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Introduction

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Essays on the American and Israeli perpetual war Plutocracies

The following are recurring themes in these papers. The American and Israeli people are free and have influence, but we do not control our countries. Our dysfunction is not due to incompetence, it is intentional. Our war plutocrats are the primary beneficiaries of our militarism, and these war plutocrats are the existential threat to our democracies, not foreign states and terrorists.

War plutocrats are the flesh and blood persons who own and operate our defense industries and other large corporations that benefit from war.

The following should be made widely known to the American public. If you read nothing else, read the few pages covering these referenced topics and check their sources and footnotes:

- *1982 Oded Yinon Plan called for the balkanization of the Middle East by and for the benefit of Israel. The American invasion and occupation of Iraq intentionally fractured Iraq implementing Paragraph 23. See Section 1.1 and Chapter 3.*
- The Pentagon in 2001 had plans for military campaigns against 7 Middle East countries within 5 years (Ch. 1). This plan has been drawn out but is well along and still in process.
- Bush and Cheney in 2001 intentionally allowed al Qaeda to escape Tora Bora, Afghanistan (Ch. 2). The body of the paper is just one and a half pages. I recommend a review of Footnote (1) if you are not familiar with the modern history of America's involvement in the Muslim world.
- The Fed has 3 trillion in a "money creation account" hidden in financial institutions' reserve deposits (Ch. 6 under "Federal Reserve Accounting"). This section is just one and half pages. As of 10/29/2014 the account was 2,919,995 M the difference between securities held and currency outstanding.

An unclassified, underreported but significant point on our economy:

- Total domestic, nonfinancial debt to GDP has stayed above 247% since 2009 despite a growing GDP and a trillion-dollar reduction in household mortgages through over four million foreclosures. This is the highest or one of the highest debt/GDP ratios in our recorded history. It has been and will continue to be a drag on the American economy. We cannot service such indebtedness. Continued debt forgiveness with concomitant losses to creditors is unavoidable (Ch. 6). *11/15/2014* Note: The Fed recently reduced nonfinancial debt by 2.4 T. It reclassified these corporate bonds as miscellaneous other liabilities reducing the ratio of nonfinancial debt to GDP to just 234%. *This manipulation was subsequently reversed.*

2016 Total domestic, nonfinancial debt to GDP was 253.5%.
Source: http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/z1/ See the 09/21/2017 release pages 7 and 9.
2009 to 2016, GDP grew 29.2%, but debt grew 31.3%.

Now is the time. We may have begun a long war to destroy the Islamic State while offering no viable alternative. Fed tapering has ended. *09/2017 The Islamic State will soon lose its geographic holdings, but the war on terror will continue, and we still offer no viable alternative. 09/2017 The Fed has reinvested all its bond portfolio redemptions/ principal payments since tapering ended in 2014 and now plans to very slowly reduce its trillions in long term bond holdings beginning in October 2017.*

Reading Guide

These essays were written as stand-alone pieces and may be read as such. Given the independence of each piece there is redundancy which is less than optimal but will allow you to move more quickly through later reading. I did not originally intend to write a book but eventually discerned in these pieces a logical progression in a whole work. Your background may preempt the need to follow this progression.

There are tangential pieces that I hope you will not find distracting but rather of interest. Some of the Footnotes and Addendums could stand alone as separate essays. You may find some of them of interest all by themselves. All the articles are dated. Significant *new material was added in red and/or italics* after the date of origin.

Titles of the chapters/ articles do not always clearly indicate the body of the work.

Chapter 2 The War on Terror is a Lie. – includes in Footnote (1) the actions America has taken in the Muslim world that created the hatred and terrorism against us. Footnotes 6, 7, and 8 are excerpts from three books including one by the CIA station chief in charge at Tora Bora and one by the head of Delta Force at Tora Bora. An essay/addendum was added later which postulates a relationship between the first publication of this article on 10/20/2009 and the 11/30/2009 report on Tora Bora by the majority staff of the Senate foreign relations committee.

