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## THE NEWS

April 2, 2006 -- Curious George's abrupt schedule change. Last week, George W. Bush abruptly changed his travel schedule to attend the North American Summit in Cancun, Mexico. Originally, Bush was to depart for Cancun on Thursday, March 30 after appearing at the annual Washington egoist event, the Radio & Television Correspondents' Association dinner, held on the evening of Wednesday, March 29. Instead, Vice President Dick Cheney was tapped to speak at the dinner after Bush decided to leave a day early for Cancun. There was an obvious problem with George W. Bush attending an affair at the Washington Hilton Hotel on the eve of March 30. This March 30th was the 25th anniversary of the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan by Bush family friend John Hinckley Jr. The juxtaposition of the 25th anniversary with Bush at the very same hotel where a family friend

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*May 27, 2005*

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tried to kill the president, thus ensuring his father's ascendancy to the presidency, may have dredged up some long forgotten links between the Bushes and Hinckleys.

The death of Ronald Reagan would have propelled George H. W. Bush into the presidency in 1981, placing the nation into the hands of the Bush family eight years earlier. Scott Hinckley and Neil Bush were to have dinner on March 31, 1981, but the dinner was canceled.



Dubya didn't want to be anywhere near the "Hinckley Hilton" on March 30. Cancun was as close as necessary.

The connections between the Bushes and Hinckleys were highlighted in the *Houston Post* on March 31, 1981:

"Houston, AP, March 31, 1981: The family of the man charged with trying to assassinate President Reagan is acquainted with the family of Vice President George Bush and had made large contributions to his political campaign, the *Houston Post* reported today.

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The newspaper said in a copyright story, Scott Hinckley, brother of John W. Hinckley Jr., who allegedly shot Reagan, was to have dined tonight in Denver at the home of Neil Bush, one of the vice president's sons.

The newspaper said it was unable to reach Scott Hinckley, vice president of his father's Denver-based firm, Vanderbilt Energy Corp., for comment. Neil Bush lives in Denver, where he works for Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.

In 1978, Neil served as campaign manager for his brother, George W. Bush, the vice president's oldest son, who made an unsuccessful bid for Congress. Neil lived in Lubbock throughout much of 1978, where John Hinckley lived from 1974 through 1980.

On Monday, Neil Bush said he did not know if he had ever met 25-year-old John Hinckley.

"I have no idea," he said. "I don't recognize any pictures of him. I just wish I could see a better picture of him.

Sharon Bush, Neil's wife, said Scott Hinckley was coming to their house as a date of a girl friend of hers. "I don't even know the brother. From what I know and I've heard, they [the Hinckleys] are a very nice family and have given a lot of money to the Bush campaign. The dinner was canceled, she added.

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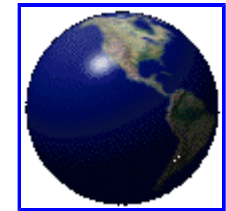
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**George W. Bush said he was unsure whether he had met John W. Hinckley."**

Of course, there are many things that George W. Bush does not remember. And, as with Bush's recent summits in India and Pakistan, the Cancun meeting was a disaster. The "Three Amigos" -- Bush, Vicente Fox, and Stephen Harper -- are now known as two lame ducks (Bush and Fox) and a dead duck (Harper).

April 1, 2006 -- Apparently, the U.S. military's policy prohibiting gays from serving does not extend to George W. Bush's senior White House staff. Well-placed White House insiders report that newly-appointed White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten would be ineligible from serving in the military under its current policy. Considering Bush's "base," this could be much more problematic for Bush than Walter Jenkins was for President Lyndon Johnson. The revelations about Johnson aide Jenkins in 1964 had no effect on that year's election. Johnson won in a landslide over Barry Goldwater, who refused to make Jenkins an issue. However, with polls showing the Republicans losing the Congress to the Democrats this year, any fracture in Bush's Christian conservative base could have disastrous electoral consequences for the GOP. Some polls are showing Virginia's George Allen, Arizona's Jon Kyl, and Mississippi's Trent Lott in potential trouble. The GOP Christian fundie base is important in all three states. If they stay home in large numbers, these

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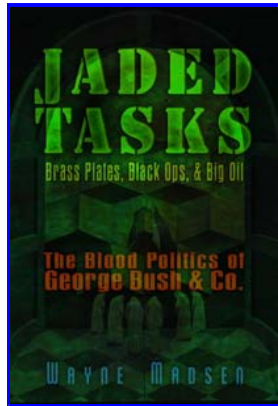
White House sources: Bolten -- under current DoD policy, he'd be ineligible to serve. Bolten (left) could be far more disastrous to Bush than Walter Jenkins (right) was for LBJ.

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March 31, 2006 -- In yesterday's sentencing hearing for former NSA analyst Ken Ford, Federal Judge Peter Messitte mentioned the defense's contention that the classified NSA documents Ford was accused of removing from NSA had been planted in Ford's home. Messitte also stated, "no one knows how he [Ford] ended up with these documents." Messitte also referred to Florida resident Tonya Tucker [one of many aliases], the government's confidential informant who initiated the sting against Ford, as a "curious figure." Yet, even with such doubts about the case against Ford, Messitte sentenced Ford to six years in prison.

