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"State and government are nothing else than the social apparatus of violent coercion and repression. Such an apparatus, the police power, is indispensable in order to prevent antisocial individuals and bands from destroying social cooperation. Violence prevention and suppression of antisocial activities benefit the whole of society and each of its members. But violence and oppression are nonetheless evils and corrupt those in charge of their application. It is necessary to restrict the power of those in office lest they become absolute despots. Society cannot exist without an apparatus of violent coercion. But neither can it exist if the office holders are irresponsible tyrants free to inflict harm upon those they dislike." Planned Chaos, Ludwig Von Mises

MILITIA PERSPECTIVES

View From The Precipice

The more we learn of history, and particularly the history of this nation, we are imbued with the sense that things must take their course. So it is that this issue once again finds this country blindly repeating sins of the past, not, unfortunately for God and country, but Greed and aggrandizement. Amid the chaos we find our government continuing to implement programs designed to ensure subjugation of its citizens at home, trying it's best to start a war with international terrorism abroad, and struggling to prevent the worldwide collapse of fiat currency systems both at home and abroad. Students of history might observe how far we have strayed from the functions of constitutional government.

With talk show host Mark Koernke now incarcerated, once again the anti-patriot litany continues in the popular press. One wonders how extremely vocal proponents of the Constitution and a limited constitutional republic like Koernke can be even remotely construed to be "anti-government". Most people shrug off the dichotomy and consider the issue a simple matter of miscommunication (if they think about it at all). And perhaps it is.

Language is the principal tool of propaganda, but that does not mean the language of government is not precise. The dichotomy becomes clear if we consider the political instability inherent in society when two forms of government [with similar names] compete for the same political jurisdiction. We are at war. At issue is whether the unconstitutional statutory War Powers government of the corporate United States will prevail over the organic, common law government of the Constitution which most citizens believe remains our form of governance.

The dominant corporate government does not maintain that those in the "patriot" community are "anti-constitutional", only "anti-government". While the latter is a mightily persuasive term to the uninformed, we might conclude that either our corporate public officials are either mis-informed about constitutional government, or the "government" they refer to is something different than Constitutional government.

Government administered outside constitutional constraints would rightly term lawful dissent as "anti-government" and consider it a threat to the unconstitutional War Powers government. The use of the term "anti-government" by the officials of Government, Inc. or the media, therefore, must

be understood to be either a clear admission of guilt, i.e., that they are implementing an unlawful and unconstitutional administration, or a blatant falsehood toward the same objective.

Anti-government? The term has another face. We recall that Atilla the Hun, Hitler, Stalin and Mao, mass murderers all, were obviously "pro-government", as long as it was theirs. So we also find ourselves with a strange dichotomy. The government we believed we had, is not the government by decree which we currently enjoy. Given to more and more excess, a government originally designed to protect property and guarantee individual rights, has made claim to every person, property and liberty. Is it any wonder that those who espouse a philosophy of freedom, i.e. patriotism, are denounced so vociferously as "anti-government"? In a clear-headed moment we might also wonder whether they are referring to all government, good government, or just bad government. That they do not challenge the "patriot" community with being "anti-Constitutional" as well is an intellectual giveaway. Or perhaps we give the public too much credit. God knows how hard it was to get a little truth out of Bill Clinton and even then we worked it out for ourselves long before the confession!

Double-talk aside, what is clear is that in the race for political control and a one-world government the administration is working hard to engender and capitalize on fear. Sovereign governments are intimidated by the implied threat of military intervention. And, in a multitude of ways, Americans are intimidated to believe that independent thinking is wrong and can readily get one in "trouble". We are chastised for even considering that we might be right in contemplating the need to defend our freedom and liberties. We are encouraged to fear the consequences of opposing [albeit benevolent] tyrannical laws and acts simply because they originate with government acting in "our behalf.". The consequences of history show us the inevitable consequences of actions which will eventually impoverish and enslave us. But we are being imbued with guilt. And while guilt is a terrible thing; we would maintain that ignorance is worse.

Time and distance used to provide some buffer from our national enemies, our most excellent form of republican government, and our own ignorance. Unfortunately, time and distance no longer provide sufficient insulation either from our enemies around the world, or those within. As we pause to pop the top on another cold one, we reflect that our biggest enemy is ourselves. The tremendous complacency, ignorance, and inability of most Americans to see historical precedent is in itself historical. In previous wars Americans had the luxury of facing an enemy outside its gates. Today they're here, and most Americans don't have a clue.

The evidence surrounds us. Literally everywhere surveillance, distrust and suspicion are becoming a way of life. Arbitrary search and seizures at home and on the road, identity verification and metal detectors at courthouses, airports and even schools insult our American sense of justice and reasonableness. Almost half of our population works for government, supported by the other half. The former, busy regulating, watching and monitoring the other half, and in doing so, giving tacit assent to tyranny. For the semblance of peace and security we engender the seeds of self - destruction. We can only conclude that as a nation, and in a historical context, we really aren't so smart.

Notwithstanding the above, being labeled “anti-government” has interesting implications. Perhaps most significant is that in pressing labels government acknowledges, in the double-speak of bureaucracy, that they do not support national sovereignty or the notion of natural rights guaranteed by the Constitution. Being caught with pants down is pretty frightening to those who advocate government by decree, globalism, and other political aberrations. So much so that anyone retaining any sympathy for sovereignty also earns them the potential to also be labeled a domestic “terrorist”. That’s interesting in itself, not only because it represents a form of thought control, but acknowledges the power of words.

To be a domestic “terrorist” you do not need to break any laws or threaten violence. You may remain polite and civil in all things. But, dare think for yourself, own a firearm, claim a constitutional right, or stand for moral or ethical values, particularly in public forum, and by the magic of corporate dictate we become criminals. Perhaps that’s the best thing that can be said for our current “anti-terrorism” legislation; it does not require that we do anything except maintain a belief in God and the legitimacy of the original Constitution.

To help determine where we go from here we look not only at contemporary events, but history. We won’t necessarily find answers to our current dilemma in history, each generation is different. But there are repetitive patterns of human actions. The many quotes gleaned from books and referenced in these pages attest to those who have stood against tyranny through the ages. Quotations are one way of observing that we are not alone in history. Many others have faced the uncertainties and fears of past tyrannies and injustices, and rather than go quietly into history, through their writings we are able to share their struggles, ideas, dreams, strength and resolve. The past had its’ share of dunderheads to be sure, but the development of the political concepts that produced this nation attest to the cumulative store of wisdom of the founders and their predecessors. Many of their writings represent profound truths which transcend time because they so well reflect unchanging foibles of human nature.

We envision a time in the not so distant future, when political forces will attempt to force an end to dissent. At that time most of us will have few resources from which to draw. Quotations have a way of inspiring, of instilling strength by conviction based on sound principle and truths. There will come a point when we can’t rely on the “other guy”. The time to start preparing, mentally, emotionally and physically, we are reminded, is before being driven to the wall of despair, and before economically and psychologically beaten to submission.

