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As Paul Harvey Says: The Rest Of The Story

From Your Editor

So many items have come to light as of late I felt impelled to get a special issue of Always Faithful out. The media and the far left are doing all they can to destroy our efforts against terrorism. They are trying their damndest to accomplish exactly what they did during Vietnam and that is to force us to lose the war in Iraq just like they did in Vietnam when they were responsible for thousands of American deaths. Only this time they will be responsible for not only thousands of deaths but eventually the loss of our freedoms. If the left thinks we're losing our freedoms now watch what we lose when we lose the war against terror.

You and I must support our troops and our president and make sure the left doesn't win. Yes we must—you and I. This war is MORE IMPORTANT than any we ever fought before. Far more important because we're not only fighting radical Islam but we are also fighting the left. If the left wins the left loses and we lose. They have no clue. But maybe just one will change his/her mind when reading the editorials in this special issue. And it might just be YOU who sends that copy that is read and changes a mind. So forward this issue on to EVERYONE. And ask them to pass it along to everyone. When you read this you cannot do anything but agree.

The situation in Iraq is not a Republican - Democratic issue. This is a defense of America issue. Our future security depends on a secure



Iraq. We are at war with radical Islam. I repeat we are at war with radical Islam, a VERY MAJOR war. War will come to America if Iraq is not secure. Iraq needs to be a secure country that, all the others in Moslem countries, want to model their countries after otherwise their main goal will continue to be to destroy America and to destroy Israel. None of us having jobs or money or electric power is important at all when compared to the security of Iraq. This is for our freedoms. This is for our very lives.

But, with that said, I believe that Iraq needs to pay us back, with portions of their oil revenues, for much of what we spent to free them. Not immediately but slowly so it doesn't destroy their comeback.

We spent 3% of our gross national product on the Marshall plan to rebuild Europe. We are no where close to spending that much on Iraq and Iraq is,

at least as, important as rebuilding Europe was in the 40s. It's up to you and I to win this war just as it was up to you and I to win our wars. Let's not let freedom down! Let's not let America down. Let's not let the free world down. Let's get off our butts and let's stop the left and radical Islam from succeeding.

Thank you! Thank you very much,
Kale

PATRIOTISM MESSAGE

I listened to your CD. Thank you for sharing your work with me. You have a wonderful and stirring speaking voice, and the music enhances the power of your message. You remind us, correctly, that we should never forget how much others have sacrificed in the line of duty and defense of our freedoms. You are clearly carrying on the important work that the living must do on behalf of those other soldiers who can no longer, and you do it with such vigor and effectiveness. You should feel proud of this work you do.

Sincerely, Dr. Craig Roth,
Minneapolis area VA Medical Center

NOTE: Please see Patriotism CD on page 3. And please help to get this heard by, at least, the children and veterans of our country.

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The Left's plans to raise doubts about America

Strategy memo calls for undermining public confidence in Bush This strategy came early in 2003

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Hoping for significant gains in the 2004 elections, Democrats plan to undermine public confidence in President Bush by questioning his credibility while raising doubts about the U.S. at a time when American troops are deploying for war against Iraq, political website Capitol Hill Blue reports.

According to the report, a Democratic talking-points memo devised last year by senior party consultants and elected leaders outlines "a strategy to raise public doubts of the president's real intentions," including:

- Claims that the war against Iraq is being fought over oil and for oil companies loyal to Bush and Republicans;
- Claiming the administration "manufactured" evidence against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to convince Britain and other allies to join the war;
- Suggestions that a wartime economy is the only way the White House can boost a sagging economic picture.

"It is clear that the current approval ratings of the administration are tied directly to strong American feelings toward traditional values," the memo says, according to CHB, which obtained a copy. "To counter this, doubt must be raised as to America's true position within the world community and the true intent of the Bush administration in waging war."

"The talking points were developed before the end of last year and sent out to operatives and friendly media," one Democratic consultant said. "No Democratic member of Congress will question the president's patriotism openly, but we will use the media and other surrogates to raise doubts."

CHB indicates that in the coming weeks Democratic lawmakers will question Bush's intentions regarding the looming Iraq war. Writers and broadcasters friendly to the Democratic Party "have already been provided talking points suggesting the war is about oil, not terrorism," CHB reported.

Not all Democrats are taking part, the news site reported.

"My boss doesn't want anything to do with it," one senior Senate aide said Monday. "You don't undermine this country to win elections."

But others are willing to try any tactic to put the White House on the defensive and regain Democratic control of Congress.

"The real war isn't in Iraq," one Democratic consultant said. "It's right here at home, at the ballot box in 2004."

Other points Democrats will try to make in the coming weeks include the alleged influence and control over Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney by the oil and defense industries, as well as other special interest groups; that the war on terrorism has failed thus far because al-Qaida

founder and leader Osama bin Laden is reportedly still alive; that the U.S. is not prepared for another terror attack on its soil because the administration is preoccupied with Iraq; and that Bush will be forced to raise taxes to finance the Iraqi war.

"It's time to take the battle to the people and make them understand just how dangerous George W. Bush's policies are to the future of America," says the talking points memo, according to CHB.

Unnamed Democratic sources named Democratic National Committee chief Terry McAuliffe, former Clinton campaign strategist James Carville, Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle and former House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt as party leaders who developed the talking-points memo.

"This is a classic, Jim Carville, scorched-earth campaign," one DNC staffer said. "Take no prisoners. That's how you win elections."

So far, at least, Democrats may have trouble getting traction with their strategy.

Bush unveiled yesterday a \$674 billion, 10-year plan to cut dividend taxes while imploring Congress to make his \$1.35 trillion tax cut plan passed in 2001 permanent.

"Americans are scheduled to receive tax cuts in 2004 and 2006 ... and the time to deliver tax rate reductions is now, when they can do the most good for American businesses," Bush said in a speech to the Economic Club in Chicago.

The president also called on Congress to accelerate the tax break for married couples, scheduled for 2009, and speed up the tax credit for families with children, who aren't scheduled to get the break until 2010.

"I am asking the United States to abolish the double taxation of dividends," Bush said. "By ending this investment penalty, we will strengthen investor confidence. By ending double taxation of dividends, we will increase the return on investing to draw more money into the markets, to provide capital to build factories, to buy equipment, hire more people."

On Monday, the U.S. dollar rose against the euro and Japanese yen on news of Bush's stimulus package. Wall Street also responded positively to Bush's plan.

