

Yes, that is correct, it's called HR3162. If you don't have a copy of it, I suggest you get one. Now. It just removed the Constitution and the Bill Of Rights from our existence. Do NOT believe the lie that this document, and others like it, will be "Grand fathered" or simply done away with after four years. This will not happen. Do NOT take solace in the fact that this Legislation is "only" aimed at those weird, brown-skinned Arab types....you know, the ones with towels on their heads..... Think again - you and I are next. This is precisely the very same tract taken by every petty Dictator, Tyrant or wann-be starting with Rome, or before, running through Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini all those bozo's in Africa, and on, and on. That is exactly what has occurred in America - as you waved your flags and sang your songs. If you should take the time to research history, you will soon find this to be true.....and hopefully allow you draw those parallels necessary to today's times. If nothing else, read the following article concerning a young college student who had an anti-Bush poster in her room. Still think this is America? Wake up people, it is time to shed blood.

"Our job is to give people not what they want, but what we decide they ought to have."
-- Richard Salent, Former President CBS News.

"News is what someone wants to suppress.
Everything else is advertising".
former NBC news president Rubin Frank

"Nothing would be what it is. Because everything would be what it isn't. And contrary-wise, what it is, it wouldn't be. And what it wouldn't be, it would. You see?" -- Alice in Wonderland - America and the World Today

Do not fear the enemy, for your enemy can only take your life. It is far better that you fear the media, for they will steal your HONOR. That awful power, the public opinion of a nation, is created in America by a horde of ignorant, self-complacent simpletons who failed at ditching and shoemaking and fetched up in journalism on their way to the poorhouse. -
-Mark Twain.

"There's no way to rule innocent men. The only power any government has is the power to crack down on criminals. Well, when there aren't enough criminals, one makes them. One declares so many things to be a crime that it becomes impossible for men to live without breaking laws." And this, my friends, is PRECISELY what has occurred in America.

"The American people have stood idly by and watched their freedoms and rights taken away without hardly a whimper. I simply do not understand how they could have allowed this. Using the (phony) excuse of "Terrorism", they have allowed the present Government to turn America into a Police State, all the while waving their flags and singing the National Anthem! I'm incredulous.....are Americans actually that blind,

that deaf that foolish that they could allow such hideous, evil acts to occur in front of their very eyes, and do nothing to stop them? Have they forgotten everything the founding fathers taught us, the lessons paid in blood for our freedoms by millions of men, dead and alive? Apparently so.....the people need look no further than the White House, and No. 10 Downing St. to find their "Terrorists". And, more accurately, the agents employed by various Federal Law Enforcement (that's a joke!!) agencies. If I may be so bold - there is no war on terrorism, but rather a war on the citizens of America, Britain, Canada and every other Nation. This type of operation is referred to as a "PsyOps", or psychological operations. The ultimate goal is to frighten people so badly that they will willingly give up their rights and freedoms - for a little "peace". I refer you to Ben Franklin's thoughts on that subject - "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." And might I add, will not have either. Knowing that America could never be disarmed, the ruling Regime has decided on a more subtle scheme, staged and orchestrated "Terrorist" acts. Evil, but brilliant, I must admit. the long and short of it people, is that Bush and Bush and their cronies have stolen your right, your ability to be a free American.....and you stand by and watch. I think that's enough.....I must..... what? One last statement to the people of America.....? I've already said about all that I could possibly say to the people of America - there is no war on terrorism, people, but on your Freedom's. the Bush's are nothing more than proponent's of what is loosely referred to as the New World Order. Old man Bush is the biggest drug dealer in the world, he and the CIA, that is. I know, I used to work for him.....they are all Satanist's, dedicated to the principles set fourth by Weishaupt and Rothchild in 1756, of complete world domination and control - Satan's ultimate goal. They do not believe in what most people think - they don't believe in what so-called Republicans believe in, there is no difference (between a Democrat and Republican) anyway. They don't believe in God, or Family or right or wrong or any of that stuff, but only in their agenda, an agenda of total world control, of evil of murdering literally millions of people and enslaving what remains for the sole purpose of their bloody vision, a vision of a "New World Order". Derisive laugh..... there is nothing new about this "vision", it's the same old nonsense - the very few rich governing the very many poor.....that's you and I, by the way. You'll do what you are told or be incarcerated in a FEMA concentration camp or you'll be executed. Remember Nazi Germany, Stalin's Russia.....? And that's enough...(pushing back in his chair), I can't say anymore. Wake up America, open your eyes, your ears. You are about to be enslaved, and you are cheering them all the way." "Mike" turns around briefly as he exits the door, "by the way, word is the Government is planning on launching more of their staged terrorist attacks around Christmas. Don't know if it's true, but it never hurts to be prepared." Silence.....the door swings shut.

"Mike", Federal Agent
Inside The Beltway

"I Don't Buy It"

" I was one of the first tenants in the World Trade Center (WTC) back in 1979. Back then----over 20 years ago----it was known to all the tenants of the WTC that the WTC was a "no fly" zone. If you came within 12 miles of the WTC, flying outside of a pattern where you were supposed to be, you were

warned to back off. If you came within five miles, they would threaten to shoot you down. If you came within three miles, they could shoot you down. If I remember correctly, on the roof of tower No. 2 they had surface to air missiles for that purpose, plus also the Spatz helicopters (for that purpose). This policy has not changed in the past (20) years".

"I had a friend who was flying a small plane who got warned away and they almost blew him out of the sky a few years ago because he was showing somebody a close view of the towers".

"I can see the first tower getting hit by surprise, but 15 minutes later the second tower also gets hit? I don't buy it. I don't buy any of it. The only way this could happen is it had to be sanctioned from someone high-up in Government or in Law Enforcement."

"Walt", From an Interview on Radio Free America

"Today, we need a nation of Minutemen, who are not only prepared to take arms, but citizens who regard the preservation of Freedom as the basic purpose of their daily lives, and who are willing to consciously work and sacrifice for that Freedom".

How They Created The Police State

You Just Lost All Your Rights And Freedom

Bullied and herded by the leaders of both parties, our witless Solons in Washington passed the "USA PATRIOT Act" by a huge margin. Since the bill wasn't even printed before the vote, they couldn't possibly have read this 372-page document. But even if they had read it, it's doubtful they would have balked at passing the most Draconian wartime measure since the infamous Alien and Sedition Acts. In the wake of 9/11, none but a few brave souls wanted to be seen as "soft on terrorism," and, in any case, the politicians' instinctive impulse to gather more power unto themselves was automatic, in this instance, as in any other. The big problem, however, is that a number of surprises are beginning to surface, as our congressional "patriots" realize that blindly playing follow-the-leader can often lead one over a cliff.

SHOCKING THE BOURGEOISIE

Much attention has been paid to the "civil libertarian" aspects of this hideous bill: it would permit indefinite detention of non-citizens; and give the authorities carte blanche to read email, open snail-mail, and eavesdrop on phone conversations - all without a warrant, and without having to answer to anyone. The Orwellian possibilities of a national chip-implanted ID card, and a national database to match, are pretty obvious, and these, too, are

promised in the bill. But one key yet so far overlooked aspect of the "Patriot" Act is the draconian controls it imposes on American business, both large transnational mega-corporations and local mom-and-pop stores. Mr. and Mrs. Bourgeoisie tend to be GOP types, but what will these stolid Republican burghers say when they realize that they, too, are being "pressed into service on the home front in the war on terrorism," as the Boston Globe put it?

DEPARTMENT OF SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS

In the name of "patriotism" and the "war on terrorism," retailers are being conscripted into an army of informants whose job it is to spy on their customers. Under the terms of this legislation, all businesses must report "suspicious transactions" to the Treasury Department. What makes a transaction "suspicious"? You can bet there will be a 500-page manual to answer all your questions, and if you want to stay in business you had better commit it to memory - or find yourself accused of aiding and abetting terrorism.

TYRANNY BY INCREMENTS

According to the text of the Act, "any person engaged in trade or business" must report all transactions over \$10,000 to Washington bureaucrats: failure to do so could result in punishment far worse than a mere fine. Here is a perfect example of how the principle of incrementalism works in favor of the expansion of state power.

Before the passage of the Bank Secrecy Act of 1970, this requirement previously applied only to pawnbrokers and car dealers, as a way to track down stolen goods. The Banking Secrecy Act, passed in the name of fighting the "war on drugs," extended the reporting system to banking institutions of one sort or another. The USA PATRIOT Act universalizes this surveillance, and, in the process, gives government officials a key weapon that may be utterly useless in fighting terrorism, but may prove invaluable in the government's perpetual battle to expropriate wealth and centralize power.

THE ROAD TO CORRUPTION

If I buy three \$4,000 shipments of, say, tea imported from Japan, the fight against terrorism is not going to be helped one whit if I report it to the Economic Surveillance Unit of the Office of Homeland Security. Who may be helped, however, is my competitor in the tea trade who, perhaps, has a "friend" in the bureaucracy with access to this information. To know what the competition is buying, and how much they're paying - what business rival wouldn't pay through the nose to obtain this vital information? If you think corruption is already endemic, wait until you see what life in wartime is like.

'OPEN THE BOOKS!'

Aside from the corruption angle, this little-known aspect of the "Patriot" Act practically fulfills one of the key demands in the old Marxist program:

back in the old days, the Commies would always demand of "big business" that they "open the books" - that is, reveal the details of their business operations. The idea was that once the profit margins of the capitalists were exposed to public view, such a display of wealth and greed would seem so obviously obscene and exploitative that it would inevitably lead to a socialist revolution. What the Commies never managed to pull off, George W. Bush and his fellow Republicans have accomplished in a single day's session of Congress and the stroke of a presidential pen. The books of American business have been pried open, not by the proletariat, but by the leaders of the world's leading capitalist country.

SNEAK ATTACK

Headlines proclaim the glorious "liberation" of Afghanistan, as the progress of our noble allies from one victory to another is breathlessly analyzed and celebrated. Has Kunduz fallen? Will the Northern Alliance keep Kabul? And what of Herat? The fate of cities half a world away is trumpeted from the rooftops, but news of another sort of sneak attack, this time against our free enterprise system, is barely heard above a whisper. "This is a big deal, and a big change, for the vast majority of American businesses," says Joe Rubin, chief lobbyist for the US Chamber of Commerce. "But I don't think anybody realizes it's happened."

JOE EVERYMAN, MARTYR TO WAR

Oh god, I can't wait until they find out! Let us anticipate the following scenario with unalloyed and unapologetic glee: pro-war blowhard Joe Everyman, who runs a small electronics business out of his home, is suddenly confronted with reams of paperwork before he can purchase or sell anything of consequence. As he encounters costly delays, and watches his small savings melt away against the backdrop of a general economic downturn, perhaps he'll stop railing against "ragheads" long enough to realize he's been had.

Or, then again, if he's a real dumbo, maybe he'll just scream all the louder that we have to start bombing Iraq, and perhaps Syria, funneling his inchoate anger at an acceptably "patriotic" target. This, at any rate, is what the War Party is hoping for, as they gear up for "phase two" of Operation Enduring Freedom - not to mention phases three through three-hundred-and-ten.

OH SO CONVENIENT

This war is oh so convenient for so many people that it is no wonder they're telling us it could last a whole generation. If we ask the key question - "Who benefits?" - the results are like doing a Google-search on the phrase "grassy knoll" - the results are too numerous to even list, let alone describe. One overlooked political benefit to the current administration is that the war is an excellent diversion from the bad economic news on the home front. An economic downturn that can always be blamed on Osama Bin Laden would have come, anyway: the "almost official" declaration that we are in a recession hardly comes as news to the markets, which have been in a radical downswing that shows no signs of abating anytime soon. And here we come to the economic uses of this war, as the real meaning of what our rulers have in

store for us becomes all too apparent.

THE WWII ANALOGY & ITS USES

The War Party is fond of referring to what is essentially a police action against a ragtag band of fanatics as the moral and military equivalent of World War II: the propaganda purposes of this sort of hyperbole are manifold. Not only does it demonize the other side as the modern-day equivalent of Hitler and the Nazis - "Islamic fascism," you'll recall, is the source of the New Popular Front's ire - but it also gives a sense of scale to the struggle.

