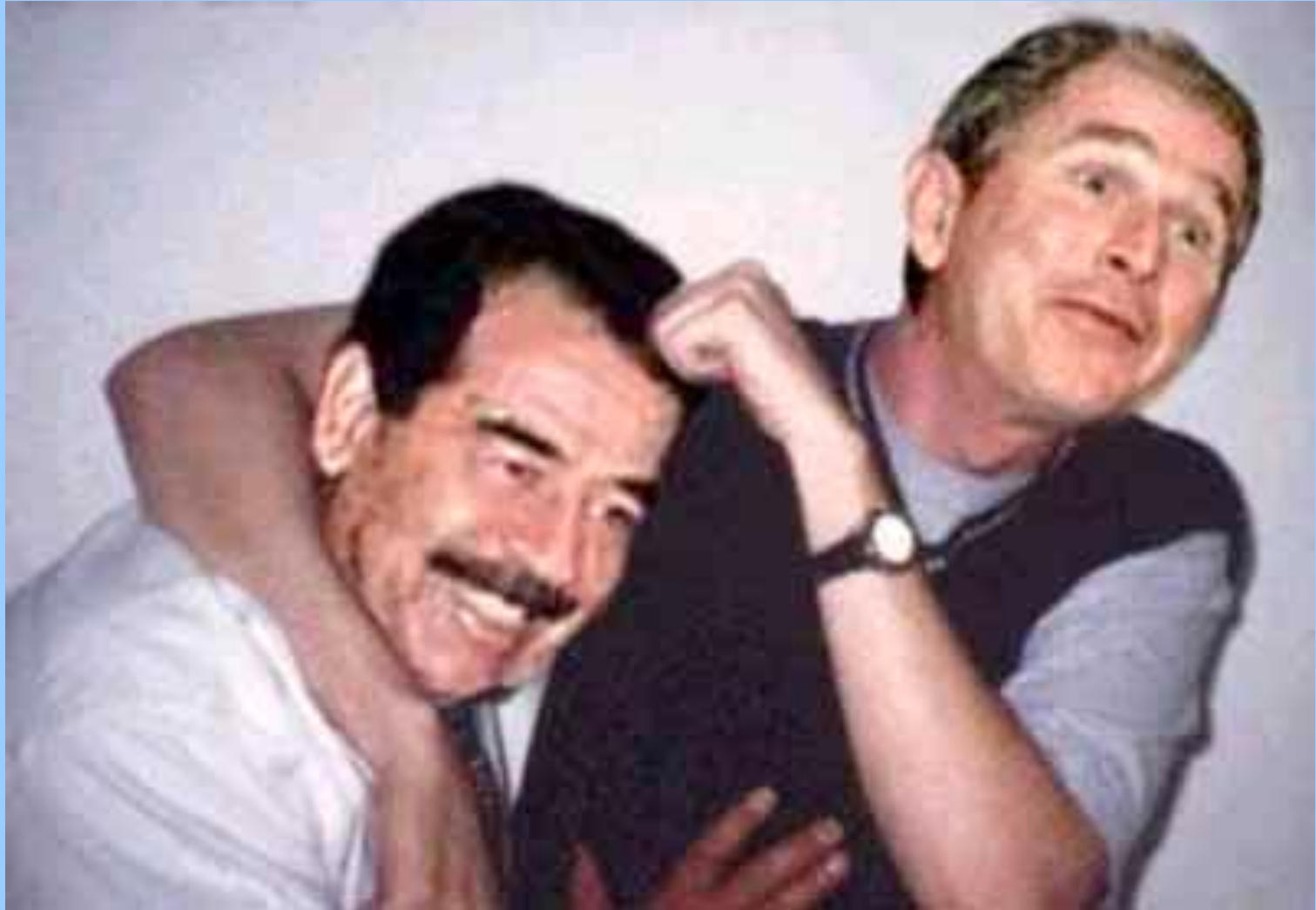


# George W. Bush

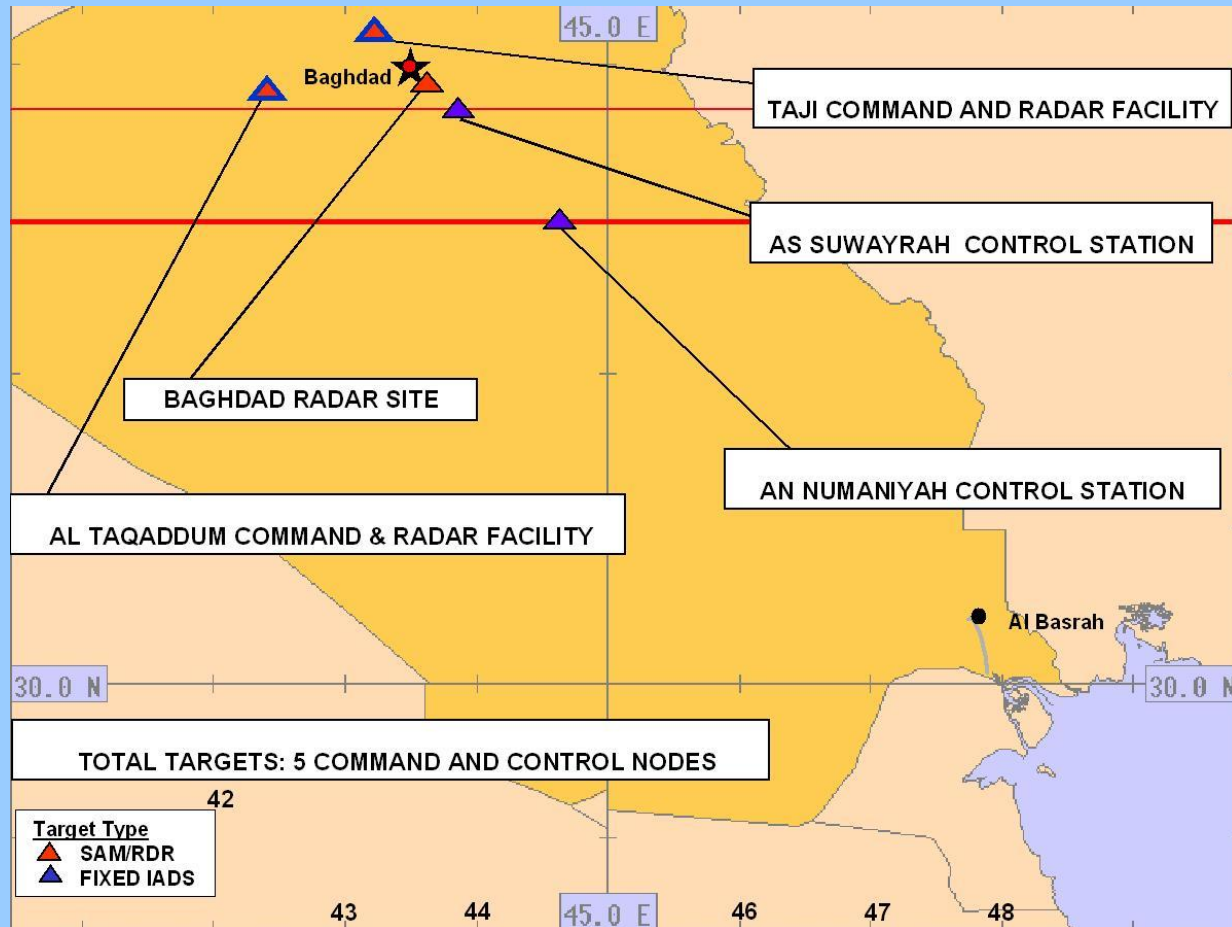
## The case for war against Iraq



# What Happened to SH and GW?



# US and British Attacks (02/16/01) No Fly Zones Violations



-24 planes hit 5 targets 20 miles outside of Baghdad

# A Watchful Eye



“We're going to watch very carefully as to whether or not he develops weapons of mass destruction, and if we catch him doing so, we'll take the appropriate action.”  
-President Bush