And according to at least one new survey, released yesterday, nearly two-thirds of Americans say when the stock market goes up it benefits the economy and all Americans.

Among investors, the poll found, 77 percent said a healthy stock market benefits everyone.

Meanwhile, surveys continue to show strong support across the country for Bush regarding a possible war with Iraq.

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"Media's Dark Cloud a Danger"

Dear Mr. Ernst,

Enclosed is a letter written by U.S. Congressman from Georgia, Jim Marshall. Mr. Marshall is a Democrat, a member of the Armed Services Committee, and a combat Veteran of the Vietnam War. He just recently returned from Iraq.

Mr. Marshall's letter speaks volumes about how we as Americans are being intentionally misled by the media at large. The media always seems to accentuate the negative and comparisons to a "Vietnam-type quagmire" are being bandied about, mostly by Liberal Democrats who are running for President and most recently, Ted "cross the bridge" Kennedy.

For those who need reminding, the Vietnam War went on for over 10 years, with more than 58,169 killed in action. Some of them were close comrades of mine. Vietnam was not lost on the battlefields (U.S. troops were never defeated in a major operation by the North Vietnamese Army). It was lost primarily because of ineffectual political leadership at the top and the American news media, who soured public opinion on the war effort by bringing death and the horrors

of war into our living rooms every night. People like Walter Cronkite so influenced the public's perception, that Americans eventually lost their resolve and we abandoned the South Vietnamese people, who were overrun just 24 months after we abandon them.

There is a vast difference between the Vietnam War and this war on terrorism, aside from the obvious (jungle versus sand dunes). In 5-months of occupancy, U.S. forces have lost approximately 250 killed in action. In Vietnam, during 1968, we were losing 200 per week killed in action, against a well-trained, dedicated, entrenched Army, who had been at war with the French for many years. Conversely, in Iraq, most of their military units simply lacked the discipline, training, and most importantly the willpower to be effective fighters. They were routed in short order with a minimum of combat casualties to U.S. and coalition forces.

We have been in Iraq for only 5-months and already Americans and Europeans, particularly Liberal Americans, are wringing their hands and referring to our President as a "gang leader", "thug", liar, and who knows what else. They apparently do

not realize we are in the very beginning of World War III with these Muslim extremists. There are 55 countries in the world that harbor terrorists, and these criminals want to eliminate and kill every infidel and non-believer. This means Catholics, Protestants, Jews, and Agnostics; men, women, and children, without any hesitation or conscience.

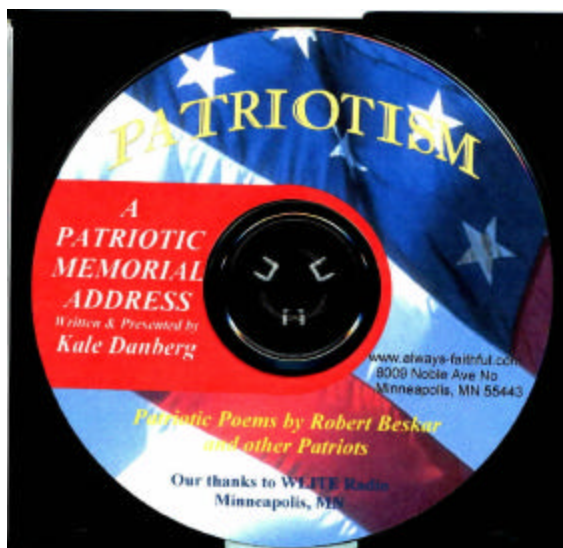
These murderers, given any opportunity, will strike on a massive basis to inflict as many dead Americans as possible, probably with a biological or chemical attack in some major metropolitan area like San Francisco, Los Angeles, or New York City. Experts say it is not a matter of "if" but only "when and where" it will occur. Yet we Americans are so fickle and so self-absorbed that barely 2 years after 9/11, we seem to have forgotten the sickening thud of human bodies hitting the ground as they jumped from the World Trade Center towers in a vain effort to somehow survive the flames and horror of that terrible day.

For those Americans who think that this conflict is over, or winding down, or that it does not concern them, and for

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PATRIOTISM CD

This is the Patriotism CD which is being played in some schools, in some Veteran's museums and at some Veteran reunions across the country. I decided to offer it free (please help with packaging and postage—\$2.00) to anyone who will bring it to a school for students to listen to; and/or to an old soldiers home; and/or a veterans hospital; and/or to a military historical museum that would have it there for visitors to listen to; and/or to a veterans meeting; and/or to a radio station - of course after listening to it yourself first. I'm sure you'll be impressed with it. WLITE



Studios did a really good job.

I'm sure that the patriotic message is one you agree with and also you'll agree that you'd like every American to hear the message. It totally supports our sacrifices and the ultimate sacrifices many of our buddies made.

The CD also includes several poems that you'll enjoy. All presentations include a musical background - "The Battle Hymn of the Republic!" If you'd like a copy please let me know.

Thanks for helping get out the message, Sincerely, Kale

PS - If anyone would like a copy for your own personal collection the price is \$10.00, including P&H. The proceeds from this will help with the free distribution. Send ORDER TO:
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OPEN LETTER TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RICHMOND BEACH

It has been a while since I have written to my friends at First Lutheran Church about what's really going on here in Iraq. The news you watch on TV is exaggerated, sensationalized and selective. Good news doesn't sell.

The stuff you don't hear about? Let's start with Electrical Power production in Iraq. The day after the war was declared over, there was nearly 0 power being generated in Iraq. 45 days later, in a partnership between the Army, the Iraqi people and some private companies, there are now 3200 mega watts (Mw) of power being produced daily, 1/3 of the total national potential of 8000 Mw. Downed power lines (big stuff, 400 Kilovolt (Kv) and 132 Kv) are being repaired and are about 70% complete.

Then there is water purification. In central Iraq between Baghdad and Mosul, home of the 4th Infantry Division, Water treatment was spotty at best. The facilities existed, but the controls were never implemented. Simple chemicals like Chlorine for purification and Alum (Aluminum Sulfate) for sediment settling (The Tigris River is about as clear as the Mississippi River) were in short supply or not used at all and when chlorine was used, it was metered by the scientific method of guessing. So some people got pool water and some people got water with lots of little things moving in it. We are slowly but surely solving that. Contracts for repairs to facilities that are only 50% or less operational are being let, chemicals are being delivered, although we don't have the metering problem solved yet (It's only been 45 days).