Clearly, in their minds, this is a gigantic battle that must not be confined to the wilds of Afghanistan, or Somalia, or wherever they decide to go next. It must permeate every aspect of American life: we must be perpetually "on alert," and not only against young Middle Eastern-looking men and their ubiquitous box-cutters. We must also be on guard against "suspicious transactions" - and those who fail to report them. Oh, what a field day politically-connected business interests are going to have against their less influential competitors! In addition to the toll-free "Report-a-Raghead" hotlines opened up by the FBI and Homeland Security, we'll have an economic saboteur hotline, where stool pigeons can rat on their rivals and the whole system of bribery and outright thievery that characterized the Clinton era can metastasize into a permanent condition.

SOCIALISM WITH A 'CAPITALIST' FACE

The economic regulations enshrined in the "Patriot" Act have more to do with the government's war on American business than with any "war on terrorism." The war spirit, transferred to the economy, gives us - socialism, or something damn near it. Who can doubt that this information - encoded, of course, in a national database - will be put to other uses, such as "economic planning"? That the Sovietization of the American economy was accomplished, not by a Leninist vanguard party, but by two ostensibly capitalist parties, the Republicans and the Democrats, is an irony that few will note - until it is too late.

A SOVIET AMERICA

Oh, and don't let them tell you that these are only "emergency" measures, and will be repealed once the war is over. To begin with, if we take the overblown rhetoric of the War Party at face value, we may not live to see the end of this war. Secondly, since when has any government ever surrendered power voluntarily?: a government prerogative, once granted during wartime, tends to stay encoded in law. Look at New York City's rent control laws, enacted as an emergency wartime measure, still in force after all these years. No, the longer the "Patriot" Act is allowed to subvert the Constitution, and trample on our liberty, the more likely it is to become a permanent feature of American life. Congress must be forced - forced by a popular outcry - to take a second look. This onerous legislation, which lays the foundations for a Soviet socialist America, must be repealed.

'DON'T TREAD ON ME!'

As the first phase of a campaign to get rid of this Orwellian monstrosity, and warn our rulers that we won't put up with it, it is high time to turn the propaganda of the War Party on its head: that is, to use their own tactics against them. Our ruling elites are overjoyed, of course, that patriotism is "in," and do their best to ensure that any expression of dissent is angrily dismissed as disloyalty or worse. The popularity of displaying the American flag is being touted as proof of the blind loyalty of the masses to anything the government says or does, when, of course, it is nothing of the kind.

The red-white-and-blue hangs outside my door, and I am certainly not giving the US government a blank check to go on a rampage, either at home or abroad. People are literally waving the flag out of sheer defiance, and legitimate anger at the sheer unspeakable horror of the 9/11 attack, not out of knee-jerk support for any particular government policies. One way to visibly register dissent from the all-out assault on our civil liberties is to bring out another, older flag, the one that preceded Old Glory. A banner showing a coiled snake - the Gadsden flag - was popular during the American Revolution, because it was emblazoned with a message to King George and any potential oppressor or attacker: "Don't Tread on Me"!

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A Durham student activist gets a visit from the Secret Service

BY J. ELLISTON

Threat or dissent? A.J. Brown and her anti-Bush poster and the New American Police State

A.J. Brown, a 19-year-old freshman at Durham Tech, was thanking God it was Friday. It was 5 p.m., the school week was over, and in an hour she'd be meeting her boyfriend to unwind.

Then: Knock, knock ... unexpected guests at Brown's Duke Manor apartment. Opening the door, she found a casually dressed man, and a man and woman in what appeared to be business attire. Her first thought, she says, was, "Are these people going to sell me something?"

But then the man in the suit introduced himself and the woman as agents from the Raleigh office of the U.S. Secret Service. The other man was an investigator from the Durham Police Department. "Ma'am, we've gotten a report that you have anti-American material," the male agent said, according to Brown. Could they come in to have a look around?

"Do you have a warrant?" Brown asked. They did not. "Then you're not coming in my apartment," she said. And indeed, they stayed outside her doorway. But they stayed a while--40 minutes, Brown estimates--and gave her a taste of how dissenters can come under scrutiny in wartime.

And all because of a poster on her wall.

Though she's still a teenager, Brown is already more informed about political repression than most Americans. She's been politically aware and involved since grade school. "In second grade, I saw the Gulf War on television, and seeing those bombs drop, it did something to me," she says. "I knew from some news reports that there were innocent people dying."

In middle school, Brown became interested in environmentalism and civil liberties. She made the shift to full-fledged activist at Jordan High School when she became involved with Youth Voice Radio, a media collective with a leftist bent. Most recently, she's been involved with the movement against the war in Afghanistan.

Brown and fellow activists often discuss government encroachments on free speech and political organizing, she says, as do some of her favorite hip-hop artists. She loves her music--and that may have been what sparked the turn of events that brought the Secret Service to her door.

Brown suspects it began with the noise complaints. On Oct. 22, a Monday evening, she stayed up late playing some new CDs for her boyfriend. By her own admission, she was playing them too loud. Around midnight, a Durham police officer came by to tell her to turn it down, and she obliged.

Two nights later, someone from Duke Manor called in another noise complaint, and again a police officer came to Brown's door. This time, she says, her music wasn't playing at an offensive volume. The police officer speculated that the call may have been about someone else's stereo. During this visit, and unlike the first, the officer had a full view of the wall that faces Brown's front doorway, a detail that would become relevant two days later: On that wall hung The Poster.

Brown got it at an "anti-inauguration" protest in Washington, D.C. Distributed to hundreds of activists, it depicts George W. Bush holding a length of rope against a backdrop of lynching victims, and reads: "We hang on your every word. George Bush: Wanted, 152 Dead"--a reference to the number of people executed by the state of Texas while Bush was governor. Brown believes that the message caused the Durham policeman who paid the second visit to her apartment to recommend a third.

On Friday, Oct. 26, two Secret Service agents, along with Durham police investigator Rex Godley, came to Brown's apartment. Special Agent Paul Lalley, who did most of the talking, spoke first. "Ma'am, we've gotten a report that you have anti-American material, or something like that, in your apartment," he said, according to Brown. Then the female agent asked if they could come inside.

When Brown pressed them for a warrant and refused to allow them in, she says, "They started to talk to me about how, 'We're not here to take you away or put you in jail.' They were like, 'We need to follow up on every report we get.' I said, 'That's understandable, but how would you even know

what's in my apartment?'

"They just said they had gotten information from some place," she says. She speculates that it was from the police officer who visited for the second noise complaint.

Godley, the Durham police investigator, won't say where the authorities got their tip about Brown's poster. "The only thing I can tell you is that we were assisting the Secret Service on one of their cases," he says.

Lalley referred questions about the visit to Special Agent Craig Ulmer, who heads the Secret Service office in Raleigh.

"We went in the first place because we received a tip about a threat against the president," Ulmer says. He refuses to identify the source of the tip, except to say that it was a "concerned citizen" and not a law enforcement officer. It's Secret Service policy to keep such sources confidential.

"We can't discuss who gives us information like that, because we want people to bring us information," Ulmer says. "If we burn our bridges, so to speak, we're not going to get help from the public."

Ulmer added that the poster "was in plain view, even from the window, so anyone could have tipped us off."

The agents persisted in their effort to get a peek inside the apartment. "They were being friendly, trying to get me to let them in," Brown says. After a while, Brown called her mother, an IBM employee who is in the Army Reserve. "She said to absolutely not let them in," Brown says. Not sure what else to do, Brown passed the phone--with her mother still on the line--to one of the agents.

The standoff continued, and eventually the agents explained why they had come by: "We already know what it is; it's a target of Bush," one of them said, according to Brown--apparently a reference to the poster. She informed them it was no such thing. They then said, "Well, it's Bush hanging himself." Nope, she told them.

Finally, Brown relented a bit, agreeing to open the door and show them her poster wall. "They looked in, and the lady was like, 'Ohhhh, that's not that bad.'" The male agent added, "We've seen worse."

Still, Brown's brush with the authorities wasn't over. "Since they were just gawking at my wall, I decided to explain it."

The wall features Brown's favorite art and mementos: a high-school photo project showing the perils of smoking cigarettes; a Pink Floyd poster ("It has that phrase, 'Mother should I trust the government,' so I had to get it"); posters for two Japanese cartoon shows; several pictures she took at protests and rallies; and a headband with "Democracy" on it. And, of course, the Bush-as-hangman poster.

Having seen the poster, Brown says, the agents questioned her further, asking: "Do you have any Afghanistan stuff in your apartment, or anything pertaining to that? Any pro-Taliban stuff?"

"I kept saying no," Brown says, "and I was like, personally, I think the Taliban are a bunch of assholes." With that, the investigator and the agents bid her adieu.

Brown was temporarily rattled by the visit from the Secret Service, she says, but the poster's still up, and she's still committed to her activism. "I'm definitely going to be vocal," she says. "If things get really hairy and they decide to come after activists, then I'd have to just grit my teeth and go through it."

Ulmer rejects the notion that Brown was targeted because of her politics, and he insists that the Secret Service would have checked this tip out even if it had come in before the events of Sept. 11. "We were doing our job in this particular case," he says, "and I don't think we could have done it any better."

"The Secret Service takes all threats against the president seriously, and we go out to check on every one. A citizen thought that there was a threat, and we went and talked to Ms. Brown and we found that there was not a threat." The poster, he says, was "misconstrued" by the tipster. "So it's not a big issue. The issue is that someone misinterpreted some writing."

But when "some writing" on a poster is investigated by federal authorities, constitutional issues come into play. Some legal analysts are warning that the new national security vigilance, and new laws passed to counter terrorism, might impinge on free speech in big and small ways.

"A poster of Bush, even if he's in a noose, is protected speech during wartime or peacetime," notes Alex Charns, a Durham attorney who specializes in civil rights. Such speech is all the more protected, he points out, when it's displayed within a person's home.

"If a trained police officer doesn't know the difference between political speech and a threat to the president, then we're all in trouble," Charns says. "If the Secret Service has nothing better to do than check on political posters, that's a bad sign."

So, for all of you stupid Republicans, and Democrats for that matter, who voted for Bush Jr. thinking he would change things, thinking he would "make things better", thinking he was a God fearing, family loviing conservative, well??????? Still think that? Jsut because someone says he/she is a Republican does NOT automatcially make them (a God fearing, family loving conservative). Perhaps now you are finally realizing this fact. You are about to get exactly what you deserve, slavery.

Cheney Says He's Involved in
Decisions, Despite Remote
Location. (He's in a remote location
allright, he's in Arizona with the likes
of such garbage as Bush Sr., Kissenger,
the heads of the 13 Illuminati families
planning the future of the world, planning
your future and mine - or so they
think. They are not planning my future.....)

Nov. 30 — Vice President Dick
Cheney says he's fully involved in
the wartime decision-making
process, despite frequently being
apart from other senior presidential
advisers — a security precaution he
says will likely continue indefinitely
as the war against terrorism
proceeds.

"I'm in constant touch with the White House,
have several video conferences a day with my
own staff, with NSC [the National Security
Council], or [National Security Adviser] Condi
Rice, [Secretary of State] Colin Powell,
[Defense Secretary] Don Rumsfeld, and with
the president," Cheney said.

In an interview with ABCNEWS' Diane Sawyer
for Primetime Thursday, Cheney added that
the United States is bearing down on Osama
bin Laden. And he used precedents from
American history to help justify a plan to try
suspected terrorists by military tribunals.

Bearing Down on Bin Laden; Saddam
Next?

With the volume of U.S. intelligence
increasing, and bin Laden's possible hiding
spaces decreasing, Cheney said he is fairly
sure bin Laden remains in Afghanistan,
possibly near his known cave hideouts at Tora
Bora.

"It's an area he's familiar with," Cheney said.

"He operated there back during the war
against the Soviets in the '80s. He's got a
large number of fighters with him probably, a

fairly secure personal security force."

The United States has been bombing and searching on the ground for suspected bin Laden or al Qaeda hideouts.

"He may depart for other territory, but that's not quite as easy as it would have been a few months ago," Cheney said. "Anybody who contemplates providing sanctuary for bin Laden at this point has to keep in mind what happened to the Taliban when they did that."

Cheney said U.S. successes may act as a deterrent for future would-be terror plotters.

"A good offense is the best defense," he said.

Cheney said the war on terror would likely be a long war, but he would not comment on speculation that the United States might make Iraq a target after the refusal of its leader, Saddam Hussein, to allow renewed inspections of weapons facilities and stockpiles.