Few in history have visited the precipice of social upheaval by choice. Fewer still have had the common sense to see the approaching precipice. We’ve had our first sample of physical oppression in Ruby Ridge and Waco, a taste of violence to come. We’ve seen the beginning of the collapse of the international fiat monetary system; a taste of future despair. No longer do Americans have the “luxury” of camaraderie in cause with peace officers, but of late can more often contemplate a knock on the door in the middle of the night, or a pre-dawn mass assault by "law enforcement", obscured in storm-trooper black, for the most specious of suspected crimes. The vision of the future is vividly illustrated in videos of foreign and American troops being trained in search and seizure tactics.

As we approach the precipice we take this opportunity to look back at history to consider consequences of rapacious government with an insatiable appetite for avarice and power, and to consider the wisdom of our forefathers as they contemplated the nature of the beast.

"Constitutionalism has to do with the limits set on the power of public officials. A constitutional government is one in which there are recognized and generally accepted limits to the power of those who govern. In a constitutional government officials have only the authority that the constitution has delegated to them, and any official who exceeds the scope of this authority surrenders his claim to obedience." Burns and Peltson, Government By The People

WILLY ON THE LOOSE

White House Member Exposed

If we can believe what we are told by the not-so-free press, the public is ready and willing to dismiss Bill's carnal indiscretions along with a host of political infractions in exchange for a cheap, disingenuous admission of guilt. On the other hand...

The story isn't about sex; it's about perjury, obstruction of justice, withholding information from the grand jury and other potentially illegal acts. It's also about credibility, integrity, honesty, ethics and a host of ills symptomatic of government by lies and deceit. In short, it's about character. Sex does indeed make for interesting diversion for small minds, and it's a good substitute for independent brain activity, but the implications and political repercussions will be more profound than we can currently contemplate.

Now, in the scheme of things no one would dispute the importance of Billy's willy. If a spokesman for the "patriot" community were similarly trapped, the powers of earth would relish the opportunity to label the activity as some form of radicalism or an equally politically provocative term. But hang the President's willy out to dry and it's supposed to be just business as usual for the big guy. We are encouraged to accept Mr. Starr as the scapegoat who should be blamed for unduly exposing the President's member to censure, as if it, and not the President, were somehow culpable of the dalliance, and the act(s) somehow separate from the allegations of perjury and obstruction of justice.

Did anyone mention honor, integrity, respect or dignity? Do we still publicly maintain that character doesn't count? Unfortunately, the character of the President reflects the character of the nation, and the character of the nation is reflected in the polls. Isn't it unfortunate that loyalty has also become a casualty to character?

And what of truth? When the administration lavishly expends public funds and exhibits a willingness to sacrifice public trust and the careers of willing, but brain dead party loyalists for seven months running says something important about deceit as administrative policy. The willingness to lie without limit, even for relatively minor sexual indiscretions, suggests the problem

is not Monica, Paula, or even Jennifer. It indicates that there is no cause, scandal, or political agenda which is too small to lie for.

The propensity for deceit and cover-up continues unabated as unofficial administrative policy. It has led to a lack of public confidence in government and a growing body of citizens who take pause to reconsider the truth behind the cover-ups associated with Waco, Ruby Ridge, Flight 800, and the deaths of Ron Brown, Vince Foster, and Bill Colby to name only a few unwilling participants in recent administrative follies. It's a problem of public image which the administration shares with all those in government who are party to the deeds or their obfuscation, or who otherwise tolerate the abuse of truth and law.

Forced to the wall, [an uncontrite] President admits he lied about his relationship with Monica, but only a little. We wonder just how one commits just a little perjury. We are lead to believe those in the administration might out of an intense sense of loyalty tolerate a few little white lies when the issue is sex; but they would certainly draw the line at filegate, Chinagate, Lincolngate, and other scandals. That's reassuring; for a while we thought to distrust the whole lot.

The really frightening thing is that through literally hundreds of political appointments, the President has made sure the whole administration is full of people JUST LIKE HIM. The issue then is not just one of whether Bill is suitably contrite, but how his self-admitted "critical lack of judgment" extends to national matters, judicial veracity, and administrative integrity.

Putting legalities aside for a moment, we should explore some of the more practical and predictable social consequences to having a sexual predator in the White House. Consider:

- * Given the obvious lack of respect for women in general, half the population will come to realize that willy's needs will always supersede theirs.
- * Tired of becoming mired in the President's dirt, White House staff will demand salary allowances up front for legal defense.
- * Whenever they can't see his hands, cabinet members will wonder whether Bill has pockets sewn into his pants.
- * The public at large will attach new meaning to the Presidents activities when the press reports that he is groping for answers, seeking seclusion, or simply indisposed..
- * White House visitors will spend more time taking photographs of stains on the Oval Office carpet than architectural features.
- * Bill will be elected "Man of The Year" by the porno industry.
- * Applicants will flock to federal service hoping to explore kinky avenues to rapid political advancement.
- * Washington will become temporarily flush with apartments as congresspersons move their "branch offices" further from the beltway.
- * Wives and daughters of foreign diplomats will be curiously absent from state functions.
- * Foreign ministers will shake Bill's hand with a knowing smile and whisper off-camera of bartering sex for national secrets.
- * Colleges will rush to add Situational Biology to their political science curricula.

- * Given presidential precedent, experience in domestic affairs will earn one more political influence than experience in foreign affairs.
- * Having demonstrated a certain proficiency regarding the in's and out's of White House politics, willy will be appointed to the cabinet and take a position on questions of public virtue.
- * Servicemen will go blind searching the UCMJ for exceptions which absolve the Commander- In-Chief from culpability for sexual offenses.
- * Snickering in the White House will be added to the criteria for domestic terrorism.
- * News media will quash the story to "save the children".

Still, aside from the strictly legal implications, will Bill's carefully crafted political statement to the public signal an end to the lies? Let's keep a clear head, of course not. Trust is a one way street for this president. Ask Vince, Ron, Bill and other ex-officials who were coerced into silent retirement. By now even the New World Order guys must consider Bill a loose cannon.

For our part we wouldn't trust our freedom and liberty to the president any more than we would trust him [or his friends] with our wives and daughters. We maintain that a man who can't be trusted with his own willy can't be trusted with anybody else's either.

So the central issue remains one of character and in the end, it may turn out to be more important than the legal implications. As the image of the leader dissolves so does the viability and authority of leadership and the nation. To those who maintain character is nothing, we respond, character is everything. That, of course, is one of the key differences between the New World Order mentality and that of the "patriot" community.