How about oil and fuel? Well the war was all about oil wasn't it? You bet it was. It was all about oil for the Iraqi people because they have no other income, they produce nothing else. Oil is 95% of the Iraqi GNP. For this nation to survive, it must sell oil. The Refinery at Bayji is at 75% of capacity producing gasoline. The crude pipeline between Kirkuk (Oil Central) and Bayji will be repaired by tomorrow (2 June). LPG, what all Iraqis use to cook and heat with, is at 103% of normal production and we, the US ARMY, at least 4th ID, are insuring it is being distributed fairly to all Iraqis. You have to remember that 3 months ago, all these things were used as weapons against the population to keep them in line. If a town misbehaved, gasoline shipments, LPG pipelines and trucks stopped, water was turned off, power was turned off.

Now, until exports start, every drop of gas oline produced goes to the Iraqi people, crude oil is being stored, the country is at 75% capacity now, they need to export or stop pumping soon, thank the UN for the delay. All LPG goes to the Iraqi people everywhere. Water is being purified as best they can, but at least it's running all the time to everyone.

Are we still getting shot at? Yep. Are American Soldiers still dying? Yep, about 1 a day from the 4th ID, most in accidents, but dead is dead.

If we are doing all this for the Iraqis, why are they shooting at us? The general population isn't. There are still bad guys, who won't let go of the old regime. They are Ba'ath party members (Read Nazi Party, but not as nice) who know nothing but the regime. They were thugs for the

regime that caused many to disappear in the night and they have no other skills. At least the Nazis had jobs they could go back to after the war as plumbers, managers, engineers, etc...these people have no skills but terror. They are simply applying their skills....and we are applying ours. There is no Christian way to say they must be eliminated and we are doing so with all the efficiency we can muster. Our troops are shot at literally every day by small arms and RPGs. We respond and 100% of the time, the Ba'ath party guys come out with the short end of the stick. The most amazing thing to me is that they don't realize that if they stopped shooting at us, we would focus on fixing things and leave.

*The more they shoot at us,
the longer we will stay.....*

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Lastly, realize that 90% the damage you see on TV was caused by Iraqis, not the war. Sure we took out a few bridges from military necessity, we took out a few power and phone lines to disrupt communications, sure we drilled a few palaces and government headquarters buildings with 2000lb laser guided bombs (I work 100 yards from where two hit the Tikrit Palace); he had plenty to spare. But, any damage you see to schools, hospitals, power generation facilities, refineries, pipelines, was all caused either by the Iraqi Army in its death throes or Iraqi civilians looting the places. Could the army have prevented it? Nope. We can and do now, but 45 days ago the average soldier was lucky to know what town he was in much less know who owned what or have the power to stop 1,000 people from looting a building by himself.

The United States and Britain are doing a very noble thing here. We stuck our necks out on the world chopping block to free a people. I've already talked the weapons of mass destruction thing to death, bottom line, who cares, this country was one big conventional weapons ammo dump anyway. We have probably destroyed more weapons and ammo in the last 30 days than the US Army has ever fired in the last 30 years (Remember, this is a country the size of Texas.), so drop the WMD argument as the reason we came here; if we find it great, if we don't, so what?

I'm living in a "guest palace" on a 500 acre compound with 20 palaces with like facilities built in half a dozen towns all over Iraq that were built for one man. Drive down the street and out into the countryside 5 miles away (I have) and see a family of 10 living in a mud hut herding two dozen sheep. Then tell me why you think we are here.

Respectfully,

ERIC RYDBOM MAJ, ENGINEER Deputy Division
Engineer, 4th Infantry Division

Please copy this to as many as you can. If our news media won't print the truth then maybe we can do their job and get the news out thru email. Let the people of the U.S. and the world know just what our men and woman are doing in Iraq. I couldn't live like those people do and I don't think 98% of the people in the US could either.

I WENT BACK TO IRAQ

Free Lance Star, By Bing West

NEWPORT, R.I.--Last March, I accompanied the 1st Marine Division on its march from Kuwait to Baghdad. Two weeks ago, I went back to Iraq to see how the Marines were doing. I traveled for 500 miles in southern Iraq, where the ratio was about 1 million Shiite Iraqis per U.S. battalion.

The Marines had no tanks or armor, operating instead in small patrols. No Marine had been killed since April. The Shiite clergy and political leaders wanted the Marines to stay. But their job was done and they were turning the area over to the Poles and other members of the coalition. The division commander, Major Gen. James Mattis, told me he saw no reason for more American troops to be sent to Iraq.

I then flew to the northern city of Mosul and traveled through the 101st Air Assault Division's area. Like the Marines, the soldiers were patrolling in small units and working closely with the Iraqis, training police, re-establishing services, and advising local leaders. The division commander, Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, said he was winning the race for the hearts and minds of the people.

Those who are ambushing U.S. soldiers are the disaffected supporters of Saddam who have lost power. Most ambushers belong to local networks and are known by the local tribes. These "dead enders" are not organizing the people into political networks and do not fight to the death. They can be eliminated by using local intelligence. This requires spending time and project money with the local sheiks. While there needs to be enough presence to convince the people to turn against the remnants of the Saddam regime, more U.S. troops are not needed. Local intelligence, not troop density, will root out the local enemy.

On the other hand, large sweeps alienate the local people who have the necessary information. If other U.S. military units are following the 101st's and 1stMarDiv's example and do not

isolate themselves inside their vehicles, ambushes will decrease as the local enemy networks are shattered.

Freeing the military. The pace of restoring services and providing aid by the U.S. military in the provinces to the south (Marines) and north (101st) is moving faster than the reorganization of the ministries in Baghdad. This suggests it is time to decentralize resources and authority, giving the U.S. military in the provinces more latitude. Our soldiers are the best managers of local projects and have daily interaction with the local Iraqis. Let the U.S. military do more and work itself out of a job.

Like Brazil, Iraq has a brilliant future--and always will. There will forever be "one more thing to do." Nation-building by definition is a long-term task. Education in Iraq plummeted in the last decade. The people learned how to manipulate a corrupt system where brutality, sycophancy, and caginess, not hard work or decency, were rewarded.

Once the work ethic in a society is shattered, reinvigorating it takes years.

The productivity of workers in East Germany, for instance, is still lagging more than a decade after the Berlin Wall crumbled. In Iraq, the infrastructure has decayed due to neglect, and food and electric power are currently provided by the state at no cost. Instituting a dynamic free-market system will take years.

