

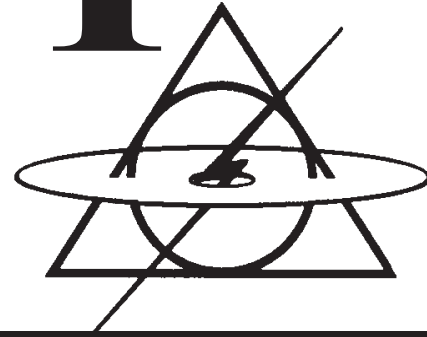
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SAN LUIS OBISPO CONNECTIONS

The following series of informative reprints are from a well-known personage among groups who have investigated and researched for truth and who has published much information. He has published information which has jeopardized his life on many occasions which indicates that **ALL OF YOU NEED THE INFORMATION**. He has sent a packet of information which needs to be brought to your attention--**AGAIN**. His outlay is a bit different in both presentation and in some details. I honor this person and respect his research.

He has given permission that we may utilize any and all of the documents in any way we find fit and suitable. I thank him for his gracious willingness to

share. I do not yet, however, have permission to call attention to this person by name so will only refer to him at this time as R.R. I, further, use the term "him" as generic reference.

I offer the reprinted information as given without more than cursory input. I have no wish nor intent to slash and cut another's work so as is our practice information is given as nearly in full as possible and with **NO CHANGES IN CONTENT**. **IF I COMMENT AS WE MOVE ALONG THEN I INDICATE AS MUCH**. Therefore, I require that **YOU** be in the balancing of the information with that which you already have and then I suggest you get your hands on "back" **JOURNALS** such as SPACEGATE, SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET, BLOOD AND ASHES, END OF THE MASQUERADE, THE DARK CHARADE and in addition, *all of the TANGLED WEB SERIES*. If you don't have the information, backup and confirmation--you aren't going to know what hit you, beloved friends.

You must understand, further that there is massive confrontation among and between factions of this

"New Global Conspiracy" which only vies for top position—the **GOALS** are the same.

Quote:

THE SLO CONNECTION

(Number One in Series)

Don't believe one word of this. Look it up yourself! If you have a brain, you can figure it out!

Permission granted to copy any part of this book. R.R.

During the 1950s, while the United States was fighting a war in Korea, the French were fighting a war in French Indochina (Vietnam). Although the reason for the U.S. involvement in Korea was somewhat obscure, the French were very sure of their reason for being in Indochina. It was the same reason the British had spent the previous 100 years there, to control the opium production. The United States financed the French war. Why? For a piece of the action—**HEROIN!** In 1954, with the help of the CIA, the Vietnamese defeated the French and the Americans took over. In the 15 years following, 58,000 Americans died there. Hundreds are still imprisoned there to hide the U.S. *heroin* business.

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(*A NATION BETRAYED* by Col. Bo Gritz) [H: Please, readers, take note that even the Soviets now ADMIT they still have POWs from W.W.II right in Russian territory—what think ye about Korea and Vietnam as I have told you over and over again?]

The “French Connection” of heroin into the United States was as follows: From Indochina, the opium went to Marseille, France, where it was processed into heroin. From Marseille it came to America through several channels: The U.S. military; Cuba under control of Batista; the Mafia and “Resorts International”; the Bahamas (see the U.S. Senate report on Terrorism and Narcotics which tells how U.S. Ambassadors, one from San Luis Obispo, shut down an investigation of corrupt Bahamian officials involved in drug trafficking and involved with prominent Americans in Florida).

Another channel was through the offshore oil drilling platforms in the Gulf of Mexico. The drugs were offloaded from fishing boats far out at sea. From these platforms the drugs came ashore via the normal crew and equipment boats thereby avoiding detection. This first came to light during the Kennedy assassination investigation of Louisiana District Attorney Jim Garrison. Other investigators and writers on the Kennedy assassination confirmed that the platforms were being used to smuggle drugs. These oil drilling platforms were pioneered and owned by a Houston, Texas based oil company known as Zapata Offshore Oil. The president and chief executive officer of Zapata Oil was George Herbert Walker Bush! In 1976, as Director of Central Intelligence, George Bush was head of the world’s largest drug trafficking organization. (See the Christie Institute lawsuit, the Col. Bo Gritz tapes, the Mae Brussel Research Center, *THE POLITICS OF HEROIN* by Professor Alfred McCoy, *The Crimes of Patriots* by Jonathan Kwitny, H. Ross Perot, Barbara Honegger *October Surprise*, Richard Brenneke, Dave Emory of *Radio Free America*, Abbie Hoffman, John Judge, William Cooper and many others including Senator Kerry’s U.S. Senate Subcommittee Report on Terrorism and Narcotics.)

North San Luis Obispo politicians have traditionally been elected on tickets promoting unlimited growth and unlimited real estate development. [H: San Luis Obispo is in the geographic location of Santa Barbara. One outstanding reason for offering you readers this information is that the SAME GROUP is integrally involved in the very property in confiscation by the RTC and priorly by Santa Barbara Savings, etc., of this scribe. The dirty politics has seeped into every judicial bench and legal “group” in the State but most corrupt are the counties in which these individuals set up criminal operations. This is why I have told you that you will find this particular piece of property has ones all the way to the Presidency involved in the criminal actions—BUT, this holds true for every State and County in the Union. Don’t be fooled because you live in the boonies somewhere and think yourself safe and secure—Tehachapi IS the “boonies” and yet has as corrupt politics and power brokers as any place in California. This is why much of our building and projects will need also be begun in Nevada and then in this place. We have months upon months to allow for the power line to give approval to even the least of these projects. In some

instances, however, the project is similar to that which is already present on property so we hope to cut some of the “ribbons” in advance.] In San Luis Obispo, Jerry Diefenderfer and Bill Coy received large contributions from Los Angeles Realty Political Action Committees (PAC). Cattle business political action committees donated more to Coy’s campaign than to any other candidate in California, including ***Deukmejian (Governor). Other north county politicians such as Carol Hallette (we shall present further in-formation regarding her) and WILLIAM P. CLARK (very important character), who was Ronald Reagan’s National Security Advisor and his Secretary of the Interior, have close ties to the cattle business and the cattle political action committees.

ZAPATA: OFFSHORE OIL, CATTLE, DRUGS

Where do these Cattle PACs get their enormous amounts of cash to buy politicians? Take the Zapata Cattle Company for example. Yes, that’s right! Zapata! The same name and the same affiliations to the previously mentioned Zapata Offshore Oil of Houston, Texas, previously (???) owned by our favorite drug “czar” and President of the United States of America, George Herbert Walker Bush!

The Zapata Cattle Company has, for many years, imported large amounts of cattle from Mexico. If you remember your high school biology, you will recall that cows have four stomachs. Hey, why not? If humans can smuggle drugs inside their bodies, why not cows? A cow must have 20 times the capacity of a human! Not only that but the tractor-trailer rigs used to transport them had secret built-in compartments. In his book, *THE UNDERGROUND EMPIRE*, author James Mills stated that the border customs agents received \$10,000 every time they flagged through a drug truck without stopping it for inspections. [H: Besides, the trucks themselves and the shipping companies belonged directly to these same individuals—utilizing well-orchestrated corporations (in Nevada).]

Real estate development and construction is the classic way of laundering drug money.

One of the silent partners in the San Luis Obispo cattle business is RONALD REAGAN. [H: It is, further, the same group of “cattle-boys” and real-estate developers, S&L criminals, etc., which provided Reagan with “cover” for his Bel Aire estate and thus and so—(through Nevada Corporations) as a “thank you, old buddy”.]

NAME: ZAPATA

Note: “Zapata” is a name for locations off Texas and Florida which fit well with the oil company but the name Zapata was chosen by the Bush cartel because it came from George Bush’s old club (cult) at Yale—the “Skull and Bones”. The “skull” in point is reported to be the skull of the Mexican Revolutionary, Emiliano Zapata. [H: This may well be correct—for one thing that has the native Americans totally beside themselves in anger is that the same Skull and Bones club has Chief Geronimo’s skull, having been stolen by a group of club members headed by Prescott (Dad) Bush.]

Further: Three ships belonging to Zapata Oil which

were used to run guns to Fidel Castro (and drugs into the U.S.) were named the “Houston”, the “Zapata” and the “Barbara I”. [H: Readers, we covered all this IN DETAIL in a Journal. I CAN ONLY ASK THAT YOU CATCH UP YOUR LESSONS AND THAT SIMPLY REQUIRES READING AND STUDYING THE BACK JOURNALS FOR I KNOW NO OTHER RESOURCE WHEREIN YOU CAN GET IT ALL!]

COINCIDENCES, CONNECTIONS, QUESTIONS

William Clark’s liaison officer, Carol Hallett, was appointed as Ambassador to the Bahamas. The purpose of this was to shut down a drug investigation of corrupt Bahamian officials and to protect their American partners in Florida. One of these Americans was the President’s son, Jeb Bush. (Senate Subcommittee Report-Kerry, Christie Inst., etc...).

Jeb Bush was also the North American connection to Manuel Noriega. *THE CUTOLO AFFIDAVIT* by Paul Neri, *A NATION BETRAYED* by Col. Bo Gritz, etc. and Steven Carr—deceased by way of murder.) The route went from Bogota and Medellin, Colombia to Allbrook Air Force Base in Panama, where the drug aircraft were met by Noriega. Another transshipment point was John Hull’s ranch in Costa Rica. (“*Frontline*—PBS, “*West 57th Street*—CBS, Judy Woodruff, Jane Wallace, Leslie Cockburn, Mike Tolliver, Gary Betzner, George Morales, plus most of the references listed on page one. Richard Brenneke stated on “*Larry King-Live*” CNN that he also flew these drug planes, but his connection was Donald Gregg, Bush’s National Security Advisor.) The destination of some of these drug shipments was Homestead Air Force Base in Florida. [H: This is completely covered in a JOURNAL also.] (See reference list at end of chapter.)

THE MAN WHO COULD IDENTIFY JEB BUSH AS NORIEGA’S CONNECTION WAS STEVEN CARR.

STEVEN CARR WAS MURDERED IN LOS ANGELES. ALLEGEDLY BY ONE MIKE DECKER, who worked for SICILIA-FALCONE, THE TIJUANA DRUG BOSS. Sicilia-Falcone was the largest supplier of drugs for Southern California. (Except for maybe Air America and the U.S. Air Force.) [JOURNALS TANGLED WEB series.] Sicilia-Falcone used the motor-cycle gangs and Roger Frye as a distributing network.

Mike Decker was their chief “mechanic”. [H: Do you think it simply coincidental that “Malcolm Forbes” played around with Liz and the Motorcycle gangs for the total “fun” of it?] (*THE UNDERGROUND EMPIRE* by James Mills) The Anzalone brothers and Jerry Schlesinger of Long Beach and Los Osos were the San Luis Obispo affiliates. The Sweet Springs bar in Los Osos was a distributing station and the Anzalone ranch in Santa Margarita was a cocaine processing factory. Several local people connected with this operation died from “accidents” or “suicides”. When the Sweet Springs Tavern got “busted” for drug trafficking, the Anzalones went to “Club Fed” at Lompoc for a short vacation. Jerry Anzalone got out the hard way—on a gurney, covered with a sheet. “Diarrhea of the mouth” can often be fatal. Ronnie built a house on 3rd street in Baywood, complete with an iron spike fence, closed

circuit surveillance television, and a gun in every room. Several months ago the house was destroyed by fire. (??)

Jerry Schlesinger came out of all this smelling like a rose. It pays to have friends in high places. Ask ex-supervisor Bill Coy. He always seemed to have a good relationship with the “Mayor” of Los Osos (California).

Scott Alexander was not so fortunate. Scott, who claimed to have had law enforcement experience, (Military Police, Arizona State Police) was helping a Federal Agent (DEA?) Michael Francis Aivaz gather information for the above mentioned “drug bust”. Evidently Scott did his job too well and found out too much. His body was found by the creek on the M. V. Rodriguez ranch on Hwy. 41 just outside of Morro Bay (California). He was “suicided” with a very short 12 gauge shotgun (one barrel or both?).

Mike Aivaz disappeared shortly after the big “drug bust” and Scott’s death. He was in Florida, (Florida? coincidence?) New Jersey, and Fresno, California. He was allegedly “drying out” in a sanitarium. He made several quiet trips back to Los Osos where he visited Anzalone’s Sweet Springs. Mike took the ultra short 12 gauge away from Scott because it was “illegal” but gave it back to him the day before Scott died. Where is Mike now???