In fact, the prosecution engaged in gross and illegal





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misconduct for the duration of the trial and pre-trial. The prosecutor, Assistant US Attorney David Salem, relied on false affidavits, perjured testimony, and a tainted jury -- complete with a government jury plant who did not identify himself as a former employee of NSA contractor Northrop Grumman -- and coached witnesses to get his conviction against Ford, the only U.S. intelligence employee who has been jailed as a result of his expressed doubts about Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. Ford prepared a May 2003 NSA signals intelligence report, based on intercepts of Iraqi communications and interviews with NSA counter-proliferation specialists, that disproved the Bush administration's theory about Iraqi WMDs. That report eventually ended up in Vice President Dick Cheney's office. The same type of retaliatory "work up" used on Ambassador Joe Wilson and his covert CIA wife was launched against Ford. However, as a young GS-9 and African American, Ford was much more vulnerable to being set up in a criminal sting than the more savvy and experienced members of the US Intelligence Community.

When Ford's defense attorney, Spencer Hecht, argued that former CIA Director John Deutch and Clinton National Security Adviser Sandy Berger received very lenient sentences for the same crimes for which Ford was convicted, Salem defended their actions, stating, "they took the [classified] documents for the continuation of their work." Salem said that Deutch, who took home a classified CIA laptop computer and then connected it up to American On Line and reportedly surfed



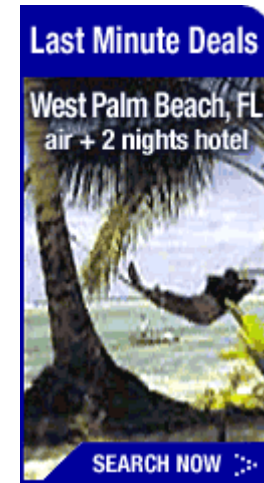
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pornographic web sites and collected data transfer programs known as "cookies," remained as CIA director. He also said that Berger, who took classified documents from the National Archives, needed them for his testimony in Congress about the Millennium bombing plot. Salem also stated that Deutch and Berger continued to have security clearances when they took home classified documents. Deutch received a reprimand and Berger received a \$10,000 fine and three years of probation. Contrary to what Salem said about Berger's clearance, Berger had a National Archives clearance, which is not the same as the multi-compartmented clearance he possessed as National Security Adviser. However, Salem argued that in Ford's case, his alleged removal of classified documents was the same as an individual transmitting them to a foreign power. He said, "anyone could have walked into Ford's kitchen and seen the documents."

Salem also perpetuated several other frauds upon the court during the sentencing hearing. He stated "there are no security procedures at NSA that would prevent an employee from removing documents." Salem said there was "no guard . . . no working camera" at the Technical Exploitation Center (TEC) building where Ford allegedly removed documents in broad daylight. Adding two arguments not brought up in the trial, Salem alleged that Ford took documents from NSA "on more than one occasion" and in response to the defense argument that the documents were planted, he stated, "the government may have additional evidence not



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reported to the court before." Salem also contended that Ford removed "thousands of pages of Top Secret documents" from NSA. However, under questioning from Messitte, Salem downwardly re-estimated the number of Top Secret pages from "thousands" to well below a thousand, since many of the pages alleged to have been removed were unclassified, confidential, and secret.

Ford's attorney requested that Ford remain free from prison pending the appeal of the verdict. However, Messitte ordered a prison report date of May 15, 2006.

The Ford case ample evidence that the federal judiciary and Justice Department are as infested with neo-cons as the intelligence community, Pentagon, State Department, and White House. Ken Ford received a six year sentence one day after GOP lobbyist Jack Abramoff, someone who spied for South Africa in the 1980s, ripped off Native American tribes, engaged in bribery of members of Congress, illegally funneled charity proceeds to right-wing settlers on the West Bank of Palestine, and is under investigation for a gangland murder in Florida, received a five year and 10 month prison term.

Salem's perpetuation of fraud against the court came one day after his one-time counterpart in Detroit, former Assistant US Attorney Richard Convertino was indicted by a Federal grand jury for conspiracy, obstruction of justice, and making false statements. Convertino and State Department



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security officer Harry R. Smith III were indicted for their misconduct in four North African immigrants who were charged with being members of a "sleeper operational combat cell." The convictions of the North Africans was dismissed in 2004 as a result of Justice Department prosecutorial misconduct. Convertino contends he was acting on orders from Washington and is being unfairly targeted in a Bush administration reprisal.

Salem's court antics also followed news from the US Attorney's office in Philadelphia that it was investigating Transportation Security Administration attorney Carla J. Martin for illegally coaching witnesses in the Zacarias Moussaoui case in Alexandria, Virginia. US Judge Louise Brinkema called Martin's witness coaching, "the most egregious violation of the court's rules on witnesses in all the years I've been on the bench."

