

# Will Terrorism in Nuevo Laredo Be Cheney's Pretext To Attack Iran?

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As Dick Cheney pushes for a nuclear attack on Iran during the month of August, the crisis on the U.S.-Mexican border is escalating and could culminate in a terrorist incident which could be used to justify an attack on Iran. In a statement entitled "When Cheney Spoke of Terrorism: Which Terrorists, Dick?" (*EIR*, Aug. 22, 2003), Lyndon LaRouche stated that the major terrorist threat to the internal United States comes from Cheney's fascist co-thinkers abroad assembled around Spain's leading fascist figure, Blas Piñar. LaRouche stressed that the synarchist forces regrouped around former Franco official Blas Piñar would be ideal instruments for covering terrorist operations run against the U.S.A. through South and Central America.

On July 28, U.S. Congressman John Culberson (R-Tex.) introduced H.R. 3622, with 47 co-sponsors, to create the Border Protection Corps, an armed militia, to patrol the Mexican border. In introducing his bill, Culberson claimed that al-Qaeda is sending terrorists under assumed false Hispanic identities over the U.S. southern border in significant numbers. On July 20, Robert C. Bonner, Customs and Border Protection Commissioner, said his agency was considering the training of volunteers to create "something akin to a Border Patrol auxiliary." Two U.S. Senators, Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) and John Cornyn (R-Tex.), have also introduced the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005 (S.1438), which calls for expanded border patrols.

The Minuteman Project, led by Jim Gilcrist and Chris Simcox, is currently preparing to deploy vigilante border patrols simultaneously in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California during the month of October. At the same time, the violence on the Mexican side of the border has reached crisis proportions, particularly in the city of Nuevo Laredo, which is the main port of trade with the United States, carrying about 40% of Mexico's total exports to the United States. More than 6,000 trucks daily cross the border from this city into Texas.<sup>1</sup>

Nuevo Laredo is the center of operations of the Zeta Group, former Mexican soldiers, who were trained at the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Georgia in the United States. They were to be part of an elite paratroop and intelligence battalion known as the Special Air Mobile Force

Group, which they deserted in 1991. Now working for the Gulf Drug Cartel, they have recruited an army of as many as 200 followers, many of whom are believed to be operating in Texas, Arizona, California, and Florida. They are offering \$50,000 bounties for the assassination of U.S. law enforcement officers. The question arises, given the U.S. training of the Zetas, are they being used or manipulated by forces in the United States allied with Dick Cheney?

In the city of Nuevo Laredo, more than 100 killings have occurred since Jan. 1. On June 8, the newly appointed police chief, Alejandro Domínguez, was gunned down seven hours after he was sworn in. The city's new police chief, Omar Pimentel, escaped death during a drive-by shooting on his first day, although one of his bodyguards was killed.

In May, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Tony Garza said that Nuevo Laredo could be the place where a "terrorist attack" against the United States could occur. On July 28, Garza was echoed by John Bailey, director of the Mexico Project of Georgetown University, who stated that a "new terrorist attack could occur."

On July 29, Garza announced the closing of the U.S. consulate in Nuevo Laredo for one week. His announcement came a day after a military confrontation took place in the city between the Zetas and the "Negros," a paramilitary group controlled by the Sinaloa Drug Cartel. Days earlier, Garza had announced that the State Department had extended the "alert," which had been put into effect in January, warning U.S. citizens of the danger of travelling to Nuevo Laredo.

Mexican authorities including Ramón Martín Huerta, the federal Secretary of Public Security, and Carlos Abascal, Secretary of the Interior, have stressed that the Zetas are using weapons such as bazookas, which are not manufactured in Mexico, but rather in the United States.

At the same time, however, the question must be posed: Since Mexican President Vicente Fox's PAN government is allied with the Bush-Cheney administration, are elements of that government complicit, either through acts of commission or negligence, in creating the current crisis? Carlos Abascal's father, Salvador Abascal, was the chief of the Nazi-instigated National Synarchist Union (UNS) in Mexico at the outbreak of World War II. At that time, the Nazis, in alliance with the Imperial Japanese, intended to use the UNS to carry out military operations against the United States,

1. See William F. Wertz, Jr., "Huntington's Synarchist Scenario Escalates on U.S.-Mexican Border," *EIR*, June 24, 2005.



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*A Minuteman self-appointed guard at the Mexican border.*

including the option of an invasion. The PAN was allied with the UNS from its inception.<sup>2</sup>

### **The Case of Victor Davis Hanson**

While George W. Bush has attempted to portray himself as a friend of Mexico, and has even denounced the Minutemen as “vigilantes,” Bush and Dick Cheney have been working directly with one of the key gurus of the Minutemen project, Victor Davis Hanson, the author of the book *Mexifornia*, who, like Harvard’s Samuel P. Huntington, is an advocate of both a clash of civilizations with the Islamic world, and conflict with Mexico. Hanson is a senior fellow at George Shultz’s Hoover Institute, a fellow in California Studies at the Claremont Institute, and a distinguished fellow at Hillsdale College. In addition, he is a member of Shultz’s Committee on the Present Danger and a member of Benador Associates, the organization which worked with Cheney to spread the lie that Iraq had a nuclear weapons program. Hanson also writes a biweekly column for William F. Buckley’s *National Review Online*.