We might also reflect that the character of the NWO is also reflected in its leadership. How interesting that even the NWO advocates don't recognize the importance of character in their representatives, an element essential to the viability of their fortunes. Or perhaps they do. Bill represents almost an ideal opportunity to create an atmosphere of chaos amid an overall public conviction of administrative incompetency. It provides an avenue to suggest to the public mind that the grand experiment in republican government has been a failure.

We are content to leave the sex thing between Bill and God. But we would be less than American and complicit in the crimes to let Bill off without a visit to the courts to answer for everything else. Now all we need is some sort of incident, traditionally war is thought to be most appropriate, to draw our attention away from Billy's willy. And that's all we have to say about that.

HISTORICAL PRECEDENTS

John Locke On Tyranny

John Locke, born at Wrington, near Bristol, England in 1632 devoted his life to the study of politics and religion. Educated at Oxford, he was a teacher by trade who actively conversed with famous "men of letters" of his time. He published numerous essays on government which greatly offended public officials. As a result he spent considerable time pursuing his career and

correspondence in France and Holland. He was one of the most influential writers of his time on the newly considered aspects of freedom, rights of man and social problems. His writings greatly influenced the thoughts and perspectives of this nation's Founders.

We don't have to wonder. We know many of the writings and understand much about the moral, religious and political experiences which inspired the early American colonists to participate in the social upheaval that resulted in our national independence. What escapes us is how they rationalized the rebellion which overturned the concept of the monarchy as legitimate government for the concept of the sovereignty of the individual. And, what motivation inspired them to fight to the death to support their convictions.

As we struggle to determine in our own hearts and minds how much is enough we naturally look for measures against which to evaluate personal actions which may be justified to oppose tyrannical government. Conviction must be reasoned by each individual, it cannot very well be compelled or borrowed from another. So it is each of us seeks justification. As we work to develop personal insight, one resource we would be remiss in neglecting is the writings of John Locke. Just in case you thought the current problems with overbearing government was something new, consider the following excerpts from Locke's book entitled "Of Civil Government" written in 1689:

"He that will with any cleanness speak of the Dissolution of Government, ought in the first place to distinguish between the dissolution of the society, and the dissolution of the government. That what makes the community, and brings men out of the loose state of nature, into one politick society, is the agreement which every one has with the rest to incorporate, and act as one body, and so be one distinct commonwealth. The usual, and almost only way whereby this union is dissolved, is the inroad of foreign force making a conquest upon them. For in that case, (not being able to maintain and support themselves, as one intire and independent body) the union belonging to the body which consisted therein, must necessarily cease, and so every one return to the state he was in before, with a liberty to shift for himself, and provide for his own safety as he thinks fit in some other society. Whenever the society is dissolved, 'tis certain the government of that society cannot remain. Thus conquerors swords often cut up governments by the roots, and mangle societies to pieces, separating the subdued or fettered multitude from the protection of, and dependent on that society which ought to have preserved them from violence...

Besides this over-turning from without, governments are dissolved form within, ...

Fourthly, the delivery also of the people into the subjection of a foreign power, either by the prince, or by the legislative, is certainly a change of the legislative, and so a dissolution of the government. For the end why people entered into society being to be preserved one intire, free, independent society, to be governed by its own laws; this is lost, whenever they are given up into the power of another....

The reason why men enter into society, is the preservation of their property; and the end why they choose and authorize a legislative, is, that there may be laws made, and rules set, as guards and fences to the properties of all the members of the society, to limit the power, and moderate the dominion of every part and member of the society. For since it can never be supposed to be the will of the society, that the legislative should have a power to destroy that, which every one designs to secure, by entering into society, and for which the people submitted themselves to legislators of their own making, whenever the legislators endeavour to take away, and destroy the property of the people, or to reduce them to slavery under arbitrary power, they put themselves into a state of war with the people, who are thereupon absolved from any further obedience, and are left to the common refuge, which God hath provided for all men, against force and violence. Whensoever therefore the legislative shall transgress this fundamental rule of society; and either by ambition, fear, folly or corruption, endeavor to grasp themselves, or put into the hands of any other an absolute power over the lives, liberties, and estates of the people; by this breach of trust they forfeit the power, the people had put into their hands, for quite contrary ends, and it devolves to the people, who have the right to resume their original liberty and, by the establishment of a new legislative, (such as they shall think fit) provide of their own safety and security, which is the end for which they are in society.”

“As usurpation is the exercise of power, which another hath a right to; so tyranny is the exercise of power beyond right, which no body can have a right to. And this is making use of the power any one has in his hands, not for the good of those who are under it, but for his own private separate advantage. When the Governor, however instituted, makes not the Law, but his will, the Rule; and his commands and actions are not directed to the preservation of the properties of his people, but the satisfaction of his own ambition, revenge, covetousness, or any other irregular passion.”

“Where-ever Law ends, tyranny begins, if the Law be transgressed to another’s harm. And whosoever in authority exceeds the power given him by the law, and makes use of the force, he has under his command, to compass that upon the subject, which the law, allows not, ceases in that to be a magistrate, and acting without authority, may be opposed, as any other man, who by force invades the rights of another.”

“The state of War is a state of enmity and destruction: And therefore declaring by word or action, not a passionate and hasty, but a sedate settled design, upon another man’s life, puts him in a state of War with him against whom he has declared such an intention, and so has exposed his life to the offense, and espouses his quarrel; it being reasonable and just I should have a right to destroy that, which threatens me with destruction. For by the fundamental Law of Nature, man being to be preserved, as much as possible, when all cannot be preserved, the safety of the innocent is to be preferred: And one may destroy a man who makes War upon him, or has discovered an enmity to his being, for the same reason, that he may kill a wolf or a lion; because such men are not under the ties of the common-law of reason, have no other rule, but that of force and violence, and so may be treated as beasts of prey, those dangerous and noxious creatures, that will be sure to destroy him, whenever he falls into their power.

And hence it is, that he who attempts to get another man into his absolute power, does thereby put himself into a state of war with him; it being to be understood as a declaration of a design upon his life. For I have reason to conclude, that he who would get me into his power without my consent, would use me as he pleased, when he had got me there, and destroy me too, when he had a fancy to it; for no body can desire to have me in his absolute power, unless it be to compel me by force to that, which is against the right of my freedom, i.e. make me a slave. To be free from such force is the only security of my preservation; and reason bids me look on him, as an enemy to my preservation, who would take away that freedom, which is the sense to it; so that he who makes an attempt to enslave me, thereby puts himself into a state of war with me. He that in the state of nature, would take away the freedom, that belongs to any one in that state, must necessarily be supposed to have a design to take away every thing else, that freedom being the foundation of all the rest: As he that in the state of society, would take away the freedom belonging to those of that society or common-wealth, must be supposed to design to take away from them everything else, and so be looked on as in a state of War.”