Neal McCrea and “The Last Voyage of the ‘Janet Lee’” is another interesting part of this snake pit without a bottom. The boat “Janet Lee” and its cargo of cocaine was returning from a business trip to Central America (see above paragraph 2). The boat went into Vandenberg Air Force Base and Neal left Vandenberg in a body bag. No one seems to know what happened to the cocaine. Neal’s widow, Janet, became very wealthy and became Janet **Schlesinger (INTERESTING!)** Maybe one could ask a couple of persons named Carnahan and Brandenburg who could explain it all quite appropriately if you could FIND them.

This last paragraph is not the end of this report. This report is just the “Tip of the Iceberg”. Interested parties should start their own investigation and interrogate the following local citizens. Start with bartenders, building contractors, dopers, sheriff’s deputies, county officials (especially Building and Planning), county supervisors (especially ex-supervisors), judges (including ex-judges). Check and see how many local citizens went to Washington with Ronald Reagan and left Washington embarrassed, disgraced, or with “dirty hands. The following list of persons could supply plenty of information if they were so inclined: **Ronnie Anzalone, Jerry Schlesinger and Janet, Eddie Haworth, Deputy Mike Sheridan, Deputy Chuck Graves, George Jacobsen, Carnahan and Brandenburg, Mike Radon, Kathy Hodges, Al Switzer, County employees Gibson and Milne, County supervisors including past supervisors Coy and Diefenderfer, judges including ex-judge WILLIAM CLARK.** Clark, as Reagan’s National Security Advisor, rapidly left Washington and disappeared in obscurity in Ireland just after the Korean Air Lines 007 fiasco. There are others but **this will give investigators a GOOD START.** [H:

You will also find that Deukmejian, Jason Brent of the Mojave Court (ex) and other Kern County “locals” also know all about these little involvements and insure that the line could not be run back up to catch the fisher. You will note that when E.J. went to Santa Barbara to check with the wondrous RTC about his property—the RTC was housed with Santa Barbara Savings (the “taken-over” mortgage company), was involved with Soloman Brothers and the “local” lawyers contacted for information—said “you DO NOT REALLY WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!” Americans--WAKE UP! Also, send this material to the Constitutional Law Center--it might give them impetus to get on with those fillings to the court--if nothing else, at some point “THEY” will want to shut down this “discovery”. No, it will not stop the discovery but it will get attention. Yes, it IS dangerous but nothing else we have done is “safe”. And if “dangerous” is that which is required--so let it be. If ones cannot walk through shadows then the sorting must be done. I am a “very big boy” and I also have “pretty good contacts” and a “lot of pull” and I CAN TAKE CARE OF YOU, CHELAS. Have I not already done so???]

***THE SAN LUIS OBISPO LAW FIRM OF
SINSHEIMER, SCHIEBELHUT, AND BAGGETT
HAVE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE
ADDITION TO THEIR FIRM OF WILLIAM P.
CLARK.***

[H: Another major law firm (about the second largest in the world) which is totally involved is Shea and Gould etc., etc., from which flowed Jason Brent at the appointment of the Governor, Deukemajian. Is it any wonder that when Brent ran for Superior Court Judge last month, he advertised that he “had all the major Republicans on his side”? Wake up little sleepy heads—the toast is burning!]

[H: I expect this document to be sent to Hornback. I want him to KNOW that his prior firm was involved, also, and that the fiasco with the “reconstruction” hearing in Mojave was leaving him wide open for a libel and malpractice suit—except that it would have gotten “him” and ours is not to “get HIM—he has one of “our children! Perhaps one of these days he can see the merit as well as the nice abundance of income gleaned from working with the CLC and on some of the cases worthy of his talents. Yes indeed, there will be abundance—why do you think I have brought you “resources” for gold storage and other benefit plans? No, the funding coming in is NOT drug related in any manner and besides, you will receive from distant sources which have no connection to the funds at all at any rate. What we will get for industry and projects is only a tiny tid-bit of the wealth involved. You will be most cautious and careful, however, and do business as we have taught you carefully to do for it is GOOD BUSINESS, honest and worthy. If ones in “our” group get greedy and unworthy of service—then they shall be “out” in the blink of an eye for we are in God’s service ONLY and not out to do anyone IN. IF you ones of the nation wish to clean up the mess--ours is to outlay it for you--NOT FIX IT FOR YOU FOR OURS IS A DIFFERENT MISSION AND

NOT TO INVOLVE OURSELVES INTO YOUR POLITICS.]

Dharma, let us close this portion. We are going to confuse you greatly, Editors, but we are going to be writing on THREE subjects (but all inter-connected) simultaneously. I must ask you to label the references accordingly. It is time I stop threatening and get on with Bush in the CIA and that will take many writings. Further, I ask that George Green contact the authors of a book being called *GEORGE BUSH: THE UNAUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHY* (or something similar) by Webster Griffin Tarpley and Anton Chaitkin. The information can be tracked down through *The New Federalist* who is running a series at this time. The authors will find it all but impossible to find a publisher, if I don’t miss my guess, and this work needs to be published and distributed. The information is very accurate and I would appreciate the assistance to them by at least recognition and distribution—if in fact, publishing is already arranged. We will be efforting to soon begin to give you monetary assistance, George, for these projects. Thank you.

I also wish to next write on the Divine Plan for I believe we are to the end (in number of pages) for the current volume under assembly. We will refer to this volume in point as Vol. I in reference to *THE DIVINE PLAN*. I plan to branch off into a path which shall surprise you—for I must tell you how it IS and how it will be—even if you don’t like it. It is important that you ones NOT confuse the “three days of darkness” with simply a photon entry period which may or may not even take place. **YOUR OWN “RULERS” AND “THUGS” COULD STOP THAT NULL-TIME IF THEY BUT WOULD DO SO. WE CAN STOP IT IN A SPLIT SECOND IF THEY WOULD BUT ALLOW US TO DO SO—SO YOU SEE, YOU-THE-PEOPLE REMAIN THE PAWNS! I CANNOT HELP IT FOR IT IS NOT MINE TO DO. I CAN ONLY GET YOU INTO KNOWING SO THAT YOU WILL BE PREPARED IN THAT WE CAN CONTINUE RIGHT ON WITH THAT WHICH IS OUR MISSION.**Please take a short break and let us continue as the days become so overfilled now that I must ask for more writing in the days available. I shall give unto you, chela, that which you need to press on. Salu.

US and Pakistan Enter the Danger Zone

by M K Bhadrakumar
Asia Times
November 30, 2011

[EJ: Another shoe has dropped and without extensive comment we will suggest keeping some attention on the Pakistan situation. We had been looking at Syria and it continues to deserve attention but the likelihood is the news will swing toward Pakistan and its potential joining the Shanghai Club. When that happens, the balance of power shifts from the west and we will see a major reduction in the bellicosity of the U.S. toward all its neighbors.]

The air strike by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) at the Pakistani military post at Salala in the

Mohmand Agency on the Afghan-Pakistan border Friday night is destined to become a milestone in the chronicle of the Afghan war.

Within hours of the incident, Pakistan's relations with the US began nose-diving and it continues to plunge. NATO breached the "red line".

What is absolutely stunning about the statement issued by Pakistan's Defense Committee of the Cabinet (DDC), which met Saturday at Islamabad under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Yousuf Gilani is that it did not bother to call for an inquiry by the US or NATO into the air strike that resulted in the death of 28 Pakistani soldiers.

Exactly what happened in the fateful night of Friday—whether the NATO blundered into a mindless retaliatory (or pre-emptive) act or ventured into a calculated act of high provocation—will remain a mystery. Maybe it is no more important to know, since blood has been drawn and innocence lost, which now becomes the central point.

At any rate, the DDC simply proceeded on the basis that this was a calculated air strike and by no means an accidental occurrence. Again, the DDC statement implies that in the Pakistan military's estimation, the NATO attack emanated from a US decision. Pakistan lodged a strong protest at the NATO Headquarters in Brussels but that was more for purpose of 'record', while the "operative" part is directed at Washington.

The GHQ in Rawalpindi would have made the assessment within hours of the Salala incident that the US is directly culpable. The GHQ obviously advised the DDC accordingly and recommended the range of measures Pakistan should take by way of what Chief of Army Staff General Ashfaq Parvez Kiani publicly called an "effective response".

The DDC took the following decisions: a) to close NATO's transit routes through Pakistani territory with immediate effect; b) to ask the US to vacate Shamsi airbase within 15 days; c) to "revisit and undertake a complete review" of all "programs, activities and cooperative arrangements" with US, NATO and the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), including in "diplomatic, political and intelligence" areas; d) to announce shortly a whole range of further measures apropos Pakistan's future cooperation with US, NATO and ISAF.

No more doublespeak

The response stops short of declaring the termination of Pakistan's participation in the US-led war in Afghanistan (which, incidentally, is the demand by Pakistani politician Imran Khan who is considered to be close to the Pakistani military circles). In essence, however, Pakistan is within inches of doing that.

The closure of the US-NATO transit routes through Pakistan territory may not immediately affect the coalition forces in Afghanistan, as it has built up reserve stocks that could last several weeks. But the depletion of the reserves would cause anxiety if the Pakistani embargo is prolonged, which cannot be ruled out.

Therefore, the Pakistani move is going to affect the NATO operations in Afghanistan, since around half the supplies for US-NATO troops still go via Pakistan. An alternative for the US and NATO will be to rely

more on the transit routes of the Northern Distribution Network [NDN]. But the US and NATO's dependence on the NDN always carried a political price tag—Russia's cooperation.

Moscow is agitated about the US regional policies. The NATO intervention in Libya caused friction, which deepened the Russian angst over the US's perceived lack of seriousness to regard it as equal partner and its cherry-picking or "selective partnership".

Then, there are other specific issues that agitate Moscow: US's push for "regime change" in Syria, the US and NATO appearance in the Black Sea region, continued deployment of US missile defense system, and the push for US military bases in Afghanistan. In addition, Moscow has already begun circling wagons over the US "New Silk Road" initiative and its thrust into Central Asia.

The future of the US-Russia reset remains uncertain. Washington barely disguises its visceral dislike of the prospect of Vladimir Putin's return to the Kremlin following the presidential election in March next year. Short of bravado, the US and NATO should not brag that they have the NDN option up their sleeve in lieu of the Pakistani transit routes. The Pakistani military knows this, too.

Equally, the closure of the Shamsi airbase can hurt the US drone operations. Pakistan has so far turned a blind eye to the drone attacks, even conniving with them. Shamsi, despite the US's insistence that drone operations were conducted from bases in Afghanistan, surely had a significant role in terms of intelligence back-up and logistical support.

By demanding that the US vacate Shamsi, Pakistan is possibly shifting its stance on the drone attacks; its doublespeak may be ending. Pakistan is "strengthening" its air defense on the Afghan-Pakistan border. Future US drone operations may have to be conducted factoring in the possibility that Pakistan might regard them as violations of its air space. The US is on slippery ground under international law and the United Nations Charter.

A Persian response

The big issue is how Pakistan proposes to continue with its cooperation with the US-NATO operations. Public opinion is leaning heavily toward dissociating with the US-led war. The government's announcement on the course of relations with the US/NATO/ISAF can be expected as early as next week. The future of the war hangs by a thread.

Unlike during previous phases of US-Pakistan tensions Washington lacks a "Pakistan hand" to constructively engage Islamabad. The late Richard Holbrooke, former special AfPak envoy, has become distant memory and special representative Marc Grossman has not been able to step into his shoes.

Admiral Mike Mullen has retired as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and is now a 'burnt-out case' embroiled in controversies with the Pakistani military. Central Intelligence Agency director David Petraeus isn't terribly popular in Islamabad after his stint leading the US Central Command, while his predecessor as spy chief and now Defense Secretary Leon Panetta always remained a distant figure.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is a charming politician, but certainly not cut out for the role of networking with the Pakistani generals at the operational level. She could perhaps offer a healing touch once the bleeding wound is cleansed of dirt, stitched up and bandaged. And US President Barack Obama, of course, never cared to establish personal chemistry with a Pakistani leader, as he would with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

Now, who could do that in Washington? The horrible truth is—no one. It is a shocking state of affairs for a superpower with over 100,000 troops deployed out there in the tangled mountains in Pakistan's vicinity. There has been a colossal breakdown of diplomacy at the political, military and intelligence level.

