

# American-Iraqi Wars



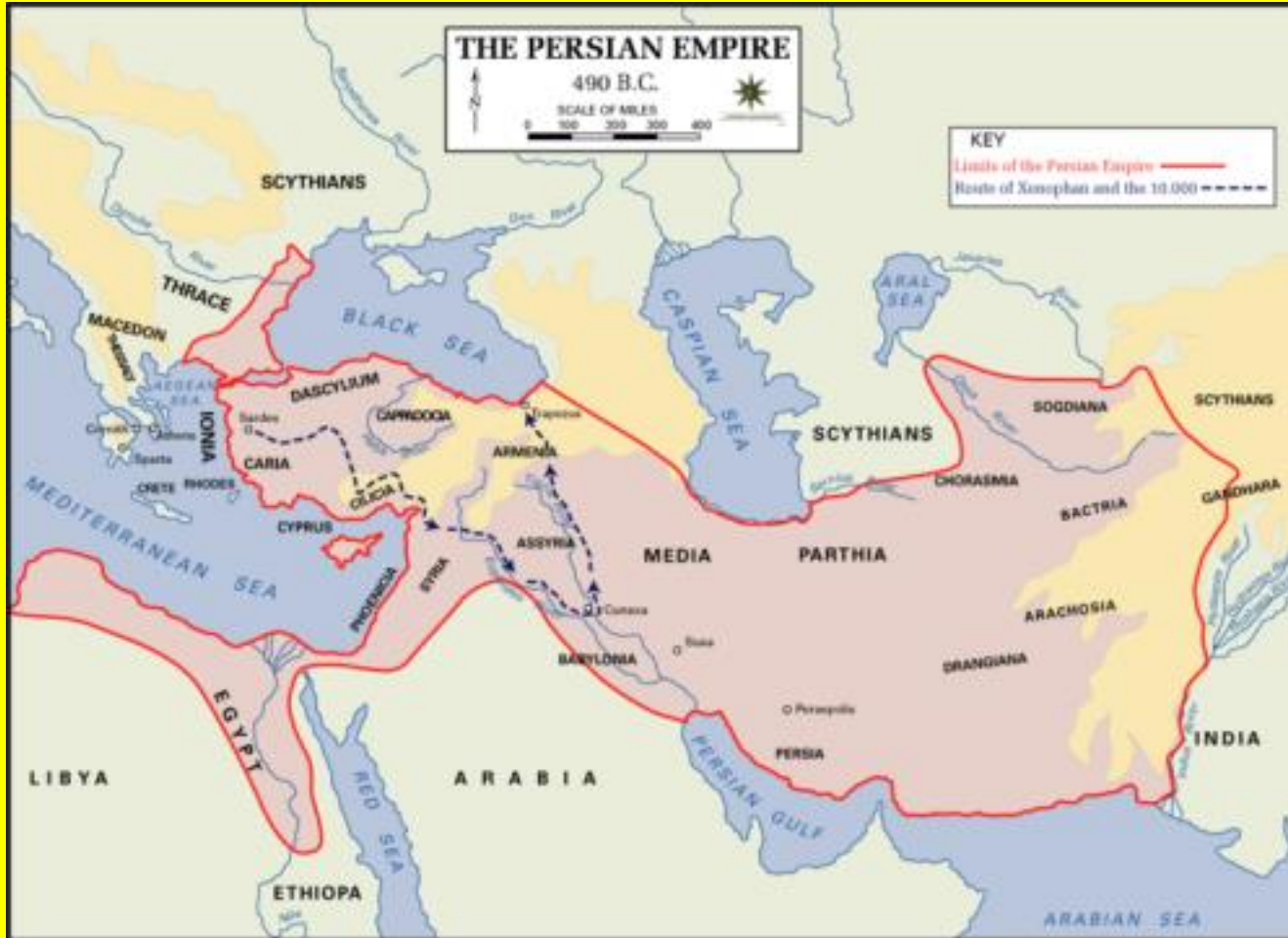
# Mesopotamia

## “Cradle of Civilization”





# Modern Iraq



- Controlled by 16 different early empires

# Britain Gave Iraq Independence Republic of Iraq Established (1932)



# Flying the Coup: History of Coups

- 1941 Coup
  - British invasion
- 1958 Coup
- 1963 Coup
- 1968 Baath Coup



# One Last Coup: Saddam Took Power July 16, 1979





# President Hussein (1979 – 2003)



# Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003)