# September 11, 2001



# Operation Enduring Freedom



# George W. Bush's Approval Rating



90%

(October 2001)



# Global War on Terror (GWOT)





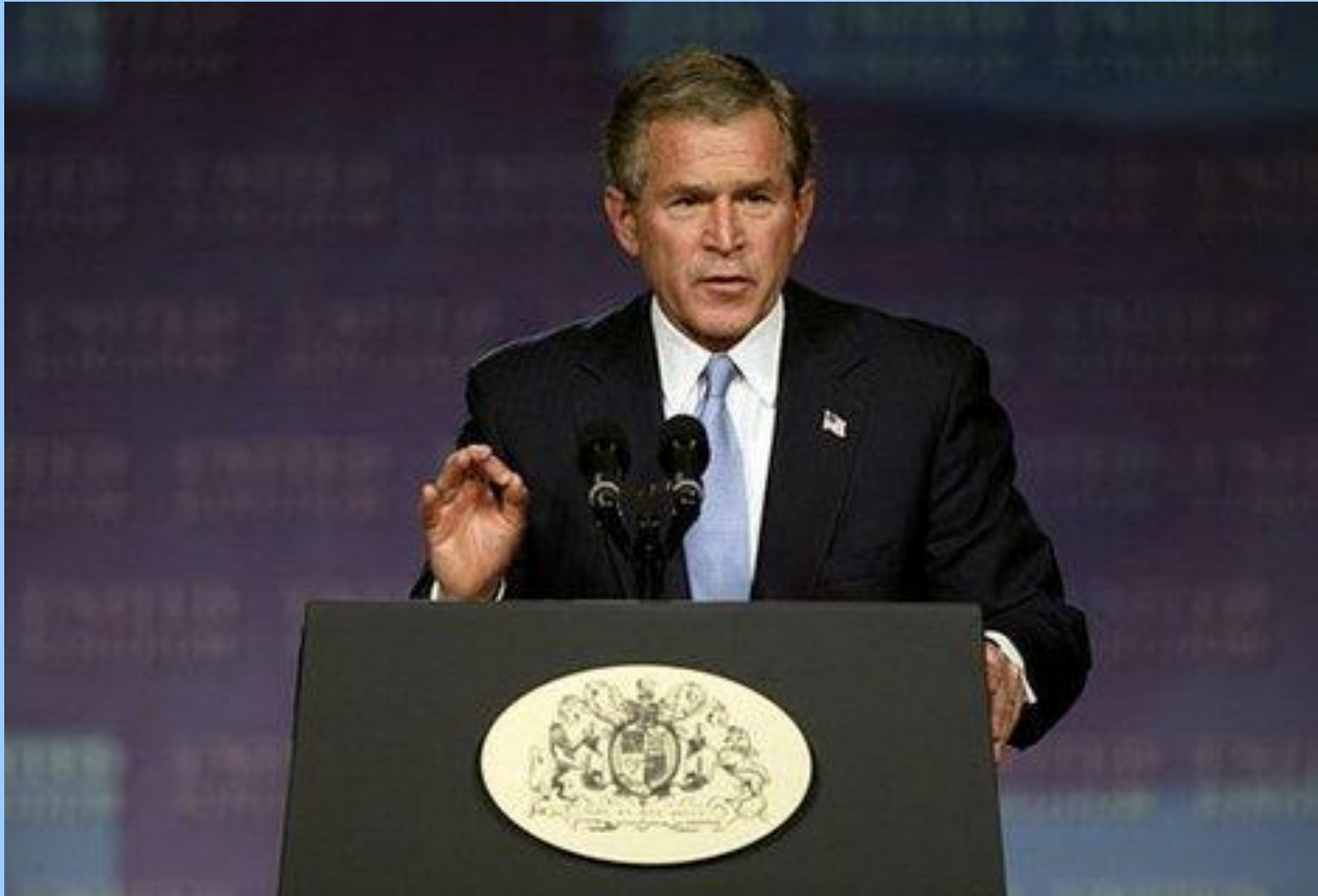
# Bush Doctrine –pre-emptive strike



# Iraq –Axis of Evil (2002)



# Building a Case for War Against Iraq





# Iraq and the United Nations



Security Council Adopts Resolution 1441 – 8 November 2002

UN/DPI Photo by Mark Garten

## UN Resolution 1441

- “no tolerance of defiance of international law” when dealing with Iraq
- November 15, 2002 deadline to comply