Chapter 4 Religion Serves Politics - condemns the religious defense of the war on terror, concludes the Book of Joshua was uninspired, and includes an addendum that reconciles the Bible timeline, the Jewish timeline, and the historical timeline. If you are a Bible student you should find this essay/addendum of interest even if you thoroughly disagree with the rest of the paper.

Chapter 6 Great Recessions II - includes a review of basic economics theory, economic history in the S&L crisis and the great recession, reasons to predict another great recession, and a critique of the Fed.

Chapter 7 Gun Control: A bigger picture – may be the heart of this eBook. It advances the theory that we are a sick society made sick by our unwillingness to face terrible truths. It reviews the history of those truths. We have been an aggressor nation since before our inception. It advances the case against our war plutocrats. It makes the case for gun control in cutting our military, intelligence, and security spending in half, back to year 2000 spending. The gun control we need most is the defunding of possible, future American aggression.

It also supports some traditional gun control if that control does not eliminate effective weapons in the hands of citizens. We are capable of self-governance and self-defense. And, we may need these weapons to make things right.

Chapter 9, Section 1 Pivot to Diplomacy – It recommends foreign policy positions to replace our current, corrupt dollar diplomacy with a values-based diplomacy, attempts to clarify issues, and recommends actions to be taken regarding the Islamic State, Israel/ Palestine, Eastern Ukraine, and China.

We have fought against evil, but we have arguably fought for even greater evil in the continuing war, chaos, and corruption we left behind in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, and Libya…

We will stop losing wars when we stop fighting unjust wars. Stop 2014 11 15

This is a controversial book. A primary advantage of the eBook version is that you may instantly check the sources available online. If you prefer to read a paper version, read it with the eBook on your computer so you can quickly check sources. You can order the paperback version at: https://www.amazon.com/Terrible-Lies-Truths-Perpetual-Plutocracies/dp/1973434563/

1 Our Plutocrats' Plans

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Mere incompetence could not create the current level of dysfunction, and gross error uncorrected over time is most always intentional. There is almost no aspect of the current reality that is not manipulated by these Plutocrats' machinations.

These planners/ sociopaths control America, Israel, and much of the rest of the world. They are a large portion of our plutocrats including war plutocrats, financial plutocrats, and additional unknowns. They appear to value short term extraordinary profits over even their own long term best interests with no concern for others. They created the Great Recession through fraud, and while their American banks paid 65 B+ in settlements as of 11/2013, they were subject to no direct consequences. Almost no one went to jail. The world is theirs to rule and/or destroy with impunity.

One Plan - Protocols of the Elders of Zion as reviewed by Alexander Solzhenitsyn
Source: http://www.whale.to/c/alexander.html

The Anonymous author of the Protocols describes a master-plan for vast restructuring of society, creation of a new oligarchy, and subjugation of millions. Anonym's way to subjugation leads through Machiavellian manipulations and mind control a la Orwell's 1984. (Orwell's homage to the Protocols is even more striking as it is rarely noticed).

The master-plan begins with reshaping the human mind:
"People's minds should be diverted (away from contemplation) towards industry and trade, and then they will have no time to think. The people will be **consumed by the pursuit of gain**. It will be vain pursuit, for we shall put **industry on a speculative basis**: what is withdrawn from the land by industry will slip through the hands of workers and industrialists and pass into the hands of **financiers**.

The intensified struggle for survival and superiority, accompanied by crises and shocks will create cold and heartless communities with strong aversion towards religion. Their **only guide is gain that is Mammon**, which they will erect into a veritable cult."

Foresight of Anonym is amazing: in the days of the Protocols' publication (Russia 1903), Man was still the measure of things, and a full eighty years would pass, until Milton Friedman and Chicago School would proclaim Market and Profit as the only guiding light.

- Per Solzhenitsyn **End**

The Protocols are a forgery, but the Protocols' anonymous author was amazingly prescient, and I believe there is a plan. **Whose plan?** Unknown though it appears our financial plutocrats are the primary beneficiaries.

