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FRIDAY NIGHT HARD NEWS CALL

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Opening Meditation: Rainbird

Housekeeping: Rainbird Thank you!

- BBS:**
- A listener-supported radio program; we can access program archives on BBS
 - **We are caught up for this week! Many thanks** for all contributions and blessings!
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 - **phone contact** is via MariettaRobert: 317-773-0061
or by e-mail: stargatemarietta@gmail.com
 - **Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!** [Once T & R have moved.]
- MR:**
- Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show, too

Hard News:

- T:** So much is happening: can see why the I Ching said don't make important decisions this week!
- We are getting to see how the dark side really works: they didn't get their way and that is what happened in Ferguson: Sybel and Nada said that Obama said to Holder was told to control your goons or we'll do it and you too!
 - Suddenly there are pictures showing a petty robbery: yet there has been no reports of robberies in Ferguson before! The major media are there – the grounding of this with Counsel is so clear that the waters are being muddied
- R:** Joey Chin was on Leslie Marshall's radio show: talked of Ferguson in terms of the police who have violated their oaths of office and are guilty of murder in the 1st degree.
- T:** Thom Hartman: had Joe madison & someone else: delving into the issues
- The media has moved into a good place with this story
 - remember George Mitchell: this situation can very well be the last straw: brings up the New World Order and a militarized police
- Article on “How America's Police became an army – The 1033 Program”
 - The 3rd guest on Thom H's show is ex-military and said “not even when we are in Iraq did we put together

a military operation like they did in Ferguson”

- Joey Chin – the cops in Ferguson, when they confronted the protestors looked like the Blackwater troops that were were in Felujah and killed Iraqi people

R: spoke to Joni Mitchell out of the blue today:

- she knew Robin Williams well: they played on line games MMOs – a game that Robin played was called “War Craft”; Newt Gingerich also plays it - it's a social connection and the people are hang out in their own cliques

T: Joni said she joined the Ann Wigmore Hippocrates Institute in Boston; was able to quit the cigarettes and is now a vegan for 2 years

- has been working with Bono and other wealthy visionaries who got their blessings right after 9 11
- have been using the \$ in an organization called ONE, a non-profit – using it to compile, collect and gather evidence on the characters who were eye-witnesses to events they saw on 9-11; have been doing this since 9-11
- This is a massive effort to nail the Bush-Clinton Crime Family

R: people in NYC to this day have not been told the truth – brings up Judi Woods and “What happened to the towers?” [see YouTube]

T: the 2nd tower went down first; the 15th floor from the top was where it broke off – at a 45* angle it started to pulverize, by the time it hit 90* angle, it was dust full of plutonium floating over the city

- the bodies were pulverized, the steel structures – but tons and tons of paper remained & floated to the ground level.
- the cars in parking lots: Half a car would be totally charred – Hutchison effect – the effect of the particle beam weapons and the area it covered – the other half of the cars would be like they were when new!

T: about the rocket sent up 10 years ago: feedback is that it is not a comet, but a starship with structures on the outside – frying people's brains because they cannot explain phenomena away anymore

R: Rick Perry has been indicted for abuse of power and coercion – facing 90 years or more!

T: He also did 9 11 – we are seeing the wheels of change turning – an awakening now

- Someone made a huge sign at Ferguson: please be calm!

T: when they were doing just conference calls, they heard Sherman Skolnick's last broadcast when he said you do not want to know what they do to people like me when they don't like us.

- When anyone of the Collins family speak out, they can get gone!

R: did the cabal take Robin Williams out? He began to speak out about 9 11 - hHis comedy show just before Obama got in – he laid it out!

Weapons of Self-destruction

- R needs to talk to some folks!

T: Putin and Snowden will be talking at Lake Bakil – star ships will be around

T: Joni, Bono & others will be hooking up with Kuala Lumpur War Crimes Tribunal which is about Israel

- Since 2006, Africans arrived in Israel, their next best option when Europe closed its gates to them
- Israel had refused to help, and denied them the opportunity to work and support themselves
 - Israel is a model they want to implant in America – THE BUCK STOPS WITH US!
- She reads her notes from the beginning of the Kuala Lumpur history / her story
- There was a new nightmare unfolded in Israel: demonstrations happened and a man said “round them up; we don't have to wait for a court hearing”
 - Israelis who dared to object were rounded up & treated nastily:
 - are you married to a nigger?
 - You should be ashamed of yourself; you should be raped!
 - Infiltrators go home! Chanted and chanted.

