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HAVE DRONES, WILL TRAVEL: OBAMA THE PEACENIK

Barack Obama is again speaking out of both sides of his mouth. On the one side he is rattling sabers in Iran and drones in Pakistan and on the other he is pandering to the anti-nuclear, anti-war peace lobby. This is the same disarmament god that all globalist puppet presidents pay homage to, and it couldn't be more false or come at a worst time for American security. The Russian Bear and the Chinese Dragon are on the rise, and Obama, like Neville Chamberlain at the precipice of World War II, is crowing about "Peace in Our Time." Meanwhile, the president continues to follow all of the globalist intervention and suppression of liberty policies of his despised predecessor—bombing civilian targets with Predator drones in Afghanistan and Pakistan, threatening Iran, spying on the American people, invoking State Secrets to keep citizens from suing the government in court, and shielding US officials guilty of authorizing torture. Despite his carefully crafted rhetoric, nothing has changed.

Commentator Chris Floyd unleashed a flurry of criticism at Obama's peace initiatives in Prague. "While the usual gaggle of sycophants and media hive-minders tell us that Barack Obama literally changed the course of human history by disgorging a great load of thrice-chewed cud about nuclear disarmament in Prague this week, the high-tech drone war the great hero of peace is waging inside the sovereign territory of America's ally, Pakistan, is helping drive tens of thousands of people from their homes and killing civilians almost daily.

"But there was nothing in Obama's speech that had not been said dozens if not hundreds of times before by American presidents from both parties, going back decades: We pledge 'to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons.' Nuclear proliferation must be stopped. Rogue states can't have nuclear bombs. We will work with the Russians to reduce our stockpiles. What president has ever said otherwise?"

Floyd is right. History is littered with the debris and dead of this Western fetish to disarm. The history of arms 'control' is an abject and deadly failure, and yet they persist. Political Science Professor **David L. Schaefer** of the College of the Holy Cross gave Wall Street Journal readers a summary of

past violations: "Mr. Obama apparently believes that the chief lesson to be learned from Pyongyang's missile launch is the need for more arms-control initiatives. Reducing our nuclear arsenal only gives outlaw states (including China) the incentive to increase theirs, to try to rival ours. And eliminating nuclear-weapons testing reduces the reliability of our arms and hence their effectiveness as a deterrent. Here's some of the history:

- "Beginning in 1906, Britain cut back an ambitious program of naval construction, begun under a previous administration, in the hope of thereby avoiding an 'arms race' with Germany. But the change in British policy actually encouraged Germany's Adm. Alfred von Tirpitz to redouble his efforts to build a navy that would rival Britain's. This perception of British weakness may well have buttressed the confidence that led the Germans to launch World War I.

- "The Washington Naval Conference of 1922 set limits on battleship construction by the U.S., Japan, Britain, France and Italy. But as a result, Japan instead focused on building other kinds of warships, paving the way for Pearl Harbor [*After multiple and purposeful provocations by the Roosevelt administration*].

- "Britain's policy of restraint in military production during the 1930s -- combined with the refusal of British and French governments to send forces to turn back Hitler's then weak army when it violated the Versailles Treaty by remilitarizing the Rhineland in 1936 -- did not placate Hitler. It only whetted the dictator's appetite, generating what Winston Churchill called the "unnecessary war," World War II, which might never have occurred had the Western allies maintained their armaments and a firm policy during the years that led up to it.

- "The U.S. signed the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks antiballistic missile treaties with the Soviet Union in 1972, expecting they would produce a 'stable' balance and ultimately a reduction in nuclear armaments. Instead the Soviets continued their race for nuclear superiority, as summed up in congressional testimony by Jimmy Carter's Defense Secretary Harold Brown in 1979: '[W]hen we build, they build. When we cut, they build.' As President Ronald Reagan observed in a 1985 radio address on the Strategic Defense Initiative missile defense program the Soviets never accepted the 'innocent' American notion 'that being mutually vulnerable to attack was in our common interest' [*rebutting the phony "mutual assured destruction (MAD)" myth of deterrence*].

- "As soon as the Soviets signed the 1972 convention banning the manufacture of biological weapons, they immediately (secretly) ramped up their production of such weapons"

To this I would add that the most recent violations of disarmament agreements are even worse, both as to the act itself and the insistence of the US in going through with their portion in spite of Russian non-compliance:

1) After the deceptive “fall of the Soviet Union” Eastern European defectors revealed that the Russians had NOT removed intermediate range missiles from cave-based launching sites in Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria as agreed in the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty.