Stability and security, however, will not take years--though violence will persist, as in any country. From May through August, there were 56 fatalities in the line of duty for police officers in the United States versus 67 American soldiers killed in action in Iraq. No headlines suggest that this nation is in the throes of a crime epidemic. In Iraq, the greatest danger is the car bomb, a threat that will remain for a long time.

It is not clear, however, that large numbers of U.S. troops must remain for a long time. Our soldiers are not facing an organized military foe. Our troops' basic mission is to provide a stabilizing force until the Iraqi police and military are retrained and able to take over. The current pace of retraining Iraqi police and armed forces is too bureaucratic and too slow.

Resurrect CAPs. The single best immediate improvement would be extensive use of the precedent of the Combined Action Platoons from Vietnam. The "CAP" program combined Marine squads with local police and village militia.

The CAP was highly successful because the local militia brought local knowledge and the U.S. soldiers brought tactical skill. Over time, the local police and militia gained self-confidence and proficiency through on-the-job training.

A Combined Action Program would allow each U.S. division commander to say when he could hand over responsibilities to the Iraqis and thin out his own troops. By specifying missions rather than troop density, our high command can provide every U.S. division with an incentive toward speedier progress. The goal of each division would be to work itself out of a job by training the Iraqis who would replace the U.S. soldiers.

A second step would be to enhance the deterrence of violence by publicizing the consequences for perpetrators. Since May, the 1stMarDiv has captured hundreds of fighters and bombers and sent them on for interrogation--with zero feedback. I spoke with a major who had conducted 40 raids, capturing over 60 enemy. He had received no information about the fates of those he captured, some of whom had explosives and detonating cord in their hands.

It is time to prosecute and publicize long-term or death sentences for those convicted of setting off command-detonated bombs. Now, after bombers try to kill Americans, they are scooped up and sent somewhere.

That is the end of the story. There is no public punishment to deter others from taking their places. Yet most Saddamites surrender when confronted rather than fight. They want to live; they are not die-hards.

Public sentences would contribute to deterrence, while a Combined Action Program would hasten the process of "Iraqization" and the departure of U.S. troops.

WEST, a former asst. sect. of defense, is co-author of "The March Up: Taking Baghdad with the 1st Marine Division" (Bantam Books).

GENERAL WESLEY CLARK FOR PRESIDENT??

Tracing Clark's military map

By Jack Kelly

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark has thrown his helmet into the ring. He has improved the Democratic presidential field by entering it, just as he improved the Army by leaving it.

Gen. Clark is a brilliant man, and a brave one. A Rhodes scholar, he was decorated three times for heroism as commander of an armor company in Vietnam.

"Those of us who knew him as a captain thought the country would be shortchanged if he didn't rise to very high rank," said a retired Army colonel who was a student of Wesley Clark's when Gen. Clark taught at West Point.

But Gen. Clark's kindergarten teacher probably noted he doesn't play well with others.

Gen. Clark "is able, though not nearly as able as he thinks, and has tended to put his career ahead of his men to the point of excess," said a defense consultant well acquainted with the Army's senior officers. "He is opportunistic and lacks integrity. He will be an absolute menace if he gets into a position where he can exert influence on the Army because he lacks true vision and is prone to be vindictive."

Gen. Clark "regards each and every one of his subordinates as a potential threat to his career," said an officer who served under him when Gen. Clark commanded a brigade of the 4th Infantry Division in the 1980s. An officer who served under Clark when he commanded the 1st Cavalry Division said he was "the poster child for everything that is wrong with the general officer corps."

Gen. Clark doesn't get along terribly well with superiors or with allies either, which lead to his premature departure as commander of NATO.

Gen. Clark was CINCEUR when the Kosovo war began, and bears much of the responsibility for President Clinton's decision to try to bomb Serb dictator Slobodan Milosevic out of Kosovo. Gen. Clark argued that after a few days of bombing, Mr. Milosevic

would fold his tent and slink away. When the Serbs didn't budge after months of bombing, Gen. Clark lost Mr. Clinton's favor.

As the war dragged on, Gen. Clark advocated the use of ground troops. This put him at loggerheads with Gen. Henry Shelton, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and with Gen. Eric Shinseki, chief of staff of the Army, who thought this was a terrible idea. These generals faulted Gen. Clark for getting America into an unnecessary war, and for having done a poor job of preparing for it.

"NATO did not expect a long war," wrote former Clinton national security aide Ivo Daalder. "Worse, it did not even prepare for the possibility."

The conduct of the war drew unprecedented criticism from Gen. Clark's predecessor, Gen. George Joulwan, and a quiet rebellion by subordinate commanders.

"Clark found his control over ongoing operations eroding," wrote retired Army Col. Andrew Bacevich. "Rather than the theater commander, he became hardly more than a kibitzer."

What may have triggered Gen. Clark's early departure from NATO was a confrontation with the British general who was to command NATO peacekeepers.

After a Serb surrender had been negotiated with the help of the Russians, Gen. Clark ordered British Lt. Gen. Michael Jackson to parachute troops onto the airport at the Kosovar capital of Pristina, so NATO would hold it before Russian peacekeepers arrived.

Gen. Jackson refused. "I'm not going to start the Third World War for you," he told Gen. Clark, according to accounts in British newspapers.

Shortly after the confrontation with Gen. Jackson, Gen. Clark was told his tour as CINCEUR would end two months early. Neither Gen. Shelton nor Defense Secretary William Cohen attended his retirement ceremony, a remarkable snub for a four-star general.

Gen. Clark read Mr. Milosevic wrong, helping to provoke the Kosovo war, which he then fought badly. Gen. Clark picked up where he left off in his second career as a television kibitzer of military operations. As an analyst for CNN, Gen. Clark harshly criticized the war plan for Iraq devised by Gen. Tommy Franks, the CENTCOM commander, and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Gen. Clark turned out to be completely wrong.

It says something fascinating about the Democratic field that this failed general is the class of it.

Thanks to AF Norm Spilleth

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those who have no resolve because the media constantly portrays the war as some exercise in futility, think again. This is about our very survival as a Nation and a leader in the free world. The United Nations cannot fight this war for us. They are impotent as a fighting force, and not very good at controlling much of anything. More importantly, do not sell out the American Fighting Man as you did during the Vietnam War. Our military people are doing a job that most cannot do or simply refuse to do because they lack the courage or it is just too dangerous, and somebody might get "killed or wounded".

