trade Center. After leaving Stratesec, Marvin joined the board of HCC Insurance, a World Trade Center insurer.

Maverick Capital is linked to the University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO), which under the direction of Wyly and George W. Bush friend and partner Tom Hicks (Hicks purchased the Texas Rangers from Bush in a lucrative deal that made Bush several millions of dollars -- Hicks is also co-owned of Clear Channel Communications), invested university public funds in Maverick Capital, the Carlyle Group, Bass Brothers Enterprises (an investor in Harken Energy, on whose board George W. Bush sat), and Perot Systems Corp. (owned by H. Ross Perot). University of Texas Regent and UTIMCO board member, former Texas GOP Rep. and George W. Bush crony Tom Loeffler, also backed the UTIMCO investments in Maverick Capital.

The Senate investigation of the Wyllys points out how the Bush family and their cronies use off-shore tax havens, shell and "folding tent" corporations, and tax loopholes to fund their political and covert intelligence adventures. The editor pointed out that an Isle of Man entity called Five Star Trust was used to fund the covert vote rigging operations that engineered the 2004 presidential election. The Senate subcommittee is now unearthing the mechanisms by which the Republicans use tax free money to pay for their "black ops" without leaving electronic trails thus ensuring "plausible deniability."



Bush cartel finances: Senate report reveals interwoven off-shore tax shelters in Cayman Islands and Isle of Man.

The Senate report resembles a spaghetti-like interconnection of off-shore trusts and companies. In just a few pages of the report the following entities involved with the Wyly operation are referenced: Tremont Advisers (Bermuda); Life Invest Opportunity Fund; Scottish Annuity and Life Holdings; Green Mountain Energy Company (Delaware); Green Mountain Energy Resources LLC; Greemountain.com Company; GMP Holdings Ltd (Cayman Islands); Green Funding I LLC (GFI) (Delaware); Green Funding II LLC (GFII); Audobon, Soulieana, Maverick Fund LLC; Elegance (Isle of Man); Devotion (Isle of Man); Dortmund (Isle of Man); Greenbriar (Isle of Man); Little Woody (Isle of Man); Locke (Isle of Man); Morehouse (Isle of Man); Richland (Isle of Man); Roaring Creek (Isle of Man); Roaring Fork (Isle of Man); Rugosa (Isle of Man); Maverick USA Corp (Delaware); EB&M Holdings (Cayman Islands); Moberly Ltd. (Isle of Man); Trident; Bessie Trust; Irish Trust (Cayman Islands); Edinburgh (Cayman Islands); Wiggins & Co. (British Virgin Islands); International Management Services (Cayman Islands); Precept International; Ranger; Two Mile Ranch; Cottonwoods; Bulldog; and Delhi.

In a November 1, 2001 sent from Michelle Boucher in the Cayman Islands to suggests various company names for future Wyly off-shore contrivances: Katy Ltd., Katherine Ltd., Abmahi Ltd., Minerva Ltd., Cleland Ltd., Armstrong Ltd., Balch Ltd., Parker Ltd., Irwin Ltd., and Flowers Ltd.

Aug. 5/6, 2006 -- Meet another Marvin in the Bush family tree. Although we know that George W. Bush's brother Marvin is up to his neck in dubious business deals and the strange death of his housekeeper, who was said to have been run over by her own driverless SUV in Marvin's driveway and killed, it is interesting to point to another Marvin in the Bush family -- matriarch Barbara Bush's father Marvin Pierce. Pierce was the publisher of McCall's and Redbook magazines. He married Pauline Robinson in 1918. Pauline's father had served on the Ohio Supreme Court. One of Marvin's ancestors, third cousin, three times removed, was President Franklin Pierce. The Pierces had three children, Barbara being the youngest. On September 19, 1949, Marvin was driving to the Rye, New York train station when he said he reached over to prevent a cup of hot coffee from sliding across the seat and scolding Pauline who was supposedly in the passenger's seat. Marvin said he lost control of the vehicle causing it to crash into a stone wall. Pauline was killed instantly. WMR has spoken to a researcher who read the original newspaper stories about the incident. The journalists who covered the story did not exactly buy Marvin's story -- citing the fact that he walked away relatively unscathed, the all-important coffee cup was unbroken, but Pauline was killed from fracturing her skull on the windshield. In June 1952, Marvin Pierce married Associated Press reporter Willa Martin.

Barbara Bush never attended her mother's funeral. According to Kitty Kelley's well-researched tome on the Bushes, "The Family," George H. W. Bush wrote the following to his friend Gerry Bemiss on October 21, 1949: "Did you know Bar's mother was killed in an auto accident 3 weeks ago while driving Mr. Pierce to the station?" Apparently, just like with Marvin Bush's maid story, the Bushes could not keep the story straight. Newspaper accounts stated that Marvin was driving the car, George H. W. Bush reports to a friend that Pauline was driving Mr. Pierce.



Marvin Pierce (l.) and Pauline Pierce with George W. Bush (r.). Questions remain about the circumstances of George W. Bush's grandmother's death in 1949.

Rye, New York would figure into another bizarre Bush tale. On October 11, 1953, after Barbara and George W. Bush's almost-four-year old daughter Robin died of leukemia. After they witnessed their young daughter's death, they left Sloan Kettering Hospital in Manhattan to go golfing in Rye. There was never a funeral for Robin -- the Bushes had donated her organs to Sloan Kettering for research. Later, George H. W. Bush's mother, Dorothy, took it upon her own to have Robin's remains buried in the Bush cemetery plot in Greenwich, Connecticut. Barbara and George did not attend the funeral service.

Aug. 4, 2006 -- Our prayers and thoughts are with our friend and colleague John Caylor, editor of www.insider-magazine.com.

John, whose intrepid reporting on the Bush crime family's operations in the Florida Panhandle and Alabama, reports that his 78-year old mother succumbed to blunt head wound trauma that may have resulted from a physical

assault that took place at her Alabama home by, as yet, unknown perpetrators. Local police in Alabama have been slow to investigate his mother's death, according to Caylor.

Caylor, himself, was subject last month to arrest and physical abuse by Bay County, Florida police when he attempted to retrieve public documents in the Bay County, Florida courthouse pursuant to Florida's Freedom of Information and sunshine laws. Caylor's dogged reporting on the murder of Florida Department of Transportation investigator Ray Lemme led right to the office of Governor Jeb Bush. In addition, Caylor discovered a Duke Cunningham-like real estate deal on a Florida home owned by White House adviser Karl Rove.

As the Bush administration continues its attempt to limit the freedom of the press in this country by seeking to implement an Official Secrets Act, this editor is aware of several incidents in which journalists have been assaulted, burglarized, and threatened. Fascism in the United States is no longer a nebulous over-the-horizon peril -- it is a reality.

Aug. 4, 2006 -- Our reporting on the massive thefts of personal data resulting from a covert operation of the Bush administration to populate its Total Information Awareness (TIA) system databases has prompted a question from readers. Doesn't the U.S. government already have access to such data? The answer is quite simple. Although the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Homeland Security Department, the two entities that have inherited responsibility for TIA from the Department of Defense after Congress de-funded the original program run by Iran-Contra felon Admiral John Poindexter, the TIA continues to operate covertly and with funding laundered through other budgeted intelligence programs.

Since the Bush administration has not succeeded in politicizing and privatizing the Civil Service, members of which swear an oath to the Constitution similar to that taken by military members, the tens of thousands of system and security administrators in the federal government would be aware of any requests for personal data coming from NSA or Homeland Security. Although the Bush administration is intimidating and threatening to prosecute whistleblowers, requests by intelligence agencies for personal data could quickly become public or be made known to Congress, a situation those in charge of the covert data collection program wish to avoid at all costs. Even the purchase by the government of databases from private entities like ChoicePoint and the credit bureaus leaves a paper and electronic trail. Hence, we have the covert program of stealing personal data to populate the off-the-books TIA surveillance databases.

Meanwhile, the pandemic of data thefts continues with the typical "ho-hum" from the Bush regime. Recently, a US Bank employee had a brief case containing the Social Security Numbers and other personal information of bank customers, stolen from his car in Covington, Kentucky. It is also being reported that hundreds of customers of Dollar Tree stores in northern California and Oregon have had their automatic teller machine (ATM) personal identification numbers purloined in an on-line theft operation. The Secret Service is investigating this case and it calls the security breach "significant" and possibly national in scope. Dollar Tree is headquartered in Chesapeake, Virginia.

Aug. 4, 2006 -- Alexandria, VA--Senators Rick Santorum, R-PA, and Conrad Burns, R-MT, support implementation of Official Secret's Act, S.3774, introduced yesterday by Senator Christopher Bond, R-MO, to criminalize the unauthorized disclosure of classified information. Bond's bill seeks to enable the Executive Branch in prosecuting individuals engaged in disclosure of government secrets. According to the release issued by Senator Bond's office, the legislation seeks to unify current law and ease the government's burden in prosecuting and punishing leakers by eliminating the need to prove that damage to the national security has or will result from a disclosure. According to the new release by Secrecy News reports, the new Bond bill is identical to the controversial anti-leak legislation sponsored by Senator Richard Shelby in the FY 2001 Intelligence Authorization Act that was vetoed by President Clinton in November 2000. The bill was called the "Official Secrets Act," after the U.K.'s repressive criminal secrecy statutes.

The United States has never had a statute generally criminalizing leaks or the publication of sensitive information. Despite consideration at a number of moments in our history, concern for the First Amendment and the principle that the press acts as an important check on government abuse has thwarted all previous efforts to pass such legislation. According to Professor William Weaver, NSWBC Senior Advisor, "Such legislation is subject to a double standard in its application. For example, much information is leaked to the press with the approval of administrators. These sorts of leaks are an unofficial channel for shoring up administration positions and to influence public opinion. On the other hand, unauthorized leaks would be prosecuted when they undermine administration positions or embarrass the executive branch or reveal illegal agency activity. So whether or not a person is prosecuted depends on whether or not the leak is popular or unpopular with the administration in power at the time of the leak. If the statute were to be applied evenhandedly, the jails would be full of administrators and presidential advisors."

Rather than a genuine effort to enhance national security, this legislation is designed to deter legitimate whistleblowing. The result is that the statute would create an "Official Secrets Act" similar to that found in Great Britain. But, obviously, Great Britain does not have a First Amendment and we do. The government has consistently failed in its burden to prove that recent leaks of national security information somehow harmed the United States. Rather, these disclosures have encouraged public discussion on issues of executive abuses that this administration has tried very hard to cover up. Justice Brandeis wrote: "those who won our independence believed . . . that public discussion is a political duty; and that this should be a fundamental principle of the American government." Current law already protects against disclosure of specific types of sensitive information, like the design of a nuclear warhead or a covert agent's identities. Legislation that places the First Amendment entirely in the hands of the Executive Branch, such as Bond's Bill, is unconstitutional on its face. The Nation's Founders chose not to implement an Official Secret's Act on our public servants and there is no need for such a law now.

GAP Legal Director, Tom Devine, stated: "This is a bill to protect the bureaucracy, not America's security. It is about covering up government abuses of power that only can be sustained through secrecy. It is about canceling freedom of speech when it counts, by criminalizing whistleblowers who make unclassified disclosures. Most whistleblowers who would be targeted are those exposing cover-ups of the government's own security breaches."

On June 29, 2006, The National Security Whistleblowers Coalition (NSWBC), issued its list of Twelve Senators and Representatives, its Whistleblowers' Dirty Dozen, who by their action or inaction, have stood against real investigations, hearings, and legislation dealing with government whistleblowers who have exposed waste, fraud, abuse, and or criminal activities within government agencies. Senator Rick Santorum, R-PA, made the list. "Senator Santorum is on our list due to being very consistent in his stand against whistleblowers' protection and his strong support for unchecked and excessive government secrecy. His strong support of this new repressive bill, which takes away congress' right to know in order to exercise its oversight authority, goes a long way to demonstrate why he is an incumbent candidate unfit to represent our people and their interest and rights guaranteed under the constitution. Mr. Santorum acts as an extension of the executive branch that seeks to override the Separation of Powers and expand its power; not as an elected senator who has been vested with authority and a position to serve his constituents," stated Sibel Edmonds, NSWBC Founder and Director.