War Plans – of America's Tax-Exempt Foundations uncovered by Norman Dodd and the Reece Committee 1954

The Committee's investigators reviewed board minutes of Tax-Exempt Foundations including the Carnegie Endowment from its inception in 1910, the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and others. These minutes revealed these boards' conclusions: War is the most effective means of changing a society. Control of the State Department is the most effective means to involve the US in wars. Control of education will prevent reversion of the country back to where we were in 1914. Sources: 1982 interview with Norman Dodd https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUYCBfmIcHM and
A transcript - http://realityzone.stores.yahoo.net/hiddenagenda2.html

The Oded Yinon Plan 1982 *31 Paragraphs*
This plan calls for the balkanization of the Middle East to be brought about by and for the benefit of Israel. Whether or not this plan was ever formally adopted as Israeli policy is irrelevant. What is relevant is that ***this plan has been followed and is being followed****. Paragraph 23 describes what President George W Bush and Vice President Cheney accomplished with the intentional destruction of Iraq. See chapter 3. The Plan's Paragraph 26 describes what Israel has done and is doing to bring about the annexation of the West Bank. See excerpts from this plan in the next Section 1.1.*

War Plans – The Pentagon's 2001 Middle East Plans
Retired General **Wesley Clark** states there was an American foreign policy coup in 2001 calling for military campaigns against seven countries in the Middle East. He thought it may have been to enhance American control in the area. Around 9/20/2001 he spoke with a general on the Joint Chiefs' staff and learned the decision to attack Iraq had already been made. Six weeks later the same general produced a memo that described how we are going to take out seven countries in five years starting with Iraq then Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and finishing off Iran. Sources: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TY2DKzastu8
10/3/2007 Commonwealth Club/ https://www.youtube.com/foratv , and (1)

Iraq was invaded to destroy Iraq and create a continuing, violent division between Sunni and Shiite. See Chapter 3. This division spread to Syria and is now resurgent in Iraq. Libya's factions continue to fight. The Somali government continues to fight al Shabaab. Sudan is pitted against South Sudan while South Sudan is in civil war. Egypt is divided between liberals, the military, and the Muslim Brotherhood. Yemen is fighting both a Shiite Houthi rebellion and a Sunni al Qaeda backed insurgency. Palestine may or may not hold together in a national unity government combining Fatah and Hamas.

Who benefits? -
American and Israeli war plutocrats - continue to make their war profits. They are the flesh and blood persons who own and operate our defense industries and other major corporations that benefit from our perpetual war economies.
Financial plutocrats - are war plutocrats to the extent they benefit from war.
Oil plutocrats – Disorder in oil producing countries such as Libya, Iraq, and Iran increases oil prices and thereby increases oil company profits.

Greater Israel Zionists - with the Arab world divided there is reduced threat to a greater Israel. **Israel could annex most of the West Bank with near impunity.**

Greater Israel Zionists – appear to be a significant subset of our war plutocrats.
Israel exists thru perpetual war though this need not be so. The Balfour Declaration came about in WW I. The Holocaust in WW II created the impetus for the migration of survivors to Israel. Israel expanded its borders thru wars in 1948 and 1967. (There was an ongoing civil war before Israel's declaration of statehood in 5/1948. Israel attacked Egypt on 10/29/1956 beginning the Suez War. Israel initiated military actions on June 5th and again on June 9th in 1967.) The solution to every problem is alleged to be military action when in fact only political solutions will bring peace, but **peace is not a goal**.

Greater Israel Zionists and greater Palestine terrorists are **collaborators** with unending occupation rationalizing unending terror, rationalizing unending occupation, rationalizing unending terror... Greater Zionists actually want a two-state solution but with a greater Israel incorporating Judea and Samaria and with a decrepit, rump state of Palestine in Gaza.
Greater Zionists are Drang nach Osten (yearning for the East) for Lebensraum (life room) in Judea and Samaria. Further, perpetual war provides the evolutionary vehicle through which the strongest survive and thereby strengthen the race. In the same way the Nazis destroyed Germany, greater Zionists will destroy Israel. These **War Plans** are not in the long-term best interests of Israel.

