

# 9/11 Synthetic Terror: Made in USA – 2nd Edition Updates, Jan. 2006

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## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

“Why the thermonuclear mushroom cloud on the cover?” That question has come from a number of readers of this book, who probably expected to find the more usual photographs of the World Trade Center tragedy, or the explosions at the Pentagon which are seen on the covers of other 9/11 books. The mushroom cloud is there to signal that this book is concerned not only with what did happen on 9/11, but with also with larger tragedies which came close to happening, but which ultimately did not occur. Among these was the threat of thermonuclear escalation among the great powers. Important material which has come to light during 2005, after the first edition of this book was published, provides decisive support for this avenue of inquiry, and to this new material we will turn presently.

But first, a note on methodology. This book argues the rogue network MIHOP (“made it happen on purpose”) position. That is to say, it represents the analytical point of view which sees the events of September 11, 2001 as a deliberate provocation manufactured by an outlaw network of high officials infesting the military and security apparatus of the United States and Great Britain, a network ultimately dominated by Wall Street and City of London financiers. It is our contention that any other approach not only misrepresents what actually happened in the terror attacks, but also must tend to leave the public naïve and helpless when it comes to identifying the present and future threat of state-sponsored, false flag synthetic terrorism, and therefore preventing repeat performances of 9/11, including on a far larger scale.

What are the alternatives to MIHOP? There is of course the official version as codified in the Kean-Hamilton commission report of July 2004, notoriously a tissue of lies. A demagogic variation on this is the “official version and it serves you right” or “blowback” position, which accepts all the crucial elements of the official version – Bin Laden, Atta and the rest of the 19 hijackers, al Qaeda, the US intelligence failure, and so forth. But here the official version is

endorsed with its moral signs inverted: the catastrophe of 9/11 is seen as just retribution by the victims of imperialism for the chronic crimes of the system. This is the thesis which, in understated form, underlies the approach of Noam Chomsky and Gore Vidal, as the first edition made clear. “Blowback” is dear to the hearts of a whole series of left gatekeepers, to the extent that they are willing to say anything at all about 9/11. This view has been embraced in the most grotesque form by the veteran *agent provocateur* Ward Churchill of the University of Colorado.

Churchill learned demolitions during his career in the Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols in Vietnam, and upon his return from the war became associated with the terrorist Weatherman faction, the group of police agents who systematically destroyed Students for a Democratic Society, the largest leftist membership organization in the US in the twentieth century. “Churchill briefly taught the Weathermen and Weatherwomen how to make bombs and how to fire weapons,” we read in the *Denver Post* of January 18, 1987 (<http://www.khow.com/img/churchill-scan.html>) Some of these Weathermen perished when they blew up a townhouse in Manhattan; they had not been well taught.

During the first few months of 2005, the Fox News *O'Reilly Factor* attempted to promote Churchill to the status of chief spokesman for the 9/11 truth movement by paying obsessive attention to his demagogic claims that the office workers who perished on 9/11 were war criminals in the service of imperialism. With this, the 9/11 truth movement was demonized in the eyes of millions. More important for our purposes here, Churchill also ranted that anyone who rejected the attribution of the crimes of 9/11 to Atta, Bin Laden, and al Qaeda was a racist who was really arguing that Arabs were genetically inferior and thus incapable of carrying out this complex and spectacular attack. Churchill is thus the leading contender for the Arlen Specter Award for the most imaginative defense of the official version so far recorded. Academics, in particular, seemed unable to see him for what he was. His posturing, which was given lavish attention by the corporate media, did more than anything else to discredit and disorient the 9/11 truth movement, precisely at a time when an advertising campaign by the political philanthropist Jimmy Walter was actually beginning to educate the public about how it had been hoodwinked.

Other commentators tentatively accept the 9/11 commission report, but hasten to add that they have unanswered questions. “Official version with unanswered questions” is the most nondescript of views, and it has not stood the test of time. Unanswered questions were a mark of courage in October 2001, and were still a healthy symptom in 2002. By 2004 this position had been rendered obsolete and untenable by the progress of research, and by 2005 it had come to embody a basic refusal to understand, whether out of fear or prejudice. But the “unanswered questions” gambit remained popular, perhaps because it was quite compatible with the continued receipt of foundation funding. On Judgment Day, when Gabriel blows his horn and the dead rise from their sepulchers, this contingent will still be parading their unanswered questions as an alibi for their political impotence and paralysis.

“Let it happen on purpose” (LIHOP) is a better analysis, although ultimately an inadequate one. LIHOP assumes that Bin Laden, al Qaeda, Atta, and company actually have at least a semi-independent existence and possess the will and the physical-technical capability to strike the United States in the ways seen on 9/11. But LIHOP also posits that the al Qaeda attack could not have been successful without the active cooperation of elements of the Pentagon and Bush administration who deliberately sabotaged US air defenses so as to allow the suicide pilots to reach their targets at the World Trade Center and Pentagon. The LIHOP view of things has been vociferously and voluminously defended by Mike Ruppert, whose book features the constant

refrain borrowed from Delmart “Mike” Vreeland, “Let one happen. Stop the rest!” Nafeez Ahmed’s first book also verged on LIHOP.

LIHOP is increasingly at war with masses of evidence. A more outré version of LIHOP admits that Atta and his cohorts were working for the CIA, but only as gun-runners and drug-runners, not terrorists. At a certain point, this view alleges, the drug-runners decided to revolt against their arrogant CIA masters by blowing up the World Trade Center and the Pentagon! But even this recondite scheme cannot address the absence of air defense for one hour and forty-five minutes, nor the controlled demolition which overtook the two trade towers.

In 2002 and 2003, LIHOP represented progress beyond the unanswered questions way station. But here too, as more new material has come to light, LIHOP has also become untenable, as I will try to show below. A Zogby poll commissioned by Jimmy Walter in August 2004 showed that almost 50% of New Yorkers believed that US officials knew in advance that 9/11 was going to happen – a reasonable approximation of LIHOP. The statement by MI-5 whistleblower David Shayler to a London gathering in early June 2005 – “I was LIHOP; I am MIHOP,” – is therefore coherent with the increasingly successful quest for truth. Today the LIHOP position is increasingly unstable. Some devotees of LIHOP have a curious habit of reverting to a very tepid unanswered questions posture as soon as a microphone or television camera approaches.

David Ray Griffin’s *New Pearl Harbor* exemplified what might be called Bush-Cheney MIHOP, although this must be qualified by Griffin’s repeated caveat that he was not advancing an overall explanation for what happened on 9/11. The emphasis on Bush-Cheney as the possible masterminds of 9/11 is problematic, since the rogue network has demonstrably been around since the blowing up of the *USS Maine* more than a century ago – long before Bush and Cheney. In addition, we must ask if serious plotters would ever dream of assigning an important role to a moron, or to a man who has had multiple heart attacks, who has had a pacemaker installed and who is living on borrowed time. These objections apply to all allegations that assign Cheney an absolutely central role, including those of Mike Ruppert. The invisible government, in fact, will not necessarily be defeated if its puppets of the moment – Bush, Cheney, and company – are ousted. Griffin then turned to a detailed refutation of the Kean-Hamilton report, a task that could easily have been left to the unanswered questions people or even relegated as fiction to literary critics, as Griffin himself has suggested. We are left with Griffin’s basically agnostic view, which means that we are effectively disarmed in the face of new threats of state-sponsored terrorism as they continued to emerge, especially during the second half of 2005.

