



Cheney Ready To Shoot Americans To Start a War With Iran

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Aug. 4, 2008 (LPAC)--One of the scenarios that Dick Cheney put on the table in order to have an excuse to start a war with Iran, was to dress Navy Seals up as Iranians, send them off in fake Iranian boats, and have Americans shoot at them, to create a provocation for war. This was reported by *New Yorker* magazine columnist Seymour Hersh in a conversation at a Think Progress conference in July.

Referring to a meeting in Cheney's office, after an ``overblown incident," where a U.S. carrier encountered a few small Iranian speedboats, Hersh told a questioner at the conference about the idea, which was ultimately rejected: ``There was a dozen ideas proffered about how to trigger a war. The one that interested me the most was, `why don't we build--we in our shipyards--build four or five boats that look like Iranian PT boats. Put Navy Seals on them with a lot of arms. And next time one of our boats goes to the Straits of Hormuz, start a shoot-up.' Might cost some lives. And it was rejected because you can't have Americans killing Americans. That's the...level of stuff we're talking about. Provocation."

However, the *New Yorker* suppressed the coverage of the Cheney proposal in Hersh's article, because the proposal was rejected. ``My attitude towards editors is they're mice training to be rats," Hersh commented.

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