"I don't think it takes a genius to figure out that this guy ... continues to be a significant potential problem for the region, for the United States, for everybody with interests in the area," Cheney said. "I would not want to speculate on what the future might hold, but we do think that the appropriate thing for him to do is to comply with the U.N. Security Council resolutions, and allow those inspectors to come back in."

Abdel-Rahman Might Face Tribunal

Cheney called "credible" Northern Alliance claims that they have captured Ahmed Abdel-Rahman, a top al Qaeda official and son of Omar Abdel-Rahman, a blind cleric convicted in 1995 of conspiracy to blow up New York landmarks.

"We don't have final, absolute confirmation on our side yet, but I think it's probably fairly credible," Cheney said. ABCNEWS later confirmed that Abdel-Rahman had indeed been captured.

Cheney said if Abdel-Rahman is indeed in custody, the United States would be interested in questioning him about al Qaeda activities and intelligence. The vice president also said Abdel-Rahman might be the type of senior al Qaeda official to be tried by an American military tribunal.

"The president will have to make a decision on each case," Cheney said. "But clearly a high-ranking al Qaeda official captured in

Afghanistan, who's been involved in the organization, is exactly the type of individual that the tribunals were established for."

Despite outcries from civil libertarians, Cheney called the tribunals a "perfectly reasonable and responsible way to go," given the nature of the terrorist threat. He said military tribunals were used by the United States in the Revolutionary and Mexican wars and World War II, and to try the assassins of President Lincoln after the Civil War.

"We also need to be able to protect and preserve sources of intelligence," Cheney said, claiming bin Laden had a history of exploiting intelligence leaks to plot his attacks, and saying tribunals would keep such intelligence secret.

"These people are not going to be mistreated," Cheney said. "They are going to be treated like the unlawful combatants that they are."

Life in Cheney's 'Cave'

Cheney described his secure hideout, dubbed "the cave" by some pundits, as both a fully wired command center where he can work with his staff and via video conference with other government officials, and as a location where he is able to spend the night in comfort.

He added that he enjoys jokes made at his expense and about "the cave," and that if his staff doesn't brief him on the jokes each day, his daughters do. He said he particularly enjoys regular Cheney impersonations on NBC's Saturday Night Live.

"I loved the one where I was in the cave in Kandahar, Afghanistan; I thought that was superb," Cheney said. "I enjoyed the show very much, and he's got it down. He's doing pretty well. He's not there yet, but he's doing well in terms of his impersonations."

Cheney said he is likely to continue to spend significant amounts of time there, or at other locations away from President Bush, even if Osama bin Laden gets captured or killed.

"It's entirely possible, assuming we're successful at getting bin Laden, that the al Qaeda network, as an organization, would still be in place," Cheney said. He said al Qaeda is "in some 50 or 60 countries around the world. And it may be some considerable period of time here before we can relax and say that there's no longer a threat to the United States.

"The main purpose of [staying away from Bush] is again to make certain that we don't allow ourselves into a situation where we both could become a target," Cheney added. "That doesn't mean we will always be apart, but it does mean that on those occasions when we do get together, we don't announce it. So it's more a matter of being

unpredictable."

No Safe Harbor for Holidays

Just as the danger to the executive branch remains, Cheney noted the American public should remain on alert for potential terror attacks at any time — as much as he'd like to be able to assure Americans of a carefree holiday season.

"I'd like to be able to say to everybody that you can relax at 3 o'clock next Tuesday," Cheney said. "I can't say that. We continue to do everything we can to safeguard against another attack, but people do have to remain alert, they do have to be sensitive to what's going on around them and use caution."

Subject: It Can't Happen Here.....Or CAN IT??????

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Writing last April in the Washington Post, E.J. Dionne, Jr. compared President Bush's tax cut to a frog dropped in a pot of lukewarm water. If the heat is turned up gradually enough, the frog won't have a clue that in a few minutes, it's going to wind up on somebody's dinner plate. By the time the frog realizes he's the entrée, it's too late.

Dionne's thinking about tax cuts applies double to what this administration has done to our civil liberties. Only this time, it isn't the frog in the pot, but our sacred Constitutional rights. Since Sept. 11, the kinds of words that used to be coupled in the same sentence with "Third Reich," "Gulag" and "Pinochet" have actually crept into the mouths of mainstream talking heads - torture, secret trials, military tribunals and anonymous detentions. Hasn't anyone else noticed this?

Anybody feeling the water temperature rising? But the Bushies may have miscalculated. Maybe they turned up the temperature too high, too fast. Some in Congress are beginning to wake up and smell the coffee, and what's in the air isn't too fresh. They see a growing police state being implemented behind smiling, "Trust-Us" Ashcroft/Ridge press conferences. While people may fear a downward spiral towards brown-shirts and book burnings, the truth is that an American police state may show up in a Brooks Brothers suit with an impressive law degree.

Think about it. In only two months, law enforcement agencies have been granted the authority to wiretap - virtually at will - monitor e-mails, detain suspects without ever having to file a charge or even identify the suspect or, for that matter, even admit they have a suspect. Lawyer-client conversations are open to inspection. Suspected terrorists can be tried, convicted and executed on the say-so of a panel of colonels without anyone even knowing that someone was arrested. And think of the convenience! No messy public appeals unless the president (the colonels' commander in

chief) or the secretary of defense (their immediate boss) says so. This has nothing to do with ideology. This has to do with everybody's rights. It bothers both liberal Senator Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and conservative Congressman Bob Barr, R-Ga.

But it only gets worse. Not only does the Bush administration refuse to release information on more than 1,000 people they've already rounded up, it is about to take the first step in a campaign everybody swore could never happen again in America - the legal roundup of people based solely on ethnicity. Right now, the FBI has ordered that another 5,000 people of Arab descent be sought for questioning. Never mind that they are perfectly legal immigrants. Does anybody out there like good men's clothes? Well, the famous men's designer Joseph Abboud, as good and as loyal an American citizen as they come, has already been contacted many times by the FBI. Today it's the Arabs. What about tomorrow?

What really galls is how the Bush administration has treated the American people like children. They have not bothered to explain why the system of courts, juries and judges can't handle the trials of alleged terrorists. Laura W. Murphy of the American Civil Liberties Union notes that the United States government has no rival in constantly protesting the use of such "courts" when U.S. citizens are tried abroad. She observes that such kangaroo courts, coupled with eavesdropping on lawyer-client conversations, "demonstrates the government's increasing willingness to circumvent the requirements of the Bill of Rights." The hypocrisy only adds to the stench. It will be interesting to see how John Ashcroft dances around these pesky questions of constitutional rights in upcoming congressional hearings.

For the moment, these new regulations won't affect you, unless you are of Middle Eastern descent. If you are, expect to be hearing soon from the Department of Justice, even if you entered the United States legally. Thanks to these new rules, we are slowly returning to the World War II internment camps for Japanese Americans.

As for the more than 1,000 people already detained since Sept. 11, members of Congress have petitioned the attorney general for more information regarding them. Did the Justice Department deliver what the people's representatives asked for? Just ask congressman John Conyers, D-Mich. "The attorney general," he says, "totally ignored my letter of Oct. 31 asking for information regarding the 1,000 plus immigrants who have been detained for undisclosed reasons since the September attacks."

Water or coffee may not be the right comparison. Maybe it's smoke. Maybe it's the smoke of the Reichstag burning.

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THE ENEMY IS INSIDE THE GATES

A dedicated group of experienced civilian and military pilots, including combat fighter pilots and commercial airline captains, just finished a marathon 72 hours of non-stop briefings and debate over the current crisis evolving from the use of commercial aircraft as cruise missiles against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on 11 September.

The so-called terrorist attack was in fact a superbly executed military operation against the United States, requiring the utmost professional military skill in command, communications and control. It was flawless in timing, in the choice of selected aircraft to be used as guided missiles, and in the coordinated delivery of those missiles to their pre-selected targets.

As a tactical military exercise against two significant targets (world financial center and the citadel of world strategic military planning), the attack, from a psychological impact on the American public, equaled the Japanese "surprise" attack on Pearl Harbor 7 Dec 1941.

The over-riding question If we are at war, who is the enemy?

The group determined that the enemy is within the gates, that he has infiltrated into the highest policy-making positions at the Federal level, and has absolute control, not only of the purse strings, but of the troop build-up and deployment of our military forces, including active, reserve and National Guard units.

PRELUDE TO PANIC

The 9-11 activity and horrific destruction of US property and lives was intentionally meant to trigger a psychological and patriotic reaction on the part of the US citizens, which is paving the way for "combined UN activity" (using the fig leaf of NATO) for striking key targets in both the Middle East/ South Asia and the Balkans. The goal continues to be ultimate destruction of all national sovereignty and establishment of a global government.

The trigger for the 9-11 activity was the imminent and unstoppable world-wide financial collapse, which can only

be prevented (temporarily) by a major war, perhaps to become known as WW 11. To bring it off (one more time), martial law will probably be imposed in the United States.

In each of the major wars of the 20th century, the financial manipulators (located in the City of London and New York City) had placed the US (and much of the Western world) in a monetary expansion mode, followed by an ever-tightening vice of a gigantic credit squeeze.

We now have two ongoing and tightly controlled simultaneous events (emanating from the two symbolic targets of 9/11): 1) Alan Greenspan, Fed chairman, promising to flood the market with up to \$200 billion in FRNs and to further lower interest rates, thus bringing about hyperinflation and dollar devaluation.

Much of these multi billions in largesse will be dumped into the coffers of Wall Street, Defense, bankrupt airlines, insurance companies and into the willing arms of debt-ridden third-world countries in the form of debt repudiation (forgiveness). Call it bribery, in order to get these often reluctant nations to join our coalition of "freedom fighters" in "the war against terrorism".

2) Paul Wolfowitz, deputy Defense secretary, promised that the US will launch "sustained military strikes against those behind the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington". He said that the "military retaliation would continue until the roots of terrorism are destroyed."

This bit of saber rattling was seconded by select NATO allies (especially Britain), and by our chief ally in the Middle East, Ariel Sharon, while Secretary of Defense Don Rumsfeld, with the blessings of Pres. Bush 11, is activating thousands of national guard and reservists, not only to guard the vulnerable airports, but to do fly-overs of our Nation's capital in F16s from the North Dakota Air Guard. Other National Guard units are being jockeyed into potential combat "hot spots" throughout the Middle East/South Asia and the Balkans.

WHO IS THE ENEMY?

Following is a summary of the near-unanimous views of the assembled military and civilian pilots concerning certain critical factors relating to the WTC/Pentagon hit of 9-11. Troubling questions arose about the alleged pilot-hijackers

of the four aircraft, who were supposedly trained on Cessna aircraft over the past year at fields in Florida and Oklahoma. One General officer remarked, "I seriously question whether these novices could have located a target dead-on 200 miles removed from takeoff point...-- much less controlled the flight and mastered the intricacies of 11FR (instrument flight rules) -- and all accomplished in 45 minutes."

The extremely skillful maneuvering of the three aircraft at near mach speeds, each unerringly hitting their targets, was superb. As one Air Force officer -- a veteran of over 100 sorties over North Vietnam -- explained, "Those birds (commercial airliners) either had a crack fighter pilot in the left seat, or they were being maneuvered by remote control."

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: Another pilot warned that "we had better consider whether
: electro-magnetic pulse or radio frequency weapons were used
: from a command and control platform hovering over the
: Eastern Seaboard... I'm talkin' AWACS."

: Another comment: "If there was an AWACS on station over
: the targeted area, did it have a Global Hawk capability? I
: mean, could it convert the commercial jets to robotic
: flying missiles?"

: A hotly debated question: Who would be in command of such an
: Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS)? Were they
: Chinese -- Russians -- Saudis -- Israelis -- NATO ? All of
: these countries possess AWACS-type aircraft. All (except
: the Saudis) have the capability to utilize electro-magnetic
: pulsing (EMP) to knock out on-board flight controls and
: communications of targeted aircraft, and then, to fly them
: by remote control.

: One of the Air Force officers explained that we had already
: flown a robot plane the size of a Boeing 737 across the
: Pacific to Australia -- unmanned -- from Edwards AF13 in
: California to a successful landing on an Aussie base in
: South Australia. It flies along a pre-programmed flight
: path, but is "monitored" (controlled remotely) by
: a pilot from an outside station.

