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## Terrorism and Its Appeasement

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*"Those who would sacrifice their liberty to gain temporary security deserve neither." - Ben Franklin*

America was bombed this week – and thousands of its citizens murdered at places that are symbolic of its greatness – because it's the *freest, proudest, most secular, most rational, most civilized, most egoistic, most materialistic, most money-loving, most individualistic, most capitalistic* republic on earth and in all human history.

In short, America was attacked for its *virtues*.<sup>1</sup>

IFI will devote numerous, subsequent reports to the economic-financial impact of this monstrous assault, including the impact from various responses we're likely to see from U.S. political-military officials. We'll also inform clients about the economic and financial consequences that surrounded our *past* five wars.<sup>2</sup> In those episodes government policy was sometimes bullish but at other times bearish for markets. This is World War III – and investment activity and pricing under wartime can be volatile, to put it mildly. The market-price

signals we currently consult will remain important – especially the value of the dollar. *But emotions – whether of despair or patriotism – should never be used as tools of cognition, or as tools of investment analysis.*

Unlike Alan Greenspan and his academic supporters, IFI has *never* believed markets are driven, at root, by “irrational exuberance.” Nor are they governed by irrational pessimism. Irrationalism persists primarily in the domestic and foreign policies of *governments*. Emotional reactions are the *consequence*, not the *cause*, of economic and financial outcomes. Those outcomes are affected by policy, for good or ill, depending on the nature of the policy. It's a *fact* that in economic and financial terms alone, *Federal Reserve rate hikes* (1999-2000) and *abusive U.S. anti-trust laws* destroyed more than \$4.5 trillion of wealth since March 2000. Those policies caused *hundreds of times more* economic destruction than will be tallied at the World Trade Center.

IFI remains *fundamentally* bullish on the U.S. But war, while morally necessary, is also an essentially destructive exercise, economically and financially. Thus market performance over the coming few months could be negative and erratic. The Fed's rate cut of 50 basis points today – to 3% - will help.

<sup>1</sup> Anyone who continues to doubt or deny that these *are*, indeed, virtues need to read the works of philosopher-novelist Ayn Rand, specifically *Atlas Shrugged* (1957), *The Virtue of Selfishness* (1964) and *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal* (1966). For a summary of her full philosophic system, one should read *Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand*, by Dr. Leonard Peikoff. Of course, anyone who sees these virtues as *vices* is effectively an enemy of America and the American way of life. “Hatred of the good *for being the good*” is the essence of Ayn Rand's theme in her essay, “The Age of Envy,” in *The Ayn Rand Reader*, Edited by Dr. Gary Hull and Dr. Leonard Peikoff (New York: Penguin Putnam, Inc., 1999), p. 114-124.

<sup>2</sup> They are, obviously, World War I (1914-1917), World War II (1940-1946), the Korean War (1950-1951), the Viet Nam War (1967-1975) and the Gulf War (1990-1991). We have ample economic-data surrounding each of these war episodes.

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It would help as well if the U.S. Treasury would intervene to boost the dollar.

Here's a general rule: *The more swiftly and forcefully the U.S. acts, the better it will be for markets. The more slowly and timidly it moves and the less comprehensive its use of force, the worse it will be for markets.*

**What the U.S. must (and must *not*) do.** In this report we examine the causes and consequences of terrorism – and the danger of appeasing it. But before turning to these deeper issues – an understanding of which is indispensable to those who want to accurately forecast what's likely to happen in the coming months and years – we discuss what U.S. political and military officials must (and must *not*) do, as soon as possible. As we've said, the more these officials do what *should* be done, the *better off* markets will be; the more they persist in doing what *shouldn't* be done, the worse it will be for markets.

- Declare that America – as the beacon of reason, liberty and capitalism in the world – will *exterminate* every vestige of state-sponsored religion and terrorism in the Middle East and elsewhere. Political leaders must stress the *moral* right America has to defend itself and *vanquish* its enemies.<sup>3</sup> Cite our Founding Fathers *often*. Pledge to Muslim terrorists that the U.S. will *hasten* their long-sought union with their alleged “Allah.” Let us say “We are the infidels – *proudly*.” But more, we are *the Americans*, the last best hope of freedom on earth.

- President Bush must *stop* playing head of the Red Cross and the nation's top cleric, with his visits to bomb sites, victims – and his “National Prayer Day.” If we wanted such a president we would have elected Elizabeth Dole, former head of the

Red Cross. Bush is the Commander in Chief, who should be spending his time inspiring patriotism with speeches and directing military efforts in war rooms. *Stop* being humble. Get *off* your knees *and start acting on behalf of the living* – for those who want to *live in liberty*. Rally America's latent *patriotism* and lead its military to fight *proudly*.

- Bush must immediately *rescind* the executive order, signed by President Ford in 1976 and endorsed by every subsequent president, making it illegal for the U.S. to assassinate the leaders of enemy nations.

- *Stop* using “data gathering” as an excuse for *cowardice*. The U.S. *does not need any more evidence than it already has* (and *had even before* Tuesday's bombings) to name the enemy. For years the U.S. State Department has kept an official list of terrorism-sponsoring nations: Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Cuba, North Korea and Sudan.<sup>4</sup> It's also a fact that three other countries – Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and United Arab Emirates – recognize Afghanistan's Taliban, which harbors terrorists. A Congressional Commission has *also* exhaustively documented all the necessary evidence.<sup>5</sup>

- *Stop* using “coalition building” as an excuse for *inaction*. The U.S. *does not need any other country's “permission” or any U.N. “resolution,” to conduct war*. The U.S. is a *sovereign nation under attack*. The aim, obviously, is not to harm allies; the aim *should be to decimate enemy states*. The U.S. is the world's sole superpower; *it should act like it*. While *nations harbor terrorists*, the U.N. (with U.S. complicity) *harbors terrorist nations*.<sup>6</sup>

- *Stop* blaming the U.S. intelligence community

<sup>3</sup> See Dr. Leonard Peikoff, “Fifty Years of Appeasement Have Led to Black Tuesday,” The Ayn Rand Institute, September 12, 2001 (available at <http://www.aynrand.org/medialink/blacktuesday.shtml>). He writes: “How many more corpses are necessary before this country should take action? The choice today is mass death in the United States or mass death in the terrorist nations. President Bush must decide whether it is his duty to save Americans or the governments who seek to kill them. Our missiles and occupation troops, however, will be effective only if they are preceded by our President's morally righteous statement that we intend hereafter to defend by every means possible each American's right to his property, his liberty, and his secure enjoyment of life here on earth.”

<sup>4</sup> See “Overview of State-Sponsored Terrorism,” available at [www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/pgtrpt/2000/index.cfm?docid=2441](http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/pgtrpt/2000/index.cfm?docid=2441).

<sup>5</sup> In 1998-2000 Congress sponsored a “National Commission on Terrorism” (1998-2000) which filed a lengthy report in August 2000. The report has ample evidence that terrorism is sponsored by states that are members of the U.N. and with which the U.S. maintains diplomatic or economic relations. See “Countering the Changing Threat of International Terrorism, National Commission on Terrorism, August 2, 2000, available at <http://w3.access.gpo.gov/nct/>.

<sup>6</sup> In nearly every clash between terrorists and the West, most of the U.N.'s members have pressured the U.S. and Israel to negotiate, compromise, and appease terrorists and their state sponsors to “ensure peace.” Contrary to popular opinion, the U.N. is an agent of *war*.

for “insufficient information” and stop claiming the U.S. military may have insufficient capacities. *Neither charge is true.* The most-used expression at the Departments of State and Justice is “we will hold terrorists *accountable.*” That’s what our leaders have become - mere *accountants* who tally up the carnage, but do little to pre-empt it or stop it. This is *not an error of knowledge; it’s a breach of morality.* It is U.S. diplomats and political leaders who’ve been lacking in moral certitude and courage – indeed, who, *immorally,* have been *unwilling,* so far – to act with sufficient assertiveness and force, to *use* the vast intelligence and military power the U.S. *already possesses.*

- *Stop* speaking to, negotiating with and seeking the “cooperation” of *terrorist-sponsoring states* and groups, such as Pakistan, the PLO, Iran, Sudan and the U.N., as Secretary of State Colin Powell, shamefully, has been doing all week. Stop telling reporters which weapons the U.S. *won’t* use (tactical nuclear) and which areas it *won’t* invade (Pakistan, PLO); these are near *treasonous* acts, harmful to U.S. security. To ask even for the “cooperation” of *allies* is to imply that the U.S. can’t fight or defeat terrorism on its own. But to ask, as well, for the “cooperation” of the terrorist groups and nations that have applauded the bombings is absolutely unconscionable.

