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Paying the Price for Katrina and America's Shadow Government

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"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind."—Hosea 8:7

As those ravaged by hurricane Katrina begin the slow and painstaking process of repairing their lives, it is time to assess how the federal government prepares for and deals with such emergencies. This is especially so in light of the fact that in June of this year the Bush Administration reduced funding for the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by a record \$71.2 million—an epic reduction for one fiscal year. As the Dolan Media news wire reported at the time, "The cuts mean major hurricane and flood protection projects will not be awarded to local engineering firms. Also, a study to determine ways to protect the region from a Category 5 hurricane has now been shelved."

Several things are readily apparent. First, Americans have lost control of their government. Besides the perfunctory act of voting—and only about half even do that—Americans have absolutely no voice in how their government operates. Second, those who wield governmental power often do not have our best interests at heart. This is no more clearly illustrated than by the shadow government known as FEMA and its black-op funding.

In 1979, President Carter signed an executive order that transferred many of the disaster relief agencies into one large agency known as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA. After the events of 9/11, FEMA became one of the four major branches of the new Department of Homeland Security. Currently, FEMA has 2,500 full-time employees and approximately 5,000 disaster-ready reservists.

FEMA is generally associated with natural disasters. However, the agency's

actual purpose is much broader and includes any national emergency related to terrorism or civil unrest. Its professed purpose is to assure the survivability of the United States government.

Because disasters have the potential to create chaos, FEMA has expanded powers which are not given to any other government entity. It has the power to develop plans to take control of the mechanisms of production, distribution, energy sources, wages, salaries and the flow of money during a national emergency. FEMA is also empowered to take over modes of transportation, take control of the media as well as food resources, assume control at airports and seize and direct citizens. Congress is even prevented from reviewing these actions until six months after a state of national emergency has been declared. Thus, FEMA essentially has the power to put the Constitution on hold while trying to restore order in the wake of a perceived disaster—thus turning the country into a military state.

There is no doubt that FEMA needs the ability to obtain whatever resources are available when aiding in disaster relief. The problem is that all the power given to FEMA has come through presidential executive orders, rather than the legislative process, and has scuttled the representative process. As such, FEMA, which is run by unelected officials, will become the most powerful governmental authority figure during a time of national emergency.

Very few people, however, have ever heard of this powerful entity. On a rare occasion, FEMA will receive a few headlines when the agency organizes disaster relief for an earthquake or hurricane—such as with hurricane Katrina.

The one time FEMA did receive major media attention was during the relief effort following hurricane Andrew in the early 1990s. After the hurricane, FEMA was called in to head up the relief efforts, but it lacked the resources to provide the proper level of assistance necessary. Because of FEMA's inadequate resources for such disasters, the agency fell under some scrutiny and secrets about the agency began to surface. What came out of the critical look was that FEMA was spending many times more for "black operations" (or black ops) than for disaster

relief. Indeed, during the hurricane Andrew fiasco, it was discovered that FEMA had focused so much of its efforts on creating bunkers and preparing to protect the "chosen few" in case of a national emergency that it had only focused about six percent of its funding on what it was created for in the first place—actual preparation for a natural disaster. Even more disconcerting is that only a limited number of Congress members with top security clearance had any idea that FEMA was spending \$1.3 billion-plus of taxpayer money on secret, non-natural, black op projects.

While this money was being spent, the U.S. government was dramatically reducing its emphasis on war preparedness for the ordinary citizen, spending less than 50 cents per citizen by 1991.

Many critics believe that FEMA is a "shadow government" that will take over at any time. Because it is given very little media attention and essentially has no congressional accountability, there is very little we know about the official workings of FEMA. One thing is sure, FEMA does more than just provide relief after a natural disaster. Two separate but not necessarily mutually exclusive situations surrounding FEMA provide a better understanding of their power and the threat they may pose to civil liberties during a national emergency.

The first situation deals with the circumstances surrounding a little known exercise called Rex-84. After President Carter created FEMA, little was actually done to beef it up until Ronald Reagan took office. During Reagan's first year in office, he signed a number of directives on civil defense policy and emergency mobilization preparedness to do just that.

During this time, Reagan also appointed Louis O. Giuffrida, a former national guard general, to head up FEMA. During Giuffrida's time as head of FEMA, he focused most of his attention on preventing domestic civil unrest and put concern for natural disaster and nuclear war relief to the side. By 1982, this emphasis on civil unrest had led to the creation of a joint FEMA-Pentagon paper known as "The Civil/Military Alliance in Emergency Management," which ignored portions of the Posse Comitatus Act in advocating for the use of the military in civil

law enforcement. This new civil alliance gave the military and FEMA more emergency powers to acquire resources in an attempt to prevent domestic civil disturbances.

All this buildup led to the Rex-84 exercise, which was conducted in the spring of 1984. Rex-84 was essentially a secret training operation jointly run by FEMA and the Department of Defense to train 34 federal agencies on how to deal with domestic civil unrest. Some of the more notable agencies that were a part of Rex-84 included the CIA and the Secret Service. The training program anticipated civil disturbances, demonstrations and strikes that would hinder continuity of the government. To counter these disturbances, the military would be authorized to move groups of people, arrest segments of the population and impose martial law to regain continuity of government. The exercise envisioned at least 100,000 U.S. citizens, identified as national security threats, being rounded up and thrown into "containment" (or concentration) camps for unspecified periods. After the exercise was completed, then-U.S. Attorney General William Smith raised serious concerns about its legality.

