

# A THREAT TO PEACE: "Iraq stands alone because it gathers the most serious dangers of our age in one place."

—PRESIDENT BUSH ADDRESSING THE NATION FROM CINCINNATI ON OCTOBER 7

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“While there are many dangers in the world, the threat from Iraq stands alone — because it gathers the most serious dangers of our age in one place. ... Iraq could decide on any given day to provide a biological or chemical weapon to a terrorist group or individual terrorists. ... Knowing these realities, America must not ignore the threat gathering against us. ... Understanding the threats of our time ... we have every reason to assume the worst and we have an urgent duty to prevent the worst from occurring.” —Pres. George Bush speaking during his televised address from Cincinnati on October 7

**LEGEND**

- STAR WARS & MISSILE RESEARCH**: It's called Ballistic Missile Defense, but government officials see it as central to U.S. global strategy. BMD would allow the U.S. to have "flexibility" with nuclear-armed rivals like Russia or China. It could threaten a nuclear first strike while guarding against a counterstrike—a goal explicitly stated in this year's Nuclear Posture Review.
- CHEMICAL WEAPONS**: There are dozens of sites around the country for the development, manufacturing, testing and storage of chemical weapons. The U.S. has been destroying Cold War-era stockpiles of chemical weapons, but is developing a whole new generation of "nonlethal" or "less-lethal" chemical weapons.
- IMPORTED WAR CRIMINALS**: The U.S. is home to many, particularly from fallen dictatorships or the darlings of Washington. Some are even in Federal Witness Protection. Those in hiding include Gen. Mansour Mirjanian, head of the brutal prison system under the Shah of Iran, and Armando Fernandez Larios, who served in a Chilean military squad that tortured and executed political prisoners.
- DOMESTIC WAR CRIMINALS**: While efforts have been made to prosecute war criminals such as Serbian president Slobodan Milosevic and Chilean president Augusto Pinochet, no top American officials have been held accountable for their well-documented participation in genocide and political atrocities.
- PRIVATE MERCENARY COMPANIES**: War is a big business. More and more, war making itself is being carried out by mercenary companies that are unaccountable to the public, allowing the U.S. to engage in conflicts that might otherwise draw scrutiny. Because of their private status, whatever war crimes they commit go unpunished if not unnoticed.
- MILITARY SITES**: Of course it's the military security and political establishments that are ultimately at the front lines of terrorism. The Washington, D.C. area is the nerve center for the planning and organizing of terrorist campaigns that have killed millions. The Pentagon is in Arlington, VA. There's also the CIA in Langley, VA, the NSA in Fort Meade, MD, and the FBI, State Department and White House, in Washington, D.C.
- TERRORIST TRAINING CAMPS**: Many of the twentieth century's most unsavory political and military despots have something in common: they were trained by the United States. Places such as Fort Benning's "School of the Americas" turn out foreign officers and policemen trained in the techniques of torture, assassination, and creating political mayhem.
- NUCLEAR MISSILE LAUNCH SITES**: Even with the Cold War officially over, active intercontinental ballistic missile bases still dot the western United States in places such as Cheyenne, WY and Great Falls, MT. Trident submarines, each carrying up to 192 warheads, dock at Naval Bases on both coasts.
- MAJOR WEAPONS MAKERS**: They don't just supply the U.S. military, but to the worst perpetrators of human rights violations throughout the world. At \$18.6 billion dollars in exports a year, the United States is by far the main supplier of the arms which fuel local conflicts worldwide.
- UNIVERSITIES, POLICY INSTITUTES & THINK TANKS**: The intellectual authors of terrorism work in hundreds of institutions throughout the country. Government policies, such as preemptive strikes, often have their genesis years earlier in these institutions. Many of them, especially elite universities, retain notorious war criminals to school the next generation.
- BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS**: Numerous government sites are still producing biological weapons. Much of the current research focuses on genetically-engineered bio-weapons such as crop-destroying microbes that can be used on non-human targets. Nonetheless, there are sites still developing lethal agents, including anthrax.
- NUCLEAR PLANTS & TEST RANGES**: The United States spends \$8 billion a year to maintain and replenish its arsenal of more than 10,000 nuclear warheads, each of which is up to 100 times more powerful than the bomb that the U.S. dropped on Nagasaki in 1945, killing 130,000.