- *Stop* calling the Muslim menace “a faceless coward” or an “unknown enemy.” Evil as they are, Muslim militants are *idealists* who act *courageously* and with *integrity.* Of course, their ideals are objectively and demonstrably harmful to human life and happiness, but they practice what they preach. The U.S. must articulate its rational, objectively pro-individualist, pro-Western, pro-capitalist ideals – and act with integrity to defend them. This is not “Mission Impossible.” The mission – as in all our prior wars - is *to defend liberty and decimate tyranny.* In addition to a military war, this is a *philosophic* war.<sup>7</sup> It can’t be won by praying to one’s own “Allah.”

- *Stop* focusing on the details or links to any one particular terrorist - like Osama bin Laden – or on one group, such as Hamas or the Taliban in Afghanistan. There are *millions* of such cockroaches, groups and states in the Middle East. To eradicate terrorism, the U.S. military must aim at and obliterate, not one of them, but *all* of them. The U.S. didn’t win World War II by trying, as Mr. Bush advises, to “hunt down, smoke out, get running and bring to justice” one or a few men, like Hitler or Mussolini or by waiting to track down their telegrams or trying to infiltrate the SS.

- *Stop* treating this like it’s some narrow, domestic law enforcement action, with “evidence gathering,” “prime suspects” and court proceedings.<sup>8</sup> It’s an act of war – and it’s *criminal* for U.S. legal officials to expose Americans to a war *without letting them fight in it.* Foreign enemies have no right to access the protections afforded by the U.S. Constitution. They shouldn’t be “captured” and “tried;” they should be *annihilated.*

- *Stop* creating *future* enemies. In assisting the Soviet Union in its fight against the Nazis in World War II (and its subsequent policy of “detente”), the U.S. *bolstered the Soviet menace* and suffered a 50-year Cold War. In assisting the Afghani mujahideen in their fight against the Soviets in the 1980s, the U.S. *bolstered the Muslim menace* and suffered a decade of terrorist assaults. Now the U.S. shows signs of allying with Pakistan, the PLO and Iran to fight the Taliban. It’s in the process of bolstering state-sponsored strongholds of terrorism that could easily launch nuclear-biological weapons on the U.S. in the future. There is a widespread myth deployed in wartime, that “the enemy of my enemy is my friend.” Not so. One can face *many types of enemies.* That doesn’t make them friends.

- *Declare war.* In passing the War Powers Act of 1973, Congress seized power from the executive

<sup>7</sup> For the *right* philosophy – and more on why it’s the *only* one that can eradicate terrorism – see Dr. Leonard Peikoff, “What To Do About Terrorism” (1996), available at <http://www.aynrand.org/medialink/pwniterrorism.shtml> and the web site, “America at War,” The Ayn Rand Institute (<http://www.aynrand.org/medialink/actofwar.html>). See also: [www.reasonvsterrorism.com](http://www.reasonvsterrorism.com).

<sup>8</sup> See Dr. Leonard Peikoff, “Fifty Years of Appeasement Have Led to Black Tuesday,” The Ayn Rand Institute, September 12, 2001 (available at <http://www.aynrand.org/medialink/blacktuesday.shtml>). He writes: “Terrorists exist only through the sanction and support of the governments behind them. Their lethal behavior is that of the regimes that make them possible. Their killings are not crimes, but acts of war. The only proper response to such acts is war in self-defense.”

branch and commander-in-chief. Today only Congress can declare war. It's been derelict not to have done so. So far we've only seen Congress praying on the steps of the Capital. It has passed a "resolution" allowing the military to use force, but that's not enough. *It must declare war now* – on secular grounds – and in the declaration *name the terrorist-sponsoring nations to be obliterated*. If Congressmen (or the President) aren't sure which ones these are, they can look it up on the U.S. State Department's own web site.<sup>9</sup>

- *Bomb – especially with nuclear weapons* – the government offices, military installations and terrorist havens of *every state that sponsors terrorism*. Declare *now* that they'll no longer be allowed to exist as states and will be wiped off the map. Use ground troops where necessary. But *the use of nuclear weapons is especially appropriate*, since the enemy will wage a largely guerilla-style effort that would risk U.S. troops.

- *Occupy* these territories and claim them as the rightful property of the "United States of Israel," to be headed by former Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu – who's been a firm anti-terrorist for decades.<sup>10</sup> Decide at some later date, when order is fully restored, whether these will become permanent states of Israel or of the U.S.

- *Do not re-institute the draft*. A voluntary fighting force is the best, most motivated one. The U.S. learned that in Vietnam. The Soviets learned that when they sent their slave troops to Afghanistan for a decade – and lost the war. Congress should raise the pay for the U.S. military if necessary.

- Inform North Korea, Cuba and China that if they make even *one* peep critical of the U.S., they too will be demolished. In time, the oppressed sub-

jects of these nations will change their government or kill their leaders, as happened in the "satellite" nations of the Soviet Union after it was dissolved.

- Immediately erect a statue, in Lafayette Park across from the White House, of *the first American soldier to fight back in World War III*. His name is Jeremy Glick of Hewitt, N.J., age 31. Evidence shows that Glick was on the hijacked flight from Newark that was bound for the White House, that he rallied four fellow male passengers and, after yelling "Let's roll," these heroes battled the terrorists, to prevent their commission of more murders.<sup>11</sup> The plane eventually crashed in a suburb of Pittsburgh. Unlike U.S. soldiers, *who are armed but have not yet been allowed to fight*, Glick and his compatriots, *unarmed*, fought *willingly* and *proudly*. Glick didn't "sacrifice" himself; he fought for *his* life and *his* liberty and in so doing, saved the lives of others on the ground. It's an insult to call such a soldier's brave action a "sacrifice."<sup>12</sup> Glick is a hero.

- The U.S. must *stop* issuing visas and allowing the immigration of *anyone* from terrorist-sponsoring states. *Stop* giving aid, directly and through the IMF and World Bank, to terrorist-nations. The U.S. Congress gave more than \$100 million to Afghanistan last year – and in total gives more than \$3 billion per year to these evil countries. Thus the U.S. officially *funds terrorism*. This must stop. Now.

- *Stop* adding insult to American injuries by *violating the civil liberties of innocents*.<sup>13</sup> Incarcerate and eradicate terrorists that are *well-known already* to be in the U.S., but *stop* restricting innocent Americans' freedom to travel on planes and trains, move in buildings, attend sporting events or trade their wealth on exchanges. *Stop* restricting their right to bear arms. Allow pilots to carry guns in the cockpit. *Stop* cur-

<sup>9</sup> See "Overview of State-Sponsored Terrorism." [www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/pgtrpt/2000/index.cfm?docid=2441](http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/pgtrpt/2000/index.cfm?docid=2441).

<sup>10</sup> Although not perfect, Netanyahu is one of the few Israeli leaders who understands what it will take to permanently exterminate terrorism. He was Israel's Prime Minister from 1996 to 1998. See his books, *International Terrorism: Challenge and Response* (1979) and *Fighting Terrorism: How Democracies Can Defeat Domestic and International Terrorism* (1995). For more on Netanyahu, see [www.theholocaust.org/jsourc/biography/netanyahu.html](http://www.theholocaust.org/jsourc/biography/netanyahu.html).

<sup>11</sup> For details, see Jody Wilgoren and Edward Wong, "On a Doomed Jet, Passengers Vowed to Perish Fighting," *The New York Times*, September 13, 2001, p. A1.

<sup>12</sup> As General George Patton once said (I paraphrase while omitting expletives): "No American soldier ever became a hero by dying for his country; he became one *by making the other guy die for his country*."

<sup>13</sup> For an account of the totalitarian schemes being proposed for New York City alone, see David Barstow, "Envisioning an Expensive Future in the Brave New World of Fortress New York," *The New York Sunday Times*, September 16, 2001, p. 16.

rent plans to censor the Internet or extend wire-tapping and video surveillance of *innocent* Americans, while *thousands* of *already identified terrorists* go untouched and unpunished.<sup>14</sup> Violations of civil liberties are *precisely what Muslim radicals want the U.S. to do*: to prepare Americans for being governed *the Muslim way*.

