

Epilogue

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Since my writing of the original of the Home Remedies and Protection from WMD agents in 2003, I have added the fiction novel in order to peak the interest of those not so inclined to read through some of the dry reading often filled with medical terms, and protective measures that some now believe are unnecessary. Some will depend on the government to provide the protection from WMD agents and even from Terrorists, although this lack of response capabilities, proper training, and sufficient medications has been written about often enough in the past years, and certainly enough to cause all reasonably thinking people to understand by now that we as a nation remain quite unprepared. We are even now only capable of supporting not much more than a few minor (not major) WMD incidents, or possibly one major hurricane.

Although, we have been warned often enough by Muslim terrorists of pending attacks planned for our nation, we as a people and sadly our own government leaders as well, have taken an attitude of "let them come and we will then deal with it." It is as though we know a Pearl Harbor attack is coming, and rather than prepare, we simply wait for the inevitable like sheep surrounded by wolves and not knowing which direction to run.

As I depicted in my book, on March 23, 2005, there were explosions at a BP refinery in Texas City. At least two Islamic terrorist groups have attempted to take responsibility for these explosions. Later on April 30, 2005, several explosions rocked another Texas City refinery killing 15 and injuring more than 100. Federal investigators believe there were as many as five distinct explosions in rapid succession, with the conclusion that these multiple events were not accidental.

In yet another incident a Middle Eastern man was seen photographing the BASF Corporation ammonia terminal in Freeport. When confronted, he pulled a gun and shot the guard. The gunman was described as dark complexioned with a thick Middle Eastern accent and driving a Chevrolet pickup with no front license plate. Fearing they may be targets in a future attack on chemical plants and refineries, their management had tightened security beginning on September 11, 2001, and has now increased even those security upgrades and measures much more due to the latest and most recent incidents.

In that location, BASF is the second largest producer of ammonium sulfate in the world and their Freeport complex includes 16 plants, including an ammonia plant right next to the Houston deepwater cargo port. Ammonia can be explosive when mixed with air, and Law-enforcement sources say that common sense dictates that "terrorism would be everyone's first guess, if inexplicable explosions occurred at that plant". Read Joseph Farah's G2Bulletin account of the event here:

http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=36765

Our leaders seem to want to ignore that Red China is behind many of the terrorist activities, for both business and political reasons. In fact, they have trained many, many of the terrorists throughout the world as have the Cuban military, and yet our leaders behave as though it is better to retain diplomatic and trade relations with our major enemy than to take them to task. That is, rather than to face reality and accept that Red China is the true enemy, or even to acknowledge that their published book titled "Unrestricted Warfare" on how to conquer and subjugate our nation and our people is a part of their overall global plan. It is as though it is simply the fantasy writing of some Red Chinese Army Colonel's, and which is of no real concern at our senior levels of diplomacy. This same attitude of obliviousness existed prior to WWII, when a former Corporal named Adolf Hitler wrote a book titled "Mien Kampf," and the so-called brilliant leaders of that era chose to ignore those writings as well, until it was too late.

The concerns listed second part of this book have now come to pass to some degree with the recent disasters brought about by hurricane Katrina. The death and destruction brought on by this event provided our citizens with but a small sample of what could occur in the event the WMD agents were to be used against our people. Today much finger pointing is being directed at both the Federal as well as the State leaders, that is, for being unprepared for a mere hurricane. As also pointed out in this book, the coordination between Federal, State, and Local agencies and departments was all theoretical in the past, and unbelievably this now includes political judgments, decisions, and considerations, rather than only in the preservation of lives and the safety of our citizens.

The Posse Comitatus Act is a relic of the Civil War era, and was intended to rid the South of Union troops or else keep them on their bases and forts. It was also a pretext for many to enact the infamous "Jim Crow Laws," meant to keep newly freed slaves in their place. This also allowed for State Governor's to be the required authority for allowing Federal Troops to be used in any given State, that is, in case of insurrections, disasters, defense, or any other uses. Theoretically, each State had its own National Guard units to be used under the above conditions. But as recently seen in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama there are not always sufficient numbers to handle all situations.

The Posse Comitatus Act should be rescinded, as under present day conditions there might be little time for a decision consensus in order to obtain State Governor's approval if our nation is attacked in a number of States at almost the same time, or during the same period. As of this writing, the Mayor of New Orleans (State) and the Coast Guard Admiral coordinator (Federal) of the Rescue Units were at odds as to whether people could or should return to New Orleans proper, and the question remains one of who is ultimately in charge! In a crisis or disaster situation, you cannot have more than one boss or leader, or else as shown in this situation the public receives contradictory instructions or orders. This causes even further turmoil and confusion with the citizenry.

