

Blair, Bush Cover Up Iraq Invasion Crime By Sealing UN Files

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Diplomats at the United Nations are fuming over the shut-down of UNMOVIC, the UN Monitoring, Verification, and Inspection Commission in Iraq, and the decision to prevent UNMOVIC from filing its final report confirming that Iraq did not have weapons of mass destruction, and was not working on developing any WMD when the U.S./British-led coalition invaded in 2003.

The invasion to overthrow Saddam Hussein and occupy Iraq took place while the UNMOVIC international inspectors were doing their job—and finding, on site, after site, after site, that there were no WMD programs under development in Iraq in 2003. UNMOVIC was told to withdraw from Iraq after the invasion.

There was no resolution finalizing the closing of UNMOVIC. Rather, there was only a letter from UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, and a Security Council “report” describing the implementation of a vaguely worded UN Security Council resolution of 2007.

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., denounced this decision as a cover-up for Tony Blair and George W. Bush. “Blair is the author of the war,” LaRouche said on July 10. “There never were any weapons of mass destruction and they are trying to bury the finding that there were none. The Administration is trying to cover up what has already been exposed. It is a retroactive cover-up of the fact that the genesis of the war was a fraud.

“All the people died for nothing. All the money spent could have gone into funding hospitals. This was all done for a war that never should have been fought. Despite the cover-up of the killing of Dr. David Kelly, Blair started the war with a lie. Now he is supposed to be a Christian, but he is more like one of the ‘lions,’ as in lying. All the lives lost and the destruction of the American people lie squarely on the shoulders of the Bush Administration, and above all, on the shoulders of Tony Blair, whose recent conversion to Christianity smacks of something not wholesome.”

Records ‘Sealed’ for 30 to 60 Years

According to one high-level UN source, the Security Council took action in late June, to completely close down

UNMOVIC, transfer all its funds to other UN-managed funds maintained for Iraq, and to *seal* all weapons inspection records for 60 years for “supersensitive” material, and for 30 years for “sensitive” material. This provides great cover for Tony Blair, George W. Bush, and Dick Cheney, all of whom were caught falsifying and exaggerating reports about Iraq’s possession of WMD in order to start the war.

The reason that the closing was finalized without a Security Council resolution, said another UN official source, is that the whole issue of Iraq is so painful for the UN that a number of the Permanent 5 members wanted all issues connected to Iraq to “just go away.”

The Perm-5 had been unable to agree on certain critical issues, the source said. For example, Russia wanted the resolution of 2007 to explicitly include the fact that there were no WMDs found in Iraq at the time of—and after—the invasion, but the United States and United Kingdom would not allow this.

On why there was no final UNMOVIC report, the official said that again, the British and the United States had blocked it. Russia was insisting that UNMOVIC’s background material had to be available to UN members, while the U.K. and U.S. demanded that the “Duelfer Report,” conducted by the CIA’s “Iraq Survey Group,” be accepted as the report of record on the question of Iraqi WMDs.

The official, an experienced Middle East analyst, said that the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003, in spite of the evidence that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction, was such a contentious issue that members of the UN Security Council could not even discuss technical matters regarding present-day Iraq without arguments breaking out. “There was a real reluctance to have any substantial discussion regarding Iraq anymore,” she said. “There were big scars from that period and that made it very difficult for the Perm-5 members to function.”

UNMOVIC, which had replaced the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) in December 1999, was removed from its job in May of 2003 after the United Kingdom and the United States wrote a letter to the Council saying that Coalition of the Willing Parties, through the newly formed Coalition Provisional Authority, would now assure Iraq’s disarmament. Since the invasion, UNMOVIC had continued to exist with no substantial function because, as the analyst explained, “There was such divergence among the council members on how to terminate its activities.”

The UN official also admitted that it is not clear if there is any precedent for the UNMOVIC records being sealed for 30 to 60 years.



Tony Blair