LESSONS FROM HISTORY

A Look At The Old World Order

The summer after the Boston Tea Party the British were blockading Boston Harbor and the Boston economy was in depression. Business was suspended, church bells were muffled and tolled day and night . Flags were kept at half-mast and public buildings were draped in black. The question before citizens of the Massachusetts colony was whether to capitulate or continue to resist the intimidating sea power of the British. The destruction of the tea had been condemned by the King as a subversion, and by parliament as actual rebellion. All attention in the colonies was focused on Boston.

Relief in the form of livestock, provisions, wood and money was contributed to alleviate the suffering of the citizens. Intense interest focused on Massachusetts as colonists everywhere were apprehensive of the prospect of open rebellion. In legislatures, from newspapers and pulpits, words of strength, resolve, encouragement, and also of warning, poured in from throughout the colonies.

Among them came a lesson from history. A sermon by a Rhode Island minister sent to Boston recollected the temptations, intimidation and ultimate destruction of Carthage during the Third Punic War. It was a powerful sermon that clearly demonstrated the failure of resistance in the face of tyranny, the consequences of cowardice and lack of resolve in the face of war.

Like Boston, the question it asked is just as relevant today as it was to ancient Carthage. The question was whether early America, and free Americans, had the will to survive. It illustrates that the political consequences of bowing to a One World Order are the same whether spelled out to the intended victims with swords, black powder cannon, or modern small arms.

“Rhode Island, July 21, 1774... To the worthy inhabitants of the Town of Boston - My Dear Brethren: The manly firmness with which you sustain every kind of Ministerial abuse, injury, and oppression, and support the glorious cause of liberty, reflects the highest honour upon the worn. The few, very few amongst you, who have adopted the principles of slavery, serve, like the shade in a picture, to exhibit your virtues in a more striking point of light. Unhappy men, I sincerely pity them, that they should have so little sense of the dignity of human nature; so little sense of they duty to God, as to wish to reduce rational beings, formed after his divine image, to a state of brutish or worse than brutish servitude; that they should be so dead to all the feeling so humanity, public spirit, and universal benevolence, as to prefer the sordid pleasure of being upper slaves to foreign tyrants, and under them tyrannizing over their country, to the god-like satisfaction of saving the country.

How wretched these men mistake happiness! All the riches and honour in the world cannot give any pleasure in the least degree equal to the sincere heartfelt joy which the patriot feels in the consciousness of having supported the dignity, the freedom, and happiness of his country.

The attempt made by these men to annihilate your Committee of Correspondence was very natural. The robber does not wish to see our property entirely secured. An enemy, about to invade a foreign country, does not wish to see the coast well guarded and the country universally alarmed. Upon the same principles these men wish the dissolution of the Committee. They know that a design was formed to rob the Americans of their property; they hoped to share largely in the general plunder; but they now see that by the vigilance, wisdom, and fidelity, of the several Committees of Correspondence, the people are universally apprized of their danger, and will soon enter into such measures for the common security as will infallibly blast all their unjust expectations; and this is the true source of all the abuse thrown upon your Committee. But Oh, ye worthy few! continue to treat all their attempts with the neglect which they deserve. Thus the generous mastiff looks down with pity and contempt upon the little noisy, impertinent curs, which bark at him as he walks the street. Your faithful services have endeared you to the wise and good in every Colony. Continue your indefatigable labours in the common cause, and you will soon see the happy success of them in the salvation of your country.

The tools of power, and their connections, I imagine, are daily persuading you, my brethren, to submit to the Ministry. They pretend to pity your distresses, and assure you that the only way for you to get relief, is the making compensation for the tea, and submitting to the Revenue Acts. But did ever a man preserve his money by delivering up his purse to the highwayman who dared to demand it? Is it the way to preserve life, to throw away our arms and present our naked bosoms to the murderer's sword?

The town of Boston has been resembled to Carthage, and threatened with the same fate by a Member of Parliament. The execution of the sentence is already begun. It may not be amiss, then, to turn to the history of that people.

There had been two long and bloody wars between Rome and that city. The Romans were victorious. But the Carthaginians having, in a few years, almost recovered their former state of wealth and power, the Romans looked upon them with a jealous eye, and took every opportunity (unless by an open war) to depress them. The Carthaginians, dreading a war, and hoping, by a proper submission, to conciliate the Roman affection, sent Ambassadors to Rome, with orders to declare that they entirely abandoned themselves, and all they possessed, to the discretion of the Romans.

The Senate of Rome, in return, granted them their liberty; the exercise of their own laws, all their territories and possessions, as private persons, or as a Republic, on condition that, in thirty days, they should send three hundred hostages of Lilybaeum, and to what the Consuls should order them.

This cruel order was submitted to. The hostages were immediately sent. They were the flower and hopes of the most noble families of Carthage. Upon their departure nothing was heard by the most dismal cries and groans; the whole city was in tears; and the mothers of these devoted youth tore their hair and beat their breasts in all the agonies of grief and despair. They fastened their arms around their lovely offspring, and could not be separated from them but by force. This cruel sacrifice, I should think, would have melted the Romans into compassion; but it has no such effect. Ambition and tyranny are incapable of any humane or tender feeling. The Deputies, therefore, attended the Roman camp, and told the Consuls they were come in the name of the Senate of Carthage, to receive their orders, which they were ready to obey in all things. The Consul preside the good disposition and ready obedience, and ordered them to deliver up all their arms. This fatal order was complied with, and an infinite number of weapons of all kinds, and a fine fleet of ships, accordingly delivered up.

Would any thing less than the entire destruction of Carthage have satisfied the Romans, they would now have been perfectly content. They had wholly disarmed the Carthaginians, and got all the noble young hostages, as a security for their quiet submission; but all this did not satisfy them. The Consul sternly told them that the Senate of Rome had determined to destroy Carthage; that they must quit their city and remove to some other part of their territory, four leagues from the sea. This they refused to do.

The Romans therefore attacked their city, which, notwithstanding its defenseless state, bravely sustained a most terrible siege three whole years. Had the Carthaginians preserved their youth, the navy, and their arms; had they united their neighboring nations against the common oppressor, and immediately prepared for their defense, they might, perhaps, have defeated the Romans, and preserved their city entirely, or at least for many years longer. But they, by imprudent submissions put themselves wholly in the power of the enemy; and the consequences were, the miserable death of several hundred thousand people, and the utter destruction of their city! Take warning, my dear countrymen, by this terrible example..." sermon quote from Fighting Chance by Arthur Robinson, Ph.D. and Gary North.

INTRODUCTION TO SMALL UNIT DOCTRINE

Fundamentals of the Small Unit

Compiled from a number of military manuals, this is the first in what is hoped to be a series of articles pertaining to Small Unit or cell operations. These articles are designed to assist leaders and prospective leaders of the small unit. The content will be tactical and logistical; administrative matters have been omitted. When in the field, especially under stress of combat or simulated combat, combat leaders cannot instantly recall everything they have been taught. Rapid changes in the situation may cause a leader to assume a position for which they have not yet been trained. They will then appreciate some brief reference material to guide them. They cannot carry masses of field manuals and they will lack access to a library or organizational files. What they need they must carry in their pocket, condensed in a form, which allows use at-a-glance. These articles have been compiled from current field manuals and field circulars with those requirements in mind.