National Security Whistleblowers Coalition, founded in August 2004, is an independent and nonpartisan alliance of whistleblowers who have come forward to address our nation's security weaknesses; to inform authorities of security vulnerabilities in our intelligence agencies, at nuclear power plants and weapon facilities, in airports, and at our nation's borders and ports; to uncover government waste, fraud, abuse, and in some cases criminal conduct. The NSWBC is dedicated to aiding national security whistleblowers through a variety of methods, including advocacy of governmental and legal reform, educating the public concerning whistleblowing activity, provision of comfort and fellowship to national security whistleblowers suffering retaliation and other harms, and working with other public interest organizations to affect goals defined in the NSWBC mission statement. For more on NSWBC visit www.nswbc.org

Aug. 3, 2006 -- The plague of massive personal data thefts continues on an almost daily basis. The thefts have been reported to WMR as part of a covert U.S. government plan to populate the databases of Total Information Awareness surveillance databases. Two of the recent thefts were in Mississippi. A laptop computer stolen from Belhaven College contained personal information on 300 college employees. In June, a burglary of the Hattiesburg City Hall resulted in the theft of personal information on 23,000 municipal employees and Hattiesburg residents.

Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, New York also reported the June theft of a laptop computer containing names, dates of birth, and Social Security Numbers of 257,800 patients.





Do nothing GOP Congress seeks to protect data holders, not the public, during data theft epidemic.

The Bush administration is not only dragging its feet on investigating the series of unprecedented thefts of personal data but is actively trying to curtail state laws requiring timely notification of data thefts. Twenty three states have enacted security breach notification laws in the last three years. The Republican-supported Financial Data Protection Act, sponsored by Ohio Republican Rep. Steve LaTourette, would only require notification if fraud could be established as a reason for the theft and would not require credit bureaus to put a "security freeze" on credit files affected by the data thefts. House members supporting this weak legislation represent the banking and credit industries and include Delaware's Rep. Michael Castle, who represents not Delaware but MBNA Bank of Wilmington. The Senate version of the bill is sponsored, not surprisingly, by Delaware's MBNA-owned Senator, Democrat Tom Carper. Other financial industry bought-and-paid for members who are co-sponsoring the federal law to pre-empt stronger state notification and credit freeze laws include Florida's Senator Mel Martinez, Connecticut's Christopher Shays, Minnesota's Mark Kennedy, Ohio's Deborah Pryce, Illinois' Melissa Bean, Virginia's Frank Wolf, and Florida's Mark Foley and Katherine Harris.

Aug. 3, 2006 -- On July 30, WMR reported that CIA and Mossad agents in Lebanon, working with forces loyal to Israeli ally and convicted murderer Samir Geagea, were stirring up trouble among refugees streaming into northern Lebanon from the south of the country. Geagea, who was once allied with former pro-Israeli Prime Minister Gen. Michel Aoun, has lost the support of his one time ally. According to informed Lebanese sources, the one-time fervently anti-Syrian Aoun continues to honor the memorandum of understanding drawn up between him and his Free Patriotic Movement (FPM) and Hezbollah's Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah. Aoun controls the largest bloc of Maronite seats in the Lebanese parliament. After Hezbollah took two Israeli soldiers prisoners, Aoun said Hezbollah had engaged in a "pure military action," not a terrorist attack. Aoun also earned the ire of Israel and Washington by publicly calling for the repatriation of hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon to their original homes, something strongly resisted by Israel.

One of the reasons Israel is attacking Christian targets in Lebanon is to show its opposition to the tactical agreement between the FPM and Hezbollah. The attacks on Christian targets are a way to punish Israel's one-time allies. The FPM, as well as most other Lebanese political parties, are also acutely aware of Israeli and American involvement in a series of "false flag" assassinations of Lebanese politicians and journalists in order to stir up resentment against Syria. Israel and the United States can only rely on Geagea and Walid Jumblatt, the Lebanese Druze leader. One of the men arrested by Lebanese police for working with an Israeli assassination team involved in killing Lebanese politicians is a Lebanese Druze.

Aoun's MOU with Hezbollah is dangerous for Israel and the United States. Last November, Aoun was feted in Washington by neo-con members of the Bush administration and pro-Israel members of Congress for his leadership of the so-called "Cedar Revolution," the movement to chase Syria out of Lebanon after it was falsely accused of being behind the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. It was a tactical agreement between Hariri and Hezbollah, similar to that between Aoun and Hezbollah, that largely contributed to Jerusalem's and Washington's decision, and Saudi Arabia's acquiescence, to eliminate Hariri.

Aoun, as a one-time Israeli military ally, is well aware of Israel's tactics. Israeli military forces have discovered that entering Lebanon is not the cake walk it was during the Lebanese civil war. Aoun is also extremely knowledgeable about the pro-Israeli cells operating within the Bush administration and the neo-con think tanks and contrivances in Washington. These are the very same elements that supported the Cedar Revolution and include the American Enterprise Institute, where Michael Ledeen and Richard Perle nest; the neo-con supported US Committee for a Free Lebanon; Heritage Foundation; Foundation for the Defense of Democracies; Hudson Institute; Hoover Institution; Washington Institute for Near East Policy (WINEP); and the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA).



February 3, 2006 meeting between Maronite leader and former Israel ally Gen. Michel Aoun (r.) and Hezbollah's Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah (l.).

Aug. 2, 2006 -- The European Union Data Protection Commissioners' group is still awaiting answers from the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT), the Belgium based consortium that handles global financial transfers between banks. SWIFT's response to the data protection commissioners about its data sharing program with the CIA is overdue, according to European data protection sources.

WMR has learned that SWIFT handed over less than 1 percent of all SWIFT transfers to the CIA. However, this represents, conservatively, 20 million datasets a year, meaning that since the program began in 2001, SWIFT has transferred at least 100 million SWIFT datasets to the CIA. WMR has also learned that most of the data involves European bank accounts.



SWIFT has transferred 100 million transaction files to the CIA since 2001.

Aug. 2, 2006 -- Brothers versus brothers. Bush and his right-wing Cuban-American friends and donors engaged in a macabre Castro death watch in Miami. President George W. and Florida Governor Jeb Bush, two brothers who owe their offices to the power of the right-wing Cuban-American community in south Florida, engaged in a macabre and sinister death watch for Cuban President Fidel Castro while being hosted by wealthy Cuban-American supporters.

As Castro was rushed to the hospital suffering from internal bleeding, just two weeks after visiting, along with Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, the boyhood home of Che Guevara in Alta Gracia, Argentina, the Bush brothers began planning action against the Cuban government and the two Castro brothers -- Fidel and Raul. Defense Minister Raul Castro took over the reins of power from Fidel, the first time the Cuban leader had given up power since 1959.



Cuba defense and Bush cartel insurrection involve three sets of brothers: ailing Fidel Castro and his brother Raul, George W. and Jeb Bush, and GOP Cuban-American Representatives Lincoln and Mario Diaz-Balart. The Bushes and their Florida Cuban friends are eyeing Cuban real estate and off-shore oil finds.

The Bush brothers huddled at a Republican National Committee fundraiser with Jeb Bush's business mentor and partner, wealthy Cuban-American real estate developer Armando Codina, head of the Codina Group and close friend of George H. W. Bush. Codina sponsored the fundraiser at his Coral Gables home. Until 1994, the firm was known as the Codina-Bush Group. Codina and Jeb Bush made a fortune in developing southern Florida real estate properties. He invested \$1000 in 1984 in a Miami office tower project and cashed out his shares in 1990 for a hefty \$346,000. Before he left Codina in 1993, Jeb earned huge commissions for the sale of real estate to Japanese investors. Jeb also sold water pumps to Nigeria in a questionable deal involving Nigeria's military junta, M&W Pump, and another Bush company, Bush-El. These deals occurred at the same time that Jeb Bush was enmeshed in the savings and loan scandal involving Florida-based financial institutions.

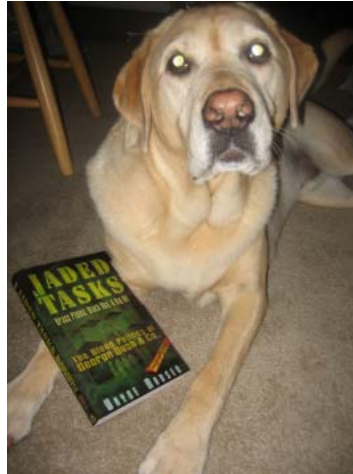
As reported by WMR last November, the politically-powerful St. Joe Company has a significant investment in the Codina Group. After Jeb Bush became governor, he took care of his real estate business friends, selling them state-owned land at cut rate prices.

Joining the Bush brothers in Coral Gables were the Florida Cuban-American GOP congressional team of Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, who best represents the fact that America's foreign policies on the Middle East and Latin America have been outsourced to two vocal and politically powerful special interests -- the Israeli and Cuban exile lobbies. Ros Lehtinen's mother was a Jewish-Cuban refugee from Cuba. Joining the Bush brothers in the Florida death watch huddle were another GOP brother team, Representatives Lincoln and Mario-Diaz Balart.

The brothers Bush and Balart and Ros-Lehtinen and Codina have their eyes set on lucrative real estate development schemes for post-Castro Cuba. The fact that oil has been discovered in Cuban waters has also earned the interest of the Bush-Cheney petroleum cartel. The Bush crime family and their associates see Cuba as a place where they can either force European and Canadian hotels to pay original land owners compensation for deals made with the Castro government or forfeit their properties to Miami-based Cubans working in concert with multi-billionaire non-Cuban GOP moguls, including another major Bush donor in Florida, real estate developer, GOP financier, pro-Israel activist, and former ambassador to Australia and Italy, Mel Sembler.

Like buzzards and hyenas waiting for the death of an old elephant, the Bush cartel and their Florida friends are anxiously awaiting the death of Castro in order to devour the self-sufficient nation he and his fellow Cuban revolutionaries took so long to build. And there is little wonder that the Cuban government insists on keeping Fidel Castro's medical condition secret. They, too, are aware of the Coral Gables GOP confab and have said they do not want to tip off the plotters to the north about their leader's condition.

Aug. 2, 2006 -- During the "Dog Days of Summer," *Jaded Tasks* remains a popular read:



"Lucky," taking it easy from the Midwest heat wave, jealously guards copy of Jaded Tasks from lurking Bush book burners. (Photo courtesy of a WMR reader).

Aug. 1, 2006 -- Another mass data theft has occurred. Wisconsin-based Sentinel Insurance has reported the theft by an unidentified consultant of personal data on 112,000 workmen's compensation claimants. The data contained Social Security Numbers and other sensitive information. The Secret Service arrested the unidentified consultant outside of Wisconsin. The failure by the Secret Service to disclose the identity of the perpetrator may indicate that he is part of a more extensive ring, which is under investigation. WMR's intelligence sources report that most of the recent data thefts are part of a covert U.S. intelligence operation designed to populate Total Information Awareness system databases. [Data theft chart updated.](#)

Aug. 1, 2006 -- "Casino Jack" Abramoff attracted one unusual set of customers to his former restaurant, "Signatures." Among the interests who gathered there to lobby and socialize was the Opus Dei, the secretive Catholic cult that counts such members as Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas, Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, and former FBI Director Louis Freeh, Jr. While Opus Dei members or "supernumeraries" are secret, that apparently did not stop the organization from inviting its A-List members to Abramoff's restaurant to take advantage of the establishment's well-known deal-making services.



Abramoff's restaurant attracted Opus Dei members: no word if his customers included any albino priests.

Aug. 1, 2006 -- Voice of America told to stop even-handed reporting. According to Voice of America (VOA) sources, after the network sent a soundman and reporter to Syria and Lebanon to provide coverage of the unfolding situation for its [Persian service](#), the decision was roundly condemned by interests both within and outside the Bush administration who are loyal to the Israeli position. The VOA broadcasts were condemned by these interests for parroting the "party lines" of Syria and Hezbollah. The VOA Persian service rejected the allegations.