- At the anti-African rallies, one figure was always there: someone from the Knesset

T: there is a very small number of people who do not agree with the policy of the Knesset: it is a **policy** to consider the Africans as animals! This is why the War Crimes Tribunal indicted the whole Israeli state.

- The Africans have been put in prisons in the desert, as well as the Israelis who support them - being tortured and murdered while we speak.
 - These ones are leaning on the Liberal members like Senator Gellibrand from NY said that generals and chiefs of staff others should throw their medals out regarding the amount of sexual abuse going on in the military – Joni and Bono & other wealthy visionaries are asking the legislative branch of the gov't when they are going to get it done [NESARA] – you are holding up progress and the freedom train – we also have a gag order too, but we are doing this – call a special session of Congress and discuss the enacting of NESARA
 - Obama & KOS answer ONLY to St Germain who is in charge of NESARA; this is a galactic operation
- R:** This is the new Atlantis, and we are the ones who are on active duty to get the job done
T: They are collecting data, moving in on Congress, moving meetings up to Obama's level; they are picking on Hillary, who is part of the Bush Clinton crime family

T: Obama slams reporter's right-wing adopted talking point as bogus **[SEE BELOW]**
 • our treasury has been depleted by \$3 trillion dollars!

Reading: 2014, Aug 13 **How America's Police Became an Army ~ The 1033 Program** **[SEE BELOW]**

Conference Call

Completes the article – with comments

- the MRAPS and the guns and bullets are full of plutonium – the police are being poisoned 24/7
- C1:** Obama is on holiday – going to Washington on the weekend: why?
T; there is an emergency in the UN – millions of homeless in Iraq who are so vulnerable
- the emergency on Mt Sinjar has been cancelled - no more US support of the people there
 - there are so many people mostly females being sold as sex slaves by IS
- Germany, France, Britain, Turkey have been sending humanitarian help
 - On France 24, could still hear shelling as these ones were trying to come down – they have gone into Syria even though Syria is also a death trap
- Good thing that Maliki stepped down – happened over 24 hours and said he supported the person nominated to take over: he must have been threatened seriously to do this.
 - We are watching the days of the final unravelling!
 - Don't know what he will be doing: so many emergencies – we can only wait to see what happens

C2: asks another question: can't hear

- T:** has access to KOS' starship – nothing supposed to be happening this week, yet everything is moving
- when she went to the volcano going off in Hawaii: the scientists were walking on moving earth, as the lava was moving under the earth: they were taking samples of the material – it was moving upwards
 - We have an upchuck of Pele – don't mess with that mother!
- Nada and Sybel said these ones are petrified!
 - We know there is Faction 3 intervention, that Captain Ron Jackson took over in Ferguson – he is black and grew up there
 - a Prosecutor from California grew up in Ferguson, and she is back there
 - This was set up in 1990 – the authorization Act -

T tells C1: don't wait – do random Acts of Kindness

- C2:** does community support: has been helping a lady who got cheated out of her pension – gave her a chicken and some eggs and some money
- Fracking: the Dominion group wants to run a natural gas pipeline from Charleston to Raleigh, North Carolina - and it will run right through the property of the project:

T: use the power spots and do a ceremony! Get some people together, get fully informed

things are going very, very, very fast no matter what it looks like!
Get organized,

C3: Go to [www.Global Climate Convergence.com](http://www.GlobalClimateConvergence.com) and the Green Shadow Cabinet Party
and to Occupy.com

C4: she is on the opposite side of the Blue Ridge Mountains – the women are really stepping up

C3: Wisconsin Grass Roots Network – tremendous program of education, etc

www.350.org

www.citizensagainstLNG.com

C3: what is going on with Nibiru? How can we bring in the manifestation of the landings?

R: let folks know that our brothers and sisters from the various galaxies are not here to assimilate us!

- The large lady with the fur has put her paw down!!
- there are a lot of upsets that the scientists are watching: near earth objects and they are worried and concerned and even consider it an emergency situation:
 - there is a place built in the earth, like a bank vault, between Sweden and Greenland – Bill Gates can go in there, and Jamie Diamon – it is supposed to be a place that so-called billionaires can go with the shit hits the fan –
 - there are anomalies that have to do with the elementals all up the way to the angels who will not tolerate such darkness coming into their confines.

C5: the pope is in the US – Why?

T: he is in South Korea: the pope is not the pope, it's all a dog and pony show! He will go down with all the rest. First time in 15 years one has been there. The head of South Korea is Catholic

- The Chinese have nothing to do with the Vatican: they have their own bishops, cardinals, etc

C5: next week, some time – Pennsylvania is to be one of the stops.