Conclusion
No foreign states or terrorists are existential threats to America or Israel. As America and Israel are plutocracies, though Americans and Israelis are free and have influence, we do not control our countries. American and Israeli war plutocrats with their cronies control our countries. They are the existential threat to our democracies. Eliminate their profits/ mammon by ending American and Israeli aggression. **Pivot to diplomacy**.

Sources and Footnotes:
(1) Winning Modern Wars by Wesley Clark (New York: Public Affairs, 2003), 130. In this book Clark describes his conversation with a military officer in the Pentagon shortly after 9/11 regarding a plan to attack seven Middle Eastern countries in five years: "As I went back through the Pentagon in November 2001, one of the senior military staff officers had time for a chat. Yes, we were still on track for going against Iraq, he said. But there was more. This was being discussed as part of a five-year campaign plan, he said, and there were a total of seven countries, beginning with Iraq, then Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and finishing off Iran."

Definitions: Greater Zionists - in this writing, the term does not include those who dream of a greater Israel brought about by just means.

1.1 The Oded Yinon Plan 1982

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A Strategy for Israel in the Nineteen Eighties by Oded Yinon February 1982 31 paragraphs
Excerpts:

Paragraph 13 – This national ethnic minority picture extending from Morocco to India and from Somalia to Turkey points to the absence of stability and a rapid degeneration in the entire region. When this picture is added to the economic one, we see how **the entire region is built like a house of cards**, unable to withstand severe problems.

Paragraph 15 - …A sad and very stormy situation surrounds Israel and creates challenges for it, problems, risks **but also far-reaching opportunities for the first time since 1967…**

Paragraph 20 - …Egypt, in its present domestic political picture, is already a corpse, all the more so if we take into account the growing Moslem-Christian rift. **Breaking Egypt down territorially into distinct geographical regions is the political aim of Israel** in the Nineteen Eighties on its Western front.

Paragraph 21 - …**If Egypt falls apart, countries like Libya, Sudan or even more distant states will not continue to exist in their present form and will join the downfall and dissolution of Egypt**…

Paragraph 22 - …**Lebanon's total dissolution into five provinces serves as a precedent for the entire Arab world including Egypt, Syria, Iraq, and the Arabian Peninsula** and is already following that track. **The dissolution of Syria and Iraq later on into ethnically and religiously unique areas such as in Lebanon, is Israel's primary target on the Eastern front in the long run**, while the dissolution of the military power of those states serves as the primary short-term target. **Syria will fall apart, in accordance with its ethnic and religious structure, into several states such as in present day Lebanon**… This state of affairs will be the guarantee for peace and security in the area in the long run, **and that aim is already within our reach today**.

Paragraph 23 - **Iraq**, rich in oil on the one hand and internally torn on the other**, is guaranteed as a candidate for Israel's targets. Its dissolution is even more important for us than that of Syria.** Iraq is stronger than Syria. **In the short run it is Iraqi power which constitutes the greatest threat to Israel. …Every kind of inter-Arab confrontation will assist us in the short run and will shorten the way to the more important aim of breaking up Iraq into denominations as in Syria and Lebanon.** In Iraq, a division into provinces along

ethnic/religious lines as in Syria during Ottoman times is possible. So, three (or more) states will exist around the three major cities: Basra, Baghdad, and Mosul and Shiite areas in the south will separate from the Sunni and Kurdish north…

Paragraph 24 – **The entire Arabian Peninsula is a natural candidate for dissolution**…

Paragraph 25 – **Jordan constitutes an immediate strategic target** in the short but not in the long run for it **does not constitute a real threat in the long run after its dissolution**…