- *Stop* the policy of pressuring people to adopt a “bunker” mentality through civil defense schemes (like cowering in bomb shelters or under school desks), as was done from the 1950s through the 1970s, under the U.S. policy of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD).<sup>15</sup> That policy was, literally, mad. But today’s policy is much worse: It can best be described as SUICIDE: “Simple, Unilateral Im-molation Caused by Inability to Destroy Enemies.”

- The U.S. must *withdraw* from the U.N. and deport all officials from enemy nations. Let others build their “U.N.” somewhere else, if they wish. The U.S. got on better without it before and during World War II. At a *minimum*, the U.S. should demand that every state sponsor of terrorism be barred from U.N. membership. Close all U.S.-based embassies of terrorism-sponsoring states, seize documents and deport occupants. Do it *now*.

- Open all U.S. land (by privatization) to oil and energy development. Remove regulatory impediments to the commercial building and operation of nuclear power plants. Stop policies that *deliberately hold Americans hostage* to oil from Muslim countries – oil *stolen* from the American and Western companies that developed it in the first place (see page 12). The U.S. should demand that all assets in the Middle East that were formerly owned by Western

companies – including oil reserves and equipment and the Suez Canal – *be returned immediately*.

- *Rebuild* the World Trade Center. Sell the land and give the project to a developer like Donald Trump. Erect a single tower that’s ten stories higher than the previous ones, with greater square foot capacity, a tower whose top has the shape of a pentagon, upon which rotates a five story, gold-leafed dollar sign. If necessary, equip the tower with a nuclear warhead, aimed at any incoming weapons. *Do not turn the site into a mausoleum*, as was done in Oklahoma City, a memorial that *serves to commemorate the actions of terrorists*.

**The cause.** This wasn’t the *first* terrorist assault on America – but it was the most destructive and the most evil one. As we show in the appendix (pages 12-17), terrorist acts against Americans have multiplied and grown more brutal in recent decades, not only because the tribalists, savages and barbarians of the world have multiplied, but because American intellectuals – especially university professors, with their “multicultural” propaganda – have taught that such creatures represent a mere “alternative life-style” deserving of attention and respect.

The academics and intellectuals have also taught – and praised – the ideologies that motivate such savages: that secularism, reason, freedom, egoism, pride, capitalism and civilization not only aren’t superior virtues or systems but, on the contrary, are pure evils. One must humbly accept, understand, negotiate with and appease such savagery. And they’ve taught that those who oppose this view (i.e.; most Americans) deserve to be taxed or shackled or punished - or exterminated.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>14</sup> The injustice and impracticality of this approach is explained by Dr. Leonard Peikoff in a 1996 op-ed, “What to Do About Terrorism,” The Ayn Rand Institute, available at <http://www.aynrand.org/medialink/pwniterrorism.shtml>.

<sup>15</sup> The monstrous notion behind “MAD” – the *official* policy of the U.S. during the Cold War - was that the U.S. military should *purposely* expose citizens to nuclear attack from the Soviets, to be deterred only by the hope that the Soviets cared about its citizens (which it respects so much that it puts them in gulags) not receiving a retaliatory strike. President Reagan ended that policy with his introduction of SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative). Despite being technically feasible, SDI has been strongly opposed by the intellectual and media establishment and blocked or stalled by Democrats. More recently, they’ve opposed the President’s wish to unilaterally scrap the ABM Treaty – a leftover from the MAD era. There remain many “leaders” in the U.S. who *oppose its defense*.

<sup>16</sup> Just one small example of the evil perpetuated by the universities is the fact that for years a scholarship fund at Harvard has been provided by the brother of Osama bin Laden, the world’s leading Muslim terrorist. For a more comprehensive assessment of the anti-American teachings of the universities, see Dr. Leonard Peikoff, “Assault from the Ivory Tower: The Professors’ War Against America,” Chapter 19 in *The Voice of Reason: Essays in Objectivist Thought* (New York: New American Library, 1988). For more on the horrific doctrines of multiculturalism and of the entire array of anti-industrial, anti-Western dogma taught in America today, see the essay by Peter Schwartz, “Multicultural Nihilism,” in *Return of the Primitive: The Anti-Industrial Revolution* (New York: Penguin Putnam Inc., 1998) – and all other essays in that book.

America was founded after rational intellectuals wrote – and heroic patriots fought – to achieve independence from *the tyranny imposed by monarchy*. But that form of tyranny was nothing compared to the one it faces today. America fought a Civil War to eradicate *the tyranny of slavery*. But that form of tyranny was nothing compared to the one it faces today. America fought to eradicate *the tyranny of fascism*. But that form of tyranny was nothing compared to the one it faces today. America persisted in vanquishing *the tyranny of communism*. But that form of tyranny was nothing compared to the one it faces today.

**Tyranny of the nihilists.** The form of tyranny America faces today is worse, because it's the *tyranny of the nihilists* - not of those who want to take over or expropriate life, liberty and property – but of those who seek to *destroy* them.

The history of modern terrorism reveals three main perpetrators, each of whom share similar premises: *socialist fanatics*, *religious fanatics*<sup>17</sup> and *environmentalist fanatics*. These groups are all anti-reason, anti-science, anti-egoism, anti-money and anti-capitalist. As such, at various times, they have each been anti-American. Significantly, *the world has never known of a group of terrorists motivated by advocates of reason, atheism or capitalism*.<sup>18</sup> That's no coincidence.

Today the socialists are less influential than they used to be. But they've certainly inflicted on the civilized world their brutal dictators and armies, their murderous gas ovens and their gulags. And

they still exist.<sup>19</sup> But most of today's terrorists are motivated by *religion* and *environmentalism*.<sup>20</sup> Today's religious terrorists are primarily Muslims, but they aren't confined to that sect only. The Irish Republican Army, a group of well-funded terrorists inspired by Catholicism, has been murdering the more secular Protestants for decades.<sup>21</sup>

The “moderates” among the socialists, religionists and environmentalists differ from their radical counterparts only in that they don't *consistently* practice what their respective dogmas entail - and they don't engage in terrorism. That's because they retain some important elements of secularism, rationality, egoism and wealth-seeking – while participating in and supporting, to various degrees, systems of belief that declare these to be vices. But a *less* fanatical, *less* extreme or *less* radical form of evil is evil nonetheless. It's the moderates who give aid and comfort to the radicals, who tend most to appease them and to counsel “understanding.”

**Essence of Islamic religion and tactics.** This week's terror was launched by Muslim fanatics. Their dogmas and tactics should by now be known to all. They follow the Islamic religion, which asserts the existence of a god (“Allah”), who speaks through a prophet (Mohammad), as revealed in a sacred text (the Koran<sup>22</sup>), which identifies “infidels” (*non-Muslims*) who deserve to be murdered in a holy war (a “jihad”) conducted by holy warriors (the “mujihadin”).<sup>23</sup> The religion preaches self-abnegation, asceticism, self-sacrifice and violence against those who, especially in the West, practice a philosophy most opposite Islam. Islam has *nearly a*

<sup>17</sup> Some people might be confused to find “holy men” allying with brutish states. But religion and statism are not at odds; they are *complements*. See Ayn Rand, “Faith and Force: Destroyers of the Modern World,” in *Philosophy: Who Needs It?* (New York: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1982), pp. 70-92.

<sup>18</sup> The terrorist Soviet Union, though having an official policy of atheism, nevertheless followed the teaching of Marx. The citizens remained thoroughly religious and devoted to self-sacrifice. See, for example, Leon Tolstoy's *War and Peace* (1869). Soviet officials imposed atheism to squash competition from religion – and because Marx taught philosophic materialism. Lenin, Stalin etc. were to be *substitute* Gods. The only “God” under capitalism is the great, Almighty Dollar - the symbol of voluntary free trade.

<sup>19</sup> Obviously included in this group are communists and fascists – both of whom represent forms of socialism. Today's remaining socialist evils, Red China, North Korea and Cuba, operate concentration camps, execute dissidents and sponsor terrorism.