Differences among these categories are worth stressing, even though they may be blurred. For example, a successful terrorist provocation generally has a LIHOP function built into it, since it typically is the job of the moles in the FBI and Justice Department to make sure that normal law enforcement does not interfere with the patsies and throw them into jail, thus stripping the operation of its indispensable scapegoats. But this is only one part of the terror deployment, and the presence of trained professionals who actually produce the results observed, which the patsies could never produce, suffices to validate a MIHOP analysis for the entire operation.

Some other commentators have, either consciously or unconsciously, advanced an outlook which might be called Mossad MIHOP. As I show in this book, it is a well-established fact that the Mossad meticulously observed every phase of the preparation and execution of 9/11. The Mossad is also known to be a very nefarious organization. But what is missing is convincing

proof of a direct operative role for the Mossad in 9/11. So far not even limited subcontracting of specific 9/11 tasks by CIA to Mossad, a standard practice, has been established. Mossad MIHOP would appear to appeal to a chauvinistic mentality which implicitly believes that Americans would never do such a thing to their fellow Americans, so a foreign group, the Mossad, has to be blamed. This is dangerous nonsense, and those who profess it need to be reminded of the Operation Northwoods documents, which contemplate precisely the sort of killing of Americans by Americans they think is impossible. As far as I know, MI-6 MIHOP, another possible variant, has not been argued; here the evidence is greater, but still not enough. Therefore, my second edition still asserts on the cover that the 9/11 terror was: “Made In USA.”

## THE FIFTEEN DRILLS OF 9/11

Ruppert’s *Crossing the Rubicon* is aware of five exercises related to 9/11 –Vigilant Warrior, Vigilant Guardian, Northern Vigilance, Tripod II, and the National Reconnaissance Office drill. The first printing of my book discusses these, plus Northern Guardian, Amalgam Virgo, and a local DC-area drill, for a total of eight. As of this writing, it has been established that there were as many as 15 drills either ongoing on 9/11 or directly related to the events of that day. This figure may be slightly higher or lower according to the counting criteria used.

| 911 WAR GAMES AND TERROR DRILLS      |   |
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| Amalgam Virgo                        | Air defense against rogue state/terror cruise missiles, hijackings        |
| Vigilant Guardian                    | Air defense against hijacking   |
| Northern Guardian                    | Air defense   |
| Vigilant Warrior                     | NORAD exercise  |
| Northern Vigilance                   | NORAD deploys fighters to Alaska, northern Canada                         |
| Amalgam Warrior                      | Large live-fly air defense and air intercept, tracking surveillance       |
| Global Guardian                      | Nuclear warfighting, “Armageddon”   |
| Crown Vigilance                      | Air combat command exercise   |
| Apollo Guardian                      | Large scale live-fly air defense and air intercept, tracking surveillance |
| National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) | Crashing planes into buildings  |
| AWACS                                | AWACS over Florida, Washington DC   |
| Fort Meyer, Virginia                 | Firemen (Pentagon), “aircraft crash refresher course” for firefighters    |
| TRIPOD II, Manhattan                 | Response to biochemical attack  |
| Timely Alert II                      | Emergency response to bomb attack   |

Ruppert focuses exclusively on the drills which crippled air defense, the ones we may call LIHOP drills. It is of course vital to know about these war games which moved fighter planes to northern Canada and Alaska, which introduced fake radar blips on the screens of military personnel, and which deployed civilian and military aircraft in the guise of hijacked airliners. This was one way the vaunted US air defense in the northeast corridor was paralyzed for about one hour and forty-five minutes. But even this argument has limits. Loyal military officers would have positioned their interceptor assets in the skies over Washington DC to prevent their recurrent nightmare, the decapitation of the national command authority by a lightning stroke. The fact that this was not done for so many minutes is irrefutable evidence that the commanders were not loyal. It does no good to argue that red-blooded US fighter pilots would never have obeyed a stand-down order when this is manifestly exactly what they did, for the critical hour and three quarters.

But there are additional 9/11 maneuvers which claim our attention. These are the MIHOP drills, which provided cover and operational capabilities for terror operations run through the official bureaucracy. The most obvious is the exercise that morning at the headquarters of the National Reconnaissance Office in Chantilly, Virginia involving the simulation of an airliner crashing into the NRO's headquarters tower. It involved, in other words, a plane crashing into a building. Given all we have learned about the intimate relationship between military drills and terrorist acts, it is clear that there is a strong *prima facie* case here that the NRO drill in question was in fact a control center or vehicle for crashing aircraft or other flying objects into the towers of the World Trade Center. This is no weird happenstance, but a crucial window on the entire operation.

Then there is the case of Amalgam Virgo, which did come up during the 9/11 commission hearings. Thanks to cooperativeresearch.org, we know that Amalgam Virgo 01 was run on June 1-2, 2001. It was "a multi-agency planning exercise sponsored by NORAD involving the hypothetical scenario of a cruise missile being launched by "a rogue [government] or somebody" from a barge off the East Coast. Bin Laden is pictured on the cover of the proposal for the exercise. [*American Forces Press Service*, 6/4/02] The exercise takes place at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. [*Global Security*, 4/14/02]" Although the barge could have been located somewhere else, this looks very much like what happened at the Pentagon, since it is clear that no commercial airliner ever hit that building on 9/11. The 2002 edition of this exercise was set to include "two simultaneous commercial aircraft hijackings," with FBI agents impersonating the hijackers – another component which may have occurred in the real world on 9/11.

These are leading examples of what may be termed MIHOP drills, since they point towards the basic fact that the 9/11 terror operations were not just facilitated or allowed, but manufactured and produced, by activities taking place inside the US military-security bureaucracy, under the cover of theoretically legal and sanctioned drills.

As I showed in the original edition, the open secret about drills is that they often hide the real thing, as illustrated by the examples of Hilex 75 (a cover for possible nuclear confrontation with the Warsaw Pact) and Nine Lives 81 (a cover for the Hinckley hit on President Reagan). Another excellent example is Able Archer 83, a US nuclear weapons exercise which looked so realistic that Soviet leaders became concerned that it was a cover for a real sneak attack on their country with nuclear missiles. They put their own Strategic Rocket Troops and related units on highest alert, and the world found itself on the brink of an all-out nuclear exchange. (See *William M. Arkin*, *Code Names* (Hanover, NH: Steerforth Press, 2005, p. 245, and Benjamin B. Fischer, *A*

*Cold War Conundrum*, History Staff, Center for the Study of Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, 1997, online at <http://www.cia.gov/csi/monograph/coldwar/source.htm>).

The principle directly at stake here is that state terrorists wishing to conduct an illegal terror operation often find it highly advantageous to conduit or bootleg that illegal operation through the government military/security bureaucracy with the help of an exercise or drill that closely resembles or mimics the illegal operation. Once the entire apparatus is set up, it is only necessary to make apparently small changes to have the exercise go live, and turn into a real hecatomb. If there is a gas dispersion drill announced in Manhattan, as there was in August 2005, it is merely necessary to replace the inert gas with a highly toxic one to go from drill to mass slaughter. A drill simulating a terror attack provides the greatest possible camouflage of the criminal intent of the perpetrators and allows the terror attack to occur through minor departures from the scenario script. All these drills try to be as realistic as possible. But the greatest realism is an actual terror attack. The fact that attempts at disruption, infiltration, harassment, and sabotage may be built in simply increases the opportunities available to the plotters, as do the varying levels of awareness of the participants, only a very few of whom need to know that a real terror attack is intended, or what the fate of certain patsies might be. To prevent new terror attacks from providing the pretexts for new wars, it is imperative that this mechanism be understood, but it cannot be understood in the unanswered questions, LIHOP, and agnostic frames of reference. That is why the apparent moderation of these theoretical points of view is so crippling and so dangerous.

