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Coalition Questions Actions and Motives of President

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Since 2011 when President Obama made known his views about the 1967 borders in the current attempt to impose an historically inaccurate portrayal of what constitutes a safe and secure Israel, it has become transparent that this Administration will go down as the most anti-Israel government in recent American history. His second term appointments to top national security posts bear this impression out. He could not be more explicit in the bent to every whim and negotiating point of the terrorist lead administration of the so-called Palestinian "state" that pretends it has a right to exist. An axiom worth remembering in the context of this discussion is that actions speak louder than words, no matter how soothing the rhetoric, no matter how polished the delivery.

HISTORY:

Historically, there is no such location as Palestine. In Jewish Scriptures, it refers to Syria. There are no references to it in either Muslim or Arab tradition. It is not mentioned in the Quran and neither is Jerusalem. Syria considers the entire area to be part of historical Syria.

The PLO was formed in 1964, years before the 1967 Six Day War, giving rise to UN Resolution 242, the governing document on the current negotiations. The PLO was formed to liberate Israel from the Jews.

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The current West Bank, or Judea and Samaria, when the PLO began, was in Arab hands. This organization considered Israel both then and now to be an "illegal entity." Hamas, the terrorist organization now in command of land being negotiated for as a "Palestinian State" has a goal of a Muslim State from the "Sea to the River" or what is now Israel. Likewise, they want that state to have "the Sharia as the law of the state."

The two state goal was originated in Hanoi with Vo Nguyen Giap advising Arafat's delegation to repackage themselves. They were advised to portray themselves as being amenable to accept "the division of the land between 2 states" and not mentioning the rest of the package. That "rest of the story" was the two-state solution that was only a stepping stone to obtain the goal of eradicating Israel. Hamas accepted, reluctantly, this by saying they would accept a "Palestinian state" on "any inch of Palestine we liberate" while working for "the flying of the Banner of Allah" over "every bit of the land of Palestine."

Regarding 242, Israel has already fulfilled its obligation by ceding Sinai and the Gaza Strip, over 91% of the land previously taken. Jordan, in 1988, conceded all rights to the West Bank or Judea and Samaria.

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That leaves just the PLO and Hamas, neither or whom are part of UN 242, being non-state actors and pretenders. Even if they were, they have never agreed to the terms of accepting Israel as a nation with recognized and defensible borders.

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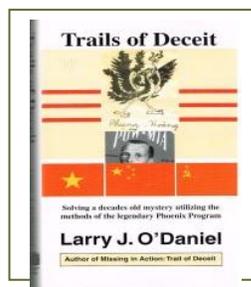
It is important to consider that Israel was never the aggressor in the Six Day War. The words of UN 242 were chosen deliberately both for what was in the resolution and what was left out, even to individual words. Nothing is in there by chance. When President Obama, in 2011, made known his views that Israel should retreat to the 1967 borders, it became apparent that his became the most anti-Israel administration in recent history. His appointment of Hagel, Kerry, and Brennan to sensitive national security posts, only confirmed that. All four are what is known as "arabists" or those who tilt towards the arab view of things. Their words and deeds confirm the tilt, as the debate over the three confirm.

The Administration abandoned any pretense of supporting our most dependable ally in the region, and the only true democracy. A retreat to the 1967 borders would deny Israel of "defensible borders" mandated by UN 242. It would do so deliberately and with malice of forethought.

UN 242 and defensible borders:

President Lyndon Johnson, in late 1967, asked the

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Joint Chiefs to consider the question of defensible borders for Israel, in the context of the just concluded Six Day War. The result, in the immediate aftermath of the war, and reaffirmed in a 1974 academic study at the Command and General Staff School, and reaffirmed once again by a joint statement of over 100 retired Generals and Admirals in 1988, was that to have defensible borders Israel would need to control the Golan, Judea, Samaria, the Sinai, and the Gaza Strip. To be more frank, they would need the land from the "river to the sea." By giving up the Sinai and Gaza, Israel, seeking a peace through land swap, gave up some of a defensible border. It can afford no more.

The Joint Chiefs said a retreat to the 67 borders would "drastically increase" the vulnerability of Israel. By advocating Jerusalem and the Jordan River be in Israel, it gives Israel a much needed security buffer from the East. The military minds said "Pressing Israel to withdraw from this line, will bring neither peace nor serve America's interests."

This is only one more example of the "flexibility" Obama secretly wanted to keep from the American people and our allies prior to his reelection. His often stated "support" for Israel has no more validity than his statements after the Benghazi episode and why there was no response to it.

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By failing to look history, real history and not some invented times and places like flying horses, in the eye, this administration is serving neither the interests of the United States nor that of an ally who has on more than one occasion in the past few years, saved us from lethal attack from the very forces that this administration is caving into. The Coalition challenges the President, Secretary Kerry, Secretary Hagel, or Mr. Brennan, to point to one instance in which any credible "leadership" of the so-called Palestinians have honestly abandoned their thought of eradicating the state of Israel. Without that, 242 would preclude them from being allowed at the table. Allowing them at the table makes no more sense than allowing a Chicago alderman to count votes in an honest election in which the dead line up to vote in alphabetical order.



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