Aug. 1, 2006 -- The Malta Communications Authority has awarded the New York City-based and Israeli-owned company Verint (formerly Comverse Infosys) a contract to install a communications intercept system for the Malta security services. Comverse Infosys was the subject of Drug Enforcement Administration and Department of Justice concerns about its access to sensitive communications prior to 911. [Full story on Malta-Verint deal.](#)



Israel's interest in Malta is noteworthy. According to former FBI Turkish-Azeri-Farsi translator Sibel Edmonds, Malta, in addition to Cyprus and Dubai, are banking linchpins in a global drugs and weapons smuggling network involving Turkish criminal syndicates. In the case of A Q Khan's nuclear smuggling network, these Turkish networks intermeshed with similar smuggling networks based in Israel.

Aug. 1, 2006 -- NSA whistleblower Russell Tice's appearance before the federal grand jury originally scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, has been cancelled. Josh Dratel, the New York criminal defense lawyer who represents Mr. Tice, sent a letter, which was received by the Department of Justice on Friday, July 28, requesting additional information and time to prepare. The Department of Justice granted the request and postponed the scheduled appearance of Mr. Tice before the Federal Grand Jury. No new date has been set. Professor William Weaver, the National Security Whistle Blowers Coalition (NSWBC) Senior Advisor, stated: "The subpoena for Mr. Tice did not indicate whether or not he was the target of a criminal investigation or just a witness, and gave him only six days to prepare for the original grand jury hearing date. The intervention of first class legal counsel put the government off track, for it appears that government attorneys wanted to get to Tice before he had a chance to obtain legal advice."

Aug. 1, 2006 -- It appears that Hank Johnson, Rep. Cynthia McKinney's so-called "Democratic" opponent in the August 8 primary in the Georgia Fourth District, has more in common with Republicans than merely his acquiescence to the Bush-Cheney party line on the Middle East. Johnson also has quite a rap sheet that includes judgments, tax liens, lawsuits, property seizures, and ethics complaints.

A certain "progressive" and "Democratic" web site was very quick to endorse Johnson. It appears that in addition to approving Johnson's overt GOP support, the web site in question shares something else in common with Johnson: the taint of financial impropriety (birds of a feather do flock together).

Hank Johnson's impressive "rap sheet" --

1. ETHICS COMPLAINT

Commissioner Hank Johnson used money out of his campaign accounts to contribute funds to the Committee for a Better DeKalb (PAC) to help pass the 2005 Bond Referendum.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

"County Commissioner Hank Johnson, whose district includes Hickory Ridge, was accused of accepting a campaign contribution from the owners of that landfill. Johnson denied the charge, but county records show he received \$1,000 in July 2000 from Doug Dillard, the attorney representing the landfill. Johnson defended the donation, saying Dillard represents many developers seeking county approval for their projects." *Atlanta Journal Constitution 2/20/2002*: "More than 200 pack DeKalb landfill hearing seeking answers.

3. LAWSUITS

1. Macy's v. Henry Johnson at al. #88A45456 (DeKalb State Court). Suit filed on June 7, 1988 by Macy's Department store on account. Judgment taken for Macy's in the amount of \$490.20 fifa issued on April 17, 1989.
2. Blazer Financial Services v. Henry Johnson #88A59081 (DeKalb State Court). Suit filed on Dec. 8, 1988. Unpaid bill was \$588.00 Case was not contested and default judgment was entered on Feb. 3, 1989. Case "settled" on June 5, 1989
3. Worley v. Johnson # 89A75667 (DeKalb State Court). Suit was filed by court reporting company Worley & Associates. Unpaid bill was \$500.20. Case was not contested and default judgment was taken for \$500.20. On April 13, 1990 fifa was issued for \$500.20
5. Bull & Associates v. Henry C. Johnson 90A10289 (DeKalb State Court). Suit by Court Reporter on Feb. 5, 1990 for \$206.40. Case was not contested. Default judgment entered and fifa issued for \$206.40 plus \$37.15 in attorney fees.
6. Macy's v. Henry C Johnson et al., 91M21752 (DeKalb State Court). Suit on account stayed by filing of bankruptcy.

4. GARNISHMENTS

Macy's filed a garnishment action against the Johnsons to collect the judgment. Macy's v. Henry C. Johnson at al. 89G24199 (DeKalb State Court) Money was paid into court by Fidelity National Bank.

5. FEDERAL TAX LIENS

Federal tax liens issued against Johnson and his law practice for over \$53,203.80 in back taxes.

6. BANKRUPTCY

On October 28, 1993 Henry C. Johnson and his wife filed a Chapter 13 (payback plan) bankruptcy in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. #93-75181 The case was dismissed at least once because the Johnsons failed to abide by the payment plan. The case was later reinstated. The plan called for partial payments to the creditors. The case was closed and discharged on October 23, 1998.

Ed. note: fifa, or fieri facias, is a directive from the Court to the Sheriff, Marshal, or other authorized officer, requiring him to seize sufficient property of the defendant to satisfy the amount due on the judgment.



July 31, 2006 -- McKinney attorney counters *Atlanta Journal Constitution* propaganda being spun by neo-con news media, the Democratic Leadership Council, Republican National Committee, and neo-con special interests conference rooms:

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Dear Ms. Tucker and Mr. Mellott:

This will inform you that I represent Congresswoman Cynthia A. McKinney.

This will inform you that the Sunday, July 30, 2006 column by Cynthia Tucker, Editorial Page Editor of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, contained the following material that was untrue, defamatory and libelous:

1. Tucker wrote that "she (the Congresswoman) slugged him (the officer) with her cellphone." This false allegation is not supported by any witness or any other evidence. Additionally, Tucker is maliciously attempting to spin this into a felony by falsely alleging that she assaulted the officer with a deadly weapon.
2. Instead of admitting the fact that the officer used force by grabbing the Congresswoman, Tucker states only that the officer "stopped her."

3. Tucker falsely attempts to attribute words from her father to her by stating that "her father, a spokesman for her campaign." Her father was not a spokesman for the campaign.

4. Tucker wrote of Congresswoman McKinney: "She suggested that President Bush had known in advance about the Sept. 11 attacks but did nothing to stop them so his friends could profit from the ensuing war." The award winning documentary film "American Blackout" definitively exposed this statement by Tucker as false, as the Congresswoman never made this statement even though Tucker continues to assert that she did.

5. Tucker falsely wrote: "She doesn't have the power or prestige to pass a resolution in support of sweetened ice tea." On the contrary, a study has been done that shows that Congresswoman McKinney is more effective than John Lewis, the Congressman that Tucker claims is effective. The Power Rankings by Congress.org show that Congresswoman McKinney ranked number 277 of 435 Congresspersons in legislative effectiveness. She was the highest ranking Georgia democrat followed by Congressman Barrow (337); Congressman Marshall (347); Congressman Scott (367); Congressman Lewis (433); and Congressman Bishop (434). If Congresswoman McKinney was not effective why would the Republicans, the special interests and the Cox media empire be expending so much money and effort to stop her?

This letter constitutes a demand under OCGA 51-5-11 for immediate retraction in writing these false and libelous statements. In accordance with OCGA 51-5-11(b)(1)(C) Congresswoman McKinney demands that your retraction and correction be accompanied by an editorial in which you specifically repudiate your libelous statements. Tucker and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* have made these statements maliciously and with intent to injure the Congresswoman in her office and profession.

Please govern yourself accordingly.

Sincerely,

J.M. Raffauf



July 31, 2006 -- GUEST COLUMN

ALL THAT'S GIVEN UP IN THE NAME OF SECURITY

By Sibel Edmonds and William Weaver

Two days ago we made available to the public news that one of our members, Russell Tice, a former NSA Senior Analyst, had been served with a subpoena asking him to appear before a federal grand jury regarding the criminal investigation of recent disclosures which involved NSA warrantless eavesdropping. Our announcement was followed up in both the main and alternative media, and started heated discussions among online activists. We have received e-mails and letters from people who expressed their support and solidarity with Mr. Tice and other patriotic public servants who have chosen to place our nation, its Constitution, its liberty, thus its public's right to know, above their future security, careers and livelihood.

We have also received e-mails from individuals who argued against the public's right to know when it comes to issues such as NSA warrantless eavesdropping or mass collection of citizens' financial and other personal data by various intelligence and defense related agencies. They unite in their argument that any measure to protect us from the terrorists is welcomed and justified. One individual wrote: "so what if they are listening to our conversations. I have nothing to hide, so I don't mind the government eavesdropping on my phone conversations. Only those engaged in evil deeds would worry about the government placing them under surveillance." But how far can one let the government go based on this rationale? This issue is well articulated in Federalist, No. 51, "You must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself." How do we oblige our government to control itself?

You may ask how NSA eavesdropping affects you when you have nothing to hide. Let us try to explain why you should worry. Even if, as the government claims, this program is only looking for "terrorist activity," still all your conversations have to be processed; have to be linked to other calls and sources of "possible" terrorist activity. All it takes is an innocent phone call to a friend, who has placed a call to a friend or relative, who has legitimate business or personal contacts in a foreign country where there may be "suspected terrorists." You have just become a potential target of government investigation – you may be a terrorist supporter, or even a terrorist. Remember "Six Degrees of Separation" (the theory that anyone on earth can be connected to any other person on the planet through a chain of acquaintances with no more than five intermediaries)? The NSA program can easily mistakenly connect you to a terrorist. Furthermore, since the program is being conducted without judicial oversight and under no recognized process there is nothing to restrict how the information obtained under the program is being used.

But let us take things from the widely shared point of view of the individual quoted above; the view that there is nothing for honest people to fear from warrantless, presidentially-ordered surveillance. What other invasions of rights would such acquiescence to government authority inevitably lead to?

Our government will argue its right to break into your house and search it without warrant based on some tip, intelligence, or information that is considered classified, which you have no right or clearance to know about. It will argue that the search and the secrecy are necessary for reasons of "national security" and within the "inherent powers" of the executive branch, therefore not requiring congressional authorization or judicial oversight.

What is next in the name of national security? Will our government call out to all citizens in particular communities to turn in their weapons to law enforcement agencies? Perhaps it will cite the following reason for such call: "We already know that several Al Qaeda cells reside in the affected communities. Our intelligence agencies have received credible information concerning these cells' intention to break into Americans' homes to obtain firearms, since they do not want to risk detection by purchasing firearms from the market." Would our compliant citizen quoted above be more than happy to give up his right under the Second Amendment for possible security promised to him by his government? When the agents show up at his door asking for his legally registered Colt, what will he do?

There are those well-meaning "conservative" Americans who have been lead to believe that our nation's security is somehow damaged when an employee of one of our "security" agencies comes forward to shed light on activities by our government that may be illegal, may be un-constitutional, and may be a danger to the nation's security. These Americans have accepted too easily the government's propaganda sold to them shrewdly packaged in a wrapping of fear of terror – that if you expose any government action, however misguided or un-constitutional, then you are jeopardizing our security; you are aiding the terrorists. This quote from Benjamin Franklin sums it up well: "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

What price our imagined security? If we now would allow the NSA to listen in to our most private conversations without objection, then when next the knock comes on our door, or our door is knocked down, in the interest of "national security" what will we say? Will we say "come on in and search me, my house and my family; after all, it is in the interest of 'national security' and we have nothing to hide"? Generations of Americans have fought and died so that we can today enjoy the precious fruits of their struggles – the right to our privacy, the right to our freedom from government intrusion, the right to our freedom of speech, the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," the right to simply be left alone. Are we to become the generation that loses those freedoms, not only for ourselves, but for the generations that follow? And will it be us who lets it happen because of some misplaced belief that government "oppression" equals "national security"?

Since when did true conservatives agree to surrender their individual rights under the Constitution for the sake of some imagined temporary security? Since when have we become so afraid of some foreign terrorists that we shiver and hide under a blanket of imagined security offered up by those in power who feed on our fears? Since when have we forgotten the messages of the Founding Fathers, who understood so clearly that the greatest danger to our liberties is an oppressive government, not outside foreign forces? We should never fear those who are brave enough to speak out, but we should fear greatly those who would silence them.