: He explained that the London Economist (20 Sep 2001) published
: comments from the former CEO of British Airways, Robert
: Ayling, who stated that an aircraft could be commandeered
: from the ground or air and controlled remotely in the event

: of a hijack.

: COMMERCIAL JETS AS GUIDED MISSILES

: An AP story, dateline Brussels - 7 Oct 01 -- "At
: Washington's request, NATO will soon deploy surveillance
: aircraft for anti-terrorist operations in the United States
: in response to the attacks on New York and Washington, NATO
: officials said Sunday, an unprecedented use of foreign
: military forces to defend the U.S. homeland."

: The assembled group of pilots debated why we would ask for
: foreign forces to fly AWACS over our sovereign territory
: when we have a fleet of 33 of them, of which 28 are
: stationed in Oklahoma. The debate also centered on whether
: such NATO surveillance aircraft were already here prior to
: 11 September.

: Could one of them have commandeered the four airliners?

: There seems to be wide discrepancies between what the Federal
: government is proclaiming -- and their media moguls
: reporting -- as opposed to the calm and reasoned and
: rational views of those men who fly the planes and defend
: the nation against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

: This writer has been a general aviation pilot since 1946. I
: have flown a variety of single engine prop aircraft since,
: and installed an FAA-approved airstrip here on my farm in
: 1980. Two local pilots periodically joined me for short
: hops; one, a Madison County lawyer, a graduate of the Air
: Force Academy, who flew for the Air Force before coming
: home to practice law.

: The other, Kent Hill, who lives with his wife, Carol, on a
: farm close to mine, is an American Airlines captain
: assigned to the European route. He was a lifelong friend of
: "Chic" Burlingame, They were graduates of the
: Naval Academy and flew F-4 Phantoms in Vietnam. Both left
: the Navy 28 years ago and joined American Airlines. Both
: planned to retire in 2002. Chic was the captain of AA
: flight 77, a Boeing 757, which departed Washington Dulles
: for Los Angeles at 8: 10 am on 11 September, with 58
: passengers and a crew of 6. Flight 77 crashed into the
: Pentagon at 9:41 am.

: "We were totally trained on the old type of hijack,"
: Capt Hill said, "where you treat the hijacker
: cordially, punch a 4-digit code into your transponder to
: alert ground control you're being hijacked, and then get
: him where he wants to go, set the plane safely on the
: ground and let them deal with it on the ground. However,

: this is a totally new situation... Not one of the planes
: alerted ground control that they were being hijacked."
: How come?

: "The fact is, all the transponders were turned off on the
: doomed flights virtually at the same time." Look at
: their departure times -- two from Logan (Boston), one from
: Newark, another from Dulles (Washington DC) -- all between
: 8 am and 8:15.

: "Shortly after climb-out to flight level, their
: transponders are de-activated.. (they are no longer a blip
: on the radar screens). This is something that really needs
: to be looked into. The only reason we turn them off is so
: they don't interfere with ground systems when we
: land."

: (Note: Transponders identify a particular aircraft in flight
: on the radar screens of FAA flight controllers located
: throughout the country. Various codes are punched into the
: transponder, one displaying, "I am being
: hijacked.")

: Although there is much talk among the various flight crews,
: Hill says they are not privy to any of the investigations
: into the events of 11 September. "We're in the dark
: -- very much so ... They're playing it pretty tight to the
: vest."

: He is convinced none of the pilots had control of their
: aircraft when they were flown into the World Trade Center
: and the Pentagon. The question then becomes, who was really
: in control?

: "Even if I had a gun at my head, I'd never fly a plane
: into a building. I'd try to put it in anywhere -- a field
: or a river --and I'd be scaring the hell out of them (the
: hijackers) by flying upside down first," Hill said.

: In fact, the pilot has the best weapon in his hand when
: threatened with imminent death by a hijacker, namely, the
: airplane.

: Another airline pilot stated. "On hearing a major scuffle
: in the cabin, the pilot should have inverted the aircraft
: and the hijackers end up with broken necks."

: That none of the four pilots executed such a maneuver points
: toward the fact that none of them had control of their
: aircraft, but had been overridden by an outside force,
: which was flying them by remote control.

: As an old and not so bold pilot, I became more convinced that
: the four commercial jets were choreographed by a
: "conductor" from a central source, namely an
: airborne warning and control system (AWACS). They have the
: electronic capability to engage several aircraft
: simultaneously, knock out their on-board flight controls by
: EMP (electro-magnetic pulsing) and assume command and
: remote control of these targeted aircraft.

: As we consider all the options -- and enemies -- who performed
: this act of war, whether from China, Russia, an
: Islamic country, or from NATO, we must also consider that
: the enemy may be within the gates.

: If so, then we are dealing with high treason.

Bush Crime Family Heaven: The American Imperial/Nazi Era Begins

According to the Beltway sources, the FBI had prior knowledge of "a major attack on a commercial target" -- at least two years before the event took place. An FBI friend, who has been reassigned to an office in Virginia, told me about it. Evidently the FBI still won't let him retire. He's one of the old counter-terrorist guys who worked for the big pig himself, J. Edgar. The FBI claims that they might need them sometime in the future, despite the fact that all of them - his friend and about two dozen other guys -- want to retire. So these guys get shuffled around from office to office on so-called "temporary duty assignments." There really is no "duty," however; it's just for the paperwork. The real reason these guys are not being allowed to retire is to keep them quiet, to keep control over people like him who are aware of the story of the "WTC Incident." In short, to keep an eye on the few good, honest agents left in the FBI, the few not under mind-control, the few who are not willing to go along with the "New Agenda" (New World Order, that is) of complete enslavement of the American people and total subjugation of our rights.

I told my source(s) that the FBI knew as long as two years ago that there was a major attack being planned. He said that the FBI actually recovered documents at the first World Trade Center bombing in 1993, which indicated that a future attack of a much larger magnitude was planned. The FBI just blew it off. Essentially they didn't do anything because they didn't think that any terrorist group had the ability to plan and execute such an attack. And because that is what they were ordered to do.....

Apparently CNN and FOX had the same documents the FBI had but they wouldn't release them to the public either. These documents, seized from one of bin Laden's people a few years ago in New York, and who was quietly, behind the scenes "reporting in" to his CIA controller/handler, discussed a major operation being planned. The first phase was the attack itself. The second phase would be the use of anthrax to disrupt the US postal system. The third phase was to be a major cyber-attack against the US banking system, disrupting banking and shutting down ATMs. ALL but the third phase action has been carried out. There are still two months left in this year. And the people were forewarned.

And how did CNN get the documents? (The Communist News Network...you're kidding, right?) The assumption is that one of the disgruntled FBI agents just gave them to CNN.

Perhaps. The White House apparently didn't even have to pressure CNN to keep quiet about it, the CIA and MI6 (yes, that's THE MI6) did the job for them. Considering Turner, and his cronies who took over the network after he stepped down have direct ties into, and relationships with (the CIA), this is not surprising. The attitude among the mainstream media is essentially that they are out of the business of exposing government corruption for fear of appearing "unpatriotic." Good excuse as any to be a coward and a traitor.....Even the Homeland Security bill, (the Bill that established a Government agency to scout out, prosecute and execute any one who disagrees with the Agenda, and does so publically, ESPECIALLY over the Internet) that Bush signed has been renamed the "Patriot" Homeland Security bill, thus implying that anyone who disagrees with the bill is "unpatriotic." The implacation should be clear - if you are a Patriot, then you will agree with this Bill that strips you of practically all your rights of privacy - or you are not a "Patriot". For true Patriot's, this puts them in one hell of a bind, now doesn't it? ANY true Patriot, true AMERICAN, decent citizen will NOT agree with this Bill.

AGAIN, The FBI - The Gestapo

Evidently the FBI was so far behind the eight ball in terms of its counter intelligence knowledge of al Qaeda that they did not believe that al Qaeda or any other middle eastern terrorist organization had the capacity to carry out such a complex attack.

Both the counter intelligence and national security divisions of the FBI knew that the CIA had been involved with these people in the past and that even more recently they had sold them sophisticated weapons and provided them with intelligence.

In fact that is what led to one of the big rifts, which forced former FBI director Louis Freeh out of his position. The CIA wouldn't tell the FBI what they were doing. It's the same old interagency rivalry that had been going on for a long time. Also the FBI's human intelligence capabilities (domestically and overseas) were so poor that they were led to believe that al Qaeda, Hamas or anybody else would not have the ability to carry out this type of terrorist attack which was planned in the documents they had seized. That's why they dismissed the plan as wishful thinking on behalf of the terrorists.

In other words, it seems that the CIA was planting disinformation within the FBI in order to cover itself

because, whatever the CIA has been doing to help these terrorist groups, they could always claim that it was "FBI incompetence."

Behind the scenes the CIA has made the FBI look incompetent by supplying the FBI with misleading information about the CIA's own intentions and the intelligence assessment capability of these terrorist groups. Knowing the FBI didn't have the intelligence resources to find out the capacities of these groups on their own, it does tend to make the FBI look incompetent. In other words, later people would ask, why didn't they know?

Then the FBI, instead of trying to inculcate the CIA, resorts to the standard tactic by saying that the reason they don't have the intelligence resources to make better assessments is because they didn't have enough money.

The CIA, in order to cover up its own involvement with these terrorist groups, then makes the FBI look incompetent. The FBI, in order to deflect the notion that they are incompetent, says it's the fault of Congress for not giving them more money.

It's an endless deflection of responsibility, but the deflection serves everybody's purpose. It covers the CIA, and although the FBI has to eat a slice of humble pie, at least they're able to blame it on Congress for not providing them with enough money.

The Friendly Colonel reports that though he doesn't understand what's happening somebody's doing him an awful lot of favors. He is essentially getting back into the trucking business

as "Gulf Coast Shipping and Storage"
(See Double Dealing: Over the Road
Explosives...
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Now he's got a large deal with
Penske and Ryder to use their trucks.
He said that he's simply been given the
"Hazardous Materials" licenses. He's
just the titular head of this operation
and he doesn't even know who the
drivers are except that they're all
Arabs. He said they're going to ramp
up the movement of illicit weapons out
of Redstone Arsenal and consequently
they need an increase in trucking
capability. He also said that it was
obvious to him that the only reason
they're giving him the money is to keep
his mouth shut because both Ryder
and Penske have entered into some
secret arrangement with the
Department of Defense to allow their
vehicles to be used for illicit purposes.
He added that between him and the
trucking and the shipping end of it,
there are probably two or three dozen
guys like him, in this business.

The Friendly Colonel knows that
although someone is doing all these
"favors" for him, he's not getting the
bigger picture and he may be in fact
getting set up to be a "wonderful"
scapegoat. What he's being asked to do
is illegal. He's being asked to illegally
transport illegally sold weapons
systems that were illegally purchased at
the Redstone Arsenal by illegal foreign
arms agents who aren't even supposed
to be here. He has been illegally given
transport licenses for these vehicles,
which are not qualified to transport this
material. Every step of what he's doing
is felonious.

Meanwhile his FBI pal is just
moping around the office. They're

giving these guys unlimited expense accounts. He goes over to Pier 66 every day for a big lobster lunch - at taxpayer expense -- but he's bored silly. He's in his mid-fifties, which is past standard retirement, and he just wants to retire and go fishing. How bad is it? "If he kicked in the teeth of his Regional Supervisor tomorrow," he says, "he'd probably get a medal for it." In other words, he can do no wrong. He's still with the FBI but on "special assignment with no specified work duty." He's being told that they want to keep a small group of guys like him on because of their long-term experience in counter-terrorism. That's not true, he says. The real reason they're keeping him is so they can hold his pension and benefits over his head to keep him quiet about what he knows. He says that the FBI is disorganized and demoralized and even frightened that revelations might come out that it had previous knowledge of this incident. Consequently there is an atmosphere of fear that permeates the senior ranks of the FBI. This has substantially reduced their competency. Just look at CNN, he said. You see John Ashcroft every day. You see Tom Ridge every day. But you don't see Bobby Mueller, the FBI director maybe once every two weeks. (See "DoJ Cover up Artist Bobby Mueller Named FBI Chief " www.almartinraw.com/column27.html)

Mueller is being sidelined on purpose because Mueller doesn't have any practical experience in this. This is a guy who has consistently stuck his foot in his mouth in the past. The general assessment of Bobby Mueller around the Beltway is that he could screw up a free lunch. This is also the reason why so many of the powers are being transferred to the new Office of

Homeland Security.

