

16 JULY 2007 - GOP WELCOMES NEW 9/11: REPORTS LAY GROUNDWORK FOR ATTACK, SCHOLARS SAY

GOP welcomes new 9/11 Reports lay groundwork for attack, Scholars say

ABSTRACT. A spate of new reports of al Qaida resurgence appears to be laying the foundation for a fake attack on the US to bolster support for the "war on terror" and Bush's sagging political fortunes. This conforms to a confidential memo circulated among senior Republican leaders that a new attack would be good for the GOP. Not even Michael Chertoff seems to be investigating what sources know that could help to prevent a real attack.

Madison, WI (OPEDNEWS) 16 July 2007 — A new report summarizes evidence suggesting that intelligence agencies in collaboration with their media assets are in the process of preparing the American people for a new 9/11-style attack. James Fetzer, the founder of Scholars for 9/11 Truth, has been taken aback. "This summary from MUJCA-NET forces us to confront the awful prospect that the forces that brought us a fake attack on 9/11 are about to reprise their performance," he stated. "My fear is this will be done on a scale of magnitude greater, involving 30,000 or even 300,000 deaths."

"This is not the first time that the political benefits of another terrorist attack have been discussed," Fetzer observed. "Last November, Capitol Hill Blue reported that a confidential memo was circulating among senior Republican leaders suggesting that a new attack by terrorists on U.S. soil could reverse the sagging fortunes of President George W. Bush as well as the GOP and restore his image as a leader of the American people," as Doug Thompson explained on November 12, 2006. "The signs suggest that the time is right."

The summary, authored by Kevin Barrett, founder of the Muslim, Jewish, and Christian Alliance for 9/11 Truth whose web site is mujca.com, includes a half-dozen examples of the use of the media to promote such a possibility, where the motivation for faking such an attack revolves around generating support for the "war on terror" and for the political fortunes of George Bush. "The illustrations he offers are stunning, when you pause to consider them," Fetzer said, "including a half-dozen from political and intelligence sources."

First, on June 3, 2007, Dennis Milligan, Chair of the Arkansas Republican Party, said, "I think all we need is some attacks on American soil like we had on [9/11] to make the American people appreciate President Bush and thereby benefit the GOP. <http://rawstory.com/printstory.php?story=6331>

Second, on July 7, 2007, former Republican Senator Rick Santorum asserted that a series of "unfortunate events" (meaning terrorist attacks) will occur within the next year and radically alter American citizens' view of the war. <http://www.prisonplanet.com/articles/july2007/070707changeview.htm>

Third, on July 8, 2007, Lt. Col. Doug Delaney, Chair of the War Studies Program at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, suggested the West needs more terrorist attacks on the scale of 9/11 and 7/7 to save a failing foreign policy. <http://www.thestar.com/News/article/233617>

Fourth, on July 10, 2007, ABC News with Charlie Gibson reported that senior US intelligence officials insist that an "al-Qaida" terror cell is either already here or on the way, admitting the data is vague and non-specific. <http://blogs.abcnews.com/theblotter/2007/07/al-qaeda-cell-i.html>

Fifth, on July 10, 2007, an anonymous U.S. intelligence analyst told the AP that "al-Qaida has rebuilt its operating capability to a level not seen since just before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks," according to two AP reporters. http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070711/ap_on_go_ca_st_pe/us_terror_threat

Sixth, on July 10, 2007, Homeland Security Chief Michael Chertoff made a major effort to convey to the public he has a "gut feeling" that a new 9/11 is on the way, a report that even drew the attention of The New York Times ("Chertoff Warns of Higher Risk Of Terrorism," July 11, 2007, page A16).

"What we have here is a kind of saturation campaign of disseminating the same or similar information through multiple sources in order to 'soften the target' for the main event, which in this case comes from the Director of Homeland Security," Fetzer observed. "This is a widespread technique of disinformation that

insures most of those in the target population will hear the story and will hear it from more than one source, which is reinforcing. The whole 'terrorism' scenario is so amorphous that any act taken by anyone can be alleged to be the work of 'terrorists,' which is perfect for our agents. In this case, however, they overplayed their hand and made it too obvious.

Indeed, on July 13, 2007, another alarming report appeared as an ABC News Exclusive, 'Error Commander: New Attack Will Dwarf Failed Bomb Plot', <http://blogs.abcnews.com/theblotter/2007/07/terror-commander.html>. This sequence appears to have been skillfully timed to create the impression that Michael Chertoff knew what he was talking about when he announced that he had a 'gut feeling' that we are going to have a hot summer. But the only summer attacks they can cite are 7/7 and the liquid-explosive plot, where the first occurred on the same route and at the same time as a 'terrorist drill'; and the second was clearly a farce that represented no threat to anyone at all.

'What is most troubling is that no one in a position of authority is trying to get to the bottom of this. If GOP leaders like Dennis Milligan and former Senator Rick Santorum possess information that could protect the American people from another terrorist attack, the CIA should interrogate them using the techniques our Vice President has approved,' Fetzer observed. 'Let's water-board them and subject them to sexual humiliation. After all, that's what we are doing to prevent attacks abroad. Why aren't they being used here? Chertoff appears to be making no effort to get to the bottom of this. Bush can't claim to be 'the security president' if he won't keep us secure.'

Fetzer is not alone in suspecting that Americans are being set up for another terrorist attack. On 10 July 2007, Paul Joseph Watson wrote, in response to the report from Lt. Col. Doug Delaney (that the West needs more terrorist attacks on the scale of 9/11), 'By this logic, if terrorist attacks only boost the geopolitical agents of Western governments, then how is it in their interest to prevent them, and of what benefit are they to the actual terrorists—unless the terrorists occupy positions of power?' More attacks work to their advantage. <http://www.prisonplanet.com/articles/july2007/100707moreterror.htm>

'The problem we confront is that this administration is corrupt to the core and has no regard for the well-being of ordinary citizens. We already know that 9/11 was 'an inside job,' as anyone visiting our site, 911scholars.org, can readily determine for themselves. The American government has been using acts of violence to instill fear into the American people, which is the classic definition of 'terrorism,' Fetzer said. 'Which means the American government has been practicing terrorism on the American people. And, regrettably, from the look of things, matters are only going to get worse.'

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