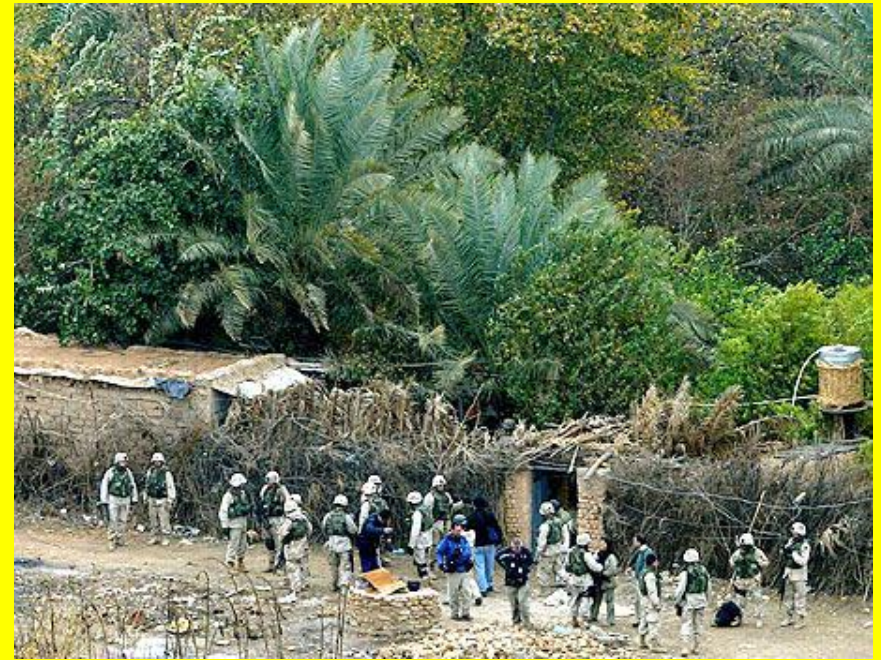
# Why would anyone turn in Saddam?