# Return of the Weapons Inspectors

November 18, 2002  
-nearly 4 year absence



November 2002-03 inspections  
237 missions, 148 sites

NO

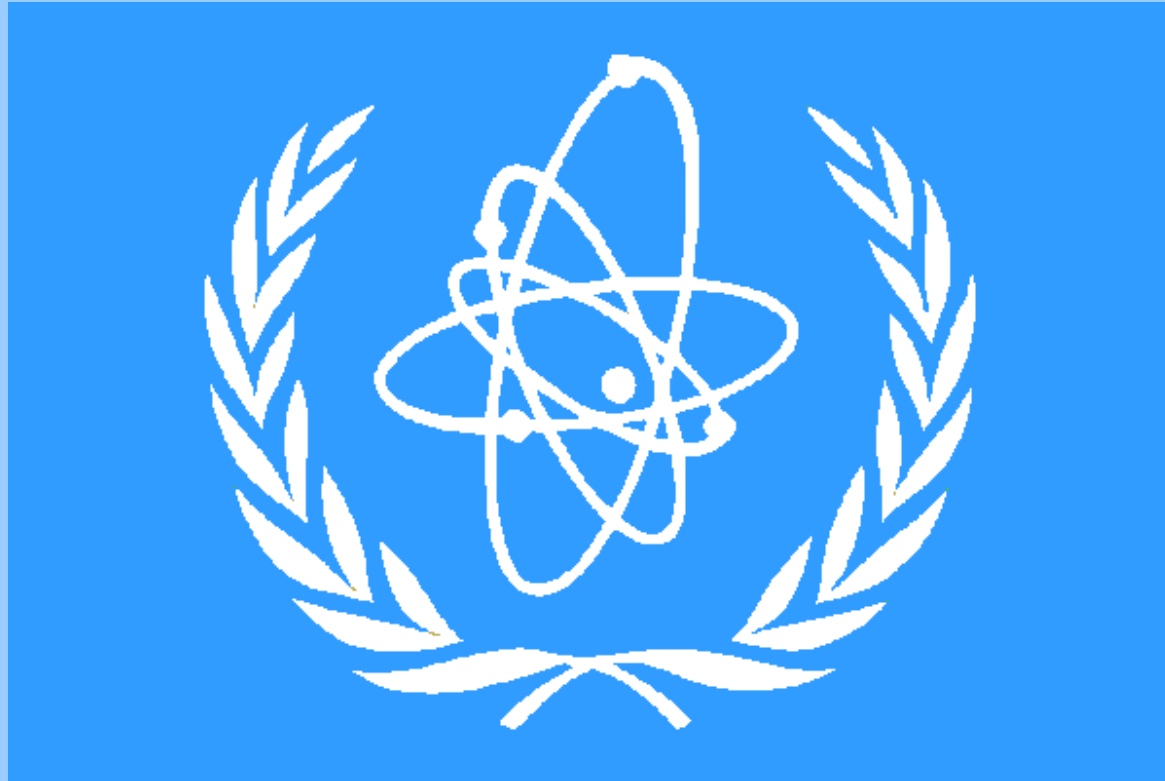
WMD

Radiological / chemical sensors,  
cameras, ground penetrating radar,  
aerial surveillance, & non-notice visits

**NO WMD**



# International Atomic Energy Agency



- 1997 –Iraq had no useable nuclear material
- 2002 – 2003 –confirmed no nuclear material



# Al Hakam Chemical Weapons Facility



- Destroyed in 1996
- Disposed of 480,000 liters of live chemical agent
- Destroyed over 3,000 tons of precursor chemicals