We like to believe our nation is one that prizes individual liberty and freedom from authoritarian restraint, the

dictates of hierarchy, or governmental limits. Throughout its history our nation's soul has been based on anti-authoritarianism and fear of a large, tyrannical government. Our notion of liberty has been built upon a philosophy of limited government with the highest value placed on preservation of individual rights. Our nation's political thought found its roots in the writings of John Locke, who stressed an insistence on imposing limits on authority, on governmental authority, in order to further individual rights and liberty. No wonder both liberal and republican traditions, although each in its own way and style, pride themselves in their eternal quest for 'limited government'.

Our entire system of government and its institutions is grounded in an insistence that tyranny be combated and that individual liberty be protected from a potentially tyrannical government. The result is a suspicion of authority and an emphasis on limited government. Samuel Huntington, a well-known conservative Republican, states in *American Politics: The Promise of Disharmony*: "The distinctive aspect of the American Creed is its antigovernment character. Opposition to power, and suspicion of government as the most dangerous embodiment of power, are the central themes of American political thought."

After 9/11 our president came out and warned us: "the terrorists are resolved to change the way of our lives. They hate our freedom and our way of life here." Well Mr. President, we have come a long way since that awful day. Our way of privacy in communicating on the phone and through our computers, our way of detaining and prosecuting people, our way of trusting our records with our librarians, our way of reading and discussing dissent, our way of treating our ally nations, our way of making it from the airport gates to the airplanes...simply, our way of life, has surely changed drastically in five years. But, Mr. President, we don't have the terrorists to blame for this. We only have you and our three branches of government to blame.

Sibel Edmonds is the founder and director of National Security Whistleblowers Coalition (NSWBC). Ms. Edmonds worked as a language specialist for the FBI. During her work with the bureau, she discovered and reported serious acts of security breaches, cover-ups, and intentional blocking of intelligence that had national security implications. After she reported these acts to FBI management, she was retaliated against by the FBI and ultimately fired in March 2002. Since that time, court proceedings on her case have been blocked by the assertion of "State Secret Privilege"; the Congress of the United States has been gagged and prevented from any discussion of her case through retroactive re-classification by the Department of Justice. Ms. Edmonds is fluent in Turkish, Farsi and Azerbaijani; and has a MA in Public Policy and International Commerce from George Mason University, and a BA in Criminal Justice and Psychology from George Washington University. PEN American Center awarded Ms. Edmonds the 2006 PEN/Newman's Own First Amendment Award.

Professor William Weaver is the senior advisor and a board member of National Security Whistleblowers Coalition. Mr. Weaver served in U.S. Army signals intelligence for eight years in Berlin and Augsburg, Germany, in the late 1970s and 1980s. He subsequently received his law degree and Ph.D. in politics from the University of Virginia, where he was on the editorial board of the Virginia Law Review. He is presently an Associate Professor of political science and an Associate in the Center for Law and Border Studies at the University of Texas at El Paso. He specializes in executive branch secrecy policy, governmental abuse, and law and bureaucracy. His articles have appeared in American Political Science Review, Political Science Quarterly, Virginia Law Review, Journal of Business Ethics, Organization and other journals. With co-author Robert Pallitto, his book Presidential Secrecy and the Law is forthcoming from Johns Hopkins University Press in the spring of 2007. His views and positions arising from his affiliation with the NSWBC do not reflect the sentiments of, or constitute and endorsement by, the University of Texas at El Paso.

July 31, 2006 -- Your editor is now the head of "Catholics for Kerry," according to Jim Geraghty, a contributing editor for the *National Review*. [In an OP ED today](#) in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, this editor is referred to as the head of Catholics for Kerry by Jim Geraghty of the *National Review*. While I supported and voted for Sen. Kerry in the 2004 election, I am not the head of Catholics for Kerry. In fact, I'm not even a Catholic. Here is what Mr. Geraghty wrote:

"There's always been nasty rhetoric in politics. In 2004, partisans on both sides contended that their opponents were allied with the devil: Conservative columnist Ann Coulter labeled the Democratic gathering in Boston the "Spawn of Satan convention" while Wayne Madsen, head of Catholics for Kerry, warned that several of President Bush's traits, including his 'blood lust' and references to 'evil doers' ... bear all the hallmarks of the one warned about in the Book of Revelations - the anti-Christ. However, the rage in our body politic seems to have gotten exponentially nastier since then. Perhaps this reflects the 24-hour news cycle, outrage-seeking commentators out to sell books, or gerrymandered districts eliminating politicians who have to be respectful to both sides."

What this editor wrote was that according to two Italian journalists who cover Vatican matters, the late Pope John Paul II considered that Bush could be the anti-Christ, an entity the Pope wrote about as a priest as someone he might encounter during his own priesthood. My article was picked up and run by *New Catholic Times*.

The sad thing about this OP ED is not that it is once again another example of *National Review* writers spewing forth their trademark neocon propaganda and falsehoods, but represents the radical departure of the longtime editorial policy of the *Inquirer*. The *Inquirer* was one of the newspapers spun off by McClatchey newspapers after Knight Ridder sold off a number of its holdings to McClatchey. Brian Tierney, a right-wing Republican backer of George W. Bush and Rick Santorum, put together a consortium called Philadelphia Media Holdings, which includes Bruce Toll, vice chairman of Toll Brothers, to buy both the *Inquirer* and the *Philadelphia Daily News*.

As predicted, the *Inquirer* has quickly become a right-wing nesting ground for the likes of *National Review* propagandists. Mr. Geraghty, as an OP ED columnist, may be entitled to his own opinions, but he is not entitled to his own facts. And the *Inquirer*, while no longer reliable as a news source, may be adequate for wrapping fish at South Philly seafood markets.

The Philadelphia Inquirer



Perfect together.

July 31, 2006 -- On July 17, WMR reported that the Pentagon was paying its former special counsel for Special Forces a handsome \$1 million to find out ways to curtail the Freedom of Information Act. The report stated, "the Pentagon is paying Dr. Jeffrey Addicott's St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, the million dollars to find out new ways for the federal government to classify previously open government information in the name of protecting it from access by 'terrorists.'" Addicott previously worked at the Pentagon as chief legal adviser to the US Special Operations Command.

A recent decision by U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper in Los Angeles suggests that Addicott's actual mission may not be to protect open government information from "terrorists" but to protect U.S. private military contractors, which have engaged in their own terrorist activities in Iraq, from the media. The *Los Angeles Times* sued the Army, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, for access to the identities of U.S. private contractors that have been involved in the indiscriminate shooting of Iraqi civilians. The *Times* sued because the names of contractors had been redacted on "serious incident reports" involving the contractors shooting civilians. The Army contended that "disclosing the names and locations of private security firms could tip off insurgents about the success of their attacks and provide them with new targets." In her decision, Judge Cooper aped the government's line, stating that while the public had the right to know about the role of private contractors in Iraq, that right "must be balanced against the life and safety interest of the military personnel, the private security contract employees and other individuals on the ground in Iraq today."





Pentagon FOIA gutting contract: aimed at protecting private military contractors from the media.

Although Cooper is a Clinton appointee, the GOP, including Sen. Arlen Specter, consistently argues that "balancing act" line in supporting the Bush administration in its continuing trashing of the Bill of Rights.

July 30, 2006 -- LATE EDITION -- WMR's sources in Lebanon report that civilian deaths in Lebanon from incessant Israeli attacks are far more than what is being reported by the corporate media. Over 850 civilians, forty percent of them children, have been killed by the Israelis. Many more are unaccounted for because Israeli forces attack any heavy equipment and rescue teams sent south to clear away rubble from destroyed buildings.

We have also been told by Lebanese intelligence sources that U.S. and Israeli agents are attempting to foment strife among displaced internal Lebanese refugees against the central Lebanese government in an attempt to further destabilize Lebanese society. Much of this U.S. and Israeli-sponsored provocation among the internal refugees is being carried out by ex-Lebanese Forces militias loyal to convicted right-wing Phalangist war criminal Samir Geagea, a one-time follower of pro-Israeli Gen. Michel Aoun. Geagea, was freed from prison last year after a general amnesty and he moved to the Lebanese mountains, where he reportedly is now receiving direct CIA and Mossad support in his efforts to stir up violence among refugees. Among other crimes, Geagea was jailed for his role in the assassinations of Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami, Tony Franjeh, the son of Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh; and former President Camille Chamoun's son Danny, his wife, and two young sons. The destabilization of Lebanon is designed to spill violence across the border into Syria, thus justifying an Israeli-U.S. strike on that country.

U.S. ambassador to Lebanon Jeffrey Feltman, a neo-con ally of John Bolton, was confined to his embassy today as angry crowds demonstrating the Israeli massacre in Qana demonstrated in front of the embassy. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice canceled her trip to Beirut since her safety could not be assured by either the U.S. embassy or the Lebanese government.



CIA and Mossad stirring up pro-Israeli Phalangist forces in Lebanon to destabilize Lebanon and beyond.

July 30, 2006 -- The Israeli propaganda machine, backed by its corporate media adjuncts in the United States, is once again spinning the generality that Hezbollah forces are hiding among the civilian population in Lebanon, thus justifying the massacres of women and children stuck in the war zone without any means of escape. Israel's ambassador to the UN Dan Gillerman said today on *Meet the Press* that Hezbollah were using the 51 Lebanese, mostly women and children (including disabled children), killed by Israel today in the village of Qana were "human shields" taken by Hezbollah. Just as with the deliberate Israeli attack on a UN outpost in Khiyam that killed four UN blue helmet peacekeepers, Israel is blaming Hezbollah fighters as justification for Israel's policy of inflicting "collective punishment" on Lebanon. Collective punishment carried out by the Nazi leadership in occupied nations like France, Poland, and Czechoslovakia was considered a war crime by the War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany and earned a number of war criminals an appointment with the gallows.

Gillerman, who is a close friend and collaborator of US envoy to the UN John Bolton in trashing the UN system, pushed the story, as have other Israeli and Bush neo-con officials, that one of the Canadian peacekeepers killed by the Israelis, Major Paeta Hess-von Kruedener, sent emails complaining about Hezbollah using the Khiyam outpost as a shield from Israeli attack. The source of that story was retired Canadian Major General Lewis MacKenzie who spoke on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation about purported e-mails sent by a person conveniently not around any longer to confirm or deny their authenticity. MacKenzie echoing the major Israeli government and neo-con talking point on the deliberate attack on the UN facility said, "They [Hezbollah] use the UN as shields knowing that they can't be punished for it." However, the UN liaison officer to the Israeli Defense Force, Irish Lt. Col. John Molloy, warned Israeli forces six times before their deadly attack that their bombs were endangering lives at the outpost.

It is noteworthy to point out the political ties of MacKenzie. In 1997, after retiring from the Canadian military, MacKenzie stood as a Tory candidate for Parliament from Nova Scotia. He lost to the Liberal candidate. He also opposed the appointment of former General Romeo Dallaire as a Liberal Senator. In reality, MacKenzie is a neo-con supporter of the current fervently pro-Israeli and pro-Bush government of Tory Prime Minister Stephen Harper, which includes born-again "end times" fundamentalists like Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day and neo-cons with strong ties to Israel. On July 26, as he was spinning his e-mails story, MacKenzie spoke at a pro-Israel rally in Toronto sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal and the Canadian Jewish Congress that was attended by Israel's Consul General in Toronto.

As a UN peacekeeper in Bosnia, MacKenzie was accused of being biased in favor of the Serbs who were committing atrocities against Bosnian Muslims.



General MacKenzie -- source of UNIFIL e-mails story justifying Israeli attack on Khiyam UN outpost -- shills for Israel and the neo-con Tories in Canada.

A major currency of the global neo-cons is disinformation and misinformation. It was seen in the bogus Niger government documents shopped around the justify the attack on Iraq and the fake on-line resumes used to downplay the importance of the CIA's covert counter-proliferation company Brewster Jennings & Associates. Considering MacKenzie's rightwing politics, there is a definite odor surrounding the "e-mails" from the dead Canadian officer being used to justify Israel's attacks on the UN and civilians in Lebanon.

On July 18, Major Hess-von Kruedener sent a single email to CTV in Canada describing the situation in Lebanon. Nowhere did he state that Hezbollah was using the UN outpost for cover -- in fact the officer states, "I cannot give you any info on Hezbollah position":

"We have had a brief 'tactical pause' in the action here, so I am taking this opportunity to provide you some information on the situation here in south Lebanon. At the outset, I will provide you with a brief background on who I am, What the Org and Mission is here and then answer some of the bank of questions you provided.