2) 1991 Strategic Arms Reductions Treaty (START 1) went into force requiring reductions in nuclear delivery missiles to under 1,000 nuclear weapons each (deployed and reserve) by the end of 2010; The US complied by removing its most powerful missiles, the MX, and reducing the Minuteman missiles to less than 500. The Russians allowed the US to dismantle a few older SS-18 and SS-24 missiles and then decided to retain the most modern ones.

3) In 2002, Bush pushed through a bilateral agreement with the Russians, the Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty (SORT) requiring the reduction of warheads from 6,000 to 1,700 for the US and 2,200 for the Russians, just to be “gracious”. The US continued the taxpayer funded program (Nunn-Lugar) to dismantle older missile warheads for the Russians, and even built a state of the art nuclear facility for Russia to rejuvenate those warheads. Russia placed all those warheads in reserve. No destruction took place that we can verify. The program to supposedly buy back recycled uranium from Russia has no way to ensure that the Russians are actually providing fuel from warheads.

4) The Bush administration undermined the non-proliferation regime by its arm twisting in support of the US-India nuclear deal, which gave special nuclear preferences to India which never did join the NPT and developed nuclear weapons (with Russian assistance).

Schaefer continues, “The likelihood that reducing America’s strategic forces is going to elicit reciprocal behavior from our antagonists is nil. Nor will anything short of forceful sanctions (such as the George W. Bush administration applied, but then withdrew [*there never was any intention to make them stick*], against North Korean financial assets), have any effect in halting their march towards nuclear status [*But we always go through with our promised gifts of oil and food even when they aren’t complying*]. In the words of the Joan Baez antiwar song from the 1960s: When will they ever learn?”

Globalists don’t learn because they don’t really want a conflict-free world. Conflict gives them the rationale to force unwanted change on people. Obama’s Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel made a now-famous quote regarding the

current financial crisis, “Never let a serious crisis go to waste...it’s an opportunity to do things you couldn’t do before.” This was a telltale admission that he and others inside government truly believe in the Hegelian doctrine of managed conflict to enforce change.

That is why each successive administration, be it Republican or Democrat, seeks for more appeasement of real threats and attacks weaker nations to further larger provocations. Are they really just stupid, or is there another agenda driving this mania? They are not stupid and there is another agenda—war. One-sided disarmament only encourages war and makes it inevitable.

Nathan Hodge outlines what Obama’s disarmament fanatics are proposing, for starters: “President Barack Obama announced his vision of a ‘world without nuclear weapons,’ and said the United States would lead by example on disarmament [*code for unilateral disarmament*]. But he gave few specifics on how, exactly, he plans to reduce the U.S. nuclear arsenal. The Nuclear Weapons Complex Consolidation Policy Network, wants to see a substantially smaller footprint for the U.S. nuclear weapons complex. It will release a study tomorrow [*embraced by Obama*] that advocates a nuclear weapons stockpile of 500 warheads -- and a complex downsized from eight to three sites by 2025... the report, which supports a number of steps that the administration has promised to take: extending the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with Russia; ratifying the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban treaty; and seeking an end to the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons. But the report also takes things further, recommending a total de-alerting of nuclear forces over time and drastic reduction in nuclear weapons design activity.

“The study also proposes a roadmap for downsizing the nuclear complex. The complex today was scaled back at the end of the Cold War, and eight sites remain: Los Alamos National Laboratory; Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; Sandia National Laboratories; the Nevada Test Site; Kansas City Plant [manufacturing of non-nuclear components to nuclear warheads, bombs]; Pantex Plant [Amarillo, Tx]; Y-12 Plant [Oak Ridge, Tn]; and Savannah River/Tritium Operations [South Carolina]. The National Nuclear Security Administration, the quasi-autonomous arm of the Department of Energy that oversees the complex, has proposed consolidating special nuclear materials at five sites by around 2012; this would be a much more radical move.”

But there’s another more subtle form of disarmament going on in the name of **budget cutting** —but specifically targeting America’s weapons that will be essential in the next world war against Russia and China. Noah Shachtman writes that “Defense Secretary Gates just proposed the most sweeping overhaul of America’s arsenal -- and of the

Pentagon budget -- in decades. Major weapons programs, from aircraft carriers to next-gen bombers to new school fighting vehicles, will be cut back [*including our best fighter, the F-22 Raptor*], or eliminated. Billions more will be put into growing the American [*insurgency*] fighting force, both human and robotic. For a year and a half, Gates has been trying to force the American military-industrial establishment to concentrate on the dirty, irregular wars America is actually in -- instead of tomorrow's hypothetical showdowns with China or Russia." In other words, don't prepare for the really big war coming up—keep bleeding American resources in never-ending small foreign wars and conflicts in the phony "war on terror."

