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Truther, Birther, Deather, Part 2

“The goal of modern propaganda is no longer to transform opinion but to arouse an active and mythical belief.” – Jacques Ellul (1912-1994), French philosopher, law professor, sociologist

In Part 1, I suggested the suspiciously Hollywood-esque story (actually, changing stories) about Osama Bin Laden (OBL) being double-tapped in Abbottabad was a pre-meditated fraud. In spite of much evidence that OBL died years ago, with his surviving to 2011 being medically impossible, we were supposed to swallow, on faith and without objective independent corroboration, implausible tales and flagrant insults to our intelligence.

Maybe this was some kind of intelligence test to separate those potentially dangerous individuals capable of independent critical thinking from those who automatically believe whatever they're told. Maybe it was merely an attempt to boost sagging Obama poll numbers and secure re-election in 2012 by neutralizing the “weak on security” argument the GOP would have employed. It certainly *was* a distraction that diverted attention from a raft of important and trivial issues, from the non-recovering economy and an already-quagmiring Libyan adventure, to questions still dogging Obama regarding his birth and background.

Trying to find context and perspective, I note previous examples of official US duplicity (Tonkin Gulf, Watergate, Kuwaiti incubator babies, EPA saying the air at Ground Zero was safe, Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction, Jessica Lynch, Pat Tillman, etc.) and application of psychological techniques (psyops) – from Edward Bernays's 1928 opus on the modern application of propaganda (“Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government which is the true ruling power of our country.”), through the Goebbels “Big Lie” strategy (based on the lines from Hitler's 1925 *Mein Kampf*: “the broad masses... more readily fall victims to the big lie than the small lie... We would never come into their heads to fabricate colossal untruths, and they would not believe that others could have the impudence to distort the truth so infamously.”), to Naomi Klein's “Shock Doctrine” (using the public's disorientation following massive collective shocks – wars, terrorist attacks, or natural disasters – to achieve control by imposing economic shock therapy).

I believe we are being enmeshed in a cynical and comprehensive plan to soften us up and set us up for a bigger, badder “Big Lie” in the near term, most likely a newer “New Pearl Harbor,” a false flag operation to ratchet up the police state to new levels of intrusion/intimidation, and to justify new foreign adventurism, most likely in Pakistan, Iran, Yemen, or Syria.

Had the Osamathon BS happened in a vacuum, it would have been enough to arouse my suspicions. At first, I thought it might have been a classic *Wag the Dog* moment, from the 1997 Dustin Hoffman / Robert De Niro film of that name, where a president tries to deflect attention from a potential scandal by employing a Hollywood producer to fabricate a made-for-TV war against Albania; it was considered life imitating art when, in 1998, Bill Clinton was accused of bombing a Sudanese medicine factory to distract attention from the Lewinsky affair, and, in 2003, when action-film director Jerry Bruckheimer was actually brought in to help fabricate the Jessica Lynch rescue hoax.

The release of Obama's long-form birth certificate a few days earlier led to a paroxysm of gloating from Obamabots; *MSNBC*'s night-time lineup was in total “Death to Birthers” mode for days. Yeah, it was years in

coming forth, and there were still some unanswered questions about Obama's personal history and possibly-fake social security numbers, but piling-on “those lunatic birthers” became so intense and smug, that clearly only the most insane and racist of them, “who'd never be satisfied no matter what evidence was presented,” would dare bring it up again. Even I felt that the “birther” case was closed.

And then a small post on *Facebook* caught my eye.

A professional graphic designer pointed out that if you took the PDF file of the long-form BC on the White House blog site, and opened it in *Adobe Illustrator* (a graphics program used with desktop publishing images), released the clipping masks, ungrouped the elements, and viewed the layers and links windows, there was clear evidence that the image was NOT a simple scan of a document, but included multiple, discrete elements that could be independently moved, resized, or rotated, in a way no automatic scanning would arrange them. His verdict: the file was a computer-generated fabrication, poorly-done at that, with the seams still showing. (If you lack this software, there are several *YouTube* videos that show what you'd see, and how it was likely accomplished, and why the file's authenticity was thus suspect, and Obama's official birth story *still* suspect.)

Well, I had to prove this for myself; I downloaded the official file, opened it up in *Illustrator*, and, as claimed, it had various elements that appeared to be superimposed on a separate base. How could the scanning manually rotate some of the date stamps 90-degrees and resize them 24%, while *another* stamp is resized 48%, as the links window proves? NO automatic scanner can do that! It HAD to have been done by human intervention.

More professional graphics experts pointed out other anomalies: some lines and elements lacked the chromatic edging or fringe-pixelation that ALL scanned images have, but were solid, meaning they were computer-created and ADDED to the original image; some typewritten letters were 100% exact pixel duplicates of others on the image, something that 1960s typewriters couldn't do, meaning at least some text is not authentic; fonts and densities on date stamps are inconsistent. And more. (To prove how easy it is to manipulate such a document, examine the “birth certificate” I created in just a few hours; how many changes can you spot? With more time, I could have made it 100% undetectable. Go to <http://factman.org/omama/> to see various hi-res versions of the image; my images have none of the obvious proofs of fraudulence the official file has!)

That the posted “certificate” was now proven beyond doubt to be a fraud, should have been clear to any rational mind with no axe to grind one way or the other, and should have made news as a scandal as big as Watergate. Yet, the Obamabots and the corporate media said NOTHING... other than to laugh at those “crazy birthers” who “wouldn't be satisfied no matter what evidence was presented.” And therein lies the link and clue to what is likely going on.

For if this wasn't rank amateur incompetence that forced the White House to scramble a *Wag the Dog*-type reaction – playing the use-once-only Osama-kill card – the scarier explanation is it was a pre-planned, deliberate set-up to keep the “crazy birther” meme alive so when an even bigger charge of fraud would be leveled during the next *planned* revealed fabrication (killing already-dead OBL), Obama could pull a Reagan-esque “there they go again”... as he did on *60 Minutes*: “And I think that anyone who would question that the perpetrator of mass murder on American soil didn't deserve what he got needs to have their head examined.” And most Americans bought it all.

As W. said, “Fool me once... shame on you. Fool me twice... ya can't get fooled again!” Obama is continuing, and doubling-down on, Bush's lies, going back to 9/11 and beyond.

In concluding part 3, the why and wherefore... and a warning.