Background

My name is Major Paeta Hess-von Kruedener, and I am an Infantry Officer with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, of the Canadian Forces. I was sent to this Mission (United Nations Truce and Supervision Organization - UNTSO) last October 05, and am currently serving as an unarmed Military Observer. I have now been stationed here in south Lebanon for Approximately nine months.

I am currently writing to you from the UN Patrol Base Khiam, which is situated approximately 10 km from the nexus of the Israeli, Lebanese and Syrian Borders. I am serving with Observer Group Lebanon, or OGL, and I am on Team Sierra. The Patrol Base is named after the village it is situated in, El Khiam, which sits on one of four ridges which dominates both the Hasbani River valley, which then changes to the Houla Valley when it crosses the Lebanon-Israel border 10 km to our south.

A Canadian soldier mans a guard tower at Camp Ziouani, Golan Heights, in 2002. Thousands of Canadians have served in this border region since 1958. (Photo: MCpl Frank Hudec, Canadian Forces Combat Camera)

The patrol base was initially an observation post and was built in 1972, but was later destroyed in 1976 during the fighting between the PLO and the South Lebanese Army (SLA). In 1978 it was rebuilt again and manned by elements of the Norwegian Battalion serving with UNIFIL. In 1980, Observer Group Lebanon (OGL) assumed responsibility for it. Historically, the area of the El Khiam and Hasbani valleys to the north and the Houla valley to the south have been the main axis for invasion in to Lebanon and Palestinian Territories.

Mission

The mission of Team Sierra and OGL within the greater context of UNTSO is to maintain the integrity of the Withdrawal Line (Blue Line), and report on any and all violations or activities that threaten the cease-fire and international peace and security here along the Lebanese/Israeli border, and Israeli Occupied Lebanon, and to support the UNSC resolution 1559, within our mission mandate.

Information Requested

(1) Currently, there are several nationalities that are here on the patrol base with me. I am serving with an Australian, Chinese, Finnish, Austrian, and Irish Officers. They come from various different backgrounds, levels of experience and services (Army, Navy and Air Force) from within their militaries.

(2) I have been here for nine months of a one-year tour of duty. Since I have arrived here in Lebanon, this current incident is the fourth I have seen and by far the most spectacular and intensive.

The first was 21 Nov 05, when the Hezbollah tried to capture IDF soldiers from an IDF observation position overlooking the Wazzani river near the town of Ghajjar on the Blue Line. This action was unsuccessful and resulted in the deaths of the Hezbollah raiding force.

On 01 Feb 06, a young shepherd boy was Killed by an IDF patrol near an abandon goat farm called Bastarra. Hassan Nasrallah (note: Hezbollah's leader) vowed that there would be consequences to this action. Team Sierra was tasked on 2 Feb 06, to assist in the investigation of the incident, and we sent one team to do so while the other team conducted its normal mobile patrolling activities.

On 03 Feb 06, a limited engagement took place initiated by the Hezbollah on several of the IDF defensive positions located in occupied Lebanon.

Then on 28 May, the Islamic Jihad (PLO) fired rockets from South Lebanon, into Israel, which elicited an immediate aerial bombardment of positions near our patrol base and in the Bekka valley.

(3) Our Team's normal operational activities are to plan, and execute daily vehicle and foot patrols of the Blue Line area within our area of responsibility. Unfortunately, with the current artillery and aerial bombing campaign being carried out by the IDF/IAF, it is not safe or prudent for us to conduct normal patrol activities. Currently, we are observing and reporting on all activities in our area of responsibility, with specific attention to activities along the Blue Line, which is clearly visible from our hilltop position.

(4) Team Sierra is currently observing both IDF/IAF and Hezbollah military clashes from our vantage point which has a commanding view of the IDF positions on the Golan mountains to our east and the IDF positions along the Blue Line to our south, as well as, most of the Hezbollah static positions in and around our patrol Base. It appears that the lion's share of fighting between the IDF and Hezbollah has taken place in our area. On the night of 16 July, at 2125 hrs, a large firefight broke out between the Hezbollah and the IDF near a village called Majidyde and lasted for one hour and 40 minutes.

(5) Based on the intensity and volatility of this current situation and the unpredictability of both sides (Hezbollah and Israel), and given the operational tempo of the Hezbollah and the IDF, we are not safe to venture out to conduct our normal patrol activities. We have now switched to Observation Post Duties and are observing any and all violations as they occur.

This is all the information of a non-tactical nature that I can provide you. I cannot give you any info on Hezbollah position, proximity or the amount of or types of sorties the IAF is currently flying. Suffice to say that the activity levels and operational tempo of both parties is currently very high and continuous, with short breaks or pauses. Please understand the nature of my job here is to be impartial and to report violations from both sides without bias. As an Unarmed Military Observer, this is my *raison d'être*.

What I can tell you is this: we have on a daily basis had numerous occasions where our position has come under direct or indirect fire from both artillery and aerial bombing. The closest artillery has landed within 2 meters of our position and the closest 1000 lb aerial bomb has landed 100 meters from our patrol base. This has not been deliberate targeting, but has rather been due to tactical necessity.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide you with some information from the front lines here in south Lebanon.

Maj Hess-von Kruedener"

Meanwhile, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns took to the Sunday talking head shows to continue to defend Israel's aggression against and collective punishment of Lebanon. From 1997 to 2001 Burns was U.S. ambassador to Greece. According to State Department insiders, while in Athens, Burns spent more time concerning himself with the embassy gardens and shrubbery than in tending to his diplomatic duties.



Bush point man on Middle East crisis spent more time tending his Athens embassy's gardens than tending to affairs of state.

July 29/30, 2006 -- First, it was a series of CIA prisoner rendition flights that used Glasgow, Scotland's Prestwick Airport as a stopover point. Now, the United States has been caught using Prestwick to ship GBU28 "bunker buster" bombs, laser-guided bombs, and other weapons to Israel for its military attacks on Lebanon and Gaza. The arms have been transported by two chartered A310 cargo planes from the United States via Prestwick to Tel Aviv. Bush "apologized" to his boy friend Tony Blair for not having the right "paperwork" prepared in advance for the hazardous arms flights through Scotland. Blair's spokesman in Washington told reporters, "President Bush did apologize for the fact that proper procedures were not followed . . . It was a gracious thing to do."

Blair overruled his own Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett by saying the arms flights would continue. Beckett had earlier condemned the flights and voice her opposition to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Blair's continuing support for Bush has earned him a severe backlash from members of his own Labor Party who had been vocal Blair supporters.

Members of the Scottish Parliament, particularly Scottish National Party members, are calling on the Scottish government to ban the U.S. flights from Scotland, a move that could result in a constitutional crisis between London and Edinburgh. Alex Salmond, the leader of the Scottish Nationalists, said, "called on the Labour-LibDem [Liberal Democrat] Scottish Executive to step back from its role as an accessory to the escalation of violence in the Middle East by using its own transport powers to prevent such flights and get behind the overwhelming calls from the rest of the world for an immediate ceasefire to the conflict."





Scotland threatens to overrule London on U.S. weapons flights to Israel.

July 29/30, 2006 -- The forgotten U.S. military intelligence deserter. Lt. Col. Jeremiah Matysse was a full-time Army Reserve officer who commanded the Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center at Camp Bullis in San Antonio, Texas. In 2000, after Matysse's wife alerted Army security personnel that her husband was having an extra-marital affair with an Israeli national named Rikki Nir, the Army re-assigned Matysse to the 90th Reserve Support Group in San Antonio. On August 8, 2000, Matysse failed to report for duty at his San Antonio unit. Matysse was no where near his San Antonio unit or Texas, he was in Mitzpeh Ramon in southern Israel. Matysse gambled that the Israeli government, which normally refuses to extradite its citizens to other countries to face criminal prosecution, would give him protection. U.S. intelligence, already burned by a major compromise of classified data by U.S. ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk (who had his security clearance suspended), was in no mood to play around with the defection of a U.S. military intelligence officer to Israel. The CIA and Pentagon immediately turned up the heat on the Israelis to return Matysse to the United States.

Born Curtis Banker, Jr., Matysse had converted from Catholicism to Habad Hasidic Judaism in ten years prior and was eligible to become an Israeli citizen. Matysse had, in fact, applied for Israeli citizenship shortly after his arrival in Israel. Nir and U.S. Army counter-intelligence officials believed that Matysse had passed "information" to Israel. During his career, Matysse had been stationed at U.S. intelligence posts in Fort Huachuca, Arizona; northern Virginia; Croatia; and South Korea.

The Jerusalem Post labeled Matysse the "convert spy." Later in August 2000, Matysse boarded a plane from Tel Aviv to Newark after being questioned in Petah Tikvah, near Tel Aviv, by special Israeli police from the International Crimes Unit and an intelligence official from the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv. Matysse's Israeli lawyer claimed his client was kidnapped by Israeli police and forcibly returned to the United States. But in a bizarre twist, Nir claimed that Matysse told her that he had crossed the Israeli border into Syria and spent time in Damascus before crossing back into Israel and being detained by Israeli police. Nir also claimed that Matysse, before his arrival in Israel, had mailed classified documents to Israel that he later placed in safety deposit boxes in a number of Israeli banks

Matysse was not charged with espionage but for being absent without leave and conduct unbecoming an officer. Some right-wing Israeli politicians demanded that Matysse not be returned to the United States without swapping him for jailed Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard. Matysse's punishment was rather light. He received non-judicial punishment from Fort Knox, Kentucky Commanding General Maj. Gen B. B. Bell and was ordered to the Fort Knox Regional Confinement Facility and he worked in the office of the Fort Knox Judge Advocate General as a legal aide, a strange assignment for someone who had violated Army regulations and, possibly, national security laws.



What top secrets went out the door from Camp Bullis to Israel in 2000?

Matysse's liaisons with the Israelis took place at the same time that hundreds of Israeli "art students" and "movers" were spotted casing U.S. military and other sensitive installations across the United States, particularly in Texas and Florida.

After his return to the United States, there was little follow-up news about Matysse.

July 28, 2006 -- Read the Editor's [OP ED today](#) on Joe Lieberman in the *Miami Herald*.

July 28, 2006 -- Countering the spin. Hezbollah sources have an entirely different story about the incident that triggered the Israeli attack on Lebanon. The counter-story lends credence to the pre-meditated nature of a plan that was hatched in a three-way meeting between Dick Cheney, Binyamin Netanyahu, and Natan Sharansky at an American Enterprise Institute conference in Colorado last month.

Hezbollah reports that on July 12, two Israeli Defense Force (IDF) troops were captured by Hezbollah after they entered Lebanese territory. Hezbollah put out feelers that they would entertain a prisoner swap, something that had occurred many times in the past. However, already looking for an incident on the Israeli-Lebanese border, the Israeli government dispatched a Merkava-2 tank into Lebanon to retrieve its two captured troops. The tank hit a land mine, killing four Israeli soldiers. *Haaretz* confirmed that the tank was destroyed by a mine and not in a Hezbollah attack.

The neo-con spin machine, including George W. Bush, claims that Hezbollah entered Israel in an unprovoked attack and kidnapped the two Israelis.



Israeli-Lebanese border incident pre-planned by Cheney and his Israeli friends at AEI conference in Colorado. The "Clean Break" road leads from Lebanon through Syria to Iran.

July 28, 2006 -- Tony Blair visiting George W. Bush while Laura remains far away in Alaska. The Washington "gaydar" is pinging wildly today as British Prime Minister Tony Blair pays a visit to George W. Bush while Laura Bush continues her vacation in Alaska. Condoleezza Rice, who has also been sexually linked to Mr. Bush, is in Asia and may travel once again to the Middle East.

Mrs. Bush was scheduled to deliver a luncheon address to students at an educational center today. There is more talk in the UK, especially among the gay community, about Blair's bi-sexuality. When he first campaigned for office, Blair received substantial support from the gay community and he once advocated teaching about homosexuality in the public schools, a proposal that faced bitter opposition from fellow Laborites and the Tory opposition.





Bush's idea of "triangulation?"