THE NORTH KOREAN MISSILE LAUNCH IMPLICATIONS

This week, after much posturing, North Korea launched their latest version of the Taepodong-2 intercontinental ballistic missile as a test, but claiming it was a launch of a broadcast satellite. The US said NK failed to put anything in orbit and they are probably right. Nevertheless it was a propaganda success for NK in that it again demonstrated they have the capability of reaching the US West Coast, Hawaii and Alaska in a missile strike.

The missile launch itself was nowhere near as dangerous as the excuse it provided for president Obama to launch into a tirade about "violations of international law," which don't really exist. This new globalist leader is promoting the falsehood that the UN Security Council resolution 1718 of 2006 condemning NK's 5 missile test launches amounts to international law—which is simply not true. First, a condemnation of a past event doesn't establish future law, and even if it did, it would only be binding on those who agree to such a restriction. Lastly, there is no UN enforcement power should any member choose to disregard a resolution even if they voted for it.

The US was even unsuccessful in getting the Security Council to enforce new sanctions on NK after this latest "violation." Journalist Donald Kirk correctly noted that "The UN Security Council is not about to enforce the previous resolutions, much less adopt a meaningless statement of 'condemnation'. The council, after three hours of closed-door palaver on Sunday, failed to agree to anything after calls for restraint by both China and Russia, North Korea's only friends and one-time Korean War allies [*the only thing its 15 members could agree was to continue talks*]. Amid clear signs that those two would veto any resolution, the UN debate rested on the legality of the launch as a violation of the resolutions of 2006. 'It's really not a violation,' said Daniel Pinkston of the International Crisis Group, citing North Korea's adherence to the Outer Space treaty."

DEBUNKING GLEN BECK

Glen Beck is right about many things that are wrong about government, but he's always on the wrong side of the conspiracy issue. As I predicted, Glen Beck reversed himself again on the FEMA camps issue and reverted to his old conspiracy bashing ways. On the Fox and Friends segment one day prior to his original airing date for the FEMA camps report, he clearly implied that he had begun this project with the aim to debunk the FEMA camps theory, but had come away convinced they did exist. He told his fellow fox friends, "I'm doing a story tonight. I wanted to debunk these FEMA camps, but we've now done research on them, and I CAN'T DEBUNK THEM."

Now, he claims those remarks were taken out of context and that he never believed there was any conspiracy (which is his regular pattern of behavior). "Well, predictably, the media started claiming that somehow or another I believed in these conspiracy theories even though I said on the air a million times I don't and I've said that for years... we were working with an independent (?) group to debunk them or to prove them. I also said that on the air over and over and over again. But who listens to context?" I do, for one, and you're not getting away with claiming misunderstanding context. I just quoted Beck's words and the context is clear—he said, "I can't debunk them" —so what changed?

I said several weeks ago that I thought the destabilizing factor that turned Beck around must have been his so called "independent" researchers. I was right. Beck never hired any independent researchers at all. He hired the biggest anti-conspiracy outfit in the establishment media—**Popular Mechanics** —which did debunking hatchet jobs on everything from Kennedy Assassination theories to the notoriously biased attack on 9/11 conspiracy theories. Popular Mechanics specialty is picking on the weakest arguments (straw man tactic) or most easily demolished theories and evading the strong ones.

Here's the Glenn Beck segment, which only concentrates on the Beach Grove Amtrak facility—which is far from the "best evidence" of concentration camps. <http://hotair.com/archives/2009/04/06/glenn-beck-no-fema-isnt-running-concentration-camps/>

Beck and Meigs do cover the issue of the expensive turn-style entrances with high security fences, but offer up a weak rationale. Meigs claims these were for employee control as they checked in and out of work, and that they have been replaced by standard card punch time machines. Whether or not this is a future camp, I'm not buying this facile explanation so easily. Why would any company build 7 ft high turn styles with fenced enclosures as an employee entrance when time card machines have been available for years and are much cheaper? After all, these aren't common laborers, but skilled technicians who work on Amtrak cars. It simply doesn't wash. Meigs was right about not finding

any gas ovens for disposing of people, but that was a devious assumption about new gas pipe installations proposed by Linda Thompson, the suspected agent-provocateur who originally made the video accusing the facility of being a concentration camp.

A second episode shows a National Guard prison training camp, **Camp Grayling**, in central northern Michigan (often cited by people as a concentration camp—though it certainly could be used for one in the future), as well as an internet hoax where some disinformation expert mislabeled a picture of a North Korean concentration camp as a FEMA camp in Wyoming. Beck and Meigs had a big laugh over that one at listener expense. All of these were straw man examples—easy to dismiss while avoiding the verifiable camps. Beck and Meigs spend the rest of the show delving into a psychological aspects of what makes a conspiracy nut susceptible to these bogus claims.