**\$25 million reasons**

# Operation Red Dawn

## December 13, 2003

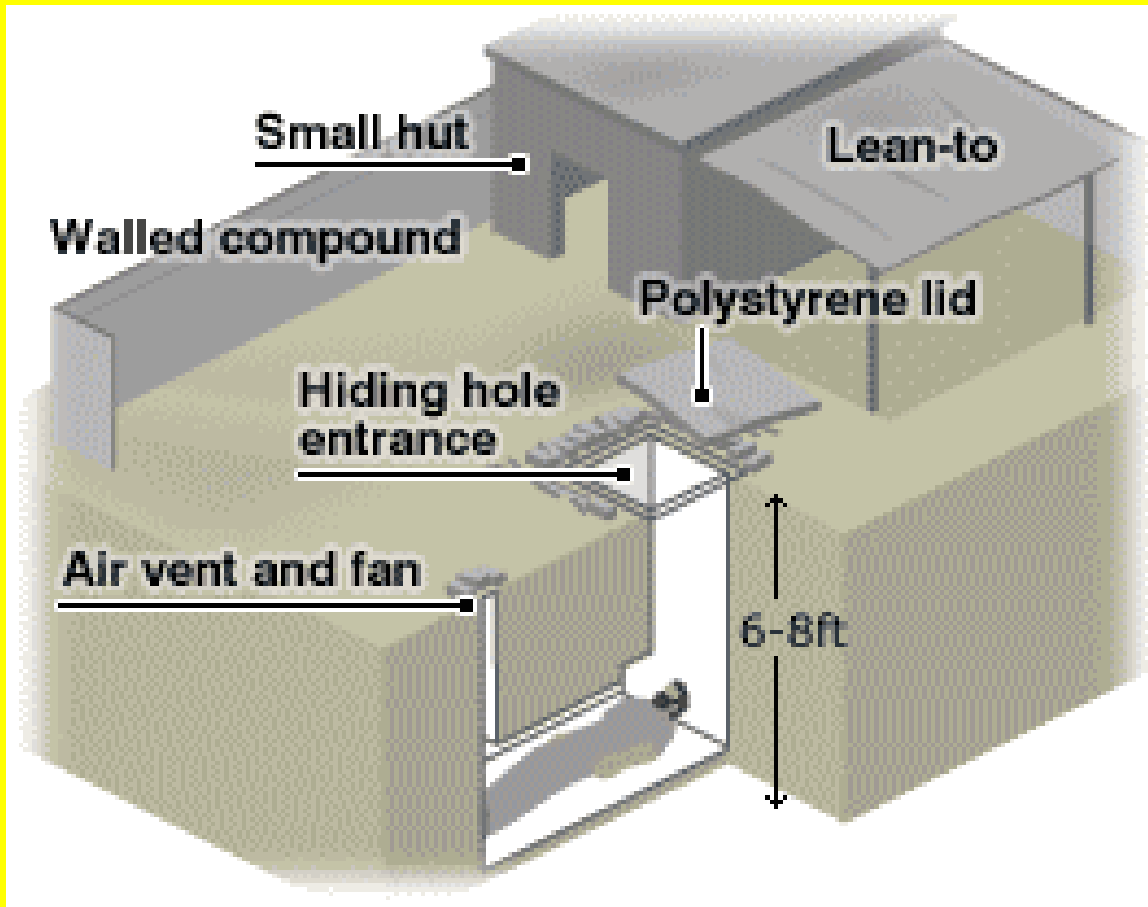


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# Operation Red Dawn





**“We Got Him!” (8:36 p.m.)**



# What did “Elvis” have with him?



- Rifle and pistol
- Novels
- 3 pack underwear
- 2 pack of socks
- \$750,000



# Trials of Saddam Hussein

First Trial (October 19, 2005 – November 5, 2006)

- Charged with the killing of 148 Shiites in Dujail
- Retaliation for failed assassination attempt July 8, 1982

Second Trial (August 21, 2006 – December 30, 2006?)

- Charged with killing over 180,000 Iraqi Kurds in Anfal Campaign between 1986-1989
  - Halabja (March 16, 1988) over 15,000 killed
- Stopped Kurdish rebellions especially when Iranians sided with Kurds



# Halabja Attack (March 16-17, 1988)



- Chemical Weapons killed over 15,000 people

# Executed -December 30, 2006



# The Reign of Hussein – Coup (1979)



Needed to Show Strength



# Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988)



# US Role in Iran-Iraq War



US aided both sides

# US officially “tilted” toward Iraq





# How can the US aid a terrorist nation like Iraq?



Removed Iraq from the list of state sponsored terrorist countries (1983)



# US Military Aid to Iraq

- Gave Iraq \$200 million in arms (1983 – 1990)
- Sold Iraq UH-1H Iroquois helicopters for civilian use



