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THE GULF FROM A PHILOSOPHICAL POINT OF VIEW
UNSPOKEN POSSIBILITIES

Our intervention and unwillingness about negotiating is George Bush asserting his EGO and was probably done with the intention of pushing oil prices UP. Higher oil prices benefit Saudi Arabia and other oil producing countries which have sided with us (as the leaders keep most of the countries wealth within their own families); it has benefited the USSR (which exports oil and will get assistance from us to help it produce more); it helps big oil companies (who not only have short term gains but will have little resistance to developing environmentally sensitive areas now - expect big land grabs); and new energy such as natural gas may get free access to putting new pipelines through your backyard in the name of self sufficiency.

If we had ignored the entire situation, oil prices would have probably gone down, because Iraq was interested in selling oil and paying it's bills; not keeping oil off Western markets. OUR action has been the cause of falling financial markets, massive movements of civilians (refugees - who morally should be fed and sheltered by us until they can find security); the cost of a military action which we can't afford (forcing us to send ambassadors around the world - MAFIA STYLE - asking for protection money; not to mention the alienation of all the people around the world who are not wealthy aristocracy. How can George Bush conclude that this is beneficial and is important as a national interest. Don't be intimidated into inaction - even people in Eastern Europe seem to be able to affect their government by public pressure. Don't believe the polls - they are made up as propaganda by friends of the Administration.

Let me speculate: George Bush, although he holds the title, is not and has never been THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. Even our CONGRESS who appear to give 100% support to the Administration on this issue are nor representative of the American people, nor are they interested in the future well-being of our nation. George Bush and his Administration has taken all actions in conjunction with international business, old money and the USSR with the idea of establishing a NEW WORLD ORDER - A World Government (under the umbrella of the U.N.). At this point in time the role of America is to finance and police the plan; but not to the benefit of America. The result will be to bankrupt the American system and bring our standard of living down to that of the third world, so there will be a level playing field (this will be much easier than bringing the world up to our standard). Our military assets could be transferred to the central authority (again under the umbrella of the U.N.)

The other two countries that must be financially neutralized are Japan and West Germany. The tactic seems to be to intimidate them into paying for the ridiculous folly we have embarked upon. Germany will also be for a large part financially neutralized by it's attempt to absorb the East's problems. This Gulf Crisis is not only immoral but it is also stupid for America - we are being duped into participating in our own demise.

THE TACTIC

Our economy is based on the Defense Industry, Oil Industry, Banking Industry and Insurance Industry all of whom benefit from this crisis. TAXES enslave us and DEBT is a devious way of imposing hidden taxes, as is INFLATION. The American taxpayer, who is already behind the eight ball, will be totally overwhelmed by the cost of this adventurism. It could: destroy our financial markets, erasing our personal savings; generate a backlog of bonds which we won't be able to pay (another hidden, deferred tax, which is off budget, the method used to defuse the S&L costs); create inflation and ultimately cause big tax increases - all greatly reducing the American standard of living and causing a global slow down. The citizens of the World Government (the so called NEW WORLD ORDER) would be equal, but at third world levels, not visa versa.

Our leaders are more concerned with world control of wealth and power for the elite and have very little concern for the average citizen. If we don't take a look at events happening around us now, our opportunity to intervene as citizens will be passed.

The longer we continue this BLOCKADE ON IRAQ, the more we hurt ourselves and jeopardize the entire world's freedom and humanity. The only way we can reverse the trend is IMMEDIATE COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS AND ELIMINATION OF OUR BLOCKADE. We are starving innocent people and threatening massive epidemics and death from disease; then trying to place the blame on the victims who we are withholding food and medicine from. THIS IS A VERY EVIL APPROACH ON OUR PART! We must repudiate our Administration; take care of the refugee problem we have created and have an intelligent and fair approach to our numerous foreign and domestic problems.

If any refugees or Iraqi citizens die, then we should prosecute our Administration, especially George Bush for war crimes and probably remove them from office to face criminal charges. The Third Reich wasn't forgiven for it's techniques

George Bush says he wants PEACE: this reminds me of a joke about Adolf Hitler, who said, Fellow countrymen I want Peace; peace of Poland, peace of Hungary, peace of Czechoslovakia, and a peace of France. In conclusion; World Government may come, but it cannot be benevolent unless it evolves through wisdom and good government. If it comes through purchasing support from wealthy leaders, sending military forces and covert activities, then WOE BE US!