There are hundreds of bogus locations listed on the internet that are clearly meant to provide fodder for debunkers. No serious researcher gives them all equal credence. Most are someone's supposition about fenced-in areas that could be used as a future concentration camp, which is tenuous at best. Others are so obviously NOT camps that one wonders if any of these listers ever visited the place. What I found in my personal research were actual US prison camps that are kept empty but intact—like the Federal Prison Camp (FPC) at Nellis AFB, which was taken off the Federal Prison rolls in 2006, along with 2 other large camps on military bases (Eglin AFB in northwest Florida and Seymour Johnson AFB in North Carolina). The fourth prison closure was FPC Allenwood, in Montgomery, Pa. This is all a matter of public record—until they disappeared from the record.

Beck and Meigs kept bringing up the charge that conspiracy theorists have no facts upon which to base their paranoia. Really? How about actual and former legislation authorizing the building of camps?

Paul Joseph Watson of Prisonplanet.com outlines this evidence: “The fact that internment facilities inside America have been built and prepared for the incarceration of American citizens is not a ‘conspiracy theory,’ it is a manifestly provable fact, and we have tirelessly written article after article documenting the reality of FEMA camps [*Actually, there is little direct proof the government intends to incarcerate dissident citizens—only considerable evidence that they don’t intend them for illegal aliens, or for emergency shelters, their stated purpose*].

“Legislation currently working its way through Congress mandates the establishment of ‘national emergency centers’ to be located on military installations [*I’ll bet those four decommissioned US Prison camps find themselves in this new role*]. The purpose of such facilities is to provide

‘temporary housing, medical, and humanitarian assistance to individuals and families dislocated due to an emergency or major disaster,’ the expansion of which under FEMA is codified under HR 645, otherwise known as the National Emergency Centers Act.”

Maha Zimmo of Global Research provides more detail on the NECEA act: “1) It was introduced by Congressman Alcee L. Hastings of Florida, a man who, in 1989, became only the sixth federal judge in the history of America to be removed from office by the Senate for corruption and perjury [*naturally, that fact, combined with his African American minority status, qualified him for establishment help and funding in getting elected to Congress*]. 2) If NECEA is meant to address natural disasters, then why is the scope of the Act so vague, large and open-ended? We find that the purpose of these military-based emergency centers may be used to ‘meet other appropriate needs, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security.’”

Watson continues, “The issue of containment camps regained national attention three years ago when it was announced that Kellogg, Brown and Root had been awarded a \$385 million dollar contract by Homeland Security to construct detention and processing facilities in the event of a national emergency. The language of the preamble to the agreement veils the program with talk of temporary migrant holding centers, but it is made clear that the camps will also be used ‘as the development of a plan to react to a national emergency.’

“It is important to stress that the historical precedent mirrors exactly what the Halliburton camp deal outlines. Oliver North’s Reagan era Rex 84 plan proposed rounding up 400,000 refugees, under FEMA, in the event of ‘uncontrolled population movements’ over the Mexican border into the United States.

“One of the last acts of Congress in 2006 was to send President Bush a bill that establishes a \$38 million program of National Park Service grants to preserve Japanese POW internment camps in Hawaii, California, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho. Is this really in the name of historical interest or does it dovetail with programs on the books to intern hundreds of thousands of dissidents in a time of crisis? [*Congress has not yet authorized funding for the renovations.*]

“In another detention camp related development, last May it was revealed that the federal government is accepting bids on the contracts from county governments or private companies to build and run ‘family detention centers’ on both coasts and on the Southwestern border. Again, as with REX 84, the precedent is to deal with an influx of immigrants.

“The real agenda, just as it is with Halliburton’s gulags [*Halliburton, through their KBR subsidiary, is the same company that built most of the major new detention camps in Iraq and Afghanistan*] was to use the cover of rounding up immigrants and illegal aliens as a smokescreen for targeting political dissidents. From 1967 to 1971 the FBI kept a list of persons to be rounded up as subversive, dubbed the ‘ADEX’ list [*and yet the Federal government has never used these camps for that purpose, and are not offering their excess capacity to take care of the thousands of criminals (mostly illegal aliens from Mexico) being released from California prisons due to overcrowding*].

“Furthermore, In 2002, FEMA sought bids from major real estate and engineering firms to construct giant internment facilities in the case of a chemical, biological or nuclear attack or a natural disaster. Okanogan County Commissioner Dave Schulz went public in 2003 with his contention that his county was set to be a location for one of the camps.