- Can't wait for Putin and Snowden to spill the beans at the town hall meeting.

T: is challenged to find the time – it is on RT only: we should be able to access via the computer at RT.com

C5: Mr Collins – Barnaby Collins of the Collins blood line – a vampire

R: used to watch the TV program: Victoria Winters was the housekeeper hired to take care of David Collins and the sister; he started to tell the housekeeper about the ghosts on the estate; one night she went to place on the estate she was not supposed to go, she was warned not to mess with the energies but she did and there was a werewolf and other things.

T: Collins became a vampire through a curse by a witch because he would not sleep with her

T: the witch of the Collins family actually does that

C6: Is this a true story? Oh, snap!

R: Collinsport, Maine is a real place – it gives you the creeps!

T: when you become fully aware of how they operate, you can see it in daily events:

- they control everything spiritual both western and eastern, until they don't

C5: understands that 36 governors that have been handcuffed – what do you know?

R: starting with Rick Perry and Chris Christie – these stories are not going away

T: Eric Schneiderman took over the Christ Christie case – he will be going down.

C5: listing the names:

- what about Alabama? He's Republican – that is the answer!
- What are they being indicted for?
 - Maybe Treason,

R: Rick Perry is on pharmaceutical drugs!

C5: talks about who he's been after in the state of Texas

- Agrees that Wendy Davis will be new gov; the one called Abbott has shadowy financial dealings going on

C5: Jesse Ventura will be handcuffed this summer

T: he arranged for the murder of Fred Bell

C5: asks about Paul father and son

T: Libertarians are NAZIS AS WELL AS KLU KLUX KLANNERS

C5: concerning Ross Perot – where is he at?

R: does not know what he's doing

C5: has also lost track of him – knows that he is working behind the scenes and for humanity

T: he was Libertarian and turned to another party; not sure he'd be on the stage with Ashtar et al

R: **Guardians of the Galaxy** – a great movie via clips on You tube

- Overall the unique character is The Collector who collects sacred objects – when people find out what he has in his collection, it becomes about who controls the Universe

T: the Vatican becoming war mongers again: they are

R talked to Robert Scheer – ISIS is bought and paid for by McCain, Graham and the 14 treasonous members of Congress and Senate: the treasonists want war started and make it blow up across the entire Middle East

R: Ashtar has said no!

T: China – Pope Francis made his first visit to South Korea

[SEE BELOW]

BBS:

MOTHER SEKHMET

Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One, in the Office of the Christ and only in the Office of the Christ, we invoke the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet Flame.

T: we ask to precipitate love and peace in all we do: in Ferguson, in all the policemen at the local and state level, and in the 13 families in this dimension – bust the bubble of anything less than love!

Greetings!

- It takes more than a gun to become one of the Ninja turtles – all of the kingdoms have their protectors / warriors of the heart

T: they call this Turtle Island!

Mo: Yes, North and South Amexum: AL Meraca is the name of this rock -

- About the present state of affairs in Ferguson and other places: these are all demonstrations of how to intimidate and push it a little farther each time, a little bit farther
 - It is at the point where the camel's back has been broken and out of this comes the place of having full background checks – what do you have to hide?
 - As Gabby Giffords says if you have a gun, you should insure it like a car, register it!

T: did not quite finish reading the article on the 1033 Program

- Reads from the article about an MRAP: Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle
- O'Connell told Newsweek Ferguson had not acquired one of the MRAPs - O'Connell said he did not know where it came from! That is the giveaway – it was brought in for the event!

Mo: want to play with the idea of the Gestapo – this is over! How she deals with her children . . .

T: reads the last sentence about there never having been a land mine in Watertown, CT – pop. 22,514 – also recently got 733,000 designated to protect soldiers from road side bombs; they paid \$2, 800!

Mo: her naughty children, especially the boys want to play with the toys: it is not that she has not been a good Mother, but that they wish to visit the local universe with the concept and idea of creator gods and the power of a Creator god – yet a creator god does not use power without love!

- So at any given moment, the S*** will hit the fan as it has already started for Gov Perry.
- it's at the place where stories like this have to do with creating more concepts of separation and fear.

T: when you have a hammer, every problem looks like a nail!

Mo: Of course! Do we look like Nails?

T: Unbelievable – can see why she did it in Iraq where she wiped her claw across the face of someone – do we have to do this in the suburbs?

Mo: if you do not want to live within the Office of the Christ that is your choice; but earth and her people of the planet have already made that choice.