Thanks to Arkin and cooperativeresearch.org, there is another 9/11 drill which can be given the special mention it deserves. My book more than any other stresses the thermonuclear war potentials unleashed on 9/11, and this emphasis is fully vindicated by this additional drill. In effect, the mushroom cloud on the cover was there for excellent reasons. The heart of the matter is Global Guardian, a nuclear warfighting or Armageddon exercise staged by STRATCOM on 9/11 from Offutt Air Force Base, where Brent Scowcroft and Warren Buffett were converging in what might have been the nucleus of a Committee of Public Safety set to govern in case Bush had to be ousted. Global Guardian involved land-based missiles, nuclear submarines, and B-52 and B-1 bombers loaded with live H-bombs at bases like Offutt (Nebraska), Barksdale (Louisiana), Minot (North Dakota) and Whiteman (Missouri). The first two became destinations for Bush that day. The Doomsday–Night–Watch–Looking Glass flying command posts were mobilized. Another crucial aspect is pointed out by cooperativeresearch.com:

A 1998 Defense Department newsletter reported that for several years Stratcom had been incorporating a computer network attack (CNA) into Global Guardian. The attack involved Stratcom “red team” members and other organizations acting as enemy agents, and included attempts to penetrate the Command using the Internet and a “bad” insider who had access to a key command and control system. The attackers “war dialed” the phones to tie them up and sent faxes to numerous fax machines throughout the Command. They also claimed they were able to shut down Stratcom’s systems. Reportedly, Stratcom planned to increase the level of computer network attack in future Global Guardian exercises. [IAnewsletter, 6/98]

Here is a portal through which the rogue network could have launched nuclear missiles without the help of Bush, as I argued in the original edition. The targets for such missiles could have been Arab or Islamic capitals, if Bush had refused to initiate the war of civilizations in conventional form by attacking Afghanistan. The target could also have been China, or Russia. We must never lose sight of the Bush-Putin telephone call on 9/11, which was the central diplomatic and strategic event of the day even though most 9/11 books do not even mention it. In that telephone call, Bush in effect delivered an ultimatum that the United States was determined to seize Afghanistan (where the Soviets had staged an invasion and a long war in response to a

grab for power by Brzezinski in 1979), plus bases in former Soviet central Asia. What if Putin's response to Bush's ultimatum had been a more traditional defense of Mother Russia, coupled with a threat to incinerate New York if Bush dared to do any such thing? The rogue network had obviously thought of that eventuality in advance, and had evidently provided a back door through which they could direct a confrontation

## ABLE DANGER: 2.5 TERABYTES OF TREASON

Another important MIHOP issue emerges from these drills. Able Warrior, according to Arkin's listing, would seem to represent the big Special Forces (SOCOM) "anti-terror" defensive drill of each fiscal year. Keeping in mind the military bureaucracy's predilection for naming drills in binary pairs, we might speculate as to the meaning of a drill or activity known as Able Danger. The name would suggest that this might be the simulated attacker paired with the defensive Able Warrior. In other words, Able Danger might represent the case officers and terrorist controllers for a group of government-run terrorists (double agents, plus dupes, fanatics, and criminal energy types) used to play the roles of terrorists in the various anti-terror drills. Does the reader smell a fault?

Such suspicions materialized in August 2005 when Congressman Curt Weldon of Pennsylvania began holding press conferences about Able Danger, which turned out to be a co-production of the Special Forces command with the Defense Intelligence Agency. Weldon's main interest was in the report from a certain Col. Schaffer and a certain Navy Captain Philpott that Able Danger had been well aware of the presence of Mohamed Atta in the United States during the early months of 2000, long before the Kean-Hamilton commission said he had arrived. The Able Danger officers produced detailed accounts of how they told the 9/11 commission investigators all about this, only to see their testimony completely ignored. In a grotesque comedy of errors, Kean, Hamilton and their hack apparatus clumsily denied these allegations, then retracted the denial, then denied them again. The role of Philip Zelikow, the executive director of the 9/11 commission staff, was especially slimy, which should have come as no surprise to readers of this book. The first by-product of Congressman Weldon's maverick performance was thus to provide an absolutely water-tight case study in how, when dealing with highly material information, the 9/11 commission had suppressed evidence, obstructed justice, and deliberately and systematically lied. What else could one expect from Zelikow, the unfortunate Miss Rice's partner in a book venture?

But that was just the beginning. Weldon admitted that, in addition to observing and combating the supposed terrorists, one task of Able Danger had been to "manipulate" them. With this one word, the door was wide open to deploying terrorist counter-gangs and pseudo-gangs on the full Frank Kitson model for real live terror operations. Able Danger were indeed the terrorist controllers and case officers for Atta and the rest. This case was made harder to prove when Able Danger successfully destroyed its own database and records, to the tune of an estimated 2.5 terabytes of material – according to some experts, the approximate equivalent of one quarter of all the books and other records stored in the Library of Congress. Suddenly, all the reports of Atta and the others living on military bases, studying on military bases, and so forth began to fit into place.

During 2005, the hollow demagoguery and hypocrisy of the phony US-UK war on terror emerged for all to see. Elias Achmadov, a Chechen butcher and terrorist, was living in Washington DC, not only openly, but enjoying a generous stipend from the US State Department, complete with an office, a secretary, a travel budget, and a public relations budget courtesy of the American taxpayer. The State Department pays terrorists – there was no longer any doubt, after Achmadov got his picture on the cover of the Washington Post weekly magazine. Then there was Luis Posada Carriles, a long-serving retainer of the Bush family, most recently attached to Jeb Bush's Florida gun-running and drug-running apparatus. Posada had blown up a Cuban airliner, killing upwards of 75 people. Posada was living openly in the US for several months despite being a very illegal alien when the international heat from Cuba, Venezuela, and other states made this CIA terror asset too compromising to be allowed to roam free. He was accordingly detained, but not extradited to those who wanted to put him on trial.

## SAS CAR BOMBERS IN BASRA

Even more dramatic were the terrorist counter-gang operations of the US and UK military in Iraq. In September 2005 two soldiers of the British Special Air Services (SAS) were arrested for sniping at civilians in Basra. These two, who were members of a super-elite unit called Special Reconnaissance Regiment, were driving around in a car bomb which they doubtless intended to set off near a Shiite school, hospital, or mosque. At this time, the US-UK terrorist countergang leader had declared war against all Shiites – a stance so outrageous for a supposed Iraqi fighter that it drew a reproof from MI-6's Zawahiri. When the Iraqi police arrested this pair, the British sent a column of tanks to break down the jail and extract them, lest they tell all. These two killer provocateurs were living proof that the US-UK occupation of Iraq was using terrorist countergangs and agents provocateurs in a bid to isolate and demonize the national resistance. These techniques had been refined by UK Colonel Frank Kitson in Kenya during the early 1950s Mau Mau era, and coined in Kitson's book on low intensity warfare. It was Kitson who had coined the immensely useful term countergang (or pseudogang). If you want to discredit a clandestine organization, then set up your own false-flag group under the same name, and have them commit unspeakable atrocities in the name of the target group. If the SAS-SRR car bomb had claimed its toll of Shiites, the usual Limbaugh-O'Reilly-Hannity-Savage chorus of fascist parrots would have been on the air the next day denouncing the Sunnis as a criminal race. We may assume that a large part of the beheadings and other spectacular atrocities coming out of Iraq were in fact perpetrated by US-UK-Mossad, acting through these obvious countergangs.

As I argued in the first edition of this book, there was acute danger of large-scale state-sponsored terrorist provocation, followed by a wider war in the Middle East or elsewhere during the months before the November 2004 US elections. The general outlines of this analysis were confirmed in a conversation with the author in the shadow of the Washington monument on September 25, 2005: Wayne Madsen reported that he had detected signs of intensive preparations in numerous US commands during that time frame, including especially on aircraft carriers.