“In May 2006, we exposed the existence of a nationwide FEMA program which is training Pastors and other religious representatives to become secret police enforcers who teach their congregations to “obey the government” in preparation for the implementation of martial law, property and firearm seizures, mass vaccination programs and forced relocation.” So there isn’t exactly a paucity of evidence feeding conspiracy suspicions.

BACKGROUND ON POPULAR MECHANICS AS A GOVERNMENT SHILL

Here is Paul Joseph Watson’s take on Glenn Beck’s use of James Meigs of Popular Mechanics: “After announcing yesterday on his show that he called Meigs three weeks ago to have him look at the issue of FEMA camps, Beck then attacks the credibility of the Internet before turning to Meigs, who states that Popular Mechanics has assigned one of their illustrious reporters to the issue, presumably from the same pool of reporters who made such infantile, glaring and agenda-driven botch jobs of “debunking” 9/11 truth.

“Despite admitting that they haven’t deeply researched the issue, Meigs makes it clear that they have already decided it ‘isn’t true’ [*something Meigs would accuse conspiracy theorists of doing*] - proving once again that the whole process isn’t about really getting to the bottom of the issue, it’s about debunking a perfectly provable fact by means of straw man tactics and deceitful reasoning.

“Meigs claims that conspiracies are born of ‘Little grains of truth that add up to something that isn’t true.’ This is quite rich coming from a guy whose military-industrial complex rag is put out by Hearst Publishing - the very progenitors of the term ‘yellow journalism.’ The fact that 9/11 truth groups debunked Meigs on innumerable occasions and pointed out

his voluminous research errors doesn’t seem to have dampened his enthusiasm to be a journalistic whore for the establishment [*the definitive book on debunking the debunkers of 9/11 is Professor David Ray Griffin’s book: “Debunking 9/11 Debunking”*]

Christopher Bollyn discusses the genesis of Popular Mechanics as a government debunking rag. “The magazine pushing the government’s 9/11 propaganda, Popular Mechanics (PM), is published by the Hearst family. Its March cover story, Debunking 9/11 Lies, has been exposed by credible researchers to contain numerous distortions and flawed conclusions. American Free Press revealed that Benjamin Chertoff, the 25-year-old senior researcher who authored the 9/11 article, is related to Michael Chertoff, the new Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

While Chertoff is the czar of DHS, he is not sovereign at PM or Hearst Magazines, its corporate parent. The president of Hearst Magazines, one of the world’s largest publishers of monthly magazines with 18 U.S. titles and more than 100 international editions, is **Cathleen P. Black**, a 60-year old native of Chicago. Black oversees the publication of 175 titles around the world including Cosmopolitan, Harpers Bazaar, Town & Country, Esquire, Good Housekeeping, and Popular Mechanics. Black is a former president and publisher of USA Today. In 1983, Black was made president of the new newspaper published by Gannett. The following year she was made publisher and soon became a member of Gannett’s board of directors.

“In 1995, for an annual salary reported to be “in excess of \$1 million,” Black was hired by Hearst Corp. to head its magazine division. Named by Fortune magazine as one of the Most Powerful Women in American Business, Black sits on the boards of Hearst Corp., the Advertising Council, IBM, and Coca-Cola [*all of whom have served as cover for CIA operations in foreign countries*]. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

“A little-known fact is that Black is married to Thomas E. Harvey, an obscure lawyer who became a White House Fellow in 1977 and served as special assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI). Black’s corporate biography does not mention her husband. President Jimmy Carter made Harvey a White House Fellow in May 1977. ‘In that capacity,’ Harvey’s biography reads, he ‘served as special assistant to the Director of the C.I.A. Following that he held senior appointed positions within the Department of Defense.’

“Prior to serving the CIA, Harvey worked at the New York law office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy. The international law firm, co-founded by Morris Hadley, a 1916 member of Yale University’s secret society Skull &

Bones, has ties to the CIA and lists William H. Webster, DCI from 1987-1991, as a senior partner. Webster also serves on the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

“In the months leading up to the Chertoff article in PM, a take-over occurred at the magazine. In September 2004, Joe Oldham, the magazines former editor-in-chief was replaced by James B. Meigs, who came to PM with a deputy, Jerry Beilinson, from National Geographic Adventure. In October, a new creative director replaced PMs 21-year veteran who was given ninety minutes to clear out of his office.

“A former senior editor at PM, who is forbidden from openly discussing the coup at PM, told AFP that the former creative director was abruptly told to leave and given severance pay of two weeks wages for every year spent at PM. Three or four people have been similarly dismissed every month since, he said. He said he was astounded that the coup at PM had not been reported in the mainstream media.

“PM has long been a supporter of the U.S. military. The magazine ran a full page ad in support of the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan in May 2003. Since the purge last September, however, PM readers have noticed that government propaganda has replaced scientific writing. A letter to the editor in the current issue says, ‘I think you guys are just another tool in the government’s propaganda machine.’