I might add the Posse Comitatus Act is used as decided in Washington anyhow, as the Bonus Marchers of WWI were scattered with Federal troops, and George Wallace certainly never called for Federal troops when he attempted to keep black children from entering segregated schools in the late 1950s. Yet they arrived even without his permission! Thus, this Act can be arbitrary, and must be rescinded with a better chain of command structure, and a new law must be initiated for the immediate Federal response to disasters or state/national security, as the present system can work only when authorities have notice and time to react. But in case of an unexpected or an unanticipated WMD incident, then time is of the essence and Governors, Mayors, and the like might not have the time, or the abilities, or the desires to react responsibly as seen under our present system.

By now, many have found fault or will soon find fault with the many Federal, State, and Local Disaster Plans, and these need to be corrected and expanded in order to cover all areas of need that might have been previously overlooked. For instance, New Orleans had a large number of tugboats and fishing boats nearby and available for use during the recent crisis, yet they were never used nor called upon, as they were most likely not even a part of the planning. Likewise, the Governor of Louisiana stated she had not heard from several of her Parishes, and how could that be? Apparently the canned disaster control scenarios never undertook to insure certain emergency radio channels and attendants were on call and in communications on a 24/7 basis. Apparently, few ever heard of satellite communications before this disaster, and hopefully will now consider it as a necessity.

Many Americans do not understand that FEMA was never intended to become a first responder agency per se, but rather was set up as follow on personnel for processing property disaster loans and the like. They do training and help in planning for disaster with local and state agencies, they help locate lost people, and can call on other agencies, groups, and departments for assistance. But in the end, they are but yet another government agency, often more concerned with proper paperwork and the filling out of forms, than in the multiple tasks assigned to them. This agency consists of only approximately 2,262 members, and most are bureaucrats with little in the way of leadership training or experience. Additionally, they have about 4,448 “on call” Disaster Assistant employees; and another 3,278 “on call” Disaster Temporary employees; as well as 703 “Core” employees, who manage the Headquarters and regional offices.

Thus, when called up, FEMA has the ability to provide around 2,900 employees for the entire USA! The problems occur when these individuals and other petty bureaucrats and officials are given authority far beyond their capabilities, and then they tend to abuse the authority given. To believe that the people from FEMA all have the knowledge and abilities to react as leaders in crisis situations is to be both foolhardy and unrealistic. FEMA can call up assets from the Military, CDC, The EPA (HazMat Teams), and other Agencies or Departments, but their command structure remains one of people not knowing one another in many, many cases, and not necessarily all agreeing on given directives or policies.

A military General has troops that obey, and will place anyone under arrest or fire anyone who fails to comply with given orders. That cannot and does not happen under civilian control. While Americans do not want the military running the various state’s affairs; in times of panic, chaos, disasters, catastrophes, insurrection, or attacks on our nation-the military must take over to restore order and control, as civilians simply cannot do it except in very limited areas and locations. Furthermore, civilians can quit or leave their jobs at will as seen in New Orleans, thus they are all civilians to include the Police, Fire fighters, and EMT folks, that is, all except for the military

Hopefully, our leaders will now start to do the type of planning that should have been done some 50 years ago. But many who are tasked with these planning assignments are not always the best available, as some are political appointees and others simply enjoy going to endless meetings, and then submitting occasional and minor changes to canned and long ago prepared disaster plans. All senior officials down to city and county council members should review the plans that others have written, and ask questions such as where would we take 12,000 bodies if that situation arose here? Do our hospitals and first responders have the right type of and sufficient quantities of protective gear? Have they been properly trained in the use of this gear and equipment?

Do we have signs prepared in case of an emergency to the hospitals, morgues (such as open fields or stadiums), and water, food, and clothing locations for vehicular traffic? Can we get gas to cars or trucks blocking the roadways due to lack of fuel availability? Should special lanes be set aside for trucks, ambulances, and buses carrying the elderly as well as the evacuees? There are many more questions to ask and this is but a small example. But for those who have chosen to take on the titles of authority, whether elected or appointed, they then should also be responsible for double checking the planning of their subordinates, and they should be tasked with responsibility and with the concurrence of all disaster plans under their control.

We have a number of enemies seeking to destroy our nation and our way of life. They are: the Red Chinese, the Radical Islamists, the soon to surface Latino Terrorists, as well as many within our own nation. They are certainly coming, as they have stated it publicly and even written books on their intentions and goals. We had better become prepared to give up many of our rights as was done in WWII, and to be prepared to incarcerate or relocate many of our fellow citizens. When the nation's safety is at stake, then we will all have to adjust to that which will preserve our nation and our people, or we will surely become subjugated and slaves of one or a combination of the above enemy forces.

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