Please do not tell me that you support the troops but not the war, for it does not work that way. These troops read the papers and have e-mail. If we sell them out as we did in Vietnam, it will embolden our enemy and prolong the conflict, which will result in even more U.S. deaths and casualties. You also might ask yourself, "is it better to fight these murderers in Iraq and Afghanistan, or is Golden Gate Park or maybe Manhattan better?"

Sincerely, D. Krueger, Napa, CA

Mr. Krueger is a former United States Marine, and a decorated combat Veteran of the Vietnam War.

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Protestor Wrong About The War

Former Protester Says He Was Wrong About Iraq War

By Jeff Gannon

Talon News

September 24, 2003

WASHINGTON (Talon News) -- Ken Joseph opposed going to war in Iraq and protested the United States' decision to confront Saddam Hussein. But the soft-spoken minister says that he had a "stark dose of reality" when he went to Iraq to help do what he could to "stop the war."

Joseph, an Assyrian Christian born outside Iraq, has relatives who endured the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein. He had a change of heart when he found they wanted the war "to come as soon as possible so they could be freed from the nightmare."

He left Iraq when the United Nations pulled out shortly before the commencement of hostilities. Joseph returned with the first post-war relief truck. Since then, he has been working to do all he can "to make a difference for the Iraqi people and for my people, the Assyrians."

There are 2.5 million Assyrian Christians living in Iraq, part of over 6 million worldwide. Joseph refers to the Assyrians as "the Native Americans of Iraq." He is concerned that the framers of the new constitution will bow to the elements that want to create an Islamic state. Joseph emphasizes the need for a constitution "with clear provisions against any religious aspects to government."

The provisional ruling council named by the coalition has one Assyrian Christian among its 25 members -- Younadem Kana, an engineer.

Joseph objects to what he calls intimidation and "Islamization" by force that is now being carried out in Iraq. He is also seeking the return of lands confiscated by the previous regime and the restoration of citizenship stripped away under Saddam Hussein's rule.

He warns of the consequences of giving in to those who complain of "cultural impositions," saying, "The simple and stark fact is that no Islamic majority country has anything remotely

resembling a free society, a democratic constitution, and a populace who live without fear."

Joseph is concerned that Americans will not "go all the way" and leave Iraq before the job of reconstruction is complete.

Joseph is troubled by the behavior of relief agencies and Iraqi civilians who "demand services that were not that good even before the war."

"My heart breaks as I look into the exhausted eyes of the service members that have fought their way across the desert and now have to sit every day and listen to the complaints," Joseph said.

Joseph grew up in Japan where his parents emigrated after World War II in answer to General Douglas MacArthur's call for 10,000 American volunteers to help rebuild Japan. He suggests the reconstruction of Iraq follow the same course as the Asian nation that was transformed from a totalitarian state to a free and democratic society.

He stressed the need for America to "stay the course" like they did in Japan. Joseph said he remembers that as a child, Japanese citizens often "hugged, kissed and otherwise thanked" him for helping rebuild their country.

He recalls "the words that came to me so many times albeit in Japanese -- 'God Bless America'."

2/3 OF BAGHDAD RESIDENTS CHEER SADDAM'S REMOVAL

A new Gallup survey shows that, unlike the Democrats in this country, the people who actually live in Iraq are optimistic about their future. 67% of Baghdad residents believe that their lives will improve as a result of the U. S.-led military campaign, while only 8% said they would be worse off. It is worth noting that the survey was conducted strictly in Baghdad, where anti-Americanism is more common than in most other areas of Iraq.

JUDGE'S REPORT—continued

situation in the south. I took advantage of the situation and said the following: "I have read a little of your history. I know you are a proud people who have risen from the ashes in the past, so I must tell you that I am saddened and disappointed. I have talked to hundreds of you over the past five weeks, almost everyone educated and privileged. What I have heard is what you want from us, how the Americans have to fix this and give you money and equipment, protect you from you own. The only adults planning on the future were those law students in Basra who had lost everything - their books, their desks, their records, their school. And they were doing something about it on their own. You need to do some of these things for yourselves. If you are depending on us to do everything, you are going to be sadly disappointed."

I got a few nods from the judges, but the translator said to me: "Thank you. I have been waiting for someone to tell them that."

Our soldiers, God love them and keep them; they smiled every time I got a chance to talk to them. They want to come home, but I did not hear one word of complaint nor a question as to why they were there. This is boring, HOT, dirty, and dangerous work. They stand in 120 plus degrees in full body armor. They are amazing. Their entertainment was largely self-generated; boredom doesn't stop when they stand down. Write a letter, send a note or email; send a book, CD, tape, or magazine; do something.

Pass it on to those who believe the BBC, Peter Jennings and the New York Times.

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A Shreveport Judge's Report on Iraq

By Jack Dixon, retired AF JAG Colonel, later asst to AL Chief Justice. Jack was in charge of building the palace where Moore's stone idol was (is?) esconsed.

I attended a lecture by Judge Don Walters, a federal judge who was asked to serve as part of a 12 man team in Iraq to evaluate their justice system. It was most interesting, and afterwards, I asked if he had a book or a recording of any of his lectures. Since he did not, he was generous enough to give me his notes from the evening. For those of you interested, I will give you a slightly abridged version of his lecture which I found difficult to cut down due to its wealth of information.

THE LECTURE:

I really am not into public speaking as I am sure you are about to find out but my adventures in Iraq taught me something that I would very much like to share with you. I have been fortunate over the past 5 or 6 years to get to such exotic places as Bosnia, Jakarta, Indonesia, and Morocco. But, Iraq is my swan song. First, I am too old for such adventures, and second, Charlotte (my wife) won't let me. In mid-April, I got a call from DoJ asking if I would be willing to go to Iraq for up to 3 months to evaluate the justice system and make recommendations. When I went home, Charlotte said without a pause, "how could I possibly tell you, no?"

Let me begin with a disclaimer, I was in Iraq for fewer than 40 days, I was in Baghdad for a little over three weeks and in the three provinces of the far south for two weeks. I am limited in what I saw and heard. Needless to say, the opinions are my own. I want to make it clear that, initially, I vehemently opposed the war.

