

Secret Memo by Donald Rumsfeld Proves Iraq War Started On False Pretenses

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Everyone Knew Iraq Had No WMD ... and Was Not Behind Anthrax Attacks or 9/11

Everyone knew that Iraq didn't have weapons of mass destruction.

Indeed, Secretary of State Colin Powell's chief of staff – Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson – just said that Powell knew that there were no WMDs:

I wonder what will happen when we put 500,000 troops into Iraq and comb the country from one end to the other and find nothing

(starting at 6:43 into video).



But <u>war is sold just like soda or toothpaste</u> ... and so a false justification also needs to be concocted. <u>George W. Bush</u>, <u>John McCain</u>, <u>Sarah Palin</u>, a <u>high-level National Security Council</u> officer, Alan Greenspan and others all say that the Iraq war was *really* about oil.

It has been extensively documented that the White House decided to invade Iraq <u>before</u> 9/11:

- Former CIA director George Tenet said that the White House <u>wanted to invade</u> <u>Iraq long before 9/11</u>, and inserted "crap" in its justifications for invading Iraq. Former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill who sat on the National Security Council also <u>says</u> that Bush planned the Iraq war before 9/11. Top British officials <u>say</u> that the U.S. discussed Iraq regime change even before Bush took office. And in 2000, Cheney <u>said</u> a Bush administration might "have to take military action to forcibly remove Saddam from power." And <u>see this</u>.
- Cheney made Iraqi's oil fields a national security priority <u>before 9/11</u>. And the Sunday Herald <u>reported</u>: "Five months before September 11, the US advocated using force against Iraq ... to secure control of its oil." (remember that <u>Alan Greenspan</u>, <u>John McCain</u>, <u>George W. Bush</u>, <u>Sarah Palin</u>, a <u>high-level National Security Council officer</u> and others all say that the Iraq war was really about oil.)

Indeed, neoconservatives planned regime change in Iraq - and throughout the Middle East

and North Africa - 20 years ago.

The government tried to falsely blame the anthrax attacks on Irag as a justification for war:

When Congress was originally asked to pass the Patriot Act in late 2001, the anthrax attacks which occurred only weeks earlier were falsely blamed on spooky Arabs as a way to scare Congress members into approving the bill. Specifically:

- The FBI was actually <u>told to blame Anthrax scare on Al Qaeda by</u> White House officials
- High-level government insiders pointed towards Iraq as the source of the anthrax, even though there was absolutely no reason to think that the anthrax had come from Iraq

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, President Bush and VP Cheney all <u>falsely linked Iraq</u> with 9/11 ... and the entire torture program was aimed at establishing such a false linkage.

A new book by NBC News and Newsweek investigative reporter <u>Michael Isikoff</u> adds details, including a <u>memo written by Rumsfeld in November 2001</u> – a year and a quarter before the start of the Iraq war – asking how to start a war against Iraq, and suggesting as one potential "justification" for war:

US discovers Saddam connection to Sept. 11 attack or to anthrax?



Here is the whole memo:

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November 27, 2001

- · Focus on WMD.
- · Slices (building momentum for regime change): wight not have to go all the way

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- · WMD sites.
- · Seize or destroy offensive missile sites (factories, deployed systems).
- Seize or destroy Republican Guards.

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Do in advance?

- Oil fields to south.
- · Oil fields in north.
- · Seize western desert:
 - · Secure Jordanian border,
 - · Prevent SCUD missile launches (against Israel).
- · Deploy ground forces in western desert or south of Baghded.

Threaten Baghdad.

· Force Republican Guards to move and present targets.

Cut off Baghdad;

- Prevent movement of WMD materials.
- · Pressure on regime.

Protect Provisional Government, north or south.

· Regimo change. do forces do comme out of Applacitan?

How start?

Saddam moves against Kurds in north?

- US discovers Saddam connection to Sept. 11 attack or to anthrax attacks?
- Dispute over WMD inspections?
 - · Start now thinking about inspection demands.

Surprise, speed, shock and risk.

reple hate him-may be want to take him at.

Do not reduce footprint now.
 Be ready to strike from a standing start.

Start military action before moving into place all the force Republican Guards that would be required in the worst case. Larger forces flow in behind.

- · Decapitation of government.
 - Do carly
 - Cut off communications too including tolevision and radio.

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- Inspections.
- What if Saddam uses CW or BW or fires missiles at neighbors?
- Warnings to regime.
- Warnings to individuals in Iraq's WMD programs.
- Amnesty for defecting forces?
- Provisional government.
 - PICWC3
 War crimes indictments against Saddam and top lieutenants.
 - Recognize once pieces are liberated from north and south (no separate Kurdish state).
 - UN seat.
 - Release frozen Iraqi assets to the Provisional Government.
 - Give control over oil sale proceeds from liberated fields.
- Unlike in Afghanistan, important to have ideas in advance about who would rule
- · Doing the planning.

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- · Abort any executive order to
- b(1) 1.4(a)
- · Consider radical ideas

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- · Protect options for unilateral action.
 - · No-Saudi option.

 - No-Turkey option.
 US may get cooperation only from 2 or 3 of GCC countries.
- · Coalition who do we want in?
- Declaratory policy:
- Confidentiality.
- How many people do you need?
- Can talk to service chiefs and get you people, who will be de

where do the work? Here or DC? UNCLASSIFIED

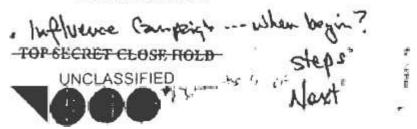


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- · They can work in DC or in Tompa.
- Rough concept, not complete execution-level planning.
- · Deadline.
- Command structure issues.
 - Centcom and Eucom.



The Bush administration launched the Iraq war under false pretenses ... unfortunately, Obama is no better.

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