Finally, I quote from the commentary of **Michael Gaddy** as a counter to Beck’s general diatribe against conspiracy theory: “For several decades the state and its willing accomplices in the media and talk radio have marginalized and demonized anyone who alleges involvement of the state in illegal activities or conspiracies to provide false information to support its illegal wars and other agendas. Those who do so are referred to as ‘conspiracy nuts’ or in the case of Rush Limbaugh, Keepers of Odd Knowledge Society members. (K.O.O.K.S)

“To believe the state is never involved in illegal conspiracies would require one to believe the state incapable of criminal behavior and Julius Caesar was killed in a random walk-by knifing. A theory is defined as a guess or conjecture; therefore, once one piece of actual evidence is discovered, a theory no longer exists; it becomes a possibility. The problem Tin-foil hatters face is the lack of any subjective review of that evidence.

“The state is always in charge of ‘officially’ discovering evidence. When those outside of the state’s influence discover evidence the government has somehow ‘overlooked,’ then an ‘impartial’ panel is commissioned to investigate that evidence. The problem is, the impartial panel is always appointed by the state and populated by

those with close connections to the state apparatus. Need I say more than the 9/11 Commission, or the Commission led by former Senator John Danforth tasked with investigating the tragedy called Waco?

“Even in the event these commissions find wrongdoing by state employees, there are never any prosecutions of those responsible, even when the crime they commit is murder. FBI Agent Lon Horiuchi is a great example. Therefore, it is obvious those who represent the state operate with impunity and/or the state sanctioned ‘license to kill.’ Perhaps the state believes only private citizens are capable of carrying out criminal conspiracies; after all, over 40% of those in federal custody are there for ‘conspiracy’ to commit a crime. But when one mentions the state and criminals, are they not being redundant?”

Finally Gaddy makes a cogent comment about conspiracy and the rash of recent suicide/gun murders. “Lately, I have become increasingly skeptical of the timing and circumstances surrounding mass shootings. A prudent individual, unencumbered with emotional or financial connections to the state, cannot logically ignore the similarities in many of these mass shootings. First, there is the insane and totally explained phenomena of a person becoming angry at someone or something, and then randomly killing people they do not know. Second, is the almost universal use of mind-altering drugs by the perpetrators of these heinous crimes. Almost all of those involved in school shootings were taking, or had just stopped taking, drugs such as Prozac or Ritalin. Third, is the fact that a great number of the shooters kill themselves after committing their heinous crimes. Fourth, when the mass shooting does not fit the above profile, the state uses the incident to claim, as they did in the shooting this weekend in Pennsylvania, that the perpetrator feared the state was going to take his guns. This certainly aids the state in its efforts to paint all that are concerned about the possible loss of freedoms and encroachments on the 2A as potential killers and threats to society. Has the state gained from any of these very suspicious shootings? Of course they have.”

POLICE THUGGERY ON THE RISE

Britain: According to the Guardian, “Newspaper seller Ian Tomlinson started on his journey home through the City. He never made it. What happened in Tomlinson's final half hour before he collapsed and died of a heart attack is now the subject of an inquiry on behalf of the Independent Police Complaints Commission. Witnesses accuse police of lashing at protesters and bystanders alike, attacking them with batons, shields and dogs. Officers are alleged to have attacked Tomlinson twice; both times from behind and as he was walking away. Eight witnesses produced photographic evidence, time- and date-stamped, that corroborates their version of events. Three said they saw Tomlinson being assaulted by riot police. Here are their accounts.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/apr/07/video-g20-police-assault>

The film clearly shows the police made an unprovoked attack from the rear on Tomlinson, who went down hard. The authorities tried to initially excuse police brutality, but when the video evidence emerged, they were forced to suspend the officer and call a hearing. They are working on trying to prove the heart attack had nothing to do with the shove and fall to the ground—hard to prove but easy to falsify with “expert” testimony.

In America: Campaign for Liberty (CFL) employee Steve Bierfeldt was challenged at the St. Louis airport to tell TSA agents the origin of the \$4,000 + he had in his briefcase as he came through security screening. The funds were a combination of cash and checks received from book sales and membership fees at the St. Louis CFL convention he staffed. He sensed it was illegal for the TSA to search for or investigate the contents of his personal papers not related to banned items to ensure safety of air travel. He politely declined to answer unless they told him the law mandating he answer these types of questions. They hauled him off to a separate room and began a foul mouthed interrogation. Fortunately, Steve had the presence of mind to punch the button on his cell phone and he recorded the whole conversation. He ends up being arrested for refusal to answer, but on the way out of the building, a plain clothes federal officer intervenes and forces the TSA to let him go—without explanation. The officer had obviously been listening in on the interrogation and knew the TSA was overreaching their authority. No disciplinary action will be taken against the TSA, naturally. It pays to know your rights. Here's the video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMB6L487LHM>