Hanson is also a member of the Advisory Board of Californians for Population Stabilization (CPS). This organization ties Hanson to the orbit of John Tanton, the founder of the racist Federation of Americans for Immigration Reform (FAIR) and its various spinoffs, which are promoting the Minutemen. For example, former Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm is on the board of advisors of CPS along with Hanson, and he is also the chairman of the Board of Advisors of FAIR. The late Malthusian scientist Garrett Hardin is an Emeritus of both the CPS and also John Tanton’s FAIR. Dr. Ben Zuckerman and Stuart Hurlbert, who are members of the board of directors of CPS, are also listed as advisors for Tanton’s

2. See William F. Wertz, Jr., “The Nazi-Instigated National Synarchist Union of Mexico: What It Means for Today,” *EIR*, July 9 and July 16, 2004.

NumbersUSA, an organization committed to “reduce the overall numerical levels of annual legal and illegal immigration.”

After 9/11, Hanson was invited to lecture President Bush’s staff on the history of terrorism and methods used to combat it. At the invitation of Cheney, he discussed military history with Cheney, journalists George Will and Bret Hume, and Mary Matlin, who is a member of the White House Iraq Group. He also had a private three-hour dinner with Lynne and Dick Cheney. Cheney urges Hanson’s books on his staff and on reporters travelling with him on foreign trips. Hanson is a regular consultant to the Pentagon Office of Net Assessment and has been a visiting professor of military history at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He has lectured the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He attended the Christmas parties of both George W. Bush and Dick Cheney in 2002. He signed a contract with

Random House for a book on the Peloponnesian War, due out in October, to be titled *A War Like No Other*.

In his book *Mexifornia: A State of Becoming*, Hanson writes: “The really perilous course lies in preserving the status quo and institutionalizing our past failed policies: open borders, unlimited immigration, dependence on cheap and illegal labor, obsequious deference to Mexico City, erosion of legal statutes, multiculturalism in our schools, and a general breakdown in the old assimilationist model.”

His solution is to “adopt sweeping restrictions on immigration,” end “separatist ideology,” promote a “stronger mandate for assimilation,” and end “the two-tier legal system for illegal aliens.”

“After September 11, 2001,” he writes, “the question of secure borders and a unified citizenry no longer stands afar in the future or remains a parlor game of academics and intellectuals, but is a matter of everyone’s concern right now, both in and out of California.”

Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-Colo.) chairman of the Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus, has praised *Mexifornia* as “really well written.” On July 16, 2003 in an address to the Congress on immigration reform, Tancredo said “I think that Mr. Hanson agrees, if I remember correctly in the book, that unless we begin to control our borders, unless we begin to actually get a handle on our borders, to be able to say that they are even somewhat secure, we can never, and I mean never, begin to think about a solution.”

In testimony on the Alien Gang Removal Act of 2005, submitted on June 29, 2005, Michael Hethmon, staff counsel of FAIR, referred explicitly to Hanson’s *Mexifornia* to support the Act.

### **FAIR, the Minutemen, and Schwarzenegger**

On April 23-28, FAIR sponsored a week-long conference in Washington, D.C., attended by Jim Gilchrist and Chris

Simcox of the Minutemen, and about 18 right-wing radio talk show hosts. The conference was called “Keep Their Feet to the Fire.” Tancredo gave the keynote address at the conference dinner. The purpose of the conference was to support The Real ID Act authored by Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-Ill.) This bill passed the House on May 5, the Senate on May 10, and was signed into law by Bush on May 11. It purports to secure the U.S. border by prohibiting states from issuing standard driver’s licenses to undocumented immigrants, making it harder for immigrants to obtain political asylum status, and requiring the completion of a wall on the Mexican/San Diego border. The White House had attached the Act to the \$82 billion war supplemental request for Iraq and Afghanistan. Minutemen Gilchrist and Simcox addressed a meeting of the House Immigration Reform Caucus on April 27 as part of the conference. FAIR executive Director Dan Stein invited Simcox to attend.

The connection of FAIR to the Minutemen is also confirmed by the fact that California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who has invited the Minutemen to patrol the California-Mexico border, has himself been a member of the Advisory board of “U.S. English” for 15 years, a group founded by John Tanton in 1983.

### **The Genocidalists Behind the Crisis**

On Nov. 29, 1983, the *Washington Post* reported that although FAIR was the brainchild of John Tanton, he was joined by, among others, “William Paddock, former dean of the largest agricultural school in Central America.” In 1975, William Paddock had told a journalist: “The Mexican population must be reduced by half. Seal the border and watch them scream.” Asked how that would reduce the population, he replied: “By the usual means—famine, war, and pestilence.”

Paddock’s wife, Elizabeth Paddock, who co-authored a book with him—*We Don’t Know How: An Independent Audit of What They Call Success in Foreign Assistance* (Ames, Iowa: Iowa State University Press, 1973)—was a policy board member until at least 1995 of another Tanton group, the Center for Immigration Studies, founded in 1985.

The Chairman of the Board of the Center for Immigration Studies is David Simcox, who along with Richard Lamm, Garrett Hardin, and Dan Stein (executive director of FAIR) belonged to Tanton’s racist WITAN cult. Simcox is a former U.S. State Department official who specialized in border affairs and Latin American migration and labor issues. He was Director of the State Department’s Office of Mexican Affairs from 1977-79, and a senior advisor at Negative Population Growth, Inc. (NPG). The executive director of NPG is Sharon McCloe Stein, the wife of the executive director of FAIR, Dan Stein. On July 14, 1997, at an event jointly sponsored by NPG and FAIR, she and her husband spoke on “Reinventing Malthus for the 21st Century: A Bicentennial Event on Malthus’s Original Population Essay.”