

The Betty Letters

My Dear Grandchild,

As you know, I have friends who have friends in Washington, D.C., and, from time to time, I receive information that very few people, outside the Government of the United States of America, can have access. The most-recent piece of news, hot off the Press, so to speak, from the Central Intelligence Agency of the US Government, is about the terrorist organisation, known as Hizballah (American spelling, my dear). The name, Hizballah, means, 'Party of God', just in case you did not know. According to the US Government, Jihad al-Bina, a construction company, based in Lebanon, was formed and is operated by Hizballah and is overseen by the Shura Council of Hizballah, the Secretary General of which is Hassan Nasrallah. Jihad al-Bina has been designated by the US Government as a 'deadly terror group.' Iran and Syria are sponsors of Hizballah, giving it money, weapons and training its fighters. Iran is the main source of weaponry for Hizballah and Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps is the principal training organisation that instructs Hizballah guerrillas. You will recall that, in July 2006, agents of Hizballah kidnapped 2 Israeli soldiers, resulting in the invasion of Lebanon by the Israeli Defence Force. Hundreds of innocent Lebanese died as a result of this one act by Hizballah terrorists in kidnapping 2 soldiers of Israel. The US Government has listed 10 organisations, located in Lebanon, all of which are known to be fronts for Hizballah, as being prohibited entities for which US persons/companies may have no association, whatsoever. For what reason, one may ask, would the Islamic Republic of Iran want to sponsor a terrorist organisation, such as Hizballah. The answer could well be that Iran wants to be a dominant player in the Muslim world and, to this end, it is, literally, buying loyalty with guns and bombs and the training of terrorists. Only about 3 weeks ago, the President of Iran, Mr Mahmoud Ahmadinajad, told the world that Iran would continue with its plans to build nuclear reactors, contrary to previous promises, given to the United Nations. President Mahmoud Ahmadinajad has repeated this avowed intent of his country on a number of occasions. What the United Nations, along with the Western World, fears is that Iran may well consider using nuclear weaponry against anybody considered to be an enemy of the country ... or of the Muslim nations of the world. It follows, according to my friends in Washington, that Iran would not think twice to export nuclear technology to its Muslim friends, be they sovereign nations or organisations, such as Hizballah.

It is a well-known and accepted fact that World War III has never been very far away since the conclusion of World War II. Of late, the threat from North Korea has been neutralised by the Western World, agreeing to that country's demands for the supply of large amounts of crude oil as well as this and that in exchange for the shutting down of North Korea's nuclear facilities. It has always been known that North Korea was for sale, of course, but the US Government was, in the past, unable to come to terms with the cost for the neutralisation of this pariah of the Korean Peninsula. It is unthinkable that Iran is for sale because the country continuously waves the flag of Islam, under the noses of the Western World. The neutralisation of this country, therefore, cannot be determined by tens of millions of barrels of crude oil, shiploads of grain, etc, as was the case in respect of North Korea, but in sitting down with the leaders of this Islamic nation and finding common ground for the breaking of bread, for all times (the breaking of bread [Holy Bible, Acts 2:42, 46 and 20:7, 11] refers to the Lord's Supper, My Dear Grandchild). Muslim, Jew and Christian all believe in one God, ironically, and neither one has a mandate for terror. Historically, religion has been the firebrand for the killing tens of thousands of innocents. When President Mahmoud Ahmadinajad last gave an official speech in Tehran, the first 15 minutes of that speech was aimed at stirring up his audience of tens of thousands to the virtues of the Islamic religion and that they should, all, follow the tenets of the Q'ran. It was then, only after instilling religious fervour in his audience, that President Mahmoud Ahmadinajad made

his attack on the Western World with regard to the nuclear programme of Iran. There is no question that President Mahmoud Ahmadinajad is an excellent public speaker and, clearly, has been a student of psychology. That does not make him correct, however. If the situation continues along the path, carved out by Iran, there is, sadly, a very good chance for another world war to break out. In such a war, there shall be no winners, only millions of dead people and destruction on a scale, never seen in the history of this planet. For the US Government to consider the assassination of President Mahmoud Ahmadinajad would, also, be a mistake because, as I have stated in the past, in every garden, under every stone, there is a different worm, some big and some small, but, nevertheless, a different worm. The answer to this problem lies in constructive dialogue between Government of Iran and the United Nations. There have to be solutions to this problem because the alternative is unthinkable. Another international war would lead to the world, being split into 2 separate factions: The Muslim and the Christian. The West, for the most part, enjoys religious cohesion with regard to its dominant Christian ethic, but, in the Middle East, where the dominant religion is Islam, there are many schisms. Sunni Muslims and Shi'ite Muslims, today, are battling each other in Iraq and the dead are piling up in the streets of the cities of this war-torn country. Whether or not a common enemy – such as the West – will bond Sunni and Shi'ite together, temporarily or permanently, remains to be seen, but it is a well-known fact of history that, in the Middle East, it is rare for there to be a consensus on anything for very long. President Mahmoud Ahmadinajad of Iran continues to stir the muddy waters of the Middle East. It is the formula for absolute disaster for mankind. At all costs, a war between Muslim and Christian must be avoided.

Talk to you, next week.

Chief Lady

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