Paragraph 26 - …**Israel's policy, both in war and in peace, ought to be directed at the liquidation of Jordan under the present regime and the transfer of power to the Palestinian majority.** Changing the regime east of the river will also cause the termination of the problem of the territories densely populated with Arabs west of the Jordan. **Whether in war or under conditions of peace, emigration from the territories and economic demographic freeze in them, are the guarantees for the coming change on both banks of the river, and we ought to be active in order to accelerate this process.** …it is not possible to go on living in this country in the present situation without separating the two nations, **the Arabs to Jordan and the Jews to the areas west of the river. …A nation of their own and security will be theirs only in Jordan.**

Source: A Strategy for Israel in the Nineteen Eighties by Oded Yinon 31 paragraphs
Published February 1982 in Hebrew in KIVUNIM (Directions) Issue 14, a Journal for Judaism and Zionism. KIVUNIM was/is published by the Department of Publicity/ The World Zionist Organization, Jerusalem
An English translation was completed by Israel Shahak 06/13/1982 published by the Association of Arab American University Graduates, Inc.:
http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/pdf/The%20Zionist%20Plan%20for%20the%20Middle%20East.pdf *
http://www.globalresearch.ca/greater-israel-the-zionist-plan-for-the-middle-east/5324815

The Management of Savagery *- Ali Soufan states this "book sets out a strategy closely aligned with official al-Qaeda doctrine… The Management of Savagery playbook… proceeds in three phases. Phase one involves creating and exploiting chaos, or 'savagery.' Phase two entails building popular support for Salafi-jihadi rule. Not until phase three do we reach the establishment of a permanent Islamic state." (a, b p.184)*

The Oded Yinon Plan and The Management of Savagery share similar paths toward different ends. Al Qaeda and Israel appear to recognize the commonality of their paths given the few incidents of al Qaeda and Israel attacking each other. The 2002 Mombasa attacks may be one such incident. ***I submit America, Israel, and al Qaeda are allies in Savagery's phase one.***

*(a) The Management of Savagery - https://azelin.files.wordpress.com/2010/08/abu-bakr-naji-the-management-of-savagery-the-most-critical-stage-through-which-the-umma-will-pass.pdf **
(b) Anatomy of Terror by Ali Soufan (Former FBI Interrogator)*

2 The War on Terror is a Lie

2010/12/30

Injustice in American foreign policy is a primary cause of the terror against us. We will not end terror without justice and a return to American ideals. (1)

Terror must be fought with law enforcement. It is not primarily a military problem (2). A million men-at-arms are required to fight conventional wars and insurgencies as in Afghanistan and Iraq. The FBI, CIA, other intelligence services, and the military's Special Forces are required to fight terror. The deployment of hundreds of thousands of our troops indicates we are fighting for some purposes other than stopping terror – purposes such as empire, cheap natural resources, and war profits for those who have contrived this war on terror.

We cannot now bring many Guantanamo detainees to trial because we did not build the legal cases necessary to prosecute them. Only 23 of 770 Guantanamo detainees had been charged with war crimes as of October 2008 (3).

Torture was used to build the lie. It is unreliable, counter-productive, and not a means to the truth. Torture was used to get Guantanamo detainees to confess and implicate others whether or not they and those they implicated were guilty. Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi's torture in Egypt produced the lie that Saddam Hussein trained al Qaeda in biological and chemical weapons (4). Abu Zubaydah while subjected to torture/ waterboarding told his interrogators that al-Qaeda had links with Saddam Hussein (5). These lies helped rationalize the Iraq war.

The Bush administration refused to fight and win the war on terror (5½). They intentionally allowed al-Qaeda and bin Laden to escape Afghanistan in December 2001 and subsequently refused to take the actions necessary to capture or destroy them. The Administration, after being clearly briefed that "the back door was open," refused to send 1,200 marines to Tora Bora (6), refused to authorize 800 Rangers or alternately mines to block the passes at Tora Bora, and then fired the CIA station chief in the middle of the operation. (7, 8) If al-Qaeda and bin Laden had been captured or destroyed in December 2001, the war on terror would have come to a premature end, leaving no quasi-rationalization for perpetual war in Afghanistan and Iraq, and less quasi-rationalization for a possible future attack on Iran.