# Gave Iraq intelligence on Iranian positions



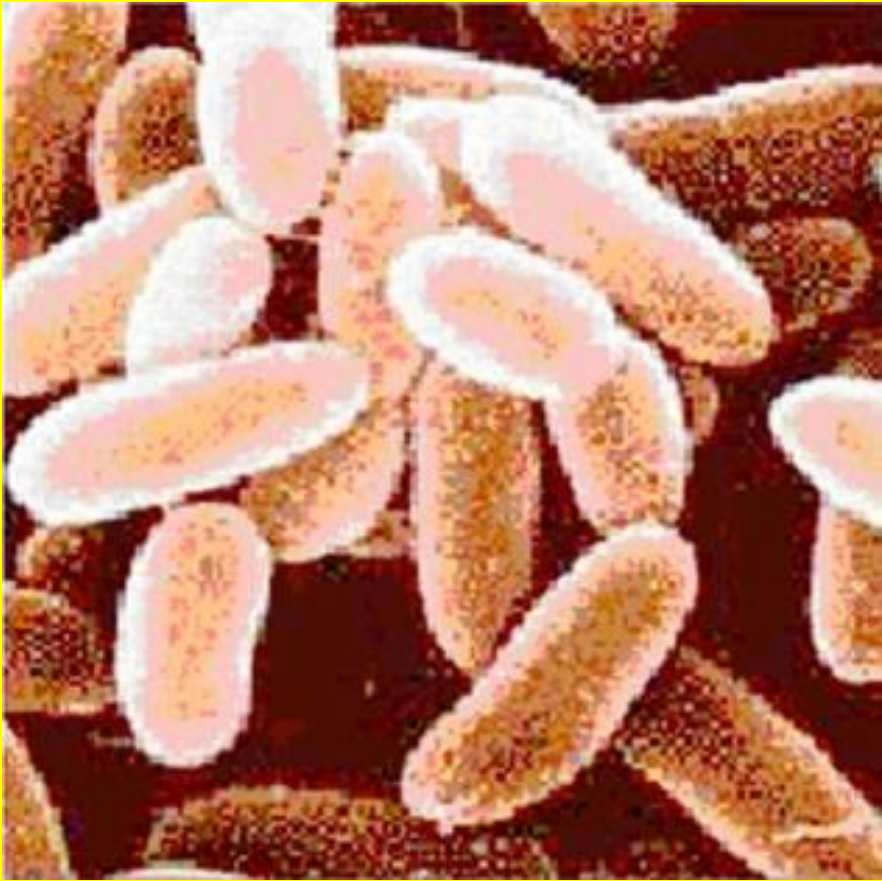




# US Economic Aid

- Set up secret bank loan for Iraq
- Dept of Agriculture approved \$5 billion credit
  - US Import-Export Bank extended \$684 million credit to built a pipeline

# Anthrax Shipments



- Dept of Commerce approved shipments of biological agents for research, including anthrax