All the misconduct elements present in the Convertino and Martin cases were practiced by Salem in his vendetta against Ford. If the US Attorney's office in Detroit can bring charges against Convertino and the US Attorney's office in Philadelphia can investigate Martin (the US Attorney's office in Alexandria was forced to recuse itself), then some US Attorney's office outside of Maryland would be acting well within legal bounds to investigate Salem for prosecutorial misconduct in a politically-charged and motivated case.

Additional note: WMR has been informed by a well-placed Italian source that the threat of a letter



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rogatory from Italy for this editor to testify before a US judge concerning the Italian investigation of the US assassination of Italian SISMI deputy chief Nicola Calipari in Iraq was an Italian right-wing effort to intimidate the editor and the investigation of Calipari's death. The presiding judge, we are told, has no plans to issue a letter rogatory. The Italian right-wing, which is facing probable defeat in upcoming elections, is worried about the Calipari investigation and the involvement of Italian right-wing political leaders with the Bush administration. Other right-wing media outlets in Italy have even suggested "Wayne Madsen" does not exist and is a figment of the imagination of RAI TV investigative journalists. It's kind of funny what right-winger say when they are desperate.

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March 31, 2006 -- For all those on the right-wing and the neo-con press like the fatally-flawed neo-con *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* who are reporting that Georgia Democratic Representative Cynthia McKinney will be arrested next week for an altercation with a Capitol Hill cop, unless the US Constitution has been suspended, McKinney cannot be arrested. The immunity clause -- *Article 1, Section 6*, of the U.S. Constitution -- protects members of Congress from harassment by law enforcement as they travel to and from Congress in the conduct of the business of either legislative chamber. Although the language is arcane, it appears the Capitol Hill cop was the first to breach the peace as a result of his incompetence in failing to properly identify a member of Congress. Most of



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these cops just stand around all day, the least they can do is study the provided photographs and learn the names of the members. Every lobbyist and journalist worth a salt in Washington is capable of no less. Hey, main stream media, for once, could you please get it right?

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In 1998, 84 Representatives and Senators were released after being stopped by police for driving while intoxicated, clear breaches of peace and felonies. All the members claimed congressional immunity. Congressional immunity is so well protected that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is not even permitted to inspect congressional buildings or offices for workplace hazards.

Note: with the Ford sentencing and the physical abuse of McKinney, is there any doubt that the GOP has been in charge of Washington for so long now, the days of Jim Crow have now re-emerged in the nation's capital? There's a disturbing smell in this town these days -- one of freshly laundered white



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A reader who periodically visits this site as well as Democratic Underground inquired as to why we don't link to them. Based on the anti-McKinney comments on that site today, I will not link to any site that promotes the comments of Chauncey Gardner-like, TV-watching, lily-white sub-development residents, and unemployed and uninformed nitwits who constantly carp about those who are firmly committed to the left -- Cynthia McKinney, Hugo Chavez, Fidel Castro, George Galloway, Thabo Mbeki, and Mayor Ken Livingstone. On the other hand, anyone who criticizes Israeli expansionists and their AIPAC/ADL allies is roundly locked out of the discussions.

As far as Democratic Underground is concerned, it's merely a question of "mind over matter." I don't mind them and they don't matter.

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March 30, 2006 -- **LATE EDITION** -- US Judge Peter Messitte today sentenced former NSA "Iraqi shop" signals intelligence analyst Ken Ford Jr., to six years in prison and no fine as a result of his politically-motivated conviction for allegedly removing two boxes of classified materials from NSA during broad daylight without detection. In fact, the documents were planted in Ford's home in retaliation for his SIGINT report casting doubt on the White House contention that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. That report, which contained Ford's name as preparer, eventually

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ended up on the desk of Vice President Dick Cheney. As a result, Ford became a target of the neo-con cell operating from within Cheney's office and the White House Iraq Group (WHIG), the same cabal that compromised Valerie Plame Wilson's covert identity and mission.

Ford was given six years on the first count of unauthorized removal of classified information and three years (to be served concurrently) for making a false statement on a government security clearance form for a classified job with Lockheed Martin filled out nine months after his arrest. In fact, Ford stated on the form that his arrest was wrongful but that was construed by Assistant US Attorney David Salem as a false statement.

Tomorrow, WMR will provide a more detailed report on this case and the prosecutorial misconduct and false statements made by Salem before Judge Messitte during today's sentencing hearing. Today was a dark day for the U.S. system of jurisprudence -- years after Jim Crow, the virtual "lynching" of innocent African Americans blatantly continues in a concerted effort by agenda-laden judges and crooked prosecutors with out-and-out political motives.

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March 30, 2006 -- Rescheduled politically-motivated sentencing of ex-NSA analyst Ken Ford this morning in Maryland. Former NSA Iraqi shop signals intelligence analyst Ken Ford, Jr., is scheduled to be sentenced this morning at the US Courthouse in



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Greenbelt, Maryland. Ford, who authored a May 2003 signals intelligence report that did not support the Bush administration's contention that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction, was arrested in January 2004 and confronted with trumped up charges of removing two boxes of classified material in broad daylight from one of the government's most secure facilities and later with lying on a government security clearance form. He was found guilty by a tainted jury after US assistant prosecutor David Salem produced perjured witnesses and introduced false affidavits. From the beginning, this case, ignored by the main stream media, has been another egregious example of the power of the neo-cons to destroy those in the US intelligence community who did not kowtow to the Bush party line. WMR will be present at the sentencing hearing this morning at 10:00 am EST in Greenbelt.