May-July 2005 began a similar time of heightened risk of US aggression. In late July, an article by former CIA agent Philip Giraldi in *The American Conservative* signaled that the Cheney faction had ordered the Pentagon to prepare for the atomic bombing of Iran in the wake of a new 9/11 terror attack. It was clear that the Cheneyacs would not wait for a new 9/11 to

happen, but would have it delivered on special order. In response to this, a group of activists around the websites [team8plus.org](http://team8plus.org) and [total411.info](http://total411.info), with help from my weekly broadcasts, began to look forward in time to identify terror drills and war games which might lend themselves to use as war provocations.

This was an effort to put the MIHOP lessons learned from the study of 9/11 into action to shut down the terrorist controllers. The cover for the Kennedy assassination was Operation Mongoose. The hit on Reagan in 1981 had been conducted through Nine Lives, a presidential succession exercise. We have seen the drills oh 9/11. The London July 7, 2005 bombs (see [www.waronfreedom.org/777.html](http://www.waronfreedom.org/777.html)) were set up under Atlantic Blue, Topoff III, and Triple Play, plus help from Visor Consultants. What would be the drill that would serve as the vehicle for Cheney's desired war provocation?

Activists soon discovered Sudden Response 05, based on a 10-kiloton nuclear explosion in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina. The websites mentioned raised such a hue and cry about this drill, forcing an article in the main local newspaper trying to calm worried people down. The exposure worked well enough to cause the drill to be shut down before its completion. This was followed by a terror drill involving explosions in San Francisco Bay; a strange blast in the financial district at the end of this drill sent a woman to the hospital in critical condition. Then came Granite Shadow/Power Geyser in Washington DC, with weapons of mass destruction and overtones of a military coup. All of these exercises were made more sinister by the shift of the official US strategic nuclear posture from deterrence and retaliation to global strike, meaning nuclear sneak attack, under CONPLAN 8022-22.

The last months of 2005 were therefore a dangerous time. By some calculations, this period was marked by the greatest density of war game and terror drill activity since 9/11 itself. The vaguely reassuring Global Guardian was replaced by the much more aggressive and threatening Global Storm, presumably as a result of the shift to the global strike posture. Global Storm embraces worldwide nuclear war using all arms. Occurring simultaneously with this were Positive Response 06 (the drills go by fiscal years, and the US fiscal year begins on October 1), a Joint Chiefs of Staff interoperability exercise. These were paired with Global Lightning, Vigilant Shield, and Busy Night Seminars – a code name for nuclear warfare. Scenarios at work here included a radiological dirty bomb detonated in Mobile Bay, Alabama, by a country or terror network designated as Purple, but identified with the DPRK (North Korea). North Korea was supposed to launch long-range missiles at the US, with subsequent retaliation. The Pentagon's primitive missile defense system was supposed to come into play. At the same time, other drills saw the US intervening massively in Ukraine, eliciting a Russian defensive response, thus precipitating all-out nuclear war.

Small wonder therefore that Russian President Putin had issued a blunt warning of his own on August 17, 2005, admonishing Bush:

“I think that lowering the threshold for the use of nuclear arms is a dangerous trend, because somebody may feel tempted to use nuclear weapons... If that happens, the next step can be taken - more powerful nuclear arms can be used, which may lead to a nuclear conflict. This extremely dangerous trend is in the back of the mind of some politicians and military officials.”

Persons of good will needed to scan the websites of the Pentagon, Homeland Security, the CIA, NATO, the British Defense Ministry, and similar organizations to identify drills and exercises that were likely to go live. These drills and war games needed to be denounced,

exposed, and shut down. Activists of all types, from the anti-war to the neighborhood level, needed to join the growing movement to prevent the outrageous and illegal abuse of drills and exercises for purposes of terrorism, among other things by contributing to the drill monitoring set up by the Independent International Commission on 9/11 at web sites like team8plus.org.. This kind of aggressive and pre-emptive vigilance represents MIHOP in action. The purpose of such pre-emptive exposure and denunciation is not to gather kudos for how smart we are, but rather to identify, shut down, and dismantle the rogue network's illegal terror operations.

It was clearly essential that measures be taken to keep the fingers of Bush, Cheney, and the increasingly desperate neocon fascist madmen away from the nuclear button. During Watergate, when Nixon had called his infamous 1973 worldwide nuclear alert as a result of the October 1973 Middle East war, British Prime Minister Ted Heath had seen the entire stunt as a manufactured diversion from Nixon's Watergate troubles at home. As the Bush administration disintegrates, it is clear that conditions today are similar. On October 28, 2005, when special counsel Fitzgerald presented his indictment of the neocon fanatic Irv Lewis Libby, Bush simultaneously made a raving speech branding Iran and Syria as outlaw states with whom his patience was exhausted. Many cable networks showed Fitzgerald and Bush, along with Cheney, as parts of the same split screen. There it was: wag the dog, in real time. Kissinger and Haig, sociopaths though they were, had taken measures to supervise Nixon's access to the football, the briefcase containing the nuclear launch codes. In the last weeks of Watergate, Defense Secretary Schlesinger had issued a standing order to combat commanders telling them to ignore any and all orders by Nixon to launch attacks unless and until they were confirmed by himself or by Kissinger. In today's White House, there are no figures to look to who might impose similar restraint: quite the contrary. Faced with looming indictments of many of their clique, the neocons tended towards a mood of *Götterdämmerung* and apocalypse. The neocons would doubtless prefer a new world war to life behind bars; like the SS in Berlin during the last days, they would think nothing of letting the river water into the subway tunnels where their insufficiently martial fellow citizens were hiding.

The impeachment of Bush and of many others could hardly wait until 2007.

Gunpowder Day, November 5, 2005

# Appendix:

## The London Explosions, The Rogue Network, Bush, and Iran

By Webster G. Tarpley

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Washington DC, July 11 – Last week’s London explosions carry the characteristic features of a state-sponsored, false flag, synthetic terror provocation by networks within the British intelligence services MI-5, MI-6, the Home Office, and the Metropolitan Police Special Branch who are favorable to a wider Anglo-American aggressive war in the Middle East, featuring especially an early pre-emptive attack on Iran, with a separate option on North Korea also included. With the London attacks, the Anglo-American invisible government adds another horrendous crime to its own dossier. But this time, their operations appear imperfect, especially in regard to the lack (so far) of a credible patsy group which, by virtue of its ethnicity, could direct popular anger against one of the invisible government’s targets. So far, the entire attribution of the London crimes depends on what amounts to an anonymous posting in an obscure, hitherto unknown, secular Arabic-language chatroom in the state of Maryland, USA. But, based on this wretched shred of pseudo-evidence, British Prime Minister Tony Blair – who has surely heard of a group called the Irish Republican Army, which bombed London for more than a decade – has not hesitated to ascribe the murders to “Islam,” and seems to be flirting with total martial law under the Civil Contingencies Act. We are reminded once again of how he earned his nickname of Tony Bliar.

### SCOTLAND YARD KNEW IN ADVANCE

That the British Government knew in advance that blasts would occur is not open to rational doubt. Within hours of the explosions, Israeli Army Radio was reporting that “Scotland Yard [London police headquarters] had intelligence warnings of the attacks a short time before they occurred.” This report, repeated by IsraelNN.com, added that “the Israeli Embassy in London was notified in advance, resulting in Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu remaining in his hotel room rather than make his way to the hotel adjacent to the site of the first explosion, a Liverpool Street train station, where he was to address an economic summit.” This report is attributed to “unconfirmed reliable sources.” At around the same time, the Associated Press issued a wire asserting that “British police told the Israeli Embassy in London minutes before Thursday’s explosions that they had received warnings of possible terror attacks in the city,” according to “a senior Israeli official.” This wire specifies that “just before the blasts, Scotland Yard called the security officer at the Israeli Embassy to say that they had received warnings of possible attacks....”