<sup>20</sup> The major eco-terrorists are Earth First! (<http://www.earthfirst.org/>), the Animal Liberation Front (<http://www.animalliberationfront.com/>) and the Wilderness Society ([http://tw.s.org/wild/facts/fact\\_15.htm](http://tw.s.org/wild/facts/fact_15.htm)). Each has a web-site and a long record of terrorist acts – against loggers, labs and businesses – but most members have yet to be convicted or incarcerated by U.S. law enforcement officials. Thus the U.S. government, like so many Middle East governments, *harbors terrorists*. Just as Muslim terrorist Osama bin Laden is no “lone gunman,” neither is the convicted eco-terrorist Theodore Kaczinski.

<sup>21</sup> Historically, of course, terror also has been imposed by Christians through such campaigns as the Crusades and the Inquisition.

<sup>22</sup> For an English translation of the Koran, see <http://etext.virginia.edu/koran.html>.

<sup>23</sup> In essentials, of course, this set-up mirrors those in every other religion: a supernatural being, a prophet and a sacred text.

*billion followers* worldwide and since the 1970s it's been the world's *fastest growing religion*.

Muslims seek a world like the Dark and Middle Ages: a world of grinding poverty, self-immolation, war and theocracy. They seek a world Thomas Hobbes once described as "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short." To attain that goal, given today's modern world, Muslims will have a lot more destruction to plan and do.

In recent days American media have repeated the half-truth that the Koran does not approve of Muslims killing *innocents*. That's true, in part. But the Koran teaches that *non-Muslims* are *infidels* – and therefore guilty, deserving of death. They – above all, Americans – *are not innocent* in the Koran and Islamic religion. The Muslim "commentators" being welcomed on all the American networks recently have claimed that no religion, including Islam, condones terrorist attacks. The world was told the same thing by sympathizers of past socialist tyranny and terrorism in Germany and the Soviet Union – that it wasn't "true" Marxism.<sup>24</sup>

The U.S. State Department has documented the make-up, members, whereabouts and terrorist actions of these gangs, what it calls "Foreign Terrorist Organizations" (FTOs). Its current count is 29. As mentioned, it also publishes a list of *seven states that sponsor terrorists*: Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Cuba, North Korea and Sudan<sup>25</sup> – most of which can launch nuclear-biological weapons against Israel and the U.S.

**Afghanistan, the Taliban and bin Laden.** The country most thoroughly engulfed in Islamic fundamentalism is Afghanistan, a primitive theocracy with no government, no legal system and no mili-

tary<sup>26</sup> – but with tribalist and guerilla Muslims obedient to clerics in the "Taliban." For years the Taliban has harbored the world's foremost Muslim terrorist, Osama bin Laden and his terrorist band, al Qaeda. Three countries officially recognize the Taliban as the legitimate leader of Afghanistan: Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.<sup>27</sup> Bin Laden and his state sponsors in the Middle East were directly responsible for this week's bombings and for numerous other acts of terrorism in recent decades.

The most comprehensive description and analysis of bin Laden, the Taliban and Islamic dogma has been provided by Yossef Bodansky, Director of the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare of the U.S. Congress. In 1999 Bodansky published a book that provides ample detail about the philosophy, motivation and tactics of bin Laden and his gang. But the book is just as useful for understanding the thousands of other gangs prepared to become the next media star should bin Laden perish. Bodansky also shows *the complicity of the U.S. and U.N. diplomatic establishment in bin Laden's power* – including its support of the state sponsors of terrorism.<sup>28</sup> Asked recently by a CNBC interviewer what bin Laden wants, Bodansky said:

He *does* want to have an economic relationship with the U.S. but he does not want to have our value system and civilization "contaminate" the Muslim world. The term he uses is the "Westoxicification" of the Muslim world.

Asked if the U.S. should expect more terror, Bodansky answered:

Probably. Because our economy is becoming more and more globalized and our dependence on electronic media and communication continue to grow. Satellite communication is everywhere. People even in the Muslim world

<sup>24</sup>Needless to say perhaps, but *fascism* and *communism* are not polar opposites, as is taught in today's universities; they are merely *variants of socialism*. Moreover, Nazi (short for National Socialist) Germany and the Soviet Union (the USSR, or the "Union of Soviet Socialist Republics") were *consistent*, political manifestations of the teachings of Marx and Nietzsche—and deeper, of philosopher Immanuel Kant.

<sup>25</sup> See the U.S. State Department's "Annual Terrorism Report (2000)," at <http://usinfo.state.gov/topical/pol/terror/01043050.htm>. This report provides abundant detail about the history, terrorist acts, leaders, whereabouts, and state sponsorship of 29 terrorist organizations.

<sup>26</sup> For more on Afghanistan and every other terrorist-sponsoring state, see the CIA's *World Fact Book (2000)*, available at <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook>.

<sup>27</sup> Despite this, the U.S. State Department does not include these evil countries on its list of terrorism-sponsoring states.

<sup>28</sup> Yossef Bodansky, *Bin Laden: The Man Who Declared War on America*. (Roseville, CA: Prima Publishing, 1999). The publisher's web site, in describing the book, says it includes "new information about bin Laden's pursuit of chemical and nuclear weapons, covert deals between the U.S. and Islamic terrorists, and American foreign policy blunders that have cost countless lives . . ." See <http://www.primalifestyles.com/books/book/2621/>.

require and depend on Western technology, from television to utensils. We are there; you cannot reverse history. The bin Ladens of the world will get more and more frustrated and they will take out their revenge on the West.

Asked who sponsors the terrorism, Bodansky answered:

Here we're talking about *the terrorism-sponsoring states that have already been implicated in helping bin Laden in past terrorist attacks*; I'm not referring to the current bombings: Syria, Iraq, Pakistan, Sudan and North Korea have been bin Laden's strongest supporters one way or another. It works fairly smoothly. (emphasis added)

Asked how to "stop" bin Laden, Bodansky answered:

It's not a question of just stopping *him*. It's a question of making terrorism unacceptable *as a phenomenon*. As for the terrorism-sponsoring states, *we must contain them and make sure they understand that they will lose or suffer greatly from sponsoring terrorism – and it doesn't matter whether they sponsor bin Laden or somebody else.* (emphasis added)

Bodansky is an astute observer of Islam and terrorism. But there is no justification, once knowing what Islam is and what destruction it's capable of – to merely "contain" it. It must be *eradicated* – just as *communism* should have been eradicated, not "contained" (as Truman and others believed).

In the appendix (pages 12-17) we recount the major acts of terrorism that have been committed against U.S. companies, the U.S. government and U.S. citizens over the past half-century - and the U.S. non-response. There is simply no space to include all the terrorist acts that have also been committed against Israel and the British by Muslim and Catholic terrorists. They've numbered in the *thousands* and have caused the death and injury of *many more thousands*.

**Pattern of terrorism - and appeasement.** While you read this chronology, notice the patterns that emerge:

- **It's been happening for some time; this is nothing new;**
- **The assaults have become more frequent and more destructive over time;**
- **Each new assault – since it's worse than prior ones – makes prior ones pale by comparison;<sup>29</sup>**
- **The assaults began as expropriations of America *property*; then of America *liberty*; and finally, of American *life*;<sup>30</sup>**
- **American policy toward terrorism has not been to *fight it and eradicate it* – but to *appease it*.<sup>31</sup>**

What we see is decades of successively more brazen and brutal takings of Americans' *property, liberty and life*. What is *left* for them to take or to destroy? Not only *more lives* – but the American *way of life*.

Notice that each new assault makes prior ones pale by comparison. At the time, the 1956 Suez Crisis and Nasser's nationalization of the canal was seen as *bad* – but not as bad as the *maniacal* nationalization of all Western oil assets thereafter – which didn't seem as *dastardly* as the Iranian taking of 50 U.S. hostages in 1979 – which didn't seem as *heinous* as the bombing of U.S. peace-keepers in Beirut – which didn't seem as *vicious* as the 1993 bombing of the World Trade center – which didn't seem as *horrific* as the bombing of the USS Cole – which didn't seem as *monstrous* as the obliteration of the World Trade Center and the attack on the Pentagon. Unless this is stopped, after the next assault there will literally be *no more words (or Americans?) left* to describe it.

And if nothing is done by America to retaliate soon

<sup>29</sup> Needless to say, that breeds complacency among those whose memory doesn't extend very well beyond, say, a few years.

<sup>30</sup> I am indebted to Dr. Leonard Peikoff for this identification. See Dr. Leonard Peikoff, "Fifty Years of Appeasement Have Led to Black Tuesday," The Ayn Rand Institute, September 12, 2001, available at <http://www.aynrand.org/medialink/blacktuesday.shtml>.