In other news, it's become very apparent that Congress, the White House and the government have abandoned any notion of fiscal responsibility or even rational political judgment. Washington has effectively become a free-for-all in which one senator gets up and says, "I can spend a hundred billion more than you can." These are politically popular spending programs, which are totally wasteful.

The Congress is completely out of touch with reality. The Bush Administration and Congress have essentially gone wild. There are no checks anymore. They're authorizing the expenditure of huge sums of money, which none of the agencies even want or have any idea of how to spend. It's a different environment now. Washington sees an opportunity to act the way it wants to act - without any restraints.

This is all couched under the guise of fighting terrorism. How does this square with the \$16 billion increase in the Department of Agriculture budget, an increase the Department of Agriculture says it doesn't need, doesn't want and has no idea of how its going to spend?

All those organizations, like government watchdog groups, are being discredited by this notion that they're being "unpatriotic." The system of checks and balances has disappeared. There hasn't been a peep out of the ACLU, or Larry Klayman's group Judicial Watch, or Charlie Smith's group about this spending.

Everybody is keeping quiet. They all appear on mainstream media, and when they do, O'Reilly goes after them

for being "unpatriotic," saying now is the time we should overlook government misdeeds. And that is the new attitude. O'Reilly even said that.

O'Reilly has given up any pretense of being independent, fair minded, or balanced. He has joined the pro-government media crowd because that's where the ratings and the money are. He purposely tries to discredit anyone who doesn't agree with the government line. Consequently that's why various government watchdog groups are keeping their mouths shut. They know they will be cast in the light of being "unpatriotic."

Government spending amounts to at least \$1.5 trillion in additional spending over five years, and all the numbers haven't been added up yet. This includes everything from defense to security to agriculture. We are literally plying government agencies with money that they don't want. They have said they don't want and don't even know how they're going to spend it. This is money that's going to get spent on tremendous weapons systems and help defense contractors. If you look at all the industries that are going to benefit - and individual companies that are going to benefit - you will understand why the Republicans are pushing it. This is Bush Cabal Heaven.

In other words, there will be a \$1.5 trillion increase over five years (which is deficit financed) and two thirds or more of that spending will be effectively wasted. The deputy head of the GAO has already said so, and we are still in an economy that is \$5.5 trillion in debt - with no foreseeable surpluses being generated in the near future.

In addition, interest rates have

been lowered and the Bush White House is going to pressure Greenspan to keep interest rates artificially low longer than they should be. This will create an inflationary whammy down the road. We are in effect building a potential economics time bomb for this nation.

Some people are actually calling the Clinton years -- the "Golden Years." Clinton did after all make an effort to balance the budget. He did generate surpluses. He did begin to pay down debt. The economy grew and inflation was kept down. Government spending was kept in check. It doesn't make any difference what you think of Clinton politically, when they're talking about the golden years they're talking about it economically -- if we return to double digit inflation and double digit unemployment and an accumulated deficit out of control.

Looking at the bigger picture, this unrestrained spending fits in with the new anti-terrorism bill, which transfers more of the American people's rights back to the government, more than has ever been done before in the history of the republic. This massive increase in spending that will benefit the top three percent of the population is just another transfer of power and wealth. All of this spending (eventually the American people will have to pay for it) lessens the people's economic power. And it increases the power of those who rule, who govern, who control, and who constitute the backbone of the Republican Party.

First, there is a massive loss of people's rights, which have been transferred back to the government. Second, in this unrestrained spending, a huge amount of the people's money

is being transferred back to government, and therefore back to the businesses and industries which represent the top three per cent of the nation's wealthiest (federal contractors and so on) which in turn are the most ardent supporters of the Republican Party. It's a transfer of both control and money.

From Bush's War front - the media mentioned that one of the bombing missions went astray and a couple of schools and hospitals were bombed. The Department of Defense recently confirmed this incident. They're bombing these people twenty-four hours a day, sending in Cruise missiles, Tomahawk missiles, so-called precision guided weapons. As the Friendly Colonel points out, however, the problem is these weapons only have a 37% accuracy rate. Therefore you're forced to bomb the same targets time and time again.

He explained the way this hospital was bombed. One of the jobs that the Special Forces are doing is planting infra red sensors around targets which the aircraft flying above can then target (the zone of these infra red sensors) which makes the probable accuracy of the weapon more likely. However, the Taliban are being helped by a secret contingent of elite Iraqi intelligence officers familiar with this equipment. After the US or allied commandos go in and plant these devices, the Taliban and Iraqis pull them out of the ground then run down the street and put them around a hospital or a school. Then they'll be able to blame the United States (the Taliban doesn't care if their own kids are bombed) because it has great propaganda value.

Meanwhile the gulf between

Congress and the people continues to grow. The average age of a congressman is 23 years more than the average age of the population. In no other democratic country does such an age gap exist between legislators and the people.

If current trends persist, within seven years Congress will be qualified, as an institution, for geriatric assistance programs from the Department of Health and Human Services. This will include grants to install ramp ways, railing in the bathrooms and even automated toilet seats for the geriatric crowd that inhabits Congress.

A prime example of this situation is Henry "Never Saw an S&L He Didn't Want To Rip Off" Hyde.

When finally forced to admit under pressure from the Chicago Sun Times that he did have an extra-marital affair, Henry Hyde stated that insofar as he had had that affair when he was 48 years of age, he chalked it off to "youthful indiscretion."

In the passage of this so-called anti-terrorist legislation euphemistically named "The Patriot Act," we have given George Bush the power of Caesar. The implication is that anyone who disagrees with it is "unpatriotic." The American people have, in one fell'n swoop, given George Bush the power of Caesar -- control of the public purse beyond the dreams of avarice.

When you consider the existing power of the President, then you add the powers of the 1995 Anti-Terrorism Act, and the further extension of those powers by the 2001 Anti-Terrorism Act, George Bush and all his successors have been given dictatorial

powers.

With the passage of this new bill,
we have effectively turned the White
House into the new American Imperial
Palace.

George Bush is actually revitalizing
an old Nixon idea from 1972. Nixon
was so impressed with the way foreign
guards were dressed, which included
braided uniforms and swords and
golden helmets, he wanted to have the
White House guards dressed in the
same manner. He was laughed out of
the idea. Now, however George Bush
wants to reactivate the Imperial
uniform of the White House guard a la
Richard Nixon.

When you watch CNN, remember
this. The new pro-government media
like CNN subscribes to the theory that
if you broadcast a lie often enough to
the people, whose blinders and rose
colored glasses are securely ensconced,
then eventually the lie becomes the
truth.

More Skeletons from the Bush Crime Family Dynasty Closet
Or

How George Bush Sr. Murdered One More "Enemy"

And speaking of DUI's in the Bush Family.....

Did you know that George Bush, Sr. was also charged with Driving
Under the Influence of Alcohol in the State of Florida, during the time
he was the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency?

Naturally it was taken off the record. The arresting officer died.
(Cue up the laugh track - murdered is the correct word). His wife was
going through his papers and found an affidavit he had executed
regarding this scenario because he knew that it would be taken off the
record, and that he might be killed.

It happened outside Sarasota.

From The Above the Law Dept. --

No license? No problem.

All through the 1980s, when Jeb Bush ran the Bush Realty out of Miami at 1390 Brickell Ave. (before he ran Bush Codina Realty in 1992-1993), he represented himself to clients, banks, insurance companies and mortgage brokers as a licensed realtor. In fact Jeb Bush is not a licensed realtor in the State of Florida nor has he ever been.

His application for a realtor's license in the State of Florida was repeatedly rejected due to "outstanding criminal investigations of his business activities conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement."

When brother Neil Bush was at Silverado Savings and Loan of Denver, he was involved in putting together the infamous Boulder [Colorado] series of Real Estate Limited Partnerships...

He was personally involved in it. He voted for Silverado to finance the deal and he helped market the deal through his Gulfstream Realty.

This is the notorious fraudulent limited partnership that was based on busted-out HUD properties, formerly belonging to the infamous Republican-connected swindler Leonard Millman. This was the different one -- the partnership that was marketed to liberal Democrats in Congress as a "control" feature. It was this limited partnership in which Congressman Bill Alexander had invested \$3 million and was ultimately forced into bankruptcy because it was

bogus.

Congressman Alexander was told that if he didn't back down from his Iran-Contra probe, he would be forced to make good on the recourse notes. When he refused to back down, there was a demand made by the financing bank, Twin Cities Bank of Little Rock, Arkansas on the notes, which forced Alexander into a bankruptcy filing.

The media has become quite blase about the crimes of the Bush Family.

For instance, George Bush Sr.'s last net worth filing with the Federal Election Commission indicates he has a net worth of only \$76 million. And yet he donates \$100 million to Yale University, and nobody even blinks an eye.

Why? It's apathy. Everone knows that George is probably a billionaire, but you look at his public disclosures, in no public disclosure has he ever claimed to be worth more than \$100 million.

There's so much apathy about him in the media. The media looks at George S., and so do the American people and they assume that no matter what he's saying he's lying.

As in "Read my lips. Everytime they move, I'm lying." And since everyone already assumes that, there is no will to investigate.

So I don't find it unusual at all -- that he keeps getting away with it.

Why does the CIA keep getting away with dealing in narcotics? Why do a lot of things happen? It's because

the public already believes it. The media no longer has to convince anyone. Therefore there isn't any pressure or interest to investigate. If the people already believe that something happened, then what is the media going to do? It's like beating a dead horse.

Have you heard that Fox News and CNN may actually enjoin in legal action to keep the election results outstanding? It's in their best interests. They're frightened that tomorrow there may be a resolution. If the Florida Supreme Court says that's it, then the drama may be finished. Therefore the networks may enjoin themselves on some of the outstanding lawsuits -- to keep the thing alive as long as possible.

Why? Because of the election uncertainty, media revenues have risen an average of 23% according to the latest statistics.

Translation: people are transfixed by the boob tube. Let's keep it that way.

If anybody was really concerned about the election results, the first place real concern is reflected is in the markets.

It's true that equities haven't done that well but that could be for a lot of reasons. If there was a real problem, the Cash DX Exchange -- the DXZ -- the debt contract of the U.S. Dollar would be falling -- and it isn't. Also the nearby contract of gold would be rising -- and it isn't. Those are the two key telltale signs.

The only thing that makes any

difference is what the markets do.
That's what dictates everything. What
the people think -- nobody cares about
that.

Like the old adage -- buy on the
rumor, sell on the fact.

There's nothing to worry about. If
there was anything to worry about,
you would find the market buying on
the rumor. US Treasuries remain
strong. There has been no selling in
US Treasuries, nor has there been any
of what they call "hedge buying" in US
Treasuries. The Dollar Index remains
115-116. Gold remains at 265.

"Citizen, Can I See Your ID."

What has not been explained to the
American people is the reason why 35,000
Army Reservists and 65,000 National Guard
have been called up. It is to maintain internal
checkpoints. It has nothing to do with the
external "War on Terrorism." All of these
people are being trained at the US Army
School of Urban Control at Fort Campbell,
Kentucky. CNN actually showed an urban
training mock-up, what they're training on,
and what the new Internal Security
checkpoint is going to look like. It was
mighty sinister looking.

There was a barrier that went across the
road. To the right was an elevated shed like
structure, elevated perhaps fifteen feet in the
air. It had a small second story that was
open. On it was a sign that read "Homeland
Security Internal Checkpoint." There were
sandbags and the wooden arm that crossed
the road read "100% ID Checked." Then
there was a small shed to the right with a
small barbed wire area behind that. On this
structure was a sign, which read, "All citizens
not having proper identification will be
detained. All foreign nationals will be

detained. All citizens who are deemed to be acting in a suspicious manner will be detained." At each of these posts there will be six armed Army or National Guard reservists with M-16's with full field kit. On top of the structure to the rear, the open structure on top, there's a man with a machine gun emplacement.

They showed the actual mockup used for training purposes. They had new uniforms. They weren't in their regular uniforms. It's a new gray uniform with a gray helmet and a visor so you can't see their eyes. The only thing you can see is from their lips down because they said that's "to prevent any retribution" from people who don't like this new idea.

This uniform looked exactly like the Imperial Storm Troopers from "Star Wars" except instead of white, it was gray. All the helmets have little transceivers so they can communicate with each other. There will be six guards at each internal security checkpoint. And there's another warning on the inside of the barbed wire enclosure, "Any detainees attempting to escape will be shot." It was a yellow and red sign inside the detainment area.