- If you step out of that field of energy, all kinds of things can happen that is not within a place of right livelihood;
 - this whole story that is going on right now has to do with one issue, **ONE ISSUE ONLY!**
 - When he said do you want change? Here is your change!
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- Why is it that folks cannot get to the place of the concept that some folks down the block might be a little different than you and they might . it is about one issue: **where there is hatred, let me sow love!**
 - The one issue, the man, Mr 19.5*, brings a message from the Council of 9:
 - **We are all ONE.** It is so simple – ET 101: we are all ONE.
 - As we get this, everything changes across the entire Universe of Nebadon in an instant:
 - this is the quantum field – already in motion and it cannot be changed. This is the change he introduced – the 4th Turning, as the heroes and the prophets step up to the podium to share their ideas of how this eternal NOW is – it is what the rainbow crystal children are saying
 - we choose not to live where there are land mines
 - or facing other children who want to play war games and got twisted along the way: heard the whisperings of Wormtongue and Vader of ideas of grandeur and lots of cash
 - where she comes from, universal economics is the way we work:
 - you have a mission, have a plan? Let's go – here's what you need: it is about love, what's in the heart.
 - What is happening across this planet is already seen that the 13 families cannot hold it together – Rick Perry going down, Rick Scott could be next, Chris Christie could be next, Kasich
- T: thought it would not be done piecemeal but on a larger scale**
- Mo:** as the trickle begins, prepare for the tsunami! That is where it's at!
- You've got journalists arrested for doing their job: Ben Franklin's 1st amendment is about freedom of the press – WTF, folks: let's call it like it is – you have a republic here; you have to hang on to it – that's the fire in the belly!
 - what Wendy Davis is saying in TX – and others: live it, breathe it, 24/7 –
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- what is happening across the planet is the heroes and the prophets have stepped and said now is the change
 - The Collins, the Rothschilds, the hillbillies – no offense to the real folks in the Appalachians who are doing the mission as we have been taught
 - As we invoke the 4 watchers with the elements and those who are here that represent anima / animus
 - This goes into the realm before time as we conceive it: anima / animus is the realm of the primordial creative force called the mitichlorians
 - this goddess energy is calling the shots along with Vvyamus / Gaia – this place we have here, this paradise, this amusement park – use it wisely; we are already on active duty
 - as the energies kick in with all the glands that are going off, like those of a teenager at 14 – as the energies from Galactic Centre – it is why we are all on edge
 - our magnetic field is disappearing; being replaced by the crystalline field
 - we are becoming quartz crystals, silica; it is what drives the zero point field – as it manifests into physicality as it is in our bodies, it is changing everything.
 - These dinosaurs are just that and they know it – their time is over. Let them die with dignity
 - Enshallah! Kadoish, kadoish, kadoish

R: has been on Mt Kilosh – there is a ring of stones that are surrounding the mountain and it's in the etheric / physical; the stones are singing / making a sound;

- as they create the sound frequencies, it activates a magnetic generator inside Mt Kilose, one of the last magnetic generator to come on line at this time
- it's like the sub-etheric generator under the pyramid which takes care of the entire Giza Plateau
- Recalls something a guy made – had all kinds of pyramid points on it: what he was seeing was the sub-etheric generator in this area of the planet is coming fully on line

• This means the Zero Point energy is coming even higher; as we experience it, there will be more anomalies in this dimension. As earth moves higher and higher in octaves, so do we and we are becoming more & more of silica lifeforms; all life forms change; it is for our highest good.

R: they [the generators] are on a cosmic time clock; they are pre-programmed

- the Watchers set them up with Mother, millions or billions of years ago before the gods were here
- now they are ready to do their thing – the magnetic field of earth is dropping, and the crystalline grid is taking over –no longer a magnetic grid but a crystalline grid – this is why our bodies are turning crystalline too

T: that's because the quantum shift we've been talking about since Harmonic Convergence has been actualizing itself as such a rapid rate and the energies are a back-up for what we need to make the changes happen

R: he's a guinea pig in his own experiment as we all are! We are set up to become crystalline in nature as everything else is becoming crystalline in nature.

T: something happening with the Chinese, the North and South Koreans, the Japanese – never wanted to sit together, and now shaking hands with each other & starting to share things: absolutely unexpected!