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT
WRITE SOMETHING ON YOUR BALLOT

WRITE: WE WANT A NATIONAL REFERENDUM AT EACH NATIONAL
ELECTION

WRITE: BRING OUR SOLDIERS HOME NOW, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

We vote six weeks from now, DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS. I believe America is at a critical crossroad. We are not a democracy; we claim to be a republic (ie: a representative government - by, for and of the people). If you consider how much money it requires to run for office in America, and how the candidates finance their campaigns (through contributions from big business or large special interest groups) you must conclude that our government is only representative of the very wealthy. Most candidates which might have the interest of the people at heart, would never get the financial backing to be considered as serious contenders! This brings me to how we as people can have an influential role in government as it was originally intended to be.

One way would be to have a NATIONAL REFERENDUM at the ballot box at each election, with questions on all major issues.

Another way would be a substantial campaign reform, where good citizens would have an opportunity to hold office, in spite of their financial status. There could be a FORUM where each candidate could present their platform with equal time; and direct contributions by PAC's to candidates would be prohibited.

Another way would be to change the focus of our economy. We now are heavily dependent on defense and offensive military contracts, which require cultivating conflicts and fabricating enemies in order to keep our industry in high gear, thus avoiding recessions. If this became unacceptable then we could change our focus toward peacetime industry. This would require minimizing conflicts and cultivating cooperation, good will and exchange of ideas. There could be plenty of new growth in fast economic public transportation, new libraries and museums, encouraging tourism and possibly subsidies to some American industry. There could still be some military spending; but I would prefer to spend 85% on new defensive systems (to defend us from the horrible arsenals already present); and 15% on maintaining offense. If we stop new offensive weapons the other countries are less likely to see us as an aggressor and will not need to race for military build-up's. I would spend a little more space here on the last point; if we focused our economy on peace then we might try to decentralize cities, government and big business! The reason that the base of our economy is conflict and war is because this leads to a STRONG CENTRAL POWER, WHICH IS THE OBJECT OF OUR LEADERS. A strong America does not need a

strong central power in the sense that it is happening now. We should be strong enough to defend ourselves, but not to dominate and abuse the world. By decentralizing cities, we could design new cities with easy transportation, less crime and these cities could be great tourist attractions. By decentralizing government, I mean that every citizen should have access to office as I implied above under campaign reform, but also it should not have it's fingers in so many of our affairs that could be handled at the local level or in the private sector. (possibly physically move the capitol from it's present nest of corruption?). By decentralizing business, we might limit size of companies and encourage/subsidize smaller businesses to succeed.

George Bush say's; "we have done this to preserve our way of life". Does this mean, so that we can continue in our ways of high crime, business and government corruption, low morality, low education and easy access to drugs? Does it mean to pursue in our exploitation of minorities and third world countries? MAYBE IF WE TREATED ALL PEOPLE AS HUMAN BEINGS, WITH RESPECT, WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO FEAR THEM SO MUCH. Then we wouldn't have to build so many weapons either!

CONGRESS: PLEASE BRING OUR SOLDIERS HOME THROUGH THE WAR POWERS ACT. This can be done by congress after 60 days.

There is less shame in admitting that we made a horrible mistake, and withdrawing our troops now, than in parching the soil over a large part of the earth and killing many innocent people, just to test our newest weapon systems, or to fuel weapons sails (so your constituents won't lose jobs). Be wise enough to change the course of history: find different jobs for them, maybe creating new and glorious cities, don't rely on war for war's sake to keep us working. Be creative - do something good for the country and good for the world.

George Bush, you have backed off on many promises before, why not back off now, for the good of the country and the world. YOU ARE WRONG, and we will all suffer for decades maybe centuries because of your stupid decisions now. I say this in the hope that he's just plain stupid, but I don't believe that. I believe that George Bush does know what he is doing, but that it is covert, and is not in the interest of America, which he pledged to serve. His word is not worth very much; as we can see in his pledge to stand by the Chinese students and then sending clandestine negotiators to make appease the authorities, and as we can also see in his READ MY LIPS pledge. How can we rely on his pledge to look out for the interests of America. He may have to be deposed in order for America to continue as a great power. Our position in the Gulf is amoral and if we persist we will be morally and spiritually bankrupt as a nation, not to mention financially bankrupt. (Micah 4:1-5) There will come a day when nations will beat their implements of war into agriculture tools. What are we waiting for, we can start this process now! Iraq is not our real enemy!