The only person who actually spoke on camera during this story was a sergeant, an Army Reservist sergeant. You could tell that he completely disagreed with what was going on. You couldn't hear the question being asked, but he was looking at the camera and he said, "We're here to protect the people." Then he put his head down and shook his head, and you could tell he didn't believe a word of what he was saying -- like it was some big frigging joke.

Then they showed the procedure they were using to train these guys. An average American car, like a Ford or a Chevy, drives up and there's supposed to be a husband and wife in the front seat and a couple of kiddies in the back. So they drive up to the

checkpoint, and the corporal comes up to the car and says, "May I see your identification, citizen."

They call everyone "citizen." I swear to God, I'm not making this up. Then the guy asks for his driver's license, then something else and something else. Then he says, "Very good, citizen."

There's a spot on the gate that goes across the road that they had x-ed out. But you could tell what it said because the sergeant alluded to it. It said, "All citizens are required to present their National Identification Cards." But they left it blank as a black spray-painted out spot because the legislation for that hasn't happened yet.

The big sign on the side of the one and half story shed with the machine gun nest on top said "Homeland Security Internal Checkpoint." And now we're all supposed to say, "Hail the Republic." That's the new mantra. They showed a bunch of guys being trained at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, probably enlisted and reservists and such. And they kept raising up their right arm saying, "Hail the Republic."

The sergeant even said that they are duplicating the ancient Roman Legions salute to Caesar, using the right arm upraised with the fist. Instead of "Hail Caesar," though they say, "Hail the Republic."

This is what's coming. People don't believe it or people don't understand it but when 80% of the people support whatever "security" measures are necessary.

What does it all mean? We all better start worrying when George Bush starts to play the fiddle.

Congress is supposed to be recessed for the rest of the year, but they will be giving the Administration extraordinary wartime authority -- pursuant to all remaining

legislation. In other words, they will simply allow the Administration to act under pending statutes. They are simply going to transfer to the Administration emergency wartime power to act under bills, which are still pending, even though they haven't been passed.

The implication is that we will be under a defacto state of martial law soon. There are 100,000 military being trained for these internal security checkpoints.

When they were showing the lines of enlisted and reserve people being trained in this camp, with M-16s in their hands, I can tell you I don't think any of them would hesitate to shoot at American citizens. I think they're being indoctrinated. The indoctrination they're going through is obvious. The enlisted people are being told by the drill sergeant that they are being given extraordinary authority that "your job is to protect the security of the State at all costs."

There is a direct parallel between the old Soviet Union and the East Bloc and what we are doing. We are establishing internal travel restrictions on the American people. We are essentially following the Soviet textbook. In the Soviet Communist Bloc, for example, there were checkpoints in every city. You had to have what's called an "internal travel visa." You had to have that visa stamped at every checkpoint in every city. Then they checked you out at every entrance to every city. Then if you checked out, they would affix a visa stamp and charge you ten marks for it. It was a real racket.

What will be interesting to see is what kind of a racket is going to go along with these internal security check points. In other words, how much of a "toll" are they going to charge? They're going to have to do something to pay for all of this and one of the obvious ways to pay for it would be to charge everyone a one or two dollar "toll."

And this is what we should be looking forward to - toll booths around the nation. They're not saying this yet, but obviously in an effort to pay for this, there's going to be some sort of a "security tax." Since this system is incredibly cumbersome (having to stop every single vehicle and check identification) and we've been taught to be suspicious of driver's licenses because it's so easy to obtain false driver's licenses, the implication is that national security cards are the only thing that will eventually be accepted as identification. The further implication is that in order to accommodate traffic (this will create traffic jams miles and miles long), there would be a separate line for those carrying pre-approved internal visas whose allegiance to the government has already been checked.

The sergeant on the news report said that all the people involved (100,000 military people) are being forced to swear new loyalty oaths to the United States. He just mentioned the government's overall policy, which Bush talked about last week, that all federal civilian employees are going to have to take new oaths of allegiance to the "Republic." And that extends to some members of the military who will be involved in internal security.

Surprisingly enough all these border checks, you would think, would be handled directly by the military - or under the auspices of the military. They're not. They're under the auspices of "Homeland Security." What it means is that you have 100,000 troops (reservists and national guards people) based in the United States, which will be seconded to the Office of Homeland Security. Their ultimate jurisdiction is being transferred from the Department of Defense to the Office of Homeland Security.

In other words, the Office of Homeland Security is gaining a militarized division of 100,000 troops.

It's finally getting some of the liberals nervous. But it's coming. Day after day, they're showing polls that seventy to eighty percent of the American people are prepared to approve whatever security measures are "necessary" to "fight terrorism."

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MILITARY FRAUD DEPT.: According to the Friendly Colonel, the Redstone Arsenal base commander was chortling over the fact that the accuracy of the missile strikes in Afghanistan thus far was 37%. He was actually chortling on how "high" the accuracy rate has been. The general's exact words were that "the defense contractors will get paid as long as the things go off and hit the right country."

Also, the Friendly Colonel realizes the reason the FBI didn't stop all those weapons shipments from Huntsville Alabama (See previous story <http://www.almartinraw.com/column22.html>)

What they were doing was pre-positioning materiel in Pakistan. That leads one to the conclusion which he had already made earlier - that somebody knew this war was going to happen, possibly as long as six months ago (May 2001). In other words, they didn't know specifically the target, but somebody thought it likely that a "terrorist event" would happen that would precipitate a response by the US in Afghanistan.

And Where Did the "Mushrooms" Go?
(See previous column <http://www.almartin.raw/column32.html>)
They were intended for use by US armed forces. In other words, they were pre-staging supplies. That's where the "mushrooms" (anti-personnel land mines) went. He got an explanation how these "mushrooms" are used by Special Forces when they are clearing an area. When an area is being swept, they drop this weapons system

behind them - to protect their rear and also to prevent anyone else from re-infiltrating an area which has already been cleared. The specific use of these mushrooms is in a sweep operation. When forces sweep an area and they don't want the area re-infiltrated they leave this passive weapons system behind. These weapons are principally used in an urban warfare environment.

The only correlation that can be made is that there would be an attack against the United States of sufficient size which would warrant a response, hence the predisposition of these weapons system, like these mushrooms which are under intense international criticism by an anti-land mine group in London.

The general also said that they're "re-ordering missiles like crazy - the Cruise and Tomahawk missiles." They are being reordered and Rockwell is building them as fast as they can. Cruise Missiles are about \$1.6 million each, and the Tomahawks, which are larger, longer range, more advanced with a heavier payload, are about \$3.5 million each.

He estimated that about 300 missiles have been used so far. It's not big money, but these missile systems are extremely profitable to build. They have a simple guidance system, a simple conventional explosive, and the micro-processors necessary for the look-forward view capacity is pretty simple. All they have to do is not hit the side of a mountain on the way to their target...

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MEDIA DEPT.: According to a reliable inside source, all the mainstream media outlets have received a confidential memorandum from the White House asking that they change the monikers they're using "Homeland Security" to "Home Front Security." Apparently they believe that

"Home Front Security" sounds more patriotic and less sinister than "Home Land Security."

They have also asked the media not to show any more footage of the urban training and internal security checkpoints and to minimize the coverage of any "future" troop movements within the United States. The implication is that when these internal security checkpoints get set up, there will be a lot of movement of troops, helicopters, etc. So as not to disturb the domestic tranquility of the people by telling the people the truth, the government is asking the media to limit coverage of any domestic troop movements.

All the media will comply because they're all dying to jump on the government line. MSNBC has in fact changed their moniker from "Homeland Security" to "Home Front Security." "Home Front" is more homey sounding and much more patriotic. It strikes a chord with a lot of people especially older people who remember this being so extensively used for security measures put in place during the Second World War.

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EDUCATION/ INDOCTRINATION

DEPT.: A warning of note -- Mothers of America beware. Last week during National Patriotism Day, sixty million American schoolchildren were supposed to stand up and say the Pledge of Allegiance together.

There was a little known and briefly shown incident on TV about a teacher in New Jersey. He was a fifth grade teacher who changed the words of the Pledge of Allegiance from "I pledge allegiance to the flag" to "I pledge allegiance to the Office of Homeland Security." Subsequently it was noted that in his opinion children are never too young to be taught obedience to the State. It should also be noted that the teacher in question who professed to be a loyal Vietnam veteran with a flat top hairdo, a

Marine Corps. tattoo on his arm and a Timex watch, and replete with a polyester tie. He rather looked like some sort of reject for the corner stool at the local VFW, when he explained that "he never saw a commie he didn't want to bomb."

HISTORY OF FBI ANTI-TERRORISM SUCCESS DEPT

In 1995, pursuant to the first round of "anti-terrorism" legislation a/k/a HR1701, the FBI was given a special \$300 million grant to track down terrorist assets worldwide.

After a five-year search and an expenditure of \$300 million of American taxpayers' money, they managed to find one bank account belonging to the Hamas terrorist group. It was in a savings bank in New Jersey, and it had \$17000 in it.

The Treasury Department's current pronouncements that the terrorist assets they're freezing every day is just so much nonsense. They're not giving us any details about who owns these accounts or how they know they're connected to terrorist groups. One of the accounts they seized in California? Upon further investigation, it turned out that the account with \$346 in it was in fact the coffee and donut fund for the local Arab American Chamber of Commerce.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH DEPT

Having gone out to the \$8.99 All You Can Eat Chinese Buffet with a bunch of cohorts, we found out that unbeknownst to us, there was an FBI agent sitting in the booth nearby. He was there not in an official capacity, but just having dinner with his wife. Anyway, we were talking about the new Office of Homeland Security and what the internal checkpoints were going to look like and what the new parameters of our new National Identity cards will be and, of course,

referencing George Bush as George "Never Saw a Document He Didn't Want to Shred" Bush. And we talked about the number of civil rights that the American people will be giving up in this new campaign against terrorism.

When we got up to leave, the FBI agent said to me, "Hey pal, best flap your gums while you can because a year from now I'll have the power to arrest you for such seditious talk."

He was wearing his FBI badge on the inside to ensure that he would get his 15% discount at the restaurant.

My pals are all older and they're afraid that they'll get their Social Security checks taken away from them for hanging out with me. Then I told the FBI agent that, "Hey, we're just speaking the truth." And he said, "Like I said, seditious talk."

So remember - the new government mantra is "Speaking the truth about government misdeeds and abuses of power equals sedition."

AS SEEN ON TV DEPT - A TRIAL RUN OF MARTIAL LAW

The new checkpoints have been established and they look just like the mockups that were shown on TV. There's a large red and yellow placard that says "Homeland Security Internal Checkpoint." You have to show your driver's license to go through and you're told that soon even that will not be sufficient. There was a company of National Guard setting up an ancillary facility. They had their new gray helmets with the visors on, so you couldn't see their eyes. And it is true. We went through the checkpoint.

And yes, they really do address you as "Citizen."

From the United States of

America to the National Security States of America

Are we to remain a nation convenient to our politicians? Are we to remain a nation that, according to Bob Dole is "The Land of the Provincial and Home of the Naïve...Thank God"? In the rush for political expediency, the first two things that are always sacrificed are the hard-won rights and liberties of the people and any notion of fiscal accountability by their government.

It's official. Tom Ridge has been sworn in as the director of the Office of Homeland Security, as of October 8, 2001. In his acceptance speech, he said, "Although some sacrifices will have to be made, the essential freedoms of the American people will be protected." And this is a very sinister message. What he's saying is that there obviously will be "sacrifices" in the civil rights of the people. And then he's saying the "essential" civil rights of the people will be maintained. But who determines what the word "essential" means? Who determines what "rights" are essential? Certainly the people are not going to determine that. And Ridge didn't say who it was who would be doing the determining. Then Bush spoke for a few more minutes and said that who would be doing the determining would be the "Supreme National Security Council." It will exist above the Homeland Security Directorate, and will be chaired by George Bush, various cabinet members and "certain others who have had long-term political allegiances to my father."

What they're saying is that since this is a super-agency, which is immune from congressional oversight

or judicial review, there has to be some regulatory body above it. That will make this Council extra-legal, extra-constitutional, extra-judicial, and extra-legislative. And it's even extra-executive. Bush then is essentially assuming supreme power as Chairman of the Supreme National Security Council.