The team of 12 that went to Iraq was to access the judiciary and to make recommendations for the future. We were sent too soon and without sufficient planning and forethought. Accordingly we were forced to play our part by ear. Ultimately, we were successful. No thanks to the civil

authorities in Washington or Iraq.

We were divided into 4 teams. We were the southern team: Mike Farhang, an AUSA from Los Angeles, Harvard Summa Undergraduate, Harvard Law Review, Linguist, 5 languages including Arabic; Rich Coughlin, Federal Public Defender from New Jersey, who abandoned his wife and 23 month old daughter to volunteer for this; and me. We were accompanied by an interpreter and protected by what I called our "minders," four Iraqis well-armed with 9mm hand guns and AK47's.

During the first two weeks, we talked to a few hundred Iraqis and interviewed about 60 judges. Our help came from our Danish colleagues and the First Armored Division (UK), not from the civil authorities - OPCA, Office of the Provisional Coalition Authority, (formerly ORHA), Ambassador Brenner's group.

Despite my initial opposition to the war, I am now convinced, whether we find any weapons of mass destruction or prove Saddam sheltered and financed terrorists, absolutely, we should have overthrown the Baathists, indeed, we should have done it sooner.

What changed my mind?

When we left mid June, 57 mass graves had been found, one with the bodies of 1200 children. There have been credible reports of murder, brutality and torture of hundreds of thousands of ordinary Iraqi citizens. There is poverty on a monumental scale and fear on a larger one. That fear is still palpable.

I have seen the machines and places of torture. I will tell you one story told to me by the Chief of Pediatrics at the Medical College in Basra. It was one of the most shocking to me, but I heard worse.

One of Saddam's security agents was sent to question a Shiite in his home. The interrogation took place in the living room in the presence of the man's wife, who held their three month old child. A question was asked and the thug did not like the answer; he asked it again, same answer. He

grabbed the baby from its mother and plucked its eye out. And then repeated his question. Worse things happened with the knowledge, indeed with the participation, of Saddam, his family and the Baathist regime.

Thousands suffered while we were messing about with France and Russia and Germany and the UN. Every one of them knew what was going on there, but France and the UN were making millions administering the food for oil program.

We cannot, I know, remake the world, nor do I believe we should. We cannot stamp out evil, I know. But this time we were morally right and our economic and strategic interests were involved. I submit that just because we can't do everything doesn't mean that we should do nothing.

We must have the moral courage to see this through, to do whatever it takes to secure responsible government for the Iraqi people. Having decided to topple Saddam, we cannot abandon those who trust us. I fear we will quit as the horrors of war come into our living rooms. Look at the stories you are getting from the media today. The steady drip, drip, drip of bad news may destroy our will to fulfill the obligations we have assumed.

WE ARE NOT GETTING THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM THE NEWS MEDIA. The news you watch, listen to and read is highly selective. Good news doesn't sell. 90% of the damage you see on TV was caused by Iraqis, not by US. All the damage you see to schools, hospitals, power generation facilities, refineries, pipelines and water supplies, as well as shops, museums, and semi-public buildings (like hotels) was caused either by the Iraqi army in its death throes or Iraqi civilians looting and rioting.

The day after the war was over, there was nearly 0 power being generated in Iraq. 45 days later, 1/3 of the total national potential of 8000 MW is up and running. Downed power lines are being repaired and were about 70% complete when I left. There is

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water purification where little or none existed before...this time to everyone.

Oil is 95% of the Iraqi GNP. In order for Iraq to survive, it must sell oil. All the damage to the oil fields was done by the Iraqi army or looters. The 14 story office building of the Southern Iraq Oil Company in Basra was torched by Baathist, destroying all of the books, records and computers of the company. Today, the refinery at Bayji is at 75% of capacity. The crude pipeline between Kirkuk and Bayji has been repaired, though the Baathist keep trying to disrupt it.

If we are doing all this for the people, why are they shooting us?

The general population isn't. By my sample, 90% are glad we came and the majority doesn't want us to leave for some time to come, but there are still plenty of bad guys, the Baathists who lived well under Saddam. The thugs of the old regime still hope to return to power, and there are plenty of them, mostly located in Sunni areas. Then too, Saddam, in the Ramadan amnesty, let every murderer, butcher, rapist and violent criminal loose on his own people. There are interests, including organized crime, with a desire for anarchy and profit. There are disruptive forces from Saudi Arabia, Iran and Syria.

We saw poverty on a scale that I have never witnessed except in pictures of Haiti. I saw one little girl: she was slender, very pretty, about 5 or 6 years old, in a tattered dress with a broad red hem, part of which was torn and dragging in the dirt. She would touch her heart and make hungry gestures. She was duplicated a thousand times during the journey.

The poverty in Iraq is a sharp contrast to the lives of Saddam and his sons. Saddam alone, not counting Ouday and Qusay and the leading Baathists, had 43 palaces. We are using several for civilian government. The one where OPCA is located is the main republican palace occupying over 2000 acres. It is a monument to narcissism, four 25 foot tall heads of Saddam decorate the front of the palace, and his portraits and statues are everywhere.

We went to a second palace by the airport. It is surrounded by a lake which was created by diverting the Euphrates water which limited agricultural irrigation downstream. His palace in Basra was used by him only once I am told.

Basra functions fairly well except for the power. There are 6 lines into the city, but it does not have a standard power grid. Saddam used power and other essentials as a method of punishing a city of 3 million! He would cut power for days to punish them. When I tell you the temperatures there, you will understand how bad that was. I am told that in high summer, it will hit 155 degrees, even 160! He has made no investments in this area which is overwhelmingly Shiite. He has few friends there. Consequently, it is easier for the Brits to govern, unlike Baghdad. And they are doing a good job of it. They are doing it at the moment by using pre-war personnel, perhaps contrary to Brenner's de-Baathification order.

The problem with Brenner's policy is that it removes almost all of the people who ran the country. The Brits have been pragmatic: they have largely left the judges and police in place and are removing them as they see the need and they are able to train and replace the bad ones. That was our problem in Haiti, we trained a police force but did not put the judiciary in place so that the jails just filled up and then overcrowding forced criminals out. And the Haitian police have largely quit. (Ouday had a solution to overcrowding, when he received a complaint of overcrowding, he went to the prison and personally shot every 3rd prisoner.)

We want to keep Iraq a secular state, and that will present some difficulties as there is no real concept of separation of church and state in Islam. Attaturk was a true revolutionary where this was concerned. The tribal and sahria (religious) courts are functioning, and if we don't get a move on, they will replace the civil and criminal courts.