The current Bush administration has ties with personnel from FEMA and Rex-84 during the Reagan administration. John Brinkerhoff, who played a major role in the martial law planning during Giuffrida's time as head of FEMA, is now with the influential Anser Institute for Homeland Security. He has recently published a paper arguing for the legality of using military personnel on American streets. And the recent admission by the Bush administration about the existence of containment camps in the U.S. also raises concerns because these same training camps were part of the Rex-84 training.

Another aspect of FEMA is Mount Weather near Bluemont, Va., an underground bunker the size of a small city. This facility is one of a number sprinkled around the country which would allegedly be used in the case of a national emergency as a protective facility for high level government officials.

The Mount Weather bunker, which is built into the side of a mountain, contains a hospital, crematorium, dining and recreation areas, sleeping quarters, reservoirs of drinking and cooling water, an emergency power plant and a radio/television studio which is part of the Emergency Broadcasting System. Thus, in case of an emergency, the chosen elite will have a safe haven, while we taxpayers who foot the bill for such secret facilities are left on our own.

FEMA's role at the facility is allegedly to establish a "back up government" in case of a national disaster. Supposedly there is also an Office of the Presidency at Mount

Weather, which is appointed by FEMA and regularly receives top secret national security information from all Federal departments and agencies.

The facility, for the most part, was a secret to everyone, including Congress, until a Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights hearing in 1975. During this hearing, some minimal information about the various facilities surfaced, but the specifics of these facilities are still a secret.

Senators were rebuffed in their quest for information about Mount Weather. For example, testifying before the Senate Subcommittee, Air Force General Leslie W. Bray said, "I am not at liberty to describe precisely what is the role and the mission and the capability that we have at Mount Weather, or at any other precise location." Douglas Lea, subcommittee staff director, made these comments: "I don't understand what they are trying to hide out there. Mount Weather is just closed up to us. I don't believe there's been any effective Congressional control over the system." To this day, Congress still has no oversight, budgetary or otherwise, on the Mount Weather facility.

We are left with a host of questions. Is FEMA's broad security power really for national disasters? What is the real purpose of the massive underground bunkers? Why is FEMA unaccountable to our elected representatives? And do we really have a shadow government that answers to no one?

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We Need Accountability for Katrina Funds

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Americans are generous to a fault, especially during times of crisis. The overwhelming response to Hurricane Katrina has been no exception. Quick to open their pocketbooks and contribute to the disaster relief efforts, Americans have already pledged at least \$587 million—twice as much as was donated in the first ten days after the 9/11 attacks. Not included in the tally are the efforts of those who have volunteered to help hurricane survivors in other ways, whether by

housing them, employing them or otherwise caring for them.

However, what is sorely lacking is accountability for how this money, whether government funds or private donations, is going to be spent. More to the point, Americans have been given little assurance yet that the money for disaster relief is actually going to get to the people who need it most—the thousands of individuals, many of them poverty-stricken African Americans, who have been left homeless and destitute by the storm.

For example, although Congress recently approved President Bush's request for a whopping \$51.8 billion (with much more to come) to aid the victims of Katrina, the bulk of which will be given to FEMA, one has to wonder if survivors will ever reap the benefits of that financial aid. Such concerns prompted Representative Jeff Flake (R-AZ) to vote against the bill, along with 10 other members of the House. As Flake explained, his no vote was "an issue of oversight, not priority" given the fact that there is no clear plan of action for how the funds will be used. Appearing with Arizona Senator John McCain at a news conference sponsored by Citizens against Government Waste, a watchdog group that reports on government spending, Flake called on Congress to cut spending elsewhere in order to commit to the large relief grant: "What we've seen in the past is an irresistible temptation on the part of some members of Congress to use emergency supplements as a vehicle to lard on pork-barrel projects which are in no way related."

With the entire nation being called on to sacrifice, Congress should certainly make some sacrifices of their own. They can start by cutting the "pork," a term used to describe the process by which lawmakers pad a bill with money for their own pet projects in order to bypass congressional review. As a recent New York Times editorial stated, "Hurricane Katrina cries out to Congress for something other than business as usual. Imagine what would happen if each member of Congress announced that he or she would give up a prize slab of bacon so the government would be able to use the money to shelter hurricane victims and rebuild New Orleans. The public would—for once—have proof that politicians are capable of setting priorities and showing respect for the concept of a budget."

Setting priorities is obviously a difficult task for government bureaucrats. As James Ridgeway, writing for the *Village Voice*, pointed out, "The very first thing George W. Bush did in response to Hurricane Katrina was to offer a helping hand—not to the people stranded on rooftops in New Orleans, but to his friends in the oil industry." Other Bush White

House friends like Halliburton and Bechtel are also benefiting from the recent disaster, having been immediately awarded lucrative government contracts for housing and reconstruction.

There may not be much that can be done at this stage about the federal government's failure to respond immediately to the crisis in New Orleans and other parts of the South. But Congress can ensure that there is greater accountability and better fiscal stewardship in the future. They must also ensure that there will be oversight for all funds contributed to the Katrina relief efforts.