<sup>31</sup> It is well-known that appeasement of Hitler before World War II – whether by his German "opponents," by British diplomats, by the Russians or by the Vatican – only *emboldened* him and therefore made the war *possible*.

<sup>32</sup> "Countering the Changing Threat of International Terrorism, National Commission on Terrorism, August 2, 2000, page v (available at <http://w3.access.gpo.gov/nct/>).

and with sufficient force, the next attack will make the World Trade Center's disappearance seem equivalent to a hostage taking twenty years ago: a biological or nuclear assault on Washington, D.C. or New York City. That's not far-fetched. It's an inevitable sequence whenever appeasement both precedes and follows terrorism, thereby proliferating still more virulent forms of it. And it's *already* a "scenario" that was presented – by terrorism experts – to U.S. Congressmen *last year*:

A terrorist attack involving a biological agent, deadly chemicals or nuclear or radiological material, even if it succeeds only partially, could profoundly effect the entire nation. The government must do more to *prepare* for such an event. (emphasis added)<sup>32</sup>

Don't *prevent* it, the "experts" advise. Don't *annihilate* those who even suggest such assaults. *Prepare for them*. This is the policy of appeasement.

**Who's harboring?** The most damning aspect of terrorist attacks on America – including the latest ones – is that *top U.S. officials* (in recent years and currently) responsible for immigration, police, intelligence, military, diplomacy and transportation (at the INS, the FBI, the Secret Service, the CIA, the Pentagon, the State Department, the Department of Transportation and the FAA) had ample knowledge about who the terrorists were, where they resided and the states that sponsor them.<sup>33</sup> This dates *at least* as far back as the U.S. funding and training of the Afghan mujahidin in 1979 (in their fight against the Soviets), right on up to the *present* day. Yet these officials have done *little* to stop terrorism – and have, as a result, *encouraged* it.<sup>34</sup>

To his credit, President Bush has stressed that we're under attack *because* we're the land of freedom, that the attackers are barbaric and that war is

required. He has also stressed that the U.S. – for the first time ever – will work to eradicate not only terrorists and terrorist *bands*, but the nations that harbor terrorism. Secretary of Defense Don Rumsfeld has also been clear on that point. And his deputy, Paul Wolfowitz has said: "It's not simply a matter of capturing people and holding them accountable but removing the sanctuaries, removing the support systems *and ending states who sponsor terrorism*."<sup>35</sup> But yesterday, top U.S. officials disavowed Wolfowitz' statement; the goal is not to *end* such states, they said, but to end their *sponsorship* of terrorism. This is the policy of appeasement.

**Powell's appeasement.** And Secretary of State Colin Powell has taken some weasel-like, appeasing and disastrous steps. He has contacted terrorists such as Yasser Arafat and terrorist-sponsoring states such as Pakistan and Iran, seeking their "cooperation" and their permission to act in the region. Worse, asked at a press briefing what it means when officials speak of war, Powell answered: "War can be military actions *but it can also be economic actions; it can also be political actions; it can also be diplomatic actions*." He has also said financial and economic actions can be "just as effective as military actions." To believe "economic sanctions" alone will matter to an ascetic, Stone Age country that rides mules and lives in caves, is preposterous.

Asked to address rumors the U.S. is considering using tactical nuclear weapons, Powell said, derisively and dismissively: "I have no idea where you get such information; that is certainly out of the question." And asked about the U.S. attitude toward "collateral damage" to "innocent bystanders" in the event of a U.S. retaliatory strike, Powell said: "We always have to try to avoid collateral damage because we never want to kill innocent citizens in

<sup>33</sup> For just one example, see "FBI Documents Detail the Movements of 19 Men Believed to Be Hijackers," *The New York Times*, September 15, 2001, p. A3. The FBI had ample evidence on every one of these monsters.

<sup>34</sup> Diane Durante, "How America Abets Its Terrorist Foes," The Ayn Rand Institute, February 14, 2001, available at <http://www.aynrand.org/medialink/abettingfoes.shtml>. She warned that: "Appeasement is the essence of our foreign policy. We try to placate our overt enemies in the blind, range-of-the-moment hope that if we do not treat them as implacable enemies they will cease being such. This pragmatic approach is impractical. Only a firm commitment to the principle of self-defense can protect us. Those countries that support the use of force against us must become targets of military retaliation by us. If we fail to take principled action now, more American deaths are inevitable."

<sup>35</sup> Quoted in *The New York Times*, September 14, 2001, page A1.

our military actions.”

Here’s a man who defines *war* as including, among other things, some curtailment of *aid to the enemy*; a man who continues *negotiating with the enemy*, even as war has begun; a man who states openly what weapons the enemy should *not expect to see*; a man who cowers before the possibility that enemy civilians might take casualties, and who pledges to avoid that; a man who *thereby invites the enemy to use civilians as shields* for their masters (as Saddam Hussein has done) and guarantees either U.S. inaction – or a broken promise that undermines his credibility. Powell is flirting with disaster. It’s *precisely* the approach that invited the recent attacks – and *precisely* the kind that historically has assured that there will be *more* virulent terrorist activity and nations in America’s *future*.

U.S. credibility and integrity are *everything* at this point. Unlike the Gulf War, Mr. Bush today has the full support of Congress, of the U.N., of NATO and of U.S. allies. He also has the support of most Americans – and they are a resilient and patriotic army of millions. The U.S. is the world’s sole superpower; the Soviet Union is no longer. So the stakes are much higher. *The ultimate war act has to be more powerful and more enduring in its effects.*

**Appeasing the barbarians.** As it was in the Roman Empire before the Dark Ages, so it has been for the U.S. over the past half-century: the barbarians have been *outside* the gate, *at* the gate and *inside* the gate; now they have *destroyed* the gate leading into New York harbor and Wall Street. And U.S. policy has appeased the barbarians every bloody step of the way.

The only way such evil can persist is if good men do nothing. And the only way to explain *why* good men do nothing – the only discipline that can explain America’s tragic appeasement, is *philosophy*.

To the extent America has adopted the religious premises of its enemies (non-reason, altruistic self-

sacrifice, anti-wealth, resignation), precisely to that extent it’s been weakened, has been made to feel guilty, has been reluctant to vanquish the barbarians and has left itself wide open to their assaults. A nation operating on such premises finds it difficult to defend itself or to fight – since both are rationally selfish (and therefore virtuous) acts.<sup>36</sup>

In the 1960’s, commenting on a terrorist bombing, television journalist Eric Severeid spoke of the difficulty in fighting it, because of “the special strength of the shameless.” He meant, of course, that the terrorists were motivated by a strong belief and a strong pride in their ideals. But what of America’s ideals? Are we not taught today—as we were in the 1960’s—to be shameful of self, of ego, of individualism, of money-making, of capitalism, of pride? The fact is, America must be *shameless* in defending reason, egoism, individualism & capitalism. That is America’s only true source of special strength. It’s a strength based on reality and reason, not some afterlife and mysticism; the former can always vanquish the latter.

The patriots of the American Revolution fought – and won, against the world’s then-superpower. Why? Because they were *idealists* – and had the *right* ideals. They too had their religious ascetics and tyrants to repel, not only abroad, but at home (the Puritans). But they won. In 1988 Dr. Leonard Peikoff wrote as follows:

Point for point, the founding fathers’ argument for liberty was the exact counterpart of the Puritans argument for dictatorship. It was an argument for man’s inalienable rights. It was the argument that reason demands freedom. . . . There are many good people in the world who accept religion, and many of them hold some good ideas on social questions. But their religion is not the solution to our problem; it *is* the problem. . . . It is time to tell people the unvarnished truth: to stand up for man’s mind and this earth, and against any version of mysticism or religion. It is time to tell people: ‘You must choose between unreason and America. You cannot have both. Take your pick.’ If there is to be any chance for the future, this is the only chance there is.<sup>37</sup>

<sup>36</sup> For more on why altruism – the ethic of “other-ism” or self-sacrifice – makes one appease his enemies, see Ayn Rand, “Altruism as Appeasement,” in *The Voice of Reason: Essays in Objectivist Thought* (New American Library, 1988), pp. 32-40.

<sup>37</sup> See Dr. Leonard Peikoff, “Religion vs. America,” Chapter 9 in Ayn Rand, *The Voice of Reason: Essays in Objectivist Thought* (New American Library, 1988).