# Reagan's Special Envoy to Hussein



**Donald Rumsfeld**

**(GW's Secretary of Defense)**



# Saddam an honorary citizen of Detroit (1980)



# US “Tilted” Toward Iraq But . . .



## Iran-Contra Scandal

Covertly sold weapons to Iran to free American hostages in Beirut, Lebanon

# Would you trust Uncle Sam?



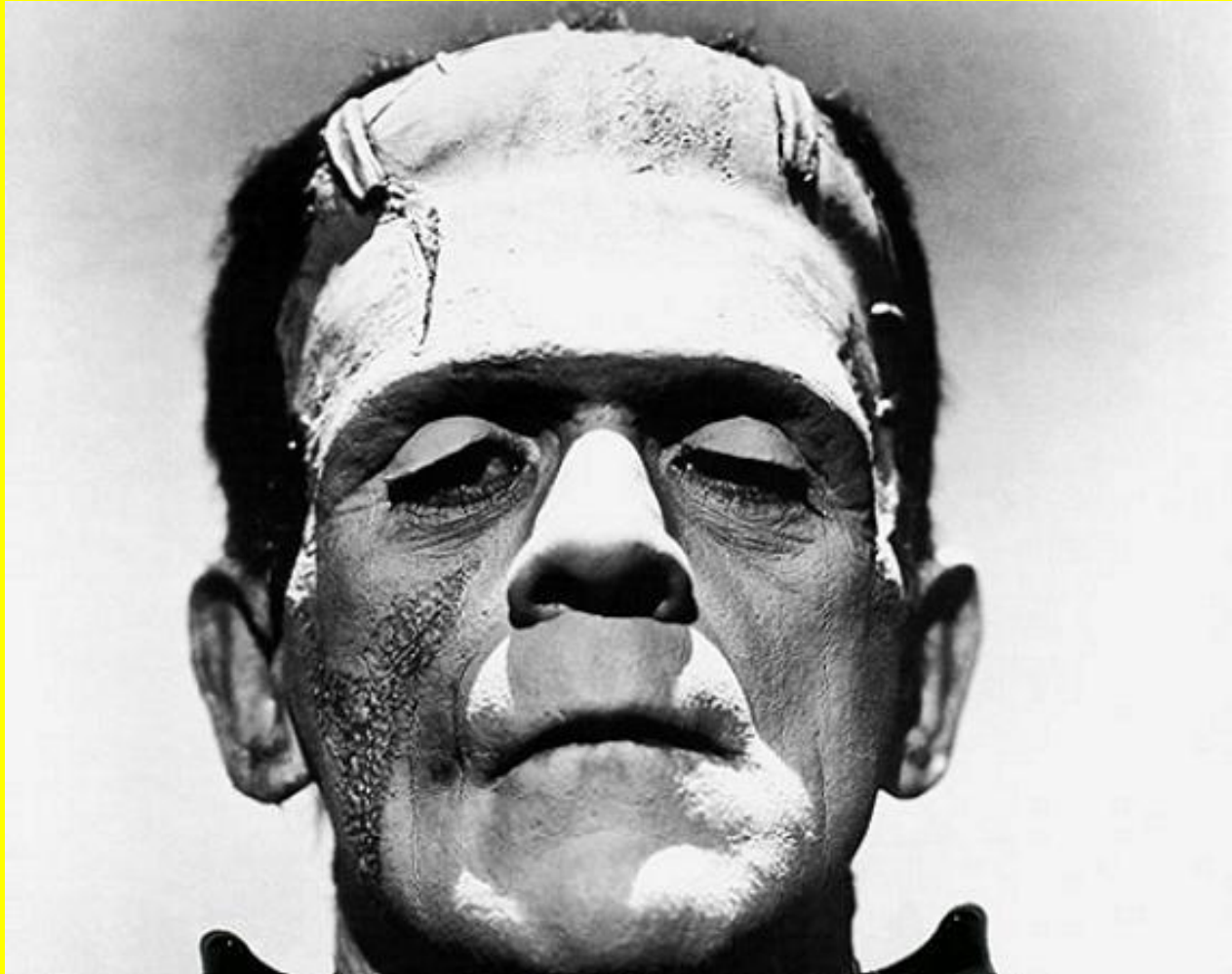


# Results of Iran-Iraq War



- over 1 million killed
- over \$1.2 billion in damages

# Problem: An Iraqi Frankenstein



- Iraq -4<sup>th</sup> largest army by 1991

# Saddam Wanted Kuwait



And no one could stop him in the Middle East