I find it difficult to explain how differently they think. I remember telling Mike, "I don't think we are on the same page with this fellow." Mike said, "Don, I am not sure we are in the same library." For a large percentage of the

Iraqi people, and they are most adamant, family and tribe are everything, religion and state are one and the same. That they don't understand us is our biggest problem in the middle east. They perceive our way of life as a threat to theirs...and it is. They fear the modern world is about to run over them, destroying family life as they know it, educating and freeing their women, forbidding honor killing... coca colas, jeans, lack of parental respect and respect for the old ways and religion. And to defend their way of life and their religion, they will die with the same fervor with which the Christians marched to the lions. In their fear of western life, some will fight and kill us; but I remain convinced that the majority want a secular society and the best that the west has to offer. We are not hated by everyone. Of the hundreds I talked to, the overwhelming majority thanked us for being there. Hundreds of adults and children on the roads waved and smiled as we passed by.

We went to the law school with about 300 students, about ten of whom were female. There we were, three Americans and they wanted us to fix their school and they thought we could. They thought Americans could do anything. They were like children expecting the genie from the bottle to immediately gratify their needs.

The law students were the finest example of hope that I encountered. They told me that the future was theirs and that they needed and wanted our help. I believe we should be paying more attention and giving greater effort to restoring higher education. These law students are the immediate future. When we met with them a week later, they had formed a protective association, a bus for transportation, found a disused grammar school for classes, and got their assistant dean to round up some professors who were teaching them. Still they need help and I am trying to get some help for them from our law schools. LSU has refused, Seton Hall and Rutgers have promised to help; I have not contacted Tulane, Loyola or Southern yet.

Upon returning to Baghdad, I went to the Ministry of Justice to review the

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United Press International. Nov. 3, 1999, Wednesday, BC cycle.

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. government has tried to prevent accused terror suspect Osama bin Laden from fleeing Afghanistan to either Iraq or Chechnya, Michael Sheehan, head of counter-terrorism at the State Department, told a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee ...

Akron Beacon Journal (Ohio). October 31, 1999. Sunday 1 STAR EDITION.

BIN LADEN SPOTTED AFTER OFFER TO LEAVE

By: From Beacon Journal wire services
DATELINE: JALALABAD, AFGHANISTAN:

... The Taliban has since made it known through official channels that the likely destination is Iraq.

A Clinton administration official said bin Laden's request "falls far short" of the UN resolution that the Taliban deliver him for trial....

The Kansas City Star. March 2, 1999, Tuesday.

International terrorism, a conflict without boundaries

By Rich Hood

... He (bin Laden) has a private fortune ranging from \$250 million to \$500 million and is said to be cultivating a new alliance with Iraq's Saddam Hussein, who has biological and chemical weapons bin Laden would not hesitate to use. An alliance between bin Laden and Saddam Hussein could be deadly. Both men are united in their hatred for the United States and any country friendly to the United States....

Los Angeles Times. February 23, 1999, Tuesday, Home Edition.

SECTION: Metro; Part B; Page 6; Letters Desk.

HEADLINE: OSAMA BIN LADEN

Where is Osama bin Laden (Feb. 14)? That should be the U.S.'s main priority. If as rumored he and Saddam Hussein are joining forces, it could pose a threat making Hitler and Mussolini seem like a sideshow....

National Public Radio (NPR) Morning Edition (10:00 AM on ET)

February 18, 1999.

THOUGH AFGHANISTAN HAS PROVIDED OSAMA BIN LADEN WITH SANCTUARY, IT IS UNCLEAR WHERE HE IS NOW.

ANCHORS: BOB EDWARDS
REPORTERS: MIKE SHUSTER

... There have also been reports in recent months that bin Laden might have been considering moving his operations to Iraq. Intelligence agencies in several nations are looking into that. According to Vincent Cannistraro, a former chief of CIA counterterrorism operations, a senior Iraqi intelligence official, Farouk Hijazi (ph), sought out bin Laden in December and invited him to come to Iraq.

Mr. VINCENT CANNISTRARO (Former Chief of CIA Counterterrorism Operations): Farouk Hijazi, who was the Iraqi ambassador in Turkey ... known through sources in Afghanistan, members of Osama's entourage let it be known that the meeting had taken place.

SHUSTER: Iraq's contacts with bin Laden go back some years, to at least 1994, when, according to one U.S. government source, Hijazi met him when bin Laden lived in Sudan. According to Cannistraro, Iraq invited bin Laden to live in Baghdad to be nearer to potential targets of terrorist attack in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. There is a wide gap between bin Laden's fundamentalism and Saddam Hussein's secular dictatorship. But some experts believe bin Laden might be tempted to live in Iraq because of his reported desire to obtain chemical or biological weapons. CIA director George Tenet referred to that in recent testimony....

Agence France Presse. February 17, 1999.

Saddam plans to use bin Laden against Kuwait, Saudi: opposition

Iraq's President Saddam Hussein plans to use alleged terrorist Osama bin Laden's network to carry out his threats against Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, an Iraqi opposition figure charged on Wednesday.

"If the ... Jaber, a member of the Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in

Iraq (SCIRI), said Iraq had "offered to shelter bin Laden under the precondition that he carry out strikes on targets in neighbouring countries."

... Islamic fundamentalist bin Laden, who has gone missing from his base in Afghanistan, would never seek refuge in secular Iraq on ideological grounds. "I think bin Laden would keep quiet or fight to the death rather than seek asylum in Iraq," the London-based dissident, who asked not to be named, told AFP last week....

Deutsche Presse-Agentur. Feb. 17, 1999, Wednesday, BC Cycle
Opposition group says bin Laden in Iraq

DATELINE: Kuwait City

An Iraqi opposition group claimed in a published report Wednesday that Islamic militant Osama bin Laden is in Iraq from where he plans to launch a campaign of terrorism against Baghdad's Gulf neighbours.

The claim was made by Bayan Jabor, spokesman for the Teheran-based Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI).

Bin Laden "recently settled in Iraq at the invitation of Saddam Hussein in exchange for directing strikes against targets in neighbouring countries," Jabor told the Kuwaiti newspaper al-Rai al-Aam ... Taleban leaders in Afghanistan, where he had been living, said they lost track of him. Media reports have speculated he sought refuge in Chechnya, Somalia, Iraq, or with a non-Taliban group in Afghanistan.