You will note that much of the reference material is in fact a comprehensive checklist to ensure that you have not overlooked some important consideration in leading a small unit. The series will focus on unit combat operations and soldier combat skills.

Fundamental to operating across the full range of possible operations is an understanding of the military's doctrinal foundations, the principles of war and the tenets of military operations. Small Unit leaders must understand the concepts and fundamentals of military doctrine to effectively lead in combat.

Principles of War

The enduring bedrock of military doctrine, the principles of war, have stood the test of time. Only slightly revised since first published in 1921, today's force projection military recognizes the following nine principles of war.

1. Objective

Direct every military operation toward a clearly defined, decisive, and attainable objective. The ultimate military purpose of war is the destruction of the enemy's armed forces and its' will to fight. In operations other than war, the ultimate objective might be more difficult to define, but must be clear from the beginning.

2. Offensive

Seize, retain, and exploit the initiative. Offensive action is the most effective and decisive way to attain a clearly defined common objective. In militia operations it is important to note that the militia is defensive in nature and should not initiate offensive action unless in time of war and within parameters consistent with lawful militia operations.

3. Mass

Mass the effects of overwhelming combat power at a decisive place and time. Synchronizing all the elements of combat power where they will have decisive effect on an enemy force in a short period of time is to achieve mass.

4. Economy of Force

Economy of force is the judicious employment and distribution of forces in order to achieve mass elsewhere. Allocate minimum essential combat power to secondary efforts.

5. Maneuver

Place the enemy in a position of disadvantage through the flexible application of combat power. Maneuver is the movement of forces in relation to the enemy to secure or retain positional advantage.

6. Unity of Command

For every objective, seek unity of command and unity of effort. At all levels of war, employment of forces in a manner that masses combat power toward a common objective requires unity of command and unity of effort.

7. Security

Never permit the enemy to acquire unexpected advantage. Security results from the measures taken by a commander to protect his forces.

8. Surprise

Strike the enemy at a time or place or in a manner for which it is unprepared. The element of surprise can allow forces to achieve success well out of proportion to the effort expended.

9. Simplicity

Prepare clear, uncomplicated plans and concise orders to ensure thorough understanding. Other factors being equal, the simplest plan is preferable.

Tenets

Success in battle will depend on the ability to fight in accordance with five basic tenets as follows:

1. Initiative

Initiative means setting or changing the terms of battle by action. The small unit must attempt to maintain their freedom of action while limiting the enemy's. This requires an offensive spirit in all operations. Decentralized operations in which small units aggressively fight through enemy resistance with immediately available resources support the seizure or retention of the initiative.

Individuals act independently within the framework of the commander's concept. Leaders and soldiers must understand the intent of commanders two echelons above. Commanders use mission type orders and clear, concise instructions to ensure that subordinates understand the concept and how they fit within it.

2. Agility

Infantry forces seize or retain the initiative by acting and/or reacting faster than the enemy. This begins with the commander, who must have the mental agility to rapidly analyze tactical situations, thinking through many possible courses of action and the enemy's likely reaction to them, and determining the most effective and least costly course. SOPs and drills enable the unit to rapidly execute assigned missions without long, detailed orders.

3. Depth

Depth is the extension of operations in time, space, and resources. A commander seeks to fight the enemy throughout the depth of the enemy's formations by properly positioning his forces or by skillfully maneuvering his unit. This allows the unit to seek out and concentrate against enemy weakness. By swiftly concentrating against first one, then another enemy weakness, a skilled commander can begin to seize the initiative on a local level, allowing for command to then exploit the opportunity.

4. Synchronization

Synchronization is the arrangement of battlefield activities in time, space, and purpose to produce maximum combat power at the decisive point. A commander synchronizes his subordinates' actions on the battlefield by assigning clear missions, making understood the timing required in the operation, and focusing all actions towards achieving overwhelming combat power at a decisive point. Issuing mission orders, identifying the main effort, and assigning each subordinate element clear tasks and purposes are the best means of maintaining synchronization in a fast paced, fluid environment.

5. Versatility

Versatility is the ability of tactical units to adapt to different missions and tasks. In a force projection military, the demands for versatility increase. Forces must be prepared to move rapidly from one region to another, one type of warfare to another, and one form of combat to another.

Combat Power

Military forces seek to apply overwhelming combat power in order to achieve victory at minimal cost. Four primary elements: maneuver, firepower, protection, and leadership, are used in combination to create combat power.

1. Maneuver

Maneuver is the movement of forces supported by fire to achieve a position of advantage from which to destroy or threaten destruction of the enemy. Maneuver is the primary means of gaining or retaining the initiative. Forces use stealth, camouflage, dispersion, terrain, and fires to support their movement and close with the enemy. Infantry takes advantage of its ability to move across difficult terrain in any weather to surprise the enemy. The indirect approach guides movement planning: avoiding the enemy's strengths, moving through gaps or weaknesses or around its flanks, and striking at critical locations to rapidly destroy the enemy's will and ability to fight.

2. Firepower

Firepower is the capacity to deliver effective fire on a target. Firepower and maneuver are complimentary. It is the effect of fire on the enemy that matters. A few weapons firing accurately from a location that surprise the enemy is more effective than many weapons with a large volume of fire but without the element of surprise. Before attempting to maneuver, infantry units must establish a base of fire. Leaders must understand the capabilities of organic and supporting weapons, how to position and employ them, and the techniques of integrating and controlling fires.

3. Protection

Protection is the conservation of the fighting potential of the force. It includes all actions that degrade the enemy's ability to maneuver against or place fires on the friendly force. These include security measures; use of limited visibility, cover, and concealment; air defense; camouflage; and dispersion. Protection also includes maintaining the soldiers' health and morale. Maneuver provides protection for the force by preventing the enemy from fixing it and concentrating firepower, such as suppressive fire during an assault, can also provide protection. Infantry gains protection by avoiding detection during movement and by digging fighting positions when stationary.

4. Leadership

The combat power generated by infantry forces is dependent on the concepts and plans developed by the commanders and the subordinate leaders. Infantry leaders are expected to lead by personal example and to provide purpose, motivation, and direction for their soldiers. Leaders must know their profession, their soldiers, and the tools of war.

Basic Rules of Combat

These rules appeared in military doctrine for a short time but are no longer included in recent publications. At the small unit level, however, they encompass the essence of the above fundamentals.