# Why did Saddam Invade Kuwait?



Reasons for Invasion: \$30 billion war debt and oil

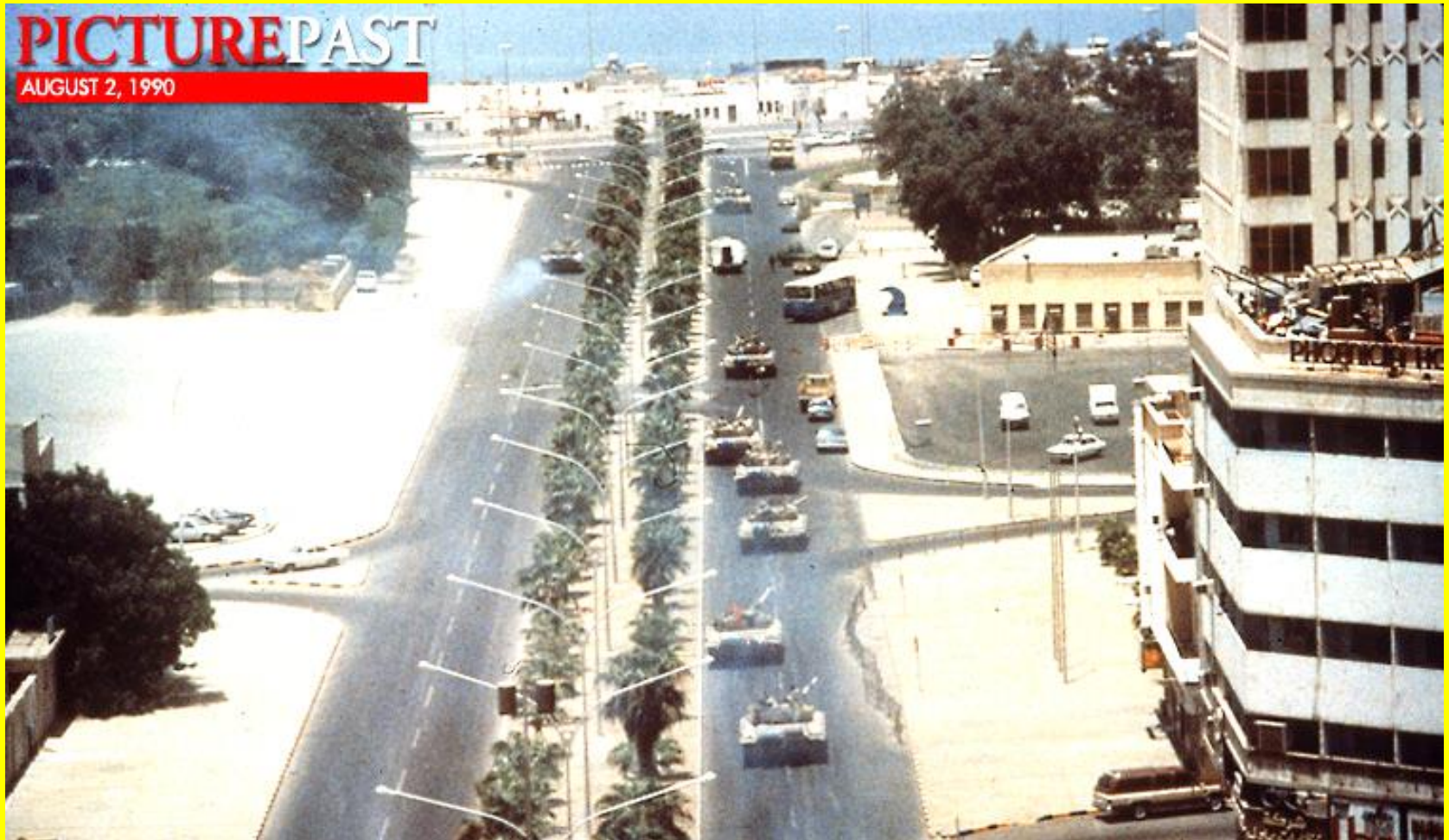
# US Perspective in Middle East (July 1990)



“no opinion of inter-Arab disputes such as border  
disputes with Kuwait”

# Kuwait-Iraq War

## August 2, 1990





# Results of Iraqi Invasion



## Oil Reserves

- Iraq = 10%
- Kuwait = 10%
  
- Saudi Arabia = 25%

# US Reaction Needed



# UN Resolution 660

- Iraq must withdraw from Kuwait
- Deadline:  
January 15, 1991





“Kuwait A Minute Iraq”

