

A Preemptive Resolution against an American attack on Iran

WHEREAS: America, with Britain, overthrew the popular prime minister of Iran Mohammad Mosaddeq in 1953 transferring power to the Shah who, with his Savak secret police, oppressed his people for a generation. We supported Iraq, the clear aggressor, in the 1980's Iran Iraq war, and 400,000 Iranians died. In 1979 Iran took Americans hostage. One of their primary demands was that we not interfere in their internal affairs (a) (as we did in 1953), and all hostages came home. America has done great harm to the people and state of Iran, while Iran has not done great harm to us.

WHEREAS: An attack on Iran's nuclear sites would be an act of war and lead to a significant escalation in both war and terrorism. It would not be a surgical strike as Iran's nuclear sites are hardened and dispersed throughout the country. And, time is of the essence. An attack on Iran may be only months away. Iran may be years away from nuclear weapons, but Israeli intelligence estimates Iran is less than one year away from knowing how to make the bomb and believes that any military action taken after that "point of no return" will only be delaying action (b).

WHEREAS: "The Bush Administration is ruling out a guarantee not to attack Iran to induce it to halt development of nuclear weapons." (c)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: We demand the Bush Administration commit to non-aggression in return for no nuclear weapons in Iran. If Iran does not agree, we demand the United Nations be allowed to deal with Iran as it should have been allowed to deal with Iraq.

If the Bush Administration refuses these demands, Congress must declare war, or our military must support the Constitution by refusing illegal executive orders to attack Iran.

Sources:

(a) "As the first anniversary of the embassy seizure neared, Khomeini and his followers insisted on their original conditions: guarantee by the US not to interfere in Iran's affairs, ..." (2004 Time Almanac with Information Please, p.796)

(b) "Israeli officials are worried that politicians in the United States and Europe are focusing on estimates of when Iran might actually have a bomb – rather than concentrating on the "point of no return," perhaps within the next year when they argue Iran may gain enough technical knowledge to make the fissile material needed for a weapon.

Maj. Gen. Aharon Zeev-Farkash, who retired Jan. 5 as Israel's director of military intelligence, said Israel believed the moment was no more than a year away..." (01/13/2006 San Diego Union Tribune by Richard Bernstein and Steven R. Weisman with the New York Times News Service)

(c) “The Bush administration is ruling out a guarantee not to attack Iran to induce it to halt development of nuclear weapons...
...Mohamed ElBaradei, the head of the UN International Atomic Energy Agency, who said yesterday in Stockholm that he believed the United States would need to give Iran a security guarantee before a final agreement could be reached on Iran’s atomic programs...
...In parallel talks designed to halt North Korea’s nuclear weapons programs, the United States has offered written guarantees that it would not be attacked.”
(12/13/2005 San Diego Union Tribune p.A12 Associated Press release)

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