According to eyewitness reports from London, BBC claimed between 8:45 and some minutes after 10 AM that the incidents in the Underground were the result of an electrical power surge, or alternatively of a collision. Foreign bigwigs, presumably not just Netanyahu, were warned, while London working people continued to stream into the subway. These reports have been denied, repudiated, sanitized, and expunged from news media websites by the modern Orwellian Thought Police, but they have been archived by analysts who learned on 9/11 and other occasions that key evidence in state-sponsored terror crimes tends to filter out during the first minutes and hours, during the critical interval when the controlled media are assimilating the cover story peddled by complicit moles within the ministries. These reports are not at all damaging to Israel, but are devastating for British domestic security organs. An alternative version peddled by Stratfor.com, namely that the Israelis warned Scotland Yard, is most probably spurious but still leaves the British authorities on the hook. Which Scotland Yard official made the calls? Identify that official, and you have bagged a real live rogue network mole.

Another more general element of foreknowledge can be seen in the fact reported by Isikoff and Hosenball of Newsweek that, since about November 2004, the US FBI, but not other US agencies, has been refusing to use the London Underground.

Operations like these are generally conducted through the government bureaucracies under the cover of a drill or exercise which closely resembles the terror operation itself. So it was with Amalgam Virgo and the multiple exercises held on 9/11, as I show in my *9/11 Synthetic Terror: Made in USA* (Joshua Tree CA: Progressive Press, 2005). So it was with the Hinckley attempt to assassinate Ronald Reagan, when a presidential succession exercise was scheduled for the next day, as I showed in my *George Bush: The Unauthorized Biography* (1992; reprint by Progressive Press, 2004). An uncannily similar maneuver allows the necessary work to be done on official computers and on company time, while warding off the inquisitive glances and questions of curious co-workers at adjoining computer consoles.

## THE COVER STORY TERROR DRILL

Such a parallel drill was not lacking in the London case. On the evening of July 7, BBC Five, a news and sports radio program, carried an interview with a certain former Scotland Yard official named Peter Power who related that his firm, Visor Consulting, had been doing an anti-terror-bombing drill in precisely the Underground stations and at the precise times when the real explosions went off. Peter Power and Visor had been subcontractors for the drill; Power declined to name the prime contractors. Small wonder that Blair, in his first official report to the Commons on July 11, went out of his way to rule out a board of inquiry to probe these tragic events.

Tony Blair may be eyeing the advantages of emergency rule for a discredited lame duck like himself, but the British people may have a different view. The alternative is clear: on the one hand is the American response after 9/11, marked by submissive and credulous gullibility in regard to the fantastic official story of what had happened. On the other hand is the militant and intelligent Spanish response after March 11, 2004, marked by powerful mass mobilization and righteous anger against politicians who sought to manipulate the people and sell a distorted account of events. Which way will the British people go? Straws in the wind suggest that the British response may be closer to the Spanish, although it may develop more slowly because of the lack of mass organization and related factors. If this is the case, Tony Blair, Jack Straw, and the rest of the malodorous “New Labor” crypto-Thatcherites will be out the window.

My thesis is that the London explosions represent a form of communication on the part of the transatlantic Anglo-American financier faction with Bush, Blair, and the heads of state and government assembled at Gleneagles, Scotland for the G-8 meeting on the day of the blast. The London deaths were designed to deliver an ultimatum in favor of early war with Iran. Here a word of clarification may be necessary. The demonization of Bush by his many enemies, while understandable, risks blurring the basic realities of power in the US and UK. Since the Bay of Pigs and the Kennedy assassination (to go back no further than that), we have been aware of a secret team. During the Iran-contra era, the same phenomenon was referred to as an invisible, secret or parallel government. This is still the matrix of most large-scale terrorism. The question arises for some: do Bush and Cheney tell the invisible government what to do, or does the invisible government treat the visible office holders as puppets and expendable assets? To ask the question is to answer it: Bush, Cheney & Co. are the expendable puppets. The explanation of terror is not Bush “makes it happen on purpose,” or “MIHOP,” as some seem to argue, but rather invisible government MIHOP, an altogether more dire proposition.

How then does the invisible faction communicate with the public mouthpieces? Given the violence of the power relations involved, we can be sure that it is not a matter of sending out engraved invitations announcing that the honor of Bush’s presence is requested at the launching of an attack on Iran. Rather, the invisible and violent rogue network communicates with Bush, Blair, and others by means coherent with their aggressive nature – as they did on 9/11. Bush, of course, is a weak and passive tenant of the White House whose instinct is to do virtually nothing beyond the day-to-day routine.

We therefore need to note that the London blasts come after two months of vigorous and impatient prodding of Bush by the invisible government. On May 11, a small plane almost reached the White House before it was turned away, while

the Congress, the Supreme Court, and the White House (but not the Pentagon, the Treasury, etc.) were evacuated amid scenes of panic. The White House went to red alert, but Bush was not informed until it was all over, and was riding his bicycle in the woods near Greenbelt, Maryland. Flares were dropped over the Brookland district and Takoma Park, MD. The resemblance of all this to a classic coup scenario was evident. On May 18, a live hand grenade, which turned out to be a dud, landed near Bush as he spoke at a rally in Tbilisi, Georgia.

On June 29, the approach of another small plane led to an evacuation of the Congress and the Capitol, again with scenes of panic. On the afternoon of July 2, no fewer than three small planes came close to Bush's Camp David retreat in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland; this story was suspiciously relegated to the local news page of the Washington Post. The details of these incidents are of little interest; what counts is the objective reality of a pattern. These incidents also provide background for Bush's unbalanced behavior on July 5 at Gleneagles, when he crashed into a policeman while riding on his bicycle. Then came the London blasts on July 7.

What is it that the invisible government wants Bush and Blair to do? Scott Ritter announced last January that Bush had issued an order to prepare an attack on Iran for the month of June. According to a well-informed retired CIA analyst I spoke with on July 3, this order actually told US commanders to be ready to attack Iran by the end of June. This project of war with Iran is coherent with most of what we know about the intentions of the US-UK rogue faction, and thus provides the immediate background for the London explosions. The Bush administration and the Blair cabinet have failed to deliver decisive military action, and the invisible government is exceedingly impatient.

One way to increase the pressure on Iran would be to implicate a group of Iranian fanatic patsies in the London bombings. This would not be difficult; in fact, as I show in *9/11 Synthetic Terror*, the British capital, referred to during the 1990s as Londonistan, is home to the largest concentration of Arab and Islamic patsy groups in the entire world, in such infamous locations as Finsbury mosque and Brixton mosque; these groups are known to have enjoyed de facto recruiting privileges in Her Majesty's Prisons. But perhaps an Iranian patsy group would be too obvious at this time. More likely may be the sinking of a US warship in the Gulf by a third country, duly attributed to Iran.

In a recent speech, Dr. Ephraim Asculai of Tel Aviv University made two main points: first, that there is no military solution to the Iranian nuclear issue, and second, that there is no such thing as a point of no return in nuclear weapons development. Dr. Asculai showed that South Africa, Sweden, and other nations had turned away from deploying A-bombs well after having acquired the ability to produce them. Dr. Asculai is evidently arguing against widespread tendencies in the US-UK-Israeli strategic community who are whipping up hysteria around the notion that Iran is now indeed approaching exactly such a point of no return.