Washington trusted former Pakistani ambassador Hussein Haqqani almost as its own special envoy to Islamabad, but he has been summarily replaced under strange circumstances—probably, for the very same reason. At the end of the day, an intriguing question keeps popping up: Can it be that Pakistan is simply not interested anymore in dialoguing with the Obama administration?

The heart of the matter is that the Pakistani citadel has pulled back the bridges leading to it from across the surrounding crocodile-infested moat. This hunkering down is going to be Obama's key problem. Pakistan is boycotting the Bonn Conference II on December 2. This hunkering down should worry the US more than any Pakistani military response to the NATO strike.

The US would know from the Iranian experience that it has no answer for the sort of strategic defiance that an unfriendly nation resolute in its will to resist can put up against an 'enemy' it genuinely considers 'satanic'.

The Pakistani military leadership is traditionally cautious and it is not going to give a military response to the US's provocation. (Indeed, the Taliban are always there to keep bleeding the US and NATO troops.)

Washington may have seriously erred if the intention Friday night was to draw out the Pakistani military into a retaliatory mode and then to hit it with a sledgehammer and make it crawl on its knees pleading mercy. Things aren't going to work that way. Pakistan is going to give a "Persian" response.

The regional situation works in Pakistan's favor. The recent Istanbul conference (November 2) showed up Russia, China, Pakistan and Iran sharing a platform of opposition to the US bases in Afghanistan in the post-2014 period.

The Obama administration's grandiose scheme to transform the 89-year period ahead as 'America's Pacific Century' makes Pakistan a hugely important partner for China. At the very minimum, Russia has stakes in encouraging Pakistan's strategic autonomy. So does Iran.

None of these major regional powers wants the deployment of the US missile defense system in the Hindu Kush and Pakistan is bent on exorcising the region of the military presence of the US and its allies. That is also the real meaning of Pakistan's induction as a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, which is on the cards.

The Arab Spring—hello or goodbye to democracy?

A real hello to democracy in the Arab world or at least significant chunks of it, and Egypt especially, would be very bad news for Zionism.

by Alan Hart
My Catbird Seat
November 25, 2011

Israeli democracy fades to black (the black of the blank screen at the end of a film). That was the headline over a recent article by Lawrence Davidson, an American professor of Middle East history.

He argued that the suppression of the democratic rights of non-Jews in Israel is coming full circle with Prime Minister Netanyahu's Likudniks and settlers now targeting the rights of Jews as well. Events in Cairo provoked this question: **Are we witnessing the fading to black of the prospects for freedom and democracy in Egypt, or, is resurgent people power going to make it impossible for the military to maintain its controlling grip?** (Presumably there would be limits to how many Egyptian civilians Egyptian soldiers were prepared to kill even if the generals, desperate to protect their wealth and privileges, ordered the suppression by all means of protests and demands for real democracy).

Events still to unfold will determine the answer but in advance of them, and before Field Marshall Mohamed Hussein Tantawi demonstrated a degree of panic by announcing that the election of a civilian president would be brought forward, the assessment of many informed observers was in tune with that of Marina Ottaway, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. She wrote: "In the early days of the Egyptian uprising, when violence threatened to engulf the country, the military did an admirable job of maintaining order without violence and easing Hosni Mubarak out of office. **Ten months later, it has emerged as the most serious threat in the transition to democracy.** Recent announcements leave no doubt that the military indeed rules Egypt and intends to maintain its control indefinitely."

The best indicator of whether or not Egypt's generals will eventually bow to people power and let democracy have its way will be in their final decision about dropping or not their proposal that new constitutional principles should preserve special powers for the military after the handover to civilian rule. These special powers as originally proposed would give the military a veto over a new constitution and prevent scrutiny of its vast budget. In other words, these "supra-constitutional" principles would enshrine the military's right to intervene in civilian politics at any time of its choosing.

If Egypt's generals do seek to control the democratic process by (among other things) fixing elections as Mubarak did, they will back their actions with the assertion that they must do whatever is necessary to prevent radical Islam taking over the country. That would put them on the same page as Zionism's propaganda maestros. In a recent article for *Ha'aretz*, Moshe Arens, a former Israeli Minister of Defense and Foreign Minister, wrote the following.

"A wave of Islamic rule, with all it entails, is sweeping across the Arab world. It will replace secular dictatorships with Islamic ones. We should have expected nothing else... Observers may fool themselves into believing that the Islamic parties contesting the elections in the Arab countries are 'mildly' Islamic, or 'moderate' Islamists, but their leaders are neither mild nor moderate."

The unstated but implicit Zionist message Arens is conveying is that the Arab Spring will create more and more states that will become safe havens for Islamic terrorists, and that Israel and the West, America especially, will have to pursue the "war against terrorism" on many more fronts with even greater vigor and escalating expense.

What the overwhelming majority of all Arabs want is an end to corrupt, repressive, autocratic rule. In reality there is no prospect of Muslims who preach the need for violence and practice it calling the shots if democracy is allowed to take root and grow in the Arab world.

In Egypt for example, and whatever it may or may not have been in the past, the Muslim Brotherhood is in the process of transforming itself, now in the guise of the Freedom and Justice Party, into a modern and progressive political force which truly wants to see Egypt governed by democratic means for the benefit of all and not just a privileged elite. **The only thing that could drive a significant number of Egyptians into supporting violent Islamic fundamentalism is never-ending military suppression of their demands for freedom and democracy.** (If this were to happen one could say that like George "Dubya" Bush and Tony Blair, Egypt's generals had become recruiting sergeants for violent Islamic fundamentalism).

In my analysis Arens' prediction of what will happen in the Arab world is a cover for the real fear of Zionism's in-Israel and in-America leaders. It is that democracy **could** or even **will** take root in the Arab world or at least major chunks of it. Why such a prospect alarms Zionism is not complicated.

Democratically elected Arab governments would have to reflect the will of their masses, the voters. On the matter of the conflict in and over Palestine that became Israel, what is the will of the Arab masses? In their heads if not always their hearts it is **not** for military confrontation with Israel. It **is** that their governments be united enough to use the leverage they have on America, to cause it to use the leverage it has on Israel, to cause or try to cause enough Israeli Jews to face reality and insist that their leaders make peace on terms which would satisfy the demands and needs of the Palestinians for justice, while at the same time guaranteeing the security and wellbeing of Jews now resident in Palestine that became Israel.

The leverage the Arab world has is in the form of oil, money and diplomatic relations.

For an example of how this Arab leverage could have been used to good effect in the past I'll turn the clock back to 1967. Now let us suppose that in the weeks following the Six Days War the Arab leaders put their act together and sent one of their numbers secretly to Washington to deliver this message to President Johnson: **"If you don't get the Israelis back to the**

pre-war borders, we'll turn off the oil taps." (That is how Zionism's in-Israel leaders would have played the oil card if the boot had been on the other foot, if they had been in the Arab position).

How would Johnson (or any other occupant of the White House) have responded?

If he believed the Arab leaders were united and serious, not bluffing, he would have said something very like the following: **"I can't promise quick action on East Jerusalem but otherwise give me three weeks and I'll do it."**

In short, the Arabs would not have had to turn off the oil taps. A credible threat to do so would have been enough to motivate Johnson (or any other American president) to use all necessary leverage to bring Israel's occupation to a quick end.

That's how the game of political leverage is played.

A real hello to democracy in the Arab world or at least significant chunks of it, and Egypt especially, would be very bad news for Zionism.

Netanyahu is fully aware of this and is escalating his anti Arab Spring rhetoric. In his latest speech to the Knesset he blasted Israeli and world politicians who support the demands for change in the Arab world and accused it of "moving not forward, but backward." He asserted that his original forecast that the Arab Spring would turn into an "Islamic, anti-Western, anti-liberal, anti-Israeli and anti-democratic wave" had turned out to be true.

In his report for *Ha'aretz*, Barak Ravid wrote: **"The speech showed an expressed lack of trust in Arab nations' ability to maintain a democratic regime; a yearning to go back to the days of ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak; a fear of the collapse of the Hashemite royal house in Jordan, and an utter lack of willingness to make any concessions to the Palestinians."**

Netanyahu also slammed those Western leaders, Obama especially, who had pressed Egypt's generals to tell Mubarak to go. At the time that was happening, Ravid revealed, Netanyahu said in closed talks that the American administration and many European leaders "don't understand reality". In his last speech he called them "naive".

I used to wonder if Netanyahu really believes the nonsense he talks. I am now convinced that he does.

The latest development in Cairo—the apology by two of the generals on the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF)—are making me wonder if the coming days will see the removal of Field Marshall Tantawi, which is what the protestors in Tahrir Square are demanding. The two generals not only apologized for the deaths of protestors, they said, according to the BBC report I heard, **"We do not aspire to power and we do not want to continue in power."**

If those words can be taken at face value, they suggest to me that a majority of Tantawi's SCAF colleagues have realized that continuing in power, even behind the scenes, would require them at a point to give orders to the army to shoot to kill large numbers of Egyptians, orders which would not be obeyed by the lower ranks and foot soldiers.

If that is the case—Tantawi's departure would indicate that it is—the prospects for a real hello to democracy in Egypt are improving. And if something approaching real democracy can take root and grow in Egypt, the days of Arab autocrats and despots almost everywhere (probably not Saudi Arabia) may well be numbered.

Bankers have seized Europe: Goldman Sachs Has Taken Over

by Paul Craig Roberts
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On November 25, two days after a failed German government bond auction in which Germany was unable to sell 35% of its offerings of 10-year bonds, the German finance minister, Wolfgang Schaeuble said that Germany might retreat from its demands that the private banks that hold the troubled sovereign debt from Greece, Italy, and Spain must accept part of the cost of their bailout by writing off some of the debt. The private banks want to avoid any losses either by forcing the Greek, Italian, and Spanish governments to make good on the bonds by imposing extreme austerity on their citizens, or by having the European Central Bank print Euros with which to buy the sovereign debt from the private banks. Printing money to make good on debt is contrary to the ECB's charter and especially frightens Germans, because of the Weimar experience with hyperinflation.

Obviously, the German government got the message from the orchestrated failed bond auction. As I wrote at the time, there is no reason for Germany, with its relatively low debt to GDP ratio compared to the troubled countries, not to be able to sell its bonds.

If Germany's creditworthiness is in doubt, how can Germany be expected to bail out other countries? Evidence that Germany's failed bond auction was orchestrated is provided by troubled Italy's successful bond auction two days later.

Strange, isn't it? Italy, the largest EU country that requires a bailout of its debt, can still sell its bonds, but Germany, which requires no bailout and which is expected to bear a disproportionate cost of Italy's, Greece's and Spain's bailout, could not sell its bonds.

In my opinion, the failed German bond auction was orchestrated by the US Treasury, by the European Central Bank and EU authorities, and by the private banks that own the troubled sovereign debt.

My opinion is based on the following facts. Goldman Sachs and US banks have guaranteed perhaps one trillion dollars or more of European sovereign debt by selling swaps or insurance against which they have not reserved. The fees the US banks received for guaranteeing the values of European sovereign debt instruments simply went into profits and executive bonuses. This, of course, is what ruined the American insurance giant, AIG, leading to the TARP bailout at US taxpayer expense and Goldman Sachs' enormous profits.

If any of the European sovereign debt fails, US financial institutions that issued swaps or unfunded guarantees against the debt are on the hook for large sums that

they do not have. The reputation of the US financial system probably could not survive its default on the swaps it has issued. Therefore, the failure of European sovereign debt would renew the financial crisis in the US, requiring a new round of bailouts and/or a new round of Federal Reserve "quantitative easing," that is, the printing of money in order to make good on irresponsible financial instruments, the issue of which enriched a tiny number of executives.

Certainly, President Obama does not want to go into an election year facing this prospect of high profile US financial failure. So, without any doubt, the US Treasury wants Germany out of the way of a European bailout.

The private French, German, and Dutch banks, which appear to hold most of the troubled sovereign debt, don't want any losses. Either their balance sheets, already ruined by Wall Street's fraudulent derivatives, cannot stand further losses or they fear the drop in their share prices from lowered earnings due to write-downs of bad sovereign debts. In other words, for these banks big money is involved, which provides an enormous incentive to get the German government out of the way of their profit statements.