While tragedies such as Katrina tend to bring out a spirit of generosity and selflessness in many people, sadly, such crises also attract those who are eager to turn a quick buck. Already, the FBI has warned of fraudulent websites popping up on the internet purporting to help hurricane survivors. According to FBI assistant director Louis Reigel, new websites are appearing "faster than we can pound them down." He recommends that people wishing to contribute to the relief effort contact well-known organizations. However, even well-known organizations have been known to be less than scrupulous in how they dole out the funds to those in need.

Consider what has happened in the past when large amounts of money have been earmarked for disaster relief efforts:

In 1994 during the Rwanda crisis, Christian televangelist Pat Robertson appeared on his 700 Club television program and requested donations for his group Operation Blessing in order to help Rwandans who were suffering. It was later reported that Robertson had used the planes purchased by Operation Blessing to transport mining equipment for his own African diamond mining operation. He had used the suffering of those in Africa for his own financial gain. Despite Operation Blessing's less than stellar record, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) listed them among its top three charities for Hurricane Katrina donations.

Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Red Cross was accused of fraudulent fundraising practices when it was reported that millions of dollars collected for their Liberty Fund were not going to directly help the victims of the World Trade Center. Instead, the funds were being diverted to community outreach programs, a blood reserve program and telecommunication upgrades. The Red Cross, also included among FEMA's top three groups for Katrina donations, has received the bulk of the donations thus far, totaling roughly \$485 million

Luckily, there are watchdog groups such

as the American Institute of Philanthropy (AIP) that keep an eye on charitable organizations. AIP grades charities on how much money is spent on program services and fundraising. According to AIP, a charity should spend at least 60% of its budget on program services and should spend no more than \$35 to raise \$100. AIP also warns individuals to be cautious of newly created charities and telemarketers asking for donations. (For more information, see the AIP's website www.charitywatch.org.)

The devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina has been tragic enough. If we fail to demand accountability and oversight from our government and private charities ensure that the donated money reaches those in need, we will have only ourselves to blame.

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I'VE GOT A FUNNY FEELING ABOUT THIS

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A recent cartoon by Herman had two mice standing beside a mouse trap with a tempting piece of cheese on it and the trap ready to be sprung. One said to the other, "I don't know but I've got a funny feeling about this."

A January 2001 article titled "[Washington's New World Order Weapons Have the Ability to Trigger Climate Changes](#)" appeared on the Global Research website and was a reprinted excerpt from ECO NEWS. It stated "Environmental warfare is defined as the intentional modification or manipulation of the natural ecology, such as climate and weather, earth systems such as the ionosphere, magnetosphere, tectonic plate system and/or the triggering of seismic events (earthquakes) to cause intentional physical, economic, and psycho-social, and physical destruction to an intended target geophysical or population location, as part of strategic or tactical war."

Now, I must admit I'm in over my head on this subject but over the years I've collected a number of items similar to the one above and like the two little mice described in the opening paragraph, "I've got a funny feeling about this." If some-

thing suspicious is going on, then I fear some one has truly discovered the real Weapons of Mass Destruction.

Look at what happened to the populations in December 26, 2004, with the tsunami and now the hurricanes in the Gulf states not alone the earthquakes too numerous to mention and volcano activity, killer heat waves, unusual snow or rain fall causing flash floods with an occasional tornado tossed into the mix and most recently, fires in California again.

Some have blamed God because America has been carelessly stepping out from under the umbrella of protection by the Divine which has made us the safest, wealthiest and most powerful nation in the world. [\[Read\]](#) October issue.

Using Tesla technology, HAARP ([High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program](#)), located in Alaska and comparable to the Russian "Woodpecker" program created in 1976 to manipulate the weather, HAARP is managed by big boys with big toys! Tesla was able to cause rhythmical vibrations to pass through the earth with almost no loss of energy. [Read: Background of the HAARP Project.](#)

In HAARP's original phase it had one billion watts of electro pulses that could be sent out across the land to targeted areas. The second phase saw four to ten billion but the desired goal is 100 billion watts. Some claim this type of activity can also affect the human brain and since the development of HAARP, we've seen killings in schools, road rage, and one can't help but wonder if these criminal impulses aren't caused by some unseen power. I know in my lifetime I have never experienced such times as these!

The Hollywood crowd has joined in the chorus with environmentalist and lawyer, Robert Kennedy, Jr., who flies around in his personal jet, that global warming is the cause and that we all must get on bicycles and give up our cars. Some scientists scoff at the notion of global warming and Beverly Eakman wonders how many evacuees have been welcomed in Martha's Vineyard where the rich and famous reside? [\[Read\]](#)

But then there are other scientists investigating those mysterious "chem-trails" overhead on perfectly sunny days and claiming they are top-secret military experimentation directly responsible for our strange weather.

Some say it is just a natural cycle but whoever or whatever is causing these drastic weather changes, we are a civilization in crisis which appears to be rapidly moving the U.S. towards a national police state. Some commentators have mentioned the Apocalypse but whatever

one might believe, reading the reports of what is happening to the earth is like reading Matthew 24 in the Bible. One of the great signs of the last days is economic collapse. Our U.S. dollar continues to drown in the toilet and past history clearly demonstrates a falling currency is the mark of a failing country.

All of these climatic events, along with strict environmental, socialist regulation over kills and our manufacturing jobs leaving the U.S., are affecting our economy. We are losing America's livelihood. This deliberate, piece-meal destruction of our economy since the 1960s is coming home to roost!