July 28, 2006 -- National Security Agency (NSA) whistleblower Russell Tice subpoenaed to testify. Release from the National Security Whistleblowers Coalition:

Government Begins its Witch Hunt Targeting Whistleblowers

On Wednesday, July 26, Russell Tice, former National Security Agency (NSA) intelligence analyst and a member of National Security Whistleblowers Coalition (NSWBC), was approached outside his home by two FBI agents who served him with a subpoena to testify in front of a federal grand jury. NSWBC has obtained a copy of the subpoena issued for Mr. Tice's testimony and is releasing it to the public for the first time. The subpoena directs Mr. Tice to appear before the jury on August 2, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the Eastern District of Virginia. Mr. Tice "will be asked to testify and answer questions concerning possible violations of federal criminal law." [[To view the subpoena click here](#)].

In response to the subpoena, Mr. Tice issued the following statement: "This latest action by the government is designed only for one purpose: to ensure that people who witness criminal action being committed by the government are intimidated into remaining silent." He continued: "To this date I have pursued all the appropriate channels to report unlawful and unconstitutional acts conducted [by the government] while I served as an intelligence officer with the NSA and DIA. It was with my oath as a US intelligence officer to protect and preserve the U.S. Constitution weighing heavy on my mind that I reported acts that I know to be unlawful and unconstitutional. The freedom of the American people cannot be protected when our constitutional liberties are ignored and our nation has decayed into a police state."

On December 22, 2005, the National Security Whistleblowers Coalition made public a request by Tice to report to Congress probable unlawful and unconstitutional acts by the government while he was an intelligence officer with NSA and DIA. In a press release, NSWBC urged the congress to hold hearings and let Mr. Tice testify. Mr. Tice, a responsible veteran intelligence officer, tried to use the so-called appropriate channels, including the United States Congress, to responsibly and lawfully disclose government wrongdoing.

"What we are seeing here is a government desperate to cover up its criminal and unconstitutional conduct. They now are going beyond the usual retaliation against whistleblowers who courageously come forward to report cases of government fraud, waste, abuse, and in some cases such as this one, criminal actions. Their old tactics of intimidation, gag orders, and firing, have not stopped an unprecedented number of whistleblowers from coming forward and doing the right thing. Desperate to prevent the public's right to know, they now are getting engaged in a witch hunt targeting these patriotic truth tellers." stated Sibel Edmonds, the Director of National Security Whistleblowers Coalition.

In addition, the timing of the subpoena appears to be more than a little suspect. On July 25, 2006, Judge Matthew Kennelly upheld the government's assertion of the state secrets privilege in *Terkel v. AT&T*. The crucial issue in the case was whether or not the government's program of surveillance had been publicly acknowledged, and Kennelly wrote "the focus should be on information that bears persuasive indication of reliability." If there were reliable public reports of the program then the fact of the program's existence could not be a state secret. Kennelly found that there were no reliable sources of public information about the contested program's existence sufficient to thwart the government's need for secrecy. In other words, the existence of the program had not been conclusively established, and the government therefore had a right to prevent probing into the matter. This stops a case that represented a serious threat to the Bush administration.

Professor William Weaver, NSWBC Senior Advisor, stated: "Russ Tice is the only publicly identified NSA employee connected to the *New York Times* in its December 2005 story publicizing warrantless Bush-ordered surveillance. Tice is also publicly perceived as someone who could authoritatively establish the existence of the program at issue in *Terkel*; Tice could remedy the defect in the plaintiff's case cited by Kennelly that allowed the government's assertion of the state secrets privilege to be successful. Later, on the same day Kennelly's opinion was filed, the Department of Justice sent out Tice's subpoena. The date on the subpoena is July 20th, before Kennelly's decision was filed, but the issue in the *Terkel* case was so pregnant that it would be easy for the government to anticipate the ruling and only issue the subpoena to Tice if necessary. It has now become necessary, and the government seems to be moving to put pressure on Tice not to reveal information that would confirm the electronic surveillance program at issue in *Terkel* by threatening him with investigation and possible indictment."

Ed. note: The venue of the grand jury that has subpoenaed Tice, the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria, is noteworthy. It indicates that Tice may merely be a witness and not a target in the investigation. NSA and DIA, where Tice worked, are in Maryland and the District of Columbia, respectively. Any case involving those agencies would be normally handled by the District Courts for Southern Maryland and the District of Columbia, respectively. However, when Porter Goss was CIA director, he stated he wanted to prosecute journalists who published what he considered classified information. The CIA is headquartered in Virginia and the US District Court for Eastern Virginia is considered a "rocket docket" for CIA legal matters.

It should also be noted that Tice was a witness for the defense in the Bush administration prosecution of former NSA "Iraqi shop" signals intelligence analyst Kenneth W. Ford, who was convicted in a joint FBI-NSA set-up operation for removing classified documents in broad daylight and under heavy security from an NSA facility to his home. That case was tainted by David Salem, a federal prosecutor with close links to neo-con operatives in the Bush administration. Ford authored an NSA signals intelligence report that called into question the presence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. That report ended up on the desk of Vice President Dick Cheney where it earned him the wrath of Cheney, Scooter Libby, and other neo-cons who were part of the White House Iraq Group (WHIG). Ford was sentenced to six years at the Federal Penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. The WHIG was the same group that targeted CIA non-official cover officer Valerie Plame Wilson and her husband, Ambassador Joseph Wilson.

Former NSA Director Gen. Michael Hayden, who oversaw the harassment of NSA employees during his tenure at Fort Meade, Maryland, is now CIA Director at headquarters in Langley, Virginia. Any CIA-initiated national security investigations would normally end up in the hands of the US District Court for Eastern Virginia, especially if the target(s) is(are) residents of the court's eastern Virginia jurisdiction. Tice is a resident of Maryland.



Russell Tice, ex-NSA analyst, subpoenaed by grand jury in Alexandria, Virginia

July 27, 2006 -- As recessed-appointed US Ambassador to the UN John Bolton's name comes before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today for confirmation today, comes word from UN sources that Bolton's tenure at the UN has been marked by spying on UN staff, other missions to the UN, and journalists assigned to cover the UN. Bolton has not only turned the US Mission to the UN into a virtual neo-con nest in the middle of Manhattan but an operation that works hand-in-glove on all UN matters with the Israeli Mission to the UN. Bolton's staff also reportedly uses journalists with Fox News and other neo-con media outlets to identify and harass journalists from news organizations at the UN that do not kowtow to the neo-con party line. Bolton's tenure at the State Department

was also marked by his illegal use of domestic National Security Agency wiretaps to intimidate his adversaries at the State Department, including then-Secretary of State Colin Powell.



One time Manhattan's Plato's Retreat sex club customer and voyeur John Bolton: Now spying on and intimidating UN staff, diplomats, and journalists.

Bolton has also reportedly let it be known that he is using his UN ambassadorship as a stepping stone for the Secretary of State position in what he views as a Republican administration following that of George W. Bush. Bolton has also worked closely with US ambassador to Lebanon Jeffrey Feltman, especially in past Iraq-related operations involving the Pentagon's Office of Special Plans. Feltman reportedly views himself as a natural to replace Bolton at the UN in a post-Bush Republican administration. (See article below on Feltman).

July 27, 2006 -- U.S. faces military involvement in Lebanon. Just as it has occurred in the United States, the Israeli government disregarded advice from its former top military and intelligence officials about engaging in a bloody invasion and occupation of Lebanon. The neo-cons in the Bush administration similarly ignored advice from retired senior U.S. military and intelligence officers about invading and occupying Iraq. According to *Haaretz*, Israeli Major General Uri Sagi, the former chief of Israeli military intelligence, stated that a 1992, he and other military officers warned Chief of Staff (and later Prime Minister) Gen. Ehud Barak not to attack Beirut when Israel faced attacks by Hezbollah units. Instead, Sagi, Barak, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin decided the best course of action was to open up discreet negotiations with both Hezbollah and Syria to defuse the crisis. The policy of secret Israeli talks with Hezbollah through Syria continued until Rabin's assassination by a right-wing Israeli extremist and the policy was personally supported by President Bill Clinton.



Retired Israeli military intelligence chief, Gen. Uri Sagi, got the same treatment that his U.S. colleagues received: a cold shoulder from the neo-cons. Sagi joins Shinseki, Zinni, and other U.S. generals among the ranks of those who said, "I told you so."

However, under the neo-con "Clean Break" initiative, Rabin supporters have been largely purged from the Israeli military and intelligence establishment and the current Kadima government unwisely adopted the policies of the Likud Party's chief provocateurs, Binyamin Netanyahu and Natan Sharansky, both of whom maintain close ties with Vice President Dick Cheney, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, and such neo-con facilitators as Richard Perle, Michael Ledeen, and Elliott Abrams. Abrams accompanied Condoleezza Rice on her window dressing trip to Lebanon and Israel.

Word from the war front is that Israel has bitten off more than it can chew. Facing 100,000 battle-hardened Hezbollah militia members, now reportedly being reinforced with U.S.-armed volunteers from Iraq's Shi'a militias, including Muqtada al Sadr's Mahdi Brigade, Israel is already talking about a temporary face-saving disengagement from Lebanon until U.S. military reinforcements arrive to bolster Israeli forces. The Israeli attacks on Lebanese civilians and UN peacekeepers has resulted in strong diplomatic pressure being applied on Israel from a number of nations, with the notable exception of the United States, Britain, and Canada, all infiltrated at the top levels with neo-con agents of influence.

Former members of Israel's intelligence community have also criticized the Ehud Olmert government for acting too hastily in the attack on Lebanon. For example, Israeli intelligence was unaware of Hezbollah's possession of Chinese-made C-802 anti-ship missiles, one of which took out an advanced SAAR-5 missile boat off Lebanon's coast. There is also word that Israel was not aware that Hezbollah may possess longer-range missiles capable of reaching deeper inside Israel, some as far south as Beersheba and the Israeli nuclear weapons facility at Dimona.



Guess whose coming to dinner with Hezbollah in Lebanon? U.S.-armed Mahdi Brigade from Iraq.

The Israeli attack on Lebanon already involves joint U.S.-Israeli war rooms and the involvement of U.S. military logistics and intelligence personnel operating from U.S. airbases in Israel. It is expected that U.S. military involvement will grow as Israeli forces continue to face stiff resistance from Hezbollah and its allies arriving from Iraq.

There are also reports that U.S. ambassador to Lebanon Jeffrey Feltman, someone with close ties to the neo-cons in Washington, had engaged in threatening the Lebanese government if it proceeded with its investigation of the involvement of Israel's Mossad in the assassination of top Lebanese leaders in an effort to destabilize Lebanon. With prior knowledge of Israel's and America's attack plans on Lebanon, Feltman was more interested in threatening Lebanon with a cut off in U.S. aid for releasing the report on Israel's assassination of Lebanese leaders than in preparing his embassy for the evacuation of U.S. citizens from Lebanon. President Emile Lahoud, Prime Minister Fouad Siniora, and Lebanese security chiefs were prepared to present their report on Israeli assassinations of their leaders to UN special investigator Serge Brammertz on Israel's involvement in the car bombing murders of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, Member of Parliament Elie Hobeika, and former Lebanese Communist Party chief George Hawi. Assassination of prominent Hezbollah politicians, including Ali Saleh, were also carried out by Mossad-led teams. On June 13, the Lebanese Army released a statement claiming, "The army arrested a terrorist cell working for Israel's Mossad, and its members admitted responsibility for the May 26 [2006] attack that killed Mahmud al-Majzoub and his brother." Majzoub was an official of Islamic Jihad. WMR reported last year that the Israelis and Americans hired rogue Syrian intelligence agents to carry out the bombings in Lebanon of Hariri, Hobeika, Hawi, and others in an attempt to destabilize Lebanon in phase one of launching the "Clean Break." According to a top U.S. diplomat, the Lebanese assassination operations were carried out with the full knowledge of Karl Rove and Elliott Abrams, acting under the authority of the National Security Council. It has now been reported that Mossad's rogue Syrian assassination cell in Lebanon was supplemented by a Druze and a Palestinian. The Druze is in Lebanese custody while the Palestinian has disappeared.