Also in America, there's the case where the FBI seized all the computer servers of a company because it suspected one of the company's clients of fraud. Wired.com has the story. “A company whose servers were seized in a recent FBI raid on Texas data centers applied for a temporary restraining order to force the bureau to return its servers, but was denied (incredibly) by a U.S. district court last week. The company, Liquid Motors, provides inventory management and marketing services to national automobile dealers, such as AutoNation. It was one of about 50 companies put out of business last week when the FBI seized the servers at Core IP Networks, one of two data centers and co-location facilities raided by the FBI's Dallas office in the last month in an investigation into VoIP fraud.

Although Liquid Motors was not a target of the investigation, the FBI took all of the company's servers and backup tapes in the raid. ‘As a result, Liquid Motors, Inc. has been put out of business and is in breach of its contracts with automobile dealers throughout the country.’ This was

only one example of many of people devastated by a broad-brushed government action; carry little for who they hurt. An honest judge would have thrown the book at the FBI.

RED CROSS: MEDICAL DOCTORS WERE ACCESSORIES TO TORTURE

Scott Shane of the NY Times reports that “Medical personnel were deeply involved in the abusive interrogation of terrorist suspects held overseas by the Central Intelligence Agency, including torture, and their participation was a ‘gross breach of medical ethics,’ a long-secret report by the International Committee of the Red Cross concluded... Red Cross investigators concluded that medical professionals working for the C.I.A. monitored prisoners undergoing waterboarding, apparently to make sure they did not drown. Medical workers were also present when guards confined prisoners in small boxes, shackled their arms to the ceiling, kept them in frigid cells and slammed them repeatedly into walls, the report said.

“Facilitating such practices, which the Red Cross described as torture, was a violation of medical ethics even if the medical workers’ intentions had been to prevent death or permanent injury, the report said. But it found that the medical professionals’ role was primarily to support the interrogators, not to protect the prisoners, and that the professionals had ‘condoned and participated in ill treatment.’”

Scott Horton of Harpers was incensed. “The dealings in the ‘black sites’ were, of course, principally led by CIA. The Red Cross report therefore serves again to cast some light on the extremely shadowy dealings between the CIA and the prior leadership of the American Psychological Association, which plainly struggled to provide ethics cover for psychologists who participated in the torture operations. The APA threw out its prior leadership and embraced a stronger anti-torture stance in a series of membership votes taken in the past year, following disclosure of the ties to the CIA and the Bush Program.

“Still, Obama’s CIA director, **Leon Panetta** seems resolved to protect the torture doctors at all costs. The Times quotes CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield: ‘no one who took actions based on legal guidance from the Department of Justice at the time should be investigated, let alone punished.’ Hence the architecture of the Bush torture system is respected: the torture lawyers protect the torture doctors.”

Molly Riley of Reuters explains who Panetta is protecting. “Maybe because some of the men implicated, John Sifton reports, are the ones advising him... But other important facts about the report have been overlooked that make the question of torture not simply a matter of the past. Since the basic facts about their involvement in the CIA interrogation program are now known, Panetta’s actions are increasingly

looking like a cover-up... A number of CIA officials implicated in the torture program not only remain at the highest levels of the agency, but are also advising Panetta. Take Stephen Kappes. At the time of the worst torture sessions outlined in the ICRC report, Kappes served as a senior official in the Directorate of Operations—the operational part of the CIA that oversees paramilitary operations as well as the high-value detention program. (The directorate of operations is now known as the National Clandestine Service.) Panetta has kept Kappes as deputy director of the CIA—the number two official in the agency. One of Kappes’ deputies from 2002-2004, Michael Sulick, is now director of the National Clandestine Service—the de facto number three in the agency. Panetta’s refusal to investigate may be intended to protect his deputies.

The Obama White House, quickly forgetting about its promises of transparency in government is trying to stop the release of more torture memos from the DOJ. Michael Isikoff of Newsweek has the exclusive. “A fierce internal battle within the White House over the disclosure of internal Justice Department interrogation memos is shaping up as a major test of the Obama administration's commitment to opening up government files about Bush-era counterterrorism policy. The White House last month had accepted a recommendation from Attorney General Eric Holder to declassify and publicly release three 2005 memos that graphically describe harsh interrogation techniques approved for the CIA to use against Al Qaeda suspects. But after the story, U.S. intelligence officials, led by senior national-security aide John Brennan, mounted an intense campaign to get the decision reversed, according to a senior administration official familiar with the debate. ‘Holy hell has broken loose over this,’ said the official, who asked not to be identified because of political sensitivities.”