While we are building a questionable "democracy" in Iraq, who is going to rescue the middle class in America-the backbone of any country? American workers are under ferocious attack. It seems as though the establishment and their New World Order devotees have declared war on the average American worker. Is the U.S. going the way of ancient Rome where its middle class citizens were taxed more and more until they could carry no more of the burden? Are we becoming a Third World country?

When did the fiscal discipline disappear? What happened to the 1964 enthusiasm of Goldwater Republicans who believed in smaller government and balanced budgets? When was the idea of principled conservatism abandoned?

We had a slight resurrection under President Reagan but even he failed to eliminate the Department of Education which turns out today little globalized world citizens being indoctrinated in "group think" and one world government.

I remember Newt Gingrich and his "Contract With America" in 1994 making promises he did not keep after Americans gave him a crop of conservative representatives. In 1995, he shut down the government but when it came time to put up or shut up, President Clinton held the ace in the hole. He refused to accept the Gingrich-Dole cuts in the growth of Medicare, which they had embedded in a budget resolution and sent to the White House. Clinton vetoed the budget, shut down the government and blamed the Republicans and polls showed the nation backing Clinton so Gingrich and the GOP capitulated and did as Clinton demanded, restoring the Medicare funds. Even at his weakest, Clinton had read the country right and bested the GOP when they thought the country was behind it. (Source: Where the Right Went Wrong by Pat Buchanan. P. 190)

So, do we blame the Democrats, the Republicans or maybe the socialist media who continues to help set public policy,

dupe the American people and is obviously anti-Republican. Consequently, Republicans lacking in statesmanship fear being politically incorrect so they go along to get along. Why did Gingrich deliberately choose to reduce government by picking on such a controversial and expensive subject like Medicare perplexes me when there were other issues with a smaller voting block where he could have started? Reducing government must be done gradually just like big government was implemented over the last century.

Since President Bush took office there have been several million jobs or more lost. Individual and business bankruptcies have escalated. Occasionally we read where a few more have found work but mostly in the low-paid service industries and now with Hurricane Katrina and Rita, those unemployment numbers will grow even more.

So President Bush and his Republican administration, which claims to be pro-growth and smaller government, continue to trade away our jobs and our liberty and now President Bush is seeking to federalize hurricane-relief efforts removing governors from the decision-making process.

It seems as though since the Gingrich-Clinton power struggle described above, the Republican administration continues to try to outspend the Democrats. The Beltway Right now eagerly embraces federal programs they once deplored when the Democrats were in power. Vice President Dick Cheney once told a stunned Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, "Deficits don't matter."

Politically expedient promises are exceeding all possible resources as the deck chairs on the Titanic continue to be rearranged. The middle class has been maxed and taxed out! Like Esau in the Bible, we are selling our birthright to foreigners who are quietly moving into our equity market, our corporations, our corporate bonds and the U.S. treasury market. And don't you get a warm fuzzy feeling when you learn that an ex-KGB agent is now head of the most powerful agency in America - Homeland Security? [\[Read\]](#) [\[Read\]](#)

While the homes and families of many of our National Guard members are in jeopardy in the Gulf States, they find themselves deployed to Iraq to help build what is appearing daily as an evasive "democracy" rather than guarding the home front which was the initial intent of the National Guard. Our military is spread too thin. America is on the horns of a dilemma and the current administration is trying to keep a lot of balls in the air at the same time.

The Ponzi Social Security system is about to collapse at about the time the Baby Boomers will be retiring. Because higher paying manufacturing jobs are being exported and replaced with low-paying jobs in the service industry and the millions of aborted babies since Roe-vs-Wade in 1973 are only a couple reasons why Social Security may be doomed. In addition, officials in most states are struggling with frayed public retirement pensions. We've become parasites — feeding off each other robbing Peter to pay Paul.

There are millions receiving some type of government check as recipients with millions of government workers providing them. Our Founding Father never intended for our government to become involved in Social Security, veteran benefits, food stamps, Medicaid and welfare and Earned Income Tax credits which means they pay no taxes but get an annual income supplement from the U.S. Government. And then there is the corporate welfare crowd with its accompanying lobbyists in Washington, D.C. with its hand out. We have met the enemy and I fear it is us!

Will the dipsticks in Washington, D.C. forego their annual salary increases to help decrease the deficits? [\[Read\]](#)

Will the pork barrel projects be put on hold so that money may be used to help out in the Gulf states or will our elected officials continue down the road of making promises they cannot keep without printing more bogus greenbacks or borrowing from the IMF causing huge deficits and like an enormous undersea volcano, will soon rise through the surface and explode?

The official role of the Plunge Protection Team, created by President Ronald Reagan on March 18, 1988 with Executive Order 12631, is to prevent another 1987 "Black Monday". They have the entire U.S. Treasury at their disposal to manipulate the markets through derivatives - a dangerous precedent. In other words, they are using the assets behind the U.S. Treasury to rig the prices of commodities.

Yes, we are a nation under siege but how can we fight an enemy we cannot identify? SWAT TEAMS are taking guns away from citizens in the Gulf states and upon every future disaster, this type of confiscation will continue until we are totally disarmed. Even Hospice workers in Oregon ask about gun ownership. Is that information fed into a master data base?