The European Central Bank does not like being a lesser entity than the US Federal Reserve and the UK's Bank of England. The ECB wants the power to be able to undertake "quantitative easing" on its own. The ECB is frustrated by the restrictions put on its powers by the conditions that Germany required in order to give up its own currency and the German central bank's control over the country's money supply. The EU authorities want more "unity," by which is meant less sovereignty of the member countries of the EU. Germany, being the most powerful member of the EU, is in the way of the power that the EU authorities desire to wield.

Thus, the Germans bond auction failure, an orchestrated event to punish Germany and to warn the German government not to obstruct "unity" or loss of individual country sovereignty.

Germany, which has been browbeat since its defeat in World War II, has been made constitutionally incapable of strong leadership. Any sign of German leadership is quickly quelled by dredging up remembrances of the Third Reich. As a consequence, Germany has been pushed into a European Union that intends to destroy the political sovereignty of the member governments, just as Abe Lincoln destroyed the sovereignty of the American states.

Who will rule the New Europe? Obviously, the private European banks and Goldman Sachs.

The new president of the European Central Bank is Mario Draghi. This person was Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Goldman Sachs International and a member of Goldman Sachs' Management Committee. Draghi was also Italian Executive Director of the World Bank, Governor of the Bank of Italy, a member of the governing council of the European Central Bank, a member of the board of directors of the Bank for International Settlements, and a member of the boards of governors of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Asian Development Bank, and Chairman of the Financial Stability Board.

Obviously, Draghi is going to protect the power of the bankers.

Italy's new prime minister, who was appointed not elected, was a member of Goldman Sachs Board of International Advisers. Mario Monti was appointed to the European Commission, one of the governing organizations of the EU. Monti is European Chairman of the Trilateral Commission, a US organization that advances American hegemony over the world. Monti is a member of the Bilderberg group and a founding member of the Spinelli group, an organization created in September 2010 to facilitate integration within the EU.

Just as an unelected banker was installed as prime minister of Italy, an unelected banker was installed as prime minister of Greece. Obviously, they are intended to produce the bankers' solution to the sovereign debt crisis.

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Greece's new appointed Prime Minister, Lucas Papademos, was Governor of the Bank of Greece. From 2002-2010. He was Vice President of the European Central Bank. He, also, is a member of America's Trilateral Commission.

Jacques Delors, a founder of the European Union, promised the British Trade Union Congress in 1988 that the European Commission would require governments to introduce pro-labor legislation. Instead, we find the banker-controlled European Commission demanding that European labor bail out the private banks by accepting lower pay, fewer social services, and a later retirement.

The European Union, just like everything else, is merely another scheme to concentrate wealth in a few hands at the expense of European citizens, who are destined, like Americans, to be the serfs of the 21st century.

The European Central Bank Fiddles While Rome Burns

by Ellen Brown
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"To some people, the European Central Bank

seems like a fire department that is letting the house burn down to teach the children not to play with matches.”

So wrote Jack Ewing in the *New York Times* last week. He went on:

“The E.C.B. has a fire hose—its ability to print money. But the bank is refusing to train it on the euro zone’s debt crisis.”

“The flames climbed higher Friday after the Italian Treasury had to pay an interest rate of 6.5 percent on a new issue of six-month bills . . . the highest interest rate Italy has had to pay to sell such debt since August 1997

“But there is no sign the E.C.B. plans a major response, like buying large quantities of the country’s bonds to bring down its borrowing costs.”

Why not? According to the November 28th *Wall Street Journal*, “The ECB has long worried that buying government bonds in big enough amounts to bring down countries’ borrowing costs would make it easier for national politicians to delay the budget austerity and economic overhauls that are needed.”

As with the manufactured debt ceiling crisis in the United States, the E.C.B. is withholding relief in order to extort austerity measures from member governments—and the threat seems to be working. The same authors write:

“Euro-zone leaders are negotiating a potentially groundbreaking fiscal pact . . . [that] would make budget discipline legally binding and enforceable by European authorities. . . . European officials hope a new agreement, which would aim to shrink the excessive public debt that helped spark the crisis, would persuade the European Central Bank to undertake more drastic action to reverse the recent selloff in euro-zone debt markets.”

The Euro-zone appears to be in the process of being “structurally readjusted”—the same process imposed earlier by the IMF on Third World countries. Structural demands routinely include harsh austerity measures, government cutbacks, privatization, and the disempowerment of national central banks, so that there is no national entity capable of creating and controlling the money supply on behalf of the people. The latter result has officially been achieved in the Euro-zone, which is now dependent on the E.C.B. as the sole lender of last resort and printer of new euros.

The E.C.B. Serves Banks, Not Governments

The legal justification for the E.C.B.’s inaction in the sovereign debt crisis is Article 123 of the Lisbon Treaty, signed by EU members in 2007. As Jens Eidmann, President of the Bundesbank and a member of the E.C.B. Governing Council, stated in a November 14 interview:

“The Euro system is a lender of last resort for solvent but illiquid banks. It must not be a lender of last resort for sovereigns because this would violate Article 123 of the EU treaty.”

The language of Article 123 is rather obscure, but basically it says that the European central bank is the

lender of last resort for banks, not for governments. It provides:

“1. Overdraft facilities or any other type of credit facility with the European Central Bank or with the central banks of the Member States (hereinafter referred to as ‘national central banks’) in favour of Union institutions, bodies, offices or agencies, central governments, regional, local or other public authorities, other bodies governed by public law, or public undertakings of Member States shall be prohibited, as shall the purchase directly from them by the European Central Bank or national central banks of debt instruments.”

“2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply to publicly owned credit institutions which, in the context of the supply of reserves by central banks, shall be given the same treatment by national central banks and the European Central Bank as private credit institutions.”

Banks can borrow from the E.C.B. at 1.25%, the minimum rate available for banks. Member governments, on the other hand, must put themselves at the mercy of the markets, which can squeeze them for “whatever the market will bear”—in Italy’s case, 6.5%.

The Real Reason Euro-zone Countries Are Drowning in Debt

Why should banks be able to borrow at 1.25% from the E.C.B.’s unlimited fountain of Euros, while the tap is closed for governments? The conventional argument is that for governments to borrow money created by their own central banks would be “inflationary.” But private banks create the money they lend just as government-owned central banks do. Private banks issue money in the form of “bank credit” on their books, and they often do this before they have the liquidity to back the loans. Then they borrow from wherever they can get funds most cheaply. When banks borrow from the E.C.B. as lender of last resort, the E.C.B. “prints money” just as it would if it were lending to governments directly.

The burgeoning debts of the Euro-zone countries are being blamed on their large welfare states, but these social systems were set up before the 1970s, when European governments had very little national debt. Their national debts shot up, not because they spent on social services, but because they switched bankers. Before the 1970s, European governments borrowed from their own central banks. The money was effectively interest-free, since they owned the banks and got the profits back as dividends. After the European Monetary Union was established, member countries had to borrow from private banks at interest-often substantial interest.

And the result? Interest totals for Euro-zone countries are not readily accessible; but for France, at least, the total sum paid in interest since the 1970s appears to be as great as the French federal debt itself. *That means that if the French government had been borrowing from its central bank all along, it could have been debt-free today.*

The figures are nearly as bad for Canada, and they may actually be worse for the United States. The Federal Reserve’s website lists the sums paid in interest on

the U.S. federal debt for the last 24 years. During that period, taxpayers paid a total of *\$8.2 trillion in interest*. That’s more than half the total \$15 trillion debt, in just 24 years. The U.S. federal debt has not been paid off since 1835, so taxpayers could well have paid *more* than \$15 trillion by now in interest. That means our entire federal debt could have been avoided if we had been borrowing from our own government-owned central bank all along, effectively interest-free. And that is probably true for other countries as well.

To avoid an overwhelming national debt and the forced austerity measures destined to follow, the Euro-zone’s citizens need to get the fire hose of money creation out of the hands of private banks and back into the hands of the people. But how?

Governments Cannot Borrow from the E.C.B., but Government-owned Banks Can

Interestingly, Paragraph 2 of Article 123 of the Lisbon Treaty carves out an exception to the rule that governments cannot borrow from the E.C.B. It says that *government-owned banks* can borrow on the same terms as privately-owned banks. Many Euro-zone countries have publicly-owned banks; and as nationalization of insolvent banks looms, they could soon find themselves with many more.

One solution might be for the publicly-owned banks of Euro-zone governments to exercise their right to borrow from the E.C.B. at 1.25%, then use that liquidity to buy up the country’s debt, or as much of it as does not sell at auction. (The Federal Reserve does this routinely in open market operations in the U.S.) The government’s securities would be stabilized, keeping speculators at bay; and the government would get the interest spread, since it would own the banks and would get the profits back as dividends.

Taking a Stand in the Class War

In a November 25th article titled “Goldman Sachs Has Taken Over,” Paul Craig Roberts writes:

“The European Union, just like everything else, is merely another scheme to concentrate wealth in a few hands at the expense of European citizens, who are destined, like Americans, to be the serfs of the 21st century.”

He observes that Mario Draghi, the new president of the European Central Bank, was Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Goldman Sachs International, a member of Goldman Sachs’ Management Committee, a member of the governing council of the European Central Bank, a member of the board of directors of the Bank for International Settlements, and Chairman of the Financial Stability Board. Italy’s new Prime minister Mario Monti, who was appointed rather than elected, was a member of Goldman Sachs’ Board of International Advisers, European Chairman of the Trilateral Commission (“a US organization that advances American hegemony over the world”), and a member of the Bilderberg group. And Lucas Papademos, an unelected banker who was installed as prime minister of Greece, was Vice President of the European Central Bank and a member of America’s Trilateral Commission.

Roberts points to the suspicious fact that the German government was unable to sell 35% of its 10-year

bonds at its last auction; yet Germany's economy is in far better shape than that of Italy, which managed to sell all its bonds. Why? Roberts suspects an orchestrated scheme to pressure Germany to back off from its demands to make the banks pay a share of their bailout.

Europe is in the process of being "structurally readjusted" by a private banking cartel. If its people are to resist this silent conquest, they need to rise up and, using the ballot box and public banks, throw out the new banking hegemony before it is too late.

Wars in the 21st Century: From Drones to Cyber Wars

by Prabir Purkayastha
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Wired has reported that a virus has hit the US drone fleet operating out of Creech Airbase in Nevada. This has not stopped the Predator and Reaper drones from operating in Afghanistan, West Asia and now also North Africa, the areas the US considers as "war zones" a shadowy war in which the ratio of high valued targets to actual "kills" are now (2009-2010 figures) running at 1: 147.

The issue I am writing here is not about the drones *per se*, but about the newest form of war that is now upon us—cyber war. And the virus against the drones fleet is not the first act in this new game of war—the first undoubtedly was Stuxnet, the virus that targeted Iran's Natanz uranium enrichment facility.

The current virus afflicting the drones' fleet seems to be logging the "pilot's" keystrokes, therefore recoding what the pilot's actions are. The pilots of the drones of course sit, not in the war zone, but thousands of kilometers away in what are called "ground control station" or virtual cockpits in Nevada. From here, using a bank of computers, the pilot carries out his kill missions. The virus seems to have infected both the classified networks to which the virtual cockpits are connected and the public networks connected to the outside world. Though, the two sets of machines, the ones on the classified network and those on the public network are supposed to have no connection and infection in one should not affect the other, use of USB sticks can lead to this "air gap" being bridged. At this stage it is hard to tell whether this virus is simply a virus that has travelled through the public network and infected the classified network inadvertently or it is a targeted attack mounted by an adversary like Iran similar to the one that the US launched on the Iranian uranium enrichment plant at Natanz.

What is this new form of war—cyber war? If for instance, a virus targeting a facility can be used to partially or fully damage equipment, in what way is it different from say a bomb attack? It is possible to use a virus to take "malicious control" of equipment in a nuclear power plant and make it do things that can lead to a core meltdown. This can result in an accident of catastrophic proportions; the Fukushima disaster has already clocked up a bill of \$52 billion in damages. So how we should look upon this malicious software that can lead to such damage, specifically if creating this software and targeting a specific facility is done with intent? This is not just maladjusted individuals sitting somewhere creating viruses for generating

indiscriminate chaos in the computer networks. In what way is it different from an act of war?