### Appendix: Chronology of Expropriation and Terrorism

**1950:** The Saudi Arabian government begins to abrogate previously agreed-upon oil development contracts and leases with U.S., British and French oil companies. *Those companies had discovered, developed and produced virtually every drop of oil in the Middle East.* The companies opposed this unilateral breaking of contracts, but in December were pressured by the U.S. State Department (when Truman was President) into surrendering nearly half of their private property in the region - as well as surrendering most of their rightful claims to future oil output.<sup>39</sup> This was the first de facto nationalization of Western oil assets.

**1956:** In July Egypt's president, Nasser nationalizes the Suez Canal Co., which had been owned, built and operated by Western companies. Egypt then prevents Israeli and Western oil companies from shipping their oil through the canal that *they built*. President Eisenhower does nothing in response.

**1965-1975:** A Chicago-based terrorist group calling themselves the "Weatherman" (of the Weather Underground Organization) – consisting primarily of university students and leftist radicals devoted to Marxist-Leninism - explode hundreds of bombs and promote the burning of numerous U.S. cities. The U.S. tries and convicts some of them, but none get the death penalty and all are eventually paroled and released. Today, two of them are *tenured university professors* in the U.S.<sup>40</sup>

**1968:** In June Muslim terrorist Sirhan Bishara Sirhan assassinates U.S. Senator and presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy at a California hotel. The next day, a leading Arab activist, Dr. Mohammad T. Mehdi, says Sirhan opposed Kennedy's promise to have the U.S. sell bomber planes to Israel. A May 18<sup>th</sup> diary entry has Sirhan repeatedly writing that "RFK Must Die!"

**1970-1971:** OPEC imposes a 55% tax on the profits of foreign oil companies and threatens an embargo against any firm that balks.<sup>41</sup> Tax rates are raised repeatedly in the years thereafter. The U.S. government endorses the new tax burden as an alleged means of retaining a presence in the region. In July Venezuela begins nationalizing foreign oil assets (completed in 1976) and later joins OPEC. The U.S. government does nothing. In December Libya nationalizes all concessions and other oil assets owned by British oil firms. The British government does nothing.

**1972:** In June Iraq nationalizes all assets in the country owned by British Petroleum, Royal Dutch Shell, Compagnie Francaise des Petroles, Mobil Oil and Standard Oil of New Jersey. The governments of Britain, France and the U.S. do nothing. In October OPEC nationalizes 25% of all remaining Western oil assets in Kuwait, Qatar, Abu Dhabi and Saudi Arabia. The stolen concessions were valued at over \$1 billion in 1972 dollars (\$4.3 billion in today's dollars). The U.S. government does nothing to block or rectify the theft, citing an inability to do so under so-called "international law."

**1972:** In July, at the Olympic Village in Munich, Muslim terrorists take eleven Israeli wrestlers hostage and days later murder all of them. Israel later conducts a few bombing raids; the U.S. does nothing.

**1973:** In January the Shah of Iran nationalizes the oil assets of U.S., British and French oil companies which had first been developed in 1954 and established with contracts to expire in 1979. During the sum-

<sup>39</sup> For more detail on this steady, de facto nationalization of Western oil assets by Arab governments, see Daniel Yergin, *The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money and Power* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1991), especially Chapter 22, "Fifty-Fifty: The New Deal in Oil."

<sup>40</sup> For more on the Weatherman, see <http://foia.fbi.gov/weather.htm>.

<sup>41</sup> For a chronology of this and other oil-related events from 1970 to 2000, see [www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/chron.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/chron.html).

mer Libya and Nigeria nationalize Western oil assets. In October Iraq nationalizes the remaining local assets held by Exxon and Mobil. In the same month Arab nations invade Israel; later in the month OPEC shuts off all of its oil exports to the West, in retaliation for U.S. support of Israel. Having already stolen Western oil assets, Arab nations then seek to starve the West of its own oil.

**1974:** In October Saudi Arabia raises tax rates to 85% on the dwindling assets and profits that are still controlled locally by Western oil producers.

**1975:** The IMF and World Bank, funded primarily by U.S. taxpayers, begin granting loans and aid to poor countries, so they can pay for oil exported by OPEC (now triple its price of three years earlier).

**1976:** President Ford signs an executive order making it illegal for U.S. military or intelligence officials to assassinate foreign leaders, even those seeking to harm the U.S. or expropriate U.S. business assets. No U.S. president since has rescinded this order.

**1976:** In July Palestinian terrorists seize 105 Israelis as hostages and fly them to Entebbe airport in Uganda, Africa. The terrorists are aided by Ugandan dictator Idi Amin. An Israeli force of 500 men travel to Entebbe, rescue the hostages, destroy the entire fleet of fighter planes in the Ugandan Air Force and kill every Ugandan soldier in sight. The U.N. and the U.S. condemn Israel's response as excessive and as a violation of Ugandan sovereignty. But according to one account, "For a country which had resigned itself to Amin ruling as long as he wished, July 4, 1976, shattered his aura of invincibility. The rescue emboldened Amin's opponents, and sabotages increased. Nothing Amin did after that could rebuild his grip on the country."<sup>42</sup> By 1979 Amin is ousted by his own subjects.

**1977:** President Carter gets Israel and Egypt to sign the "Camp David Peace Accords." It is the beginning of a multi-year process whereby U.S. officials repeatedly pressure Israel to sacrifice its land and security in return for "peace" (i.e., not being murdered by Palestinians). Later Egypt's leader, Anwar Sadat, is assassinated by Muslim radicals in his own army who seek to destroy Israel and the U.S.

**1979:** In January, Iran's Shah is deposed and replaced with an Islamic theocracy headed by dictator Ayatollah Komeini. U.S. refuses to support the Shah, though he'd been an ally of the U.S. since the 1950s. In early November Muslim terrorists supported by the government take over the local U.S. embassy and hold more than 50 Americans hostage for the next 14 months. President Carter orders a cessation of Iranian oil exports to the U.S. and seizes some Iranian bank accounts. He tries to use the money to bribe the hostage takers. The U.S. takes no military action, other than sending in a few helicopters, which crash in the desert. The hostages are released on the day Ronald Reagan is inaugurated in January 1981; but Reagan does nothing to retaliate militarily for the hostage-taking. In December Libyan terrorists burn down the local U.S. embassy.

**1979-1989:** From the time of the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 to its departure in 1989, the U.S. government spends more than \$3 billion to fund, train and provide armaments to Muslim guerilla-terrorists (the "mujahidin") to fight the "godless" communists. One of the guerilla-terrorists is Osama bin Laden, who over the years would become a central figure promoting Muslim terrorism. Presidents Carter, Reagan and Bush essentially abet those intent on murdering Americans.

**1983:** In April a suicide bomber hits the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, murdering 63. The U.S. does nothing. In October, a U.S. military barracks in Beirut, established to "preserve peace" between Israelis and Arabs, is

<sup>42</sup> For an account of the "Raid on Entebbe" and its aftermath, see <http://www.africanews.com/obbo/article95.html>.

bombed by Hizbollah, a Muslim terrorist group, killing 241 U.S. marines who held *weapons devoid of ammunition*. The Reagan administration does nothing militarily to avenge the act; it continues to promote the Mideast “peace process,” again pressuring Israel to concede to the demands of PLO terrorists.

**1984:** Terrorists supported by the government of Grenada take Americans hostage at a local medical school. President Reagan sends in the U.S. marines and retrieves them. Grenada's government is left unpunished – and standing. The American media criticizes Mr. Reagan's actions as “excessive.”

**1985-1986:** In 1985 Iran takes U.S. hostages once again. The Reagan Administration takes no military action but later in 1986 is exposed as having sent armaments to Iran to help in its war against Iraq, in return for a release of hostages. The “arms for hostages” deal irreparably weakens Reagan's credibility.

**1986:** In April terrorists linked to the Libyan government bomb a discotheque in Berlin, killing, among others, two U.S. servicemen and wounding more than 200. President Reagan has the U.S. Air Force conduct superficial air strikes near the compound of Libyan dictator Muammar al-Quadaffy, but otherwise leaves him whole and fully in power. Two years later (see below) terrorists sponsored by Libya blow Pan Am 103 out of the sky, murdering 270. The trial in Germany for the discotheque bombing doesn't begin until November 1997 – eleven years later after the fact – and is ongoing still today.