For her part, Miss Rice of the State Department has now declared that it will no longer be sufficient for Iran to turn away from nuclear weapons production; the entire Iranian program for nuclear energy production will also have to be dismantled, in her view. Such maximalism makes a negotiated solution impossible as long as the current Washington group holds power.

## SCO: US GET OUT OF CENTRAL ASIA

The US, UK and Israel have been on the brink of war with Iran for at least a year, and the rogue network is generally aware that time is not on its side. There is also an important new development which threatens the ability of the Anglo-Americans to wage war. On July 5, the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), which brings together China, Russia, Uzbekistan, Krygyzia, Kazakhstan, and Tajikistan plus new members India, Pakistan, and Iran, issued a call for the United States to vacate the bases seized in the autumn of 2001 under the cover of the 9/11 emergency and the looming invasion of Afghanistan. The parties to this call represent about half of the world's population. This demand was immediately rejected by the State Department, but veteran Russian Eurasian expert Yevgeny Primakov crowed that for the first time a formula had been agreed to by which the US would be ejected from this region. The US presence goes back to the Bush-Putin emergency hotwire talks of September 11, 2001, when Putin, seeing that the madmen had seized control in

Washington, dropped Russian objections to a US intrusion into the former Soviet republics of central Asia. The US-UK can attack Iran from Iraq in the west, from Afghanistan in the east, and from Qatar in the south, but without the Uzbek and Kyrgyz bases, the Anglo-American ability to attack from the north as well will be severely limited.

The SCO states are also concerned about US-backed “designer color revolutions” on the recent Georgian (rose) and Ukrainian (orange) models, traditionally known as CIA “people power” revolutions, being used to destabilize their governments. To make matters worse for Washington and London, Kazakhstan is a few months away from opening an oil pipeline to China, which will diminish the US-UK ability to use their Gulf presence to blackmail Beijing. Washington and London are also dismayed by the pro-Iranian overtures in various fields being made by their Shiite puppets in Baghdad.

And what of the report in the Washington Post of July 11, which claims that US and UK planners are now contemplating a sharp reduction in the US forces in Iraq? The most plausible explanation is that this is pure disinformation, similar to news blips issued by both Hitler and Stalin in May and June of 1941. It should also be noted that the British plan explicitly provides for most of the forces now at Basra to go to Afghanistan, where they would be positioned for operations against Iran, or into central Asia.

Generally, the invisible government appears dismayed by its loss of momentum and the constant erosion of the political position of its asset, Bush. 110,000 US factory workers lost their jobs in June, the worst total in a year and a half: autos and textiles are collapsing. The housing bubble may also be nearing its end, with the bankruptcy of Fannie Mae on the near-term agenda. World derivatives have officially reached \$300 trillion, with JP Morgan Chase holding the largest single portfolio. The one virtuoso performance of July 7 was that of the Federal Reserve, Bank of England, and European Central Bank, which flooded equity and capital markets with liquidity through such vehicles as the Plunge Protection Team (PPT), turning a big Wall Street loss into a small gain.

During the recent Reopen 9/11 tour of eight European cities, Jimmy Walter repeatedly forecast that the general predicament of the Bush regime and the US financier faction would lead to another large-scale terror attack before the end of 2005; this has now occurred, and there is no end in sight. The tide of US public opinion has now definitively turned against the Iraq war and to some degree against Bush, as all major polls demonstrate. Notable is the 42% affirmative response to the Zogby International question as to whether, if it could be proved that Bush lied to launch the Iraq war, he should be impeached. Larry Franklin of the Wolfowitz-Feith neocon apparatus has been indicted for divulging US secrets, and the American-Israeli Public Affairs Council has been raided twice; further indictments are expected. Karl Rove has now been revealed as the source of the Valerie Plame leak, making Rove and perhaps other White House officials fair game for federal indictment. The Niger yellowcake forgeries and the Chalabi state secrets cases are still pending – to say nothing of two stolen elections and the 9/11 Septembergate itself. All these factors incline the rogue network to seek an improvement in their situation through a flight forward to a wider war in Iran. Those who stand to lose most by such an Iranian adventure must now mobilize to make Mr. Bush’s second term as eventful as Nixon’s second term turned out to be in 1974.

## **Interview Transcripts**

Excerpts from transcripts of interviews with Peter Power, ex-Scotland Yard, who now heads private security firm Visor Consultants, which was running terror bombing drills in the London Underground on 7/7, followed by an interview with John Loftus.

BBC Radio 5, July 7th, 2005

Power: At half past nine this morning we were actually running an exercise for a company of over a thousand people in London based on simultaneous bombs going off precisely at the railway stations where it happened this morning, so I still have the hairs on the back of my neck standing up right now.

Host: To get this quite straight, you were running an exercise to see how you would cope with this and it happened while you were running the exercise?

Power: Precisely, and it was about half past nine this morning, we planned this for a company and for obvious reasons I don't want to reveal their name but they're listening and they'll know it. And we had a room full of crisis managers for the first time they'd met and so within five minutes we made a pretty rapid decision that this is the real one and so we went through the correct drills of activating crisis management procedures to jump from slow time to quick time thinking and so on.

ITV News, London, July 7th

POWER: Today we were running an exercise for a company – bear in mind now that I'm in the private sector – and we sat everybody down in the city – 1000 people involved in the whole organization – with the crisis team. And the most peculiar thing was, it was we based on a scenario of simultaneous attacks on a underground and mainline station. So we had to suddenly switch an exercise from fictional to real...

INTERVIEWER: Just to get this right, you were actually working today on an exercise that envisioned virtually this scenario?

POWER: Almost precisely. I was up to 2 o'clock this morning, because it's our job, my own company. Visor Consultants, we specialize in helping people to get their crisis management response, how you jump from slow time thinking to quick time doing. And we chose a scenario with their assistance, which is based on a terrorist attack because they're very close to a property occupied by Jewish businessmen there in the city, and there are more American banks in this city than there are in the whole of New York – a logical thing to do.



## “He Was Working for British Intelligence”

Fox News Dayside with Linda Vester, July 29 2005:

MIKE JERRICK [FOX NEWS]: John Loftus is a terrorism expert and a former prosecutor for the Justice Department. John, good to see you again. So real quickly here, have you heard anything about this Osman Hussain who was just picked up in Rome? You know that name at all?

JOHN LOFTUS: Yeah, all these guys should be going back to an organization called Al-Muhajiroun, which means The Emigrants. It was the recruiting arm of Al-Qaeda in London; they specialized in recruiting kids whose families had emigrated to Britain but who had British passports. And they would use them for terrorist work.

JERRICK: So a couple of them now have Somali connections?

LOFTUS: Yeah, it was not unusual. Somalia, Eritrea, the first group of course were primarily Pakistani. But what they had in common was they were all emigrant groups in Britain, recruited by this Al-Muhajiroun group. They were headed by the, Captain Hook, the imam in London the Finsbury Mosque, without the arm. He was the head of that organization. Now his assistant was a guy named Aswat, Haroon Rashid Aswat.

JERRICK: Aswat, who they picked up.

LOFTUS: Right, Aswat is believed to be the mastermind of all the bombings in London.

JERRICK: On 7/7 and 7/21, this is the guy we think.

LOFTUS: This is the guy, and what's really embarrassing is that the entire British police are out chasing him, and one wing of the British government, MI6 or the British Secret Service, has been hiding him. And this has been a real source of contention between the CIA, the Justice Department, and Britain.

JERRICK: Hold on, John. MI6 has been hiding him. Are you saying that he has been working for them?

LOFTUS: Oh I'm not saying it. This is what the Muslim sheik said in an interview in a British newspaper back in 2001.