The US had proclaimed in its Strategic Doctrine—Pentagon's "*Joint Vision 2020*," which first appeared in 2000, of full spectrum dominance. It speaks of full spectrum dominance as involving not just four—space, sea, land, air—as stated earlier but the fifth dimension as well: "information" or cyberspace. Full spectrum dominance means both defensive as well as offensive capabilities. In May 2010 the Pentagon set up its new U.S. Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM), complementing its other Commands.

The US has resisted all attempts till now to have an international treaty on cyber war. This is in line with its basic position on all matters of international law—it applies to all countries but not to the US—the case for US exceptionalism. From drone attacks—undeclared war and extra judicial killings to cyber war—all of this is permitted to only the US. The US has however publicly declared that any cyber attack on *its infrastructure* will be considered as an act of war and will draw a physical retaliation. "If you shut down our power grid, maybe we will put a missile down one of your smokestacks," as quoted by the *Wall Street Journal*. Sauce for the gander is not sauce for the goose.

Defining what constitutes an act of war as against trying to access unauthorized data or cyber crime is important. A number of attempts were made by groups originating apparently from China to access data from computers and have been reported widely in the press, the one with Google leading to a public spat between the US and China. All this could be categorized as espionage either security related or for stealing commercially valuable data. This would be categorized as akin to conventional espionage—not nice but what all Governments seem to do. This changes, if for instance software can access the controls of vital equipment power plants, national grids, telecommunications network, etc and make them misbehave or shut them down. Shutting down a grid can have catastrophic consequences. Causing control equipment used for vital infrastructure such as power plants could cause plant failures. In the opinion most people this would constitute as an act of war. The grey area would be an attack which leads to vital data—for some this is akin to an act of war while for others, not so.

By this definition, Stuxnet is a virus that seems to have been designed explicitly to target the centrifuges in Iran's Natanz plant. Detailed accounts are available on the Stuxnet virus. It was analyzed by Symantec when it first appeared in 2010 who found that out of more than 100,000 computers were infected, about 60% from Iran, about 20 per cent in Indonesia with India coming third with about 10 per cent infections. The target was a specific combination of machines; it targeted PC's with Windows Operating System and connected to Siemens PLC's. From the beginning, it was clear that it was not a run of the mill virus but had a very specific end in mind. Also surprising was the pattern of infection, it was not reflecting the pattern of computer usage but clearly also had a geographical target.

PLC's or Programmable Logic Controllers are classes of computers which control physical processes—they are used for industrial controls. They can control

various equipment are found widely in all plants and equipment. After analyzing the code, it was found that the target was even more specific it seemed to have targeted two sets of frequency converters, one manufactured by Finland and the other by a manufacturer in Iran. From this, the short hop to the conclusion that the target was the uranium enrichment plant in Natanz.

The confirmation was came from the kind of numbers and configuration that the code analysis threw up—it identified an array of equipment which was known to be similar to the centrifuge array in one of the Natanz blocks. The code was designed at periodic intervals to speed up and slow down the centrifuges via the frequency converters. Once this was correlated with what was known by the IAEA inspectors of the Natanz plant that a large number of centrifuges had got damaged and had been taken out, the entire sequence of operations became clear. This was a cyber attack that had taken out vital equipment in Natanz.

Some of the issues that flow from this are whether Natanz was an "illegal" facility and therefore a legitimate target? It is clear from the NPT provisions that Iran has a right to enrich uranium. The US and other western countries argue that Iran has "lost" this right by virtue of its violations of certain IAEA provisions. If we look at international law, it is clear that the IAEA decision to report Iran for such violations was a political one and had very little to do with actual NPT obligations or IAEA violations. That is why India's breaking ranks with other non-aligned countries in IAEA Board who had opposed the US move is particularly galling and has bedeviled India and Iran relations since.

Irrespective of IAEA and subsequent UN sanctions, any physical attack on Iran's Natanz plant would constitute an act of war. There is very little doubt that the US reads that any attack on Natanz—a US or Israeli airstrike like the Israeli attack on Osirik reactor—would rapidly escalate to war, with this strike as the first act. Hence the choice of a virus attack instead of physical one that could still delay or derail the Natanz fuel enrichment plant.

There is little doubt that the US was a part of this attack, though some claim it was a joint US-Israeli operation. The sophistication of the virus and the knowledge it had to have of Natanz precludes it being a private enterprise. In any case, the US and the Israelis have been doing a nudge-nudge, wink-wink denial of the Stuxnet attack, leaving very little doubt of the origin of this virus.

The question we need to ask is by changing the mode of attack, is it any different than a conventional attack which fulfils the same purpose? The second question is that if Iran retaliates by a similar virus attack on an US installation, what would be the US reaction? And the third, perhaps the most important—how do we prevent such viruses attacking other vital installations in any country which might not be targets, but could still get infected.

The US position is clear on this while the US is allowed to attack other countries using such cyber attacks, any attack on US installations would lead to a conventional retaliation in the US books, there is no difference between a conventional or a cyber attack as long as it creates a similar impact. But it still retains the right to

target others it considers attack worthy. As it explained privately and its proponents state publicly, Stuxnet is justified as it “saved” Iran for bombing.

What should concern all of us is that we have now added a new dimension to war as it is understood. War in cyber space is also war, but the problem who is the originator and whether the attack is deliberate is far more difficult to define. By initiating this new form of attack, the US has deliberately brought in a whole new range of warfare and weapons into play. And as the infection of drone attack centre shows, others will surely follow where the US has lead whether it is drones or other new forms of warfare.

Welcome to brave new wars of the 21st century: drones and computer wars.

Asia-Pacific: US Ramps Up Global War

Agenda

by Finian Cunningham
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Like a schoolyard bully, President Barack Obama is flexing American military muscle as he currently sweeps through the Asia-Pacific region. The nominal impetus for the tour was the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit held in Hawaii last week. But rather than discussing “economics” (the E in APEC), the salient focus for Obama and his entourage

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appears to be “war” and in particular laying down battle lines to China.

Testy relations with China is nothing new for Washington given recent months of US haranguing over trade and finance, but what Obama’s bombast signals is a sinister ramping up of the militarist agenda towards Beijing.

As if bouncing underlings and lackeys into his gang, the American president has moved on from Honolulu with stopovers in Australia, Indonesia and elsewhere. Given the primary economic power of China in the hemisphere, it might be thought appropriate for Obama to make a cordial visit to Beijing to discuss partnerships and policies to revive the global economy. But no. The omission of China on this major US tour seems to be a deliberate snub to Beijing and a message to the region: that China is to be isolated and ring-fenced. This is the stuff of warmongering writ large.

The blatant aggression is naturally smoothed over and made palatable by the Western mainstream media. Reporting on Obama’s unilateral belligerence at the APEC, the *Washington Post* bemoans: “Try as he might to focus Asian and Pacific leaders on forging new economic partnerships during a regional summit

here, President Obama has spent much of his time in private meetings with his counterparts discussing another pressing concern: national security [that is, US military power].”

The *Financial Times* reports breathlessly: “Barack Obama will not set foot in China during his swing through the Asia-Pacific region... yet the country’s rapid economic ascent and military advances will provide the backdrop for almost everything he does on the trip.”

Note the assertion that it is China’s “military advances” that are prompting US concerns, not the more reasonable and realistic observation that Washington is the one beating the war drums.

The *FT* goes on to say: “The Pentagon is quietly working on a new strategy dubbed the AirSea Battle concept, which is designed to find ways to counter Chinese military plans to deny access to US forces in the seas surrounding China.”

In “seas surrounding China” it may be thought by some as entirely acceptable for Beijing to “deny access to US forces”. But not, it seems, for the scribes at the *FT* and other Western mainstream media, who transform US offence/Chinese defense into Chinese offence/US defense. One can only imagine how that same media would report it if China announced that it was intending to patrol nuclear warships off California.

As previously noted by Michel Chossudovsky at Global Research, the South China Sea’s untapped reserves of oil and other minerals are a major driver in US maneuvering. China stands to have natural territorial rights to these deposits and has much more valid claim to the wealth than the US, whose counter claims on the matter seem at best arrogant and at worst provocative. Again, one can imagine the US and mainstream media reaction if China was eyeing oil and gas fields off Alaska.

But there is a bigger geopolitical agenda here, as Global Research has consistently analyzed. The increasing US militarism in Asia-Pacific is apiece with the globalization of war by the US/NATO and its allies. The shift in policy is, as the *Washington Post* lamely tells us, “the US reasserting itself as a leader in the Asia-Pacific after years of focusing on [illegal] wars in the Middle East”.

However, this is not a dynamic that should be viewed as somehow normal and acceptable. This is, as we have stated, an escalation of global aggression by powers that are “addicted to war” as a matter of policy.

Top of the US hit list is China. Washington’s criminal wars in Iraq and Libya have in particular been aimed at cutting China out of legitimate energy investments in the Middle and East and North Africa (and Africa generally). That in itself must be seen by Beijing as a flagrant assault on its overseas’ assets. Not content, it seems, with achieving that dispossession of vital Chinese energy interests, Washington is now pushing its insatiable appetite all the way into China’s domain. But such unprecedented aggression is made to appear by the US government and the dutiful mainstream media as a natural entitlement where refusal by the other party is perversely presented as “military plans to deny access”.

Obama’s visit to Australia this week is undoubtedly aimed at further twisting the threat to China. In Darwin, the US president is overseeing the opening of a base that will see for the first time US Marines being able to conduct war games on Australian soil. Thousands of kilometers from China, this development may at first seem inconsequential. But then we are told that the move is designed to station US military “out of the reach of Chinese ballistic missiles”. The insinuation is unmistakable and menacing: China is an imminent threat. Somehow, without issuing any such aggressive moves, Beijing is suddenly made to look as if it is prepared to launch ballistic missiles at US installations.

It is tempting to call this US-led dynamic of global war “dysfunctional”. But, disturbingly, it is not merely dysfunctional. The global war dynamic is a function of the collapse of capitalism and democracy in the US and Europe (the brutal police crackdown on Occupy protesters across the US is evidence of the latter). War on the world is the logical outcome of this failed system, as history has already shown us with the horrors of World War One and Two.

Karl Marx once noted: “History repeats itself, first as tragedy, then as farce”. To avert another “farce” in which the horrors of history are repeated, we need to once and for all challenge the root cause: capitalism.

How to Start a (Wall Street-backed) Revolution

Documentary Whitewashes Wall Street’s Global Blitzkrieg

by Tony Cartalucci
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Gene Sharp of the Albert Einstein Institution penned the book *From Dictatorship to Democracy*, originally designated for the destabilization and re-colonization of Myanmar, still called “Burma” throughout much of the West. Sharp’s book would then be utilized by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) throughout Eastern Europe, throughout Asia, and eventually, in 2011, for the US-engineered “Arab Spring.”

According to Sharp’s own Albert Einstein Institution (AEI) 2000-2004 annual report, AEI had been sponsored by the US government’s National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and its funded subsidiary International Republican Institute (IRI) to train activists in Serbia (page 18) Zimbabwe (page 23) and Myanmar (page 26) to help overthrow their respective sovereign governments.

Australia’s Southern Cross University’s “*Activating Human Rights & Peace (AHRP)*” conference had put out a revealing account of their 2008 proceedings illustrating that all of Gene Sharp’s work, beyond what was even mentioned in his own institution’s annual report, had been fully funded and in support of the US government and its global domineering agenda. Beginning on page 26, Sharp’s affiliations, in particular with the National Endowment for Democracy, which is described as carrying out “a lot of work that was formerly undertaken by the CIA”, as well as the Ford Foundation, and billionaire Wall Street patriarch George Soros’ Open Society Institute are fleshed out in immense detail.

Gene Sharp Has Defenders

Despite this, there are still voices out there calling criticism of Gene Sharp's affiliations with the US government and the CIA "wild accusations" and "conspiracy theories". One of these voices is director and Sky News/freelance journalist Ruaridh Arrow of the UK. Arrow has a lot invested in his views, as he is the director of "*How to Start a Revolution*" and has invested a tremendous amount of time and effort attempting to portray Sharp as anything but an agent of US-funded sedition promoting corporate-fascist global hegemony.