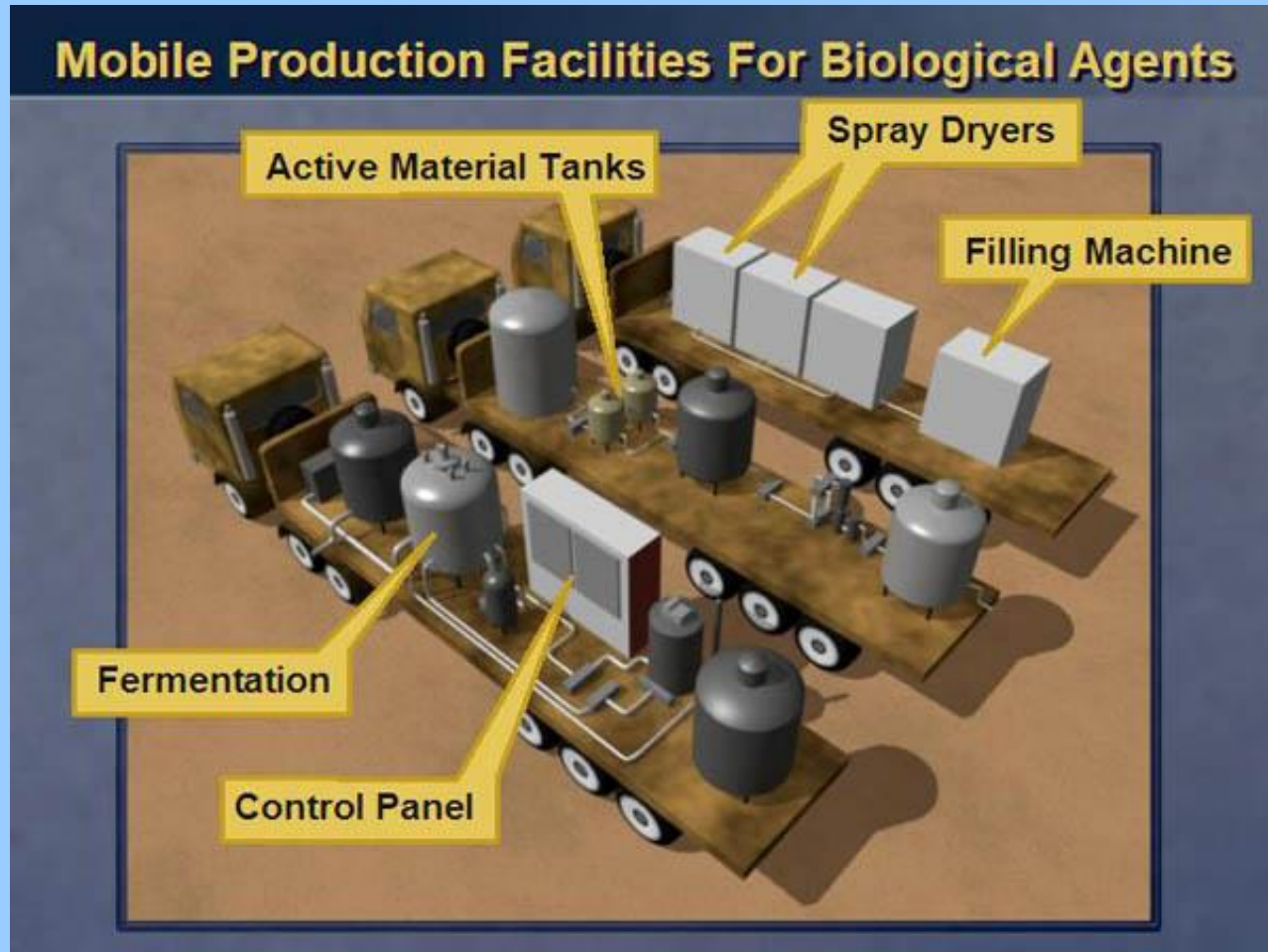
# Naval Blockade

-searched over 12,000 ships in 10 years



- found 2 shipments of missile gyroscopes

# “Curveball” – Germans found him



Germans did not trust him as a credible source

# Rafid Ahmed Alwan al-Janabi



“I had the chance to fabricate something to topple the regime. I and my sons are proud of that and we are proud that we were the reason to give Iraq the margin of democracy.”