A few years ago someone directed a young man to our home to share his story. He sat in our family room and described how he's been trained to knock down our doors just like in Nazi Germany. Opposition to the New World Order crowd will not be tolerated. A story on TV in December

1997 told how Swat Team members are on regular street patrols now and everyone on the team loves guns! "Once you kinda get the taste of it (the power) you want to do it forever" said one member.

In Salem, Oregon in September a story ran about a Swat Team training event in an old school that is about to be demolished. One purpose: To practice knocking down doors. And in the same time frame, a Salem, Oregon Methodist church was giving out food certificates to those who would turn in their guns. But it was those in neighborhoods in New Orleans with their organized armed patrols and sleeping with loaded shotguns that first survived Hurricane Katrina and then fought off looters. And I cannot understand why elected leaders in our border towns are opposing the Minutemen. Go figure!

Our Founding Fathers were wise men. They gave us the second amendment to protect the first. But can we keep both? Even journalists are beginning to re-evaluate their future and their ability to keep their sources confidential. Like the little mice in the first paragraph, "I don't know but I've got a funny feeling about this."

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Comedy or Calamity

By Robert Williams

Once again, a generous and understanding spirit has swept through the United States as it's Citizens have rallied to help their neighboring States in a time of crisis. I am proud to be living amidst such honorable and generous souls. As is their custom, our media has shown us the "before, during, and after" of Katrina in such a repeated and minutely detailed manner that even the name (Katrina) becomes tiresome, yet important.

Do we really need to finance a long and expensive investigative study to tell us that all government (Local, State, and Federal) failed, miserably, in their responsibility concerning the Emergency Management of Hurricane Katrina? Once again, life situations have proven that "more government" IS NOT better than "less government".

On March 1, 2003, FEMA was placed under the direction of HOMELAND SECURITY. The "chain-of-command" then became; HOMELAND SECURITY - FEMA - STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Two areas affected by this change are very important; (1) an overall cut to FEMA funding and authority (2) Homeland Security is imbalanced in their

choice of funding. Homeland Security gives a much higher priority to funding an area deemed to be threatened by terrorist attack than an area at "high risk" from a natural disaster. This imbalance has caused "rumblings" in Washington about the importance of creating a separate Cabinet position for FEMA (Personally, I believe it is imperative that both FEMA and the Immigration and Naturalization Service be taken from under the umbrella of Homeland Security).

On July 23, 2004, Section IV of FEMA completed a 5-day exercise known as Hurricane PAM. The National Geographic did an in-depth article in October 2004. An accounting of this FEMA scenario is almost twin to the media accountings of Katrina in 2005. With such accurately publicized warnings of pending doom, there can be no plea for ignorance of this event. Everyone in authority knew that Katrina was more than a probability, it was an actual "matter of time". PAM warned that the hundred year-old levees would not survive a Level 2 Hurricane, yet they were left in disrepair while politicians used tax dollars elsewhere. Louisiana politicians had decided to wait for the Federal Government to pay for their upkeep. Those politicians lost that poker game. They lost while using the lives of their constituents as ante. Let's hope that they also lose their jobs.

An Emergency Management Director is an advisor to the Mayor and has no direct authority over other agencies. After the publicized Hurricane PAM scenario in 2004, it's inconceivable that any reasonably competent EM Director positioned to advise Mayor Nagin would do anything but give him the most extreme and continuous of warnings (communication, evacuation, preparation, medical, protection, etc). Ignoring these warning and allowing disaster to unfold is the "sole responsibility" of Mayor Nagin. Additionally Kathleen Blanco's delaying tactics in signing authoritative power to the Federal Government in a "timely manner" is her sole responsibility. And, of course, the Federal Government should have been making advance plans and preparation that would have them ready to move at a moment's notice. That didn't happen. FEMA Director, Michael Brown resigned after a CNN poll showed that 54% of Americans disapproved of the way Bush was handling the Katrina crisis.

Whether it was fear, ignorance, politics, incompetence, or any combination of these factors, we will probably never know. If alive today, perhaps Shakespeare would refer to it as a modern-day "Comedy of Errors".

MARTIAL LAW:

COMING TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU? PART 2 of 2

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During the Clinton administration, the military was basically reduced-I would use the word "destroyed"-by not only reduction in forces and personnel and equipment and bases, but by chasing off the best officers and NCOs this country had in uniform at the time. I know of many of my cohorts who loved their country and military careers, but became so disenchanted with the Clintons' anti-military doctrines and abhorrence of the military that they either hung up their boots and became civilians, or took early retirement. It was during this time that political correctness was shoved down the throats of fighting units: females were put into harm's way in front line or near units; homosexuals were "accepted" by the "don't ask, don't tell" doctrine; and combined male/female combat support units and ships and aircraft came into being. The Clintons' mission was to destroy the military, or at least reduce it to a shadow of what was required to defend this country. (It was also a mission of the Clinton administration to reduce the firepower of the average American citizen with new, draconian "gun control" laws-after all, any invading force in the future would not want to face a few million armed American "guerrillas").

It was during this time that Islamic terrorist organizations grew and flourished, and Clinton did little, if anything, about it. It was almost as if he-or his globalist puppet masters-wanted such a movement to grow and become even stronger.

Then it was George W. Bush's turn.

Harry Truman once said that "there's not a nickel's worth of difference between Republicans and Democrats" at the Washington level. I would like to put it another way: If the Democrats in Washington voted to burn the city down, the Republicans would vote to phase it in over a two week period.