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March 30, 2006 -- Speaking at the American Turkish Council (ATC) meeting this week in Washington, the American Enterprise Institute's Danielle Pletka speculated that if Iran obtains nuclear weapons, its western neighbors are likely to follow. She said, with "a nuclear Iran . . . Saudi Arabia, Turkey will think about nuclear weapons, along with the smaller emirates." Although former Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Marc Grossman said he favored coupling the nuclear Iran issue to NATO, with, he said, "an Israel relationship," Prof. Ilter Turan of Istanbul Bilgi University contended, "Turkey does not fear a nuclear Iran." Turan emphasized that



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The allegations at the ATC conference about embryonic Saudi, Turkish, and Emirati nuclear programs appear to have been confirmed by the German magazine article.

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March 30, 2006 -- Last night, Georgia Democratic Rep. Cynthia McKinney was accosted by a Capitol Hill policeman after she entered the Longworth Building and bypassed the metal detector, which is



customary for members of Congress. The police officer did not recognize McKinney who showed him her congressional ID. After he placed his hand on her shoulder in a hostile restraining move, an altercation ensued. The officer said he did not recognize McKinney, something that is required of all Capitol Hill police officers.

This editor has personally witnessed such an incident previously in which a Capitol Hill police officer did not recognize McKinney. I was in a car with McKinney and her assistant when a Capitol Hill police officer at Longworth demanded, and not in a nice way, McKinney's ID. It is doubtful that any white member of the House or Senate has been stopped in such a manner by cops in the "People's House." One memorable incident was when House Doorman Fishbait Miller of Mississippi demanded that the late New York Congresswoman Bella Abzug remove her trademark hat when she entered the House chamber. Although there was a verbal altercation between the two, there was no physical contact. But that was then and this Congress now consists of hundreds of "Fishbait Millers" who are elected members, staffers, and cops.



A vertical banner with a black background. On the left, the words "Capitol Ticket" are written vertically in a stylized, orange, pixelated font. A grey arrow with orange motion lines points to the right, overlapping the letter 'o' in "Capitol". On the right side, a list of ticket categories is displayed in white text, each underlined: "NFL", "NBA", "Concert Tickets", "Broadway Tickets", "Vegas Tickets", and "NHL". Below these is the text "and much more...". At the bottom right, there is a white circle containing the word "go" in black lowercase letters.

## McKinney versus a Capitol Hill "Southern Sheriff"

Last month, McKinney's Georgia home was "toilet papered" with video tape after she participated in the Sundown Film Festival, where a documentary on the electoral fraud used against her in 2002 received an award. The Capitol Hill police are rife with officers hired by the Republican leadership and the recently-departed and nepotism scandal-tainted police chief Terrance Gainer, who got his start as a rookie cop in Chicago in 1968 clubbing anti-Vietnam War protestors at the Democratic National Convention. The Capitol Hill police, which works for the Republican-appointed Sergeant-at-Arms, a political patronage position, has taken on a distinct "southern sheriff's department" appearance in the last few years. On this past Martin Luther King's birthday, Sen. Hillary Clinton spoke of a "plantation" mentality in the House of Representatives, adding, "you all know what I'm talking about." Yes, Senator Clinton, with the McKinney incident, we all now know what you mean.

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March 30, 2006 -- US military support for ruthless dictatorship to resume. India is irritated that after a three-person US military delegation visited Kathmandu, Nepal, there are plans to resume shipment of US military weapons and supplies to the autocratic royalist regime, which has jailed political opponents and journalists. India supports an agreement hammered out between seven Nepali opposition political parties and Maoist guerrillas. The Bush administration supports the beleaguered



King, Gyanendra, an old friend of Henry Kissinger who took over in a June 2001 mass regicide engineered by the United States and the previous Hindu nationalist government of India. US ambassador to Nepal James Moriarty has worked behind the scenes to ensure the resumption of US military aid to Gyanendra's regime, which is battling Maoist guerrillas deemed by the Bush administration to be "terrorists." The Indian government believes the Maoists must be included in the political process in Nepal.

But there is more behind the scenes with the resumption of US military supplies to Nepal. There are press reports that Italy, under neo-Fascist Silvio Berlusconi, has been supplying weapons to Gyanendra from an Italian arms source who is reported to be very close to George W. Bush.

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March 29, 2006 -- Italian judge and investigators have WMR editor under scrutiny. As reported by WMR, this editor appeared on an interview on RAI Italian TV and discussed the National Security Agency's (NSA) role in monitoring cell phone communications in Iraq, including those of slain Italian SISMI intelligence deputy chief Nicola Calipari by US forces. Now, neo-con disinformation operatives in Italy have trotted out an Iraqi prisoner of the US, Mustafa Mohamed Salman, who claims the car carrying Calipari, freed Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena, and the Carabinieri driver was carrying a car bomb and that is why US troops fired on it.