**1987:** In November terrorists sponsored by North Korea blow up a South Korean airline jet flying off the coast of Burma. Neither the South Koreans nor their ally - the U.S. - do anything about it.

**1988:** Attempting to extend censorship internationally, Iran's Ayatollah Komeini issues a “fatwah” (death warrant) on British writer Salman Rushdie, for writing an (allegedly) anti-Islamic novel. The reward is \$2.8 million and to this day has not been rescinded by Iran. The book's publisher is a U.S. company. Book publishers decry the act, but the Bush administration does nothing. Later in the year two Libyan terrorists blow up Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people. Neither the U.K. nor the U.S. take any military action. Not until 2001 is one of the terrorists (with ties to the Libyan government, as proven in court) convicted and jailed - but by the so-called “international court” in the Hague. The other is set free. The U.S. takes no military action against Libya.

**1989:** In June the Chinese military massacres thousands of innocent students and civilians gathering in Tiennaman Square. The students had erected a makeshift State of Liberty and conducted public readings of the Declaration of Independence. The U.S. continues to recognize China as a civilized nation and accedes to China's warnings not to interfere with its “internal affairs.” In the late 1990s the U.S. learns that Chinese spies working within the U.S. military and intelligence establishment stole U.S. nuclear secrets. Some culprits are arrested but the U.S. doesn't alter its official relationship with China. On the contrary, it mounts a campaign to accept China into the World Trade Organization.

**1990-91:** In August 1990 Iraq - led by long-term terrorist sponsor Saddam Hussein - invades Kuwait. President Bush says the invasion “will not stand” but spends the next six months assembling a “coalition” of international support, including from the U.N. – of which Iraq and other terrorist states are members. The U.S. Congress debates U.S. involvement and many members oppose it. Meanwhile Iraq's scud missiles fall on Israel – a U.S. ally. Not until January 1991 does Bush issue an ultimatum and a military contingent is deployed, driving the Iraqis out of Kuwait. According to General Norman Schwartzkopf the U.S. has the ability to bomb Baghdad and kill Saddam Hussein and he offers to do that, but President Bush, in consultation with Dick Cheney (Secretary of Defense) and Colin Powell (Commander of the Joint Chiefs)

oppose it on the grounds that neither a U.N. Security Council resolution nor Congressional resolutions permit it. Although this is called “the Gulf War,” there is no “war” per se; the U.S. simply “pushes” the Iraqis out of Kuwait and back over their border. Some U.S. rockets strike Iraqi installations, but enemy casualties are minor. Iraq and its leaders are left intact and subject to economic sanctions. In subsequent years Iraq – which has the capacity to build and launch nuclear and biological weapons - repeatedly blocks U.N.-approved inspections of its various facilities.<sup>43</sup> The U.S. does nothing about it.

**1993:** In February six people are murdered and over 1,000 maimed when Muslim terrorists linked to bin Laden detonate a truck bomb in the parking garage under New York's World Trade Center. It leaves a crater six stories deep. One direct perpetrator, Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, is convicted and jailed - in 2000. During his extradition from Pakistan in 1995 *he tells an FBI agent that Muslims despise America and that his goal was to bring the towers down completely*, but that he lacked sufficient funding and support to do so. He quotes bin Laden as saying “I want those things to come down.” Later in the year intelligence foils an Iraqi-Muslim plot to assassinate President Bush during his visit to Kuwait.

**1993:** In October followers of bin Laden launch rockets that shoot down U.S. helicopters in Mogadishu, Somalia, killing 18 servicemen. The U.S. does nothing. According to bin Laden, “With Allah's grace, Muslims over there, cooperated with some Arab mujahideen who were in Afghanistan. They participated with their brothers in Somalia against the American occupation troops and killed large numbers of them. The American administration was aware of that.”<sup>44</sup>

**1995:** In March terrorists from the religious cult Aum Shinrikyo release sarin - a deadly nerve gas – into the Tokyo subway system. Culprits are later apprehended and convicted. Some commit suicide. In April Christian fundamentalist Timothy McVey blows up a government office building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Not until 2001 is he convicted and subjected to the death penalty. Instead of rebuilding, the locals create a graveyard and erect a museum, forever commemorating McVey's act.

**1995:** In November followers of bin Laden bomb part of a U.S. military base in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, killing six Americans. The U.S. government does nothing.

**1996:** Muslim terrorists bomb the Khobar Towers apartment building in Saudi Arabia, killing 19 U.S. Air Force servicemen. The U.S. government promises “justice” but effectively does nothing. Later in the year the U.S. Congress and President Clinton enact the “Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996,” which requires the State Department to track and publish all available information on the extent, whereabouts, background and funding of “Foreign Terrorist Organizations” (“FTOs”) and the states that finance and harbor them.<sup>45</sup> The Act makes it unlawful to fund or support FTOs and empowers U.S. immigration officials to block access of FTO members into the U.S. By 2000 the State Department has a list of seven countries that sponsor terrorism (five of which have the capability of deploying nuclear and biological weapons): Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Cuba, North Korea and Sudan.<sup>46</sup> But the U.S. government does nothing militarily to these sponsors; indeed, it continues to *fund* them, using U.S. taxpayer money.

<sup>43</sup> For abundant evidence on why Saddam Hussein and Iraq remain a threat to the U.S. – and their role in the World Trade Center bombing of 1993, see Laurie Mylroie, *Study of Revenge: Saddam Hussein's Unfinished War Against America* (American Enterprise Institute, 2000), a summary of which is available at <http://www.aci.org/shop1/shops/1/s-v.htm#0282>.

<sup>44</sup> Quoted in a March 1997 interview with CNN. See <http://www.flinet.com/~politics/jihad/jihad.htm>. For an interview of Mylroie, see <http://www.aci.org/shop1/shops/1/4127-2qas.htm>.

<sup>45</sup> As cited above, see <http://usinfo.state.gov/topical/pol/terror/01043050.htm>.

<sup>46</sup> See “Overview of State-Sponsored Terrorism,” Office of the Coordinator of Counter-terrorism,” U.S. Department of State, April 2001, available at <http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/pgtrpt/2000/index.cfm?docid=2441>.

**1996:** As Taiwan prepares for local elections, China launches missiles over the Straits of Taiwan, in order to intimidate those who might vote for a candidate favoring permanent independence. The U.S. does nothing, even though it has a specific treaty to defend Taiwan.

**1997:** In March CNN's Peter Arnett interviews bin Laden, the world's leading promoter of terrorism, the one the U.S. government says it can't seem to locate, but CNN can.<sup>47</sup> Bin Laden says: "We declared jihad against the US government, because the US government is unjust, criminal and tyrannical. It has committed acts that are extremely unjust, hideous and criminal whether directly or through its support of Israel." Asked why he was exiled from Saudi Arabia and went to Afghanistan, bin Laden says: "I was, by the grace of God, Praise and Glory be to Him, in the great spot that is dear to God, Praise and Glory be to Him, al-hijaz, especially Venerable Mecca, where is God's Ancient House. However, the Saudi regime imposed on the people a life that does not appeal to the free believer. They wanted the people to eat and drink and celebrate the praise of God, but if the people wanted to encourage what is right and forbid what is wrong, they can't. . . . We are fulfilling a duty which God, Praise and Glory be to Him, decreed for us. We look upon those heroes, those men who undertook to kill the American occupiers in Riyadh and Khobar (Dhahran), as heroes." Asked if he'd ever faced arrest or assassination attempts, bin Laden said: "There were several attempts to arrest me or to assassinate me. This has been going on for more than seven years. With Allah's grace, none of these attempts succeeded. This is a proof in itself to Muslims and to the world that *the U.S. is incapable and weaker than the picture it wants to draw in people's mind. A believer must rest assured that life is only in the hands of Allah, and sustenance is also in the hands of Allah, the Almighty. As for fearing for one's life, it is difficult to explain to you how we think of ourselves, unless you have full belief. We believe that no one could take out one breath of our written life as ordained by Allah. We see that getting killed in the cause of Allah is a great honor achieved by only those who are the elite of the nation. We love this kind of death for Allah's cause as much as you like to live. We have nothing to fear for. It is something we wish for.*" Asked about his future plans, bin Laden says: "You'll see them and hear about them in the media, God willing." (emphasis added) CNN did.