We are now seeing how true that is. Considering that the main function of our government is to provide for the common defense, then we have a capital full of traitors. At this very moment we are undergoing a massive invasion along our southwestern border on a daily basis. There are

similar incursions on the northern border, and along our coasts and seaports, but the most obvious is the borders of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. Reports of Islamic terrorists-al Qaeda-are coming in all the time, not to mention the hundreds of thousands of illegal Mexicans, Salvadorans, South Americans, and Chinese. Yes, I said Chinese. More on this in a minute.

While this invasion is occurring, no matter how much we scream and shout and complain, Washington-and especially the White House-remains strangely silent. Americans have even had to form border watch organizations like the Minutemen to help the beleaguered Border Patrol slow down the massive flow of illegals and terrorists.

To close the border could be done. It might take the American military to do it-which is actually supposed to be its primary job (secure the borders and provide for the national defense), but what is left of our military has been deployed overseas to the point that there's no one left at home to watch the chickens. Our "reduced" armed forces are now tied up in Afghanistan, Iraq, South Korea, Kosovo, and places in South America and the Philippines. The active units have made so many deployments that they are losing good personnel because of the wear-down factor. We are now relying on not only the Reserves but also the National Guard to fight overseas wars!

When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, the media showed the country that the local governing officials for the mayor to the governor and all their horses and men could not handle the problems at hand. It was up to not only FEMA, and all of our charitable and emergency management organizations and what national guardsmen that could be spared, but the only combat division left in the U.S.-the 82nd Airborne-which had to be deployed to secure one city. Just ONE city. If the emergency was more widespread, who were we going to call to help us? What if the 82nd had already been "punched out" for another tour in Iraq?

Now, let's add a few more factors:

China controls the Panama Canal, and has established the world's largest ocean shipping fleet (COSCO) and ocean transshipment center (Hutchinson-Whampoa at Freeport, Bahamas) just a few miles from Florida. They have made huge inroads into our technological structure. During the Clinton Regime they obtained our nuclear secrets, missile guidance systems, and even have had special operations

forces trained by our Special Forces. They are now building a huge invasion fleet-allegedly for a future invasion of Taiwan-and are bolstering the South Koreans with military equipment and supplies. There are Chinese weapons and "advisors" in Mexico, and our border residents, including law enforcement, have reported "Asian males in uniform on, and crossing, the border" in California and Arizona. Also, Sealift containers full of Chinese arms have been intercepted in Long Beach, California and other places. The excuse we were given in the media was that they were smuggled goods earmarked for street gangs.

Meanwhile, over the past twenty years we have trained Russians and other former "Warsaw Pact" troops at Fort Polk, Louisiana in a project called Operation Cooperative Nugget. Most of the training concerned searching buildings in a combat town that looks just like downtown America. Most of this training was "house-to-house search and seizure" for arms and/or "insurgents." These units then took this training home to construct more combat towns (MOUT sites-for Military Operations in Urban Terrain), then train their own forces at home.

Other training concerned how to operate our equipment and weapons. As an intel type, this tells me that if I were to want to send my troops someplace, it would be easy to load them quickly if they didn't have to load equipment. If we can use pre-positioned trucks, tanks and aircraft, then we only need to worry about getting the troops to the zone of action. This is why we have a Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean with pre-positioned equipment and supplies. Is this why China has Freeport?

So, here is what we have so far:

We have been conditioned to accept we can't win a war by ourselves anymore; Our military has been reduced in force and strength; Many of our installations and bases have been closed; Our forces have been stretched thin and deployed overseas; Internally, there are morale and morals issues that have not existed in the past; We have used up our Reserves and National Guard and continue to do so; Our borders remain open, almost as if by design; We have no control over the illegal immigrants, including terrorists, who come into this country; The firepower of the American people has been reduced to "sporting arms" in most areas; National Emergencies are occurring

more frequently, and the federal Emergency Management program is not effective;

We now have a Homeland Defense organization that has ever-reaching powers over the citizenry and a blank check to, if not shackled by law, become our version of the Geheime Staatspolizei-the Gestapo or Secret State Police.

And now we have another barbarian at our gate: Avian Influenza-Bird Flu.

The media, and the White House, has already broached the subject of a possible "pandemic" that is as large, if not larger, than the 1918 outbreak that killed millions.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and in the preparation for Hurricane Rita, we were introduced to the first use of martial law in this country since the 1932 when US Army troops broke up the Veterans Bonus March camp in Washington who were protesting the federal government's renegeing on veterans bonus payments to the WWI vets.

There are times when using military assets are necessary in a disaster or other emergency: carrying and distributing food, fuel and water, traffic control, emergency transportation, evacuations, searches and rescues, and so on. But they are not to be used as a control agent to force some despot's will upon the people. We know this, and our military knows this. I think that it is because our young soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen can not be trusted by the global-socialists of the New World Order gang to impose their will on us, that they will be more than happy to use "foreign assets" to police our streets-and us.