February 15, 2011



# Yellow Cake Uranium from Niger to Iraq



# False Claims of Yellow Cake Uranium



Ambassador  
Joseph Wilson



New York Times  
July 6, 2003

# How do you silence Joe Wilson?



Valerie Plame

Covert CIA Agent and Joe Wilson's Wife

# Did the White House “out” Plame as a CIA Agent?



YES!

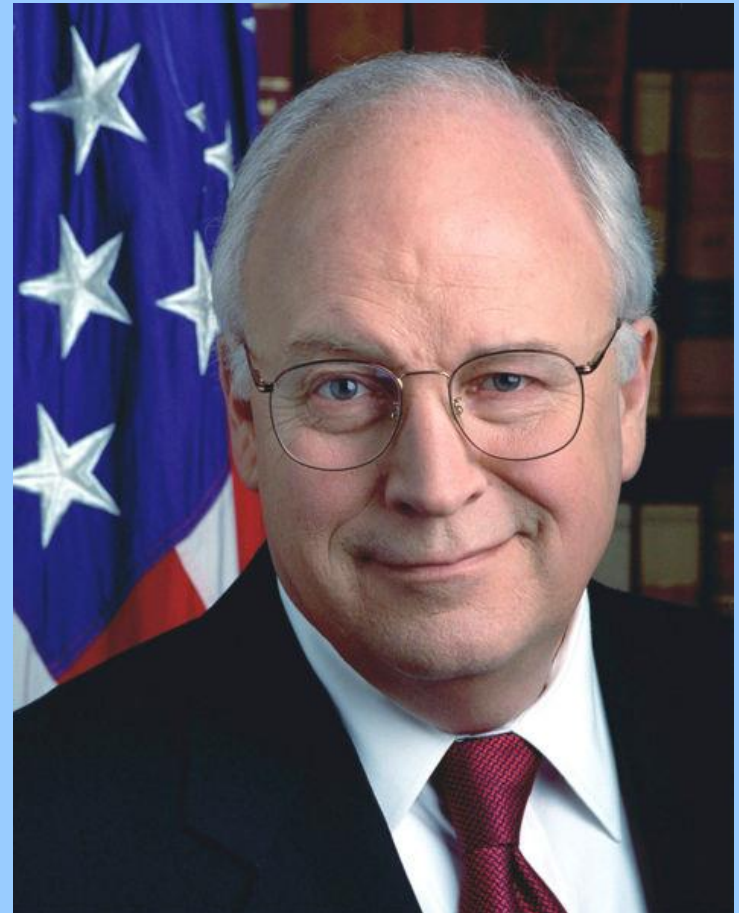
Lewis  
“Scooter”  
Libby

Convicted: June 5, 2007



# Who was “Scooter” Libby?

Chief of Staff to:



# FBI Interview of Cheney



Number of times  
Dick Cheney replied  
“I can’t recall”

72

# Fair Game (2010)



“Hail Mary”

CIA program -30 Iraqi expatriates





All 30 returned with?

No evidence of:



# Where is the WMD Evidence?



# Vice President Dick Cheney

“Simply stated,  
there is no doubt  
that Saddam  
Hussein now has  
weapons of mass  
destruction.”

(Aug. 26, 2002)



# DCI George Tenet



The Evidence was a  
“Slam Dunk”

December 12, 2002



# White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

“We know for a fact that there are weapons there.”

Jan. 9, 2003



# President Bush

## State of the Union Speech (1/28/03)

Our intelligence officials estimate that Saddam Hussein had the materials to produce as much as 500 tons of sarin, mustard, and VX nerve agent.... The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa.