It's becoming clear how extraordinary the authority that this new agency, the Office of Homeland Security, along with its little brother, the Office of Cyberspace Security, really has. It means that this agency's authority effectively guts the Whistleblower Act of 1986 and the subsequent Whistleblower Protection Act of 1991.

Government whistleblowers are no longer afforded the same measure of protection that they were before. Whistleblowers could actually go into court and request federal protection from US Marshals. They can't do that anymore.

Also the creation of this agency with its vast new powers effectively guts the Freedom of Information Act. Since this agency is operating under essentially National Security law, as amended 1949-1950, and not regular Title Code 18 law, it can classify all of its operations and documents. It would be immune from any public request for information. Virtually all its budget is classified. It does not have to submit any public accounting for the money it spends - not even to the General Accounting Office. This is part of the power it will have as a super extra-legal extra-constitutional body. The only submission to GAO that is required will be total receipts and total expenditures -- what all agencies have

to give the GAO even under classified spending, but they don't have to break that spending down at all.

Furthermore (they are preparing the public for this), Bush knows there will be many Supreme Court challenges when we are past this "first blush of patriotism." When the American people have taken off their rose-colored glasses and only have their normal blinders on, there will be many proceedings in the Supreme Court over the authority being given this agency. That's why Bush is saying that this ruling council, this Supreme National Security Council, has decided that its only judicial accountability will be with the National Security Court in Washington DC, a court which the administration controls.

What does this do? It not only suspends habeas corpus, but it does so on a virtually unlimited basis. Even during the Civil War, when Lincoln suspended habeas corpus, there were still some rules. For example, you could not hold somebody for more than 90 days without charge. With this new agency, not only do they act ex post facto vis-a-vis habeas corpus, but there aren't any limits being imposed. They could literally detain people for years - for as long as they wanted. There is no limitation. When people talk about the suspension of habeas corpus, they talk about when Lincoln did it during the Civil War, or when Franklin Roosevelt did it on a limited basis during the Second World War.

Ridge has already said that they have the authority to hold people indefinitely. In wartime suspension of habeas corpus, there are still rules. This is not a simple suspension of habeas corpus, but it is in effect an

elimination of it. The power is granted to the Office of Homeland Security by default because it is immune from judicial review.

Likewise, there is a complete suspension of Fourth Amendment privilege of unwarranted search and seizure. For the first time ever, a US agency is given the power to seize assets without judicial proceeding or review. In other words, the people whose assets are seized have no recourse. They are being given no recourse under the law. This agency doesn't have to claim anything. Since they are immune from judicial review, they don't even have to come up with a reason. All they have to say is that, "pursuant to the security of the State, we believe these assets may be used by those who would represent a threat to the security of the State or the domestic tranquility of the people."

Technically the assets of any person or news agency which would attempt to disseminate the truth to the people could be seized --- since under the National Security Act, the truth about government operations can be withheld from the people if the dissemination of said truths is deemed to be injurious to the security of the State or the domestic tranquility of the people.

In other words, if you don't tell the truth to the people, their tranquility will be assured.

Detainees or targets of the new State Security bureau (Office of Homeland Security) will no longer have the right of Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination.

In other words, they can be compelled to talk by "any means

necessary," i.e., torture, interrogation, etc. Section 409C of the National Security Act, pursuant to the political and state security acts thereunto, states that a person whom the government believes is involved in an act contrary to the security of the State can be compelled by whatever measures necessary to reveal information.

Furthermore this State Security agency will be given the old FBI power under the 1942 Seditious Publication Act. This power, formally given to the FBI in the past, was done away with in 1972, when J. Edgar Hoover died -- because he so abused this power. The power of this Act will be given to this new State Security. It will give this agency the ability to label publications as "seditious" and to prevent their publication and transmission thereunto by both print and electronic means.

Previously there was the United States Title Code Statutes 792/793, otherwise known as the "Sedition Acts of 1798," which came right after the Logan Amendments of 1794. Since the times of George Washington, "sedition acts" have not been used. And now we are talking about the revival of the Seditious Publication Acts of 1942, which I find particularly sinister, because it gives our new super State Security agency the power to label publications seditious to prevent their transmission and to prevent their printing. That means they can be prevented from being mailed or being disseminated electronically or otherwise, a power which will undoubtedly be used by the new Office of Cyber Space Security. In fact, even the truth regarding government activities or operation can

be deemed seditious and its dissemination to the public prevented.

In the past, when the government went on a tear to deny the people's rights, even Life Magazine from 1968 to 1972 was formally declared a "seditious publication" by the FBI because of its photo expose' of the horrors of Vietnam. They were showing a lot of dead and twisted American bodies. The FBI considered this "anti-patriotic" and "seditious" because it was fomenting unrest and thus aiding those who didn't want to see US involvement in the war.

So far there has been absolutely no congressional or judicial opposition to this. Public opinion polls state that the American people are willing to sacrifice whatever is necessary in the so-called "New War Against Terrorism." Of course, what they're not saying is that the Bush Administration very craftily says to the people that we need this power to detain terrorists, to freeze assets of terrorists, and to hold terrorists ex post facto of habeas corpus. What they're not seeing is that in the actual authorization bills, obviously the word "terrorist" is not used. The word "suspect" or "detainee" is used. Of course, it's very doubtful that all suspects or detainees will be limited to those who wear turbans. A "suspect" or a "detainee" can mean anything.

This means that there will be unlimited and virtually unfettered electronic surveillance and eavesdropping. This will include the unfettered ability to surveil on American people and to intercept communications. The only lip service paid to this is that finally George Bush made the comment that " we will not

diminish the hard-won rights and liberties of the American people" which, of course is precisely what he is setting about doing.

If all bills and measures currently proposed pass, the financial cost to the American people (an increase in federal spending) will be \$343 billion over the next three-year period. The airline bailout measure. Increases in direct foreign grants. Increase in rescheduling Russian debt again. Enormous increases in domestic building programs.

And where is the money coming from? There are no "surpluses." The "surpluses" are gone. All of this money will be 100% deficit financed and because the Bush Administration has abandoned its traditional strong dollar policy, this will build a powerful inflationary whammy into our economy. We will feel the effects of this down the road.

These two measures - a massive increase in deficit financing along with abandoning a strong dollar policy, which contains inflation - will produce a huge inflationary wallop in a few years.

There are many appropriation bills now in Congress, and everybody is tacking on something because this is pork-barrel heaven. Because the public doesn't care, everybody in Congress and their brother is tacking on an extra \$10 million for some little pet project.

Note the foolishness of the liberal Democrats, who, in an effort to get brownie points in the "first blush of patriotism," are jumping on the band wagon of restricting Americans' civil liberties - a la Senator John Kerry's bill

for interstate transportation security. If that bill passes, we will, for the very first time in this country, have interstate checkpoints for public transportation. We didn't even have that during the war.

There may be many a "conspiracy theorist" that has been a lone voice in the wilderness who may be vindicated. Although it has not been announced yet, a further diminishment of Americans' rights to keep and bear arms is certainly coming. The Bush Administration hasn't gone that far yet because it would virtually be a killer for them to say that now. As long as Bush has an 80% approval rating and as long as 80% of the American people approve these so-called "security" measures, Bush, who has a large gun-owning constituency, will be able to get away with it - further restrictions on civilian ownership of firearms.

There's something called the "Old 80-80." If you're a president of the United States and you have an 80% approval rating, and you have initiated a policy under a crisis (even if it is your administration which has maintained the level of fear) that has an 80% approval rating, then you can propose legislation that is directly contrary to the belief of your constituency and yet it won't hurt you politically - or it won't hurt you enough to make any difference when you run for reelection.

A historical precedent was the time when Nixon imposed wage and price controls in 1971. Nixon's constituency, primarily the wealthy, Big Business, and major corporations, were vehemently opposed to price controls, yet he imposed them anyway

under the "fight to contain the collapse of the American dollar" after he closed the gold window. Then they came up with the policy of dramatically increasing the price of crude oil and the US dollar just fell out of bed. The 1971 dollar crisis reached its peak when the French central bank refused to accept US dollars. If you create enough of a crisis situation, even the people who will be hurt by a change in the law will support it.

Now we need to ask -- do we want to travel down the "Canadian Road"? Are we so certain we want to support National Identification Cards? Are we so certain that, like our Canadian cousins, we are prepared to become a homogenized, pasteurized, wimpified, and neutered society?

Do we want to become like Canada, the original home of sado-masochism, where the clarion call of the neutered and impotent Canadian people to their government is -- "Whip me. Beat me. Tax me some more. Because I just love paying five dollars for a package of cigarettes, or \$68 for a \$28 bottle of Canadian Club whiskey. And while you're at it -- take away my right to own a firearm"?

If we, as the quintessential American couch potatoes with our rose-colored glasses, eyes glazed over from hour after hour of mind-numbing sitcoms, whose only awareness of the news comes from compressed sound bites and encapsulated print bullets, succumb to this, then we will most certainly find ourselves robbed of our hard won rights and liberties.

All of the legislation proposed since September 12 -- if it is to pass -- will constitute the largest transfer of the rights and liberties of the American

people back to the government in the
history of the Republic.

What of all the wars that we have
fought -- the millions of us who have
shed our blood to maintain our rights
and liberties as American citizens?

What do we say - that these
sacrifices were in vain?

For that is precisely what we will
be saying -- if we continue to keep our
heads stuck in the sand and say
nothing in this hour of when our rights
and liberties are in the greatest peril...

All Fall Down - The Politics Of Terror And Mass Persuasion

"Nothing would be what it is. Because everything would be what it isn't.
And contrary-wise, what it is, it wouldn't be. And what it wouldn't be, it
would. You see?" -- Alice in Wonderland

WHAT NOW?

Rightly or wrongly, Alice had it right. Or, as that great Yogi named Berra
once said, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it."

Confuse people long enough (about 25 seconds for the average TV viewer) -
and they will click channels, tune into less arduous distractions, and
reset their brains to "snooz" control.

It's a time-tested formula. Everyone who runs a scam for personal,
political or financial gain relies on their audience's fractured attention
to get away with story lines that seem absolutely compelling in the heat of
some manufactured moment - but collapse into complete nonsense if we run
the tape back and view it frame-by-frame.

Take the events Sept. 11, 2001. Absolutely riveting video, relentlessly
repeated. Authoritative news anchors looking dazed and grim, throwing out
official statements like lifelines to millions of dazed and desperate
viewers drowning in shock and disorientation.

" It couldn't be real, but it had to be true".

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So we bought it. Or most of it anyway. We didn't ask why intelligence

agencies who couldn't catch a whiff of the most complex "hit" since the invasion of Normandy knew the names of 19 cremated hijackers and their renal-challenged ringleader within 48 hours of attacks that killed 50,000, no 25,000, no 6,000, no 2,500 people..

We didn't ask how frightened young men who couldn't fly Cessnas could navigate and steer heavy jets into their targets. Or why none of their names turned up on the passenger lists of the four airplanes they were supposed to have commandeered. (Total number of Middle Easterners among 257 passengers and crew: zero.)

We didn't ask what the United and American pilots (three of them military veterans) were doing while men armed with quarter-inch knives demanded death to fellow Americans, why their cockpit conversations were never released, why eight indestructible "black boxes" holding the keys to so many -questions were rendered "inoperable" while hijackers' paper passports escaped explosions and fire unscathed.

We didn't ask why a plane supposedly driven by its passengers into two separate crash sites in the Pennsylvania countryside came apart in mid-air. Or why the president of the United States remained more interested in the story of a pet goat than reports of airliners crashing into Manhattan skyscrapers and the Pentagon.

We didn't ask why U.S. forces were poised to attack across the Tajikistan border into Afghanistan in an assault announced last June - but could not scramble a single fighter to defend the U.S. capitol before three airliners hit their targets on a sunny morning in September.

We didn't ask why the CIA met with an ailing Osama bin Laden in an American hospital as the biggest British battle fleet since the Falklands sailed for waters off Afghanistan, why Washington gave the Taliban \$43 millions in May, or why the FBI and Attorney General of the United States repeatedly ignored warnings and blocked investigations into the impending attacks.

We didn't ask what the CIA was doing in the upper echelons of Big Banks that profited hugely from "short-selling" United and American Airlines stocks in the final days before someone dialed 9.11.