Plans are now made for quarantining cities and towns, blocking major highways, shutting down airports, and relocating segments of the population-by force if necessary. Also, plans are in place to forcibly inoculate the population. This is a frightening thought in itself when we consider the track record of the federal government when it comes to such wonderful programs such as Agent Orange, Gulf War Syndrome, experiments on GIs and sailors with gasses, poisons, and biological weapons, plus marching soldiers through nuclear test sites after bombs were exploded to see what would happen. This is also a government that now has a law that says it can experiment on the civilian population with chemicals and biological weapons without our knowledge or consent.

To sum this all up: our military is reduced in strength and are now overseas; our reserves are used up; our borders are open; terrorists are inside our country and may even have access to nuclear weapons; our federal government is totally infiltrated with global-socialists; and now we are facing a global pandemic that might require "foreign assets" and martial law!

I'm sure China and Russia are ready to come to our aid.

Some Americans will, as Kissinger predicted, welcome them with open arms.

What the globalists fear now is that too many will "welcome" them with a demonstration of our Second Amendment-if the Bird Flu doesn't get us first.

Part 1 can be found at [NWW!](#)

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FAR REACHING EFFECTS OF KATRINA

BY DAN KAIRIS-NFC-ILLINOIS

We all know many of the effects of the Katrina and Rita Hurricanes. How could we not, with 24-hour coverage day after day and week after week. No one will be able to forget all of the trapped citizens trying to find a way out of love the disaster. We had day and nighttime videos of person after person on their rooftops waiting to be saved. And when that was not enough, of course, we witnessed all of the trapped pets.

The rest of the country will be feeling the effects for years to come. All any of us have to do is take a look at the price of gas and shortly many of us will have to look at the price of natural gas to heat our houses. The economic impact can have a disastrous effect on our national economy. It has been suggested by some that the average heating bill for a typical house will be 70% greater than last year. It has been suggested by some that heating bills for the Midwest and North-east could easily go to \$200 to \$300 or even \$400 more a month. What this will do to the Christmas shopping season and what this will do to the major retailers as yet to be determined.

But President Bush, and his decision to rescind the Prevailing Wage act may have an even greater economic effect. Bush's proclamation does not carry an expiration date and applies only to areas in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and

Florida. But, how long will it be before it becomes national policy. We need to look at the Bush administration's historic policy regarding labor. It is obvious with the immigration policy of the administration, and the proposed amnesty for illegal aliens, that the Bush administration wants to provide cheap labor for his corporate campaign contributors. Let's take a look how this works.

We can look at the rebuilding of a Iraq as an example. It has been documented that a subsidiary of Halliburton is using the equivalent of indentured service or slave labor to provide construction workers. There are reports of workers from Nepal and Malaysia with the promise of working in hotels or other service work in other countries with decent wages and then being taken to Iraq without their knowledge. Once they are taken to Iraq they are paid as little as \$1.54 an hour. The awarding of the contracts to Halliburton, because of the "emergency need" provides billions of dollars to Halliburton. If the executives and management of Halliburton can pay the workers lower wages, who gets to keep the rest of the money? I can only hazard a guess.

The same thing is happening again in Louisiana. No bid contracts have been awarded to the "special companies" for the reclamation and rebuilding of New Orleans. The executives, I am sure, are handsomely rewarded by lowering the workers' wages from the prevailing wage to a lower wage. The reason given by administration is of course, to save the taxpayers money in the rebuilding effort. But, does this actually pan out?

Let's take a quick look at Economics 101. First of all we have to realize that in order to get the cheaper labor the administration is allowing aliens to come into the country for those jobs. This means each of the unemployed American workers are now receiving some form of government subsidy. If they were hired, even at the higher 'prevailing wage', they would no longer qualify for the subsidy. The big problem with hiring the aliens, even for a lower wage is what happens to the money? How much of this money they are paid goes back to their country? Does anyone know? But, again we have to look at the total picture. How long will it be before there is no decent wage paid in America? This is the effect no one seems want to address.

A Buddy Helps The Homeless In La.

**by Gerald Mueller, Wisconsin,
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Inc.**

The messages below in bold print came from a military friend from Baton Rouge.

We served with the ASA (Army Security Agency) on Okinawa. I was there from 1957-1959, we were stationed at Sobe Camp later changed to Torii Station. Another friend from Ohio sent out a note saying Sam Noto in Baton Rouge was going out and picking up evacuees from Katrina and housing them in the College Union where he is a part time OSHA instructor. We heard at one time they had fed and housed around 600 people. They went out and got food, utensils and bedding and were in business. The email message passed around netted Sam and his crew about \$972.00.

Our organization has a military reunion every year, this year in Branson, MO. Sam and his wife were able to attend and told some stories. Our organization also had collected money from members for a plaque "ASA OKINAWA, THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS" to be installed in the NSA Museum in Washington D.C. This was dedicated on July 5, 2005. Of this fund, there was about \$482.00 left. At our organizations business meeting held during the reunion this past September, this was voted on to give to Sam for his help in supporting of the evacuees. Before the meeting was over Sam was handed a check for \$1650.00 plus that which he received from us via mail. Sam sent the below email (edited) after the reunion. He has since sent another one stating they have about 30-40 evacuees left and they are getting the help from FEMA and Red Cross. They also bought some of these evacuees clothes, one way plane tickets for some to relatives, ETC.. The last email regarding this is attached at the end. This is just a short story of what a great bunch of ex-military buddies did in the face of a disaster, they came to the aide of their fellow military buddy and the Katrina disaster.