**1997:** Authorities finally arrest the environmentalist-radical "Unibomber" (later identified as Theodore Kaczinski), who had murdered three businessmen and lab scientists with letter bombs and maimed 39 others in the prior 18 years before he was stopped. *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* eagerly publish his 30,000 word "manifesto" against science, technology and capitalism.<sup>48</sup> Kaczinski is convicted and jailed in 1999. The Kaczinski murders are only part of a growing number of terrorist acts engaged in by environmentalists (such as "Earth First!") in the 1990s. The U.S. enacts no program to infiltrate the scores of environmentalist groups that promote and engage in terrorism.

**1997-2000:** Muslim armies and terrorists in the Russian territory of Chechnya launch repeated, murderous assaults on Russians, killing and maiming thousands. Russia fights back but is criticized by the U.S. and the U.N. for doing so.<sup>49</sup>

**1998:** In June John Miller of ABC News conducts an "exclusive interview" with bin Laden, the world's

<sup>47</sup> See <http://www.flinet.com/~politics/jihad/jihad.htm>.

<sup>48</sup> Kaczinski was "educated" at Harvard and once taught at Berkeley. Part of his "manifesto" states: "We advocate a revolution against the industrial system. This revolution may or may not make use of violence . . . We outline in a very general way the measures that those who hate the industrial system should take in order to prepare the way for a revolution against that form of society. This is not to be a POLITICAL revolution. Its object will be to overthrow not governments but the economic and technological basis of the present society." For the full text, see <http://www.soci.niu.edu/~critcrim/uni/uni.txt>. In contrast to the Muslims radicals, who want humans to sacrifice themselves for the benefit of "Allah" and seek the extermination of non-Muslims (the "infidels"), the environmentalist radicals want humans to sacrifice themselves for the benefit of insects and dirt (or "bio-diversity") and seek the extermination of human beings as such. Both hate and terrorize those who are most reality-oriented and egoistic: scientists, businessmen and Americans. University professors applaud Kaczinski.

<sup>49</sup> For a full account of how Chechnya has become an Islamic base for a jihad against Russia, see the essay of Yossef Bodansky, "Chechnya: The Mujihadin Factor," available at [http://www.freeman.org/m\\_online/bodansky/chechnya.htm](http://www.freeman.org/m_online/bodansky/chechnya.htm).

leading promoter of terrorism, the one the U.S. government says it can't seem to locate, but ABC can. The interview's title: "His Vow: To Kill Americans." According to bin Laden, "*We don't differentiate between those dressed in military uniforms and civilians. They are all targets of this fatwa.*" Miller concludes his report by saying the U.S. has done little to repel bin Laden and his followers and says "In the meantime, the U.S. is bracing for whatever bin Laden may have planned."<sup>50</sup> The U.S. not only fails to act - it fails even to "brace" itself.

**1998:** In August U.S. embassies in the African states of Kenya and Tanzania are car-bombed, killing 301 and injuring over 5,000. In November Osama bin Laden and his deputy, Muhammad Atef are indicted in a Manhattan Federal Court and convicted of "conspiring to kill Americans outside the U.S." The State Department offers a \$5 million reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of each, as if it's a domestic law enforcement issue. In June 1999 bin Laden appears on the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." Two weeks later, amidst his impeachment controversy, President Clinton has the military launch a few Tomahawk missiles into Sudan and near bin Laden's camp in Afghanistan when he isn't there. The owner of an Afghan drug factory suffering collateral harm sues the U.S. for damages - in a U.S. court. In the words of Clinton: "Our mission was clear. To strike at the network of radical groups affiliated with and funded by Osama bin Laden, perhaps the preeminent organizer and financier of international terrorism in the world today." There is no subsequent explanation for the failure of the "mission."

**1999:** In Seattle in April anarchist and environmentalist terrorists sabotage the meeting of the World Trade Organization, burning, looting and destroying property and injuring hundreds. They dance and chant around fires about the alleged evil of America, economic globalization and capitalism. Hundreds of perpetrators are jailed briefly, but then released without charges. Later, Seattle's police chief is fired. The terrorists proceed to inflict harm at every other "globalization" summit around the world.

**1999:** At Camp David in July President Clinton hosts yet another Mideast "peace summit," between Israel and Yasser Arafat – the Muslim terrorist leader of the PLO, a group who's main goal is to destroy Israel. This is Arafat's eighteenth visit to Camp David or the White House, more than any other foreign leader. He is allowed to carry his loaded gun during such visits. On New Year's Eve Muslim terrorists are stopped at the U.S.-Canadian border and the Los Angeles Airport; evidence reveals they had intended to detonate bombs at crowded Millennium celebrations.

**1999:** In November the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan is the target of a rocket attack. It is foiled.

**2000:** In February, dissatisfied with the appeasing testimony of U.S. Secretary of State Madeline Albright, Congressman Henry Wexler (D-FLA) writes her a public letter titled "Pakistan Must Immediately End its Support for Terrorist Organizations." This comes in the wake of evidence that links Pakistani terrorist organizations to a recent hijacking of an Indian airliner and a recent military coup in Pakistan which removed its democratically elected government. The coup put general Musharaff in charge – a Muslim who proceeds to support terrorists and Afghanistan's Taliban.<sup>51</sup> Today the U.S. is *allying* with Musharaff.

**2000:** In April Cuban dictator Fidel Castro demands the return of Elian Gonzalez, a six year old Cuban who had left Cuba with his mother, who died en route, trying to escape to Miami. After a stand-off, President Clinton, the U.S. State Department and U.S. Justice Department cave in to Castro's demands and the U.S. military removes Elian at gun point and sends him back to Cuba to become a slave. Thousands cheer in the streets of Havana. Later, former Attorney General Janet Reno says she'll run for governor of Florida.

<sup>50</sup> The June 1998 interview was published by ABC News on August 20, 1998. See John Miller, "His Vow: To Kill Americans," available at <http://abcnews.go.com/sections/world/DailyNews/terrormain980610.html>.

<sup>51</sup> See the letter, at <http://www.indiatogether.org/us/statements/wexler/wexler3.html>.

**2000:** In October terrorists use a small boat to detonate a bomb near the U.S. destroyer, the USS Cole, in the port of Yemen, murdering 17 U.S. servicemen and maiming 39 others. Later the Yemeni government says it knows the act was perpetrated by followers of bin Laden, but refuses their extradition to the U.S. At the memorial service President Clinton declares that “justice will prevail.” To date the U.S. has done nothing to avenge the atrocity.

**2000:** On October 28<sup>th</sup> Imam Muzammil H. Siddiqi, a Muslim cleric, leads a protest of more than 2,000 followers in front of the White House, shouting “death to Jews, death to America.” On September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001, the “National Day of Prayer” designated by President Bush, the same Muslim cleric is invited to join clerics from other religions to address a congregation of America political leaders at the National Cathedral in Washington, with President *Bush listening intently in the front row.*

**2001:** In February China shoots down a non-threatening U.S. Air Force jet and holds the crew hostage for four days, demanding an “apology” from President Bush. He does so and the crew – but not the plane - is released.

**2001:** On September 11 nearly two dozen Muslim terrorists hijack four commercial planes at Eastern airports - bound for the West coast and therefore fully-load with jet fuel - and deliberately crash two of them into the World Trade Center towers as business opens, murdering at least 5,000 people and injuring hundreds more. Another is crashed into the Pentagon, murdering more than 150 military personnel. Another 266 plane passengers die, some after being tortured. A fourth plane crashes outside of Pittsburgh with evidence that the terrorists’ intended target was the White House or Camp David. In subsequent days evidence shows that the terrorists are apostles of bin Laden and have been trained and financed by Muslim countries which the U.S. had *already* identified as sponsors of terrorism. Investigations also reveal another hijack attempt that was foiled due to a flight cancellation at JFK in New York. The hijackers obtained their flight training at FAA-approved schools in Florida. Three days before the attack one of the Boston plane hijackers, dressed as a pilot, is given *a guided tour of the air traffic control tower in Boston.* Leaders of the Taliban theocracy in Afghanistan warn U.S. officials that if they strike Afghanistan the Taliban will instruct Muslims worldwide to seek revenge. U.S. officials scramble - not jets - but to ally with terrorist-sponsoring states like Pakistan & Iran. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz speaks of “ending the states” that sponsor terrorism. A New York Times editorial denounces that suggestion. A day later, U.S. officials disavow the Wolfowitz statement. And today President bush visited a Muslim mosque, saying “Islam preaches peace” and that Muslims “love America as much as we do.”

The appeasement, so far, goes on.