Security

- Use cover and concealment
- Establish local security and conduct reconnaissance
- Protect the unit

Movement

- Establish a moving element
- Get in the best position to shoot
- Gain and maintain the initiative
- Move fast, strike hard, and finish rapidly

Shoot

- Establish a base of fire
- Maintain mutual support
- Kill or suppress the enemy
- Communicate

Communication

- Tell soldiers what is expected

Sustain the team
Keep the fight going
Take care of soldiers

Some of the information contained within this document may not be specifically applicable to potential militia operations. It is still important to understand this doctrine because it is the basis for military operations throughout the world. In upcoming issues we hope to include articles on Command and Control, Movement, Offense, and Defense as well as several other topics.

“The Soviet and Chinese examples illustrate contrasting methods of ruling a people against its will. On the one hand, a constant official terror, suppressing rebellion before it has taken root. On the other hand, a nation-wide mobilization of the techniques of persuasion and propaganda, designed to make all sections of the people participate, apparently of their own free will, in the revolution. But the two major Communist systems have this in common: when terror or persuasion has failed and an insurrection nevertheless breaks out, it must be ruthlessly and violently crushed.” *The Rebels: A Study of Post-War Insurrections*, Brian Crozier, 1960.

GOVERNMENT ENLISTS SENIOR PROGRAMMERS Washington Declares [Another] War Against Y2K

The Federal Government is putting out the welcome mat for military and federal retirees with computer programming backgrounds to help fix the year 2000 computer glitch known as Y2K. Concerns are centered around a program flaw that was built into large federal and corporate computer systems in the 1970s to save much needed computer space. Programmers of the time abbreviated years to two digits. Hence, 1998 is “98” on many of these computers. But in two years, that means the computers will believe that it is 1900 instead of 2000.

In order to get sufficient numbers of qualified workers who could help avert the event, the Government is willing to temporarily waive restrictions that prevent retired regular military officers from drawing both federal civil service salaries and full military retirement pay. Also waived is the limit on total income a federal employee can receive when civil service and military retirement pay are combined, now \$110,700 per year. Civil service retirees who have the technical expertise to help solve the Y2K problem can return to civil service work without seeing their salaries reduced by the amount they receive in retired pay. In addition, all other restrictions on receiving bonuses or overtime pay are also waived for retirees who have the training and expertise necessary to resolve the problem. The waivers were announced by Office of Personnel Management Director Janice R. Lachance.

The positions are temporary. Retirees who accept Y2K jobs with federal agencies agree to work for one year, with a possible one-year extension. Eight federal agencies, the departments of Health and Human Services, Agriculture, Education, Labor, State, Interior, Treasury and the General Services Administration have requested waivers for military and federal retirees. The Defense and Veterans Affairs departments have not yet made an official request to hire computer

experts yet. The Pentagon and the VA are expected to request assistance soon. Many retirees seem intrigued with the plan, particularly its provision to waive so called "double dipping" restrictions, but some are quick to note that the incentives being offered are not matching up to offers from commercial banks and corporations. The government realizes it needs older computer specialists, who are familiar with the old languages. Lockheed -Martin Corp is starting its pay rate for this service at \$85,000.

On June 2, a House Panel gave the Federal government an "F" for its efforts thus far to fix its computers for the year 2000.

Since we never seem to learn from history, perhaps we will always be doomed to repeat it. As Americans stand on the threshold of the 21st Century, it seems that everyone in America believes they are entitled to the good life just by virtue of being an American. Yet each and every rational American knows we will be forced to pay a terrible price for the financial follies of our government and ourselves. While most believe we can always achieve the good life through ever increasing amounts of debt/credit, the fact is that debt based economy is collapsing under the weight of excessive credit. Most Americans will be financially devastated." Michael Haga, After The Crash.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Civil War Recollections

In "The Creature From Jekyll Island" author G. Edward Griffin offers some interesting perspectives regarding the Civil War. He describes certain actions taken by the federal government to meet its political objectives in waging a war driven by business interests against the Confederate states while at the same time engaging in another type of war against its own citizens. The description Griffin offers is particularly instructive. Here are some excerpts:

"The beginning of the war did not go well for the North, and in the early years, the outcome was far from certain. Not only did the Union army face repeated defeats on the battlefield, but enthusiasm from the people at home was badly sagging. at the outset this was not a popular war based on humanitarian principle; it was a war of business interests. That presented two serious problems for the North. The first was how to get people to fight, and the second was how to get them to pay. Both problems were solved by the simple expediency of violating the constitution.

"To get people to fight it was decided to convert the war into an anti-slavery crusade. The Emancipation Proclamation was primarily a move on the part of Lincoln to fan the dying embers of support for the 'Rich-man's war and the poor man's fight,' as it was commonly called in the North."

"Preservation of the Union was not enough to fire men's enthusiasm for war. Only the higher issue of freedom could that. To make the cause of freedom synonymous with the cause of the North, there was no alternative but to officially declare against slavery. After

having emphasized over and over again that slavery was not the reason for war, Lincoln later explained why he changed his course and issued the Proclamation:

'Things had gone from bad to worse until I felt we had reached the end of our rope on the plan we were pursuing; that we had about played our last card, and must change our tactics or lose the game. I now determined upon the adoption of the emancipation policy.'

"The rhetoric of the Proclamation was superb, but the concept left a great deal to be desired. Bruce Clayton, writing in the American Heritage Pictorial History of the Civil War explains:

'Technically, the proclamation was almost absurd. It proclaimed freedom for all slaves in precisely those areas where the United States could not make its authority effective, and allowed slavery to continue in slave states which remained under Federal control...'

"... When conscription was initiated by Lincoln in 1863, people in the North were outraged. In New York's Madison Square, thousands of protesters marched in torch parades and attended anti-Lincoln rallies. ... In New York City ... the riots continued for four days and were suppressed only when the federal Army of the Potomac was ordered to fire into the crowds. Over a thousand civilians were killed or wounded."

To control the insurrection, Lincoln ignored the Constitution once again by suspending the right to habeas corpus, which made it possible for the government to imprison its critics without formal charges and without trial. ... In other words, free men were enslaved so that slaves could be made free."

From this vignette we observe that lies and deception by the federal government were then, as now, the rule of the day when crisis demands expediency. Further, that then as now, the rights of citizens and constitutional principles were readily abandoned when overriding business interests were at risk. Another, that slavery, never an honorable institution, was already dying a natural death in both the North and South at the time of the War For Southern Independence. Yet Lincoln's lie is encouraged as truth to this day to promote racial differences which obstruct the ability of Americans of all races and colors to work together in common cause for liberty and freedom.

So we see that then as now, Americans with and without color were and are equally abused and misinformed for the expediency which promotes political disunity and manipulation, not for the sake of liberty, state sovereignty or some other noble purpose, but in the furtherance of business. No, government is not prejudiced; unconstrained, it's a predator of all persons, races and classes of its citizens.

Patriotism, on the other hand, is color blind; those who find identity in being Americans first and who find common cause in demanding equality under the law, and freedom from constitutional manipulation. Like America, ownership and participation in the constitutional militia is also a guaranteed right of all Americans regardless of race, color or national origin. The question is

whether we can overcome our state-induced prejudices and count ourselves first as Americans, or flounder as a people who cannot find common cause in the principles of freedom.