We Need a NATIONAL REFERENDUM at each ballot
FIRST PRIORITY: CAMPAIGN REFORM

We can't be represented, unless our voices are heard! If we want a representative Government, if we want wise decisions by our elected officials, if we want to restore faith in our government then we need some basic changes. If the voice of the people can have such impact in the East, then surely we can expect more here in the West. Not necessarily New Thinking, but in a sense: Old Thinking. Simple things like; White Collar Crime is not better just because no gun was used. I contend that by definition a politician cannot make a wise decision, their objectives are Power and Reelection, through compromises and appeasement of those who gave the largest campaign contributions. It is a fact (at least in Congress) that the incumbent is seldom replaced, unless they retire. Our President claimed a mandate when he was elected, in spite of the fact that voter apathy was at it's highest (less than half of those eligible to vote felt that their vote made enough difference to bother).

EVEN THE PEOPLE IN EAST EUROPE ARE HAVING REFERENDUM

Let the People be heard on key issues. They do it at local levels in many states - why not on a national level? The Congress is now discussing Campaign Reform. These are the last people to be entrusted with this question (it would be somewhat analogous to letting employee's be the sole deciders about their salaries and benefits, without any input by the employers).

We want leaders responsive to voters, responsible enough to present a campaign platform and with minimal financial incentives to be manipulated away from the principles they professed in their platform (which were the main reasons we voted for them in the first place).

We want a people (citizens) who are interested in the issues and believe that their votes do make a difference.

PROPOSAL

1 To eliminate the appearance of impropriety, NO ONE is allowed to receive campaign contributions. No one be allowed to build a campaign war chest - this in order to eliminate the candidate with the most money from buying the election. A GENERAL FUND should be established and these monies would assure equal time and space in the media for all candidates at no direct cost to the candidates. This should eliminate candidates from owing favors to large contributors, besides is a capitalist buying the election that much better than a third world dictator stealing one?

2 Commitment to a Platform: A list of policy questions should be presented to each and every candidate and they must respond with their position. Whereas now candidates who avoid the issues are often popular; this way candidates must take a stand and thereby give us a chance to vote for one who represents our views. In this way Congress will once again represent the voters and not the largest

contributing lobbies and special interest groups (remember the Keating seven and Lincoln Savings).

3 Lobbies could be formed - but not allowed direct access to Congresspeople. they could have indirect access, only through a PUBLIC FORUM (for example T.V. Specials), that way everything is up front with no suspicion of behind the scene deals or ulterior motives. This would allow the Senators and Representatives time to talk more with each other about legislation, and also allow people to know the details and issues better. If all aspects of issues were discussed on TV then the people could be intelligent voters.

4 Whereas almost no one loses office at the ballot, our congress can almost sit back in the security of a lifetime position. This should not be so - consider limiting the terms in congress to two (maybe all terms for six years with one third the positions elected every two years). These lawmakers should seek these positions because they want to contribute to the glory of this country not because they have inside connections and are all but assured a great pension after a nice salary.

5 I believe the two party system has to be reevaluated. If a candidate does not follow the party plan then he/she runs the risk of ostracism and loss of funding. Leaders need to be free to do what they believe is right and this does not happen when parties have control over their membership, and candidates who are not members of the two accepted parties often cannot even run for office (example, the Harold Washington candidates in Chicago were thrown off the ballot for some technicality). There needs to be easy access for candidates with various views to participate in elections, either as individuals or as numerous smaller parties. There is even some question as to whether there is any significant difference between the Republicans and Democrats.

6 The Polls are very influential and they seem to proclaim winners weeks before the elections. Some Countries ban polls on election results. This seems like a good idea for several reasons: There is no way to check if people were really polled or if the results were made up to help the favored candidate, could there be a more intimate connection between the group doing the poll and the candidate (ie. just one more campaign strategy?).