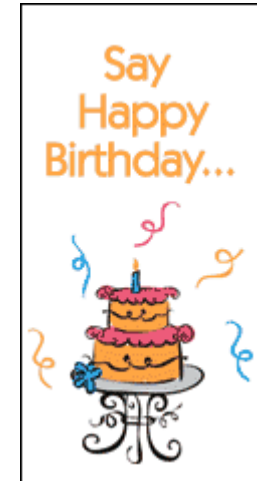
**Calipari killed by shot from U.S. Army machine gunner -- neo-cons want to justify the attack on Calipari based on dubious statement from jailed Iraqi.**

**Italy's AGI wire service is reporting today that Italian law enforcement officials are following this editor's steps and that once I am "found," I can expect to be summoned before a U.S. court pursuant to a letter rogatory from the Italian authorities to the U.S. Justice Department and likely to the INTERPOL Central Bureau in Washington, which is under the FBI.**

**INTERPOL defines a letter rogatory as follows:**

*Letter of rogatory is a formal communication in writing sent by the Court in which action is pending to a foreign court or Judge requesting the testimony of a witness residing within the jurisdiction of that foreign court may be formally taken thereon under its direction and transmitted to the issuing court making such request for use in a pending legal contest or action.*

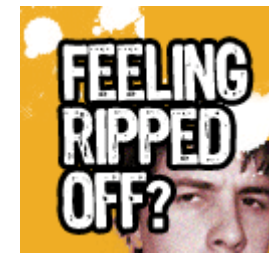
**While I am more than happy to provide Italian authorities with the same kind of technical information that I provided the European Parliament concerning ECHELON, I will not divulge confidential sources under any circumstance, especially to a**



**government that is riddled with proud and unapologetic neo-fascists, the ideological off-spring of the thugs and war criminals my father fought against in Spain during the civil war. However, if Italian authorities are acting on behalf of the Bush administration, especially John Negroponte and Porter Goss, to obtain information on U.S. government leakers, I will use my First Amendment constitutional rights and invoke my freedom of press rights, which are not trumped by any letter rogatory from Italy or any other country. It has been a traditional practice of U.S. intelligence agencies to use foreign counterparts to conduct operations against U.S. citizens that are barred under U.S. law.**

#### **CALIPARI: IRAQI VERSION AND EX NSA AGENT AT JUDGE'S SCRUTINY**

(AGI) - Rome, 29th March - Rome's prosecutor's office wants to interrogate Mustafa Mohamed Salman, the terrorist held in an Iraqi prison who apparently revealed unknown particulars with respect to certain kidnappings, including those relating to Giuliana Sgrena and the death of the '007' agent that freed her, Nicola Calipari, to local police. According to Salman, Calipari was killed because the Sunnite Mosque's Imam, who was supposed to have been interviewed by the 'Manifesto' journalist, on the 4th of February 2005, advised the U.S. about a car bomb on the road to the airport, indicating that it was contained in the vehicle carrying the Italians. The head of the anti-terrorist pool, Franco Ionta already submitted another official request to Iraqi authorities, claiming that it was absolutely "advisable" to crosscheck the version of the facts given by Salman which contradict Sheik Hussein. The capital's judge's inquiry proceedings do not yet include the declarations made by the Iraqi prisoner, which were referred to Baghdad police and to the Carabinieri about a month ago. The content of the statement, therefore, "needs to be crosschecked" they explain. There is no doubt on the fact that Salman's version is "advantageous to the U.S." because it exonerates the only suspect in Calipari's death, machine-gunner, Mario Lozano, the soldier who apparently took fire on the vehicle respecting the rules, because the mobile vehicle apparently contained a bomb, according to notification given.



"The U.S. claimed this version from the very start", say investigators. The probability that the account of the Iraqi terrorist could be "contaminated" and that it may have been divulged came out when the Roman inquiry had already concluded its check against Lozano. There is actually another version which came out about a month ago at the Judge's examination, which apparently puts the blame on the behaviour of American soldiers, tied to declarations, *reported by the international press and later by the Italian press, relating to an ex secret service agent of the National Security Agency (NSA), according to whom the U.S. intercepts all existing movement in the Iraqi territory, including that of Capilari*, who on the 4th of March 2005, was able to free Giuliana Sgrena. Even in this case, the prosecuting office did not want to waste its time, and gave the job to investigators who will follow the steps of this ex agent. ***It is clear that it will be necessary to obtain a rogatory letter from the U.S. once he is found, in order to be able to interrogate him.*** (AGI) -  
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**March 29, 2006 -- General Electric spokesman forgets a little something in his report on the death of Reagan Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Last night, NBC Nightly News reader Brian Williams, in his obituary segment on Weinberger, left out one slightly important item. Just to refresh our memories, the following is taken from the Lawrence Walsh Report:**

"The development of the continuing investigation can be viewed in three segments: -- The first, from January 1990 to July 1991, focused on the possibly false testimony of 10 former Reagan Administration officials in the Office of the Vice President [*that was George H. W. Bush, ed.*], State Department, Central Intelligence Agency and on the National Security Council staff. The testimony in question related primarily to support of the contras during the Boland prohibition on U.S. military aid from 1984 to 1986. Limited attention was given to U.S. knowledge and involvement in the November 1985



HAWK missile shipment to Iran. This phase involved the questioning of [Oliver] North, [John] Poindexter and [Joseph] Fernandez, following the disposition of their criminal cases.