JERRICK: So he's a double agent, or was?

LOFTUS: He's a double agent.

JERRICK: So he's working for the Brits to try to give them information about Al-Qaeda, but in reality he's still an Al-Qaeda operative.

LOFTUS: Yeah. The CIA and the Israelis all accused MI6 of letting all these terrorists live in London not because they're getting Al-Qaeda information, but for appeasement. It was one of those you leave us alone, we leave you alone kind of things.

JERRICK: Well we left him alone too long then.

LOFTUS: Absolutely. Now we knew about this guy Aswat. Back in 1999 he came to America. The Justice Department wanted to indict him in Seattle because him and his buddy were trying to set up a terrorist training school in Oregon.

JERRICK: So they indicted his buddy, right? But why didn't they indict him?

LOFTUS: Well it comes out, we've just learned that the headquarters of the US Justice Department ordered the Seattle prosecutors not to touch Aswat.

JERRICK: Hello? Now hold on, why?

LOFTUS: And that's – Well, apparently Aswat was working for British intelligence. Now Aswat's boss, the one-armed Captain Hook, he gets indicted two years later. So the guy above him and below him get indicted, but not Aswat. Now there's a split of opinion within US intelligence. Some people say that the British intelligence fibbed to us. They told

us that Aswat was dead, and that's why the New York group dropped the case. That's not what most of the Justice Department thinks. They think that it was just again covering up for this very publicly affiliated guy with Al-Muhajiroun. He was a British intelligence plant. So all of a sudden he disappears. He's in South Africa. We think he's dead; we don't know he's down there. Last month the South African Secret Service come across the guy. He's alive.

JERRICK: Yeah, now the CIA says, oh he's alive. Our CIA says OK let's arrest him. But the Brits say no again?

LOFTUS: The Brits say no. Now at this point, two weeks ago, the Brits know that the CIA wants to get a hold of Haroon. So what happens? He takes off again, goes right to London. He isn't arrested when he lands, he isn't arrested when he leaves.

JERRICK: Even though he's on a watch list.

LOFTUS: He's on the watch list. The only reason he could get away with that was if he was working for British intelligence. He was a wanted man.

JERRICK: And then takes off the day before the bombings, I understand it--

LOFTUS: Yeah, And goes to Pakistan.

JERRICK: And Pakistan, they jail him.

LOFTUS: The Pakistanis arrest him. They jail him. He's released within 24 hours. Back to Southern Africa, goes to Zimbabwe and is arrested in Zambia. Now the US--

JERRICK: Trying to get across the--

LOFTUS: --we're trying to get our hands on this guy.

JERRICK: John, hang around. I have so many questions now. [break]

LOFTUS: The US was used by Al-Muhajiroun for training of people to send to Kosovo. What ties all these cells together was, back in the late 1990s, the leaders all worked for British intelligence in Kosovo. Believe it or not, British intelligence actually hired some Al-Qaeda guys to help defend the Muslim rights in Albania and in Kosovo. That's when Al-Muhajiroun got started.

IJAZ: Which is by the way why we know so much about them right now.

LOFTUS: Yes, I'm afraid so. The CIA was funding the operation to defend the Muslims, British intelligence was doing the hiring and recruiting. Now we have a lot of detail on this because Captain Hook, the head of Al-Muhajiroun, he sidekick was Bakri Mohammed, another cleric. And back on October 16, 2001, he gave a detailed interview with al-Sharq al-Aswat, an Arabic newspaper in London, describing the relationship between British intelligence and the operations in Kosovo and Al-Muhajiroun. So that's how we get all these guys connected. It started in Kosovo, Haroon was 31 years old, he came on about 1995.

JERRICK: OK. Here's another question for you.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hello, John. With the quid-pro-quo relationship that London obviously had with these terrorists early on, what changed that caused them to all of a sudden get away from the you leave us alone, we'll leave you alone situation?

LOFTUS: The Israelis say that the truce went on for years. Guys from Al-Muhajiroun for example would bring suicide bombers to Israel to blow up Mike's Place. There was a definite link there. And yet the trainer, Sadiki Al Kahn, was able to go back to Britain and not be touched.

## **The Phony War on Terror: Time to Quarantine the Real Aggressors**

*Speech to the Axis of Peace Conference or Axe de la Paix, held in Brussels, Belgium, November 17th and 18th, 2005. The conference gathered political and intellectual personalities from more than thirty nations, who are committed against the logic of war, with a view to establishing a permanent structure that will make the voice of peace be heard.*

*Text of speech to the conference by Webster G. Tarpley:*

400 years ago this month, the English King James' first minister Robert Cecil unveiled his masterpiece, the Gunpowder Plot to blow up the king and the parliament. The event was blamed on Guy Fawkes and other plotters, who were tortured and executed. The Catholics, the Pope, the Jesuits and the Spanish were blamed, setting up centuries of conflict and imperial expansion. But the plot was a synthetic provocation staged by Cecil. Terrorism was a birth pang of the Anglo-American financier faction, and terrorism accompanies that faction in its moribund senility today.

According to today's neocon Bush regime in Washington, the central event of world history is the attacks of September 11, 2001. The neocons demand that world affairs be organized around what they call the war on terrorism, supposedly waged by the United States, Great Britain, and the other English-speaking powers against the dark powers of radical Islam. This phony war on terrorism comes complete with preventive nuclear sneak attacks on any country the Bush regime chooses. These can be supplemented by conventional aggression, and by the so-called color revolutions, the new name for the traditional CIA "people power" coups.

The main premise of the war on terror is the myth of September 11 – 3,000 people allegedly killed by a group of 19 hijackers including Mohammed Atta, all members of al Qaeda, led by Osama bin Laden operating from a cave in Afghanistan with a laptop computer, etc. My main point today is that this premise is a big lie, as I argue in my book, *9/11 Synthetic Terror: Made in USA* (Joshua Tree CA: Progressive Press, 2005). The 9/11 events were a deliberate provocation carried out from within the US military, security, and intelligence apparatus by a deeply entrenched faction variously called the invisible government, the secret government, the parallel government, the rogue network, the secret team. This faction cuts across the CIA, the Pentagon, the NSA, the FBI, the Treasury, the Federal Reserve, and other key parts of government. It is a faction which has been operating for more than a century. It meshes with the British MI-6 and Defence Ministry.

9/11 was a successful coup d'état designed to shift the Bush White House into the War of Civilizations mode described by Samuel Huntington. The Arab and Islamic worlds were the first targets, to be followed by China, and also Russia, as per the Wolfowitz doctrine. 9/11 thus joins the tradition of self-inflicted or imaginary attacks going back to the explosion of the USS *Maine* in Havana harbor in 1898, which launched the Spanish-American War, and with it US Imperialism. The secret government tried to stage a fascist march on Washington against President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and tried to assassinate him. They have brought us the Bay of

Pigs, the Kennedy assassination, the fake Gulf of Tonkin incident (partly admitted in recent weeks by the NSA), the Vietnam War, the attempted assassination of Reagan, the gun-running and drug-running of the Iran-contra affair, the bombing of Serbia, the sinking of the Russian submarine *Kursk*, and, their crowning achievement, 9/11, followed by the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq. US presidents are generally puppets of this rogue network, which responds to the needs of Wall Street and the City of London.

It was the rogue network which sent Bush an ultimatum on 9/11 with the words: “Angel is next.” The meaning was: launch the war on civilizations, or be liquidated. Bush speedily complied, turning the US government over to the rogue network.