In one interview, Arrow even admits that upon seeing the Serbian Otpor revolution and the Ukrainian Orange Revolution unfold he suspected a CIA conspiracy, but then implies that the presence of Gene Sharp's book in the hands of these various groups, practicing similar tactics, was evidence otherwise. In a column afforded to Arrow by BBC titled, "Gene Sharp: Author of the nonviolent revolution rulebook," he claimed that Sharp "has faced almost constant financial hardship and wild accusations of being a CIA front organization". Such statements are in obvious contradiction with even Sharp's own AEI annual report.

Also included in Arrow's BBC article was mention of his visit with Srdja Popvic of CANVAS, whose own website claims US government agencies such as Freedom House, United States Institute for Peace, and the International Republican Institute, as well as Soros' New Tactics (page 6) as "partners". Also mentioned as a partner was of course Sharp's AEI. Either Arrow was negligent in his research, or negligent in full disclosure as to the nature and affiliations of the groups training these "revolutionaries".

Any remaining doubt surrounding the true nature of these protests is cast aside when considering the 2008 inaugural Alliance for Youth Movements summit, sponsored by the US State Department in New York City and hosting CANVAS' future Egyptian "April 6 Youth Movement" protégés. After receiving training in New York by AYM, then training in Serbia with US-funded CANVAS, April 6 would join yet another cog in the Wall Street-London conspiracy to overthrow the Egyptian government, Mohammed ElBaradei. ElBaradei much like Gene Sharp and CANVAS has an endless parade of apologists espousing his good intentions along with a Nobel Peace Prize draped around his neck for added "credibility". In reality, ElBaradei is a member of the US corporate-funded think-tank International Crisis Group, funded in part by Soros' Open Society Institute, with Soros himself sitting on the board of trustees, along with funding from Chevron, Shell, Morgan Stanley, Deutsche Bank, and many others.

ElBaradei would return to Egypt a full year before the "Arab Spring" began to the open arms of April 6 activists literally waiting for him at the airport in Cairo. Together they began building the "National Front for Change". A year later, after making preparations with the help of April 6 and Wael Ghonim of Google, ElBaradei would lead what would be disingenuously portrayed by the complicit corporate-media as a "spontaneous" protest "inspired" by the equally disingenuous, entirely preplanned "revolution" that

had just unseated the Tunisian government.

The "Arab Spring" is Fake

Clearly, the "revolution" in Egypt was entirely misrepresented by the corporate-media, and likewise by filmmaker Ruaridh Arrow. The "Arab Spring" was not spontaneous, nor was it indigenous. Rather it was a premeditated geopolitical plot engineered by US corporate-financier interests years in advance. The *New York Times* in its article, "U.S. Groups Helped Nurture Arab Uprisings", clearly stated as much when it reported, "a number of the groups and individuals directly involved in the revolts and reforms sweeping the region, including the April 6 Youth Movement in Egypt, the Bahrain Center for Human Rights and grass-roots activists like Entsar Qadhi, a youth leader in Yemen, received training and financing from groups like the International Republican Institute, the National Democratic Institute and Freedom House, a nonprofit human rights organization based in Washington."

Further confirming this were public statements made by the US State Department-sponsored "Alliance for Youth Movements" (AYM) counting Egypt's April 6 Youth Movement among its above mentioned inaugural AYM summit attendees in New York City as far back as 2008. *Foreign Policy* magazine admitted that April 6 received further training from CANVAS in Serbia, before fomenting unrest in Egypt. *FP* magazine would also report that "CANVAS has worked with dissidents from almost every country in the Middle East; the region contains one of CANVAS's biggest successes, Lebanon, and one of its most disappointing failures, Iran".

The destabilization in Iran, of course, was drawn up by corporate-funded Brookings Institution, as articulated in its "Which Path to Persia" report, with the actual mechanics of organizing the foreign-funded revolution subcontracted to organizations like US-funded CANVAS, NED and its subsidiaries.

In an April 2011 AFP report, Michael Posner, the assistant US Secretary of State for Human Rights and Labor, stated that the "US government has budgeted \$50 million in the last two years to develop new technologies to help activists protect themselves from arrest and prosecution by authoritarian governments". The report went on to explain that the US "organized training sessions for 5,000 activists in different parts of the world. A session held in the Middle East about six weeks ago gathered activists from Tunisia, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon who returned to their countries with the aim of training their colleagues there". Posner would add, "They went back and there's a ripple effect". The ripple effect Posner is talking about is of course the "spontaneous" "Arab Spring" and bears a striking resemblance to the campaign of destabilization Gene Sharp and AEI perpetuated throughout Eastern Europe as described in detail in the above mentioned AHRP report.

Mr. Arrow Stands by His Work

In a recent exchange, Mr. Arrow brushed aside all of this evidence in favor of his emotional documentary portraying Gene Sharp as an unsung hero and aging father of a global wave of genuine "democratic revolution". He labeled the June 13, 2011 article "Fake

Revolutions" as a "conspiracy theory". He insists that "his research" has brought him to "different" conclusions and stands by his work. While he agreed that Wall Street is a dictatorship, the irony apparently escaped him that his film is about Wall Street literally overrunning the planet with semi-covert revolutions from Tunisia to Thailand.

Whether it is pride, ignorance, or duplicity that drives Mr. Arrow and his wayward message, contradicted by documents emanating from the very man and his organization he set out to portray in a positive light, his documentary has been picked up, supported, and promoted by the very same willful liars that foisted the "Arab Spring" upon an unsuspecting world. On Arrow's own website, under "Special Thanks," is listed "Every Human Has Rights" a campaign of the Gates, Ford Foundation, Soros Open Society, European Commission, and UK Department for International Development (DFID)-funded CIVICUS alliance.

Also mentioned is the Stilwell Fund for the Visual Arts, founded by Kim Taipale of the World Policy Institute, funded by the Carnegie Corporation (mentioned in the above AHRP report as complicit in funding the projection of US foreign policy under the guise of "democratic revolutions") as well as the "US Connect Fund" which is a collaborative fund created by George Soros' Open Society, the Carnegie Corporation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Ploughshares Fund (a sponsor of the above mentioned International Crisis Group upon which Egyptian "Arab Spring" leader ElBaradei sits as a trustee).

Indeed—somewhere along the line, though to what extent Arrow is not forthcoming—the very organizations engineering, supporting, funding, training, and in some cases arming the "Arab Spring" conflagration consuming Northern Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia, had lent Mr. Arrow a hand in his disingenuous, whitewashing of their dirty deeds. Mr. Arrow refuses to acknowledge this glaring conflict of interest, the apparent immense impropriety his "documentary" is in the middle of, or the implications they may have on his future credibility or the future of the countries he has helped play a small part in destabilizing and ultimately destroying.

Country by Country—Wall Street is There

Below is a list of nations most of which are on record receiving Gene Sharp's "humanitarian" advice and training. Documented in depth are also the recipient opposition groups' ties directly to Wall Street-London corporate-financier interests. Indeed, Arrow's film, "How to Make a Revolution" shows one in reality of how to best serve Wall Street's interests by dividing and destroying your nation, while installing a puppet of the West's choosing amidst the chaos, because that is exactly what Gene Sharp's pupils have been doing for decades now in each and every case.

Tunisia
Libya
Egypt
Syria
Iran
Belarus
Myanmar (Burma)
Thailand

Malaysia

No real revolution of any kind will take place until people both understand the balance of power currently held in the world today and how to change it pragmatically rather than politically. Wall Street, a global tyranny of unprecedented proportions, will remain intact until we see them, not petty local tyrants or street hooligans and dupes as the true enemy, and the systematic boycotting and replacing of their degenerate, global domineering system implemented in full as the solution.

What is Fiat Money?

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A Short Primer

The term “fiat money”—more correctly “fiat currency”—is becoming more wide-spread than it was seven years ago when we put out a movie called FIAT EMPIRE. I certainly didn’t invent the term, so I am just going along with the economic jargon as best I can. But for anyone that doesn’t understand what fiat currency is, it’s reasonably simple. Here’s a primer.

Fiat currency is PAPER currency that is issued by government “fiat” or decree. The reason it’s issued by government decree, or fiat, is because ordinarily no one would accept or use it because it can no longer be REDEEMED for gold or silver. After all, it’s just PAPER. “Redeem” simply means the act of taking your PAPER currency into your local bank and having them give you GOLD or SILVER in exchange for it. In other words, the bank will redeem specie as evidenced by your paper. They will give you the amount of gold or silver specie written on the FACE of your paper bill (its “face value”). If the face of your paper bill says “\$10 Silver Certificate” (instead of 10 dollars or 10 Federal Reserve Notes) the bank will give you 10 “dollars” worth of silver.

So how much silver is this? Well, it depends on the current definition of the “dollar” when you try to redeem your silver.

What most people don’t understand is a “dollar” is a unit of WEIGHT. So, once a “dollar” is defined (by some authority or the free market), the bank knows how much silver to trade/give/redeem you for your \$10 Silver Certificate.

Pursuant to the Coinage Act of 1792, a dollar is defined as 371.25 grains of pure silver. Since 1 ounce = 437.5 grains, a dollar contains exactly .849 ounces of pure silver.

Thus when you go to the bank with your ten dollar (\$10) Silver Certificate, the teller will give you 8.49 ounces of silver in COIN form. Since silver is a soft metal (gold as well) the coins are never 100% pure silver. So a COIN’S weight is always a composite of silver and some other hardening metal, as in this example. Thus the bank would redeem the \$10 Silver Certificate most likely with a \$10 Eagle, two Half Eagles or ten silver dollar coins.

But if any of this has confused you, the good news is this: YOU DON’T HAVE TO GET LOST IN ANY OF

THESE DETAILS.

You can define a “DOLLAR” as whatever you want. The government can define a “DOLLAR” as whatever it wants. The free market can define a “DOLLAR” as whatever it wants. That last—the free market—is the ONLY valid definition.

But when we go back onto a Gold Standard (as many say we will), we will probably have a new Coinage Act passed by Congress to get things started. Just as there have been two other Federal Reserve Systems (central banks) over the years, there have been about six Coinage Acts. The earliest one I am aware of was the Coinage Act of 1792 and the most recent one was the Coinage Act of 1965.

The Coinage Act of 1792 established the original definition of what a dollar was to be, how much silver there was supposed to be IN a dollar COIN or redeemed for a PAPER dollar certificate. This is what we could go back to when the Gold Standard is reinstated.

But we all remember the infamous Coinage Act of 1965. At least, we should. That was the Act of a misguided Congress that turned our quarters, dimes and half dollars into clad tokens. On 23 July 1965 the Congress, operating in its own interest and in the interest of greedy New York bankers against the interest of WE THE PEOPLE, removed all the silver from DIMES and QUARTERS and debased the silver content in the HALF DOLLARS down to 40% from 90%. They then made up the weight and size of the coins with copper. Remember that ugly copper sandwich that suddenly appeared in the middle of all coins starting in 1965?

THIS WAS A SYMBOL THAT AMERICA WAS BEING CHEAPENED AND SHOULD HAVE ALARMED ALL CITIZENS.

It alarmed me. That VERY day I KNEW something was wrong in America. Just like the JFK assassination, I remember the exact place I was when I first saw the new quarters. I thought to myself: “What the hell? They took the silver out of these. Who did this? Who gave them permission to cheapen the quarters we all use?”

Well, the answer to this question is: the elite banks and the U.S. Congress. These two entities conspired to debase the currency, not only by lowering and removing the silver content, but by making none of the paper Silver Certificates redeemable in silver. They had already accomplished this with Gold Certificates long ago; now they were robbing U.S. citizens of their silver.

Why were they doing this?

If you go Wikipedia—which has become a dictionary of establishment propaganda—it says: “This act (the Coinage Act of 1965) was in response to coin shortages caused by the rising price of silver.”

The rising price of silver, eh? What a bunch of horse. How can silver rise in “price” when “price” is DEFINED in silver. Point one. Point two: As G. Edward Griffin explains on page 141 of his book, *The Creature from Jekyll Island*, Wiki has used the old fallacy known as “the misleading theory of quantity” again. Thus, if there is NOTHING else you take away from reading these words, PLEASE come away with at

least this one thing:

THE AMOUNT OF GOLD AND SILVER IN EXISTENCE IS IRRELEVANT TO THE ABILITY TO USE GOLD OR SILVER AS MONEY.

The fallacy of QUANTITY is the NUMBER ONE way apologists for FIAT CURRENCY (money NOT redeemable in silver or gold) attempt to INVALIDATE the Gold Standard. It’s the number one way they attempt to BRAINWASH you into using PAPER currency, i.e., fiat currency.