-- The second, from July 1991 to November 1991, began with Independent Counsel's decision to prosecute [Alan] Fiers, who had worked closely with North as the CIA's Central American task force chief. This phase was fueled by Fiers' subsequent decision to plead guilty and the investigative leads generated by his cooperation. It led to the indictments of former CIA Deputy Director for Operations Clair E. George, and former CIA official Duane R. Clarridge, and to the guilty plea of former Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams.

-- The third, from October 1991 to the spring of 1993, dealt with the discovery and analysis of previously withheld notes and documents that directly contradicted the testimony of some of the most senior Reagan Administration officials. This phase focused on efforts by senior officials to respond to the November 1986 public exposure of Iran/contra, their concerns over the possible impeachment of President Reagan and an attempt by some to falsely minimize his knowledge of a November 1985 shipment of U.S. HAWK missiles from Israel to Iran. **This investigative phase led to the indictment of former Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger."**

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**March 28, 2006 -- The split between traditional conservatives and neo-conservatives was extremely apparent at the 25th annual conference of the**



**American-Turkish Council (ATC) in Washington. Originally established as a carbon copy of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), ATC not only emulated AIPAC in its lobbying strength on Capitol Hill and in the executive branch, but strategically allied with it on a number of issues common to both Turkey and Israel. These included support for Operation Desert Storm and military cooperation between Israel and Turkey. However, with the U.S. invasion of Iraq without Turkish support, all that has changed.**

**Past recipients of ATC awards are a "Who's Who" of the neo-cons, neo-liberals, and their supporters of which Washington, DC is teeming with infestation: Richard Perle, Paul Wolfowitz, Dick Cheney, Richard Holbrooke, Al Haig, Eric Edelman, Newt Gingrich, William Perry, William Cohen, Tom Lantos, and Marc Grossman. Another award recipient was Princeton Professor Bernard Lewis (who once compared Iraqi con artist Ahmad Chalabi to Kemal Ataturk).**

**The ties between ATC and the neo-cons are still relatively close, but the neo-con rhetoric is frosty about Turkey's Islamist-oriented government. Yesterday morning, ATC hosted a panel in which several leading neo-cons laid blame for the current state of U.S.-Turkish relations on the Ankara government. Marc Grossman, a former U.S. ambassador to Turkey and the recently-retired Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs (who is now a senior Vice President for the Cohen Group of former Defense Secretary William Cohen and whose name has come up as one of the possible sources**



of Valerie Plame Wilson's CIA identity to Dick Cheney's office), said that chilled U.S. relations with Turkey are based on the Iraq and Iran issues. He said, "Turkey needs to support the creation of an Iraqi government regardless of March 1, 2003 and the steps taken to get rid of the dictator." Agreeing with neo-con policy analyst Danielle Pletka of the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), Grossman said it was "too bad Turkey did not participate more robustly with the U.S. in Iraq." Pletka said that the rhetoric from Ankara on Syria and Iran "will set the U.S. at odds with Turkey." Pletka emphasized George W. Bush's "Freedom Agenda" in the Middle East in the wake of "911," an agenda that targets Iran and Syria as much as Iraq.



**US-Turkish relations: "Golden Age" of Turkish-Israeli-neocon cooperation is over**

**Dr. Coner Cagaptay, the Director of the Turkey Program with the Israeli-supported Washington Institute for Near East Policy (WINEP), said there is no longer synergy between the U.S. and Turkey because of two major reasons: a shift in Turkish public opinion regarding the United States and a gap in foreign policy relations between the two countries. As is typical with the neo-cons, they do not blame Bush for this turn of events. Cagaptay said the current Turkish government has "done a**

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bad job of explaining U.S. policy and motives" to the Turkish people. He iterated that Turkish foreign policy is "pro-status quo" and the Bush administration is "pro-dynamic change."

The bottom line is that the "Golden Age" of U.S.-Turkish relations are over unless Turkey accommodates the neo-con new world order. However, what the neo-cons fail to understand is that Turkey's decision to avoid the U.S. military misadventure in Iraq was due to the wishes of the democratically-elected Turkish Parliament. In typical neo-con fashion, these dangerous right-wingers only agree with democracy when votes go their way. If not, they demonize the new government (as is seen currently with the Hamas government in Palestine and the government of Mahmoud Ahmedinejad in Iran). The Turkish government has been placed in the same category by the neo-cons.