Audio:

THE SECRET CODE OF UFO / ET CROP CIRCLES - FEATURE FILM - A Cosmic Code Revealed!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sUxaOJfhdk>

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(90 Min) UFOTV® Accept no imitations! Winner of 2 EBE Awards! Peoples Choice Award & Best Film In A UFO Related Theme - International UFO Congress Film Festival. Produced by Italian UFO Investigator Giorgio Bongiovanni. Presented for the first time in this investigative film is the discovery of a hidden symbolic language or meaning, a "Cosmic Code" in the Crop Circle formations which began to appear in a whirlwind of mystery in the early 1990s and continues to this day with stunning geometric complexity, grandeur and beauty.

Audio: Interview with Tiffany Mitchell in Ferguson, MO from **The Last Word**, Laurence O'Donnell

08/14/2014 Eyewitness to Brown shooting tells her story

Tiffany Mitchell, eyewitness to the shooting of Michael Brown, tells Laurence O'Donnell about the night Michael Brown was shot to death by a Ferguson police officer.

<http://www.msnbc.com/the-last-word-with-lawrence-odonnell/watch/eyewitness-to-brown-shooting-tells-her-story-318326851993>



08/14/2014

Analysis of Brown shooting witness' story

Jim Cavanaugh and Lisa Bloom join Lawrence O'Donnell to discuss Lawrence's interview with Tiffany Mitchell, eyewitness to the shooting of Michael Brown.

<http://www.msnbc.com/the-last-word-with-lawrence-odonnell/watch/analysis-of-brown-shooting-witness--story-318329411517>

Audio: Max Keiser [KR640] Keiser Report: Ugly Face Behind US Economy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=1FnOBIJIFpM

We discuss the Portrait of Uncle Sam aging horribly in the basement of Fort Knox and on the real economic data charts while flouncing around the world as if a spritely and handsome young thing. In the second half, Max interviews Nick Lambert and David Irvine of MaidSafe about reinventing the internet with proof of resource and decentralisation.

- Commentary on current events at the border between Russia and East Ukraine, and the lies and fear being created by the members of the Ukrainian government

Reading: D'hanni Ywahoo

Closing: Rainbird

Starting a little program tonight: 1st of 7 parts by Robert Bly: On Being a Man

Has to do with exploring male energy and how it is changing.

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2014, Aug Obama slams reporter's right-wing adopted talking point as bogus

by Egberto Willies

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=8TTU54q9jBA

It is open season on President Obama. He is a weak president. He is too cautious, they say. Even Hillary Clinton has jumped on the bandwagon. Hillary Clinton seems to be using the international unrest to criticize the President's policies. She told **the Atlantic**:

“The failure to help build up a credible fighting force of the people who were the originators of the protests against Assad—there were Islamists, there were secularists, there was everything in the middle—the failure to do that left a big vacuum, which the jihadists have now filled,” Clinton said. ... This is what Clinton said about Obama's slogan: “Great nations need organizing principles, and ‘Don't do stupid stuff’ is not an organizing principle.”

Of course she is wrong. It is a continuum of doing stupid stuff and being presumptuous internationally that has cost us thousands of lives, cost hundreds of thousands of lives overseas, and depleted our treasury. Those who criticize President Obama for being overcautious should check history for America's continuous blunders internationally that have kept us at war for decades with little marginal increase in security (Iraq twice, Iran, Panama, Grenada, Vietnam, Dominican Republic, etc.)

America has a tendency to go against the will of the people to support “dictators” of our liking. Dissension and unrest is usually the outcome. “Don't do stupid stuff” is a very good framework in which to put any foreign policy move we make. Hillary Clinton would do well to not run the risk of reminding Americans how wrong her vote to support the war in Iraq was. Many may see it not as a mistake she made based on Bush's lies, but as a kinship in values with the neocons.

This weekend a lazy, seemingly gullible reporter asked President Obama if he regretted not leaving troops in Iraq. That is a question based on Republican talking points and not journalistic inquiry. The reporter should have known that the **U.S.–Iraq Status of Forces Agreement** was signed by President Bush which specifically said all combat troops would leave Iraq in December of 2011. President Obama attempted to negotiate keeping more soldiers in Iraq but could not come to an agreement with the Iraqi government who wanted the soldiers out.