In the terminology of intelligence work, Bin Laden, Atta, and the rest are patsies. They are double agents, fanatics, dupes, *agents provocateurs*. They operate under the umbrella of al Qaeda, a group which can only be described as the Arab Legion of CIA and MI-6, a classic counter-gang or pseudo-gang against Arab nationalism. Their ethnic and religious background allows the Arab and Islamic world to be blamed for terrorist acts. They receive support from the CIA, as typified by Bin Laden’s famous kidney dialysis. These figures have criminal intent, but what they do not have is the physical and technical ability to produce the effects observed – just as Lee Harvey Oswald, no matter how evil he was, could not have fired the requisite number of shots at President Kennedy in Dallas.

The terrorist controllers and case officers for Atta and the others were evidently Able Danger, a joint project of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Special Forces Command. Since Able Danger came to light, we have learned that Able Danger destroyed 2.5 terabytes of its own records, equal to about a quarter of the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world. Rumsfeld has forbidden Able Danger officers to testify to Congress.

The patsies could operate freely and openly, without being arrested, because of the network of moles inside the US government. These moles are loyal to the invisible government, not to the constitution and the laws. They make sure the patsies are available to be scapegoated, and they destroy the evidence and organize the cover-up after the fact. The moles are responsible for paralyzing US air defenses for one hour and forty-five minutes on 9/11, in comparison with average intercept times of 15-20 minutes at most both before and after. No outside force could have obtained this result.

The trained professionals, the technocrats of death, are the third group. They do possess the physical-technical ability to crash planes and other flying objects into buildings, and to destroy the World Trade Center with controlled demolition. Some of these professionals operate from inside government bureaucracies, and others from private offices. They seek anonymity, not publicity.

Recent progress in 9/11 research has focused on the role of war games, military exercises, and terror drills in hiding and facilitating the terror actions of 9/11. So far we know of 14 separate exercises on or related to 9/11. Some were used to suppress air defenses by moving fighter planes to northern Canada and Alaska, far from the 9/11 targets. Others paralyzed air defense by inserting false radar blips onto the radar screens of defense personnel, and with commercial and military aircraft which reported themselves as hijacked.

But there is another dimension. A drill staged at the National Reconnaissance Office in Chantilly, Virginia that morning was based on the idea of flying commercial airlines into office

buildings. There is every reason to believe that the kamikaze aircraft were controlled from here, the US spy satellite headquarters. Amalgam Virgo, another drill associated with 9/11, involved firing a cruise missile against a land target from a rogue freighter in the Gulf of Mexico. This likely prepared what was done to the Pentagon, since it is clear that no commercial airliner ever hit that building.

Most ominous of all was Global Guardian, a 9/11 drill simulating all-out thermonuclear war with bombers, missiles, and submarines. This drill included an attempt at outside penetration of the nuclear command structure by a “bad” outsider with access to a key command and control system. Here was the secret portal through which the rogue network was ready to launch nuclear war on 9/11. On 9/11, Bush called Putin with an ultimatum: the US would seize Afghanistan, plus bases in ex-Soviet central Asia. If Putin had rejected this, the US rogue network had the capability to set off World War III by ordering nuclear escalation.

When state terrorists attack, they often do it under the cover of an announced, seemingly legal drill that closely resembles or mimics the terror operation. This helps camouflage the criminal intent of the coup plotters inside their own bureaucracy. The drill is just a drill, until it goes live. During the Cold War, Hilex 75 and Able Archer 83 were drills that could have led to real confrontation and war.

When President Reagan was shot in 1981, a presidential succession exercise (Nine Lives) was scheduled for the next day, as a cover for operations. The London July 7 bombings of this year were prepared by exercises named Atlantic Blue by the UK, Topoff III by the US, and Triple Play by Canada, which simulated an attack on the London Underground while an international conference was going on in the UK. On July 7 itself, Peter Power’s Visor Associates were simulating explosions in the same stations at the same times that bombs exploded, as BBC 5 reported.

Last summer, Cheney instructed the Pentagon to prepare the atomic bombing of Iran, to be carried out in the wake of a new, larger-scale 9/11. It is clear this was to be state sponsored, false flag synthetic terrorism, designed to give a pretext for the attack.

In the US and other NATO states, a citizens’ watch for these dangerous rogue drills has been established to meet the threat. In August, Sudden Response 05 was to simulate a 10-kiloton nuclear explosion in Charleston, South Carolina. A mobilization of concerned citizens protested this drill and, we believe, shut it down. Then came a gas dispersion drill in New York City, and Granite Shadow / Power Geyser, involving weapons of mass destruction in Washington DC. These drills were denounced and protested.

Right now, in the month of November, we are in the midst of the densest concentration of drills since 9/11 itself. First there is Vigilant Shield, a radiological dirty bomb going off in the port of Mobile, Alabama. This is to be answered by Global Lightning, an exchange of nuclear missiles between the US and North Korea, with US ABM missile defense engaged. Simultaneously there is Positive Response and Global Storm, the new name for Global Guardian under the regime of first-strike preventive nuclear attack. These involve a confrontation with Russia over the Ukraine.. Any of these drills could be used as a cover to launch real nuclear provocations and nuclear attacks. War planning against Venezuela continues. Worldwide vigilance is needed to prevent the worst.

The Bush regime is now in crisis because of the lost war in Iraq, the criminally negligent response to hurricane Katrina, and the highest gasoline prices in history. Libby has been indicted, and Rove, Feith, Wolfowitz and Ledeen may follow. As in the movie *Wag the Dog*, Bush or the neocons are tempted to start a war to escape this crisis. During Watergate, when Nixon declared a nuclear red alert in October 1973, British Prime Minister Edward Heath saw blatant political motives. Whenever Nixon asked for the football, the briefcase containing the secret nuclear launch codes, White House officials Kissinger and Haig watched him closely to keep his finger off the nuclear button. In the summer of 1974, Defense Secretary Schlesinger told US commanders to disregard orders for any military attack coming from Nixon unless they had been confirmed by Schlesinger or Kissinger. Today the situation is similar, and the Democratic Party and the NATO states must demand that the unstable Bush and the desperate neocons be placed under special surveillance during their ouster to prevent new adventures of incalculable dimensions.

But as long as Bush can keep his base of 30-35% of the US population, he can wage war in Iraq indefinitely, and possibly widen that war to Syria and Iran. Bush's hold on his base is due largely to the power of the 9/11 myth over certain parts of the American people. Whenever Bush is held accountable for anything, his response is to cite 9/11. His arguments for the war in Iraq are not based on Iraq, but rather on 9/11. There is only one way to erode Bush's hard core base, and that is by attacking the 9/11 myth. Destroy the 9/11 myth, and the September criminals may be called to account. Destroy the 9/11 myth, and Bush will be neutralized. Peace-loving governments and institutions around the world must address this task, with a campaign of denunciation, exposure, and political education on the truth about 9/11 and the nature of terrorism. One vehicle for this would be an Independent International Truth Commission on 9/11, modeled on the Russell-Sartre Tribunal for Vietnam. The convocation of such a truth commission for 9/11 is more urgent than ever, and should be top priority for anti-war forces well before the Congressional elections a year from now.

On October 5, 1937, Franklin D. Roosevelt called in Chicago for a quarantine of the fascist dictators, for the isolation and boycott of aggressors. Since then the wheels of history have turned, and it is now the Bush-neocon regime in Washington which must be quarantined by the forces of civilized humanity. There can be no military or security cooperation with the neocons. Free trade pacts with the neocons are suicidal. Bush officials are guilty of international conspiracy to wage aggressive war, a capital crime under the Nuremberg precedents. When the US population is turning against Bush, it is tragic to see Europe and Japan continuing to support him on so many issues. It is time for the world to quarantine the aggressor. In so doing, it will have the support of the American people.