Conclusion: The "war on terror" is a lie. It was used as cover for other purposes in a gross contravention of American ideals. America is existentially threatened by those who have contrived this war on terror - our **domestic enemies,** not by foreign terrorists.

See the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's 11/30/2009 Report on Tora Bora at:
http://foreign.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Tora_Bora_Report.pdf
The Committee concluded the escape from Tora Bora was a senior management failure, but the senior managers they faulted were Defense Secretary Rumsfeld and CentCom General Franks not President Bush and Vice President Cheney who were fully informed of the situation. See footnotes 6, 7, and 8 on Tora Bora.

Abu Musab al-Zarqawi
Zarqawi led Jama'at al-Tawhid wal-Jihad which became al Qaeda in Iraq and then with other Jihadi groups evolved into ISIS. In the fall of 2002 in northern Iraq, a CIA kill/capture team was set to go after Zarqawi. The Bush administration stopped the operation (a). They wanted to use Zarqawi as a link between al Qaeda and Saddam Hussein to help rationalize the Iraq war. Colin Powell mentioned Zarqawi 21 times in his 2/5/2003 address to the UN (a, b p.128). ***The administration refused to eliminate Zarqawi just as they had refused to eliminate bin Laden and al Qaeda at Tora Bora.***

Zarqawi was affiliated with but was not yet part of al Qaeda. He had not yet sworn fealty (Bayat) to bin Laden. He was in or near the camp of Ansar al Islam in northern Kurdish Iraq outside the control of Saddam Hussein. There was no link.

If Bush had killed or captured Zarqawi in 2002, there may never have been an al Qaeda in Iraq or an ISIS.

(a) 5/17/2016 Frontline Episode 542, S34: E10, The Secret History of ISIS
https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/the-secret-history-of-isis/
See 6:30 minutes into the video, at 8:30 Bush stopped the kill/capture operation.
(b) Anatomy of Terror by Ali Soufan (Former FBI Interrogator)

Sources and Footnotes

(1) Stopping Terror with Justice
Author's Notes

Justice in American foreign policy would eliminate 90% of the terror against us. The Muslim world dislikes us for many substantive reasons, including the following:

- Our aid to Egypt's Mubarak and petrodollars to the Arab monarchies enable them to oppress their people.
- We have done grave harm to the people and state of Iran, while they have done little harm to us. We overthrew the popular prime minister of Iran, Mohammad Mosaddeq, in 1953 and replaced him with the Shah who with his Savak secret police oppressed his people for a generation. We supported Iraq, the clear aggressor, in the 1980s Iraq/ Iran war, and 400,000 Iranians died. In 1979 Iran took Americans hostage. One of their primary demands was that we not interfere in their internal affairs. Their actions were not unreasonable given our actions in 1953, and all hostages came home.
- We supported an arms embargo of Bosnia that left Serbs well-armed and Muslims less able to defend themselves against genocide, systematic rape, and ethnic cleansing. In addition, we allowed Karadzic and Mladic, the President and General of the Bosnian Serb Republic, to live in NATO controlled areas with impunity for years even though they were two of the most egregious, genocidal terrorists on the planet.
- We have helped pay for Israel's aggression in the Occupied Territories for a generation. The settlement of 500,000 Israelis East of the green line is aggression and/or conquest. These terms apply.
- We committed unprovoked aggression against Iraq, and John Hopkins University Reports estimate hundreds of thousands of Iraqis have died.

Actions such as these have combined to create the hatred against us. But, we can eliminate this hatred and its resultant terror with justice. Where America has been in error, we must recognize those errors and make amends. We do not need to spend the additional hundreds of billions we have been spending since 9/11 on defense, security, and intelligence. We do not need to be occupiers and torturers. We do not need an empire to be secure – quite the opposite. We are creating more terrorists than we are eliminating. We do not need to give up our privacy and our freedom. We do not need a strong defense more than we need to be strong in the defense of truth and justice.