President Obama's response to the reporter was classic. He slams the reporter's tenet without raising his voice:

What I just find interesting is the degree to which this issue keeps on coming up, as if this was my decision. Under the previous administration, we had turned over the country to a sovereign, democratically elected Iraqi government. In order for us to maintain troops in Iraq, we needed the invitation of the Iraqi government and we needed assurances that our personnel would be immune from prosecution if, for example, they were protecting themselves and ended up getting in a firefight with Iraqis, that they wouldn't be hauled before an Iraqi judicial system. And the Iraqi government, based on its political considerations, in part because Iraqis were tired of a U.S. occupation, declined to provide us those assurances. And on that basis, we left. We had offered to leave additional troops. So when you hear people say, do you regret, Mr. President, not leaving more troops, that presupposes that I would have overridden this sovereign government that we had turned the keys back over to and said, you know what, you're democratic, you're sovereign, except if I decide that it's good for you to keep 10,000 or

15,000 or 25,000 Marines in your country, you don't have a choice—which would have kind of run contrary to the entire argument we were making about turning over the country back to Iraqis, an argument not just made by me, but made by the previous administration.

So let's just be clear: The reason that we did not have a follow-on force in Iraq was because the Iraqis were—a majority of Iraqis did not want U.S. troops there, and politically they could not pass the kind of laws that would be required to protect our troops in Iraq.

President Obama then explains the reality that attempting a military solution for a socio-political problem in Iraq or any country is in fact “doing stupid stuff.”

Having said all that, if in fact the Iraqi government behaved the way it did over the last five, six years, where it failed to pass legislation that would reincorporate Sunnis and give them a sense of ownership; if it had targeted certain Sunni leaders and jailed them; if it had alienated some of the Sunni tribes that we had brought back in during the so-called Awakening that helped us turn the tide in 2006—if they had done all those things and we had had troops there, the country wouldn't be holding together either. The only difference would be we'd have a bunch of troops on the ground that would be vulnerable. And however many troops we had, we would have to now be reinforcing, I'd have to be protecting them, and we'd have a much bigger job. And probably, we would end up having to go up again in terms of the number of ground troops to make sure that those forces were not vulnerable. **So that entire analysis is bogus and is wrong. But it gets frequently peddled around here by folks who oftentimes are trying to defend previous policies that they themselves made.**

The president concludes by showing why many wanted him to be president. He is not only thoughtful but understands that lessons can be and must be learned from past mistakes. Most importantly it is evident he ignores the noise as best he can from the pawns of the military industrial complex in attempting to do the right thing.

Going forward with respect to Afghanistan, we are leaving the follow-on force there. I think the lesson for Afghanistan is not the fact that we've got a follow-on force that will be capable of training and supporting Afghan security efforts. I think the real lesson in Afghanistan is that if factions in a country after a long period of civil war do not find a way to come up with a political accommodation; if they take maximalist positions and their attitude is, I want 100 percent of what I want and the other side gets nothing, then the center doesn't hold. And the good news is, is that in part thanks to the excellent work of John Kerry and others, we now are seeing the two candidates in the recent presidential election start coming together and agreeing not only to move forward on the audit to be able to finally certify a winner in the election, but also the kinds of political accommodations that are going to be required to keep **democracy moving**.

So that's a real lesson I think for Afghanistan coming out of Iraq is, if you want this thing to work, then whether it's different ethnicities, different religions, different regions, they've got to accommodate each other, otherwise you start tipping back into old patterns of violence. And it doesn't matter how many U.S. troops are there—if that happens, you end up having a mess.

The above news conference has not received the coverage it deserves. Instead, long debunked statements and actions by neocons (Senator John McCain and Lindsey Graham and neocon-lites like Hillary Clinton) are given coverage without the appropriate historical and journalistic analysis. America must not fall into war based on the same faulty analysis and lies of the past.

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How America's Police Became an Army ~ The 1033 Program



Riot police clear a street with smoke bombs while clashing with demonstrators in Ferguson, Missouri August 13, 2014. REUTERS/Mario Anzuoni

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As many have noted, Ferguson, Missouri, currently looks like a war zone. And its police—kitted out with Marine-issue camouflage and military-grade body armor, toting short-barreled assault rifles, and rolling around in armored vehicles—are indistinguishable from soldiers.

America has been quietly arming its police for battle since the early 1990s.

Faced with a bloated military and what it perceived as a worsening drug crisis, the 101st Congress in 1990 enacted the National Defense Authorization Act. Section 1208 of the NDAA allowed the Secretary of Defense to “transfer to Federal and State agencies personal property of the Department of Defense, including small arms and ammunition, that the Secretary determines is— (A) suitable for use by such agencies in counter-drug activities; and (B) excess to the needs of the Department of Defense.” It was called the 1208 Program. In 1996, Congress replaced Section 1208 with Section 1033.

The idea was that if the U.S. wanted its police to act like drug warriors, it should equip them like warriors, which it has—to the tune of around \$4.3 billion in equipment, according to a report by the American Civil Liberties Union. The St. Louis County Police Department’s annual budget is around \$160 million. By providing law enforcement agencies with surplus military equipment free of charge, the NDAA encourages police to employ military weapons and military tactics.