Jabor, who was interviewed in Damascus, Syria, said Iraq began extending invitations to bin Laden six months ago, shortly after the United States bombed his suspected terrorist training camps in Afghanistan after linking him with the August 7 bombings of U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and in Dar-es-Salam, Tanzania.

The United States indicted Bin Laden for the embassy bombings and has offered a five million dollar reward for information leading to his capture. Bin Laden's disappearance has

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coincided with stepped up threats by Iraq against neighbours Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Turkey for allowing the United States and Britain to use their air bases to carry out air patrols over two "no-fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq

Associated Press Worldstream. February 14, 1999.

Taliban leader says whereabouts of bin Laden unknown

... Analysts say bin Laden's options for asylum are limited.

Iraq was considered a possible destination because bin Laden had received an invitation from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein last month. And Somalia was a third possible destination because of its anarchy and violent anti-U.S. history

San Jose Mercury News (California). February 14, 1999

Sunday MORNING FINAL EDITION

U.S. WORRIED ABOUT IRAQI, BIN LADEN TIES TERRORIST COULD GAIN EVEN DEADLIER WEAPONS

U.S. intelligence officials are worried that a burgeoning alliance between terrorist leader Osama bin Laden and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein could make the fugitive Saudi's loose-knit organization much more dangerous ...

In addition, the officials said, Palestinian terrorist Abu Nidal is now in Iraq, as is a renowned Palestinian bomb designer, and both could make their expertise available to bin Laden.

"It's clear the Iraqis would like to have bin Laden in Iraq," said Vincent Cannistraro, a former head of counterterrorism operations at the Central Intelligence Agency ...

Saddam has even offered asylum to bin Laden, who has expressed support for Iraq.

... (in) late December, when bin Laden met a senior Iraqi intelligence official near Qandahar, Afghanistan, there has been increasing evidence that bin Laden and Iraq may have begun cooperating in planning attacks against American and British targets around the world.

Bin Laden, who strikes in the name of Islam, and Saddam, one of the most

secular rulers in the Arab world, have little in common except their hatred of the United States ...

More worrisome, the American officials said, are indications that there may be contacts between bin Laden's organization and Iraq's Special Security Organization (SSO), run by Saddam's son Qusay. Both the SSO and the Mukhabarat were involved in a failed 1993 plot to assassinate former President George Bush ...

"The idea that the same people who are hiding Saddam's biological weapons may be meeting with Osama bin Laden is not a happy one," said one American official....

Associated Press Worldstream.

February 13, 1999; Saturday 14:32 Eastern Time

Bin Laden said to have left Afghanistan, whereabouts unknown

... It is very unlikely bin Laden could remain in Afghanistan without Taliban officials knowing his whereabouts.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has offered asylum to bin Laden, who has expressed support for Iraq.

U.S. officials believe bin Laden masterminded the Aug. 7 bombings of its embassies in Kenya and Tanzania ...

Bin Laden urged devout Muslims to attack U.S. and British interests in retaliation for their joint assault on Iraq.

U.S. officials demanded that the Taliban hand over bin Laden, who has been indicted in a U.S. court on murder charges in connection with the bombings. But the Taliban had refused.

The Bulletin's Frontrunner. January 4, 1999, Monday.

Defiant Saddam Looks To Provoke U.S.

... *Time* also reported, "For now, the White House will respond to each provocation by counterattacking the offending battery."

Saddam Reaching Out To bin Laden.

Newsweek (1/11, Contreras) reported, "U.S. sources say (Saddam) is reaching out to Islamic terrorists, including some who may be linked to Osama bin Laden." ...

(Osama bin Laden was) calling for all-out war on Americans, using as his main pretext Washington's role in bombing and boycotting Iraq." In a *Newsweek* interview, bin Laden said that "any American who pays taxes to his government," is a legitimate target." *Newsweek* reported, "The idea of an alliance between Iraq and bin Laden is alarming to the West," although "Saddam may think he's too good for such an association." However, "Now that the United States has made his removal from office a national objective....

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United Press International. January 3, 1999, Sunday, BC cycle.

UPI Focus: Bin Laden 'instigated' embassy bombings

... (The Taliban) government in Afghanistan says the Saudi does not have the money to finance projects in the country. *Newsweek* also reported that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein has been making new overtures to bin Laden in an attempt to rebuild his intelligence network and to create his own terror network....

YOU make your own conclusions. Most will decide to believe what they made up their minds to believe!



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Links Between Bin Laden and Iraq

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I decided to look back to 1999 to see what links there may have been between Saddam and OBL. I found hundreds of articles. Here are condensed summaries of some of the more relevant ones. I wonder why no one is talking about these articles and links today.

The Herald (Glasgow, Scotland), December 28, 1999.

Iraq tempts bin Laden to attack West Exclusive. By: Ian Bruce, Geopolitics Editor.

THE world's most wanted man, Osama bin Laden, has been offered sanctuary in Iraq if his worldwide terrorist network succeeds in carrying out a campaign of high-profile attacks on the West ...

Now we are also facing the prospect of an unholy alliance between bin Laden and Saddam. The implications

are terrifying.

"We might be looking at the most wanted man on the FBI's target list gaining access to chemical, biological or even nuclear weapons courtesy of Iraq's clandestine research programmes."

The U.S. intelligence community has been squeezing bin Laden's finances steadily for several years. His personal fortune of anything up to £500m has been whittled down to single figures ...

U.S. Newswire, December 23, 1999.

Terrorism Expert Reveals Why Osama bin Laden has Declared War On America; Available for Comment in Light of Predicted Attacks.

... (author Yossef) Bodansky also reveals the relationship between bin Laden and Saddam Hussein and how the U.S. bombing of Iraq is "strengthening the hands of militant

Islamists eager to translate their rage into violence and terrorism."

The Observer, December 19, 1999.

Sanctions reviewed in West as Saddam wields sword of Islam

The Iraqi dictator has rejected a UN deal to lift sanctions. The Western blockade, far from toppling the regime, has bolstered it. He's ditched the sunglasses and taken up the Koran to harness the fervour of fundamentalists.

By: Jason Burke, in Baghdad

... This time last year the U.S. claimed that another delegation had met Osama bin Laden, the alleged terrorist mastermind and tried to woo him to Iraq.

Senior officials claim that the Islamisation programme is an attempt to defuse the threat of Islamic militancy rather than encourage it ...

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