(You guys have opened your hearts with help. Again thanks for the help with the storm victims. We were stretching the budget, and having a small problem with a need that is VERY related. We took on another chore. As the trailers become available, and they move out, We opened our disaster training to ALL People, not just our own members. As I have probably mentioned, To enter or work in N. O., you must have had Disaster training, and a card to prove so. We/me are qualified to teach this OSHA CLASS. It involves respirators, and we did not have enough to go around...We are offering many classes to the public, including carpentry, machinist, and welding..Many that are in our shelter have chosen to take advantage of our classes, {WHICH ARE FREE} Any way, part of the Money will definitely go to buy respirators..Another part will go to Tetanus shots for all. With the polluted waters in that area, we know that infections are serious, and the possibility for a "new" infection is real.

Again thanks to all, and God Bless,

Sambo}

((The below message arrived from Sam on 10/14/2005))

The relief effort is winding down. There are about 30 or 40 left and the Red Cross brings meals...so we don't have a lot to do. They are being furnished trailers if they want them. (By FEMA) We are trying to get them all located, so that we can get back to normal with our training. I am slowly getting away from the operation, and leaning again to full retirement...At least if I work, I am happier out in the field actually dealing with hands-on building. (Back to contracting.) Thanks for everything, especially the "ASA" friendship.

Old Man Sambo

This Article I have named for a True American Hero~Where Patriot Americans Help Those in Need

Dear New Frontier Coalition Members:

On the day after the storm, we found many people sleeping on the parking lots of shopping centers here in Baton Rouge, La. (70 miles n/w of New Orleans)

They were homeless, broke, and hungry!

We, the members of La Regional Carpenters local 1098 took them to our training center for the night. First we Fed them. Then we had to provide sleeping equipment. We had never done this, and tho we had toilet facilities and showers, we did not have the sleeping facilities or the Bedding. We made quick decisions to go out and buy all of the air mattresses we could get, coupled with pillows, sheets, etc. Our building is large enough, and air conditioned. Now we had to buy cooking utensils, food, refrigeration and stoves..(in mere hrs. this was accomplished) The reason? We did not need Government approval, as did the other organizations. (Fema) People died while they waited for approval. Who was to blame for the slow help? Many people! Our Governor was too busy making all of the TV Photo-ops, along with the New Orleans Mayor who also saw an opportunity for some vote getting while people died. I certainly give our president MUCH blame, as he was hesitant to end his vacation in Texas. "Fema director" let many people die. (these appointments of unqualified friends should stop)

The help is still short (7 weeks after Katrina) Perhaps we expected too much out of Halliburton, the administration's "Mr. Dependability".

The earliest financial help that we received, came from my old army organization. The Army Security Agency Retirees came through almost immediately. Later, our Union affiliates from across the nation came in with lots of help including clothing, food and money.

At the very end, the Red Cross is now helping with food. Fema is now helping with trailers for the evacuees to live in... (We have only 30 people left in our training center.)

Now, perhaps the bigger problem is what diseases are lurking in the sewage/petro muck that is still a couple of ft deep in New Orleans. We have given shots to all that wanted them. Tetnus being the main one. We are offering training to ANYONE that wants it. The training consists of the proper use of personal protection clothing, boots, hardware and breathing apparel. We know the probability of E-coli, Salmonella, Asbestos, Lead Poisoning, Mold, and perhaps some NEW that might exist.

Two weeks after we started this training, Our government issued a front page story telling of the above diseases. They still don't offer any training, help, etc.

I have concluded that Government is the last people you should depend upon!

Thanks for listening.

by Sam Noto, Baton Rouge, La.

From the Editor of NFC News

by Virginia Brooks

During the next month, we hope to have a finished edition of our Illegal Alien Booklet out. There will be so much information in these books that will help end the Illegal Alien problem in our country. Some of you may not realize or see what is happening in this problem area, but it is real and it is breaking this country or soon will. Many Western States are closing hospitals because the problem has caused them to go bankrupt. It is not just the hospitals, but the welfare system, Social Security, Green Cards, Food Stamps, and the list goes on and on. If you will go to our website, you can now download and print our our Illegal Alien Tri-Fold. It is chuck full of information for you to use. Please make copies and pass out to everyone. This is vital information that we have researched and needs to be used to educate the public about the very real problem that our Government is allowing to happen. We have in our NFC group some Minute-

men who are taking time out of their very busy lives to help guard the borders that our government refuses to do properly, they refuse to stop this problem, they refuse to deport Illegals in this country breaking our laws. They allow Millions into our country, then give them amnesty to remain here, use every freeby we have, then allow them to take all of that back to their own country and leave us holding the bag. Something has to be done to stop the Criminals, drug dealers, and drug cartels into this country, to literally kill and rape our people and country.

You will find out that also, besides the financial havoc these illegal aliens are causing our country, the health risks they are bringing to our nation. They are not checked before they enter our country, so they are bringing diseases we have never heard of before, diseases that were irradiated here for years, and as soon as they enter our country, any baby born here is an automatic citizen, and we end up paying for the birth of that child and to raise it and send it to school. Even though they are breaking the law coming into our country illegally. This is just a few of the items you will find in our book coming out soon. Stay tuned, we will advise when you can order yours.

Do You have any suggestions for the improvement of this paper, any ideas you would like to share with us, if you like the NFC News! Your Comments are always welcome! Send them to: vareforms1@bright.net

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