1033 procurements are not matters of public record. And the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), which coordinates distribution of military surplus, refuses to reveal the names of agencies requesting “tactical” items, like assault rifles and MRAPs — for security reasons, a spokesperson for DLA told Newsweek via email. One can only trace “tactical” items as far the county of the requesting agency. In the case of Ferguson, that means St. Louis County.

St. Louis County law enforcement agencies have, through the 1033 Program, acquired the following “tactical” equipment, according to Mike O’Connell, Communications Director for the Missouri Department of Public Safety:

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Despite the fact that police in Ferguson have been photographed with a matte black vehicle which appears to be a “Bearcat” MRAP, O’Connell told Newsweek that no St. Louis County law enforcement agencies have acquired any MRAPs through the 1033 program.

Ferguson_APC_8-13 Police officers ride an armored vehicle as they patrol a street in Ferguson Mario Anzuoni/Reuters

If the vehicle in the above Reuters photo is indeed an MRAP and not one of the nine “utility trucks” acquired by St. Louis County law enforcement, O’Connell said he does not know where it came from.

Police in Watertown, Connecticut, (population 22,514) recently acquired a mine-resistant, ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicle (sticker price: \$733,000), designed to protect soldiers from roadside bombs, for \$2,800. There has never been a landmine reported in Watertown, Connecticut.

Police in small towns in Michigan and Indiana have used the 1033 Program to acquire “MRAP armored troop carriers, night-vision rifle scopes, camouflage fatigues, Humvees and dozens of M16 automatic rifles,” the South Bend Tribune reported.

And police in Bloomington, Georgia, (population: 2,713) acquired four grenade launchers through the program, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported.

Given the proliferation of military weapons and military training among America’s police departments, the use of military force and military tactics is not surprising. When your only tool is a hammer, after all, every problem looks like a nail.

Update: Missouri DPS Communications Director O’Connell on Thursday morning sent the following e-mail confirming that St. Louis law enforcement agencies also received 12 5.56 millimeter rifles and six .45 caliber pistols as part of 1033 Program.

“Our DoD program rep was curious why no weapons showed up in her search yesterday. She searched a different way this morning and it showed that twelve 5.56 millimeter rifles and six .45 caliber pistols went to St. Louis County law enforcement agencies between Aug. 2, 2010 and Feb. 13, 2013. This was erroneously omitted from the report I sent you last night. She’s double checked again this morning and is confident this was the only omission. “

Sorry for the oversight.

Mike

<http://www.newsweek.com/how-americas-police-became-army-1033-program-264537>

2014, Aug 14 **Pope Francis Arrives in South Korea on First Trip to Asia as Pontiff**
Five-Day Visit Will Showcase the Vatican's Efforts to Spread Catholicism in Asia

By Deborah Ball

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Pope Francis' trip to South Korea marks the first papal visit to Asia since 1999. The WSJ's Deborah Ball is traveling with the Pope and gives us this update.

SEOUL— Pope Francis arrived in South Korea on Thursday for his first trip to Asia as pontiff, kicking off a five-day visit that will showcase the Vatican's efforts to spread the faith on a continent where just 3% of the population is Catholic.

The opening day of the visit—Pope Francis' third abroad and the first papal trip to Asia since St. John Paul II went to India in 1999—included meetings with bishops and South Korean President Park Geun-hye, who said the pontiff's decision to make the trip demonstrated his special interest in the country—whose population is 10% Catholic—and a desire to bring peace to a divided continent.

During his stay, the pope will hold a Mass for reconciliation on the Korean peninsula.

"Korea's quest for peace is a cause close to our hearts, for it affects the stability of the entire area and indeed of our whole war-weary world," he said during a meeting with South Korean government officials. (See live updates on the Pope's visit to South Korea.)

Less than an hour before the pope's plane landed in Seoul, North Korea fired three short-range missiles into the sea. It fired two more around 1 p.m. local time. South Korea's Defense Ministry said the rockets, launched from North Korea's east coast, posed no danger to the pope's plane. North Korea often tests rockets coinciding with widely watched events, such as visits by U.S. President Barack Obama in April and Chinese President Xi Jinping in July.

Pope Francis, who once dreamed of becoming a missionary in Japan, is likely to underscore his aspirations to expand the Catholic faith in Asia.

At the meeting with local bishops, he highlighted the dynamism of the country's church, which was founded by Korean scholars.