(2) Rand Study – "How Terrorist Groups End"
http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG741-1/
The Study's authors conclude that policing and intelligence, rather than military force, should form the backbone of U.S. efforts against al Qa'ida. And, U.S. policymakers should end the use of the phrase "war on terrorism" since there is no battlefield solution to defeating al Qa'ida.

Author's notes: The destruction of al Qaeda camps and sanctuaries in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and other countries has and will require military action. For example, the battle of Tora Bora was a military operation against up to 1,000 primarily al-Qaeda fighters including terrorists and insurgents.

Al-Qaeda is both a terrorist and an insurgent organization. Terrorism by itself cannot be an existential threat to a government. Terrorism supporting an insurgency can be such a threat. "The (al-Qaeda) training camps… though they turned out a few thousand terrorists; they turned out a hundred thousand or more insurgents. The graduates, in turn, trained tens of thousands more insurgents after returning home." (Imperial Hubris by Michael Scheuer, Potomac Books - Paperback edition p. 222)

(3) The Guantanamo Effect by Laurel Fletcher and Eric Stover 2009 See excerpts at:
http://www.dailykos.com/story/2011/07/01/990357/-Torture-Update-2010-12-15

(4) 5/12/2009 Newsweek web exclusive http://www.newsweek.com/id/196818
"Death in Libya" by Michael Isikoff and Mark Hosenball
http://www.newsweek.com/did-high-value-detainee-commit-suicide-libya-79805
by Michael Isikoff 5/11/2009

(5) 11/9/2010 Guardian UK -- British deny George Bush's claims that torture helped foil terror plots. By Richard Norton-Taylor and Ian Black

Update - FBI Agent Ali Soufan was the first to interrogate Zubaydah after his 2002 capture in Pakistan. Soufan has condemned the CIA for waterboarding a prisoner he considered cooperative. One official said most all of the critical threat-related information from Zubaydah was obtained during the period he was questioned by Soufan well before he was interrogated by the CIA and waterboarded 83 times. (Source: Classified 2014 Senate Report by the Senate Intelligence Committee per Washington Post article "Report: CIA misled on interrogations" in the 4/1/2014 SDUT p. A1.)

See Section 2.1 Torture Update.

(5½) On 11/21/2001 Bush ordered Rumsfeld to update plans for an attack on Iraq. Rumsfeld called Franks while he and an aide were working on plans for air support at Tora Bora and ordered Franks to update Iraq plans and get back to him in a week. The shift in resources from Afghanistan to Iraq began even before Tora Bora.
Source: http://foreign.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Tora_Bora_Report.pdf quoting Plan of Attack by Bob Woodward and American General by Tommy Franks. See page 12/ pdf page 18.

(6) The One Percent Doctrine
by Ron Suskind Hardcover edition **Excerpts:**

p. 58-59 Hank Crumpton headed up the CIA's Afghan campaign from Langley. He briefed the President in late November 2001:

"…Crumpton…showed Bush how the Campaign's prime goal- to capture bin Laden- was in jeopardy."

"…Bush asked about the passage to Pakistan. Musharraf had assured the administration…that his troops would seal the passages into Pakistan, the most logical escape route. Crumpton, using his map, showed how the border between the countries was misleading, that the area on the Pakistan side of the line was a lawless, tribal region that Musharraf had little control over. In any event satellite images showed that Musharraf's promised troops hadn't arrived, and seemed unlikely to appear soon."

"What's more, Crumpton added, the Afghan forces were 'tired and cold and, many of them are far from home.' They were battered from fighting in the south against Taliban forces, and 'they're just not invested in getting bin Laden.'"

