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## SADDAM'S OUR MAN

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American foreign policy talks about supporting democracy abroad, but for the past 50 years, U.S. governments lead by both Democrats and Republicans have supported brutal and undemocratic regimes all over the world, in countries such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Egypt, Iran, Vietnam, Chile, Indonesia, the Congo, the Philippines, Pakistan, and Iraq – to name a few. In the case of Iraq, Roger Morris, author of *"A Tyrant 40 Years in the Making,"* published in *The New York Times* on March 14, 2003, provides a riveting insight into the secret Iraqi atrocities that were organized and financed by the CIA during the Kennedy administration. These activities were part of a "regime change" effort in Iraq in 1963, which put Saddam Hussein's Brutal Baath Party into power. According to disclosures by the U.S. Senate Committee on Intelligence, the CIA provided lists of hundreds of suspected communists and leftists to the anti-communist Baathists, who then proceeded to systematically murder them. Many of the people killed were Iraq's highly educated elite, including doctors, lawyers, scientists and other political and military professionals. Britain and Israel supported the coup, while France and Germany opposed the action.

In a related story published in *The New York Times* on August 18, 2002, senior U.S. military planners confirmed that the Regan Administration continued to provide economic and military assistance to Saddam Hussein even though the American officials were well aware that he was planning to use chemical weapons on his Iranian enemies. It is also well known that before Saddam invaded Kuwait, his diplomats discussed the invasion with his allies, including the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, who assured him that the U.S. would not be concerned with such border disputes. After the invasion occurred, President Bush obviously disagreed with his Iraqi Ambassador. While George W likes to talk about how Saddam tried to assassinate his father, he never mentions that his father did his level best as Commander in Chief to assassinate Saddam and his family in Desert Storm. Now George W plans to invade and occupy Iraq, with a "shock and awe" strategy that begins with launching some 3,000 unmanned cruise missiles to decimate any remaining Iraqi armed forces and then allow the overwhelmingly superior U.S. forces to use any remaining Iraqis as target practice as they proceed to "take down" the city of Baghdad. It is easy to see why the Bush administration has refused to recognize the new International Criminal Court, which is the first permanent legal forum for trying people who are responsible for genocide and other crimes against humanity.

Unfortunately, the U.S. government has a long and sorry history of committing such autocracies, starting with the native American tribes, and continuing on through World War II, where entire cities in Germany and Japan were utterly destroyed by U.S. bombing – even though our own military leaders indicated the cities had no military value. Indeed, the U.S. is the only country to ever use nuclear weapons on another country – at a time when that country (Japan) was trying to surrender. While Harry Truman was apparently convinced that using nuclear weapons against Japan was necessary to intimidate Joseph Stalin in post-war negotiations, many of the most distinguished generals in the U.S. Army and Air Force disagreed. George Le May, Douglas Mac Arthur and Dwight Eisenhower all opposed the use of nuclear weapons because the Japanese industrial war machine had already been destroyed by conventional bombs, thus there was no need to kill large numbers of additional civilians. An let us not forget Vietnam, a small Asian country that had more U.S. bombs dropped on it than both sides used against each other in World War II. Given this perspective, it is easy to understand why George W refuses to allow the U.S. to be held accountable for war crimes, but such policies give new meaning to the term *"Ugly American."*

While Iraq has refused to acknowledge U.N. imposed sanctions, so has Israel, which has refused for years to comply with U.N. Resolutions that demand that Israel stop building new settlements and withdraw from the occupied Palestinian territories. While the government of Israel does not allow the press to observe its recent military assaults in Palestine, hundreds of distinguished Israeli soldiers have seen first hand what is happening in the occupied territories, and they have refused to participate any longer in what they believe are clearly immoral and unjustified military operations.

America has clearly taken sides in this religious war, and by announcing his Administration was launching a new "Crusade," against the terrorist Muslims, President Bush further radicalized millions of the world's Muslims who know all too well about the atrocities that were committed during the last Crusades. These Muslims are quick to remind us that the Founding Fathers of the U.S. were also referred to as terrorists by the superpower of the day, and that it was Patrick Henry who said in defiance "give me liberty or give me death." Until these obvious injustices of U.S. foreign policy have been resolved, the war against terror can never be won, and innocent people on both sides of the conflict will continue to be slaughtered. Instead of being guided by a philosophy of "he who has the gold makes the rules," the guiding principle of U.S. foreign policy should be to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

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