"You are heirs to an impressive tradition...from being a land of mission, yours has now become a land of missionaries," he said.

Sticking with his desire to use a locally made compact car during his visit, the pope traveled Thursday in a Kia Soul, shunning larger bulletproof vehicles.

Since his election last year, the pontiff has stressed to the clergy the importance of frugality and asked them to forgo expensive limousines.

Scenes of the pope riding in the dark-colored Soul were broadcast live across the country, and Kia Motors Corp. 000270.SE -1.62% said it was "honored" by the pope's use of the car. But the choice of a compact vehicle also complicated security arrangements for authorities and forced more road closures.

While the pope's agenda is mainly focused on religious events, it may offer the 77-year-old a chance to make a fresh statement on the Vatican's hopes to improve relations with China, where the government and Holy See have clashed over the delicate question of naming bishops.

He could also address the plight of Christians in the Middle East and some Asian countries.

On Tuesday, he called for Muslim leaders to push for an end to recent atrocities by Islamic fighters in northern

Iraq. He also sent a special envoy to Iraq this week.

Pope Francis will celebrate a mass on Monday at Seoul's Myeongdong Cathedral, the scene of standoffs between clergy and the South Korean dictatorship of the 1970s and 80s. The military rulers are gone, but some priests are still unhappy with the government. Jason Strother reports.

South Korea is home to one of the fastest-growing Catholic churches in the world. WSJ reporter Jeyup S. Kwaak explains why the country is key to boosting the Vatican's influence in Asia.

This trip is the third pontifical visit to South Korea, after John Paul—who called for a "great harvest of faith" in Asia in the third millennium—traveled to the country twice, in 1984 and 1989.

Pope Francis' predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, didn't get to Asia at all during his eight-year papacy. Pope Francis is scheduled to travel in January to Sri Lanka and the Philippines, which is home to more than half of the region's Catholics.

The central reason for the Korea trip is Asian Youth Day, which involves thousands of young Catholics from 23 countries. There will be a closing Mass on Sunday.

The pope will also preside over a ceremony on Saturday to beatify 124 Korean martyrs who were tortured and killed in the 18th and 19th centuries after refusing to renounce their faith.

There are at least 10,000 documented Catholic Korean martyrs, a phenomenon that highlights the tenacity of the small church.

The Vatican has said North Korean authorities declined an invitation to allow Catholics there to travel and join in Monday's Mass for peace and reconciliation on the peninsula.

North Korea, which hasn't made any official comment on the pope's visit, affords virtually no religious freedom, and the number of Catholics currently worshipping there in secret is unknown.

The Vatican has ruled out any side trip by the pope to the demilitarized zone that divides the two Koreas.

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While in South Korea, Pope Francis will meet family members of the victims of April's ferry disaster, in which about 300 people died. He will also meet a small group of so-called comfort women—Korean women who were forced into sexual slavery by Japanese troops during the World War II.

Attention will be paid to any comments from the pope on the Holy See's relations with China. The Vatican and Beijing have had no official relations for nearly 60 years and have clashed over the power to nominate Catholic bishops. During the flight from Rome to Seoul, the papal plane flew over Chinese territory.

When St. John Paul II flew to the Philippines in 1995—the latest papal visit to East Asia—Chinese authorities denied permission to enter the country's airspace. This time, as is tradition when flying over a country, Pope Francis dispatched a telegram to China, invoking "the divine blessings of peace and well-being upon the nation."

Hua Chunying, a spokesperson for China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said the pope's remarks were noted.

"China has always been sincere and has always been making positive efforts to improve Sino-Vatican relations. We are willing to continue working with Vatican through constructive dialogues to promote bilateral relations," she said.

Francesco Sisci, a senior researcher at the Center for European Studies at Beijing's People's University, said thousands of Chinese Catholics could possibly travel to South Korea to see the pope, despite news from the

organizers of the youth celebrations that a small number of young Chinese Catholics were prevented from traveling there.

"The fact that they're blocking some Catholics, Rome was not built in a day," Mr. Sisci said.

If China allows large numbers to openly make the pilgrimage, it would be considered a positive gesture toward the Church. Many of China's estimated 12 million Catholics have the wherewithal to fly to Seoul, while South Korea is particularly friendly to Chinese tourists and the flight takes only 100 minutes from Shanghai.

By the end of his stay, the pope will have delivered 10 speeches, including four in English, a rarity for a pontiff who virtually always uses Italian for his public appearances. In a gesture of appreciation to the Vatican staff, he has brought a Holy See switchboard operator with him for the trip.

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