MERCENARIES VISIT CAROLINA MOUNTAINS

In The Woods With America's Finest

From our field reporters we learn that Col. James "Bo" Gritz has concluded his expedition to bring in the elusive Eric Rudolph who is still believed by some to be hiding in the western mountains of North Carolina. The facts and fictions surrounding his visit remain unclear.

According to news accounts, Gritz was to be accompanied by up to 100 armed militia volunteers from Idaho and other western states, but the group actually fielded included only about 40 volunteers including 12 individuals from the Andrews, NC area. News media, originally stated that Gritz and his volunteers had a guarantee of support of the corporate [federal] agents, including equipment. But the relationship was disavowed by the federally incorporated agents, and in turn, Gritz disavowed the feds by promising to turn in the captured Rudolph only to local law enforcement. While discouraging bounty hunters, FBI, Inc. did not, at least to our knowledge, disavow the presence of mercenaries. And no one, to our knowledge, requested the assistance of any capable NC law enforcement, or militia group for that matter.

While suggesting knowledge of the exact whereabouts of Rudolph and encouraging his surrender on arrival in-state, the Gritz group generally remained on roads and trails, apparently hoping Rudolph would appear to negotiate terms. Two reports of Rudolph sightings were made by the searchers, but no photographs or other evidence of his physical presence were apparently gathered. After claiming federal authority to commandeer a campground as a command center, the group was subsequently asked to move to another site evidently on someone else's [higher] federal authority. Reports that the group's representatives had received intimate knowledge of Rudolph's whereabouts lent an air of authenticity to the popular North Carolina pastime known as a snipe hunt.

The feds pledged \$1 million for Rudolph's capture; Gritz promised to give the money to Rudolph's mother, and one day of safe custody, in exchange for his surrender. The corporate officers, if appears, did not appear to be readily amenable to any pre-allocation of capture funds by private parties. And, in the enthusiasm of anticipating a quick resolution based on enticing incentives for Rudolph's capitulation offered by both sides, the media seemed to overlook that fact that, reminiscent of Waco and Roby, Illinois and similar events, neither group promised Rudolph justice.

At least one media poll, and the consensus of NCCM reporters, agree that at least 80% of local citizens have been totally alienated by this combined invasion and vain search for the dangerous Rudolph. Most, we are lead to believe, still suggest Rudolph has long since returned to the earth.

For the record, and the chronically ignorant, it may be necessary to note that the NCCM does not in any way support or condone the terrorist type acts of which Rudolph is said to have been complicit. Further, we can claim no knowledge of the whereabouts or status of Rudolph, the ability to bring Rudolph in from the woods, or the willingness to seek him out. We observe that under the law

Rudolph is still innocent until proven guilty. Our perspective of this particular operation can be summed up in informal military terms as a C__F__ , better designed to garner political and media favor than tactical results. Still, we suggest the search for Rudolph remains a distraction; the sucker punch is still in the making.

BARNYARD FABLES #30

The Cock & Bull Story

“Them Chickens is startin’ to make me nervous,” confided Bill, pausing to look at the quiet farm in the valley below. “They seem to be watchin’ us every minute!”

“What, getting cold feet now, Comrade?”, replied Boris, “Just remember, your job is to run farm down, not get caught with pants down, to keep support of your Central Committee.”

“Darn! Boris, you don’t get it, things are gettin’ pretty spooky around here. Sure, some of them dumb Animals is grazin’, peckin’ an such like regular critters, but the rest are watchin’, lookin’ around, and doin’ things.”

“Lay off vodka and hard stuff, Bill,” reassured Boris smiling. “Remember saying from Old Country, ‘Skin dumb Animals before shooting is more fun and saves bullets!”

“Look, Boris, this is real, explained Bill. “Late at night we’ve been seein’ a strange light through the Chicken house windows, sort of like the glow from computer screens. And lately, long past dark, we’re sometimes seeing the same thing in the barn and over at the farm yonder.”

“And, that’s not all”, said Bill taking a seat beneath a big oak. “Those Chickens actually seem to be talkin’ to the other Animals, and you never saw farm Animals lookin’ at and carryin’ scraps of paper around so much. Heck, the watch Dogs are watchin’ us more than strangers comin’ to the farm, and we haven’t had a Fox in the Hen house for months!”

“OK,” replied Boris as if accepting incipient dementia as normal behavior, “Take list of every weapon and collect for storage in farm house. Dumb Animals never suspect motives.”

“This ain’t the Old Country, but even you might consider it pretty strange for a farm, Boris,” returned Bill with a queer smirk, “We tried; but we think the Chickens got them first.”

“Awwwk!,” loudly commented the observing Rooster, hidden just above eye level in the oak.

“Ha, Ha!...”, guffawed Boris looking over his shoulder, “Glad you not crazy Farmer in *kolkhoz*, this famous American ‘Cock and Bull story’..... right?”

BOOK REVIEW

Making The Best of Basics

In the past we have considered various books which illustrate directly or indirectly the principles and underpinnings of the philosophy of liberty; brain food if you will. This month we'll consider food for the body, for without the ability to physically function, neither will the mind.

Over the years we've seen many books on long term food storage and use. Making The Best of Basics, Family Preparedness Handbook by James Talmage Stevens must certainly be counted among the best. First published in 1975, and now in its' 18th printing (Gold Leaf Press; ISBN 1-882723-25-2), it is a classic reference for family preparedness.

It's difficult to make an informational text "interesting"; it lacks adventure, intrigue, action and of course, a hero. But we recognize that the thing that often makes the critical difference in survival is information and the knowledge of how to use it. That's what makes this book interesting.

This text is directed to individuals, families and groups and is based on the premise that, whatever your capability, every one can do a better job of preparedness. The text is formatted to be easily read, and it even contains an index! Numerous guidelines, checklists and charts are included to assist the reader in not only determining what needs to be done, but helps answer questions of why, how much, and how long items can be stored.

The focus on the book is on food preparedness. It includes consideration of all types of foodstuffs including basic grains, sprouting, honey, condiments, recipes for their use, and much more. To say it's scope is broad is insufficient. It contains considerations for the young and old, common herbal medicines, fuels for cooking and lighting, and food storage and preparation guidelines including information on canning, drying, and nutritional considerations. It includes a state-by-state listing of retail outlets for preparedness supplies.

If you are interested in taking a degree of personal responsibility in preparing for an uncertain future, and particularly if you can afford just one reference, give serious consideration to Making the Best of Basics. The book is available at some NC gunshows and bookstores. It can also be ordered direct from Basics Company, PO Box 691245, San Antonio, TX 78269 for \$23.90.

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IN THE WIRE:

Privacy On Sale...By The DMV:

The North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles is selling your private information.