The reason is simple. These people (elite bankers and corrupt congressmen) want us all using PAPER money BECAUSE THEY CAN ENDLESSLY PRINT PAPER MONEY—BUT THEY CAN’T PRINT UP GOLD OR SILVER.

By getting gold and silver out of the picture any way they can—removing it from coins, not redeeming paper bills for it, blatantly confiscating it as they did in 1934, defaulting on foreign redemptions as Nixon did in 1971, AND by making the false claim of “shortages”—they can literally print up (known as “monetizing debt” or “quantitative easing”) as much currency as they want to expand the WELFARE-WARFARE state.

Again, the reason the QUANTITY of silver or gold available is of no concern is explained on page 141 of Mr. Griffin’s book. If there is ever a shortage of silver, the definition of a silver dollar can be REDEFINED by Congress in the full light of day and after sufficient public debate (unlike the way the Federal Reserve Act was passed). For instance, I said above that, pursuant to the Coinage Act of 1792, a dollar is defined as 371.25 grains of pure silver. Well, if there were to be a “shortage” of silver and everyone was freaking out, a dollar COULD be redefined by an act of Congress as 300.00 grains of pure silver instead of 371.25 grains. BUT this would not even be necessary, for the market would automatically redefine the ratio of silver by weight to the number of paper certificates representing each ounce.

Thus, when one sees what is really going on, statements like—”This act was in response to coin shortages caused by the rising price of silver”—are revealed for what they are: ignorant or misleading pronouncements that serve the interests of a partnership between the banking elite and a rogue Congress that’s attempting to confiscate the value of the nation’s money supply. Thus, what an ignoramus of a statement like this is essentially saying is: “Oh, we can’t make any more silver coins because the price of silver is too high.” This may sound reasonable to the general public, but what the banking frauds who say things like this have failed to mention is: no more silver coins SHOULD be made. Why would anyone WANT to make more silver coins than the number of silver coins that have already established themselves in market circulation? Bear in mind that using silver coins PREVENTS fraudulent bankers and their rogue accomplices in Congress from INCREASING the money supply. Think about it. When the money supply is INCREASED, WHO GETS THE INCREASE OF MONEY? Well, that should not be hard to figure out. The GOVERNMENT and the BANKS get the increase. That’s WHY they conspire to get control over coinage and printing of the nation’s currency and eliminate GOLD and SILVER

with whatever excuses they can dream up. This is also WHY the Framers of the U.S. Constitution stated in Article I, Sections 8 & 10 that money must be GOLD or SILVER COIN and no BILLS OF CREDIT are permitted.

What's a BILL OF CREDIT? It's essentially a Federal Reserve Note—what we use as “money” now that the banking frauds have extracted all the silver and gold out of our money supply. So technically, the “money” we are now using is illegal (unconstitutional), and the congressmen that played a part in effectuating the overt or covert transition to it are actually partners with the elite New York banks in a long-term criminal conspiracy. See the movie FIAT EMPIRE for details (<http://www.MoviePubs.Net/singles>).

Given these considerations—and the idea that you can fool some of the people some of the time but you

cannot fool all of the people all of the time—is it any wonder millions are protesting (both through the Tea Party demonstrations and now the Occupy Wall Street Movement) across the country, and even the world, as fiat currency is also the source of the European debt crises as well?

The reason for the mass protests is because millions of people have had the VALUE sucked out of their lives in exactly the same way the Federal Reserve System and its rogue congressional partners sucked the SILVER out of our quarters back in 1965.

Wake up. It's time to put value back into our money and remove from power the bankers and government officials that played a part in this worldwide monetary scam. It's also time to end the unjust enrichment of the corporations that surround these banks, as Jefferson once warned there would be.

have taken us nearly a decade to do so, and it was supposed to be a priority for the new administration. Instead, it will be one of the last things done before the critical re-election campaign gets into full swing. Better late than never but, examining the fine print, is there really much here to get excited about? Are all of our men and women really coming home, and is Iraq now to regain its sovereignty? And in this time of economic crisis, are we going to stop hemorrhaging money in Iraq? Sadly, it doesn't look that way.

First and foremost, any form of withdrawal that is happening is not simply because the administration realized it was the right thing to do. This is not the fulfillment of a campaign promise, or because suddenly the training of their police and military is complete and Iraq is now safe and secure, but because of disagreements with the new government over a Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA). The current agreement was set up by the previous administration to expire at the end of 2011. Apparently the Iraqis refused to allow continued immunity from prosecution for our forces for any crimes our soldiers might commit on Iraqi soil. Can you imagine having foreign soldiers here, with immunity from our laws and Constitution, with access to your neighborhood?

Some 39,000 American troops will supposedly be headed home by the end of the year. However, the US embassy in Iraq, which is the largest and most expensive in the world, is not being abandoned. Upwards of 17,000 military personnel and private security contractors will remain in Iraq to guard diplomatic personnel, continue training Iraqi forces, maintain “situational awareness” and other functions. This is still a significant American footprint in the country. And considering that a private security contractor costs the US taxpayer about three times as much as a soldier, we're not going to see any real cost savings. Sadly, these contractors are covered under diplomatic immunity, meaning the Iraqi people will not get the accountability that they were hoping for.

While I applaud the spirit of this announcement since all our troops should come home from overseas, I have strong reservations about any actual improvements in the situation in Iraq, since plans are already being made to increase the number of troops in surrounding regions. What we really need is a new foreign policy and there is no indication that that is what we have gotten. On the contrary, the administration fully intends to keep troops in Iraq, indefinitely, under a new agreement, while the Iraqis are doing their best to assert their sovereignty and kick us out. Neither are we going to be saving any significant amount of money. My greatest fear, however, is that this troop withdrawal from Iraq will simply pave the way for more endless, wasteful, needless wars.

THE NEWS DESK

Russia Arms Syria With Missiles To Defend Against NATO Attack Warns it will not tolerate western powers crossing a “red line”

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We now know what those six Russian warships that reportedly entered Syrian territorial waters last week were carrying. Aside from representing a show of strength to discourage NATO powers from launching a military attack, on board were Russian technical experts ready to help Damascus set up a sophisticated missile defense system sold to them by Moscow.

“Russian warships that have reached waters off Syria in recent days were carrying, among other things, Russian technical advisors who will help the Syrians set up an array of S-300 missiles Damascus has received in recent weeks, a report in the London-based Arabic language Al Quds-Al Arabi said Thursday. Citing sources in Syria and Russia, the paper said that Moscow sees a Western attack on Syria as a “red line” that it will not tolerate,” reports Arutz Sheva.

The S-300 missiles, which according to the report will be used to “deflect a possible attack by NATO or the U.S. and EU,” are long range surface-to-air missiles developed by Russia in 1979 for the purpose of protecting large industrial and military bases from enemy attack aircraft and cruise missiles.

The system is widely regarded as one of the most powerful anti-aircraft arrays in modern warfare, having the ability to track up to 100 targets and engage 12 at any one time. Russia recently tried to sell the same system to Iran but the transaction was halted after pressure from the U.S. and Israel.

Arming Syria with such a proficient means of aerial defense would obviously not bode well for any prospective “no fly zone” being planned by western powers. Reports have been circulating this week that fighter jets from Turkey and other Arab states would soon enter Syrian airspace under “humanitarian”

pretenses with logistical aid from the United States.

“Along with the missiles, the report says that Russia has installed advanced radar systems in all key Syrian military and industrial installations. The radar system also covers areas north and south of Syria, where it will be able to detect movement of troops or aircraft towards the Syrian border. The radar targets include much of Israel, as well as the Incirlik military base in Turkey, which is used by NATO,” states the report.

French foreign minister Alain Juppé yesterday assured Syrian opposition forces that NATO powers are planning to launch a military intervention by imposing “humanitarian corridors or humanitarian zones” in the name of protecting civilians from the alleged abuses of the al-Assad regime.

The prospect of air strikes being launched under a “humanitarian” banner are seen as increasingly likely given the fact that the aircraft carrier George H.W. Bush has been moved to the Syrian coast in recent days having left its traditional theater of operations just off the Straits of Hormuz.

Tensions also escalated yesterday after the U.S. Embassy in Damascus urged its citizens to leave Syria “immediately”, while Turkey's foreign ministry told its citizens to avoid traveling through the country on their return home from Saudi Arabia.

As we have previously noted, attacking Syria could merely be an entrée for an assault on Iran because Tehran has promised to defend its ally.

Leaving Iraq?

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It is not too often I am pleased by the foreign policy announcements from this administration, but last week's announcement that the war in Iraq was in its final stage and all the troops may be home for Christmas did sound promising. I have long said that we should simply declare victory and come home. It should not

Storm Watch: Arab Spring

by Adrian Salbuchi
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“Arab Springs” are not as spontaneous as the Western mainstream media would have us believe. Their behind the scenes instigators always get “a little help from their Global Power Elite mega-planning friends...”

Isn't it rather odd that after long decades of slumber, starting in early 2011 millions upon millions of Arabs throughout North Africa and the Middle East suddenly woke up, took to the streets, violently clashed with police and security forces, overthrew their governments and in one instance Libya managed to deliver their country to a perverse alliance of foreign terrorists, local thugs, CIA operatives and NATO bombers, eventually murdering their own exceptional leader, Muammar Gaddafi, live on global TV?

Question: just how spontaneous are these major social convulsions that lead to revolution, chaos, battles on streets and squares, thousands dead and injured, and the violent overthrow of entire governments? To a certain degree they are, no doubt, spontaneous: people are growing weary of their national governments' growing inability to resolve vital collective problems.

In fact, a survey of public opinion in any country in the world will show that, on average, half the population rejects their on-going governments, and even their entire political classes. The more lucid and aware- see them all as mere puppets subordinated to Money Power elites in one form or another: whether banking cartels, oil and mining companies, media moguls, domestic and foreign lobbies, or a wide array of war-mongers.

Because it's not just the streets of Cairo, Tripoli, Damascus or Benghazi that are in turmoil, but also the streets of New York, London, Oakland, Madrid, Athens and Rome. Uncannily, the standard image of social violence is the same everywhere: disgruntled, exasperated, impoverished protesters clashing with police and security forces: sad scenes of the poor fighting the poor... whilst one can imagine mega-bankers looking down from their 50th floor boardrooms, sipping their whisky and laughing at the scene down there...

What is different, then, about today's optimistic sounding "Arab Spring"? Basically, that ready to happen civil commotions and popular uprisings are purposely and maliciously being triggered by well-trained, well-financed, well-supported foreign and domestic agitators and agents, who have vested interests in destabilizing countries in that region to promote their own agendas, totally unrelated to the National Interest of the locals. They have a very different axe to grind, aligned to the interests of specific foreign powers—notably the US, UK, Israel, France, EU countries and their regional pawns in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, UAE, Kuwait—where the Global Power Elite is embedded.

In fact, this is a whole new form of waging war based on Psy-War (psychological warfare), where the mainstream global media become veritable weapons of mass mental destruction of people's ability to see and understand what is really being done to them. As with all wars, its objective is conquest and control of entire countries and regions.

Modern war is waged by powerful nations on five different overlapping, holistic levels of aggression against weaker, appetizing countries, ranging from stark naked aggression to subtle subversion:

1. Military Invasion—Allows direct control by fully overthrowing and overpowering the target nation. It has one major drawback: it looks really bad on the

evening news. Today, this applies to Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine; Libya is a moving target...

2. Military Coup—Identifies and supports domestic military/civilian allies and traitors willing to support a foreign power against their own people. Latin America saw US-backed coups in the 60's and 70's in Chile, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, Argentina... Now we seem to be seeing this in Egypt.

3. Financial Coup—Banking cartels corner any government they please to do "the Global Power Elite's bidding or else..!" Examples: Argentina's 2001/2 collapse, preceded by Mexico (1997), Russia (1998), Brazil (1999). Today: Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Iceland... Instead of tanks, they use the IMF, World Bank, US Treasury, ECB...

4. Political Coup—Flexibly uses combinations of "crises" to impose unelected governments such as Trilateralists Mario Monti in Italy, and Lucas Papademos in Greece...

