

Canadian, U.S. and Mexican officials held secretive meeting on integration



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Canadian, U.S. and Mexican politicians discussed using "stealth" to overcome public resistance to the integration of the three countries at a confidential meeting last year, according to documents just released under U.S. Freedom of Information laws.

08/02/07 "Ottawa Citizen" -- -- Top military brass, corporate executives and diplomats also attended the meeting in Banff, Alta., where participants discussed everything from the harmonization of food and drug standards, to common immigration policies, and the pooling of energy resources.

The secret guest list of the North American Forum included then-U.S. secretary of defence Donald Rumsfeld, Canadian Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier, Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day, Pengrowth Corp. CEO James Kinnear and Lockheed Martin executive Ron Covais.

Presentation outlines for the forum acknowledge that the concept of North American integration - which some call a "North American Union" - is unpopular, and note that it might be tough to sell as a concept.

"While a vision is appealing, working on the infrastructure might yield more benefit and bring more people on board ('evolution by stealth')," the notes said.

"Evolution by stealth" means using regulatory changes, such as food- and drug-safety benchmarks, which don't require parliamentary approval, to lay the infrastructure for North American integration. This allows for change with little or no public debate, critics say.

Media were excluded from the September forum, and Day, who gave a speech at the event, declined to reveal the contents of his talk.

"It was meant as a private meeting," said Melisa Leclerc, a spokeswoman from Day's office, although she conceded he attended "in his capacity as minister for public security."

"It is not encouraging to see the phrase 'evolution by stealth' in reference to important policy debates such as North American integration," said Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, a Washington-based conservative watchdog group that obtained the documents last week.

But, former finance minister John Manley, who attended the meeting, said the forum was "not part of a nefarious plan to yield sovereignty to the U.S. It was just some informed private citizens and government officials having a conversation" on how best to co-operate to ensure their citizens enjoyed a safe and prosperous future.

In fact, he said, Canada comes out stronger than ever from such meetings, which force "some senior American officials to think about Canada for a few days."

However, Maude Barlow of the Council of Canadians said the reference to stealth is "a very telling and important statement."

Many of the politicians who attended the forum have been pursuing "integration by stealth" for the past two years, she said, pointing to a little-known but top-priority agreement called the Security and Prosperity Partnership.

The accord, kickstarted by U.S. President George W. Bush, then-prime minister Paul Martin and former Mexican president Vicente Fox at a 2005 meeting in Waco, Texas, is designed to streamline everything from food and drug safety standards to counter-terrorism measures.

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Government officials from the three countries are expected to meet in Ottawa later this month. However, Foreign Affairs spokespeople said they did not yet know when it would be held or who would attend.

The partnership's stated goal is to protect North America from security threats such as terrorism and flu pandemics as well as economic threats from new global-market giants such as China.

Many of the accord's measures are not contentious, such as plans to improve water quality, reduce sulphur in fuels, and co-ordinate efforts to fight pandemics and avian flu. But it also covers a host of hot-button issues such as plans to enhance data-sharing on high-risk travellers, revamp safety and environmental regulations, centralize the assessment of new chemicals and rework food safety standards.

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CK1: ...

I don't like the sound of this one bit. And, I suspect they are just laying the groundwork for the North American Union, and hoping for some catalyst to make it come together -- like, say, a New Pearl Harbor perchance? That could come in many forms, not just overt "terrorism" or false-flag events -- it could be bird flu or an engineered economic crisis (underway as we type). The AMERO is on the horizon folks -- protect yourself from the coming dollar devaluation as soon as you can.



Dollar Fall Is Catalyst For Predatory Global Government

<http://www.prisonplanet.com/articles/december2006/011206dollarfall.htm>

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Arvy: Not new news.

Although many Canadians remain unaware, this actually goes back to an agreement entered into by our former Prime Minister, Paul Martin -- the [Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America](#). It hasn't been front page news because all of the politicos involved prefer to [keep us ordinary folks in the dark](#) on this one.



It just goes to prove the point that has been made here by others. The US isn't the only country whose politics is dominated by vested interests under a "two-party" facade.

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February 08, 2007

Kla: Secret is the word of times.

Everything is secret. When you have a lot to hide, that is, to maintain the (ignoble) advantage, you keep it secret.



How is the football field north south across the continent progressing. Have not had an update. When this happens, that will be the last time I leave New Mexico.

If anything were for the benefit of the public, it would be a different matter. But maybe when adults

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behave like children, they should be so treated.

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Hammurabi: This is reall scary for a lot of countries!



A Union of North America is a scary concept for the rest of the world. All the strings will be pulled from Washington.

Think about that, world!

It will involve a lot of deeeeeeeeeeeep changes. maybe none for the better.

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Arvy: For the rest of the world?



I think it's even scarier for us who live here on the continent. The so-called "security and prosperity partnership" sounds a lot like "freedom and democracy".

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Turtle: ...



They get to take Canada seriously for a few days?

I'm sure some of the London street walkers felt the same way about Jack the Ripper.

There goes the neighbourhood!!!

and so it all goes...

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February 09, 2007

paulwhois: Why not a North American Union?



When you think about the benefits that have accrued to Europe with its Union, we have to ask, "Why not Here?" The answer is that the fear card may have been played here far too often.

People see integration as infiltration. Until our leaders find a way to get across the need for integration it will remain that way. Assuming the three countries can agree on basic regulations for protecting the environment, security, and quality of life, we can combine technical and engineering resources with a vibrant labor force, we can build a joint economic engine that will compete with the Asian and European markets of the world. For once our leaders have it right.

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a guest: Amilcar ----- From the CEO of Canada Paul Martin to the MiniBush of Canada Harper, Canada is sold to the higher bidder ...



Indeed former CEO/PM of Canada Paul Martin signed the so called Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America.

Did you know??!!! This asshole Paul Martin did not pay taxes on his multi-million Shipping Company running under a Bahamas Flag of Convenience (FOC)

http://www.cbc.ca/news/background/martin_paul/flagsofconvenience.html

There goes Canada... most recently the present neo-con Canadian PM Harper/Bush's whore who his

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