This is a chain letter - it's the only way to make this happen. No one in the establishment will push for these changes, but we the people can make it happen. Have hope - this could yet be government by and for the people. Please help spread this message, make photocopies and send them to as many people as you can. The cost is time and postage, the benefit is to YOU and your country.

REFERENDUM

NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

SAVINGS & LOANS SCANDAL

BUDGET DEFICIT

FOREIGN AID, WHEN WE CAN'T PAY OUR OWN BILLS

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

INSIDER TRADING AT STOCK AND BOND MARKETS

LAUNDERING OF DRUG MONIES

FLOATING NEW BONDS: TO KEEP SPENDING OFF THE BUDGET

BAD INTERNATIONAL LOANS: WHICH ARE LIKELY TO FLOP

NO ACCOUNTABILITY ???

Will no one will be held accountable? Why should executives be entitled to skim millions of dollars of profits from a business and then be free from even the fear of prosecution? Could the reason that Drug Kingpins are not being prosecuted be that our CIA finances its covert activities with drug monies? How long can we continue to give away money to foreign countries, when our economic situation is as bad or worse than theirs? It would be a good idea if our government were banned from spending money outside the USA until our budget is balanced.

The taxpayer pacifies the customers and the world; and doesn't protest. We must take control of our affairs! How does the American taxpayer become responsible to back the International Monetary Fund or the World Bank and why must we be the primary source of money for the United Nations?

I don't think we can rely on our leaders !!
The first step: DEMAND A NATIONAL REFERENDUM.

Unless we are strong economically we will have little power to affect things on the world scene. We are now the biggest debtor country in the world. This is a curious situation, as the more debt we have, the greater control the central government has over us!

COULD OUR NATIONAL DEBT BE INTENTIONALLY GIGANTIC

Our economy is based on the Military Industrial Complex, and we need to cultivate conflicts, in order to keep our factories busy and our people employed.

COULD THIS BE THE REASON WE RUSHED TROOPS TO THE GULF

We must consider alternatives to weapon production for our citizens employment. Not only would this be good for our moral well being, but it would also require us to cultivate good relations and understanding with our neighbors (foreign countries). WE SHOULD MAKE PEACE AND WISDOM THE BASIS OF OUR ECONOMY, RATHER THAN WAR. We could generate plenty of jobs developing the infrastructure of our small cities, and then decentralizing our biggest cities. Develop a national rapid transit system, so that ground transportation in our country

would be fast, economical and fun. We could develop our smaller cities so that tourists would love to visit them and families would love to work and grow in them. Decentralize our government, so that a few short sighted leaders couldn't cause so much damage. Then develop museums and libraries, to increase our understanding of the other cultures around us, as we watch our education system recover and excel.

With regards the Savings and Loan Fiasco.

The government should FREEZE ALL ASSETS OF ANYONE WHO WAS ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ANY SAVINGS & LOAN DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS - IF THAT INSTITUTION IS IN THE RED. If a director were guilty of wrongdoing then all their assets would be confiscated, in an attempt to balance the books.

If the abuse was excessive then the person should be assessed a portion (maybe 50% of all future income including loans and gifts) to be applied toward paying off this bad debt.

FSLIC coverage is a program to protect American investors. If a bank is intent on loaning money to a foreign client then why are the taxpayers the ones to pay off the bad debt? We should not guarantee any foreign loans with taxpayer dollars! Banks that made bad international loans would have to eat the losses - possibly even fail and close their doors - but on the other hand maybe they would be more discretionary about making good loans.

Insider trading is something I haven't thought through yet, but white collar crime must be stopped. Our jails are full of little people who get caught up in bad situations, when bankers who launder drug money, organized criminals and corrupt politicians almost never do time. It's almost funny that we ask Columbia to send us their drug lords when we don't even take out the top people here in the USA. I believe we do know who they are.

COULD IT BE THAT THE DRUG TRADE IS SO PROFITABLE
AND INTEGRATED INTO OUR ECONOMY THAT THE WAR ON
DRUGS IS A LIE?

It seems that many who have profited, will not be prosecuted, and that few that are will be convicted will pay proportionate to their theft. You might believe that we are not in trouble at home, but the economists seem to be able to manipulate the numbers in many ways to give us a FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY. Lets take care of our debts first.

We should also redefine the way we distribute grants and handouts (subsidies) at home.

**Consider a televised open
discussion about the economy!**