5. Social Coup—Today's Psy-War. First you map out internal social grievances and woes, strife and ancestral hatreds, then you pin the fault on a suitable scapegoat/patsy, then you support and arm domestic and foreign agitators and "freedom fighters", ensuring that the Western Media clearly tell the world who are the "good guys" and who the "bad guys". Today, the "Arab Spring". Tomorrow, maybe we'll see "Latin American Springs" or "South East Asian Springs..." or "Former Soviet Republics Springs..."

Many countries today fit one of these categories and/or a combination of several of them, escalating to/descending from one to another. Egypt began as a "Category 5" and escalated to a "Category 2". Libya also began as a "Category 5" and was bombed into a veritable "Category 1".

Macro-management by the Global Power Elite is governed by their specific goals and interests in each country, because they still need a strong US, a nuclear Israel and a stable Germany, but they definitely do not want a strong Russia and China, a nuclear Iran and a stable Latin America...

Like Hurricane Watches in the Caribbean, maybe we should start mapping out Political Regime Change Watches on a regional, even global, basis. It would certainly help in tracking the dark clouds of war, death and destruction that are gathering.

A Thanksgiving Message

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We cannot expect perfection in this world, but if we open our eyes, we can see wonders of nature, experience the love and friendship of people, gain knowledge and wisdom and just enjoy being alive.

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. Ps 91.

by **Marcos**
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Underneath the social and economic conflicts we see every day, two different world views are in battle. They invite the individual to choose between the providence

of God or a specious human made utopia. This choice ultimately defines who a person will become and what our planet will become.

The utopia is the false promise of a perfect paradise on earth, born out of human reason and will. Although this idea is old and made famous by Plato with his philosopher-kings, it was in the 1800s that it gained strength with Marxism, Anarchism and similar ideologies that can be attributed to the revolutionary mind. The revolutionary mind is financed by the Luciferian Jewish banker in order to take the place of God.

The revolutionary takes the place of God, and in doing so, creates a religion where he is the Messiah and the Millennium is his construct. Nietzsche just gave the final push with the figure of the *Übermensch*, the individual who, free of moral restraint, would make the difference by his pure willpower. Selfishness is thus excused and praised.

The revolutionary mind feeds on ingratitude and discontent. Talk to Occupy Wall Street activists and they will show their anger, but not any solutions. Talk to a communist and he will tell you about his hatred of Western civilization, America and capitalism, while he sips from his Moët Chandon.

This has been the main strategy of revolutionaries like the School of Frankfurt, which ironically moved into the heart of its enemy, to the New School in NYC, funded by the Rockefellers. Their critical theory is the opposite of Thanksgiving: all it does is to paint every institution in dark colors in books, songs and movies.

The family is evil, fathers are oppressors, love making between married couples is rape, religion is ignorance, etc. Just hate everything and trade your values for the promise of a benevolent dictatorship. It is no wonder we ended up with people like Saul Alinsky, Obama and Hillary's mentor, who dedicated his book *New Rules for Radicals* for Lucifer himself. Or the new star of the left, the despicable Slavo Zizek, a man who says he detests people and is now embedded in the OWS group. The new logo is "just hate it".

That people should choose to leave God and follow those autocrats, people whose ideas already murdered more than 100 million people and never delivered anything benevolent after gaining power, shows how lost we have become. They say science will lead us to paradise, but the result has been pathetic. We talk about nanoparticles and genetics that will enable us to live forever, while kids die in the emergency rooms for lack of care of simple diseases.

God expects us to live life one day at a time. We cannot expect perfection in this world, but if we open our eyes, we can see wonders of nature, experience the love and friendship of people, gain knowledge and wisdom and just enjoy being alive.

God provides us with loads of opportunities to be useful and help others, if we just pay attention. As the Orientals say, fix your house before you go out to fix the world. Let's face what the revolutionary mind is: a scam to concentrate power in the hands of a few, by exploiting people's ungratefulness and pride. Be thankful this season.

Ex-Philippine President Arroyo arrested for Electoral Fraud

by Joseph Santolan
21 November 2011

Former Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo was placed under arrest in her hospital room last Friday on charges of electoral fraud. The political conflict between the executive and judicial branches of the Philippine government over President Benigno Aquino III's denial of Arroyo's attempts to depart the country has reached the level of a constitutional crisis.

Former President Arroyo is among the most hated political figures in Philippine history. Her nine years in office were characterized by the markedly heightened exploitation of the poor and the working class, the brutal repression of dissent, thuggery and fraud. It is not this record, however, that drives the Aquino administration's prosecution of Arroyo.

Rival sections of the bourgeoisie are settling scores. This has been the case with every major corruption scandal in Philippine history, from accusations against President Manuel Quezon in the Commonwealth period under American colonial rule to the ouster of Joseph Estrada in 2001. What is pronounced in Aquino's prosecution of Arroyo, however, is that it occurs in the context of rapidly mounting geopolitical tensions between the United States and China, and is driven by the interests of US imperialism.

The initial salvo fired by the Aquino administration against the bulwarks of Arroyo's political clout was a corruption scandal within the Philippine military earlier this year. The impetus for the investigation into that scandal, as well as the vital pieces of evidence in its prosecution came from the US State Department.

When Aquino announced in his State of the Nation Address that he would be filing charges against Arroyo for corruption, plunder and electoral fraud, his speech was hailed by US Pacific Commander Admiral Robert Willard in a personal meeting with Aquino on the same day. Last week, Aquino railroaded through charges of electoral fraud against Arroyo, hastily attempting to prevent her from leaving the country. US President Barack Obama responded in a speech at the ASEAN summit in Bali on Friday, pointedly expressing "appreciation for Aquino's anti-corruption efforts."

President Arroyo came to power in 2001 with firm US support for her and for the military-backed constitutional coup which removed her predecessor, Joseph Estrada. Over the space of her nine years in office—the first decade of the twenty-first century—a tectonic shift occurred in global economic alliances. The decline of the United States and sharp rise of China brought about a reorientation of the interests and ties of the Arroyo administration toward Beijing.

In 2004, Arroyo withdrew the Philippine troops from the US-led occupation of Iraq. Under her leadership a number of important infrastructural projects were awarded to Chinese corporations, despite lower bids from American companies. In 2005 Arroyo signed a tripartite deal with China and Vietnam, called the Joint Marine Seismic Undertaking (JMSU). The JMSU authorized the joint exploration and drilling of 142,000

square kilometers of previously disputed seabed in the South China Sea.

In the aftermath of the 2008 economic crisis and with the rise to the presidency of Obama, Washington shifted its focus back to the Asia Pacific region. The JMSU was abandoned by Arroyo in 2010, and tensions between China, Vietnam and the Philippines have already produced minor clashes in the South China Sea. After coming to power in 2010, Aquino turned sharply to Washington and with US backing more aggressively asserted Philippine territorial claims in the Sea against those of China.

Aquino announced in late September that Arroyo would be arrested by the end of the year. In the first week of October, the head of Commission on Elections announced that Arroyo and her husband would be in jail by Christmas. News that Arroyo had a bone disease quickly began circulating and it was reported that she would need to seek treatment abroad.

Events came fast and thick over the past week. The Justice Department denied Arroyo's petition to leave the country, despite the fact that no charges had yet been formally filed against her. Under Philippine law, all citizens have the explicit right to leave the country except when it would jeopardize national security. Responding to Arroyo's petition, the Justice Department attempted to exploit the catch-all 'national interest' clause.

Arroyo filed an appeal with the Supreme Court, which issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) on the departure block, thus authorizing Arroyo to leave the country. The vote was split on strictly partisan lines. Arroyo-appointed justices voted in her favor, those appointed by Aquino and those who had since become Arroyo's opponents voted against. The majority of the court remains firmly in Arroyo's camp.

Leila de Lima, head of the Justice Department, stated that she was overriding the TRO and would block Arroyo's departure, deliberately ignoring the instructions of the Supreme Court. On Tuesday, an emaciated wheelchair-bound Arroyo, her head supported by a massive neck and shoulder brace, was turned away from the departure terminal at Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

On the same day US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton arrived in Manila. She praised Aquino's government, offered additional US economic aid and promised a second warship as part of the reorientation of US military aid in the Philippines toward preparation for maritime conflict.

The confrontation over the separation of powers between the judiciary and the executive deepened. The Supreme Court found the Justice Department's overriding of the TRO unconstitutional. Aquino delayed his departure from the Philippines to the ASEAN summit by one day in order to personally expedite the issuance of an arrest warrant for Arroyo.

On Friday, the warrant was issued and Arroyo was detained in her hospital room at St. Luke's Medical Center in Taguig, Metro Manila. The charges filed were for electoral fraud in the 2007 senatorial election. It is clear that the charges were hastily thrown together, and

the warrant was issued by a regional trial judge without a complete review of the evidence. Two members of the Commission on Elections did not sign off on the charges, and it has now been revealed that the court in which the charges were filed did not actually have jurisdiction in this case.

The Supreme Court is today threatening to reverse the warrant. The constitutional crisis has the potential for sharp ramifications. The head spokesperson for the Department of National Defense held a press conference on Friday and issued the usual shibboleths of Philippine politics, declaring that the military was united in its support of Aquino and rumors of coup plotting were baseless. In an extraordinary statement backing extra-constitutional measures, he added that the military would support Aquino should he declare a 'revolutionary government' to deal with the current conflict with the Supreme Court and to restore 'order' to the country.

By tacitly backing Aquino in his prosecution of Arroyo, Washington is serving notice to leaders within the region of the potential implications of shifting their allegiances away from the United States or of forming too close ties with China.

Taking Executive Orders Too Far

by Ron Paul
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These are frustrating times for the President. Having been swept into office with a seemingly strong mandate, he enjoyed a Congress controlled by members of his own party for the first two years of his term. However, midterm elections brought gridlock and a close division of power between the two parties. With a crucial re-election campaign coming up, there is desperation in the president's desire to "do something" in spite of his severely weakened mandate.

Getting something done is proving to be a monumental task. This may be news to the supposed constitutional scholar who is now our president, but if the political process seems inconvenient to the implementation of his agenda, that is not a flaw in the system. It was designed that way. The drafters of the Constitution intended the default action of government to be inaction. Hopefully, this means actions taken by the government are necessary and proper. If federal laws or executive actions can't be agreed upon constitutionally—which is to say legally—such laws or actions should be rejected.

The vision of the founders was to set up a government that would remain small and unobtrusive via a system of checks and balances. That it has taken our government so long to get this big speaks well of the original design. The founders also knew the overwhelming nature of governments was to amass power and grow. The Constitution was to serve as the brakes on the freight train of government.

But the Obama administration, like so many administrations in the 20th century, chooses to ignore the Constitution entirely. The increasingly broad use and scope of the Executive Orders is a prime example. Executive Orders are meant to be a way for the president

to direct executive agencies on the implementation of congressionally approved legislation. It has become increasingly common for them to be misused in ways that are contradictory to congressional intent, or to bypass Congress altogether in enacting political agendas. The current administration has unabashedly stated that Congress's unwillingness to pass the president's jobs bill means that the president will act unilaterally to enact provisions of it piecemeal through Executive Order. Obama explicitly threatens to bypass Congress, thus aggregating the power to make and enforce laws in the executive. This clearly erodes the principles of separation of powers and checks and balances. It brings the modern presidency dangerously close to an elective dictatorship.

Of course, the most dangerous and costly overstepping of executive authority is going to war without a congressional declaration. Congress has been sadly complicit in this usurpation by ceding much of its war-making authority to the executive because it wants to avoid taking responsibility for major war decisions, but that is part of our job in Congress! If the President cannot present to Congress and the people a convincingly strong case for going to war, then perhaps we should keep the nation at peace, rather than risk our men and women's lives for ill-defined reasons!

This administration certainly was not the first to behave in ways that have defied the Constitution to overstep its bounds. Sadly, previous administrations have set precedents that the current administration is only building upon. It is time for Congress to reassert itself and its constitutional role so that future administrations cannot continue on this dangerous path.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Some of you pointed out that the numbering of the paper was incorrect. After some investigation this proved not to be the case.

Instead, for some inexplicable reason, we found that the issue in question—Vol. 58 no.2, dated 2nd November 2011—never made its way to the printer. However, it was posted on our website.

To remedy the situation we have decided to print the “missing” issue together with the current one (Vol. 58, no.5 dated 14th December 2011).

We sincerely apologize for the oversight on our part and any inconvenience it might have caused to you. We hope that you nevertheless enjoy the “belated” issue of the Contact as much as the current one.

With our very best wishes

—The Editor.

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