"A few days before, on November 26, a force of about 1,200 marines… had settled around Kandahar… Crumpton, in constant contact with the Military's CENTCOM center in Tampa, Florida, had told General Tommy Franks over the past week of the concerns of the CIA's managing operatives in Afghanistan that "the back door was open." He strongly urged Franks to move the marines to the cave complex. Franks responded that the momentum of the CIA's effort to chase and corner bin Laden could be lost waiting for the troops to arrive; and there was concern marines would be mired in the snowy mountains."

"As Crumpton briefed the President- and it became clear that the Pentagon had not voiced the CIA's concerns to Bush - he pushed beyond his pay grade. **He told Bush that "we're going to lose our prey if we're not careful," and strongly recommended the marines, or other troops in the region, get to Tora Bora immediately.** Cheney said nothing.

Bush, seeming surprised, pressed him for more information. 'How bad off are these Afghani forces really? Are they up to the job?'
'Definitely not, Mr. President,' Crumpton said, 'Definitely not.'"

p. 74 "Classified CIA reports passed to Bush in his morning briefings of early December, however, warned that 'the back door is open' and that a bare few Pakistani army units were visible gathering near the Pakistani border. None had crossed into Afghanistan, a fierce tribal area Pakistan had always been reluctant to enter."

(7) Jawbreaker

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Gary Berntsen was the CIA station chief in East Afghanistan in 2001. He documented the ineffectiveness of Afghan troops and repeatedly requested 800 Rangers to block the passes

between Tora Bora and Pakistan. His requests were denied, and he was relieved in the middle of the operation. Al-Qaeda was allowed to escape to Pakistan. **Excerpts:**

p. 211 Colonel Alexander was a SF (Special Forces) Colonel working with CIA Special Activities Division for the past two years. "He'd also been part of multiple plans to capture bin Laden during 1999 and 2000, all of which had been canceled at the last minute."

p. 239 "Two days before the fall of Kabul (on November 12), the London Sunday Times reported that the al-Qaeda leader was seen entering Jalalabad in a convoy of white Toyota trucks surrounded by commandos… At mid-afternoon as US bombs fell on the city…"

"…bin Laden…left in a convoy of four-wheel drive vehicles."

"This same convoy of approximately two hundred Toyotas and Land Cruisers was seen two days later passing through the village of Agam two hours south."

p. 241 "On the night of November 23rd Northern Alliance sources claimed that two Pakistani planes landed in **Kunduz** under the cover of darkness to extract key Pakistani advisors to the Taliban and several high-ranking Taliban officials. I had no way to confirm this, but wasn't surprised. Pakistan's ISI Directorate had helped create the Taliban and had been a close ally of their government for years…"

Tora Bora

p. 275 "From the start it was clear that the men leading this new Afghan force did not have the same desire we did to pursue and destroy al Qaeda. And many of the foot soldiers were followers of local religious leader Maulawi Mohammad Younus Khalis, who had instructed them to allow al-Qaeda to escape."

p. 290 "Day and night, I kept thinking, We needed US soldiers on the ground! We need them to do the fighting! We need them to block a possible al-Qaeda escape into Pakistan! I'd sent my request for 800 US Army Rangers and was still waiting for a response. I repeated to anyone at headquarter who would listen: 'We need Rangers now! The opportunity to get bin Laden is slipping away!!'"

"…I'd made it clear in my reports that our Afghan allies were hardly anxious to get at al-Qaeda in Tora Bora. So why was the US military looking for excuses not to act decisively? Why would they want to leave something that was so important to an unreliable Afghan army that'd been cobbled together at the last minute? This was the opportunity we'd hoped for when we launched this mission. Our advantage was quickly slipping away."

p. 296 Tora Bora 12/14/2001 Berntsen is relieved.
(12/9/2001) "I heard Hank clear his throat. 'We've selected a permanent chief which will allow you to return to your post in South America.'… 'It's Rich the chief of (Alec Station),' Hank answered… 'He should get to you by the fourteen of December.' That was five days away." (Richard Blee was head of Alec Station, the Bin Laden Issue Station)

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