It is one thing to alienate the Turkish civilian political establishment. But it is quite another to create friction with the Turkish military -- the traditional guarantor of Kemal Ataturk's secular constitution and check on Islamist tendencies. However, relations between the Bush administration and the Turkish military establishment have also grown chilly. Murad Dural, the chair of the defense committee of the Turkish-US Business Council (TAIK), criticized the U.S. in the wake of 911 for pursuing isolation in defense matters. He said it created the "impression that the U.S. only looks out for its own." A major bone of contention is the production of some 100 U.S. Joint Strike Fighters for

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Turkey at a cost of \$100 billion, excluding the maintenance contracts. Turkey's defense ministry and General Staff complain this deal, as well as others, treats the Turkish defense infrastructure as a nuisance and not as a full partner. Turkey is looking for equal treatment from the United States. One senior Turkish military officer said if full treatment is not forthcoming, Turkey is prepared to look elsewhere for jet fighters and Russia was not ruled out, especially if it produces fighters, as is planned, that are fully interoperable with NATO standards.

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March 28, 2006 -- For the global privatization corporate vampires -- the party's over. AES, which bills itself as "the global power company," has its eyes set on the privatization of Turkey's electrical generation and distribution system. AES has strong links to the evangelical Christian big business tax dodge known as the "Fellowship Foundation" and The Carlyle Group. AES's co-founder, Dennis Bakke, is a core member of the Arlington, Virginia-based Fellowship Foundation, also known as "The Family" and "The Fellowship." The AES chairman is Richard Darman, the Office of Management and Budget director under Bush the Elder and partner of the GOP influence-peddling venture firm, The Carlyle Group. AES, based in Rosslyn, Virginia, near the Pentagon, is a \$9.5 billion revenue company that operates in 26 countries, including the United States, Brazil, Venezuela, Argentina, El Salvador, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Cameroon. According to John Turner, its London-based Vice President for European and African New Business Development

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who spoke at the American-Turkish council meeting in Washington on March 27, AES has aggressive expansion plans for Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Latin America, Turkey, and elsewhere. The firm is looking at taking over the privatized TEDAS state electricity firm and hopes to operate 20 newly-formed regional electrical distribution companies. AES currently operates 15 distribution companies around the world. Half of AES's business is in power generation and Turkey plans to create six generation companies by 2007.

When AES took over the Republic of Georgia's electrical distribution system Telasi in 1999, elderly pensioners who never had to pay an electric bill under the Soviet system found their electricity being cut off by AES-Telasi in the dead of winter. Georgians who made \$15 a month in salary were soon receiving electric bills for \$45. AES cut off power to entire neighborhoods where payment was lagging. Moreover, AES-Telasi lost the records of customers who had scraped enough money together to pay their bills. Nevertheless, these customers were cut off in the same manner as their "scofflaw" neighbors. AES cut off power to Tbilisi airport while a plane was landing. In other cases, power was cut by AES-Telasi to the Chinese embassy and the National Philharmonic during a performance. In one amazing case, AES-Telasi cut off power to a major Georgian army base involved in fighting Chechen and Al Qaeda-allied guerrillas in the Pankisi Gorge. Corporate officials laughed off the incidents.

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Then-President Eduard Shevardnadze, who survived an attempted assassination during AES-Telasi's occupation of the energy sector, blamed the company for the constant blackouts. After Georgian television's *60 Minutes* began looking into the whole AES-Telasi affair, its anchorman was found shot to death in his apartment. It was not long before Shevardnadze was ousted in a Washington-manufactured "themed" coup d'etat and replaced by Mikhail Saakashvili, someone who is in the hip pocket of the neo-cons. AES was eventually replaced by a Russian company and forced to quit Georgia.

Georgia's experience is what Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania and other countries that are privatizing their electrical utilities may have to face. The horror stories with new world order privatization has been repeated in Latin America.



**Privatization of electrical utilities: The night that the lights went out in Georgia**

**After AES defaulted on a \$1.2 billion loan from the National Development Bank of Brazil to help finance**



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## Nauseater of the Day:

Right-wing radio Nazi Neal Boortz is probably the most deserving recipient of the Nauseater Award in a long time. This is his second award.

On his radio show, Boortz said that Rep. Cynthia McKinney "looked like a welfare drag queen trying to sneak into the Longworth

**AES's investment in Sao Paulo's Eletropaulo Metropolitana SA, the largest power distribution company in Latin America, there were charges that AES conspired with Bush favorite slush fund, Enron, to devalue the price of the Brazilian company. But the tide is turning against privatization in Latin America. Privatization and foreign ownership of utilities like water and electrical systems have or are being reversed in Argentina, Bolivia, Venezuela, and Uruguay. Expected progressive victories in Peru, Nicaragua, and Mexico will reverse privatization in those countries as well. The days of the international corporate vampires who prey on the poorest of the poor are waning in Latin America and the people of Eastern Europe are just beginning to understand the twin scourges of globalization and privatization.**

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**March 28, 2006 -- For years, Germany studiously avoided the production of movies about the Nazis. However, in recent years, with the release of movies like *Downfall* and *Sophie Scholl*, films that starkly portray the abuses of the Nazis and the insanity of Adolf Hitler, Germany is sending the United States a message -- don't go down that road. The Germans do not have to produce such films to educate themselves about the evils of Nazism -- that is engrained in today's Germans.**

**Germany's latest film export, *Sophie Scholl*, recounts the story of Sophie Scholl, a 21-year old college student at the University of Munich who was arrested along with her brother Hans in February**

House Office Building." This Klansman did not stop there (they seldom do). Boortz added, "that haircut [of McKinney's] is ghetto trash." Earlier in his program, Boortz said McKinney "looks like a ghetto slut."

After hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, this is what Boortz had to say about the displaced, largely African-American population, "We should save the rich people first . . . they're the ones that are responsible for this prosperity. . . [The poor] sit around all the time waiting for somebody else to take care of them. They have children they can't afford. They're uneducated. They can barely read."

Boortz is a Dutch boy, a descendant of the notorious Dutch slave traders who

**1943 for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets on the university campus. Both were active in the Christian White Rose group, an organization that saw Hitler and his Nazis as anti-Christian and atheistic fanatics. The comparisons to today's fundamentalist "Christian" war makers who surround George W. Bush cannot be closer.**



**Germany is trying to tell us something in their recent films about the Nazis. Do we understand?**

**Along with another colleague, Sophie and Hans were condemned to death on February 22, 1943 in a kangaroo court presided over by the Nazis favorite hanging judge -- "Raving Roland" Freisler, someone who was known for berating and shouting down the accused, much like modern era Freislars like Sean Hannity, Rush Limbaugh, Bill O'Reilly, and Ann Coulter rant, rave, and berate their opponents today.**

**In the film, there is a reference to "the military impostor" who was waging an un-winnable war against both Russia and the West. Again, the similarities between the Austrian corporal and the AWOL Texan National Guardsman -- both of whom believed in pre-emptive military attacks against non-threatening nations -- are glaring. The Germans had**

plied the Atlantic with their human cargo. It's no wonder he's a virulent racist. While the Federal Communications Commission fines networks and stations for uttering "bad words," Boortz and his racist ilk get away with using the public airwaves to spew forth hate messages. That must stop.

One of the first acts of a Democratic Congress must be to re-impose the fairness doctrine on the networks and stations and heavily fine on-air racists like Boortz, Limbaugh, Savage Weiner, Hannity, O'Reilly, Gallagher, Beck, and the rest of the slightly over middle-aged white trash blatherers and carnival barkers who pretend to be entertaining.

Runners up for this award are Imus producer Bernard

already suffered a humiliating defeat at Stalingrad and were being repelled by the Russians when the White Rose began distributing anti-war leaflets throughout Germany.

After their conviction, Sophie, Hans, and their colleague Christoph Probst were executed by guillotine. Prison witnesses reported that Sophie went to her execution with courage and dignity.

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March 28, 2006 -- Neo-con adventurism in Italy and media disinformation in the United States: [Click here for latest in Diplomatic Cables story.](#)

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March 27, 2006 -- WMR continues its special assignment today -- covering the annual meeting of the powerful and influential American Turkish Council (ATC) in Washington, DC. ATC's chairman is retired Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, one of Poppy Bush's best friends and his National Security Adviser. ATC's advisory board includes Richard Holbrooke of Perseus LLC (rumored to have been John Kerry's pick for Secretary of State had he won the election), Frank Carlucci of The Carlyle Group, retired Gen. Joseph Ralston of the Cohen Group (former Defense Secretary William Cohen's lobbying firm), and Sandy Berger, Clinton's National Security Adviser.

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McGuirk (rhymes with McJerk), Linda Tripp's gal pal Lucianne's revolting spawn Jonah Goldberg, and the-always sickening John Podhoretz (which must be the longer form of the Yiddish word putz), who all had repelling comments about freed hostage Jill Carroll.

Boortz, which must be Dutch for putz, get ready for this . . .



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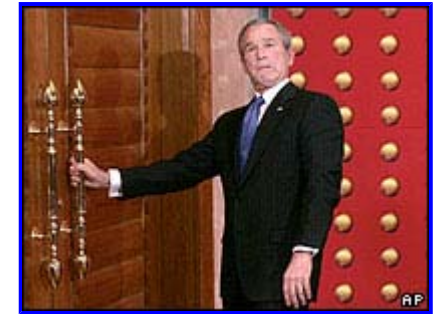
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**Now on Sale in the the Bad Taste Department:**

**There's an "anti-Zionist" web site calling for the guillotining of WMR's**

**editor (in addition to former UN weapons inspector Scott Ritter and others) for being a suspicious possible agent of "Zionism." Considering the horrible beheading by Pakistani terrorists of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl, this article is now marked down on the bargain table in "The Right Wing Store's" Bad Taste Department.**

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**The musings of one the nation's greatest journalists ring true today:**

"As democracy is perfected, the office of president represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last and the White House will be adorned by a downright

moron." -- H.L.Mencken