We didn't ask why the head of the WTC arson investigation told reporters there were "explosive devices" in the building, why so few survivors were burned, or why New York firefighters were dragged away from Ground Zero just when the site was becoming safe and they were getting close to the bottom of things.

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"We did not ask because we were not told what had really happened."

Like good Germans in Hitler's heyday, we looked the other way when more

than 1,100 not-quite-white people bearing Middle Eastern names were thrown into U.S. prisons, interrogated, abused, held without notifying their families or lawyers - without ever being charged with terrorist acts. We were sure it couldn't happen to us.

Anthrax held us enthralled. Instead of asking what a "weaponized" strain of a decades old "Made In The USA" bacteria was doing in silent letter bombs, we clamored for risky antidotes and even more dangerous vaccines without stopping to consider that anthrax is not contagious, easily treated, rarely fatal - and that bee stings pose a far more serious threat to most Americans.

Like frightened Germans after the Reichstag fire, we demanded that authorities "do something". They did. A Constitution generations of Americans had given their lives to defend was suspended. Laws were -quickly passed permitting surveillance, assets seizure, arrest and detention of "suspects" - without formal charges or judicial oversight. Evidence will be sealed. Special tribunals will hear these cases. Forcible -quarantine and inoculations are next.

A president who told Americans the day he "took" office - "If this were a dictatorship, it'd be a heck of a lot easier, just so long as I'm the dictator" - appointed himself supreme ruler of a his new Supreme National Security Council. A hundred thousand troops were called up for "internal security". And we said thank God, not realizing that soon perhaps we could be busted for that, too.

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Everyone knows the score by now.

FEMA is only for hurricanes, the Florida recount can wait, Timothy McVeigh blew up a big building with the same sort of fertilizer used to cover up his cohorts, Osama bin Laden is an ungrateful madman just like Saddam and Noriega and all the other thugs we've hugged, Bush's "War on Drugs" is just as urgent and honest as his "War on Terrorism". And kids as precious as our own being blown up in Afghanistan should just get out of the way.

We have to get bin Laden. Or maybe we don't. It's no longer clear. For sure, we have to topple the Taliban. What they're doing to women must be stopped. But now our leaders say maybe it would be okay if they rule the southern half of the country and let us take the rest where the pipelines have to go through.

Pakistan is our ally. They are sending troops to fight on the side of the Taliban. They have nukes. The general who heads their intelligence service sent \$100,000 to a fanatic the FBI says led the suicide planes against Manhattan. But it's okay now. The FBI complained and the general has resigned.

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Already the vultures are gathering.

On Oct. 10, 2001 U.S. Ambassador Wendy Chamberlain called on the Pakistani oil minister to get moving on the stalled Unocal pipeline from Turkmenistan across Afghanistan to a Pakistani port. Selling oil and gas to China is back on the table she says, "in view of recent geopolitical developments."

In the context of appeasing China, Chamberlain is an interesting name.

In the context of Sept. 11, China's ascension to the WTO before the WTC's dust had settled seemed almost scripted. Like some kind of quid pro quo - you give us oil and a seat on the organization divvying up the world, we do something for you.

What could that be? At least 15,000 Chinese Muslim troops have been sent to the defense of the Taliban.

Some people think President Bush II's second modern "crusade" is a contest between Allah and Christ. They are dangerously wrong. This war is being fought to reinstate the real "god" - gold, oil and drugs.

You and I can switch to bicycles or electric cars. But militaries cannot convert to battery-operated battleships or B-52s. The hi-tech allied armed forces needed to keep a lid on people being ripped off - which includes just about everyone on the planet - is running out of oil. The world's biggest remaining oil reserves are in the Caspian basin. A 20 billion barrel transfusion must begin flowing through 48-inch arteries just as soon as they can be laid across Afghanistan - and injected into the industrialized veins of increasingly desperate oil addicts.

Forget global warming, catastrophic climate change, the oppressed women of Afghanistan, the starving millions shivering with the onset of winter, and millions more moderate Muslims who are beginning to believe that Osama bin Laden is right. We're talking serious money here: \$3 to \$5 trillion worth of oil and natural gas, and hundreds of billions more in that other addiction supplied by a country called Afghanistan.

An American administration intimately linked to the international drug trade and the banks that launder its dirty money has been beside itself since the Taliban declared poppy-growing against Shariah Islamic law. Maybe the mullahs were miffed at the CIA for cranking up Afghanistan's heroin production to finance Osama bin Laden.

Their decree was issued 19 months ago. The fields are fallow; 60% of U.S. heroin imports have been shut off. Junkies are having withdrawals almost as bad as the White House, where some \$250 billion a year in illicit drug money waters Wall Street, Big Banks, and various Bushes.

On the scale of national budgets, the only usable amounts of cash are in

the drug trade. Everything else is a digital dream. If the drugs stop flowing, the world economy will instantly collapse.

The "shadow" administration hopes Columbia can pick up the slack. But a few dedicated drug enforcement officials haven't gotten the word. They keep cracking down on drug lords like Lehder linked to people with names like Cheney and Bush.

All the details are in the lawsuits brought by a former Green Beret, a Contra drugs-for-arms dealer and smugglers gone straight.

But the Mainstream Media ignores the news.

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It's imperative that the Taliban get turfed and fresh poppies planted. Don't get confused. These aren't the poppies for Remembrance Day. Though in a way they are. Americans have been conned into wars for oil and drug profits beyond their knowledge or imagination since the U.S. Navy tracked the Japanese carriers steaming toward Pearl Harbor, the Maddox fought phantom Viet Cong gunboats in the Gulf of Tonkin, and Iraqi soldiers ignored the incubator babies in Kuwait.

The documentation is voluminous. Much it comes from government sources. Does anyone really believe the puppeteers behind the Sept. 11 attackers do not have a similar agenda?

You decide. Search the Internet. Check the references in the back of this book. Cultivate independent news sources. Evaluate. Read the evidence presented in *All Fall Down: The Politics of Terror and Mass Persuasion*. See if it resonates.

Ask yourself: "Who benefits? Who gains?"

"Well," says D. Icke, "The Illuminati want a world government and army, a world currency and centralized global financial dictatorship and control. They want micro-chipped people and a society based on constant surveillance of all kinds at all times. And they want a frightened, docile, subservient, people who give their power away to the "authorities" who can save them from what they have been manipulated to fear." But he is secret CFR..... so what would he know?

That pretty well nails it down.

Too Late to Stop National ID

"Imagine a state in which you must register your name and address with the

authorities, just so they can find you in case you break the law. In an age when bills vaunting protections for privacy abound, and when surveys of consumers rank privacy as a top concern, could that happen here? It is already happening. When we rely on the federal government to solve our problems, we invite it to intrude upon our privacy. We are asking Big Brother to come in and make himself at home."

"How Big Brother Began," Solveig Singleton, Cato Institute

Changes in technology have left a nation confused about how the modern national ID system is implemented. Visions of passports with stamped pages need to be replaced with the modern reality of the computer age. Centrally located file cabinets filled with hand written cards have been replaced by interconnected databases in a huge distributed system.

It has long since been understood that safeguarding our freedom requires limiting the government's access to personal information. Where a legitimate purpose is served, government agencies have been allowed to accumulate limited information for specific purposes. Over the past decade a dramatic shift has taken place. The government has developed the ability to accumulate the maximum amount of information and provided central access to an army of low level bureaucrats. All signs indicate that this is just a beginning.

During the eight years of the Clinton administration, the federal government spent approximately four billion dollars developing a national database system for keeping track of intimate details of the lives of all Americans. Funding, and in fact the project itself was never held up for close public scrutiny. Most of the people reading this article have never heard of the project. Of those who have, many probably believe it was either shut down for lack of public support, or limited in purpose.

In order to understand the potential of such a system it is worthwhile to consider its cost. Four billion dollars is a huge amount of money to spend on development of a computer system. It could buy more than sixty million hours (thirty thousand years) of engineering consulting time. It is enough to pay 130,000 people an average income for one year. It is more than enough to buy a million modern desktop computers; each one powerful enough to manage a database containing information about every man, woman, and child in the United States, and then some.

Four billion dollars is a lot of money. It would buy almost ninety B-2 stealth bombers. It is enough to pay for about forty thousand average homes. It is enough to send about one hundred thousand students to college for one year or buy hot lunches for every elementary school child in the United States for five hundred years.

As awesome as the price tag is, the excuses for its existence have been poor. The premier reason it was built, according to most official reports, is to track child support payments and people who are supposed to make them. But state and county governments, already armed with their own

computers resisted. Propaganda campaigns exaggerated claims of non-payment to the level of a national emergency, but were countered with real data from the national census and other research showing that fully employed fathers pay well. Fathers of children supported by welfare are often poor, unskilled, too sick to work, in jail, unknown, or dead. Another database system does nothing to reduce poverty.

The database would be used to catch illegal aliens. This was a short-lived excuse. One only needed to point out that illegal aliens would probably be the only people not registered.

As weak as the justification is, the child support excuse still had the necessary characteristics. The government wanted to look into every important detail of a person's life. Laws were passed to require financial institutions to provide detailed information on transactions. Systems were integrated so that information obtained from all government sources would be available in one search, and so that businesses and other private organizations could contribute and access information. "Deadbeat dad" propaganda was intense. As long as people could believe that fathers do not deserve fundamental human rights, they could accept the logic of unconstitutional privacy infringements.

States were initially asked to pay half the cost. The problem that states were not interested was overcome by a creative funding strategy. The federal government paid the cost of developing the system and added incentive payments of more than one billion dollars per year to encourage states to use it. With the inclusion of this funding, every politician, bureaucrat, judge, and prosecutor instantly became a "deadbeat dad" hunter. The combined state / federal system now employs more than fifty thousand people nationwide.

Those in Congress who promoted the system promised repeatedly that it would only be used to track child support payments and people who are supposed to pay. But as soon as the system could function, that cover was blown. The database became known as the "National Directory of New Hires." The name reflected the first strategy for registering people. Rather than registering child support debtors, everyone taking a new job would be registered. This strategy eventually shifted to registration of everyone with a job, a social security number, a driver's license, a bank account, a telephone; anyone for which there is a source of information. You can be located whatever you do, and the government will know what you do.

The Bush administration does not appear to be set to improve the record. Amidst a flurry of a <http://www.cato.org/current/terrorism/index.html> anti-terrorism legislation, administration officials have issued several denials that a national ID system is even contemplated. We already have a modern computerized system in place that is far more effective than any identification and tracking system the Nazis or the Soviet Communists ever had. Common sense suggests that possession of such an Orwellian tool has not escaped their notice.

The primary contractor for the database system was Andersen Consulting. The company broke from international financial services consulting firm Arthur Andersen, Andersen Worldwide this year and was renamed Accenture Ltd. Accenture is based in Bermuda, a well-known offshore tax and privacy haven.

U.S. steps up purchase of Global Hawk Spy Planes

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Defense has launched five new weapon acquisition programs since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, including a \$5.5 billion program to speed up purchases of Global Hawk unmanned spy planes.

According to a quarterly Pentagon summary of new and current acquisition programs called the "selected acquisition report," the DOD launched plans prior to the end of the Sept. 30 reporting period to buy an unspecified number of the spy planes. The Pentagon announced in November that Global Hawk had been deployed to southern Asia to help provide new reconnaissance and surveillance capabilities over Afghanistan.

Global Hawk is a high-altitude unmanned reconnaissance aircraft capable of flying 13,500 nautical miles and initially carrying a 2,000-pound payload. It is designed to loiter over targets for extended periods, providing field commanders with high-resolution, near-real-time imagery of large areas.

The spy plane was initially designed to carry synthetic aperture radar and electro-optical/infrared sensor payloads. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency has awarded a research contract to Lockheed Martin Corp. to develop a foliage-penetrating radar that could be applied to the aircraft. Global Hawk is being built by Northrop Grumman Corp.'s Ryan Aeronautical Center (San Diego).

Other new acquisition programs listed in the Pentagon report include a radar upgrade for Navy F/A-18 E/F fighter planes. Called the "active electronically scanned array," the DOD estimated the initial cost of the upgrade program to be nearly \$2.4 billion.

A communications program launched during the period is intended to meet the military's growing need for bandwidth as it attempts to transmit sensor and targeting data in near real-time. Hence, the military has launched a wideband communications satellite system called "Wideband Gapfiller"

at an initial cost of \$894 million.

Together, DOD estimates that new acquisition programs will initially cost \$15 billion.