Isikoff also commented on hypocrisy of Obama claiming to empty the secret prisons, but making the prisoners “disappear” without release. “The CIA quietly moved scores of detainees out of its own ‘black site’ prisons in recent years and turned them over to foreign governments, refusing to provide the International Red Cross any information about their treatment or whereabouts. Although President Bush made a brief public allusion to the transfers in September 2006, the U.S. government has never offered any accounting of precisely how many detainees were moved and what became of them.” So much for transparency.

NEW AMNESTY FOR “VICTIMS” OF ICE IMMIGRATION RAID

While the Obama administration is preparing another devious piece of legislation giving amnesty to illegals, Homeland Security Chief Janet Napolitano is already quietly handing out de facto amnesty to certain ones arrested. Bending over backwards to undo the enforcement

efforts of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE). “Many of the 28 workers arrested by immigration agents last month in a northwest Washington raid have been released and given permission to work (green cards), in another sign of how the Obama administration is handling illegal immigration differently than its predecessor,” according to the Washington Times. As we suspected, Napolitano did more than order a “review of the raid.”

SPIES ON THE ELECTRIC GRID? NOT SO FAST

While the government suddenly leaks the story about a wholesale hacking of the US electrical grid, Andy Greenberg and others like your editor are skeptical. “New revelations of cyberspies in the U.S. power grid may be aimed at coaxing utilities to cooperate with new regulations. Hearing that hackers are running amok in our power grid likely comes as a grim reality check to most Americans. But when media reports surfaced Tuesday night that cyberspies had penetrated the computer networks of U.S. utilities and planted software designed to sabotage those systems, cybersecurity insiders weren't as intrigued by that news as they were by the question of which government officials had leaked it--and why. Former and current security officials revealed that cyberspies originating in China, Russia and other countries had entered the networks of U.S. utility companies, including those controlling electricity, water and sewage, with the mission of planting software used for taking control of the systems or shutting them down, according to the Wall Street Journal. When those attacks took place and whether they were performed by governments or civilians remains unclear.” This is a classic case of embarrassing the private sector companies into complying with new control directives by government—a foot in the door that will eventually use the excuse of terror to nationalize the national electric grid (more opportunity for Enron style takeovers).

Kevin Poulsen also of wired.com was even more direct in his attack on this government ploy. “They're baaaack. Those impish Chinese government cyber-saboteurs we last saw posing as 20-foot high trees to trigger the 2003 northeast power outage have returned in an all new adventure, this time in the pages of the Wall Street Journal. In this episode, the clever hackers have teamed with the Russians to penetrate the U.S. electrical grid from coast-to-coast, planting diabolical malware designed to let them plunge portions of America into darkness with a few keystrokes, the paper reports. The real authors of this tale are unnamed ‘U.S. intelligence officials,’ perhaps the same ones who claimed last year that the Chinese government may have caused the 2003 blackout that cut off electricity to 50 million people in eight states and a Canadian province. Sadly, this new installment doesn't contain the kind of juicy details that made the previous one so easy to debunk.

“In fact, it contains almost no details at all. The attacks are ‘pervasive,’ and yet not a single utility company is named as a victim. Even better, the blackout-triggering malware hasn't been spotted by the companies -- which explains perfectly why this is the first we've heard of it. Only America's intelligence community has seen the code. They could show us, but then they'd have to kill us. The unspoken lesson here is obvious: Chinese Superhackers Are Our Superiors. No, wait. That's not it. I know ... Only the intelligence agencies are equipped to protect us from foreign cyber attacks. It's an unusually opportune time for this revelation, since the NSA is at this very moment jockeying to take over cyber security from DHS, which lacks the wholesale warrantless-wiretapping capabilities needed to detect Chinese hackers. What a lucky coincidence of timing that this exciting, if uncheckable, story should emerge now.”

As a final blow to the credibility of this story, it is a widely known fact in military circles that Russian military tactics call for an EMP strike (High Altitude Nuclear Weapons-induced Electro-Magnetic Pulse) to take down the entire American electrical grid as an immediate prelude to an incoming nuclear missile strike—obviating the need to use malware. Notice as well that the Obama administration has made **no effort to publicly remonstrate** Russia or China for this intrusion. If they did, it might burst the propaganda bubble about these two predator nations being our *allies*. It might also cause Russia and China to end their strange silence on this matter and issue denials. Thus far, their refusal to deny these very public charges of espionage leads me to suspect the US might be whispering in their ear, “It's OK—this is only for public consumption. We'll make it up to you!” [END]