# Defense Secretary Rumsfeld



“We know where they are. They're in the area around Tikrit and Baghdad and east, west, south, and north somewhat.”

(March 30, 2003)

# Condition of Iraqi Military

- Military Troops
  - 100,000 Killed
  - 300,000 Wounded
- Military destroyed
  - 4,000 tanks
  - 2,140 artillery pieces
  - 1,856 APC
  - 7 helicopters
  - 240 planes





# Sanctions on Iraq



Oil for Food Program

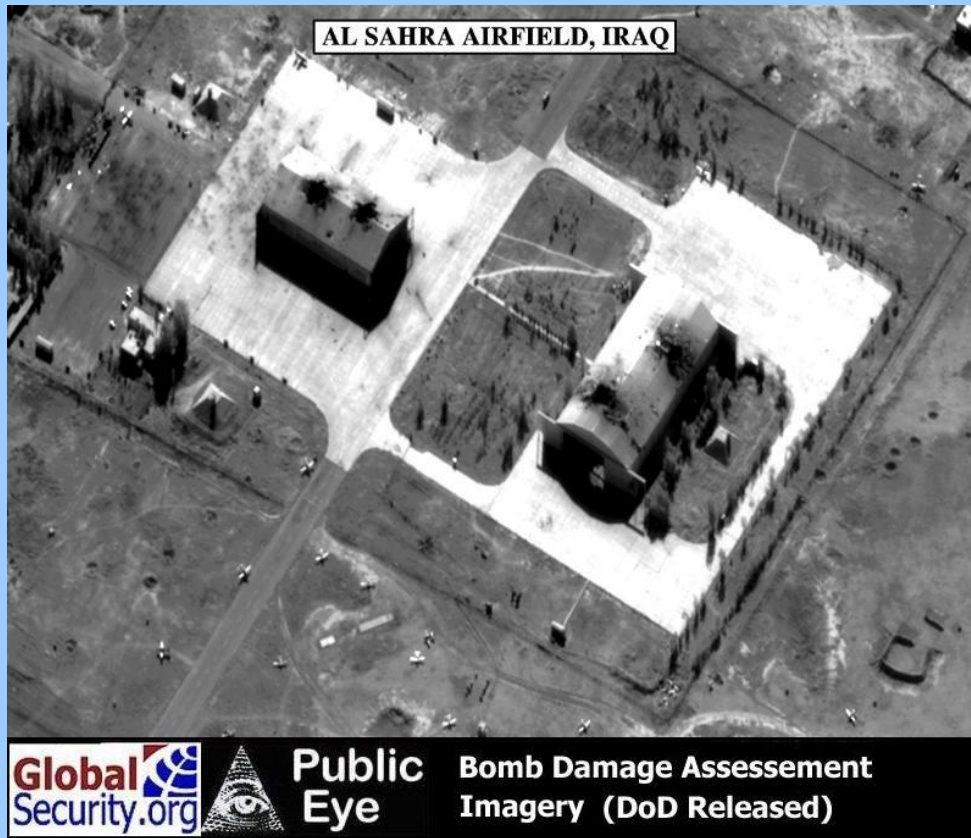


No Fly Zones



UN Resolution 687  
-NO WMDs

# Condition of Iraqi Military



- Bushwhacker
- Desert Strike
- Desert Fox

# Iraqi Military Spending Cuts



Iraq military spending

–1989 -15 billion

–1990s -1.4 billion

# Iraq and 9/11?





# 9/11 Ties?

## National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States

“No credible evidence of a collaborative relationship between pre-invasion Iraq and al-Qaeda or of Iraqi involvement in the 9/11 attacks.”

# Link between Al-Qaeda and Iraq



# Family Guy Perspective

**Brian Griffin**: No, Peter Iraq had nothing to do with this, it was a bunch of Saudi Arabians, Lebanese, and Egyptians financed by a Saudi Arabian guy living in Afghanistan and sheltered by Pakistanis.

**Peter Griffin**: So you're saying we need to invade Iran?

# Operation Iraqi Freedom