A provision of the Federal Privacy Protection Act allows for personal information contained in the records of the Division of Motor Vehicles to be released for surveys, marketing or solicitations if the customer has an opportunity to prohibit such disclosure. Effective July 1, 1998, customers may complete form MVR-605B requesting that the information contained in their records not be released for surveys, marketing or solicitations. The form should be completed and returned to North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, Vehicle Registration

section, 1100 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27697. As specified in Senate Bill 620, Section 17.1, no personal information contained within these records will be released until July 1, 1999. If you are interested in obtaining copies of related items you should contact your Senators office and request copies of Senate Bill 352, Section 32.25 and Senate Bill 620, Section 17.1.

Update On Executive Order 13083:

Reports out of Washington suggest our President has truly seen the light and felt the heat. That is, at least long enough to issue a Suspension of Executive Order 13083 which sought to define “federalism” so broadly as to effectively usurp all remaining States rights under the 10th Amendment. Not that there was any great outcry of indignation at the bold (or stupid) attempt to get away with the whole ball of wax unchallenged, but it evidently was enough. Or was it?

The order of suspension issued on August 5th is simply that, a suspension, pending “consultation with State and local elected officials...”. It is not a retraction. Not a little cynical given the lies and more lies which have been the stock in trade of this Administration, we don’t believe the fat lady has sung her last aria on this one either.

Wagging The Dog:

US actions toward curbing international terrorism are certainly warranted and within the purview of government if performed within Constitutional limits to protect American citizens. However, in the scheme of things, the overreaction of bombing “suspected” international terrorist training and manufacturing centers is not necessarily a good thing. Several points warrant attention.

Citing the need to protect American citizens as justification, administration officials obscured the fact that previous attacks have not been directed not so much at citizens but at government facilities suggesting that the terrorists quarrel is not with the American people who have remained generally untargeted, but perhaps the unsanctioned New World Order policies of their government.

In perspective we observe that in less than one day the President not only declared war on and invaded two sovereign countries without the consent of congress, in executing a “blitzkrieg” attack instead of measured tactical response, he affirmed that no country was inviolate to the NWO Pax Americana. C Clinton probably did more to consolidate the many individual terrorist groups of radical Islam and unite them into common cause than Osama ben Laden could have done in ten years. Instead of a small “surgical” strike at a calculated time and place, Clinton chose to make it a propaganda than a military event which may have calculated and untoward consequences more far reaching than obscuring the Presidents ongoing continuing continued sexual debauchery.

We wonder if the presidents character is such that he would not hesitate to slaughter foreign citizens on slim pretext of suspected complicity in terrorism, just how hesitant will he be in arbitrarily naming patriot groups as “domestic terrorists” for political gain? Wouldn’t do that you say? Well let met tell you a little story about Oklahoma City.

That we can attack sovereign nations with impunity, and on the flimsiest of evidence, is the definition of terrorism itself. How is it Clinton can justify his own use of terrorist tactics on sovereign nations and remain untainted by the same immorality? Do two wrongs make a right?

We can't help but chuckle at the assurances of "unbiased" democratic leaders who were in on the decision that the furious assaults on the Sudan and Afghanistan could not be construed as an attempt to "wag the dog." Regardless of the Presidents propensity for taking advantage of political opportunity to further his personal agenda, we speculate that image, not substance is driving the administration frantic efforts to escalate the terrorist agenda. Time will tell.

Mark Koernke Defense Fund

Each of us can indeed make a difference if we work together. There isn't a person reading this that can't send at least a single buck to help rescue Mark who has done much to resurrect the legitimacy of the Constitutional militia. Yeah, we take our own advice. Think of it as a spit in the eye of the New World Order; think of it any way you like, but send at least a buck to:

Ms. Nancy Koernke, Post Office Box 194, Dexter, Michigan ZIP 48130

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READERS RESPOND

E-Mail: Not everybody loves us.

Truth and knowledge are far more elusive than we might often think. It's hard to believe, but many Americans would consider themselves equally at home in the Fourth Reich, as the Third. But a little light even shines in the land of the blind. We give credit to the writer who correctly observes that there is no place in the NWO for the constitutional militia. For your consideration.....

From: "Masked Avenger"

Subject: Fools

Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 00:32:55 PDT

"I am so sorry that the good people of this country have to suffer the rantings of fools like you. You have made your own government your enemy just so you can carry around your guns and run around in the woods playing soldier. Most boys get that out of their systems at 12 or 13. It was all just humorous and a bit annoying until your children started shooting other children in school, and you started bombing Federal buildings and shooting guards inside the Capital. Now I can only hope that the Government has sufficient support to hunt you down like the criminals you are, bring you to trial, and end this "revolution".

Because guess what? Most Americans don't care about your fictional helicopters and UN conspiracy theories. We LIKE the security and services our government provides, and

the peace maintained by the UN. We LIKE the FBI, the ATF, and any other agency that protects us from fanatics and lunatics like yourselves. We will see your guns taken away. We will see your terrorist factions punished. We will see your group so completely obliterated that none of your members will dare admit their affiliation. The day is coming when this world will be at peace. Travel between nations will be safe and ordinary.

Multi-national art and culture will thrive. Weapons will be pointless, and mankind will be at peace with itself. We are entering an exciting new world. Unfortunately, groups like yours are holding us back. There is no place in the new world order for you, and that is what scares you. You are pointless and irrelevant. Just go away.”

Editors Response: We are speechless. We had no idea that Disneyland had expanded coast to coast. But, thank you for the enlightening correspondence. Readers might note that for every negative communication we receive literally hundreds of favorable comments..

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Beware what you purchase at Gunshows. On June 20 and 21 we attended a gun show in Asheville, North Carolina. The show was the “Land of the Sky” and is usually referred to as “the best show” in Asheville. We always go to these shows and pick up odds and ends as well as passing out material on our organization. Upon arriving we could not help but notice that the crowd was much smaller than usual. Upon entry into the Civic center one of the first things that we noticed was the installation of new domed security cameras. These were cameras that were contained in blacked out domes so that you cannot see where the cameras are pointing or even if there are real cameras in them. Turns out that the FBI and BATF had agents at the show performing specific tasks. There was even an announcement on the Public Address system prior to the show informing vendors that agency representatives would be attending the show. It was stated that the FBI was there to observe people who were shopping for books, videos, and information. The BATF reportedly were looking for people who were selling firearms without paperwork, and of course they were looking for information on bombing suspect Eric Rudolph.

We don’t know if this is going to become the norm for gunshows, but it is somewhat strange that the feds provided blanket coverage for a show as small as Asheville and less than a month later ABC News and Nightline started running verbal assaults on Gunshows. I would like to encourage people to attend more shows than usual but to be more cautious in what you say and to whom you say it. This might be yet another freedom that we see vanish before our very eyes.

Jeremy B. Davis

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