U.S. ambassador to Lebanon Feltman (l.) more interested in threatening Lebanon for its investigation of Hariri (r.) assassination than in planning the evacuation of U.S. citizens from Lebanon.

July 27, 2006 -- A little known goal of "A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm," written by Richard Perle, Paul Wolfowitz, Douglas Feith, and David Wurmser in 1996 and being pushed by Binyamin Netanyahu, was the dismemberment of Iraq after the overthrow of Saddam Hussein. Already, Kurdistan is functioning as a quasi-independent state. With Shi'as and Sunnis now evacuating mixed neighborhoods in Baghdad, the ground is being set, with White House encouragement, for the establishment of a Sunni state in central Iraq, west of the Tigris (including western Baghdad), and a pro-Iran Shia state in the east (including East Baghdad, east of the Tigris, running alongside the Iranian border to Basra in the south. An independent Kurdistan will invite a military attack by Turkey, while the Sunni state will be a U.S. puppet beholden to financial aid from Wahhabi-led Saudi Arabia.



"Clean Break" being carried out: Israeli and U.S.-planned dismemberment of Iraq into Kurdistan, western Sunni Iraq, and eastern/southern Shi'a Iraq in full swing. Left to right: Flag of Kurdistan being waved alongside Israeli and U.S. flags; Iraqi Shi'a coat of arms, flag of "unified" Iraqi government whose authority does not extend beyond the Green Zone in Baghdad.

July 27, 2006 -- On July 19, WMR reported that two on-line resumes, in which individuals claimed to have been employees of Valerie Plame Wilson's cover firm, Brewster Jennings & Associates, were frauds. The two resumes were concocted during last March's American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) conference in Washington when Scooter Libby's friends gathered to form his legal defense fund. The phony resumes were an attempt by Libby's friends in the AIPAC disinformation community to insinuate that Brewster Jennings was a well-known operation and that many other ex-employees had admitted to their relationship with the firm. Now comes word from [Indymedia](#) that one of the resume subjects, Robert Ellman, an American lawyer in the Czech Republic, admitted that his resume was posted on the Internet by a "friend" as a hoax. The other resume, that of Jean Edwards, a Washington, DC attorney, had a reference to "Brewster Jennings" removed by her law firm after it, along with that of Ellman, was cited in a suspicious on-line article by a Carolyn Kuhn that originated in Boston at the time of the AIPAC meeting. Boston is a hotbed for organizations that both intimidate the media about coverage of Middle East events and disseminate disinformation.



Brewster Jennings & Associates mail drop at 101 Arch Street, Boston. Informed sources say the CIA firm outed by Robert Novak and his White House sources had no more than 5 to 7 "employees" that did not include the two who had the company listed on phony resumes ginned up by neo-con operatives.

James Bamford has an excellent article in the current issue of *Rolling Stone* on the neo-conservative disinformation group that, under the guidance of Israeli intelligence, has wormed itself into the highest echelons of the U.S. government.

July 27, 2006 -- U.S. State Department sources say yesterday's meeting in Dushanbe, Tajikistan between Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmedinejad, Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai, and Tajikistan President Imomali Rakhmonov is the first step in forging a Persian-speaking alliance of nations against a possible U.S. attack on Iran. Two of the languages spoken in Afghanistan -- Dari and Tajik -- are related to Farsi, the Persian language. The meeting is said to have grown out of last month's summit in Shanghai of the Chinese and Russian-led Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), a group that also includes ex-Soviet central Asian states and which is being formed as a counter-weight to neo-con American plans to globally dominate the planet. Iran, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Mongolia, the Commonwealth of Independent States, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) are all observers at SCO.

Karzai's shaky position in Afghanistan is increasingly reliant on war lords, some of whom have been allied in the past with the Taliban. The United States is increasingly shifting its attention from Afghanistan to Iraq, Lebanon, and impending military action against Syria and Iran. Any U.S. and/or Israeli action against Iran will result in U.S. and NATO forces being put in extreme jeopardy in Afghanistan as Karzai and his warlord allies shift their allegiance to Iran and the SCO alliance.



Hamid Karzai (third from right) at Shanghai summit last month with Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan (fourth from right) and Mahmoud Ahmedinejad (fifth from right). Karzai is increasingly looking to Iran and a Persian-speaking alliance to save his regime during a time when Washington is threatening Iran and turning its attention from Afghanistan to points west.

July 27, 2006 -- Laura Bush ditches George, heads north to Alaska. The following was posted today by Douglas Yates on [Fairbanks Open Radio](#):

"According to an informed sources, Laura Bush is vacationing in Denali National Park. It's Laura's secret adventure; she's flying solo. George was not invited. The president's wife arrived Sunday and dined at '229,' near Carlo Creek. On Monday, she toured the park's visitor center, although her visit was without the usual fanfare. There was no public announcement. Few, if any, of the park's multitudes took notice. The LL Bean-clad secret service detail appeared more visible than their charge. All visitor center employees were instructed via memo to look their best. Laura then traveled, presumably via helicopter, to one of Kantishna's high-end resorts. On Friday, she's scheduled at a luncheon at the Murie Science and Learning Center, where she'll meet a group of university students. Denali National Park offers Laura a cool respite from the rigors of Washington, D.C. in July. And given the rumors that are swirling around her marriage, it's as far away from George as one can get and not leave the country."

WMR previously reported that the First Lady and Mr. Bush were having marital problems as a result of an ongoing affair between Mr. Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Perhaps Mrs. Bush will find out first hand about the ravages of global warming in the Arctic during her visit to Alaska and tell her mentally retarded husband that global warming is not "silly science."



Laura Bush: North to Alaska (without Dubya).

July 27, 2006 -- U.S. Park Police continues its purge of those who refuse to goose step in unison with the Bush administration.

From former U.S. Park Police Chief Teresa Chambers: "On Wednesday, July 26, 2006, the Director of the National Park Service, Fran Mainella, announced her resignation. With her departure, every person in my chain of command who was involved in the illegal acts taken against me has left or has been moved to a non-operational position. You can read more about Fran's departure and its implications for my case on the home page of www.HonestChief.com under the headline, "One by One, They Have Fallen.""

July 27, 2006 -- The theft of computers containing personal information continues without a whimper from the Bush administration. The two most recent thefts are two U.S. Navy laptops stolen from a U.S. Navy recruiting office in New Jersey. The computers contained personal information, including Social Security Numbers, on 31,000 Navy recruiters and recruits. The thefts reportedly occurred between June and July.

July 27, 2006 -- The Bush administration is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by authorizing the Defense Department to pay \$1 million to a former Special Forces legal adviser to find ways to limit FOIA and rein in state freedom of information acts to comply with a much more restrictive Federal access to information policy. The Pentagon is paying Dr. Jeffrey Addicott's St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas the million dollars to find out new ways for the federal government to classify previously open government information in the name of protecting it from access by "terrorists." Pentagon funding for the FOIA scale-back program is being laundered through the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, New York. Addicott's mission is to create a model designed to prevent the public and the media from having access to currently public federal and state government information, including information on environmental hazards and homeland security information. Addicott, as previously reported by WMR, has been associated with neo-confederate causes, including the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The *Detroit Free Press* wrote in an editorial yesterday, "Information is power, and in this nation, ultimate power is supposed to rest with the people, not the public officials who are temporary custodians of the records. Instead of spending a million bucks to figure out what else can be kept secret, the federal government instead ought to reaffirm the public's right to know. That wouldn't cost a thing."

July 26, 2006 -- Our intelligence sources report that the Israeli Defense Force attack on Lebanon is being carried out as a joint Israeli-U.S. military operation. Moreover, there are joint Israeli and U.S. war rooms coordinating the U.S.-supported Israeli attacks on Lebanon. The ultimate aim of Washington and Jerusalem is not only to eliminate Hezbollah as a political force in Lebanon but also to remake Lebanon as an American and Israeli client state. Israeli forces are pounding parts of Lebanon, especially in the north, where there are no Hezbollah units and primarily Christian populations. In addition, Israeli forces are being aided by the Bush administration with high-resolution overhead imagery from U.S. spy satellites and signals intelligence (SIGINT) intercepts from National Security Agency assets, including SIGINT satellites.



Bush administration assisting Israeli Defense Force attack on Lebanon with overhead imagery and signals intelligence intercepts.

The result of U.S. intelligence support for Israel is directly linked to the targeting of particular locations, including the Israeli launch of 24 high-explosive missiles on a block of ten buildings in south Beirut. The entire block was leveled in the attack. The deliberate Israeli attack on a United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) outpost in southern Lebanon was the result of that post gaining information of Israeli atrocities committed against the civilian Lebanese population. The Israeli attack, called deliberate by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, killed blue helmet peacekeepers from China, Finland, Canada, and Austria. Israeli continued to attack the UN post even as rescuers attempted to locate survivors in the rubble of the building. The deliberate 1967 Israeli attack on the *USS Liberty*, an NSA spy ship monitoring communications during the Arab-Israeli Six Day War, was the result of the *Liberty* intercepting Israeli communications on the massacre by Israeli forces of surrendering Egyptian prisoners of war in Sinai. Israeli planes continued to attack the ship, even after it raised a large American flag. U.S. Navy and NSA survivors in the water were also strafed by Israeli aircraft.

July 26, 2006 -- Israel's deliberate attack on a UN peacekeeping outpost in southern Lebanon represents a new departure in Israel's war against Lebanon. The attack is being called a mistake by the Israeli government and its Bush administration patrons. Unconfirmed US ambassador to the UN John Bolton is a known opponent of the UN system, having once called for the destruction of the top ten floors of the UN Secretariat Building in New York. The US and Israeli Missions to the UN, always working in complete lockstep, are now spinning that the Israeli attack on the UN outpost was because Hezbollah placed weapons near the facility.

The last time UN peacekeepers were deliberately targeted was in 1994 when 10 Belgian blue helmets assigned to the UN Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR) were savagely murdered by rampaging Hutus after the shoot down of the presidential aircraft carrying the Hutu Presidents of Rwanda and Burundi by members of U.S.-supported Paul Kagame's Rwanda Patriotic Army forces. In 2005, Congolese guerrillas killed nine MONUC Bangladeshi and one Nepali UN peacekeepers in Ituri province. In 1976, two US Army soldiers operating under UN aegis were hacked to death by North Korean troops at the demilitarized zone's Panmunjom "truce village." In none of these cases was it proven that the assaults on the UN troops were carried out with the knowledge of the governments concerned.



As UNIFIL peacekeepers were assisting in the evacuation of civilians from Lebanon, one of their headquarters in Khyyam, Lebanon was bombed by Israel, killing four blue helmets.

The UN currently maintains peacekeepers around the world who have not faced deliberate attacks by UN member states. These include UN missions in Western Sahara (MINURSO), the Ethiopian-Eritrean border (UNMEE), Liberia (UNMIL), Burundi (ONUB), Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI), Sudan (UNMIS), Haiti (MINUSTAH), Kashmir (UNMOGIP), Cyprus (UNFICYP), Georgia-Abkhazia (UNOMIG), the Golan Heights (UNDOF), and Kosovo (UNMIK). UNOMIG is now under threat by a Georgian invasion force, backed by U.S. "advisers," that entered the Kodori Gorge in Abkhazia. The Georgian military move, condemned by Russia, follows by a few weeks President Bush's meeting in Washington with Georgian neo-con President Mikhail Saakashvili. The Kodori Gorge is only 20 miles from Sukhumi, the Abkhazian capital. Any further movement by Georgian forces and their U.S. advisers risks a military confrontation with Russian troops in Abkhazia.

July 26, 2006 -- Christian televangelist huckster Pat Robertson has announced plans to build a 500-acre shopping and residential complex near his Virginia Beach-based Regent University. The complex, called Blenheim Park, is slated to include two hotels, a movie theater, a department store, and a gated community with high-end condominiums and single homes. It is estimated that Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network and "Operation Blessing," both tax-exempt religious organizations, would earn some \$20 million per year from the complex.

Robertson, who has called for the assassination of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and the nuclear bombing of the U.S. State Department, has engaged in similar questionable business deals in the past. He was involved in a joint gold mining project with former Liberian dictator Charles Taylor, who now awaits an international trial for war crimes, and a diamond mining project with Zaire's late dictator Mobutu Sese Seko.



The only "light" Pat Robertson ever sees is a big green one with dollar signs flashing on it.

Robertson, who is grooming his son Gordon to eventually assume control of his tax dodging business contrivances, is a prime example of why the U.S. government should phase out tax deductions for churches and other religious institutions.

July 26, 2006 -- Yet another theft of data has been reported. Lower Southampton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania police reported that two Cingular employees had two lap top computers, valued at \$9000, stolen from their two locked and parked cars in a restaurant parking lot. Although it is not clear what kind of data was contained in the two computers, previous "smash and grab" thefts of lap top computers from cars resulted in the loss of tens of thousands of files containing personal customer data, including sensitive financial data. The theft of personal data continues at breakneck speed, with the FBI paying only lip service to the largest theft of computer data in the history of computer security. [Data theft chart has been updated.](#)



July 25, 2006 -- The unprecedented theft of massive amounts of personal data continues. WMR has previously reported that the thefts are part of a covert U.S. intelligence operation aimed at populating the databases of the re-activated Total Information Awareness surveillance system. Recently, *Newsday* reported that personal data on over a half million New Yorkers who filed claims to a special workers' compensation fund managed by the state's Workers Compensation Board is missing after a state personal computer maintained by CS Stars, a claims management contractor that is a subsidiary of Marsh, Inc., was reported missing. The data included Social Security Numbers. [Our data theft chart](#) has been updated to show this latest theft.



July 25, 2006 -- On July 22, WMR first reported that white phosphorous, a substance that burns through the skin of its victims, was being used against Lebanese civilians, including children, by Israeli forces. Yesterday, Reuters reported the following in a July 24 dateline from Paris: "Lebanon's president accused Israel on Monday of using phosphorous bombs in its 13-day offensive and urged the United Nations to demand an immediate ceasefire." CNN also reported on the use of white phosphorous by Israel.



In October 1992, an El Al cargo Boeing 747 crashed into this apartment building in Amsterdam Bijlmermeer [edit correction]. Some one thousand people in the vicinity complained of health problems after the crash. It was later revealed by Dutch and Israeli sources that El Al Flight 1862 was transporting precursor chemical weapons substances to Israel from the United States, including dimethyl methylphosphonate, hydrofluoric acid, and isopropanol, in addition to depleted uranium.

July 25, 2006 -- More proof emerges of GOP dirty tricks against Cynthia McKinney. The GOP and their media trolls in Georgia are attempting to limit voter turnout in the August 8 primary by telling voters that if they did not vote in the July 18th primary, they cannot vote in the August 8th runoff election. This Jim Crow-era attempt to interfere with the election has all the hallmarks of Karl Rove. In addition, the Republicans are filling Hank Johnson's (McKinney's opponent) coffers with cash. Johnson is seen as a "Republican" and a person who will not question the Bush administration on anything substantial. Of course, true to form, DailyKos supports Johnson and his thinly-veiled GOP agenda as the information gatekeepers and perception managers they are. Visit the [McKinney campaign website](#).



In Georgia 4th District, its a return to yesteryear and Jim Crow -- and some so-called Democrats are in on it (also a return to yesteryear).

July 25, 2006 -- "Suicide" claims another official involved with Enron case. Former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas and member of President Bush's Corporate Fraud Task Force Michael T. Shelby, 47, shot himself to death at his home in northwest Houston on July 18, according to Houston police. The police immediately ruled out foul play in the suicide death of Shelby who served as chief U.S. prosecutor in Houston from 2001 to 2005 when he joined the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski where he worked on corporate fraud cases. Shelby was reported to be suffering from cancer. Shelby first worked for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Houston in 1989, moved to Phoenix, and in 2001 returned to Houston to take the U.S. Attorney's job. More interestingly, Shelby, as U.S. Attorney, recused himself from investigating those involved in the Enron scandal, including Ken Lay, Jeffrey Skilling, and Andrew Fastow. In January 2002, former Enron Vice Chairman Cliff Baxter allegedly shot himself to death in his car near his Houston home. Former Enron Chairman Ken Lay died suddenly of a heart attack earlier this month in Aspen, Colorado.



Enron-related body count continues to pile up.

July 25, 2006 -- Guest Column:

The Secrets Behind 'State Secrets': How Turkey's Mafia-like 'Deep State' (and its Neocon Friends) Penetrated the American Government

By Mike Mejia

French filmmaker Mathieu Verbois is set to release a new documentary for European television this fall, which will reveal important new insights into the case of former FBI translator and president of the National Security Whistleblower's Coalition Sibel Edmonds. Edmonds, a Turkish-American whose wrongful termination lawsuit was suppressed by the government's invocation of the all-too-common "state secrets privilege", reported to her superiors espionage and deliberate mistranslations on the part of fellow Turkish translator, Melek Can Dickerson. It seems Ms. Dickerson had relationships with targets of FBI investigation working at the Turkish Embassy and the American Turkish Council, a fact which meant that anything she translated was likely to be false. However, instead of receiving a promotion for bringing Ms. Dickerson's espionage to the attention of her bosses, Edmonds was fired after she went in frustration to the U.S. Senate. The FBI refused to investigate Edmonds' claims, at least in part, because the contract linguist had discovered quite a messy scandal: the content of the mistranslated documents revealed that some very powerful people in the U.S. government, including House Speaker Dennis Hastert, were connected to foreign organized crime. Even worse, these foreign criminals connected to the high and mighty in the U.S. were also connected internationally, through the heroin trade and associated money laundering, to international terrorist organizations like al Qaeda.

Okay, take a deep breath and take a step back: it's not a pretty picture. According to what we know so far from Sibel Edmonds' many interviews and from the groundbreaking story on her case from *Vanity Fair*, "An Inconvenient Patriot", Edmonds found that within the U.S. a nest of Turkish spies, some working at the Turkish embassy, others affiliated with namely the Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA), the American Turkish Associations (ATA) and the American Turkish Council (ATC), were involved in espionage, bribery, illegal lobbying, drug trafficking and the infiltration of U.S. nuclear research labs. Separately, from a former CIA Counterterrorism official, Phillip Giraldi, who himself was once based in Turkey, we know that some arms sales meant for Turkey and Israel were actually meant for resale to countries like China and India - and perhaps even to international terrorists- using fake end-user certificates. So we have Turkish nationals at the Embassy and NGOs stealing U.S. secrets for sale to the highest bidder, re-selling arms meant for Turkey, bringing in drugs from Europe, and pouring money into bribes and lobbying activities.

To understand how these activities fit together- Americans must first understand what Europeans call the Turkish 'deep state'. In 1996, a car crash in a town called Susurluk revealed "link between politics, organized crime and the bureaucracy" in Turkey. As it turns out, its crippled economy in the 1990s meant Turkey had become the European equivalent of Colombia- a state almost completely dependent on the Turkish mafia and by extension, the Southwest Asian heroin trade. Which is where the Turkish 'deep state' comes in- it becomes very difficult to determine where the 'government' ends and the 'mafia' begins. What we do know from Sibel Edmonds and other sources is this: Turkey's secular establishment, including the Turkish military and intelligence services (MIT), as well as political parties associated with former Prime Minister Tansu Ciller, appear to have been more connected to the Turkish mafia than the Turkish Islamic parties that Washington abhors. Furthermore, it appears from reading into some of Edmonds' statements that the Turkish mafia was partnered with Osama Bin Laden's al Qaeda network in the drug trade- meaning Turkey's secular establishment was more connected to al Qaeda- pre/9-11- than were the Islamists in Turkey. Which is quite ironic, to say the least.

If you think this story sounds too convoluted to be true, and you feel the instinct to dismiss Edmonds' claims, think again. Every investigation into the whistleblower's charges - from the Senate Judiciary Committee to the Department of Justice's Inspector General Report, has found that Edmonds' story is corroborated within the FBI, which means her translations, not those of Melek Can Dickerson, were the correct ones. This also means that the aforementioned Turkish organizations, and certain Turkish diplomats, were indeed under FBI investigation. And all this put together means that people like Dennis Hastert probably were - and perhaps still are - on the payroll of Turkish 'deep state' interests.

A recent article published in the U.K. *Guardian* about the well-connected Kurdish Baybasin clan also gives important backing to the former translator's story. The article details how Europe's "Pablo Escobar", Huseyin Baybasin, has "alleged that he had received the assistance of Turkish embassies and consulates while moving huge consignments of drugs around Europe, and that Turkish army officers serving with NATO in Belgium were also involved." This information, of course, dovetails most precisely with what Sibel Edmonds has been hinting at for over 3 years now; that targets of FBI investigations linked with the Turkish embassy and Turkish organizations were involved in narcotics trafficking. It is clear the Baybasin gang and the secular factions in Turkey had a seemingly symbiotic relationship, with the government providing the traffickers diplomatic passports and thus free reign to travel around the world without fear of prosecution. Also involved in the scandalous Turkish drug running are the very notorious, Pope-killing Grey Wolves, a fascist organization connected to human rights abuses in Turkey.

As for who else besides Hastert might have been on the payroll of Mr. Baybasin and friends- we turn next to the Executive Branch. In an interview with Chris Deliso of antiwar.com, Edmonds hinted at key roles played by some

powerful unelected officials-important neoconservatives like Marc Grossman of the State Department, and Richard Perle and Douglas Feith, formerly of the Defense Department. If we hit the rewind button and go back to a CBS '60 Minutes' interview in October, 2002, we remember the ex-contract linguist stated that Turkish targets of FBI investigation had spies inside the U.S. State Department and at the Pentagon in order to "obtain the United States military and intelligence secrets." It doesn't take a genius to conclude that Grossman, Feith and Perle might have been the persons to whom she was referring in 2002. Furthermore, the language specialist has repeatedly stated in past interviews that investigations into pre-9/11 terrorist financing activities were blocked "per State Department request", leaving open the question whether it was Mr. Grossman, then Undersecretary of State for European Affairs, who actively hindered investigations into the Turkey-Bin Laden link.

Perle and Feith are an interesting case in this hidden scandal. Their consultancy, International Advisors (IA), has done extensive work for the Republic of Turkey, though it is questionable who is paying the invoices. Ms. Edmonds rhetorically asked the question of Phoenix radio personality Charles Goyette in January 2006, "For what [were they paid]?" One could imagine, hypothetically, that passing state secrets might be one "service" provided to the Turkish mafia/government by IA. But would Perle and Feith have gone beyond that? Would they have introduced the Turkish mafia types to Denny Hastert, and counseled "deep state" interests in how to skirt U.S. campaign finance laws? After all, the Turks were reported to have made their initial payments from 1996-1998 through "unitemized (less than \$200) contributions", after which they allegedly delivered suitcases of cash to the Speaker's front door. Someone had to teach them the intricacies of campaign finance law: was it IA? What we do know is that Perle was a key architect of the Israeli/Turkish alliance forged in the late 90s, and that Edmonds case also is connected to the AIPAC spy scandal- leaving lots of room for speculation on how the rest of the story pans out.

As messy and ugly as this, for lack of a better phrase, "Turkish DeepState Gate" scandal appears, the consequences of continuing to do nothing about it- of allowing the government's outrageous use of 'state secrets' to insure Dennis Hastert, Richard Perle, Douglas Feith, Marc Grossman and others are never investigated, could be horrific. Ms. Edmonds plans to take petitions to the Senate Judiciary Committee in the coming months to finally force full and open hearings on her case. She will try to do the type of lobbying that does not involve foreign bribery or ill-gotten gains. This will be the simple type of petitioning guaranteed of every citizen in the Constitution under the First Amendment, a long forgotten portion of the Bill of Rights. Americans aware of the situation can only hope, and do everything in their power to insure, that Ms. Edmonds' type of lobbying prevails.

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American media is failing to report that the Israeli attacks on Lebanon and Gaza, like the U.S. attacks in Iraq, are violations of the Fourth Geneva Convention and Additional Protocols governing military attacks on civilians by governments that are parties to the conventions:

- Civilians are not to be subject to attack. This includes direct attacks on civilians and indiscriminate attacks against areas in which civilians are present.
- There is to be no destruction of property unless justified by military necessity.
- Warring parties must not use or develop biological or chemical weapons

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